

An aerial photograph of a city street completely inundated with floodwater. In the foreground, a large, multi-story brick building with a red door stands partially submerged. The water reflects the surrounding buildings and the overcast sky. In the background, other city buildings and a distant skyline are visible through the haze of the flood.

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August 29, 2012: Rescue of a man trapped on the second floor after Hurricane Isaac blew out the side of the building. *Firelinephoto* by Chris Mickal.





Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

2013 Convention

11017 N. Redwood Tree Ct.

Mequon, WI 53092

60th Anniversary Convention



Convention Schedule

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

3:00 PM Registration/Hospitality Opens
7:00 PM Hospitality Room/Buffering
7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

6:00 AM -9:30 AM Full Breakfast Buffet for registered hotel guests.
7:00 AM -9:30 AM Registration Open
9:30 AM Opening Ceremony
11:00 AM Future Convention Previews
Noon Lunch provided
2:00 PM - Seminar 1
3:30 PM - Seminar 2
5:00 PM - Dinner on your own
7:00 PM - Hospitality Room/Buffering

Thursday, July 11, 2013

6:00 AM - 8:30 am Full Breakfast Buffet for registered hotel guests
8:30 AM - Buses leave hotel promptly for Trip to Pierce Manufacturing Co., Appleton, WI
12:30 PM -Buses pick up passengers at Pierce for trip to Pierce Park for catered lunch
2:00 PM - Board Buses for return Trip
3:30 PM - Buses Stop at Fire Bell Farm, Slinger, WI for tour
5:00 PM - Board buses for trip to Slinger Fire Department for tour and evening meal
6:30 PM - Board buses for return trip to Hotel.
8:00 PM - Hospitality Room/Buffering

Friday, July 12, 2013

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM Full Breakfast Buffet for registered hotel guests
9:00 AM - General membership Business meeting
Noon - Lunch on your own
2:00 PM - Buses leave for Harbor Cruise
5:00 PM - Buffet dinner at Mader's Restaurant, Birthplace of the IFBA
6:30 PM - Buses pick up passengers for return to hotel
7:00 PM - Hospitality Room/Buffering

Saturday, July 13, 2013

6:00 AM- 9:30 AM Full Breakfast buffet for registered hotel guests.
9:00 AM -2:00 PM Shuttle leaves every ½ hour to Milwaukee Muster
Noon - Lunch provided at the Muster
6:00 PM - Social, Banquet, Closing Ceremony



Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.
Hosts for the
2013 60th Anniversary Convention



Charter Member

Convention Registration Form

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-MAIL Address _____

IFBA Club _____

Status: DELEGATE _____ ALTERNATE _____ IFBA OFFICER _____ Guest _____

____ Full Registration by April 15, 2013.....\$290.00

____ Full Registration by June 30, 2013.....\$320.00

____ Full Registration After July 1, 2013.....\$350.00

LISTED REGISTRATION RATES ARE FOR REGISTERED HOTEL GUESTS
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Make Checks payable to: Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.
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 PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME _____
 Method of travel to Milwaukee _____

Registration will NOT be accepted if this information is not provided

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Executive Office, International Fire Buff Association, Inc., 11017 N. Redwood Tree Court, Mequon, WI 53092-4338

To: All IFBA Officers, Member Groups and Associate Members

From: Executive Vice President

This is to officially announce that the IFBA Annual Business Meeting will be held at 9am on Friday July 12, 2013 at the **Best Western PLUS Milwaukee Airport Hotel and Conference Center**, located at 5105 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207...

TO ALL CONCERNED: The IFBA Executive Office operates on a fiscal year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013). Please note and adhere to the dates noted in this letter.

The Annual Business session will be held on Friday, **July 12th at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Best Western Plus Milwaukee Airport Hotel in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

At this meeting the officers will make their reports for the past year, conduct all business that will be placed on the meeting agenda by prior notice to this Executive Office, and will hold the election of new officers for the coming year. Please be reminded the IFBA Secretary requests that all reports be available in written form.

THIS LETTER IS ALSO A REMINDER FOR THE FOLLOWING-PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

DUES PAYMENTS- Active member groups are reminded that unless all past and current years' dues are paid prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, their delegates shall be denied voting privileges.

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT- Prior to the annual meeting, each active member group planning to attend, is requested to furnish a letter, on its official stationery, containing the names of its official delegate and alternate to the Annual Business Meeting. **THIS LETTER SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THIS EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT THE BELOW NOTED ADDRESS BY NO LATER THAN June 1st 2013.** IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SEND THIS INFORMATION TO THE IFBA SECRETARY OR THE MILWAUKEE CONVENTION GROUP.

MEMORIAL SERVICE- Since the 17th Annual Convention, it has been the custom to honor the memory of deceased members of member groups and associate members. Please be sure to submit the name(s) of your members that have answered their last alarm. Those submissions must be sent to the Executive office no later than June 1st, 2013.

HONORS AND AWARDS - In addition to the Henry Wilwers "Fire Buff of the Year" award, referenced in the attachments to this letter, the IFBA Board of Directors has authorized the awarding of recognition for an outstanding website of an IFBA member club. Please take the time to distribute copies of the attached documents to all of your members. Be sure to encourage your members to submit nominations for these honors and awards by March 15th.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS- All names of candidates for all offices should be submitted to this Executive Office, by **no later than June 1st**, for transmittal to the Nominating Committee for action. All concerned are reminded that nominations for Regional Vice Presidents are to be made by the member groups at their regional meetings and submitted to this Executive Office for presentation to the Nominating Committee. Nomination of other candidates for any office, other than Regional Vice President, may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting provided that: 1) The candidate thus nominated has agreed, in writing to serve if elected, and that, 2) The nomination is made, in writing, by a delegate and seconded, in writing, by two other delegates.

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In the event that no nomination for candidate for the office of Regional Vice President is forwarded to the Executive Vice President and properly presented at the annual meeting, the incoming IFBA Executive Board shall have the power and the responsibility of appointing a member of one of the active member groups within the region to serve in the office of Regional Vice President for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS PROPOSALS-Any region or member group intending to submit new business item for the agenda, other than amendments to the Constitution, for consideration or action at the 61st Annual Business meeting must submit an outline of the proposal, in writing, to this office by **no later than June 1st**, so that the item(s) may be properly placed on the meeting agenda. The Executive Board has ruled that no new business may be presented from the floor at Annual Business Meetings unless prior notice has been given, in writing, to the Executive Office.

Please provide the Executive Office with an active E-Mail address for your organization. By active, I mean an e-Mail address that is checked on a regular basis. A current list of your club officers is also required.

Your prompt attention and response **by June 1st 2013** to these requests, **which can be sent via E-mail**, will be appreciated. Please forward all information to the below noted address. We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

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February 2, 2013

To: All IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members

Subject: Nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award - 2013

According to Article 8 of the IFBA By-Laws, all Active Member Groups and Associate Members are eligible to submit nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" award to be presented at the 60th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the convention banquet.

Names of candidates for the award along with a resume stating the reasons for the person's nomination must be received by the Executive Office no later than June 1, 2013 in order to be considered by the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for the 2013 presentation. The IFBA operates on a fiscal-year basis, July 1 to June 30, for this award.

The Executive Office urges you to make this subject a top priority. This is a very great honor for the recipient and we are asking all clubs to put forth their effort in submitting these resumes. Surely you all have outstanding fire buffs in your midst that are deserving of this honor. If your candidates name has previously been submitted but not selected, that name may be re-submitted. Only members of IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members are eligible for this award. Please refer to the attached information regarding this award as provided by the "Fire Buff of the Year" Committee and the list of previous honorees. You may contact me at the below address for any information concerning this award.

It will be greatly appreciated if the nominations and resumes are forwarded to this office at the below address as soon as possible to allow the Fire Buff of the Year Committee sufficient time to study these nominations and make their final selection. Any names that are submitted after June 1st. will not be considered.

Note: Do not submit these resumes to any member of the committee as they must be officially logged in with the Executive Office for the permanent file. Otherwise, they will not be considered. We appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter.



“HENRY N. WILWERS FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR” **AWARD**

We, the members of the “Fire Buff of the Year” Committee, would like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize IFBA’s interest in the continuation of this Award for many years to come, and to expand somewhat on the information contained in the accompanying letter from the Executive Vice President regarding the nominations for the 2013 Award.

The “Fire Buff of the Year” Award, as it was first known, was established in St. Louis in 1967 to honor the man or woman who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguish a Fire Buff’s outstanding achievements in the interests of the IFBA and/or the avocation of Fire Buffing. It has been awarded annually since that time. In April 1976 the name of the Award was changed to further honor its first recipient, Henry N. “Hank” Wilwers.

Any Active Member Group or Associate Member may nominate a member of an IFBA Member Group or an Associate Member to receive the honor. Nominations must be made, in writing, to the Executive Office, as described in the attached letter.

There are no specific “qualifications” or “standards” that must be met. The Committee considers (among other attributes): service to IFBA, service to the local buff club or clubs, service to local fire departments or agencies, service to national fire agencies, assistance to the fire service community in general. The “key word” is, of course, “**service**.” A simple resume, supported by letters of recommendation, is all that is required by the Committee.

If a nominee is not selected, this does not signify a “pink slip” rejection for all time. It simply results from the fact that only one candidate is chosen annually. Should the nominator(s) wish a nominee to be re-considered the next year (or at a later date), a letter to that effect is the only requirement (all files are maintained for a number of years). The Committee does not automatically review these files each year - a re-nomination must be made.

The Committee protects the confidentiality of its deliberations and the identity of the honoree is not made public until the Award Ceremony at the annual convention banquet, nor does the Committee divulge the rationale for its selection, beyond the biographical data presented at the banquet, when all present learn of the accomplishments of the Award winner.

We would like to urge all IFBA Regional Vice Presidents and Member Group officers to make their constituents more aware of this fine opportunity to honor one of their own with this prestigious award. There are many IFBA’ers who are qualified to join the previous honorees who have been recognized for their accomplishments.

Phil Reid, Chairman
Noel Kerkhoff
Stuart M. Nathan



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February 2, 2013

IFBA Club Website Recognition Award General Criteria

In an effort to encourage new IFBA Club Websites and recognize those that are already in operation, the following guidelines are suggested to be used as the basis of an award.

1. Home Page
 - a. Goals and Mission statement of the Club
 - b. Current Club Officers
2. Club history
3. Membership
 - a. General requirements/obligations
 - b. Printable/electronic membership application
 - c. Number of members
4. Home Fire Department(s)
 - a. History
 - b. Apparatus and Station locations
 - c. Current runs/statistics
5. Key Radio Frequencies in use in the area
6. Club Statistics
 - a. If operate a canteen, current run numbers
 - b. If sponsor a museum, number of visitors, hours of operation, type of exhibits, etc.
 - c. If give awards, what kind, criteria used, recent winners
7. Calendar of upcoming local, club and IFBA events
8. Abundant photos of Club, Fire Dep't., IFBA activities, etc. throughout the site
9. Links to other Fire Buff/IFBA sites
10. Ease of navigating the website
11. Evidence that the website is kept current

Any Club interested in being considered must self-nominate for this recognition. Others can also suggest club websites, and they will be considered as well. Note that the IFBA will not actively review Club websites; it is the Club's responsibilities to make the initial nomination.

All nominations should be directed to either:

Ira Cohen, Mrihcohen@aol.com

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Nominations must be entered no later than March 15th, so that there is adequate time to evaluate the website prior to the next IFBA Convention.

If a Club would like to be considered for this award, but for certain club specific reasons they do not include any of the above listed criteria, they should indicate this in their nomination request. We do not want to penalize any club for not including information, if there is a valid reason.

This award will be a "virtual." The winner will be noted on the IFBA Website, and the winner will be encouraged to include proper notation on their website, club stationary, etc.

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Another Fact about Beer

"Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members! In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine!

"That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

-Cliff Clavin to Norm at *Cheers*.



IFBA Partners with the National Fire Heritage Center

The National Fire Heritage Center (“NFHC”), located in Emmitsburg, Maryland near the National Fire Academy, is devoted to preserving America’s fire service history. Thus, it was a natural for the IFBA to want to work cooperatively with the NFHC to help preserve the important historical written work related to America’s fire services and fire protection disciplines.

Due to our shared interest in the fire service, it is anticipated that the IFBA and the National Fire Heritage Center can forge a working relationship that will benefit both organizations. A first step has been taken with a generous contribution made to the NFHC on behalf of the IFBA, and IFBA Director of Publicity Stuart M. Nathan has been named to the Board of Directors of the NFHC. As has been discussed at IFBA conventions, there are many members who have accumulated valuable collections of fire memorabilia which they may want to donate in the future to an organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of the nation’s fire service.

It is anticipated that the goals of the NFHC will complement the work done by fire museums, which typically concentrate on housing artifacts such as fire apparatus and equipment and fire libraries which maintain written works but not necessarily historical writings. Founded in 2009, the NFHC is in the process of developing a centralized archive system, catalog of historic collections, a system for preserving historic documents, and providing access for researchers, historians, the fire service community, and fire buffs.

The NFHC has established a National Fire and Emergency Services Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders which recognizes outstanding individuals who have made lasting contributions to the fire service or

fire protection disciplines. Among those already inducted into the National Hall are Ben Franklin; Frank Brannigan; Chief Peter J. Ganci, Jr.; Hal Bruno; and former Congressman Curt Weldon. The Center has also announced the initiation of The Benjamin Franklin Fire Writer's Award. Keeping in mind the NFHC's goal to preserve the written word, it is altogether fitting that it would recognize writers who address fire-related issues, whether in a book, newspaper or magazine article, or in another medium. The first award winners will be announced later this year.

As the NFHC moves forward, we hope that the IFBA can be an integral part of the development of this important organization.



National Fire Heritage Center President Ronny J. Coleman, assisted by Ben Franklin and surrounded by NFHC Board Members prepares to cut the ribbon at the opening of the the National Fire Heritage Center's facilities co-located in the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services Museum, Emmitsburg, MD on October 14, 2011.

Region 1

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Box 41 Associates
Box 52 Association., Inc.
Box 61, Inc., Portland Fire Buffs
Connecticut Fire Photographers Association
Connecticut Special Signal Association
Essex County Fire Wardens Association
Middlesex County Firefighter & Fire Wardens Assn.
Providence Citywide Fire Network
Special Signal Fire Assn.
The Leather Helmet Society
International Fire Photographers Association



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Greetings from the oldest Fire Buff Club in the United States

We continue our Centennial Celebration with numerous activities. In June, our semi-annual bus trip featured stops at many Boston Fire stations. Although the rain made photography difficult, it did not dampen our spirits. As the day went on the skies brightened, the rain stopped and over 40 members and guests had a memorable time. Our bus trips have gained notoriety as well planned events and we look forward to the next offering.

In June, the Association was represented at the Regional meeting held in South Attleboro Massachusetts. Treasurer Bill Wilderman served as our official delegate to the meeting.

On August 26, we sponsored a very successful open house and vendor day at the Boston Fire Union's Florian Hall on Hallet Street. Hundreds of local buffs and some from out of state viewed the many diverse collections of our members. Among the items displayed were

antique badges, scale models, restored fire extinguishers and items of historical

significance from the archives of the Association. The buffs also perused items offered for sale by a number of select vendors authorized by the Association to participate. The Boston Fire Department rotated a number of their vehicles through the parking area during the event and made them available for photographing.

Our first meeting after the summer break was held on September 21. The meeting featured the nomination of officers for the coming season. Past President Rick Cutts presented a power point report on the 2012 IFBA Convention held during the month of August in Toronto.

In October we again met at the Ironworkers Hall in South Boston and had Quincy Firefighter and member Michael Worley as our presenter. He displayed a show produced in co-operation with

Bob Stella from the Bare Cove Fire Museum. The show featured numerous videos of many South Shore fires. On November 16, the Association hosted our 100th Anniversary banquet at Florian Hall. Over 150

members and guests enjoyed the evening's activities. Committee member Ken Holstrom



No question about who the Open House was for! Photo by Frank San Severino.

served as our Master of Ceremonies. The event featured an 80 page commemorative program book with a complete updated history of the Association written by Treasurer Bill Wilderman. Members Frank San Severino and Jeff Brown produced a collectable CD with a 30 minute video presentation on the Association and a complete apparatus roster of all "8200" series metro fire departments for the years 1912, 1962 & 2012.

Those three years represent the founding of our Association in 1912, the 50th and 100th Anniversary years. Our dinner speaker was Retired Chief of Department Paul Christian. His spoke on the history of the Boston Fire Department. All



Enjoying the exhibits. Photo by Frank San Severino.



Boston Dive Team truck J-20 on display at the Open House. Photo by Dominic San Severino.



One of three new KME Severe Service pumps placed in service at Engine Companies 7, 52, and 53. Photo by Michael Boyton.

banquet attendees received a copy of the CD, the program book and a specially produced pin depicting Box 52 and the years 1912 to 2012.

Our annual Holiday meeting will be held at Wayne Alarm in Lynn with member Lt. Richard Conway as our presenter. The meeting is restricted to members and applicants as it features a buffet meal provided for all attendees. The meal is presented compliments of our honorary member Ralph Sevinor, the President of Wayne Alarm.

Please remember to visit our web site www.Box52.org or "Like" us on Facebook



Top: The required Group shot in front of Rescue Company 1.



Left: On Tremont Street at 22's House. Photo by William Wilderman.

In keeping with Box 52 Bus Trip tradition, you just never know what you will see. Engine 39's old steamer with a Christie Front drive! Photo by William Wilderman.



Region

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Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn., Inc.

Box 234 Assn., Inc.

Box 414 Assn., Inc.

Central Alarmers, Inc.

Central Pennsylvania Fire Buff Assn.

Firecom/Newslink

Friendship Fire Assn.

Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire
Department, Inc.

Ladies Auxiliary of Box 414 Assn.

Old Dominion Fire Historical Society

S. H. C. Assn.



Philadelphia 2nd Alarmers Association

Philadelphia's Second Alarmers return from Hurricane Sandy relief mission in New Jersey

By Matthew Grady for NewsWorks

Continuing nearly a century of service to first responders, Philadelphia's Second Alarmers celebrated their 91st anniversary last week in New Jersey assisting ongoing disaster recovery efforts stemming from Hurricane Sandy.

Based in East Falls on Roberts Avenue, the Second Alarmers are an all-volunteer rest and rehabilitation organization that provides the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments with canteen service and other amenities at fire scenes and other events requiring the prolonged presence of first responders.

Along with PFD medics, six members of the Second Alarmers were deployed to northern New Jersey for a week to provide support for the various police, fire, and medical personnel who were working in areas ravaged by the hurricane.

But they didn't let up their local efforts: While on deployment, members who stayed in the city responded to several calls for service in Philadelphia, including two "runs" in Northwest Philadelphia.

'It was a first for us'

The deployment included unprecedented events for the Second Alarmers, who were founded in 1922: It was their inaugural deployment with the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (FEMA) in response to a national disaster. In addition, while on station, they were dispatched to assist with a four-alarm fire in Jersey City on Nov. 5 and a two-alarm blaze the previous weekend.

"It was a first for us, to respond in a different city in a different state," said Greg Masi, chief of the Second Alarmers.

Masi's organization was first contacted on Nov. 1, and was given 15 hours notice that their services would be needed in New Jersey, which he accepted on the condition that sufficient forces remain to cover Philadelphia.

It was, and the following day he and five members of the Second Alarmers departed in two trucks bound for the Meadowlands, which played host to the various outfits providing emergency support.

Masi said no one really knew what to expect.

Long days on little sleep and lots of demand

They kept busy: Masi recalled 20 hour days spent preparing meals and providing hospitality services for first responders stationed at the Meadowlands, who would sometimes be sent out for 24, 48, or even 72 hours to areas hardest hit by the storm. And, because of the widespread loss of power across the region, their "kitchen on wheels" service was doubly critical as open restaurants were few and far between.

"We were going around the clock," said Masi, who estimated that the Second Alarmers served more than 5,400 meals in a week, averaging about three or four hours of sleep per night on cots and assorted gym floors.



Six members of the Second Alarmers were deployed to northern New Jersey for a week to provide support for the various police, fire, and medical personnel who were working in areas ravaged by the hurricane. (Matthew Grady/for NewsWorks, file)

Their work was largely confined to the area of the Meadowlands complex, but during their deployment for the Jersey City four-alarm blaze they witnessed some of the storm's devastation. Masi recalled that the city's 911 response system suffered critical blows due to the storm, with losses to equipment and infrastructure. In addition, half of the city remained without power five days after the storm.

"Lots of people were displaced and without heat," he observed, and said that one of the biggest obstacles for both the public and first responders were the lines that surrounded gas stations, resulting in lines for blocks and attendant traffic issues.

"We needed a police escort just to get through," said Masi.

At work at home and out of state

When it came to Hurricane Sandy, the Second Alarmers were present from the start, responding to a large and destructive second alarm fire in East Oak Lane on Oct. 30 that

took firefighters several hours to place under control.

"We had a crew out for five hours in really difficult weather," said Masi. "It was a busy evening for us."

And it was a busy evening for the Philadelphia Fire Department as a whole: Alarm tones sounded continuously throughout the night for calls, many of which were in response to downed power lines and other obstructions.

Subsequent to the storm, the PFD dispatched its

EMS Strike Team to Jersey City to provide medical support to city residents. As explained by PFD Executive Chief Richard Davison, the Strike Team consists of five medic units staffed by two PFD members along with supervisory personnel, in addition to other teams sent up from outside the city to assist.

Paul Schaetzle, treasurer of the Gong Club, a Jersey City-based canteen service with a similar mission as the Second Alarmers, praised their Philadelphia counterparts for their work.

"They worked hand in hand with us," he said, and observed that the Second Alarmers received a couple of double-takes from Jersey City firefighters not used to seeing a Philadelphia organization at work in their city.

Rest and repeat

While their original deployment was for four days, the Second Alarmers' stay was extended to a week in preparation for the pending nor'easter storm.



The Gong Club's Car 26 and the Philadelphia Second Alarmers' SA-2 standing shoulder to shoulder at 2-2 128, Jersey City City Hall, 280 Grove St., on November 3, 2012 (Paul Schaetzle Photo)

Fortunately, Masi said, only an inch of snow fell, and they returned to Philadelphia on Friday, Nov. 9 to a hero's reception at the Philadelphia Fire Academy, where fire cadets and department officials gave the Second Alarmers and returning PFD medic units a formal salute and a welcome-back reception.

"We were just doing our job," said Masi, who was touched by the gesture. "We're volunteers, so it was nice to come back with a good feeling."

Asked what's next for the Second Alarmers, Masi laughed and said, "Rest," and then spoke about their next scheduled assignment, which will be providing EMT support for the Philadelphia Marathon this weekend.

"We're right back in the mix," said Masi. "We couldn't ask for more."

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REMINDER

The IRS requires that all non-profit organizations file a Form 990 or 990-N annually to keep their non-profit status. To be timely filed, the return should be submitted by **May 15**. Electronic filing is available. See www.irs.gov.

Region

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Box 15 Club, Inc.

Box 27 Associates

Box 42 Associates, Inc.

Extra Alarm Fire Assn., Inc.

Fire Notification Network of Michigan

Western Reserve Fire Museum of
Cleveland Ohio, Inc.



Box 15 Club Columbus, Ohio

A SUMMER FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

By Keith Kraut

The summer of 2012 saw record breaking heat & humidity in Columbus, with several days over 100 Degrees. Between June 1 & August 31, we logged 28 days of on-station standby, 53 working incidents, and dedicating over 300 hours of volunteer effort.

For the month of June, Box 15 responded to 11 working fires, 4 second alarm fires, & 1 third alarm fire. The 3rd alarm fire involved an apartment building. The blaze was battled by the Columbus Division of Fire, with assistance from Worthington & Westerville. Box 15 also provided rehab support for 8 training exercises & 1 civic event. On June 29, Columbus was hit by severe thunderstorms packing winds up to 80 MPH. Box 15 responded to 2 working fires that day.

July proved to be even busier for the Box 15 crews. In July, we responded to 9 working fires, 1 large scale natural gas leak, a train derailment with fire. We also provided rehab support for the Columbus Fire Auxiliary at their monthly training meeting.

The train derailment was by far the largest incident that we responded to. On Wednesday, July 11 at approximately 2 AM, the Columbus Division of Fire Alarm Office received several reports of a structure fire just northeast of downtown Columbus. The first in companies immediately determined that the fire was actually a train derailment. Seventeen cars of a 100 car



Companies at work at the train derailment - Brett Barber Photo

freight train had derailed & the fire involved 3 tank cars believed to be carrying denatured alcohol. Thirty minutes into the incident, one of the tank cars failed, which created an enormous fireball that was visible over 10 miles away. The fire would burn for over 12 hours due to access issues caused by the position of the wrecked cars.



Equipment burning from downed power lines - June 29 storm - Brett Barber Photo

A mile wide area was evacuated including 100 homes. A command post was set up at the Ohio State Fairgrounds where the evacuees were taken. The fairgrounds are close to the scene of the derailment. Two people that ran toward the scene prior to the explosion received minor injuries & drove themselves to the hospital according to Bn. Chief Michael Fowler, PIO.

Two hours into the incident, Box 15 was dispatched.

Upon the arrival of Rehab 1,

temperatures were in the mid-60s, so we immediately began serving coffee & hot chocolate. As the day progressed, temperatures rose to the mid-90s. The Box 15 crew then converted to cold drinks and chilled rehab towels.

Rehab 1 carries a wide array of equipment, so we provided an extra table & chairs to the incident planning team & electrical power for a 6 bank radio charger. Box 15 crews deployed our tent to provide shade, our misting unit, and a table & chairs. We also secured access to restrooms. The main rehab area was adjacent to the command post, while 2 other rehab sectors were set up on the other side of the derailment. Box 15 crews served 135 meals & arranged with the rail company to provide more food as firefighters worked through the night.

On the first day, Box 15 crews were on the scene for over 22 hours. We returned on Thursday and Friday to provide additional rehab supplies. In all, 33 cases of bottled water, 8 gallons of coffee, 1 gallon of hot chocolate & 4 gallons of Squincher were dispensed. We also used over 350 pounds of ice. A total of 11 members of Box 15 logged over 60 man hours for the incident. The cause of the derailment was unknown, and damages were \$1.22 million.

The month of August proved to be another busy month as the high temperatures & humidity continued. In August, Box 15 responded to 8 working fires, 2 second alarm fires, and 3 training exercises. The 2 second alarm fires were both in occupied apartment buildings.

A THANK YOU TO THE COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE

Recently, several members of Box 15 were honored with Distinguished Citizens Service Awards at the Columbus Division of Fire's Annual Awards Ceremony. The event honored 18 of Box 15's most active members for their untiring efforts to provide firefighter rehab services. To date, Box 15 has responded to 91 incidents – our busiest year ever.

At the final business meeting for 2012, Box 15 members voted for executive board members for the upcoming year. Returning to the board are: President Brett Barber, Vice President Kevin Shop, Secretary Bob Hess, and



Cleveland Ave. 3rd Alarm Fire - Steve Heselden Photo

Trustee Sonny Lewis. New board members are Treasurer Lisa Phillips and longtime member Greg Northrop has returned to the board as trustee. Our thanks to “retiring” treasurer Jim Henderson who decided to step down after over 20 years of service on the executive board.



Crews were dispatched at 8:36 a.m. to a home on Johnstown Road, which sustained extensive damage on this Thanksgiving Day fire. Box 15 was on the scene for 1-1/2 hours. This fire marked the first time Box 15 served fruit cups as a part of their rehab efforts ... to rave reviews! Box 15.org photo.

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Box 4 Fire Buff Assn., Inc.

Firefighting Historical Society, Inc.

Fort Worth Red Helmets

Greater Houston Fire Buffs

Signal “51” Group

BOX 4 DALLAS, TX

By Wally Banks, Dallas, Texas

We are working on the 2014 IFBA Convention in Dallas and the ancillary activities. Our goal is to showcase the Dallas Fire Department and the surrounding departments, our two fire museums, and our area of the country.

We are the fourth largest metropolitan area in the country and the largest in the South with about 6,526,548 people. Dallas is the ninth largest city in the United States with 1,207,420 residents. We also have five other cities whose population is over 200,000 people ranging in size from 757,810 to 218,850 citizens. In addition we have seven other cities that are larger than 100,000 residents and 54 other cities with a population between 10,000 and 100,000. Over 95% of these cities have professional fire departments that we want to show our visitors. We plan to buff till you drop.

Our area also has the JFK Memorial, Dealy Plaza, and the 6th Floor Museum, the Arts District, the West End, Uptown, North Park, and other attractions. There is something for everyone.

Our Convention Hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton on Central Expressway at Caruth Haven, near North Park.

- The room rate is \$119 per night
- Two free breakfast coupons with each room
- Complimentary self parking
- Complimentary shuttle van within 3 miles (includes North Park and light rail station)
- Free internet
- Shoulder rates for the rooms are \$119 per room for three days either side of all events

The hotel rate and amenities are available to our guests for all three of the following events.

Box 4 will host the following events over the next two years at the Doubletree:

- Region 5 IFBA Meeting March 15-17, 2013
- 2014 IFBA Spring Board Meeting April 11-13, 2014
- 2014 IFBA Convention September 2-7, 2014

We look forward to showing you a good time.

So far, the year 2012 continues a trend of fewer multi alarm fires in the Dallas Fire Rescue Department. In the first nine months of 2012 the canteen made 43 runs including emergency runs to 16 two alarm fires, 13 three alarm fires, 1 four alarm fire, 1 overhaul, and 1 Mutual aid run to neighboring cities. In the form of non emergency runs the canteen went to 4 Night Burns, 1 CFA Burn, 2 SWAT DPD DFR assist rescue runs, and 6 Public Service runs such as the union Easter egg hunt, the Health/Safety Fair days at Dolphin, the two Denton State School days, etc..

Our only four alarm fire this year was on B shift on June 29th. We were called to a 4 alarm fire at Box 475026 at 5025 Cash. A Waste Management Corporation paper recycling facility was carrying the mail. The first alarm was at 1443 with Engines 01/36/47, Trucks 36/43, and Battalion Chiefs 03/09. A second alarm was struck at 1502 with a response from Engines 16/43/45, Trucks 15/26/41, Battalion Chief 01/04/06/07, Deputy Chief 807, 'Rescue 15/43/47, and 684/685/781/829/885/896/USAR 15. The third alarm was at 1533 bringing to the fire Engines 04/18/42, Trucks 04/11, Staff Chief 814, Rescue 26, and 780/814/825/881/897. The fourth alarm was at 1553 which kicked out Engines 02/03/19/26/37/38, Trucks 19/23, Staff Chief 801, Rescues 11/19/73, and 855/USAR 19. There were two firefighters and one civilian injury. We went back the next day for overhaul which was a visit to Dante's Inferno

Box 4 has entered the social network era and we have a site on Facebook and on Twitter in addition to our web site at www.box4.org.

We are on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Box4Firebuffs

On Twitter they can find us by searching for @Box4Firebuffs

We look forward to seeing you all in Milwaukee in 2013 and Dallas for the above activities.

All photos and captions by Jeff Harwell,
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On the evening of October 15, 2012 Ft. Worth, Texas firefighters responded to a structure fire in the hospital district on the city's short south side. Companies arrived on Cannon Street to find a vacant two story garden style apartment building with center courtyard with the western half of the complex heavily involved. If you happened to be looking out the window of the nearby Plaza Hospital at that time you had quite a show. A Second Alarm was requested and firefighters took a defensive stand placing three aerials, two deck guns, and multiple handlines in service.

Photos of Interest from North Texas



Above left: A house fire in Burleson, Texas on September 24, 2012 quickly spread throughout the structure thanks to high winds and low humidity. The house on the south side of the original fire building suffered radiant heat damage on the exterior wall. The three Burleson stations were assisted by units from Joshua and Crowley.

Below left: San Antonio, Texas Ladder 17's 105 foot Pierce aerial is pictured at a two alarm apartment fire on the city's northeast side in August of 2012.

Above right: Shreveport, Louisiana Rescue 9, which the Signal 51 website shows to be a 2008 Ferrara, is pictured at a high rise exercise in the downtown area on October 20, 2012.



Region

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5-11 Club, Inc.

10-87 Club of Greater Rockford

Box 8 Club of St. Louis, Inc.

Box 55 Assoc.

Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities

Indianapolis Fire Buffs

Metropolitan Emergency Support Services,
Inc. (M. E. S. S.)

Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society, Ltd.

Moline Second Alarm Assn.

Racine Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Waukesha County Emergency Support & Inc.



Indianapolis Fire Buffs
2205 East 58th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

By Jerry Traub

2012 has been a busy year for Indianapolis Fire Buffs, as warm weather caused increased Rehab activity this summer, and the largest public disaster in decades pushed our response capability to a new level.

Master mechanic Jim Williamson continues to lead a hearty band of fixer-uppers who keep our four RSU units up and running, in spite of various mechanical, electrical and HVAC challenges. While the IFD shops do their best to provide their services, we do much of our own.

Safety Services Battalion Chief Robin Nicoson took retirement from Indianapolis Fire and was hired by suburban Fishers FD. He was a great assist to our RSU function while in his position.

Region 8 vice-president Ed McMichael scheduled our annual meeting in advance of the Toronto convention. There were no responders from the other clubs, leading Ed to discuss the need for a Region realignment at the Toronto meeting.

Construction of two new IFD stations were re-

ported. A replacement Station 5 will combine 5's and 23's at a separate location near W. 21st and Martin Luther King on the near Northwest side. They look for a Spring, 2013 opening. Far Northwest IFD station 4 will be vacated and firefighters relocated to an unused property owned by the nearly St. Vincent Hospital. The old station will be demolished and a new house built on the same grounds. An engine and ladder are being kept in a unique enclosed portable structure next to the living quarters. Occupancy is expected in summer 2013.

Our Maxim engine was displayed again this year at the American Remembers 9/11 event at the Rathskeller restaurant. This is the premier local public gathering that honors that date, with proceeds benefiting public safety providers.

To recognize their continued sponsorship with supplies, as well as occasional vehicles and manpower, the Sal-

vation Army decals noting same have been placed on all four RSU units.

Indy Publishing Group prepared a Toronto Convention TURNOUT edition. Also, they acquired a new Dell laptop computer to hold new, better software to facilitate the editing process. This was the first



Wayne Township FD's Grand Opening of Station 82 on November 10, 2012. Wayne Township serves the west-side of Indianapolis with fire and EMS services and sponsor IFB's Rehab unit 2. Photo by Tod Parker, phototac.com.

upgrade to the equipment since taking over publication in 2006.

Fire Buffs annual Hawaii Trip raffle for IFD active and retired firefighters started at Local 416's retiree dinner September 18. Winners drawing will be November 20 at the monthly Union meeting. Winner's steak dinner for their station's shift will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

IFBA Toronto convention report included the information that former Region 8 has been consolidated with Region 6. Membership certificates were presented to: Tacoma, WA, 25 years; Indianapolis Fire Buffs, 50 years; and Box 52, Boston, MA, 100 years. Ed McMichael was appointed First Vice President by newly – elected President Carolyn Wignall. Roz Dinhoff of 5-11 Club, Chicago, will serve as Region 6 (our new place) Vice President. Milwaukee's July, 2013 convention will attract several new attendees from Indianapolis.

Labor Day weekend in Indy includes a RIBfest at one of the downtown parks. Recently, a competition

IFD takes "Best Ribs" title over IMPD

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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) - The Indianapolis Fire Department defeated rival the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department for the second year in a row Saturday at the IMPD vs. IFD Rib America Cook Off.

The event was held at Military Park and guests were able to sample both entries and vote for their favorite.

IFD took home the win with 118 votes, topping IMPD's 87 votes.

The title sponsor, Michaelis Corporation, gave \$500 to the winner's charity of choice. IFD was competing for the Indianapolis Fire Buffs Organization, which gives on scene assistance to public safety personnel mitigating an accident, according to a release.

IMPD was playing for Heathers Voice, an organization that aims to educate teens about dating violence and domestic abuse. A \$250 donation was given to the runner up.

has been scheduled, with Indianapolis Fire vs. Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in a taste test, judged by the public attending, who are given free samples. There is a favorite charity chosen by each side, and for 2012, THAT BE US!

Once again, IFD won and we received a total of \$740 in cash support, all of which was directed to RSU expenses, ultimately benefiting all public safety branches.

B/C Doug Abernathy was announced as the new IFD Safety chief, so he will be our new department contact.

October 20 was the celebration of our 50th year, with an Open House and lunch buffet served at our 97 year old quarters, Reserve Station 12. Memorabilia, slide shows and commemorative engraved mugs were available for visitors. Guests included Chief Sanford and staff members, neighboring on-shift firefighters, former on-shift firefighters and retirees and club members. A future observance will be held in 2015, marking the 100th anniversary of the oldest station in the city.

Indianapolis' largest public disaster in decades occurred the evening of November 10 on the city's far South side. A home exploded

Several members of the Fire Buffs were on hand to witness IFD's win in the Rib-Fest competition against the Police Department. (IFB members are behind the girls in the middle of this photo—smart, very smart!) Photo by Rodger Birchfield.



Indianapolis Southside Explosion



“A war zone.” “I’ve never seen anything this bad.” Grim looks ... shakes of the head.

Comments heard and visuals from the Indianapolis Fire Buffs’ Rehab post on the night of November 10 shortly after 10:30 p.m.

This overhead shot, from the WTHR news helicopter, shows the devastation aftermath the morning after—the ground zero where once three houses stood. Debris littered the totally evacuated neighborhood. Former residents had spent the night with friends, relatives, at motels, or the emergency shelter at a local school. It would be days before residents were allowed back to retrieve belongings.

IFB’s Rehab Unit 1 is on duty, shown top right parked in the grass. With the assistance of the Salvation Army, three hot meals were served on November 11.



The Night Of...

Flames shoot from the explosion house and the residences to either side. Firefighters had to extinguish the fires, search, treat, and evacuate victims, amid structures heavily damaged in the explosion. Doors and windows were blown off and into homes, cars damaged, homes blown off foundations, a whole subdivision to be searched. Amid the destruction, a brief bit of humor on the radio ... "Command from Search 3." "Go ahead, Search 3" "I'm at xxxx Field-



fare ... there at two elderly residents here. Said they heard a loud boom and their house shook. And they went back to bed." "Command okay." Minutes later, the residents were ordered to evacuate. Three IFB members worked overnight before being relieved the next morning by other members. After reporting on-the-scene at about 11:10 pm on 11/10, IFB marked in service about 9 p.m. the next day. Photos by Matt Kryger, The Indianapolis Star.

in the middle of a residential neighborhood. When the fires were finally extinguished and damages assessed, there were two fatalities in the home next door and a dozen other injured persons, struck by glass and flying debris. Nearly forty homes were so damaged



IFD's Rodger Birchfield, member of the Fire Buffs and formerly *Indianapolis News* journalist, is recognized by IFD for years of 24/7 fire photography with the Public Safety Service Commendation at the IFD Awards Ceremony, 1/25/13. Photo by Tod Parker, phototac.com.



A 3-alarm apartment fire broke out on the evening of June 15, 2012 at 16th and Broadway Streets. Smoke was visible for miles. The apartments were under construction, and the fire produced so much heat that fire apparatus and personnel had to relocate. Overhead power lines across the street from the fire also caught fire and produced an additional safety hazard. The cause was eventually ruled as "accidental." Photo by Rodger Birchfield, IFD.



An early morning residential fire, upgraded to a box alarm, sent six people, including four children, to the hospital. Fortunately, there were no fatalities. Firefighters battled extremely cold temperatures. Photo by Tod Parker, phototac.com.

that city Code Enforcement deemed them structurally unsafe and ordered demolition. IFB had responding units on the scene within forty minutes and stayed for almost 24 hours (an additional unit was Special called). Multiple additional callouts were answered in the following days as investigators closed the area and worked to determine cause

and origin. After two deaths, multiple injuries and over \$4,000,000 in estimated property damage, charges were filed against occupants of the base home for rigging a fireplace natural gas valve to intentionally cause the explosion. They had recently increased fire insurance coverage and were dealing with a strained financial situation. Trials are pending.

New officers for the 2013 year include Jim Williamson, president; Ed McMichael, vice-president; Greg Gill, secretary; Jerry Traub, treasurer.

Happy New Year from all the Indy buffs.

Indy Fire Buff members Justin Birchfield and Mark Burke enjoy a ginger ale prior to the start of the IFD Awards Ceremony. Justin's dad, Rodger, was one of the awardees. (Tod Parker photo)



By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

The 5-11 Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2013 with several events being planned. A dinner and awards ceremony is tentatively set for May of 2013. We also intend on hosting several tours to the Quinn Fire Academy, The Fire Museum of Greater Chicago, one of the newest fire houses in Chicago and demonstrating some of the special equipment of the CFD. We invite all IFBA clubs to join us in celebrating our 60 years of service to the Chicago Fire Department. We will be updating our website www.5-11chicago.org with details on travel and hotel arrangements as they become available.

Fire responses are about average for the year, with 27 2-11, six 3-11 and one 5-11 alarm fires as of this writing. The 5-11 came in early Sunday morning of September 30th as an ADT alarm in a partly vacant industrial complex on the City's north side about ½ mile south of Engine 106's quarters on

Elston Avenue. The first units at the scene had made entry into the building but after advancing approximately 150 feet, had to back out due to numerous partitions, walled-off areas and heavy smoke conditions. The hidden fire eventually spread to the third and fourth story sections of the mill joisted building. The 5-11 was sounded about 4:50 a.m. as the fire broke through the roof

and several walls showed signs of collapsing. Special calls were made for extra aerials, a turret wagon and the north side hose wagon. The lack of large water mains and the use of several master streams prompted the use of a three engine relay of several blocks. The fire was brought under control just after 8:00 a.m. with 17 engines, seven aerials and six pieces of special equipment called to the scene. An EMS Plan 1, resulting in six ambulances being dispatched, was called due to several wall



5-11 Elston and Nelson Avenues (Photo by Mike Penchar)

collapses. Both of our canteens, as well as a Red Cross unit and a Salvation Army canteen, responded to assist the over 200 firefighters called to the scene. This is the first 5-11 in the City of Chicago since a fire in a 40-story high rise near the Old Chicago Water Tower occurred in December of 2009.



Tower Ladder 23 and Squad 2 operating at the 5-11 (Photo by Mike Penchar)

UHF digital channels is in the final test phase. A recent three-day test of the new system is being evaluated. During the test period, each company officer had to carry two radios, a new digital and an analog, to assure communications with the dispatchers.

Engine 16 has moved from its old quarters at 40th and Dearborn to their new quarters at 39th (Pershing Road) and Wabash on September 23rd.

Apparatus recently placed into service include three Crimson-Spartan, 103 ft. rear mount aerials assigned to Truck 11, Truck 28 and the Fire Academy as a training rig; three new Crimson-Spartan 1500 GPM pumpers with 500 gallon tanks assigned to Engine 15, the training Academy and O'Hare Field as a training rig. The EMS Bureau has placed a large medical bus, 8-8-12, for triage, treatment and transport of patients at mass casualty incidents. The unit was built by Sartin Services on a Thomas Bus chassis and can accommodate up to 13 patients. A new command van for O'Hare Field 2-7-8 was placed into service. The unit was built on a Freightliner chassis and replaces a well-worn unit at the 28 sq. mile airport.

As the end of 2012 approaches, the long awaited conversion of CFD radios to

This past Spring and Summer were the hottest in Chicago's history with 47 days of temperatures 90° F. or above. Our canteens responded to several still and box alarms, power outages and Swat incidents.

Canteens also responded to the CFD Family Focus Day at the Quinn Fire Academy, the Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony at Rosehill Cemetery and we will be assisting Local 2's annual toy parade



Training Academy's new Spartan-Crimson 1500 GPM Pumper (Photo by Mike Penchar)

in December. The 5-11 Club, along with the Fire Buffs of Illinois, held the annual fire muster at Quinn Fire Academy in June. The event had over 50 vendors selling their wares, several demonstrations, and a parade of 14 antique fire trucks. The highlight of the day was the appearance of The Fire Museum of Greater Chicago's 1928 Ahrens Fox. The completely restored unit was formerly CFD Engine 10 and was the last "Fox" built for the City. Purchased from a retired firefighter, the "Fox" pumped for nearly an hour supplying three 2-1/2" lines and a deluge gun.

As always, we welcome you to visit Chicago. Contact us at www.5-11clubchicago.org or give one of our members a call and we'll be glad to show you around.



Above: Mass Casualty Unit 8-8-12 (Photo by Mike Penchar)

Below: Inside shot of 8-8-12 (Photo by Mike Penchar)



Engine 10 1928 Ahrens Fox at the 2012 Fire Muster (Photo by Mike Penchar)



Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

By Dan Rode

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club activities

Hello once again from the Brew City. Milwaukee experienced its hottest summer on record, the average daily temperature was 74.1 degrees (3 days were at 100 + and 20 days were 90 +). This kept the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club busy as you'll see later in the article. The club has been busy this year with (17) emergency incidents, (11) training exercises, and (20) P.R. events for a total of 48 runs (same total as 2011). As mentioned in the last article, club member Annie Hermesen organized a craft fair last April 21st. The event was so successful that Annie held another craft fair on September 02nd. These two events have helped to raise enough to paint and stripe Rehab 2.

As for membership, the three associate members are becoming more active in the club-attending business meetings and social dinners, assisting at P. R. events and training exercises, and learning the operations of the club. Three more perspective members have shown interest in the club and we expect them to file applications soon. The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club had dual honors at the recent Toronto convention. First, one of our members, Carolyn Franz Wignall (also a member of the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association) was voted in as the IFBA President for 2012-13. This is the first time both a father and daughter have served as IFBA presidents from the same club. Keith Franz served as President in 1973. Then our very own Chuck Liedtke took home the honors as the Fire Buff of the Year. Congratulations to both of them as they represent our club in the highest traditions. On a sad note, Lifetime Member Harold Holtzman passed away on June 15th at the age of 93. Harold has been a member of the club for 55 years and will truly be missed by those in the club and fire service

who knew him. Harold was a true fire buff in every sense and this writer recalls a particularly funny story told by Harold. As a boy, Harold lived next door to old Engine 16's firehouse on Walnut Street. Harold stated that the "firemen" would stand outside the firehouse waiting for the next call and would chat with the neighborhood kids. Harold said he liked to play pranks on them and one day, he played one too many pranks resulting in the crew sticking him in the coal box. Harold said he went running home crying to tell his mom about the incident (Harold left the part out from his mom about being the instigator). Harold's mom went over to Engine 16 where she found the apparatus door closed and no one in sight. Harold got quite a chuckle out of that story. Our sincere condolences go out to Harold's wife, Jeannette, and family. May God rest his soul.

Serving the Community since 1947

The club has been seeing good attendance at the monthly social dinners. On May 24th, we had an all you can eat Rib dinner at Engine 3's quarters, home of the Dive Rescue Team. After dinner (and needing to adjust the belt line), everyone headed next door to the Milwaukee Fire Department Repair Shop for a tour conducted by Battalion Chief Aaron Lipski. The "nickel" tour of the 80 year old facility was quite informative and members got to see up close the inner workings of the shop.

Next on June 28th, we reintroduced a tradition long forgotten, "Ladies" night. Club members invited their spouse, significant other, or friend for a Mexican dinner at El Fuego restaurant on Milwaukee's South Side. Original plans to eat on the outside patio changed as the temperature still hovered around 90. No one wants to sweat when they eat, even if it's spicy Mexican food. Then on September 20th, the club hosted the Annual Steak Fry at

Milwaukee Fire Department's Engine 33 quarters. Members of the Racine Fire Bells and Waukesha County Emergency Support & Rehab were also in attendance. Finally, on October 11th, members met for dinner at Amelia's restaurant for a night of casual conversation and story swapping.

Doing anything on July 10th-13th, 2013? If not, come join us at the I.F.B.A. Convention once again in Milwaukee. Our convention committee is feverishly working right now to put on an outstanding convention for those attending. We hope to see all of our old friends there and hope that new friends will come to experience what Milwaukee is all about. Keep your eyes open for more information in the Spring 2013 TURN OUT. This is a convention that you do not want to miss!

Milwaukee Fire Department updates

The Milwaukee Fire Department continues to remain fluid and dynamic as changes occur in operations, apparatus, training, and personnel. The 2011 statistics are in. Busiest companies were Engine 13 (4,332 runs), Truck 12 (2,519 runs), Med 5 (4,495 runs), and Battalion 1 (1,251 runs). Busiest station once again was Engine 36 and Med 5 with 7,856 calls. Overall, the M.F.D. responded to 69,225 runs (56,085 e.m.s. calls, 8,184 rescue calls, 3,696 fire calls, and 1,260 service calls). Greater alarms also have increased this past summer with (25) 2nd alarms, (3) 3rd alarms, (1) 4th alarm, and (2) 5th alarms. I'll have more on the three significant fires later in the article. Fire fatalities are at 8, two less than 2011.

The Repair Shop continues to stay busy with the new arrival of apparatus. The three 2011 International/Medtec ambulances have gone into service at Meds 4, 7, and 19. Five 2012 Chevrolet Suburbans have also been assigned to Battalions 1, 2, 3, 4, and Car 3. Four 2012 Ford Explorers have also arrived and are being outfitted for assignment to Cars 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C. Currently bids are out on five engines and a foam trailer. The shop has also been busy with several apparatus swaps to prolong

the life of the rigs. Trucks 11 and 17 have switched apparatus while old Engine 32 was reassigned to Engine 3, old Engine 3 was reassigned to Engine 29, old Engine 29 was reassigned to Engine 16, and old Engine 16 was reassigned to Engine 10.

The role of Ambulance 1 took on additional responsibilities beginning on September 14, 2012. Ambulance 1 now responds on all full assignments in the city and act as Chiefs' Aides (the M.F.D. had Chiefs' Aides/drivers until March, 1982, when they were eliminated due to budget cuts). The Fire Lieutenant will serve as the I.C.'s aide while the Firefighter can serve as the aide to the I.S.O. The aides will help to maintain accountability on the fireground and serve in support roles. The M.F.D. began its Fire Cadet program again on September 17th, when thirteen 17-19 year old men and women took their oath. The cadets are assigned to a 40-hour week for two years. During this time, cadets get to work in the various bureaus, get accredited as State of Wisconsin Level II firefighters, E.M.T.'s, and begin paramedic training. In addition, they work toward their Associate Degree in Fire Science. After the two years, the cadets then enter the next available recruit class for further training to become Milwaukee firefighters. Another thirteen fire cadets are expected start September, 2013. A class of fire recruits, unknown number, is anticipated to start on December 10th to fill



Heavy smoke pours out of the fire building as companies switch to a defensive attack at the Vliet St. fire, 06-20-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

a number of vacancies due to retirements.

Speaking of retirements, there have been a number of high level retirements recently in the M.F.D.

Assistant Chiefs Mike Payne and Paul Conway have retired this past summer as well as Deputy Chief Randy Zingler. Gentlemen, congratulations on your well deserved retirements. Promotional exams to fill these vacancies occurred in September and in late Fall, Deputy Chief Mike Romas (Car 3 Green Shift) and Battalion Chief Dan Lipski (Training Division) were sworn in as Assistant Chiefs (E.M.S./Training/Education and Operations respectively). Additional promotions saw Battalion Chief Aaron Lipski (Repair Shop) and Battalion Chief Terry Lintonen (Special Operations) elevated to Deputy Chief to fill the vacancies in Car 3 Red Shift and Green Shift. A tip of the helmet to these gentlemen in their new positions. Good luck to all in their new positions!

06-20-2012-As firehouses across the city were conducting roll call, 1st Battalion companies were sent out for a reported structure fire at 12th & Vliet (north of Downtown/Marquette University campus). Engine 5, Med 7, and Battalion 1 pulled out of their house five blocks north of the location and knew there would be work for everyone responding, a large

loom up was already visible. On scene companies found heavy smoke coming from a 3-story ordinary constructed taxpayer. Built in 1890 of Queen Anne style (turret located on the northeast corner of the roof), the 8,000 square foot building had a supermarket on the first floor with the second and third floors vacant (all windows were boarded up on both sides of the window frame). With a temperature of 82 degrees (eventually it would top out at 92) and southwest winds gusting 15-20 miles per hour, visibility soon was limited both around the fire building and the nearby I-43 freeway. 1st alarm

companies made a push on the first floor with a 2 1/2" line while truck companies tried to remove the boarded up windows. Seeing conditions worsen, Battalion 1 withdrew companies and prepared for an exterior attack. As companies exited the building, the 1st floor completely flashed over with fire shooting out the front windows. Tower Ladder 2 and Truck 9 put their water towers to work on the front side of the building while Truck 12 positioned themselves on side B and Truck 14 took the rear of the building. Immediate concern was the exposures to the west, a 2-

story ordinary constructed furniture warehouse (eventual collapse of the fire building's parapet wall into the exposure roof) and a large 1- and 2-story furniture store. An hour into the incident fire



Truck companies attempt the arduous task of ventilating the Vliet St. fire building on the B side, 06-20-2012. Photo by: B.C. Jim Ley, M.F.D.



Heavy fire now burns through the rubber membrane roof at the Vliet St. fire, 06-20-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

broke through the rubber membrane roof and collapse of the building occurred three hours into the incident. Due to the large number of companies at the fire, an M.A.B.A.S. 2nd alarm was struck to fill empty firehouses. During this fire, another working fire occurred in the City of Oak Creek which resulted in Oak Creek Truck 1 responding from Milwaukee Engine 14's quarters. This was the first 5th alarm fire in Milwaukee since October 01, 2004, seven and one half years ago.

1227-29 W. Vliet St., 06-20-12

1st alarm (0801 hours)-E5-2-32, TL2-T9-1 (R), Rescue Co. 1, Bn. 1-2, Med 7, Car 18 S/C (0810 hrs.)-E21-1

2nd alarm (0814 hrs.)-E30, T12-5, Med 6, Car 3, Compressed Air Supply Unit 1

3rd alarm (0842 hrs.)-E14-13-11, T14, Bn. 3, E9, Med 4, & I.C.P., T11 & Rescue Co. 4

4th alarm (0904 hrs.)-E35-3-28, Rescue Co. 2 S/C (0908 hrs.)-E24

5th alarm (1004 hrs.)-E37-26

S/C (1252 hrs.)-Med 14

S/C (1407 hrs.)-Med 18

S/C (1448 hrs.)-Car 14

U/C (1143 hrs.)



Tower Ladder 2 hydraulically overhauls the remains of the Vliet St. fire building after its collapse, 06-20-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

S/O (1719 hrs.)

M.A.B.A.S. Division 109 2nd alarm on Box #1-11 (Change of Quarters)

Box & 2nd alarm-Hales Corners E601 (E101) > E35; Wauwatosa Chief 4 > Dispatch (0954 hrs.); North Shore E2 (E102) > E18; Wauwatosa Chief 2 (Bn. 101) > E38; South Milwaukee E1663 (E103) > E7; South Milwaukee Chief 1 (Bn. 102) > E7; Cudahy E1463 (E104) > E10; West Allis Chief 5 (Bn. 103) > E4; Franklin E1 (E105) > E11; Hales Corners Chief 1 > E35; North Shore Chief 2 > E18; Wauwatosa T1 (T101) > E38; West Allis T2 (T102) > E4; Oak Creek T1 (T103) > E14



Heavy fire begins to vent out the front store windows as crews abandoned their interior attack on Vliet St., 06-20-2012. Photo by: B.C. Jim Ley, M.F.D.

07-01-2012-Saturday night, June 30 was a busy night for the M.F.D. At 2300 hours, Truck 2 responded to the report of a carbon monoxide leak at the Wisconsin Towers, a 22-story high-rise condominium building. On arrival, Truck 2 found high carbon monoxide readings and requested a full assignment to assist in evacuations. Within 15 minutes a 2nd alarm was requested as well as another engine, med unit, battalion chief, the second Compressed Air Supply Unit, and the Incident Command Post.

Within two hours, the situation was under control and companies were being released. Meantime, 1st Battalion companies were sent for a garage fire at 26th & Brown on the North Side. Seeing the glow in the sky, crews knew it was more than a garage burning and it would be a long night. On arrival, a large 2-story wood frame garage was fully involved and extended to a 2 1/2-story wood frame vacant dwelling to the west (1960 N. 26th St.), another 2 1/2-story wood frame vacant dwelling under renovation (1954-56 N. 26th St.-south of 1960 N. 26th St.), as well as a 1 1/2-story wood frame occupied dwelling (2513 W. Brown St.-located across the alley from the garage). Alarms were transmitted in rapid succession as the intense radiant heat that started fire in a 1 1/2-story wood frame occupied alley cottage at 1944 N. 26th St. and a 1-story wood frame 2-car garage at 1949 N. 25th St. By now the vacant duplex at 1954-56 was fully involved (collapsed one hour after ignition), heavy fire was in the occupied dwelling (2513), and moderate fire was in the vacant duplex at 1960. Companies established an aggressive defensive attack and the fire was under control within an hour. Many of the companies at this fire had just picked up from the previous carbon monoxide emergency.

1960 N. 26th St., 07-01-12

1st alarm (0118 hrs.)-E5-13, T9, Bn. 2, Med 7
S/C (0119 hrs.)-E32 (replace E13)
S/C (0121 hrs.)-E13, T12-1(R), Rescue Co. 2, Bn. 3
S/C (0122 hrs.)-Car 18
2nd alarm (0125 hrs.)-E30-21-2, TL2-T5, Med 6, Car 3
3rd alarm (0128 hrs.)-E36-1-6, T16, Bn. 1, E9, Med 4, & I.C.P., E12, Rescue Co. 1-4
S/C (0133 hrs.)-E26-34
S/C (0139 hrs.)-Compressed Air Supply Unit 1
4th alarm (0146 hrs.)-E14
S/C (0223 hrs.)-Car 14
S/C (0251 hrs.)-Med 3
U/C (0212 hrs.)
S/O (0552 hrs.)

07-17-2012-Weather forecasters warned that it would be a hot one on July 17th. At 0900 hours it was already 90 degrees out and the mercury would continue to climb throughout the day (topping out at 100).

2nd & 1st Battalion companies were dispatched to a reported fire in an auto body shop in the Riverwest neighborhood (populated by artists, musicians, and the young working professionals). Engine 18 arrived on scene and found heavy smoke pouring from the structure. At 25,000 square feet, the 2- and 3-story ordinary constructed commercial build-



Four water towers and Tower Ladder 2 continue to extinguish hot spots at the Center St. fire, 07-17-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

ing (built in 1916) would become a challenge for companies. The 3-story portion housed apartments and art studios while the 2-story portion (attached to the west) had an auto body shop on the 1st floor with studios and offices occupying the 2nd floor. Engine 18 with the assistance of Engine 21 laid a 2 1/2" line into the 3-story portion to initiate an aggressive interior attack while Truck 5 went to the roof of the 2-story portion to ventilate and Truck 1 began to force entry into the 2-story portion. Upon arrival, Battalion 1 observed heavy black smoke rolling out of every ground floor window of the auto body shop and ordered all companies to abandon the interior attack.



M.F.D. crews rehab during the 100 degree temperatures at the Center St. fire, 07-17-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

Within ten minutes of exiting the building, a flash-over occurred in the shop due to the gasoline, paint, and other fluids commonly found in auto body shops/garages. Truck 5 put their water tower to work in front of the building along with a deluge unit set up by Engine 5. Tower Ladder 2 pulled into a parking lot directly across the alley from the 2-story portion to remove 2nd floor boarded up windows (eventually put their tower to work). Truck 1 parked just west of Truck 5 and put their tower to work as well.

Additional alarms were struck due to the heat, need to establish additional supply lines and master streams, and halt the fire extension to the 3-story portion. Trucks 15 and 9 parked directly east of the 3-story portion and put their towers to work. Crews entered the 3-story portion and established exposure lines, keeping the fire from extending. The use of four water towers, one tower ladder, two deluge units, and several big lines were able to successfully bring the fire under control five hours later. Two Milwaukee County Transit buses were brought in for both the firefighters as well as the displaced residents, artists, and workers of the fire building. Remarkably only two firefighters were sent to the hospital for heat exhaustion, crews were frequently rotated between rehab and operations. Final cause of the fire was determined to be accidental-a mechanic working on a car took apart a fuel pump; a work light fell and landed on the fuel

pump, igniting the gasoline. No injuries reported to the occupants of the building but a major loss to the community resulted due to the damaged art work. A M.A.B.A.S. Box alarm was struck this time to fill empty firehouses, bringing three engines, two trucks, and two chiefs from Division 107.

631 E. Center St., 07-17-12

1st alarm (0917 hrs.)-E18-21-30-6(*), T5-12-1(R),
Rescue Co. 2, Bn. 1-2, Med 6, Car 18
S/C (0921 hrs.)-E5, TL2
2nd alarm (0922 hrs.)-E2, T15, Med 7, Car 3,
Compressed Air Supply Unit 1
S/C (0923 hrs.)-E1 (replace E2)
S/C (0927 hrs.)-Med 13
3rd alarm (0933 hrs.)-E36-3-2, T9, Bn. 4, E9 & I.
C.P., T11 & Rescue Co. 4
S/C (0936 hrs.)-Car 14
4th alarm (0944 hrs.)-E24-13-28
S/C (1042 hrs.)-Med 14
5th alarm (1107 hrs.)-E14-23-11, T12 (broke
down in quarters on the 1st alarm)
S/C (1152 hrs.)-Rescue Co. 1
S/C (1423 hrs.)-Med 4
S/C (1426 hrs.)-Bn. 6, Car 3A
S/C (1532 hrs.)-E10-39, T16, Med 3
S/C (1603 hrs.)-E4
S/C (1621 hrs.)-E21
U/C (1412 hrs.)
S/O (2042 hrs.)

M.A.B.A.S. Division 109 Box alarm on Box #1-11
(Change of Quarters)

Box alarm (1108 hrs.)-Franklin E3 (E101) > E11;
Franklin Chief 2 (Bn. 101) > E11;
S/O (1520 hrs.)-North Shore E2 (E102) > E37;
Wauwatosa Chief 2 (Bn. 102) > E35; South
Milwaukee E1665 (E103) > E18; Wauwatosa Chief
4 > Fire Dispatch; North Shore Chief 2 > E37;
Wauwatosa T1 (T101) > E35; Oak Creek Chief 3 >
E10; Oak Creek T1 (T102) > E10.

The brown outs continue on a daily basis between
Engines 1/27, 4/37, and 10/35. The 2013 budget



Firefighters from MABAS Division 107 take a break at Rehab 2 during a RIT drill on 08-24-2012 in Brown Deer. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

was released in September and again the M.F.D. must cut \$2 million dollars. Possible cuts include cutting one company, disbanding Ambulance 1, and adding a 4th brown out into the rotation. Administration is still trying to determine the most efficient way to make the cuts without impacting the safety of the citizens and firefighters alike. The M.F.D. will know the final results in the beginning of November. Stay tuned for more developments.

As this article comes to a close, I hope everyone enjoys a Happy Holiday season as it quickly approaches. Don't forget Milwaukee in 2013 and everyone stay safe buffing out there.



MFBC member Carolyn Franz Wignall is sworn in as the 2012-13 IFBA President by Bill Mokros. Photo by: Larry Thorne, GTMAA



MFBC member Gary Fedder staffs the misting fan station at the Rock and Sole marathon on Milwaukee's lakefront, 06-23-2012. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke



New M.F.D. Med 7, a 2011 Freightliner/Medtec ALS ambulance. Photo by: Tom Conrad

Some Facts about Beer

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." - Benjamin Franklin

Remember: "I" before "E," except in Budweiser. - Professor Irwin Corey

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not." - H.L. Mencken

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2-11 Assn. Phoenix Fire Buffs, Inc.
Box 15 Club of Los Angeles
Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley
Mountain NewsNet
Phoenix Society of San Francisco
Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company
St. Francis Hook & Ladder Society
Seattle Fire Buff Society
Tacoma/Pierce County Fire Buff Battalion



FIRE ASSOCIATES OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Fire Associates Members Have Been "Johnny-On-the-Spot" at Three Different Blazes

(Note: The following are first-hand reports from three different Fire Associates members: "The Blogmaster" John Whitaker, and former presidents John Whiteside and Bob Gundrum. These three members were either near the proximity of a first as it first began or listening to it unfold on a radio scanner. Many readers of our blog, where these articles first appeared, are not aware of the coordination needed during the execution of our tasks. As a reader of "Turnout" you probably don't fall into that category, but it makes for interesting reading just the same.)

Fire Near Home

Story and Photos By John Whitaker

On the evening of Tuesday, September 25, I was sitting at my computer doing some work. As is typical of many Fire Associates members, I was monitoring the fire radio channels quietly on my emergency scanner as I worked. The time was 7:09 P.M. and I was just about to go downstairs to prepare some dinner.

Usually, the "noise" of the scanner is just in the background, but, all of a sudden, I heard some key information:

"Engine 31, Engine 24, Engine 11, Truck 16 and Battalion 2, a garage fire at 3156 Midhurst Court. Report of a garage on fire with possible people trapped."

Well, that got my attention because those three engine companies all respond into my Evergreen neighborhood. I immediately went to my upstairs window, looked to the north, and there (about a mile away) was a large column of smoke with a tell-tail orange glow at the base. Since, this was the condition right at the time of the dispatch, I knew that this was going to be a serious fire!

I returned to my computer and sent out a "heads up" message to all Fire Associates drivers giving the location of the incident and alerting them to the possibility of a response. I then changed clothes into my normal response "uniform" and headed for my car. Several minutes had passed by this time and I could hear Engine 11's siren as they responded down San Felipe Road from their nearby station.

As I drove towards the fire, I could see other responding SJFD units arriving at the scene ahead of me. By this time, the battalion chief had put out a Second Alarm request due to the "smoke showing" report from several fire rigs that were en route. Traffic was heavy because, between my house and the incident, was Evergreen Valley Community College and a medium-size shopping center. As I was responding, FASCV member John Whiteside phoned me and said that he was standing by and would bring Fire Support Unit 3 in case we were need.

I decided to approach the fire from the neighborhood to the east of the incident as I anticipated that most fire equipment would be coming into the scene off San Felipe Rd., to the west. As I turned the corner at San Felipe Road and Delta Road, flames were licking over the pre-fab concrete wall that separated the burning home from the sidewalk along Delta. It was hot as I drove quickly by!



their own.

At this point, there was not much more I could do besides waiting for the arrival of the FSU. So, being the "Blogmaster", I started taking photos for use in this article. It was an interesting scene with a lot of fire equipment packed into a cramped little cul-de-sac. First-arriving firefighters had made a good knockdown by this time and the fire was not nearly as spectacular as it had been early on. The home had a 30-year-old wood shake roof and

I parked my car about a block away from the fire and immediately sought out Battalion 2, who, on this A-shift evening, was Chuck Rangel. I asked Chuck if he wanted a support unit and the reply was, "Yes." I then called John Whiteside and told him to respond.

[At this point, I went looking for Med30, Mike Van Elgort, to find out the location of Rehab. Mike was very busy statusing the health condition of the home's occupants and asked me to scout out a suitable location. I found a spot on the corner of Midhurst Court and Midhurst Way and coordinated the location with Med30 and the Rural-Metro EMS crews who had responded. That's right - "crews" - plural. Early reports had the possibility of 4 occupants trapped in the home, so a request for an EMS task force was made by the IC. That brought several EMS units and a Rural-Metro supervisor. As it turned out, several residents were home, but all made it out safely on

a very large attic space that was filled with lots of stored items. This all made for a heavy fuel load for the fire.

By the time the support unit arrived, FASCV guest Walter Huber was on scene and we were joined later by members George Hoyt and Mike Chappell. We got to work quickly and made a couple of pots of coffee and put out cold water and Gatorade along with our usual CLIF Bars. As the crews were leaving, many took advantage



of our "provisions" and expressed their gratitude for our presence.

With only one fire rig remaining on scene for "Fire Watch", rehab was disbanded at approximately 10:00 PM. We all left and I returned home to finally have some of that dinner I was going to prepare

House Fire Got A Member's Attention

Story Bob Gundrum with Photo By David Thompson

At 1:10 P.M. on Saturday, October 13, FASCV President Bob Gundrum was also not far from a fire as it began in Sunnyvale.

We'll let Bob tell the story.

"While departing the shopping center at Lawrence Expressway and Lakehaven Drive, I observed a LARGE column of BLACK smoke ris-

Lakehaven is a single-level, single-family dwelling, and was 3 lots north of the (shopping center) driveway and the garage area was well-involved as I drove past. Noticing a hydrant on the corner of Lakehaven and Lakemuir, I parked well clear of the hydrant."

"Once on scene, I immediately set about to provide some logistical assistance to the arriving fire crews. Another phone discussion with Len Williams indicated that Fire Associates had been requested from the field and that Len would be bringing our Fire Support Unit 1. In the meantime, members Dan Wong and Jerry Haag arrived and provide water that they had in their personal vehicles. FSU 1 did arrive on the scene and provided Rehab assistance until it was released at approximately 4:30 P.M."

FASCV Member Paying Attention to House Fire

Story By John Whiteside



On a very busy October 28, when Fire Associates responded to three multiple-alarm fires in the City of San Jose within 24 hours, the day's second call for assistance came at 9:32 P.M., just as the San Francisco Giants were wrapping up their World Series sweep of the Detroit Tigers.

John Whiteside responded in our Fire Support Unit 3 and submitted this report of the event:

"I was watching TV as the local baseball team was celebrating its World Series championship, AND listening to my fire scanner at the

ing above the shopping center. (FASCV member) Len Williams called my cell phone which I answered like this, *'I see the column and will be there in less than a minute.'* Turns out, 1017

same time. The San Jose Fire Department was fighting a residential fire in east-central San Jose at 10292 Murtha Drive at South White Road. As the fire escalated in alarm levels, I prepared to

respond to the scene with a Fire Support Unit. When the third alarm trigger was reached (Fire Associates is an automatic dispatch on the third alarm or greater in San Jose), I notified Sonitrol, our answering service, for the response page to be sent out. I then drove to San Jose Fire Sta. 35 to take our FSU 3 to the scene -- going en route at 2130 hours.

At the scene, I was joined by members Bruce

Dembecki, Ron Green, George Hoyt and guest, Walter Huber. Bottled water, Gatorade, lemonade and CLIF bars and were provided, as well as 2 folding bench sets for the firefighters in Rehab. Around 2300 hours, some fire units on scene were re-dispatched to a minor fire at a local high school and the Rehab operation quickly wound down. FSU 3 was released and returned to quarters by 2330 hours."



The latest one of the four support units manned by the Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley- Seen here on-scene of their second fire run of the new year





Fireline Photos

By Chris E. Mickal



May 8, 2012: N.O.F.D. new Fireboat 'Blaze' for use in the waterways and the Mississippi River around New Orleans.

Left: 01-September 24, 2012: 2400 Canal St. Fire on the roof of the old City Hall Annex building that is being converted to the VA Hospital Administration Building in the Medical Complex.

June 26, 2012: City Park Ave. & Virginia St. First arriving Engine 35 to an auto fire.





July 27, 2012: 2417 Dauphine St. 5-Alarm fire that completely destroyed the block long Hubig Pie factory.

July 22, 2012: Implosion of the old 22 story Pallace Hotel building to make way for the new Medical Complex.



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Bayonne Fire Canteen, Inc.

Bell & Siren Club, Inc.

Box 54 Club

Fire Nell Club of New York, Inc.

Gong Club, Inc.

Signal 22 Assn., Inc.

Second Alarmers' Assn. & Rescue
Squad of Philadelphia, Inc.

Third Alarm Association, Inc.

South Jersey Fire Photographers Assc.



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

FOURTH BATTALION FIRED UP!

Saturday, August 4, 2012 dawned as a typical day for this summer: hot and humid; two ingredients that make any activity difficult, especially firefighting. Companies in Jersey City's Fourth Battalion had to deal with not one but two fires this sultry morning.

Things heated up at 05:31 hours when Box 649 was transmitted for a fire in an occupied building at 28 Seidler St. Companies made quick work of this fire, which displaced over a dozen residents, bringing the fire under control at 05:59. As some companies started to take up, Fire Dispatch began receiving calls for a building fire at 105 Oxford Ave., a scant 4 blocks west of the Seidler St. address. Units at this fire spotted a column of smoke before the box went out over the air. Box 772 was struck at 06:08 hours with many companies coming from a distance. However Engines 17-10, Ladder 8 and Rescue Co. 1 freed up from Seidler St. to take in the next box.

Engine Co. 17, commanded by Capt. Dennis Kroll, reported smoke in the area followed by "2 1/2 story vacant frame; heavy fire on the first floor". Oxford Ave. is a glorified alley, with barely enough room for a car to squeeze by much less fire apparatus. Of course there was a Mercedes Benz parked in front of the fire building - go figure! Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Jose Menendez, was the first arriving chief officer. Sizing up the fire conditions plus a 2 story warehouse used by the Jersey City Board of Education butting against the fire building, Chief Menendez wasted no time in transmitting a 2nd

Alarm. Deputy Chief Gregory Lallo arrived from Box 649 and assumed command. Chief Lallo reported a defensive operation, using 5 handlines, a



Jersey City 3-3 772 105 Oxford Ave., 8/4/12

Blitzfire monitor and a ladder pipe. The fire on the first floor was knocked down relatively quickly; entry was forced into the Board of Education repair shop and 2 lines were stretched into that building to beat back fire extending into that structure.

Black smoke continued to push out of the 2nd floor

and attic, so the work here was far from done. To make matters worse, the water main for the street ruptured, with a geyser of water breaking through the pavement beneath Eng. Co. 7 a short distance east of the fire building. The 80 degree temperature was no help either, so Deputy Chief Lallo struck a 3rd Alarm at 07:03. All hands were heavily engaged, opening up walls and ceilings to extinguish fire traveling up the void spaces in the frame structure. Fire was brought under control at 08:04, but several units remained on the scene overhauling and extinguishing small pockets of fire until 12:14.

Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, had a workout this morning! Parched firefighters quenched their thirsts with 322 bottles of water and 10 gallons of Gatorade. The misting fan was a popular stop and 70 cold towels were dispensed as well.

Tale of the tape for the morning:

0531 Box 649 28 Seidler St.
Sqd. Co. 4 Eng. Co. 8-9-10 Lad.
Co. 11-4 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 4
Div. 1 MSU Safety Officer
0536 WF 649 Eng. Co. 17 Lad.
Co. 8 Batt. 2
0608 Box 772 105 Oxford
Ave. Eng. Co. 17-19-7-
5 Lad. Co. 9-8 Res. Co. 1
Batt. 2 Div. 1
0617 WF 772 Eng. Co. 11 Lad.
Co. 3 Batt.1 MSU Safety
Officer
0618 2-2 772 Eng. Co. 10-13-6-
14 Lad. Co. 7 Car 1-3-26
0703 3-3 772 Eng. Co. 8-9-2 Lad.
Co. 6 Batt. 4 Car 30

THE SANDY SAGA

The Oxford Ave. 3rd Alarm marked the beginning of a relatively quiet period in Hudson County and environs. A 3rd Alarm at 2710 Kennedy Blvd. in Union City on a pleasant Saturday evening, Sept. 1. 2012 and an early morning 3rd Alarm at Box 940, 623-5 Garfield Ave., Jersey City, were the only fires of not from mid-August to late October. However, the ominous weather forecasts in late October warned of a major storm in the making, the likes of which we have never seen in this area.

Hurricane Irene on August 28, 2011 was the last tropical event to hit the New Jersey area, but the state fared relatively well with the exception of flood prone areas. The National Weather Service warned that the coming storm was no Irene and predicted potentially dire consequences from the approaching Sandy. The Departments in our area took all necessary steps to prepare for the worst. Fuel supplies, generators and saws were tested and readied. Additional manpower was called in to man extra rescue companies and evacuation warnings were issued to low lying areas.

Clouds began filling the skies on Sunday, October 28, 2012 with rainfall commencing by mid-day on Monday, October 29, 2012. Winds began to pick up towards evening and the entire metropolitan area braced for the high tide at 2000 hours on Monday evening. Activity picked up considerably as the storm approached, with downed tree limbs

and wires the norm. However, two boxes struck in Downtown Jersey City confirmed the Weather Service warnings; this was no Irene!

THIS IS WHAT THE IFBA IS ALL ABOUT!

Philadelphia Second Alarmers Chief Greg Masi telephoned IFBA & Gong Club Treasurer Paul Schaetzle on the afternoon of November 2, 2012. Greg explained that they had been deployed as part of the Philadelphia EMS Strike Force and would be at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. But, their SA-2 Canteen had a flat tire on one of the dual rear wheels. Could the Gong Club help?

A call was placed to the Jersey City Fire Dispatch Center. Disp. #23, Gong Club Member Ira Rubin answered. He thought Jersey City OEM would be the best resource to help. The phone at OEM was answered by Police Officer, Gong Club Member Victor Cook! In no time, a crew of Jersey City DPW mechanics was en route to the Meadowlands, They brought SA-2 to the Jersey City Shops, changed the tire and SA-2 was back in business!

Box 128 was transmitted for a fire at York and Grove Streets, a few blocks south of the Gong Club quarters. This was quickly followed by Box 272 for a fire reported in a high rise multiple dwelling at 31 River Ct. Companies reported that the water was waist deep on York St. and they were trying to walk to the fire. Soon electrical fires were springing up on both Grove and York Streets as the flood waters rose. Suddenly the whole area was engulfed in water! Units at Box 272 reported that the water was 5 feet deep at Pavonia Ave. and Washington Blvd. This corner was a block from the river, but the River Ct. address, as the name implies, is directly on the banks of the Hudson River. Companies reported that they could not reach the location and would have to launch an inflatable boat to continue the response. The fast approaching waters surrounded Eng. Co. 7 and Rescue Co. 2 (a rig provided by Federal UASI Funds and manned with overtime personnel), disabling both rigs.

Meanwhile the crew on duty at the Gong Club quarters looked down Bay St. and was astonished to see flooding at Grove and Bay Streets, one block east of quarters and 8 blocks from the Hudson River! We were ready to move Car 26 to higher ground, but the flood waters advanced no further. At 2134 hours, electrical power was lost in practically all of Jersey City with much of New Jersey going powerless shortly thereafter.

The storm raged through the wee hours of October 30, 2012. Most companies left quarters at 2000 hours and would be on the road for the rest of the tour, taking in run after run. Fortunately there were few reported fires, but the incessant runs for wires down, fallen trees, people trapped in flooded cars, hazardous conditions and the like taxed all area departments to their limits.

The first of seven post-Sandy runs for Car 26 came at 1330 hours on October 30, 2012; a chlorine release at the Alden-Leeds Warehouse at 80 Jacobus Ave., Kearny, NJ. Kearny FD units had

been dealing with this problem for several hours before the Gong Club was requested. In addition to a 2nd Alarm assignment from Kearny, Jersey City Batt. 3, Haz Mat 1-2, Eng. Co. 14-15-22 and Lad Co. 7 were on scene. Bayonne was represented by Eng. Co. 6, Haz Mat 1 and several other county and state agencies were also present. Car 26 operated for several hours until the release was controlled.

Most of the area would be without electrical power for a full week. One had only to look at the lines of people leaving various grocery stores loaded down with candles to know we would have some busy nights coming!

November 1 brought the first of many fire runs for Car 26 related to the storm. A look at the log book shows the following activity in Jersey City.

October 31, 2012

2-2 581 at 1923 hours, 68-72 Dales Ave., a 2 story frame duplex dwelling

November 1, 2012

2-2 721 at 2244 hours, 197 Jackson Ave., a 3 story brick mixed occupancy. Police officers rescued 1 occupant; Eng. Co. 8 and Lad. Co. 8 each removed other trapped occupants with serious injuries.

November 2, 2012

2-2 771 at 0048 hours, 164 Clinton Ave., a 4 story brick "H-shaped" apartment building. Originally an automatic alarm, Squad Co. 4 arrived to find fire showing. Car 26 had just returned to quarters from 2-2 721 when the 2nd Alarm was stuck for this fire, so out the door again!

November 3, 2012

2-2 128 at 0838 hours, 280 Grove St., City Hall. Fire originated in computer equipment in the basement mail room of this century old building. The basement had 4 feet of water from Monday

evening's flooding. SA-2, the Philadelphia Second Alarmers operated in the front, while Car 26 took the rear of the block square structure.

November 5, 2012

The last hurricane related multiple alarm was not only a major blaze, but a fatal one also. Numerous calls were received for a building fire at 625 Bramhall Ave., a large Boston type "3-decker" with a similar building to the west. A column of thick black smoke was visible for miles as Box 646 was put out over the air at 1203 hours. Fire Prevention Car 73, Fire Fighter Mario Moody, was first to arrive, reporting two 3 story frame buildings heavily involved. Battalion 2, Batt. Chief James Drennan was the first chief officer to arrive and transmitted a 2nd Alarm at 1210 hours.

An elderly occupant was trapped on the first floor and was eventually found in a lifeless condition. Fire Fighter Mark Petrucelli, Res. Co.1, fell from the roof of the fire building, miraculously surviving with relatively minor injuries. His fall was deflected by bouncing off the adjacent building in a narrow alley.

Deputy Chief Kevin Stewart struck the 3rd and 4th Alarms, employing an exterior attack with Ladder Tower 4, a deck gun and several handlines. Once under control, fire fighters had their choice of beef stew from Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, on Sackett St., or imported cuisine from Philadelphia, from SA-2 operating on

Bergen Ave.

Response:

1203 Box 646 Sqd. 4 Eng. Co. 9-22-19 Lad. Co. 12-9 Res. Co. 1-2 Safety Officer MSU Div. 1 Batt. 2
 1205 WF 646 Eng. Co. 15 Lad. Co. 3 Batt. 4 Car 30
 1210 2-2 646 Eng. Co. 8-5-7 Lad. Co. 4-11 Car 1-3-26
 1223 3-3 646 Eng. Co. 14-6 Lad. Co. 8
 1228 S/C Batt. 3
 1223 4-4 646 Eng. Co. 2-10 Lad. Co. 6
 1254 S/ C Eng. Co. 13
 1312 S/C Philadelphia SA-2
 1320 S/C Newark MSU manned by Eng. Co. 14

Electric power had just been restored to this neighborhood when the fire occurred. Most of the city suffered without power for an entire week. Numerous office buildings in the Downtown section flooded, causing damages in the millions of dollars. Equally damaging were flood waters that

decimated homes in the city's Downtown, Port Liberte, Country Village and Society Hill neighborhoods.

From Noon, Monday, October 29, 2012 through Noon, Monday, November 5, 2012, the FDJC responded to 1,448 incidents. Normal weekly runs average about 400. To augment the beleaguered EMS units of the Jersey



Jersey City 4-4 646 625-7 Bramhall Ave. 11/5/12: Sqd. Co. 4 and Ladder Tower 4 hard at work in the foreground. The sticks

City Medical Center, EMS Strike Teams from Philadelphia and Baltimore were deployed in the city until November 9, 2012. It was a long, disastrous and historic week!

“I never thought I would see...”



Above: Car 26 & SA-2, Philadelphia at Jersey City 2-2 128, 11/3/12.

Left: Hoboken Eng. Co. 5, Lad. Co. 2; 10/30/12. (John Henry Photo)

Below left: Kearny Eng. 4's quarters was heavily damaged. They are temporarily housed at Jersey City Eng. 17.





FDNY Eng. 3 & High Rise Unit at Exchange Place PATH Station, Jersey City; dewatering operation. 11/5/12

Photos by Paul Schaetzle, unless other-

I got the honor to spend the day with the members of the Rockaway Point Volunteer Fire Department. These pictures are of the aftermath of the 6th alarm fire that destroyed 111 homes during the height of Hurricane Sandy and the storm damage. Photos below by Ronnie Viola.





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South Florida Rehab & Emergency
Support Team

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ATLANTA, GA

Article by: Jeffrey A. Harwell

DeKalb County had two notable fires back to back this spring. The first fire took place on the afternoon of April 10 at the Rock Tenn facility in the 3400 block of Montreal Industrial Way. Firefighters arrived to find a 100 x 400 foot building with fire running along the exterior, as well as involving packaged paper products on the interior. Initially, Ladder 2's aerial was used, and later multiple 2-1/2 inch handlines were advanced through the front in an attempt to push the fire out the back. At one point flooding the area with foam was even considered.

An hour into the incident bulldozers were brought in to start tearing apart the compressed paper products. To complicate matters, the region was under a red flag warning this particular day with very low humidity and winds gusting up to 25 mph. These conditions allowed a woods fire to develop adjacent to the structure. And with the complex located at the end of the street, water pressure was a constant problem. At one point, adjacent Interstate 285 had to be shut down due to reduced visibility due to the smoke.

Fire resources in DeKalb County were stretched even thinner when a working house fire was transmitted on Dunwoody Club Drive two hours into the Montreal incident. Luckily the house fire was held to a single room and contents. Atlanta, Rockdale County, and Gwinnet County provided mutual aid at empty DeKalb stations.

Two days later DeKalb Engine 10 was dispatched on an investigation of an outside fire in the 4100 block of Thurmon Road. When Engine 10 arrived at the A & R Company complex they found a

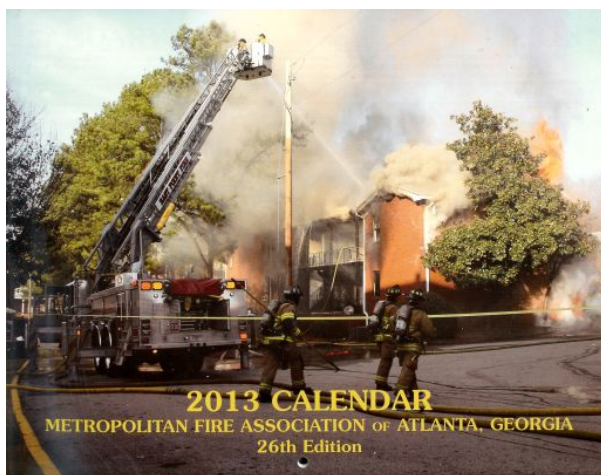
large outdoor pallet fire spreading rapidly toward exposures. Engine 10 immediately stretched a handline and began operating its deck gun while additional units were summoned. Eventually multiple ladder pipes, deck guns and handlines surrounded the fire. The Foam Tender and Tractor 17 were special called to the scene, with the tractor used to help break apart debris.

One other DeKalb County fire is worth mentioning. On the afternoon of May 25, first alarm companies responding to an apartment fire at One Chatfield Drive arrived to find multiple buildings heavily involved along with an immediate request for a 3rd Alarm. If this sounds familiar, we reported the exact same scenario that took place back on November 15, 2011! MFA member Paul Talbot happened to be in the neighborhood for that fire, and we featured a couple of his photographs in that last issue.

Atlanta's big fire of the year occurred just before 9:00 pm on May 1 when companies arrived on the scene of a structure fire at 3133 Continental Colony Parkway SW and immediately struck the 3rd Alarm for multiple four story buildings heavily involved. The complex was used for the film/TV industry and owned by Tyler Perry. The fire began on a "Main Street" type set that featured four story buildings on either side of the Main Street. Collapse of the facades starting occurring as units were going to work with multiple tower ladders. A rare 4th Alarm was transmitted seven minutes after the arrival of the first company. Roughly 20 minutes into the incident, command advised the bulk of the fire had been knocked down and some of the 4th Alarm units could be returning to service soon. A fire watch was maintained until 12:30 pm

the following day. Later in the summer fire units would return to the same address for a stubborn fire along the roof in a three story building within the complex.

Several MFA members assisted on a large apartment fire in Cheoroke County to the northwest of Atlanta. Companies eventually had to go defensive on a massive three story apartment building. In the end, the entire roof was gone, 28 units had been destroyed, and 50 residents had been displaced.



The 2012 MFA Calendar is now available. This is the 26th Edition of the calendar, and like past years it features action fireground shots on the front and back cover and a different apparatus shot for each month. This year's cover features a Greg Simpson photo of a East Point Apartment fire. Each month is coded for shift work, and a pocket size shift calendar is included with each full size calendar. Calendars are available for \$8.00 postage paid at the MFA website - www.metrofire.org.

Hapeville, Georgia Fire Department

Members of the MFA gathered at a special restaurant for a meal prior to the August meeting. The pre-meeting gathering point was the Dwarf House Restaurant located on North Central Street, just east of downtown Hapeville. Readers outside



of metro Atlanta may better recognize this location as the restaurant where the Chick-Fil-A sandwich was first created back in 1946. Most Chick-Fil-A's have a picture of this restaurant on their wall, although it's been modified substantially over the years.

Hapeville's northern and eastern border is shared with the city of Atlanta, while the southern border is shared with the Atlanta International Airport. It has a population of around 6,300 spread across 2.4 square miles. The Hapeville Fire Department operates out of two stations with a total of 37 personnel. Each shift has 10 personnel assigned to it, with a minimum staffing of 8. In 2011, the department answered a total of 1,427 alarms, of which 1,066 were EMS related.

Station No. 1 - 3468 North Fulton Avenue

Engine 1 - 2011 KME Predator 1500gpm/1000gal
Pumper

Station No. 2 - 870 South Central Avenue

Engine 2 - 1997 Spartan/Ferrara 1500gpm/750gal
Pumper

Truck 1 - 1986 Sutphen 100'/1500gpm/250gpm
Aerial Platform



The location of this fire is pretty well known to most fire buffs and NASCAR race fans. The location is just down the street from the famed Talladega International Speedway in eastern Alabama. The scene is also very close to Eastabooğa, Alabama, home to the former Quality Fire Apparatus plant. An engine from the Eastabooğa FD even responded on mutual aid. And there was even a Quality engine on the scene. Due to no fire hydrants in the area, firefighters attempted to set up a portable folding tank. Problems encountered while attempting to draft from the tank eventually doomed the warehouse.



In the last issue of Turn Out, we showed you a picture of the old Station #10 of the Augusta/Richmond County, Georgia Fire Department. This station on Washington Road was first due at the Augusta National Golf Club - home of the storied Masters Golf Tournament every April. The new Station #10 shown in this issue is located a mile north of the old location. It's situated a block off Washington Road at the corner of Alexander Drive and Glennfield Lane. Under normal circumstances, the station would only house an engine, but an aerial is temporarily being housed here due to an accident at their station (see accompanying photo).

Augusta/Richmond County Station #9 is currently closed due to a slight mishap while units were responding to a fire call. Apparently an apparatus struck the column/wall panel separating the two bay doors, which in turn triggered a series of structural failures, including a sizable portion of the roof assembly. Luckily no one was injured. The station is the last of the three former West Richmond County Fire Department stations that's still in service. West Richmond was a subscription supported department that was merged into the Richmond County Fire Department back in the early 1980's.





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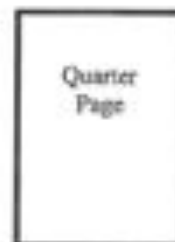
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07-09-12 Indianapolis, IN
Indianapolis FD, Pike Twp FD
(Marion County)
Previous domestic argument led
to alleged arsonist returning to
residence in early morning hours
to get even.



06-10-2012 Carmel, IN
Carmel Fire, Zionsville Fire,
Pike Twp FD (Marion County)
Delayed reporting allowed fire
to enter and consume large resi-
dence, set back from roadway
which caused long layout from
available water source. Photos
by Tod Parker, phototac.com.



"Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award

Year presented	Recipient	Convention
1967	Henry N. Wilwers	St. Louis, MO
1968	William H. Perkins	Chicago, IL
1969	Edward R. Damaschke	Annapolis, MD
1970	William A. Brennan	Indianapolis, IN
1971	Albert J. Burch	Philadelphia, PA
1972	Charles C. Price	New York, NY
1973	Keith F. Franz	Milwaukee, WI
1974	John I. Hruska	Boston, MA
1975	Arthur D. Devlin, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1976	James H. Blomley	Baltimore County, MD
1977	Henry G. Nathan	St. Louis, MO
1978	Roman A. Kaminski	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1979	Walter M. P. McCall	New Orleans, LA
1980	Edward A. Massmann	San Francisco, CA
1981	William "Pop" Porter, Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
1982	Duane W. Troxel (posthumously)	Detroit, MI
1983	Denis E. Williams	Milwaukee, WI
1984	G. Grant Miller	Boston, MA
1985	Donald H. Cheu, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1986	Harold L. Holtzman	Seattle, WA
1987	William F. Noonan	St. Louis, MO
1988	Harry W. Knodel	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
1989	Jan C. Faulstich	Secaucus, NJ
1990	Malcolm S. "Bill" Ketchum	St. Paul, MN
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1992	Frederick M. Hill	Westlake, OH
1993	L. Murray Young	Milwaukee, WI
1994	George "Smokey" Bass	Universal City, CA
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1996	George B. Ottley	Nashville, TN
1997	Stuart M. Nathan	Chicago, IL
1998	Herb Pearlstein	Columbus, OH
1999	Owen P. "Phil" Reid, Jr.	Tacoma, WA
2000	Ralph Decker	St. Louis, MO
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2002	Paul Schaetzle	Moline, IL
2003	Steven C. Hansen	Milwaukee, WI
2004	Leonard W. Williams	Quebec City, Canada
2005	Gary M. Heathcote	Indianapolis, IN
2006	James Rasmussen (posthumously)	Seattle, WA
2007	Jerry Traub	Cambridge, MA.
2008	Bob Deibler	Racine, WI
2009	Hal Bruno	Washington DC
2010	No Award Presented	
2011	Rick Cutts	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
2012	Charles Liedtke	Toronto, Canada

