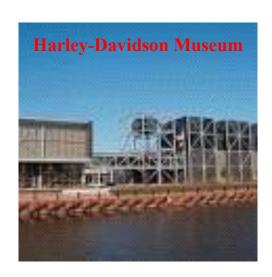


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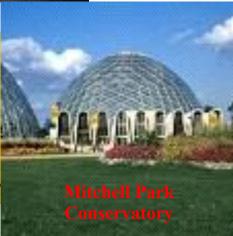
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# 60th Anniversary Convention

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7:00 PM Hospitality Room/Buffing

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/Buffing

## 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/Buffing

# 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/Buffing

## 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 1/2 hour to Milwaukee Muster

Noon - Lunch provided at the Muster

6:00 PM - Social, Banquet, Closing Ceremony



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# Report from Spring Board Meeting, Milwaukee - April 19-20, 2013

By Jerry Traub, Turn Out Editor

IFBA 2013 Spring Board Meeting was held at the Best Western Plus Milwaukee Airport Hotel and Conference center Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20.

Friday evening dinner and greeting at the hotel dining room was well attended, as the recurring blasts of a late winter Wisconsin snow swirled outside. Hospitality room visits with hot popcorn around the indoor pool made for great story telling.



IFBA President Carolyn Wignall suspends the business meeting for a welcome from Milwaukee Fire Chief Mark A. Rohlfing. Photo by Chuck Liedtke.

After a good breakfast buffet, Saturday's business meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Wignall. Board committees broke out for caucus discussions, then rejoined for reports of Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and Committee chairpersons.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Chuck Liedtke reported on convention progress and July 9-13 schedule. Hotel representative spoke of their efforts to host us, and local members complimented the management and staff for their complete cooperation and pricing advantages. Lunch was served in the meeting room.

Afternoon visits were available to Milwaukee Fire Historical Society station, MFD station 33 to see Fire Bell Club rehab unit and Rehab 2 restroom rig. The tour concluded at MFD Communication Center/Dispatch.

Evening dinners were available in the hotel (Saturday night prime rib special) or at other restaurants in the city. Hospitality room was opened for the evening, with some attendees taking in a High Rise 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm later in the evening.

The weather was more Spring-like by Sunday morning as Buffs left Milwaukee to return home and spread the word about our upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention.



IFBA Treasurer Paul Schetzel details the state of IFBA finances to attendees. Photo by Chuck Liedtke.





The Oak Creek Fire Department, in conjunction with other suburban departments, conducts a live training burn. This was done in a non-hydrated area, so departments could also practice tanker operations. Milwaukee Fire Bells attended with their Rehab 2 apparatus.





December 31, 2012 ... what a way to ring in the new year! West Allis, WI Fire, a Milwaukee suburb, fights a fire in a large hobby shop.

Milwaukee Fire Bells responded on a MABAS Box Call, the equivalent of a second alarm, with both rehab units. Crews were on the scene from 2230 on New Year's Eve until 0330 on New Year's Day.



Who says fire can't heat up a frigid night? The bank temperature sign reads 13 degrees on the sign away from the fire ... and 17 degrees on the side facing the blaze!

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As we begin our second century of existence, our history of informative and well attended meetings continues. We are very fortunate to have an active Board of Directors that plan meetings months in advance with the excellent support of our Vice President Pat O'Connor who is able to bring us many informative guest speakers and meeting locations due to his many business contacts.

At our January meeting, member Jeff Brown presented on the history of the Salem MA Fire Department. Jeff's presentation was particularly humorous as it featured many candid shots of a particular Board member who is now retired from the Salem Department. Jeff is well known for the commemorative CD he did for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association.

Our February meeting featured retired Chief Ken Galligan from the Brockton Massachusetts Fire Department. His presentation was on the tragic Strand Theatre Fire that took the lives of 13 firefighters within 90 minutes of the first alarm. Chief Galligan also spoke about the history of the Brockton Fire Museum and made an invitation for the members to visit the museum.

In March, our guest speaker was Mr. Britt Crosby, the webmaster of capecodfd.com. Britt is retired from the COMM Fire Department (Centerville, Osterville, Marston Mills) He is a well known buff and photographer. He is also the author of the book "Cape Cod Firefighting" published by Arcadia Publishing. Our April 19 meeting was cancelled due to the on going manhunt for the Marathon Bombing suspect. You might recall that the entire area was shut down and all travel was restricted. All public transportation was suspended until midday. Former Association President Frank W. Fitzgerald Jr. was scheduled to present at that meeting. Frank will be invited to a future meeting to display his program.

The following statement was posted on both the Association website and Facebook page:

In the one hundred year history of the Box 52 Association, our members have seen the BFD in action from the days of the horses till the present day. Our members have witnessed the gallant actions by the BFD many, many times. But, on Monday April 15, 2013 never did the Boston Fire Department respond with more unselfish gallantry than the response to Box 1572 for the terrorist bombing at the Marathon.

Many of our members were on duty that day and the long days that followed. Box 52 wishes to thank all those who responded to this horrific event, and the events in the days that followed.

Our annual visitation meeting was held at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) bunker in Framingham. We were the guests of Association Secretary Mike Kass and Box 52 member Steve Staffier. The "bunker" was dedicated in November 1963 as the first in the nation underground blast proof State Emergency Operations Center. The building, built at a cost of \$2,500,000. is located 30 to 40 feet below grade



Members and guests of Box 52 pose during the Quebog Valley of Massachusetts bus trip. Bus trip photos by John Galla.

Prior to the meeting the members were treated to a display of Framingham apparatus and MEMA assets including the MEOC (Mobile Emergency Operation Center) and the MCST (Mobile Communications Support Trailer.

On Saturday June 15 almost a full bus enjoyed an Association sponsored trip to the Quobog Valley of Massachusetts. Located west of Worcester, the valley features both career and volunteer departments. The area was hit by a tornado a couple of years ago and still shows signs of the devastation caused by the event. It was a very long and enjoyable trip and the



Engine 1, Belchertown, has a very busy pump panel.

members and their guests were greeted very warmly by

the many departments. Our bus trips have developed a reputation as outstanding events thanks to the extensive planning by our newsletter editor Frank San Severino.

The Box 52 Association welcomes visitors at its



One stop was at the Monson Fire Museum. Memorabilia lines the walls ... one could spend all day there.

meetings and would be honored to have a presentation from one of our guests. Please contact us thru our web site if your travel takes you to our area for the time and location of our meeting.



An antique engine was displayed at one of the many stops. This engine is from the Southbridge Fire Department.



# **APRIL 19, 2013 RESPONSE TO WATERTOWN**

By Paul Boudreau President Boston Sparks Association / Boston Fire Museum

A-10, the rehab unit of the Boston Sparks Association, was activated at 04:40 hours by Boston Fire Alarm and told to respond to Watertown at the request of MEMA and the Massachusetts State Police to provide rehab at the Command Post for the numerous law enforcement agencies involved in the search for the Boston Marathon terrorist.



Tactical Teams in the area.

A-10 left quarters at 344 Congress St., South Boston with Paul Boudreau and Tom Leone. We were met at the Watertown Mall by Kevin Sullivan, a member of the A-10 team, and Paul Leslie of The Salvation Army, A-30 Disaster Canteen.

Upon arrival, we were directed to the Command Post area and told we needed to provide rehab support as well as food and nourishment for the many police officers, federal officers and military personnel who were deployed with SWAT and

After conferring with the officials on scene, we were advised to put together a plan to rehab and feed not only the 500+ on site at the command post, but also over 900 members of the law enforcement and tactical teams performing operations in the field, plus a second tactical command post and staging area located across the street at the Arsenal Mall.

As the entire area Metro Boston area was in lockdown, we quickly found out that most of the normal resources we utilize for incident support were closed due to Governor Patrick's directive to "shelter in place." After calling around to the various Dunkin Donuts and McDonalds with no luck, we found out

that we had to reach farther out of the area for the resources we would need. The supplies on A-10 were quickly depleted as law enforcement personnel sought us out on arrival.

The first step was to get the closest source for coffee, the Dunkin Donuts in the Mall was the only store open. With the consent of the DD management, we quickly commandeered every cup of coffee, donut, bagel and muffin they had in the store. This process continued for the next several hours, but only supplied enough for about 100-200 personnel. Tom Leone and Kevin Sullivan started shuttling the Cambro Urns from the DD to the CP, as they were depleted almost as fast as they arrived.

As I started making plans for the additional resources, our partners in rehab, Paul Leslie and the Salvation Army, began making coffee from their canteen, A-30. Paul also told me he had ordered the New Bedford and Springfield canteen teams to the scene for additional support.

The Newton Police Captain and Sergeant at the Command Post assisted by locating a McDonalds in Newton on Rt. 128 that supplied us with several hundred breakfast sandwiches and hash browns. Newton PD shuttled the food to the CP. We were off to a great start.

As we started passing out the items from McDonalds, they were quickly depleted. For many of the officers at the CP, who had been deployed since 23:00 hours on Thursday, this was the first rehab they had all night.



The scope of the rehab operation facing our team was enormous. A-10 was going to require substantial resources to support the operation. State Fire Marshal Steve Coan and the Mass. Department of Fire Service (DFS) crews arrived and together we began the assessment and planning to support this massive operation. Under the authority of Under Secretary of Public Safety Kurt Swartz, we began to seek the outside assistance needed to support our law enforcement brothers.

Ed Jacobs of United Rentals arrived and provided tents, tables, chairs, a podium, and sound system. He also ordered 800 box lunches for delivery later in the morning.

DFS had their Rehab Truck, two Gators and an F450 Utility truck as well as an inflatable tent. These items were crucial and were used to shelter the food serving operation and prepare the food for distribution

Mike Simmons of the Boston Police Department was able to get the local Target Store open, and with the help of the DFS Gators, we cleaned out every case of water and Gatorade Target had on the shelves.

We started getting outside offers for food to support the operations. Early on, Ed Kelly of the Professional Firefighters of Mass. (PFFM) and Richie Paris of Boston Firefighters Local 718 called and offered the food that was destined for the now cancelled PFFM meeting at Florian Hall. Ed and Richie started shuttling the food from Dorchester to the CP area in Richie's car.

As all of this was occurring, the New York & New Jersey Port Authority Police Benevolent Association mobile canteen trailer arrived with six Port Authority Police Department officers. The members from the NJ/NY Port Authority were awesome. They set up their operation and began cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the law enforcement officers.

The Salvation Army Disaster Team members, under the direction of Paul Leslie of A 30, began making sandwiches at a fast pace. The box lunches arrived and we began distributing them to the police officers in the sealed off area.

As it was now approaching lunch time and the troops in the field were still actively deployed in tactical operations, the team leaders were asking for food to be deployed to them in the field. This was a daunting task, but with the use of our A-11 and the DFS Gators and





utility truck we began making up sandwich and water deliveries to be distributed to the officers at the various locations within the 20 block search area, many of which were still active crime scenes as the second suspect had yet to be captured.

We were getting requests for food and water for 100, 150, 75 and other multiples at different locations which quickly depleted the supplies on hand. As the Gators and Trucks passed thru the streets, officers were coming out of everywhere and grabbing whatever they could as many of them

had been in the field since 23:00 hours and were starving and in need of hydration.

We were advised that 20 employees of the Home Depot were in lock down since 23:30 hours and needed food and water. A quick assessment was made and foodstuffs were delivered to these folks by about 14:00 hours via a DFS Gator.

As we were dealing with the lunch situation it became apparent that this operation would continue and we would need a plan for the evening meal as well.

Marshal Coan called a logistics meeting with the members of A-10, Salvation Army, PFFM, Local 718, Red Cross, Ed Jacobs, MEMA and the PAPD. A plan was devised to support the dinner requirements.

The PFFM and Local 718, working with the firefighters at Florian Hall in Dorchester, would supply hot food. Ed Jacobs

arranged for more hot food from a catering company. The PAPD grill masters would continue but needed a larger grill. Ed Jacobs came through and delivered two commercial propane grills to the scene to support the police officer cooks of the PAPD. McDonalds in Newton provided another 100 hamburgers and fries with a Newton Police escort to the CP.



within the mall.

We had Brookline Ice deliver a refrigerated truck to the scene loaded with 3 tons of ice and three portable ice chests. We deployed the ice chests on site in various locations to support the effort.

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We had a truck load of bottled water delivered to the scene which was distributed to the many officers in the field by Tom Leone, Chris Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan and the DFS personnel. Several Porta Potties were delivered to the CP area to augment the facilities

Some of the logistical issues that were encountered included getting civilian vehicles bringing needed supplies into the CP area as all incoming vehicles had to be searched and vetted by the bomb dogs and law enforcement prior to entrance to the secure area. This, in combination with periodic shutdowns of the access points due to tactical operations taking place in the field, proved challenging.

We had requests for everything: food, water, Gatorade, sunscreen, aspirin and batteries for radios and flashlights. All needed to be delivered to the police officers in their tactical field positions. The management and staff of the Watertown Mall were excellent. They provided access to rest rooms

and janitorial services throughout the incident.

It is estimated that we fed and rehabbed about 1800 - 2000 personnel for three meals during the 18 hour operation.



Law enforcement gathers to bid farewell to MIT Officer Sean Collier killed in the line of duty during the Boston bombing manhunt. (Photo from Box 52 Facebook.)

This operation on both the law enforcement and rehab platforms went from 0 to 100 MPH in mere seconds. Due to the tremendous efforts from all involved the rehab operation was a complete success on all fronts.

We owe a great deal of appreciation to all our law enforcement personnel for their professional response and mitigation of this threat to our safety.

By far, this was the largest rehab event we, the members of the Boston Sparks Association (A-10), has managed in the 75 year history of the organization. I cannot say enough about the support we received from the A-10 crew who did a great job. Thank you to all!

Operating on scene were members Paul Boudreau, Brian Kerins, Tom Leone, Peter Sturgis, Chris Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan and Mike Tognarelli. Providing logistical support at 344 Congress St., South Boston were BSA members Bill Hodges, Vinnie Dinunzio and Jim Daly. We had a great operation thanks to the BSA members at the CP and at 344.

We want to thank our good friend Roger Baker and the team from Rehab 5. They covered our response area while A-10 was operating in Watertown.

We offer our sympathies to the families affected by this terrible terrorist act. We pray that MIT Police Officer Sean Collier and all the victims lost in the bombing will Rest in Peace. We also wish a speedy



recovery to Transit Police Officer Richard Donohue and all those injured.

# This incident proved we are "Boston Strong"

We offer our thanks to the following, our partners in the rehab operation:

- Mass. State Fire Marshal, Steve Coan and the Members of the DFS Team
- Chief Mario Orangio and the members of the Watertown Fire Department
- Paul Leslie and the Salvation Army Disaster Teams
- American Red Cross
- Ed Kelly, PFFM
- Rich Paris, Boston FF Local 718
- Kurt Swartz and the MEMA Team
- Vinnie Zapula and the officers from NY/NJ PA Police Department
- Mike Simmons, Boston Police Department
- Ed Jacobs, United Rental
- Brookline Ice
- Dunkin Donuts, Watertown Mall
- Simons Mall Officials
- Target, Watertown
- Watertown Police Department
- Newton Police Department
- McDonalds of Newton
- And the many, many others who offered assistance.





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By Kenneth F. Beliveau, President Connecticut Fire Photographers

Greetings from the Connecticut Fire Photographers.

Fire Duty in the area has been slow. Working Fires through-out Connecticut and Western Massachusetts are out there, the fire crews are doing quick knock downs and photography of active fire is hard to get.

The CFPA will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver City Fire Fest Saturday July 20, 2013 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at The Executive Inn & Suites 900 East Main Street Meriden CT. Admission is \$5.00, on display will be Model of emergency vehicles, Firematic vendors, and fire apparatus on display. A photo show will also be presented.

This season at The Fire Museum, Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society, 230 Pine Street, Manchester CT the CFPA will have over 100 photos on display by 11 of our members. Each year the museum high lights some event for the year. This year it is the CFPA. The museum is open from April 13 – November 16 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm every Friday and Saturday. Special group tours can by arranged for other times by appointment. Visit their web site for more info www.thefiremuseum.org.

In 2015 the CFPA will be your host for the IFBA Convention. Plans our coming together. Seven hotels have been visited and one should be picked by the Milwaukee Convention. Plans are to visit the following Fire Departments, Hartford, East Hartford, West Hartford, New Britain, Manchester, Meriden and New Haven. Plus more surprises.

This month the East Hartford Fire Department will take delivery of a 2004 Seagrave. For those that watched the show "Rescue Me" it is that engine, Engine 99. By the end of this month it will be in service as East Hartford Engine 3.



Lost Acres / Granby CT, Working fire -house January 27, 2013. Photo by: Ken Beliveau.



Hartford 1911 Water Tower on display at the Fire Museum in Manchester CT, May 18, 2013. Photo by: Ken Beliveau.

# Region 3

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.



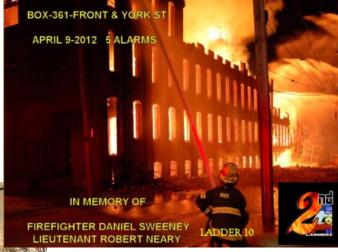
# Philadelphia 2nd Alarmers Association

By Sgt Greg Masi #392

The Philadelphia Fire Department suffered another tragedy when on April 6, 2013, Captain Mike Goodwin, Ladder 27 made the supreme sacrifice while battling a 3 Alarm Fire at Box 1232, 4th & Monroe St, in the Queen Village Section of Philadelphia. The fire began in the basement of a fabric store, and spread through the walls eventually breaking through the roof. Ironically this fire came almost a year to the date when last year on April 9, 2012, Lieutenant Robert Neary & FF Dan Sweeney, Ladder 10 were killed when a wall collapsed on them during a 5 Alarm Fire in a vacant warehouse in the Kensington Section of Philadelphia. May you Rest in Peace Brothers. Below are photos from the Philadelphia Second Alarmers Association, taken by Chief Greg Masi, 2nd Alarmers



Box-1232 4th & Monroe St April 6-2013







# Region 4

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, Inc. 501(c)(5)

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# Happenings in Central Ohio

By Keith A. Kraut

# A great learning experience!

Thank you, Boston Sparks for a great "heads up" on how to run a "mass care" rehab operation.

Although we regularly practice Mass Casualty Disaster exercises with area public safety and EMS groups, we've never looked at anything with a scope that large. You have given us not only an insight into the challenges faced but also a pretty good road map on how to ramp up to the challenge. Based on your experience, we're seriously looking at developing a new disaster plan and several MOU's with potential partners & vendors. Awesome job done, guys!

### 2013 in a nutshell

2012 was a year for the record books. Box 15 ended up responding to 101 incidents – our busiest year ever. Compared to the past 2 years, 2013 has started off with a bit less activity, but the summer season is on the way.

January was a very cold month and as a result, Box 15 maintained a crew on station for two days. January saw us respond to 3 working fires and 1 extra company fire. We also provided rehab services for a training event at the Columbus Fire Academy.

February remained cold but quiet. Again, we maintained an on station crew for two days. We responded to 3

2 firefighters preparing to climb 40 floors - 8 Surber photo

working fires. 2 were residential fires & the third was a barn fire. We also provided rehab services for 2 civic events, the American Lung Association Stair Climb and the Cystic Fibrosis Battle of the Badges Stair Climb, as well as 2 training exercises for the current recruit class.



Engine 30 at condo fire - 5. Lents photo

The temperatures moderated in March. We only responded on 2 runs, a 2 alarm fire with Columbus Fire and a working fire with Orange Township in southern Delaware County. Rehab 1 and Rehab 2 both participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Columbus.

April was an extremely quiet month, we only responded on 1 run – a working fire at a Columbus auto dealership. We also participated in a Full Scale Hazmat exercise. In addition, we



CFD recruit training fire - B. Barber photo

provided rehab support during training exercises for the Columbus recruit class.

As of May 21, we have responded to multiple runs, including a working house fire with Violet Township in Fairfield County. Upon clearing that incident, we were dispatched to a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire with Columbus Fire. This incident involved 2 garages at an apartment complex, with 6 additional garages in danger. There was also concern that the fire may spread to the adjacent apartment building. Then on May 15, we had 2 more simultaneous runs – a house fire in Pleasant Township (southwest of Columbus) and rehab support for Columbus Police during an officer-

involved

shooting investigation. Finally, we took in an overnight fire in a shopping center and a large fire in a condominium development, both on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

June looks like it will be a busy month, as well. We already have two days of rehab for the Columbus recruits, a Full Scale Exercise, with roughly 30 entities, including Fire, EMS, hospitals, Law Enforcement, military and several other organizations. We'll also participate in the COAFAA muster on June 22 and will greet a new fire recruit class on the 24th.



Makethiff tent at 2nd alarm fire - B. Barber photo

# Box 15 expands our fleet

In March of this year, the Madison Township
Trustees (Franklin County) transferred the title to
a 2001 Horton medium duty medic that had been
declared as surplus when they received a new
medic from Braun. This unit, built on a Ford F650 chassis will give up three response vehicles
when it goes into service in May. The truck is the
largest in our fleet and includes enough on-board
space for us to significantly expand our service
abilities. We'll have interior seating for 6 plus
exterior seating for 11 and carry 40 gallons of
bulk water in addition to the tent, heater, misting
unit, box fans, and all the other needs. We will
also carry two generators. When the new truck
goes into service, it will become Rehab 1 and will



"New" Rehab 1 - B. Barber photo

be quartered at Columbus Fire Station 1. The current Rehab 1 will become Rehab 3 & will relocate to Liberty Township Station 321 in Delaware County. Rehab 2 is kept at Washington Township Station 91 in Dublin, Ohio.

# 2013 Annual Awards Ceremony

On Sunday, April 21, Box 15 held our annual awards dinner at IAFF Local 67'a beautiful hall aka Station 67. About 76 people attended the buffet dinner as well as nearly 50 "on-duty" personnel who stopped by for the awards presentations.

The Max Haverman Award, given to a Columbus firefighter annually since 1986, was presented to firefighter Steven A. Siegwardt. Steve is a 32 year veteran firefighter/paramedic who has served most of his career at Station 14 in the south end. Steve is also a qualified EMS officer, and EMT/CPR instructor, and serves in the Training Academy with the recruit firefighters. Steve is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations throughout his career.

The Larry Parlett Award, instituted in 2005, goes to the outstanding County firefighter. It was earned this year by Battalion Chief Greg Collier, with Norwich Township. Chief Collier began his career with the Plain City Fire Department in Union County, serving from 1980 to 1983, then joined the Norwich Township Fire Department in 1983. During his career with Norwich, he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1999, then to Captain in 2004 and Battalion Chief in 2012. He also worked with the newly formed Jerome Township Fire Department in Union County from 1992 until 1999, serving as their first Fire Chief. Chief Collier is a 1980 graduate from Jonathon Alder High School and the Ohio Fire Academy in 1981. He also is a graduate of Grant Hospital's Medic School, is certified as an Ohio Fire Instructor and an Ohio Fire Inspector.

Both men are extreme professionals and are highly regarded by their peers. Box 15 is proud to add them to the ranks of our award recipients.



L to R - B/C Rick Gaal, Firefighter Steve Siegwardt, Box 15 President Brett Barber, Columbus Fire Chief Gregory Paxton & Box 15 P1O Robert Hata - S. Lewis photo



L to R - Jerome Twp. Fire Chief Scott Skeldon (the first Parlett Award recipient) and B/C Greg Collier - S. Lewis where

# Firefighter Rehab in Central Ohio

In the seven county region surrounding Columbus, we are fortunate that the need for firefighter rehab has reached many understanding ears. Central Ohio fire departments are fortunate to have several groups providing rehab for their local firefighters. Included in this group are Box 15, West Licking Fire District in Licking County, Union County EMS, Box 49 (Madison County EMA), Box 65 in Pickaway and Ross Counties, and most recently we are working with the Salvation Army in Delaware County to bring their mobile cauteen into the mix. We all communicate on a regular basis and are ready to provide mutual aid when requested. It is fortunate that we are this rich in resources in this area. Considering the response requested of the Boston Sparks Association, we're jointly working on a Mutual Aid pact.

# What a Deal!

In case any groups are in need of collapsible traffic cones, D&M Distributors in Columbus has a deal you might want to check out. 28" lighted collapsible cones for \$6.95 each. Contact them at (800) 524-2222 or at <a href="https://www.safetyserviceproducts.com">www.safetyserviceproducts.com</a>. Box 15 is only passing along this information. We receive nothing from D&M or the manufacturer. We just feel this is a great deal worth passing along.



Collegable cone diployed - Staff plants



Cone in collapsed condition - Staff photo

# And finally -

Congratulations to the Stark County FDRU, who launched their Firefighter Rehab Service on April 1 of this year.

We wish you nothing but success.

Box 15 is proud to have had a hand in getting you up and running.



Store Clark photo

# Region 5

Box 4 Fire Buff Assn., Inc.
Firefighting Historical Society, Inc.
Fort Worth Red Helmets
Greater Houston Fire Buffs
Signal "51" Group



By Wally Banks, Dallas, Texas

We are working on the 2014 IFBA Convention in Dallas,

we want to show you all of the buffing possibilities in our area, our two fire museums, and take you to the World's largest honky tonk and indoor rodeo. Bring your spurs.

Our area also has the JFK Memorial, Dealy Plaza, and the 6<sup>th</sup> 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

We hope to see you at:

- 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.

The year 2012 continued a trend of fewer multi alarm fires in the Dallas Fire Rescue Department we made fourteen less runs than in the year 2011... In 2012 the canteen made 62 runs including emergency runs to 1 one alarm fire, 23 two alarm fires, 16 three alarm fires, 3 four alarm fires, and 2 Mutual aid runs to neighboring cities. In the form of non emergency runs the canteen went to 7 Night Burns, 1 CFA Burn, 3 SWAT DPD DFR assist rescue runs, 1 Overhaul, and 5 Public Service runs such as the union Easter egg hunt, the Health/Safety Fair days at Dolphin, the two

Denton State School days, a funeral, etc..

Our volunteer members are on call 24/7 and we are available for dispatch by pager, radio, or blue light. The top ten members responding to the fire services needs were.....in first place Dale Aymond making 48 runs (77.41% of all runs); in second place Jerry O. Jones making 47 runs (75.80%); in third place were both Mike Hoskins and Karen Hoskins making 44 runs (70.96%); in



fifth place was Wally Banks making 42 runs (67.74%). Our sixth place responder was Larry Palmer with 34 runs (54.83%), in seventh place was Brett Willard making 31 runs (50.00%); in eighth place was Bill Manning with 30 runs (48.38%). In ninth place was John Billingham with 26 runs (41.93%), and tied for tenth place were Judy Stehle and Don Matson making 22 runs (35.48%). The other 21 Box 4 members made between 18 and 1 runs. We appreciate all those who volunteer and belong to the club. Box 4 continues to function as the largest mobile dispenser of Gatorade in Dallas.

A recap of some significant responses by our club since my last report include:

The first 4 alarm I will report was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2012during A shift. A 4 alarm fire was transmitted for a fire at the Advenir at Foxmoor Apartments at 10821 N. Central Expressway at Box 377519. At 1725 the first



alarm response was Engines 22/28/37, Trucks 37/41, Battalion Chiefs 03/04, and Rescue 28. At 1733 a second alarm was struck with Engines 19/20/41/57, Trucks 19/20/57, Battalion Chiefs 2/7, Deputy Chief 806, Rescues 19/41, and 684/685/782/829/896/USAR 19. A third alarm was requested at 1736 bringing Engines 55/56, Truck 56, and 601/813/832. The fourth alarm was sent at 1835 and Engines 8/17/35, Truck 17, and 700/804. Out taps were sent at 1923. One unit and the hallway were lost and 47 units were damaged.

The first five alarm fire of 2013 came in on January 10th at Box 430005, apartments at 3210 Chapel Creek a 2 story apartments on B shift. Units responding at 0716 were Engines 30/35/42, Trucks 11/43, Battalions 7/9, and Rescue 43 on the first alarm. We were assigned on the second alarm at 0720 along with Engines 2/43/47, Trucks 19/37/41, Battalions 3/4, Deputy Chief 807, Rescue 30, and 685/782/829/896/U19. A third alarm was struck at 0730 that was answered by Engines 1/11/41, Trucks 36, and 780/784/888. The fourth alarm was requested at 0746 with a response by Engines 17/20/37, Truck 17, and 801/808/812/813/814/818. A fifth alarm was ordered at 0825 that was answered by Engines 18/36/56 and 800/885. Out taps were sounded at 0923.

On January 29th we went to a 4 alarm fire in a large vacant tire shop with very strange architecture at 9500 Overlake at Box 432505 on B shift. The first alarm was at 0031 with Engines 30/35/42/43, Trucks 11/41, Battalions 7/9, and Rescue 43. The second alarm was struck at 0049 with a response from Engines 1/2/41, Trucks 36/37, Battalions 1/3, Deputy Chief 807, Rescues 19/47, and 684/685/784/829/896/USAR19. A third alarm was requested at 0109 with Engines 11/18/36, Truck 4 and 700/781/803/823/825/885. A fourth alarm was struck at 0137 which kicked out Engines 4/26/37, Truck 20, and 818/848.

On February 24th on B shift, we went to a 4 alarm fire at 1607 W. Mockingbird at Box 470011 at the DFW Gun Club a one story indoor gun range. Units responding at 1437 were Engines 1/11/47, Trucks 11/43, Rescue 47, and Battalions 01/09. A second alarm was requested at 1450 sending Engines 36/42/43, Trucks 04/19/36, Battalions 03/07, Deputy Chief 807, Rescues 19/33/42, and 684/685/782/829/896/USAR19. A third alarm was transmitted at 1505 garnering a response from Engines 18/41/45, Truck 41, and 784/825/882. A fourth alarm was requested at 1554 that had Engines 15/17/26, Truck 17, Chief 805, Rescue 4, and 848/885. The cause of the fire was announced to be a man firing tracer rounds into the rubber tire backstop which caused the ignition of same. The fire was tapped out at 1702.

On April the 24th we had the high honor of serving at the funeral of Dallas Captain Kenny Harris in West Texas. Lucky was a resident of West and joined the West Volunteer Fire Department in fighting the fire at the West Fertilizer Company. We provided coffee, water, and donuts.

Kelly Billingham completed her one year probationary period and became a full member of the club. We have two probationary members who have joined the club.

Box 4 is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013.

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.

(Note: Photos by Karen Hoskins.)





(Left and below): Joshua, TX firefighters arrived at the end of Briarwood Trail to find a large one story brick veneer residence heavily involved on Saturday morning December 22, 2012. Mutual aid was requested from seven area departments, including multiple tankers since there were no hydrants in the general vicinity.

# Photos of Interest from North Texas

All photos and captions by Jeff Harwell, jefflizharwell@sbclgobal.net



On Christmas Eve 2012 the Ft Worth, TX Fire Department answered a structure fire call on Race Street in the northeast part of the city. When companies had difficulty locating the seat of the fire in the one story strip center a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm was requested. Despite the large facade, the stores were actually very small, and once the fire was located it was easily contained.



On April 19, 2013 the paid firemen for Johnson County (TX) Fire District #1 were about to go off duty for the day when a structure fire was reported on Briarpatch Lane. Moments later the first arriving engine from the district reported smoke showing from a one story brick veneer residence. After a fifteen minute attack firefighters were able to control the fire.



The quiet afternoon of May 12, 2013 was interrupted by a working structure fire on Sundance Circle West near the city of Joshua, TX. The attached garage was fully involved on arrival but crews were able to keep the majority of the fire out of the main house despite the lack of fire hydrants.

# Region 6

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.



# By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

The 5-11 Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a weekend of events that was capped off with a dinner dance at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The dinner dance was a well-attended affair with Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago, and Local 2 President Tom Ryan, addressing the attendees. We would like to thank all our friends and IFBA clubs that supported the 5-11 Club in its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary either by attending or buying an ad in our ad book.

On Friday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the 5-11 Club and Region 6 Vice President Roz Dinoff hosted a Region 6 meeting at the Quinn Fire Academy followed with a pizza party and a trip to the sound-stage of "Chicago Fire". The tour guides from the production company let the group explore the mockup of Engine 18's house and answered all of the group's questions.

On Saturday morning, despite the cool temps and windy conditions, the CFD provided a cruise on Engine Co. 2, the Fireboat "Christopher

Wheatley" down the Chi-River. cago The **CFD** dive-rescue team put on a rescue drill at Monroe Harbor to cap the morning tivities. The group returned to the Fire Academy for a box

lunch and then boarded a CFD bus for transport to the Chicago 911 Center which is also known as O. E.M.C. (Office of Emergency Management and Communications). The Center is divided into two sections, the police side and the fire side. All 911 calls are received by the police side of the Center. Calls requiring a fire or EMS response are then transferred to the fire side for dispatching. All of the guests had a chance to see actual calls being received and then dispatched to the appropriate unit. The 911 Center is also in the midst of a multimillion dollar update of all the consoles used by the staff. Some of the group also visited the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Western hosted by Jack Connors. The 5-11 Club would like to express its sincere gratitude to Commissioner Santiago who opened many doors to make this celebration a success.

Fire action is somewhat slower than last reported with 18 multiple alarms during the first five months of the year. The most spectacular of these was a 5-11 with two special alarms for the four-story vacant warehouse at 37<sup>th</sup> and Ashland on the City's south side. The fire was first discovered

around 9:10 p.m. when a Special Operations Battalion Chief saw fire in several windows of the 225' x 350' "U" shaped mill joisted building. Within minutes. the structure was





Commissioner Santiago addressing 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary guests (Photo by Scott Stewart)

fully involved. The fire was growing so fast that the 4<sup>th</sup> alarm was skipped and immediately elevated to a 5-11 (5<sup>th</sup> Alarm) as 30 mph winds were sending flaming fire brands onto

nearby buildings to the north. A special call was made for two turret wagons and both hose wagons. At 9:43 p.m. additional special alarms brought in four additional en-

gines and four additional aerials to the scene. At least seven aerial streams (including three tower ladders) and four pumpers, using deck guns, were in use at points of vantage. The subzero temperatures and winds reduced the effective reach into the building as collapse of the roof and interior walls made control of the fire a long-term battle. The fire rekindled several times during the next week as demolition At the height of the 5-11 at 37<sup>th</sup> and Ashland (*Photo by Jim Mitidiero*) of the building proceeded. A veteran of many of these fires, a 1976 Chevy Turret Wagon (6-7-1) was "unretired" and used for several days to knock down walls with its 3000 gpm Stang Monitors.

Apparatus deliveries remain slow except for the new mobile command unit for O'Hare Field which will be placed into service at Rescue Station 1. Unit 2-7-8 replaces a well-worn 1994 unit with all new electronics and a satellite dish. The unit was built by EVI on a tandem rear-axle Freightliner Chassis. Rosenbauer is in the process of building four new, two rig, snorkel squads. Three snorkel units plus three box units are being built for City use and a new two rig squad will be assigned to replace Squad 7 at O'Hare. Two large capacity crash trucks, Oshkosh 4500 Series Chassis, are to be built next year. The new crash trucks will be equipped with 65' ex- 5-11 "Ice Palace" Warehouse the next day (*Photo by Jim Mitidiero*)

tendable booms with turrets. Two new foam pumpers are also on order to replace O'Hare Field's Engine 9 and Engine 10. Both will have 2000 gpm pumps, 1000 gallon tanks and 250 gallon foam tanks. Orders for two tower ladders are in the planning stages and an order for new ambulances is also being finalized.



The dispatch system for the Chicago Fire Department has now been completely converted to





O'Hare Field Communications Van, 2-7-8 (*Photo by Frank Fleming*)

a digital radio system for both the Main and the Englewood frequencies. Although some frequencies are still being used in analog for fire ground and command frequencies, you must purchase a digital scanner or listen to live streaming on the 5-11 Club website to continue fire buffing.

The Club canteens have been active with 27 runs this year. These included several special duty runs for the annual CFD Family Focus Day, an EMS Week Celebration at the Quinn Academy and a 28-hour disaster drill for a simulated tornado that

Club Muster at CFD Academy - 6/16/2012, (Photo by B. Bertog, www.5-11clubchicago.org website.)

involved over 200 volunteers.

Recently, the 5-11 Club was the beneficiary of a fundraiser held by the Axemen Motorcycle Club. Proceeds of the fundraiser were split between the 5-11 Club and the Children of Fallen Riders. We are grateful for the charity of the Chicago Axemen M.C.

Don't forget, the Annual Fire Muster and Flea Market is to be held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Quinn Fire Academy. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sadly, we must report the passing of longtime and life member, Paul Newberger. Paul joined the 5-11 Club in 1958 and passed away in March 2013.

A photo gallery of the 5-11 Club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary events of the weekend will be on our website www.5-11clubchicago.org. We always welcome visitors. Please call or send us an email and our members will do their best to make your visit a good one.



5-11 Alarm 3757 S. Ashland Ave. 1/22/2013. (Photo from www.5-11clubchicago.org website.)





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

#### By Jerry Traub

Membership has increased recently, with the addition of three new people. Unfortunately, one was with for only a short time, as Randy Brissey passed away April 15 from a medical complication. Mike Wenzlaff and David Hortemiller are accepted in 2013.

St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Indianapolis included our 1968 Maxim and a 1937 Diamond T with a shop-built squad body that was last in service at Station 14.

The indianapolisfirebuffs.org website was submitted for consideration of 2012-13 virtual award at Milwaukee convention.

Fire Engineering magazine's Fire Department Instructor's Conference was serviced from Saturday, April 20 to Wednesday, April 24. Club members used Rehab Support

units located at Lucas Oil Stadium for apparatus and vendor display staging. Five units (including one Salvation Army canteen) were assigned to HOTS training at various sites in Central Indiana April 22 and 23. Our '68 Maxim and chauffeur Dennis Chambers participated in IAFF Local 416

Pumper Pull on Friday of the conference.

Fire dispatch through text messaging to cell phones continues, as club-sponsored pagers have been recalled and returned for credit. Payment has been reduced significantly using the text approach.

Private Timothy C. McCormick and Specialist Cody S. Medley of IEMS ambulance staff were fatally injured in a traffic collision during nonemergency patrol. Driver of adverse vehicle disregarded a red light and t-boned their Medic ambu-

lance. RSU's furnished supplies during funeral visitation and memorial services February 18 and 19.

Following this tragedy, IFB members opened a discussion about our exposure to similar incidents as we operate in public. Members who had served in other groups/departments suggested inquiring about Accidental Death and Disabil-



IFB members Tres. Jerry Traub and Pres. Jim Williamson man RSU 1 at one of the FDIC HOT (Hands On Training) sites, April 22, 2013. Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com.

ity coverage. John Buckman directed the Insurance committee to an agency that handles Indiana Volunteer firemen's Association. AD&D proposals were received and discussed within the membership. During our April business meeting, a motion was made and passed to acquire a three-year, annual pay policy for all members.

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Spring/Summer 2013



Participants in the 2013 FDIC Pumper Pull pose for a picture. From all the smiles and the fact that most are still standing, this photo was probably shot before the event! Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com.

The Salvation Army continues to provide supplies for our Rehab Support units. To recognize their involvement, we had their logo and appreciation-wording decals mounted on each of our units. They have also offered the assistance of their ordained chaplains when needed for Fire Department or fire victim grief counseling.

We have received supplies of Gatorade and Propel water from Decatur Township (Marion County) FD. They protect a warehouse for these products in their fire district

Our Rehab Support for 2012 totaled 286 responses—one run every 1.27 days.

- 2 still alarms
- 78 box alarms
- 64 box alarms + extra company(ies)
- 15 second alarms
- 1 third alarm
- 1 third alarm + extra company(ies)
- 14 water dive incidents
- 20 urban search incidents
- 9 structural collapses
- 7 Fire/Incident investigations

- 17 assist police-SWAT
- 28 special details
- 18 training assistance
- 6 hazmat
- 1 mass casualty
- 1 rope rescue

So far in 2013, there have been 126 responses until June 1, compared to 83 in 2012.



IFB's RSU 3 set up and ready to rehab firefighters at the 220 S. Belmont, scene of a third alarm + building fire, June 15, 2013. All four RSU vehicles assisted at this event. Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com.



June 15, 2013: Burning news, as they say. As this issue of *Turn Out* was in production, a major warehouse fire occurred in Indianapolis. IFD, assisted by Wayne Twp., Decatur Twp., Speedway, Pike Twp., Indianapolis Airport, White River and Lawrence Fire Departments battled this third alarm plus extra companies blaze. Photographer's notes:

3-Alarm (plus several extra companies) Large Building Fire

Heavy smoke and fire upon arrival prompting defensive attack.

2nd and 3rd alarm, plus several more companies called within 30 minutes.

80,000 Square Foot warehouse containing large recycled tires, thousands of wood pallets, several building materials, and large heavy machinery. Exterior of building contained a 500 gallon propane tank.

Several neighborhoods surrounding incident evacuated due to smoke and falling embers. Four firefighter injuries (slight). Fire was called under control after over eight hours of incident time.

Hot spots and smoldering continuing for days.

Cause under investigation.

(Full report to follow in the Fall IFB article)

Photos by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com





By: Dan Rode

### Milwaukee Fire Bell Club



CHARTER MEMBER

Milwaukee	Fire	Bell	Club	activities	

The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club has been busy between responses as well as the preparation for the upcoming I.F.B.A. Convention being held here on July 09-13. 2012 ended up being a busy year for the club. Below you will find a brief review of our 2012 activities.

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- 01-11 5527-31 W. North Ave., Milwaukee (3rd alarm for a 2-story mercantile building)
- 04-06 1640 W. Bruce St., Milwaukee (2nd alarm + for scrap metal pile at Miller Compressing Co.)
- 04-12 9141 N. Rexleigh Dr., Village of Bayside (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a 1-story wood frame occupied ranch)
- 05-23 924 Milwaukee Ave., City of South Milwaukee (MABAS Div. 107 2nd alarm for a 2-story mercantile building)
- 05-26 4835 N. Iroquois Ave., City of Glendale (MABAS Div. 107 3rd alarm for three 1 1/2-story wood frame dwellings involved due to gas explo sion)
- 06-20 1227-29 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee (5th alarm for a 3-story mercantile building) (members left this location for the Oak Creek Box alarm)
- 06-20 10130 S. Warwick Dr., City of Oak Creek (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a garage fire in a large 2-story wood frame occupied dwelling)
- 07-01 1960 N. 26th St., Milwaukee (4th alarm for three duplexes, one dwelling, & two garages)
- 07-17 631 E. Center St., Milwaukee (5th alarm for a 2-& 3-story mercantile building)
- 08-05 7512 S. Howell Ave., City of Oak Creek (MABAS Div. 107 2nd alarm for a mass shooting at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin)
- 08-19 3770 S. 43rd St., Milwaukee (3rd alarm for a 2-story apartment building)
- 08-24 300-04 W. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee (3rd alarm for the vacant/under demolition Sidney HiH Bldg)

- 09-03 222 E. Main St., City of Port Washington (missing swimmer in Lake Michigan)
- 09-06 Lake & College, City of South Milwaukee (missing person search in Grant Park)
- 09-10 4561 S. Whitnall Ave., City of St. Francis (MABAS Div. 107 2nd alarm for apartment building)
- 10-09 8055 S. 35th St., City of Franklin (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a 1-story wood frame occupied dwelling)
- 10-21 708 Madison Ave., City of South Milwaukee (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a 2-story wood frame occupied dwelling)
- 11-04 9450 W. Watertown Plank Rd., City of Wauwa tosa (MABAS Div. 107 Still alarm for the WE Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant)
- 11-28 W4966 Jay Rd., Waubeka (MABAS Div. 119 3rd alarm for a barn)
- 11-30 1603 S. 81st St., City of West Allis (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a funeral home)
- 12-24 1741 Wauwatosa Ave., City of Wauwatosa (Wauwatosa P.D. LODD)
- 12-31 8021 W. National Ave., City of West Allis (MABAS Div. 107 Box alarm for a commercial building)

#### Training exercises

- 01-24 8510 S. Chicago Rd., Oak Creek (House burn) 01-25 1638 N. 33rd St., Milwaukee (M.F.D. Fire Re
  - cruit final burn)
    26 1638 N. 33rd St., Milwaukee (M.F.D. Fire Re
- 01-26 1638 N. 33rd St., Milwaukee (M.F.D. Fire Re cruit final burn)
- 03-20 404 N. 13th St., Milwaukee (Milwaukee & Racine Haz-Mat exercise at Materion Advanced Chemicals)
- 04-26 200 N. Harbor Dr., Milwaukee (Milwaukee County Transit System exercise)
- 05-04 8580 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek (Oak Creek F. D. R.I.T. seminar)
- 06-02 W55 N1555 McKinley Blvd., Cedarburg (Haz-Mat exercise at Kemps Dairy)
- 06-20 3806 E. Fitzsimmons Rd., Oak Creek (House burn) (members left this location for the Milwaukee 5th alarm fire)
- 06-21 3806 E. Fitzsimmons Rd., Oak Creek (House burn)
- 09-13 4059 W. Bradley Rd., Brown Deer (MABAS

	Div. 107 R.I.T. drill in the Beloit Beverage Co.
	warehouse)
09-21	6618 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee (MABAS
	Div. 109 Active shooter drill at B.I.T.)
P.R. ev	
01-01	2400 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee
	(Polar Bear plunge)
01-23	M.F.D. Engine 2's quarters (Dedication cere
	mony for Rescues 1 & 2 and Ambulance 1)
02-02	6680 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee (M.F.D.
	Fire Recruit graduation)
06-02	Bayshore Mall Safety Days
06-18	Funeral for Milwaukee Fire Bell Club member
	Harold Holtzman
06-23	Summerfest Rock 'n Sole Marathon
06-30	G.R.I.N.D. 5K Run/walk, Estabrook Park
07-03	July 3rd Fireworks at the Milwaukee Lakefront
08-06	Funeral for Milwaukee County Sheriff Sergio
	Aleman (Line of Duty death)
08-07	Funeral for Milwaukee County Sheriff Sergio
	Aleman (Line of Duty death)
08-11	Lakefront Air & Water show
08-12	Lakefront Air & Water show
08-22	Milwaukee Fire Local 215 Retirees Picnic at
	Maier Festival Park
08-24	Milwaukee Axemen M/C Dice Run
09-02	M.F.B.C. Vendor Fair at West Allis Knights of
	Columbus Hall
09-15	Thiensville Safety Days
09-20	M.F.D. Engine 30 100th Anniversary celebra
	tion
10-10	Milwaukee Fire Department Fallen Firefighter
	Memorial at Engine 2
10-21	M.F.D. Fire Cadet recruitment at Harley-
	Davison museum
10-26	M.F.D. Engine 31 100th Anniversary celebra
	tion

#### Totals

- (22) emergency incidents
- (11) training exercises
- (20) P.R. events

#### (53) runs

There have been some changes in our membership rolls. On January 19th, longtime Fire Bell Club member (46 years) and ex Milwaukee firefighter (1950-64) Art Nunemaker passed away. Art was heavily involved in the club, serving in various positions on the board over the years as well as the Canteen Chairman. Art, always the consummate gentleman, loved fire buffing and being in the ac-

tion. As late as 2009, Art was seen at the Patrick Cudahy fire helping pull 5" hose to establish an additional water supply. During the course of events, Art had pulled a bicep muscle. Always concerned for the firefighters, Art continued to work and assist in the Rehab operations. Several hours later during a lull in the activity, Art then sought medical attention. Art was loved by everyone and will truly be missed all. Take a break brother, we'll rewind the box for you. Rest in peace Art, my friend. On a happier note, congratulations go out to Dave Goltz, Lisa Lauridsen, and Andrew Paremski as they were elevated to Active member status and now can serve on the fire lines. Three new Associate members have been voted into the club, Stephen Kimble, Don Mitchell, and Vickie Mokros. Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishment!

At our recent Installation banquet, Keith Franz became the second member in our club to be awarded the Lifetime Membership. Keith has been active in our club since 1957 and has held every position in our organization. In addition, Keith has been very active in the I.F.B.A.-President (1973), Fire Buff of the Year (1973), and for many years was the Director of Publicity. Keith is still very active in the club, Milwaukee Fire Historical Society, Spaamfaa, and the Venerable Fire Museum. Congratulations to Keith on this prestigious honor!

The club recently received a grant from the Helen Bader Foundation. The money was used to paint, decal, and stripe Rehab 2. A tip of the helmet to Chris Callen and Nic Padway for their time and effort in sorting through the financial and legal aspects of the application to make all of this happen. And club member Annie Hermsen organized another successful craft fair on May 05th to benefit the club. In addition, members are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the upcoming convention. If you have never attended a convention, please consider attending Milwaukee. You can find information on the convention in this issue of TURN OUT, the website www.ifba.org, or our website www.milwaukeefirebellclub.org.



Driver and passenger side of Rehab 2 after paint/decal work. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

#### Milwaukee Fire Department updates

Since the last time we reported on the Milwaukee Fire Department (M.F.D.), there have been several changes. The 2013 budget cuts have affected the M.F.D. very hard. Engine Company 3 was disbanded on December 23, 2012, after 149 years of service on 1st & Virginia Streets in the Walker's Point neighborhood. This station is also the headquarters for the Dive Rescue Team. That same day saw Truck 1 relocated permanently (from Engine 1's quarters) into former Engine 3's quarters. We once again have a single truck house (at one time we had five of them). Also, on December 23, 2012, we saw Ambulance 1 removed from ser-

vice. Stationed at Engine 13's quarters, this unit responded on all full assignments in the city and assisted the I.C. in various duties. The daily brown outs continue with Engines 10/23, 11/27, and 32/35 paired together as sister companies. The companies alternate monthly being out of service, with the same crew switching houses. Engines 4 and 37 are now tasked as the Paramedic shuttles and are staffed by Paramedics in training.

The final statistics for 2012 are still being tabulated but greater alarms were on the increase with (27) 2nd alarms, (3) 3rd alarms, (1) 4th alarm, and (2) 5th alarms for 2012. So far this year it has been very slow with only (7) 2nd alarms and (1) 3rd alarm being recorded. Busiest companies for 2012 were: Engine 13 (3,693 runs), Truck 9 (2,256 runs), Rescue 2 (1,964 runs), Med 5 (4,758 runs), Battalion 1 (1,236 runs), and the busiest station was Engine 36/Med 5 (8,162 runs). Hopefully the action will pick up during the convention. Eight fire fatalities occurred in 2012 while there has only been two in 2013.

The M.F.D. has recently placed orders with Pierce for (7) engines and (2) trucks. Wheeled Coach received an order for (6) med units while (1) chief buggy, (2) staff vehicles, and (1) 4 x 4 A.T.V. are on order. The foam trailer has arrived and is being readied for service. Hopefully during our tour at Pierce we may see some of these new rigs on the assembly line.

Promotions have been slow lately, only major change is Deputy Chief Jack Christianson retired on March 17th. His replacement is Battalion Chief Daniel Berendt, promoted on April 28th. Congratulations to both gentlemen! A new class of 27 fire recruits graduated recently and were in the field on St. Patrick's Day. Several of the new fire-fighters were sent right away at 0800 hours on their first day in the firehouse with their companies to assist in the clean up at the 3rd alarm fire at 2239 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The fire destroyed a 2-

story ordinary constructed church and apartments with a 1story setback (auto repair shop). Adjacent buildings on the B & D sides hampered access to the fire building. Eventually four water towers were needed to put this stubborn fire out.

There have been some operational changes on the fireground. As of Janu-

ary, 2013, a battalion chief is now assigned to respond on all 2nd alarm fires as the Accountability Chief (filling a previous role of the now disbanded Ambulance 1). This chief will be the assistant to the I.C. and ensure the accountability of all personnel and apparatus on the fireground. The M.F. D. has begun to experiment with "Cold" runs (no lights/sirens) for certain types of calls. It is hoped to reduce the number of apparatus accidents and personnel injuries due to inattentive drivers. So far, responses to flushes (fluid removal at accident

scenes and trauma calls) are Cold runs and the effectiveness of this new initiative is being evaluated for further expansion.

Operational guidelines have been introduced to the field. Based on response types (i.e. structure fire, alarm sounding, wires down, etc.), each guideline recommends the riding po-



Water towers are shut down as crews begin mop up at the 3rd alarm fire at 2239 W. Fond du Lac Ave. on 03-16-13. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

sitions/assigned tools, personnel responsibilities, and best practices. All members are being trained in the guidelines and will adhere to them on the fireground/emergency incident. In addition to this daily training, the Training Academy has been hard at work installing new training props. The H.U.R.T. Team has installed a large **Technical Rescue** 

training simulator which consists of several large shipping containers configured in a horse shoe pattern. Training on rope, confined space, trench, collapse, R.I.T., and forcible entry now offer a variety of options for the team. Props for forcible entry and vertical ventilation have also been introduced to assist truck companies in enhancing their skills.

The M.F.D. continues to progress in shared services with its suburban neighbors. Effective December 14, 2012, the M.F.D. now sends resources

on Box alarms to the Cities of Greenfield. Oak Creek, and South Milwaukee in Milwaukee County as well as to the Village of Menomonee Falls in Waukesha County. A reciprocal Paramedic utilization program has been introduced on March 18th with North Shore, Wauwatosa, West Allis, Greenfield, and Oak Creek. The closest paramedic unit will



Exposure buildings on the B and D sides hamper access at the 3rd alarm fire on 03-16-13. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke



M.F.D. recruits begin vertical ventilation during their final burn at 2034 N. 30th St. on 03-06-13. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

now respond on the mutual border lines, regardless

of jurisdictional boundaries.

A new buzz word in the Milwaukee area fire service recently is Shared Services. Similar to M.A.B.A.S., beginning on June 03, 2013, the M. F.D. and communities adjoining the City of Milwaukee borders (North Shore, Wauwatosa, West Allis, Greenfield, Oak Creek, and St. Francis) will now

participate in automatic aid with each other. M.F. D. Command Staff and Chiefs from the participating communities have been working diligently the last 6 months to address training, communications, water supply, and various issues to ensure a seemless transition. Beginning in May, the suburban chiefs have been notified of all working fires and greater alarms in Milwaukee. Several chiefs have taken the opportunity to take a look at M.F.D. operations. Also, for the past 2 months, the M.F.D. and the participants have been hosting meet and greet sessions with each other. Members of these seven fire departments are ready to forge working

relationships that will help to increase operational readiness and safety for all of its members and benefit the citizens who rely on these services.

# **Milwaukee Fire Department 2013 Convention overview**

The Milwaukee Fire Department (M.F.D.) was organized as a full paid department on January 01, 1875. Today, the M.F.D. is under the command of Chief Mark A. Rohlfing. There are three bureaus in the department: Support Services, E.M.S./Training/Education (E.T.E.), and Operations.

\*Support Services, under the command of Assistant Chief Gerard Washington, consists of the Administrative Division, Construction & Mainte-

nance Division (Repair Shop), and Technical Services Division (includes dispatch).

\*E.T.E., under the command of Assistant Chief Michael Romas, consists of the E.M.S. Division

and Training Division.

\*Operations, under the command of Assistant Chief Daniel Lipski, consists of the Firefighting Division and Special Operations Division.



M.F.D. recruits prepare for the interior attack at their final burn on 03-06-13. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

The M.F.D. currently operates 35 Engines, 15 Trucks, 2 Rescue Companies, 12 Paramedic Units, 1 Fireboat, 5 Battalions, 1 Deputy Chief (Citywide Shift Commander), 1 Incident Safety Officer (I.S. O.), 1 Fire Investigator, and a variety of specialized/support apparatus operating out of 36 firehouses. The M.F.D. also provides full time fire and EMS protection to the Village of West Milwaukee since May 01, 1991. Staffing on each Engine, Truck, and Rescue Company is one Officer (Lieutenant or Captain), one Heavy Equipment Operator (H.E.O.), and two Firefighters. Each Paramedic Unit is staffed by



Fire Bell Club members Brad Gruenewald & Gary Fedder cook brats and hot dogs for the hungry fire recruits at their final burn. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

one Paramedic Officer and one Paramedic.

Personnel work 24 hour shifts (0800-0800 hours) which are color coded: red, green, and blue. All members are trained as State of Wisconsin Level II Firefighters, E.M.T.-D, and Hazardous Materials Operation level. Members are actively involved in various fire safety initiatives including Project FOCUS (Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety)-distribution of smoke detectors, Survive Alive House, school fire drills, pre-fire planning, and building inspections. In addition, the M.F.D. operates several Special Teams:

\*Haz-Mat Team: The team is one of eight State of Wisconsin Level A Regional Response Teams with 75 members.

\*Heavy Urban Rescue Team (H.U.R.T.): The team responds to emergencies involving technical rope, confined space, trench, structural collapse, and R.I.T. with 90 members. Several members also belong to Wisconsin Task Force 1.

\*Dive Rescue Team: The team responds to river, lake, swiftwater, deep dive, and maritime emergencies with 45 members.

\*Tactical Emergency Medical Services Team (T.E.M.S.): The team consists of paramedics with specialized training to operate with law enforce-

ment in warrant executions, high-risk entries, and S.W.A.T. incidents with 25 members.

\*Marine Operations Team: The team is responsible for operating the Fireboat Trident and the side scan sonar system with 20 members.

\*Incident Command Post (I.C.P.) Team: The team operates the Incident Command Post at all 3rd alarm fires/major incidents and Rehab area with 20 members.

Below you will find a current Milwaukee Fire Department station/apparatus roster which will be of use during your stay at our convention.

#### Milwaukee Fire Department Station/Apparatus Roster

#### 1st Battalion

784 N. Broadway & E. Wells St. (W)
E1 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)
Compressed Air Supply 2 2005 Ford F-550/McCoy-Miller
Mini-Rescuer
E40(R) 1995 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500
Med 32(R) 2006 International/Medtec

755 N. James Lovell St. & W. Wells St. (E) E2 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

TL2 2006 Pierce Dash 100 ft. tower ladder (X)

Car 3 2012 Chevrolet Suburban (Deputy Chief-Citywide Shift Commander)

Car 18 2005 G.M.C. Yukon (Incident Safety Officer)

Car 14 2001 Chevrolet Suburban (Fire Investigation Unit) Compressed Air Supply 1 2005 Ford F-550/McCoy-Miller Mini-Rescuer

Med 20 2005 International/Taylor Made (S)

Decon Trailer 2005 Wells Cargo

E.M.S. Gator 1999 John Deere 6 x 4 A.T.V.

T24(R) 1999 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

Car 3A(R) 2003 Chevrolet Suburban

Paramedic Bicycle Response (P.B.R.) Team

#### 100 W. Virginia St. & S. 1st St. (S)

TL1 2006 Pierce Dash 100 ft. tower ladder Rescue Co. 3 2006 Pierce Lance Heavy Rescue Dive Rescue 2 2005 G.M.C. Yukon

Mobile Air #1 2010 Eagle Air/AirQuest S.M.T. trailer

E45(R) 1996 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

E46(R) 1999 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

E52(R) 1999 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

E53(R) 1999 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

Bn. 8(R) 2005 G.M.C. Yukon

#### **1313 W. Reservoir Ave.** & N. 13th St. (N)

E5 2009 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

Bn. 1 2012 Chevrolet Suburban

Med 7 2011 International/Medtec (B)

T25(R) 2004 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

#### **1693 N. Franklin Pl.** & E. Brady St. (E)

E6 2006 Pierce Dash 1500/500/50 (L)

#### **2050 N. Palmer St.** & E. Lloyd St. (W)

E21 2009 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 6 2009 Freightliner/Medtec

#### **2647 N. Bartlett Ave.** & E. Park Pl. (E)

E27 2009 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

T5 2003 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

#### 1551 N. 30th St. & W. Galena St. (E)

E32 2011 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500/30 (L)

T9 2012 Pierce Arrow XT 105 ft. rearmount aerial

T.E.M.S. 1 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe (Tactical Paramedics)

#### 1750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., end of Slip B, McKinley

Marina (S)

Fireboat 1 "Trident" 2007 39 1/2 ft. Metalcraft Marine "Firestorm 36" 3500/0/75

#### 2nd Battalion

#### 2901 N. 30th St. & W. Locust St. (E)

E13 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 30(R) 2005 International/Taylor Made

#### 3628 N. Holton St. & E. Nash St. (W) (M)

E18 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

T21(R) 2000 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

#### **8814 W. Lisbon Ave.** & N. Tucker Pl. (S) (M)

E22 2003 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30

Mobile Air #2 2010 Eagle Air/AirQuest S.M.T. trailer

E48(R) 1999 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

#### **4927 W. Fiebrantz Ave.** & N. 50th St. (N)

E24 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

T13 2006 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

Rescue Co. 2 2005 Pierce Dash Heavy Rescue (X)

Bn. 2 2012 Chevrolet Suburban

Bn. 9(R) 2003 Chevrolet Suburban

#### 2903 N. Teutonia Ave. & W. Locust St. (E)

E30 2001 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T12 2005 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

6205 W. Burleigh St. & N. 62nd St. (N)

#### E34 2011 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 13 2006 International/Medtec

#### **4060 N. 27th St. &** W. Hope Ave. (W)

E36 2006 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 5 2009 Freightliner/Medtec

#### **3rd Battalion**

#### **5600 W. Oklahoma Ave.** & S. 56th St. (S) (M)

E10 2001 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T17 2010 Pierce Arrow XT 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X)

Med 18 2009 Freightliner/Medtec

#### 300 S. 84th St. & W. Honey Creek Pkwy. (W)

E25 2004 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Haz-Mat 1 1997 Freightliner FL-106 tractor/Marion trailer

Haz-Mat 2 2007 Ford F-450/Knapheide

Decon Trailer 2005 Wells Cargo

#### 1140 S. 26th St. & W. Scott St. (W)

E26 2006 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 3 2008 International/Medtec

#### 424 N. 30th St. & W. St. Paul Ave. (W)

E28 2000 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Med 14 2009 Freightliner/Medtec

#### 3529 S. 84th St. & W. Morgan Ave. (E) (M)

E29 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 21 2006 International/Medtec (S)

E49(R) 1996 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

T23(R) 2002 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

# 4515 W. Burnham St. & S. 44th St., Village of West Milwaukee (N) (M)

E33 2003 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Bn. 3 2012 Chevrolet Suburban

High Volume Hose Unit 1987 Pierce/Barnett-Mack 1500/500

(carries 2,100 ft. of 5" L.D.H.)

Emergency Support Unit 1 (E.S.U. 1) 1971 International/

Gerstenslager/Welch (mobile kitchen)

Emergency Rehab Unit 2 (Rehab 2) 2008 Chevrolet Ex-

press/2010 Holiday Rambler/

Monaco Coach Corp./Burlington RV Specialty Vehicles

(mobile restroom)

E42(R) 1998 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

Med 33(R) 2006 International/Medtec

Bn. 6(R) 2005 G.M.C. Yukon

#### 100 N. 64th St. & W. Fairview Ave. (W) (M)

E35 2001 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T16 2005 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X)

#### 4th Battalion

I have also enclosed the M.F.D.'s greater alarm protocol for your use during your stay in Milwaukee.

#### M.F.D. Greater Alarm Protocol

<u>Alarm</u>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Trucks</b>	Rescue Co.	Med Unit	Bn. Chief	Misc.
1	3	3(*)	1	1	2(+)	Car 18
2	3	2	-	1	1(%)	Car 3
						Compressed Air Supply Unit
3	3	1	1	1(#)	2(^)	Engine 9 & I.C.P.
						Engine 12 & Rescue Co. 4
4	3					
5	2					

<sup>\*=3</sup>rd Truck is designated as R.I.T.

#### **3174 S. Chase Ave.** & E. Euclid Ave. (W) (M)

E7 2001 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30 Bn. 4 2012 Chevrolet Suburban

Med 15 2008 International/Medtec

#### 2526 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. & E. Otjen St. (W) (M)

E11 2003 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T6 2004 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

Chemical Supply Unit 1998 Ford E-250 Cargo Van (carries

A.F.F.F. & Hi-X Foam containers)

Hi-X Foam Unit 1973 Rockwood Jet-X foam generator Dry Chemical Unit (2) 150 lb. dry chemical wheeled extinguishers

T22(R) 1998 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

#### 1400 S. 9th St. & W. Greenfield Ave. (NW)

E12 2001 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T11 2005 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

Rescue Co. 1 2008 Pierce Dash Heavy Rescue (X)

Rescue Co. 4 2006 Freightliner CL-120 tractor/Hackney trailer

#### 6074 S. 13th St. & W. Boden Ct. (W) (M)

E14 2005 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T8 2002 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X)

#### 4653 S. 13th St. & W. Layton Ave. (E) (M)

E17 2000 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Med 17 2009 Freightliner/Medtec (B)

Med 35(R) 2006 International/Medtec

#### 2130 W. Oklahoma Ave. & S. 22nd St. (W)

E23 2003 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T14 2004 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

T26(R) 2000 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial

#### 2400 S. 8th St. & W. Hayes Ave. (W)

E31 2011 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500/30 (L)

#### 5th Battalion

#### 9511 W. Appleton Ave. & W. Birch Ave. (NE) (M)

E4 2003 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T3 2011 Pierce Arrow XT 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X)

Med 16 2008 International/Medtec

#### 5585 N. 69th St. & W. Silver Spring Dr. (E)

E8 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

E41(R) 1998 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

#### **4141 W. Mill Rd.** & N. 42nd St. (N) (M)

E9 2008 Pierce Velocity 1500/500/30 (L)

Med 4 2011 International/Medtec (B)

I.C.P. 2009 Freightliner MT-55/Utilimaster/L.D.V. (Incident

Command Post)

#### 10320 W. Fond du Lac Ave. & N. Bourbon St. (SW)

E16 2004 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Bn. 5 2005 G.M.C. Yukon

E51(R) 1995 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

Med 34(R) 2005 International/Taylor Made

Bn. 7(R) 2003 Chevrolet Suburban

#### 5335 N. Teutonia Ave. & W. Custer Ave. (E) (M)

E37 2005 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

T15 2004 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X)

E43(R) 1999 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

#### 8463 N. Granville Rd. & W. Donna Dr. (E) (M)

E38 2004 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30

Med 19 2011 International/Medtec

Decon Trailer 2005 Wells Cargo

<sup>+=1</sup>st B.C. is the Command Chief, 2nd B.C. is the Support Chief.

<sup>%=</sup>Accountability Chief.

<sup>^=</sup>One of the B.C.'s is Car 5 (Special Ops. B.C.) assigned as the R.I.T./Safety Chief.

<sup>#=</sup>Med 4 responds to establish the Rehab Sector.

Foam Tank 1 1995 Knowles/Hettich trailer 0/1025 Foam Tank 2 1995 Knowles/Hettich trailer 0/1025 E44(R) 2000 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30 Med 31(R) 2006 International/Medtec

**8025 W. Bradley Rd.** & N. 81st St. (N) (M) E39 2005 Pierce Dash 1500/500/30 T7 2003 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial (X) E47(R) 1994 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500

#### **Support Facilities**

711 W. Wells St. & N. James Lovell St. (N) Bureau of Support Services, Bureau of Operations, Bureau of E.M.S./Training/Education, Administration Division, Budget & Finance Section, Special Operations Division, E.M.S. Division, and Chief Medical Officer

118 W. Virginia St. & S. 1st St. (S) Construction & Maintenance Division

2333 N. 49th St. & W. Lisbon Ave. (NE)
Fire Communications Section, Technical Services Division
(Data Processing and Research & Development),
City of Milwaukee Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.)

2059 S. 20th St. & W. Vilter Ln. (E) Survive Alive House

#### 6680 N. Teutonia Ave. & W. Elm St. (W)

Training Division, Community Relations Section, Vehicle Operations Section

E50(R) 1994 Emergency-One Hush 1500/500 T30(R) 2002 Pierce Dash 105 ft. rearmount aerial Mobile Survive Alive House 1 1998 Chevrolet Silverado/1997 Scotty "Mobile Concepts" trailer Mobile Survive Alive House 2 2001 G.M.C. Sierra/2000 Scotty "Mobile Concepts" trailer Haz-Mat Training Trailer 1995 Wells Cargo trailer

#### **LEGEND**

B=Bariatric response unit L=700 ft. of 4" L.D.H. M=M.A.B.A.S. Division 109 Transfer House R=Reserve unit S=Surge Unit activated during mass casualty incidents, disasters, terrorism events, etc. X=Extrication company

A letter in parentheses next to the address denotes which direction the structure faces.

That is about it for now. Everyone stay safe out there and we look forward to seeing you here in Milwaukee in July. Enjoy your summer and happy buffing



Box 4, Dallas, TX buffs operate at the scene of a fire. Rumor has it that Wally Banks has promised at least one extra alarm fire during that Dallas IFBA convention in 2014! Photo by Mark Duval.

# Region 7

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 of Santa Clara Valley Kept Busy As April Proved to Be A Challenging Month for Firefighters

By John Whitaker

The month of April, 2013, proved to be busy for the members of Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley (FASCV) as our on-line blog (fascv. blogspot.org) reported on at least 11 different incidents during the month. The highlights of the month included responding to 4 fires in San Jose, 3 incidents in Sunnyvale, 2 fires in Santa Clara County Fire's jurisdiction, and 1 each in the cities of Mountain View and Milpitas. It should be noted that Fire Associates supports 11 different fire departments located within Santa Clara County's approximately 1,300 square miles.

A representative sample of those incidents follows.

As a general rule, Fire Associates only responds to multi-alarm incidents. But a house fire in the City of Saratoga proved to be the exception to the rule as a set of tricky circumstances caused firefighters to be on scene for an extended period

of time. Because of this, the IC requested Fire Associates assistance when we inquired as to whether our services would be helpful.

At approximately 7:45 P.M. on Friday, April 5, received reports of a fire. Photo by Bruce Dembecki house ablaze at 18565 Aspesi Drive in Saratoga. Arriving units found parts of the building well involved with power wires down around the building and concerns with threats to exposures on two sides of the building. With the multiple



Clara County firefighters survey the damage at a house fire in Saratoga. Photo by Bruce Dembecki

issues, and the well-involved nature of the fire, it was quickly determined to handle this incident in a defensive mode and the firefight was made from outside the residential structure.

While it appeared there was a knock down, when crews entered the building later, there were pock-

> ets of active fire which quickly grew, forcing a withdrawal from the building and another switch into defensive The building mode. was well-involved in several sections includthe ing garage (including parked



Santa Clara County Fire FASCV Fire Support Unit 2 on scene of the Saratoga house

car), and the rear bedroom. With the switch to defensive mode, the incident was held at a full first alarm.

With units on scene for nearly 90 minutes already, and an active firefight underway again, Fire Associates member Bruce Dembecki called County Communications to see if a Fire Support Unit could be useful on scene. The IC quickly responded with a very firm "Yes, Please!", and Fire Support Unit 2, a custom-built 2008 Ford 550 with utility box, was dispatched to the incident.

Bruce arrived with the support unit at 9:40 P.M., almost 2 hours after the first reports of fire came in, and was met by FASCV members Jerry Haag and Dan Wong. Santa Clara County Fire's Hazmat 2 unit had formal rehab set up on the west side of the fire and FSU 2 quickly joined them and provided cold drinks and CLIF Bars to weary firefighters.

The fire was under control at approximately 10:30 P.M. and fire units were starting to be released. Support Unit 2 remained on scene providing cold drinks and snacks to firefighters until being released with all but one engine around 11:15 P.M.

The most serious fire of the month was a house fire in San Jose that resulted in two fatalities.

Just before 9:00 P.M., on April 15, Fire Associates was called to a house 949 S. Daniel Way, in San Jose. Neighbors first reported the fire to the San Jose Fire Department shortly before 8:30 P. M. The first engine on scene reported flames showing from the "Charlie" side on the structure and additional flames rolling out the "Alpha" side front door. Additionally, neighbors reported that the home was occupied by an elderly woman and her adult son -- and they were not present outside the structure



San Jose firefighters at work to extinguish a blaze that resulted in two fatalities. Photo by Craig Allyn Rose

As firefighters quickly attacked the blaze with multiple hose lines, truck companies were assigned to do a primary search. It was not long before the 95-year-old woman was found in a rear bedroom. Firefighters brought her out through a window and CPR was immediately started. Unfortunately, she could not be revived and was pronounced deceased on scene. The body of her son was found later in the night, still in the building. The double fatalities had a profound effect on all the emergency personnel on scene.

Meanwhile, high winds threatened to spread the fire and a third alarm was called. Fire Associates was paged as part of the multi-alarm dispatch and



Rehab at a San Jose house fire was a busy place as fire crews took moment to relax. Photo by John Whitaker

Whiteside John sponded with Fire Support Unit 2. He was met on scene by **FASCV** members Jerrv Haag, John Whitaker, Dan Wong, George Hovt and Walter Huber (guest). A rehab area was quickly established and firefighters were provided with lots of hot coffee windy April evening.



and nutrition bars on Two San Jose Truck Companies put out the final embers at a San an unusually cold and Jose house fire. Photo by John Whitaker

It's not often that a fire in a debris pile escalates into a 3-alarm house fire, but that's exactly what happened on April 17 in East San Jose. With a steady, warm wind blowing, sparks or flames from a backyard pile of vegetation climbed up the exterior wall of the 2-story home and into the attic space.

Neighbors spotted smoke from the fire and called the San Jose Fire Department to the house located at 2169 Ruby Ave.

The involved homes' lone occupant was asleep at the time the fire started and was a w a k e n e d b y neighbors pounding on the door. He was able to escape the building with no apparent injury.

The first-arriving fire units immediately went into attack mode while later-arriving firefighters protected the homes to the south of the blaze. The first BC on scene reported that he found the

flames "blowing horizontally out of the upper-floor windows like a blowtorch." The house next door to the involved structure had a metal roof and there was serious concern that burning embers could be blown underneath the roof and ignite the wood rafters.

When a third alarm was called for the blaze, Fire Associates

was paged and John Whiteside arrived in Fire Support Unit 3. He was met on scene by FASCV members John Whitaker, Dan Wong, George Hoyt and Walter Huber (guest). A formal rehab area was set up in an adjoining driveway and firefighters cooled down with lots of ice cold water, Gatorade and lemonade.

The most spectacular fire of the month occurred just south of downtown San Jose when a historic bicycle shop caught fire.

One of San Jose's oldest buildings burned in a 3-alarm fire on April 25. Built in 1885, the wooden, Victorian structure suffered severe fire damage and may be lost to preservation-

ists. Firefighters found the entire second floor of the structure ablaze when they arrived at 702 S. First Street. When a third alarm was called at 9:52 P.M., a Fire Associates response was requested for Rehab support.



neighbors pounding on A blast of water hits the former home of Faber's Cyclery during the door. He was able overhaul operation. Photo by John Whitaker

This structure was familiar to many San Jose residents as it had served as a saloon, blacksmith shop and bike shop for approximately 128 years. For the past several decades, the building has been leaning at what appeared to be a severe angle while still being occupied. As drivers entered the southbound Interstate 280 freeway onramp, located directly across the street from the business, the former home of Faber's Cyclery was a hard-to-miss landmark.

Because of the building's inherent stability issues, the firefight operated primarily in a defensive mode. At one point, live wires came down

forcing fire crews to temporarily abandon several of their rigs in response to a "Life Safety" alert. Firefighters did an amazing job keeping the damage basically confined to the second floor of the entirely wood building.

Bruce Dembecki and Don Gilbert arrived at the fire in Fire Support Unit 2 and a rehab area was quickly established on a sidewalk near the command center. Hot coffee, cold drinks and CLIF Bars were provided as the usual fare. Rehab was in operation until tired fire crews were released shortly after midnight.

#### Book Review

### Fire Strikes the Chicago Stock Yards

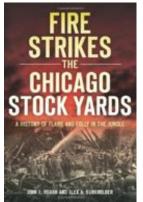
By Ed McMichael, Turn Out Staff

In the cold darkness in the morning of December 22, 1910, twenty-one Chicago firefighters and three civilians lost their lives at a massive fire at the Chicago Stock Yards. This loss of firefighter lives would stand as the largest death toll of an organized fire department in the United States until 9/11/2001.

Included among the firefighters making the supreme sacrifice was Chief Fire Marshal James Horan.

Authors John F. Hogan and Alex A. Burkholder skillfully tell the story of that fateful day. A short history of the Chicago Fire Department is presented, along with notable extra-alarm fires over the years, and of course, the history of fires at the Stock Yards. Called the "most combustible urban square mile on the planet," the Stock Yards were home to numerous major fires. Contributing to the fires' severity were a lack of an adequate water supply, low water pressure, and predominately all-wood structures within the yard.

Published by the History Press (www.historypress.net), *Fire Strikes the Chicago Stock Yards* describes conditions before, during, and after December 22, 1910.



This book is a definite read for any Fire Buff, and especially those interested in the history of the Chicago Fire Department. As one who didn't know much about the department's history beyond the 1871 Great Chicago Fire attributed (incorrectly?) to O'Leary's cow, it was interesting to learn more. The authors' description of the conditions that existed, which were certainly related to the ultimate outcome, is presented in a way that showed their research and knowledge, but it also made the reading interesting. This book is not a typical "facts and figures" history lesson that you would read in high school. Rather, it is history being presented in a living fashion, and in a way that makes the reader long for more.

*Fire Strikes the Chicago Stock Yards* by John F. Hogan and Alex A. Burkholder, 160 pages, is available from the History Press on-line, Amazon.com, and your local book-seller. Highly recommended!

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# Region 9

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

#### Frigid February brings Fires!

The month of February has produced some of the coldest and snowiest events over the years. February 2013 proved to be no exception!

Thursday, February 7, 2013 was a cold, cloudy night with the temperature bottoming out at 26 degrees. A major winter storm was forecast to

arrive in the next 36 hours but there was no trace of snow that day. Not the worst of winter nights but not necessarily a walk in the park either! As the hour struck 4, Bayview Ave. in Jersey City had a different type of storm – a firestorm to be exact!

Box 733 was struck at 0401 hours for a fire at 210 Bayview Ave., a relatively quiet residential block in the city's Greenville section, made up entirely of 2 family homes separated by 3 foot alleys. The location is a toss up for the first 3 engines; about equi-distant from them all. Although 3<sup>rd</sup> due, Eng. Co. 22 arrived

first to find a 2 ½ story frame dwelling heavily involved. Capt. Robert Deppe reported "We have 2 buildings going; give me a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm". It is a fairly rare occurrence for a company officer to transmit a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm. Two minutes later, Capt. Deppe gave an

even more rare order, "Transmit a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm"!

Fire was roaring out of every window of the original building and now heading both east and west to similar buildings on either side. Resident of nearby

homes fled for their lives as flames leapt high into the frigid night air. However, Ladder Tower 4 set up its master stream and helped save the neighborhood from destruction. 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm

companies reported to the rear of the buildings on Wilkinson Ave. and stretched handlines to cover severely exposed buildings on that block. Shortly after his arrival, Deputy Chief Michael Terpak struck a 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm. Despite the now icy conditions, companies moved in aggressively to confine the fire to the 3 homes originally involved.

Two of the homes partially collapsed, making for a long and tedious overhaul operation. Companies would work on extinguishing small pockets of fire until 1213 hours when the incident was terminated. Car 26,

the Gong Club canteen, was chauffeured by Deputy Chief Pat Spellman and a crew of 5 operated for 3.5 hours, serving 7 gallons of coffee and 10 gallons of hot chocolate.



**2/7/13 4-4 733 208-12 Bayview Ave., Jersey City** Tower Ladder 4 starts water on this fire that engulfed three 2 family dwellings. (Photo by Capt. Kevin Gorman, FDJC)

#### Rundown:

0401 Box 733 Eng. Co. 8-19-22-17 Lad. Co. 4-8 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 MSU Car 20

0406 2-2 733 Sqd. Co. 4 Eng. Co. 13-10-9 Lad. Co. 12-9 Batt. 4 Car 3-26

0408 3-3 733 Eng. Co. 15-5-11 Lad. Co. 3 Batt. 1 Car 1-10-30

0425 4-4 733 Eng. Co. 14-6 Lad. Co. 2

0534 S/C Batt. 3

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The heaviest snowfall of the year came the next

day. Although we were spared the nearly 3 feet of snow that fell in Long Island, NY and the Boston area, a foot of snow blanketed Northern New Jersey making for some treacherous travel. However, no major fires occurred during the storm and fire activity remained relatively light for the following week.

The Presidents' Day weekend brought bright sunshine but bitter cold. By Sunday evening, February 17, 2013, the thermometer had dropped to 18 degrees. Precisely at 1500 hours, the Hoboken Dispatcher turned out all companies to a working fire at 72 Madison St. How, you may ask, did the

dispatcher have such insight? Well, the fire was right out the back door and up the block from the historic Hoboken firehouse on Observer Highway!

This is the same house featured on the Fall 2012 cover of TURN OUT, surrounded by the flood waters from Hurricane Sandy.

In fact, the exposure building to the fire had been wrecked by the flood and was sitting there unrepaired and unoccupied. A towering plume of smoke was visible from as far away as The Bronx. Its origin was in a wooden rear porch that lit up swiftly and spread quickly to the vacant building to the north.

Hoboken Batt. Chief Palmisano arrived and called

for mutual aid, but help was already on the way! The location is only 2 blocks north of the Jersey City border. Eng. Co. 6 and Batt. 1 were on the air in their district, spotted the column of smoke and headed to investigate. Acting Deputy Chief Michael Borrelli also spied the smoke and took it in. He conferred with the incident commander and called for an FDJC assignment to respond directly to the fire. Eng. Co. 5-17 and Lad. Co. 3 responded and mustered at

Hoboken Lad. Co. 2's

fight. A tough 2 hour

results; the fire did not

extend past 72 and 74

Madison St.

quarters to join the

battle brought good



**2/18/13 3-3 1500 Harbor Blvd., Weehawken**North Hudson land companies battle this blaze that heavily damaged 3 pleasure craft (Ron Jeffers Photo)



The following morning, February 18, 2013, was equally as cold and clear and also equally as smoky! Traffic was light due to the holiday,

fortunately, as the action was a short distance from the entrance plaza of the Lincoln Tunnel. This fire was nautical, at a marina at 1500 Harbor Blvd., Weehawken. North Hudson companies responded at 0745 hours to a reported boat fire. The marina is used year round, but most boats are in storage for the winter. However, a large pleasure craft was heavily involved and, as luck would have it, boats were tied up on either side of the burning vessel.

The clear sky was blotted once again by an inky black column of smoke. F. D. N. Y Marine Co. 1, directly across the Hudson River, saw the smoke and raced across the river in their fast attack vessel, Marine 1A. North Hudson's and Jersey City's boats were underway as well. With 3 boats now ablaze, Deputy Chief Michael Cranwell transmitted a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm, followed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm at 0755 hours.

Despite fireboats from 3 Departments and 2 states on the scene, the draft was too shallow for any of the boats to pump. Try as they might, only a muddy slop could be thrown by any of the boats' deck guns. Land companies charged a dry standpipe that runs the length of the main pier of the marina and fought the fire with handlines from the floating docks. The fuel tanks of all 3 craft became involved, requiring foam to be used to complete extinguishment. Jersey City Eng. Co. 10 and the Quick Response Vehicle of the foam task force were special called, but did not see any action. 5 gallon containers of foam and handlines completed the job. Although the marina is nestled between piers with residential and commercial buildings on either side, neither pier was in danger.

Car 26 operated at both the Hoboken and Weehawken fires, with crews of 5 members dispensing a combined total of 7 gallons of coffee and 9 gallons of hot chocolate to the frozen fire fighters.

#### **BACKDRAFT!**

Not the popular 1991 movie set in Chicago, but the real deal occurred in Harrison on Sunday March 10, 2013! Traditionally, the second Sunday of

March is the day for both the Jersey City and the West Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parades. The Gong Club canteen, Car 26, had been washed and primped for the Jersey City Parade but just as we were about to leave quarters at 1100 hours, the Harrison frequency came alive with a report of a fire at 602 N. Rodgers Blvd. (N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.). The Harrison Fire Department has fallen on hard times of late and has been running only 2 engine companies. Upon arrival, Harrison Eng. Co. 3 reported a working fire followed by urgent transmissions for lines to cover the exposures as fire was extending rapidly.

Neighboring Kearny and East Newark both rolled companies immediately. Kearny Eng. Co. 1 and Tower Ladder 2 covered the front while the volunteer fire fighters from East Newark covered the rear, via Davis St. along the south side of the fire building. With fire extending in 2 directions, it was difficult to tell where the fire originated. Investigation following the fire pinpointed the origin to the rear northwest corner of 600-2 N. Rodgers Blvd., a 2 story brick structure with a restaurant on the ground floor and a hall used for religious purposes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Pressed for manpower, the companies on scene focused on the exposure building to the north, a 2.5 story structure housing several dwelling units at 604-8 N. Rodgers Blvd.

Not only was the exposure to the north heavily involved, fire was also extending to an occupied, attached row of 2 story frame dwellings at 34-8 Davis St. Additional mutual aid was requested by both Harrison and East Newark. Jersey City dispatched Batt. 3, Eng. Co. 17, Lad. Co. 9 and the Mask Service Unit / Safety Officer at 1118 hours. Car 26 diverted from the parade plans and responded as well. North Arlington responded with their Eng. Co. 3, Tower 1 and Rescue 5. The mutual aid companies went right to work, Jersey City to the original fire building and North Arlington to the north.

Car 26 arrived on the scene shortly behind the



3/10/13 5-5 600-8 Rodgers Blvd., Harrison
A backdraft at this fire injured 5 Jersey City Fire Fighters. Reality imitates art! Just as in the 1991 Movie, "Backdraft", Eng. Co. 17 (FDJC) is in the thick of the action! (Brian McCaffrey Photo)

Jersey City companies. Conditions were deteriorating rapidly and thick, black plumes of smoke blanketed the area. As we scouting out a position to set up rehab operations, a thunderous roar was heard followed by a cloud of black smoke that darkened the corner of Rodgers Blvd. & Davis St. "Backdraft!" the cries rang out! The crew of FDJC Lad. Co. 9 was evacuating the fire building and was blown down a flight of stairs into the street. Batt. 3, Batt. Chief Ken Ratyniak, was in the street but showered with glass from the explosion. All hands focused on the injured fire fighters, who were all transported to the Jersey City Medical Center.

A 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm was transmitted, bringing FDJC Eng. Co. 22, Lad. Co. 12 and Batt. 4, along with Kearny

Eng. Co. 3 and 4. Flames were now leaping into the clear, sunny skies from the 2 buildings on N. Rodgers Blvd. Master streams were deployed, eventually bringing 3 ladder pipes and 2 tower ladders into play. A 5<sup>th</sup> Alarm was struck, bringing additional companies from North Arlington and Lyndhurst to the fire.

Car 26 operated for nearly 8 hours. A crew of 6 members served 6 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons of Gatorade, 4 gallons of hot chocolate, 3 pizzas and 9 gallons of beef stew. Thirsty fire firefighters also downed some 105 bottles of water.

The backdraft, captured on video by 2 onlookers, was circulated widely on the internet. The incident also



3/27/13 4-4 678 23-33 Belmont Ave., Jersey City
Early stages of a tough fire. Large trench cuts flanking the exposure buildings saved the day!
(Ron Jeffers Photo)

sparked a call from the Chiefs of Department from the other Hudson County municipalities for Harrison to address their manpower situation. Harrison is now running their ladder company again and changes to the mutual aid running assignments have been implemented to dispatch more companies to working fires in Harrison.

#### TRENCH CUT SAVES THE DAY!

Fires in row dwellings are all too common in the tightly packed streets of Hudson County. These are some of the most difficult fires to fight, all too often resulting in the loss of several buildings. Such thoughts were in the minds of Jersey City fire fighters when Box 678 was transmitted at 1205 hours on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 for a fire at 27 Belmont Ave. Less than one year prior, on April 6, 2012, a 6 Alarm fire ravaged 10 buildings on Claremont Ave. April 6<sup>th</sup> is not a good date! In 1993 on that date, one block to the south of the Belmont Ave. address, a 3rd Alarm fire decimated a row of homes 1t 15-31 Astor Place, also on Box 678.

Squad Co. 4 arrived to find fire belching from the windows of a 3 story row brick dwelling. The fire building was midway in a row of a dozen similar attached dwellings. It was obvious that a lot of help was needed quickly. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarms were struck within 10 minutes of the initial alarm.

Ladder companies scrambled to the roofs of the exposure buildings and picked out spots 2 exposures down from either side to make their stand. Saws and axes went to work, cutting two wide trenches the length of the

buildings. Meanwhile, engine companies stretched handlines into several buildings to attack the fire from within. Fire vented nicely from the top floor windows of the fire building and eventually the top floors of the two nearest exposure buildings spewed flames as well. However, the combined efforts of companies working the interior and cutting the roofs proved successful. Fire was held in check to the 3 buildings. The remaining buildings in the row, at 23 through 33 Belmont Ave., although smoke damaged, were saved!

A tip of the helmet to the Bayonne Fire Canteen for assisting at this operation. Rundown for the fire as follows:

1205 Box 678 Sqd. Co. 4 Eng. Co. 9-8-17 Lad. Co. 12-4 Res. Co. 1 MSU Batt. 4 Div. 1

1209 WF 678 Eng. Co. 5 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 1

1210 2-2 678 Eng. Co. 15-7-6 Lad. Co. 6

1215 3-3 678 Eng. Co. 13-11-14 Lad. Co. 3 Batt. 2

1225 S/C Marine Unit

1228 S/C Batt. 3

1248 4-4 678 Eng. Co. 19-North Hudson Eng. Co. 9 Lad. Co. 8

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# Region 11

Metropolitan Fire Assn. of Atlanta, GA

Central Florida Fire Buffs

South Florida Rehab & Emergency Support Team

# **Metropolitan Fire Association**

ATLANTA, GA

By: Jeffrey A. Harwell

The following information provides more details into Atlanta's two biggest fires of 2012, both of which were briefly mentioned in the previous two Turn Out issues:

March 15, 2012 140 Mitchell Street SW

0913 E 6, 10, 16, T 1, 10, 11, B 2, 5 0915 E 1 0916 Air 7 0920 B 3 0927 E 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, T 14, 15, 16, DC1 0931 F721, F725, F728 0937 EMS1 0947 E 25, 28, T 12, 29 0951 T 25 1013 E 2

On the morning of March 15, 2012 a dishwasher working in a downtown Atlanta restaurant noticed flames coning from the utility room at the rear of the building. He and the building's other two occupants exited through the front door and called 911. The fire building was one story ordinary construction and measured 100' x 28'. Attached multi-story structures were located on both sides of the restaurant. There was limited access to the rear of the restaurant due to an elevation difference.

Engine 1 had to force entry at the front door and encountered heavy smoke conditions and zero visibility as they entered the structure. Squad 4 was ordered to the roof to initiate vertical ventilation. Companies on the interior reported fire

above them with an immediate need to get to get ceilings pulled. Soon thereafter fire was observed coming out of the vent hole made by Squad 4.

With conditions not improving a second alarm was requested at 9:27 am. Interior operations continued for the next 20 minutes until conditions had deteriorated enough to prompt command to order all companies out of the building to start a defensive attack. At the same time command requested a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm. All master streams were shut down at 10:30 am and companies cautiously reentered the building to extinguish hot spots. The confine and control phase was declared at 10:47 am. Damage to the building was estimated at \$150,000 with content damage estimated at \$50,000. The fire originated in the rear utility room, but the cause could not be determined.

May 1, 2012 3133 Continental Parkway SW

2042 E 14, 20, 30, T 2, 16, 38, B 5, 3 2046 B 2 2047 Squad 4 2048 E 9, 17, T 25, B 4 2050 T 14, Air 7 2051 E 25, T 31 2053 E 31, T 11, DC 1 2055 E 2, 38, T 1, 10, F721 2056 EMS1 2058 EMS2 2101 E 5, 16, 22, 34, T 15, 21, 26

Around 8:40 pm on the evening of May 1, 2012, a security guard making his rounds at the Tyler Perry Studios noticed a small fire in the window of the A side of Studio 4. Within a matter of sec-

onds he reported the fire spread rapidly and radioed his superior to call the fire department. First due units normally assigned for this address were tied up elsewhere which resulted in the unusual 1st alarm assignment into Company 5's territory in southwest Atlanta. Truck 14 was one of the first



In November of 2012 the City of Roswell donated a reserve engine to the Island Park (NY) FD after their apparatus and equipment was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. MFA member Mike Korsch was the chauffeur for the long trip to Long Island. Accepting the rig is Island Park Chief Ruscio who is the gentleman to the right of the passenger door with the gray sweat shirt. Mike is next to the grab bar to Chief Ruscio's right (with the sunglasses). Photo by Dave Samuelson

units to clear a call on Glenview and started heading toward a column of smoke they observed south of Highway 166. They ended up being the first truck company to arrive on scene at 8:57 pm (four minutes behind both Engines 17 and 20). By this time the entire front facade of Studio 4 was fully involved from the first through fourth floor and spreading rapidly to surrounding buildings. This factor led to four alarms being sounded in 20 minutes. Multiple aerial streams, deck guns, and 2-1/2" and 1-3/4" handlines were placed in service to halt the fire spread. All ladder pipes were shut down by 9:27 pm. The cause of the fire was listed as undetermined. Dollar loss was not listed.

The building of origin (Studio 4) was reported to be a four story 75,000 square foot structure of fire resistive construction. There were actually no doors or windows on the A side of the building where the fire started. The wall on this side was originally covered with a wood framed facade wall that was sheathed with Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and covered with an unidentified type of foam board. This highly combustible surface was involved in the ignition and aided in the

rapid fire spread. The A side of Studio 4 faced a 'Main Street' type movie/TV set for outdoor filming. Five similar type buildings also fronted the 'Main Street' set, with three buildings on each side. The fire traveled up and down the 'Main Street' feeding on the highly combusti-

ble facades of each building. Thus arriving units observed what appeared to be conflagration type conditions due to the appearance that there were six four story buildings heavily involved.

In other Atlanta news, a total of nine KME Predator 1500gpm/500gal water/60gal foam pumpers are in the process of being delivered. These units will go to Engines 1, 6, 16, 17, 24, 28, 32, 35, and 40. Four of the engines will be stationed at the Atlanta Airport (Engines 24, 32, 35, and 40), so these units will receive a fresh coat of Airport Green paint. Three 101 foot KME Predator Aerial Cat tractor drawn ladder trucks are also in the process of being delivered. They will go to Trucks 1, 14, and 16. Also on the drawing board is a new heavy rescue truck (Squad 4), a 3000gpm/2000gal foam truck (Foam 28), three battalion vehicles, three response sedans, three trucks for the air shop, one decon apparatus, and one swift water rescue response vehicle. The next budget year calls for the replacement of four additional engines and 2 additional aerials. Plans are also moving forward for the renovation for Station 7in preparation for the return of Engine 7. The city council voted in January to bring back Engine

7, which was closed in 2008 due to budgetary reasons. The renovated station will also house a Quick Intervention Crew (QIC). This type of unit - basically a SUV type vehicle for EMS calls - was created in early 2013. The first two units were housed at Station 4 (309 Edgewood Avenue) and Station 16 (1048 Joseph E. Boone).

The headline story involving the local fire service came on April 10, 2013 when a 55 year old man requested an ambulance at his Swanee home for chest pains. You can't get much more routine than that. But when the Gwinnett County Engine and Medic unit arrived on scene the male subject

pulled a gun on the emergency responders and held them hostage for the next 3-1/2 hours. At that point negotiators believed the lives of the hostages were in danger and a SWAT team moved in. One of the SWAT members received a gunshot wound to the hand while the gunman was killed in the ensuing shootout. The hostages escaped with only minor injuries.

We'll try and have more detailed reports in the next issue of Turn Out on two major fires that have struck the Atlanta area during the last six months.



Last year Forsyth County placed a new engine and ladder in service. Truck 14 was established on McFarland Parkway in the south part of the county and became the department's 2nd aerial behind Truck 1 in downtown Cumming. Engine 7 is housed in a new station in the Silver City community in the north part of the county and is one of 12 engine companies currently in service. Thanks to Forsyth County Fire Chief Danny Bowman for providing the MFA with the images..



