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Region 5

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September 28, 2006

Greetings Fellow Fire Buffs,

It is a pleasure and honor to write to you as the President of the International Fire Buff Associates Inc.

The IFBA is a tremendous organization that brings together so many people from various "walks of life" bonded by their dedication to and appreciation of the fire service. Whether it is staffing a canteen on a cold winter night, or staffing the community fire museum, fire buffs are an integral part of the fire service.

I am hoping to meet several of you throughout the coming year and look forward to seeing many buffs in Cambridge, MA next August 8th through the 11th for New England FireCon '07, the 55th Annual IFBA Convention.

The NEFCON '07 committee has been in preparation for nearly three years to welcome the IFBA back to the Boston area and Region 1. We last gathered in the area in July 1984. It's hard to believe it was that long ago! We have put together what we think is an excellent program that will showcase the New England Region and the rich fire service history in the area.

Our hotel, the Royal Sonesta overlooks the historic Charles River and the Boston skyline. Historical landmarks, several firehouses and many fine restaurants and points of interest are within walking distance. The MBTA; also known as the "T" is the public transportation network that can deliver you to several key locations in a short period of time. Please visit our web site for additional convention information. (www.nefcon07.com).

I wish you all success and the best of health in the coming months and hope you will be able to join us in August 2007 in the greater Boston area, the "hub" of fire buffing!

Yours in Fire Buffing,

Gerard E. Mahoney IFBA President 2006-2007

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MESSAGE FROM IFBA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM M. MOKROS



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January 28, 2007

To: All IFBA Member Groups

Subject: Membership Roster, Dues Notice, Turn Out publication and Convention

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According to the By-Laws of the IFBA, Article 10 "Membership Roster" reads: "All Active Member Groups shall furnish the IFBA Executive Office, as of January 1st of each year, an up-to-date Membership Roster showing the official mailing



Address of the Group and the names and addresses, including e-mail address, of <u>only its Officers</u>. These Rosters are intended only for Association business and shall not be made available outside the Association for solicitation or any other purpose."

Therefore, in compliance with our By-Laws, kindly forward one (1) copy of your updated roster of Officers to the Executive Office at the address above. Please include the total number of your membership. This is our only means of verifying membership when answering various requests that are received by this office from individuals throughout the country. PLEASE NOTE: These rosters are to be sent only to the above address and should be received by June 1, 2007. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to designate the number of membership cards you need when returning your Dues Notice form with your check to our Treasurer Paul Schaetzle. No cards will be sent unless this designation is made. This will eliminate any confusion that could occur at our convention, as membership cards are required for admittance to the Annual Meeting.

TURN OUT: It was decided at the 2005 convention that TURN OUT would be published on-line at the IFBA web site (http://www.ifba.org). TURN OUT will be edited and published by the Indianapolis group led by Jerry Traub. Information about the magazine may be found on the IFBA web site.

Our current schedule of conventions includes: 2007 Cambridge, MA [August 8-11], 2008 in Racine, WI [August 13-16] and 2009 in the Washington D.C. area. We look forward to having your club represented at these upcoming conventions. They provide a great opportunity to renew and make new acquaintances. We also encourage your club to actively seek new and younger members to carry on the traditions of fire buffing and the IFBA organization. If you have any programs or ideas concerning this effort, please convey them to your Regional Vice President.

We appreciate your continued support of the IFBA and look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Executive Office

January 28, 2007

To: All IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members

Subject: Nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award—2007

According to Article 8 of the IFBA By-Laws, all Active Member Groups and Associate Members are eligible to submit nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" award to be presented at the 55th Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the convention banquet.

Names of candidates for the award along with a resume stating the reasons for the person's nomination must be received by the Executive Office no later than June 1, 2007 in order to be considered by the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for the 2007 presentation. The IFBA operates on a fiscal-year basis, July 1 to June 30, for this award.

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

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

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

Sincerely your in good Fire Buffing,

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"HENRY N. WILWERS FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR" AWARD

We, the members of the "Fire Buff of the Year" Committee, would like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize IFBA's interest in the continuation of this Award for many years to come, and to expand somewhat on the information contained in the accompanying letter from the Executive Vice President regarding the nominations for the 2007 Award.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phil Reid, Chairman Noel Kerkhoff Stuart M. Nathan

REPORT OF 54TH ANNUAL IFBA CONVENTION, SEATTLE, WA, JULY 18-22, 2006

Registration began Tuesday evening at Red Lion Hotel, 5th Ave, Seattle.

Wednesday morning opening session was held.

This was followed by the Executive Board meeting where reports were given, as noted in minutes published in this special edition. One new club presented from Waukesha, WI for membership. All old business matters were cleared from the agenda. New business included discussion of possible Internet on-line Spring business meeting rather than visit to convention city. This will not be changed now. Possible presidential appointment of Region 4 vice-president, since no candidate was provided from region. Tabled to business meeting Friday. Next Spring board meeting March 24, 2007, Cambridge (Boston) MA.

Future conventions were previewed that evening, at Cambridge, MA in 2007 and at Racine, WI in 2008.

Thursday was an all-day bus trip and lunch to Washington state fire training academy, North Bend. Hands-on for those who got to ride in airport crash rigs to deluge aircraft fires. (Photos included in this edition)

Friday was delegates' meeting. All items from the Exec board meeting were resolved or referred to committee for further study. Slate of candidates for new officers approved. Afternoon had workshops and/or Boeing airplane plant tour.

Friday evening was Seattle Mariners vs. Boston Red Sox baseball game at SAFECO Field for those who bought tickets, or visiting stations and fire dispatch.

Saturday was a trip to Seattle FD training center with apparatus displays and demonstrations. **Driest training center in the U.S.** (Photos included in this edition)

Saturday evening banquet and closing ceremonies, as new officers and regional vice-presidents were sworn in. Fire Buff of the Year award. Great buffet meal and many door prizes. Hospitality Room was open for the last time. (Photos in this edition)

Sunday noon several convention attendees boarded cruise ship for Alaska.

Thanks to the Seattle buffs and outgoing president, Carl Kietzke, for a good time in a lovely city. We'll see you next year at the other end of Interstate 90 in Cambridge, MA.

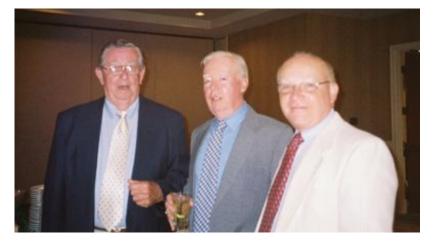
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Convention Pictures



Horse-drawn Ahrens Fire Engine Co. Engine No 123, purchased by the city of Everett, WA, in 1906 for \$5,675. Replaced later by motorized equipment, it was sold to a lumber mill. When no longer needed there, it was given back to city of Everett. It was later nicely restored by Everett firefighters.





The Jersey gang enjoys a quiet moment at the social hour preceding 2006 Seattle convention closing banquet. From left, Bill Hicks (Bell and Siren of Newark), Jim Carey (Gong Club Inc) and Ira Cohen, IFBA Resource director.



IFBA Executive Vice President Bill Mokros presents gavel to incoming national president Gerard Mahoney, Cambridge, MA, at closing banquet for 2006 Seattle Convention.



Newly elected IFBA president Gerry Mahoney (left) shares the podium with Executive Vice President Bill Mokros (right) for swearing-in at 2006 Seattle Convention banquet.

Loneliest fire hydrant in America—



covered to avoid being used until environmental issues are resolved at SFC Training Center.



SFD Special Operations Tunnel 1, rescue unit at SFD Training Center display during 2006 Seattle convention.



SFD Engine 26 at Training Center display on Saturday. 1996 E-One Protector.



Aircraft fire response vehicles #1 and #2 on station at Washington State Fire Training Academy, North Bend, WA.



Training control has ignited aircraft hull fire simulator at Washington State Fire Training Academy, North Bend, WA.



Aircraft fire response to simulated hull fire at Training Academy by Unit #1. Buffs were allowed to occupy responding units and work suppression nozzles.



Seattle Fire Dept COM-1, displayed at the SFD Training Center Saturday morning at 2006 convention.



SFD Ladder 8, 1992 Spartan/LTI 100' rear mount, displayed at SFC Training Center Saturday morning.





(Above) Seattle FD recruits responding during ladder exercise at training tower, Washington state academy.

(Left) Additional ground ladders (including Bangor, not often seen) were requested by IC at Washington State fire training academy exercise for SFD recruits.



Port Townsend, WA Fire Dept classic displayed at SFD Training Center during 2006 Seattle convention.



SFD Marine Emergency Response U 99, displayed at SFD Training Center during 2006 Convention.



Red Lion Hotel, 1415 Fifth Ave, Seattle, WA—headquarters for Emerald City II Buffcon, July 18-22, 2006.



Well-known and often-quoted Visiting Fireman food critic Ira Rubin (center, with bib, Gong Club, Inc.) working hard testing Washington BBQ and side dishes during lunch at state training academy day trip.



SFD Hose Tender 18 displayed at 2006 convention. 1969 Kenworth/Heiser.



SFD (retired) Kenworth on display during 2006 convention outing.



Just a few minutes walk from Red Lion hotel, famous Pike Place Market was visited by most to see the "fish guys" and THE original Starbucks coffee shop.



Seattle Fire Buff Society canteen response unit, working at SFD Training Center display during 2006 convention.



SFD Hazmat Response Unit 77 at Saturday display, SFD Training Center.

Photos by Jerry Traub

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Greetings from the North Shore of Greater Boston, the crossroads of Fire Districts # 5 & # 13. Lynn Fire News

July 6th the Lynn FAO began receiving multiple calls for an explosion in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Chatham Street. Engine # 10, first on scene, had heavy fire showing from a 3' alley between a cluster of buildings on the corner. A one story Taxpayer block housing "John's Roast Beef," a sandwich shop, seemed to be the origin of the fire. On the BRAVO side of the building, the alley barely separated a wood frame real estate office from the fire building. On the CHARLIE exposure was a 2 story wood frame house. DELTA exposure was Chatham Street. Companies began an interior attack. Conditions deteriorated rapidly with the companies pulled out just before the roof failed. Checking the CHARLIE Exposure units found fire had extended and went to work. This turned into a tough operation with units having to open up the 1st story floor. Unknown at the time, the cellar of the taxpayer extended to the building in the rear and permitted the fire to spread.

0241	City Box # 23	Engine # 10-5-1 TL # 4 H-
1 C-4		
0247	WF-23	Medic-1 Ladder # 1
0249	2-23	Engine # 3-7-9 C-2
0255	S/C-23	Ladder # 2
0433	3-23 SWP	-E21, NHT-E31, REV-E5
0641	2-2-23	3

On July 21st, Medic # 1 placed their new ambulance in service. That evening it would get its first workout. At 1906 hours the FAO transmitted a Box after receiving a Central Station Automatic Fire Alarm and a call reporting a fire at 99 Laighton Street. Almost immediately the office was deluged with calls reporting a building fire with people

Directors:

Julian Olansky Donald Beliveau Frank Fitzgerald

trapped. An additional truck company and Medic # 1 were sent on the Box. As C-4 responded a large loom up was visible in the sky. C-4 ordered the Second Alarm while still en route. Lynn PD Signal Room notified the FAO that their officers were reporting a building fully involved with people trapped. Engine # 1 arrived to find fire showing from one apartment and a report of a woman trapped on floor 2 of the 2 ½ story, wood frame, 10 unit OMD. The crew ran a $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " line to the rear along with a roof ladder. The roof ladder was brought to the roof of a shed and thrown to the window. With the hoseline operating to knock back the impinging fire, a member of Eng. # 1 brought the woman down over the ladder. Additional companies arrived and stretched two 2 1/2" lines to attack the fire. Another serious victim was found and with multiple patients, The Lead Paramedic on Medic # 1 declared a Level II Multi-Casualty Incident. This activated the C-MED Center and called more ambulances to the scene. The building was partially sprinklered with 2 heads operating along with the handlines performing manual extinguishment; the fire was knocked down. 1906 City Box # 545 Engine # 1-3-7 Ladder # 2

H-1 C-4 1906 S/C-545 Medic # 1 1907 S/C-545 TL # 4 1908 2-545 Engine # 5-9-10 C-2 C-1 S/C-545 Action Ambulance BLS-1914 105 BLS-64 (Phase II MCI) S/C-545 Action Ambulance ALS-1915 30 (Multiple Critical Patients) 1926 S/C-545 Action Ambulance BLS-67 1941 Fire Under Control

2120 2-2-545 On September 24th at 0014, City Box # 621 was received from the street. First arriving companies found police officers attempting rescues from an occupied multiple dwelling. The fire quickly went to a Second Alarm with a request for an additional BLS ambulance.

0014 City Box # 621 Engine # 9-7-3 Ladder # 2 H-1 C-4

0020 2-621 Engine # 1-5-10 Ladder #

4 Med 1 C-2

0020 S/C-621 Action BLS 107 0029 S/C-621 FIU K-7 K-11

0105 2-2-621

Area Fire News

The largest fire to strike the Town of Nahant in forty years ravaged a large house on May 14th, 2006. The house was a 3 story 40'X 40' Victorian Style of wood frame construction with a full cellar. Reportedly the occupant made Tie Dye Clothing on premises and had his shop in the cellar. There is an unconfirmed report that included with the dye and fabrics were four drums of acetone. At 2305 hours, Town Box 113 was transmitted for 25 Pleasant Street. Nahant PD was receiving calls for a cellar



Fire rips through Nahant House. Photo by Box # 41 Member Pat Carritte

fire. As the apparatus pulled out of the station, a heavy rain beat down. Nahant has a two permanent (PFF) firefighter staffing level with one member driving the first due engine and truck. This is followed by a second engine staffed with called back permanent and call firefighters. As they approached, heavy fire was already visible. On Engine # 31 PFF Mahoney ordered the Second Alarm on arrival at 2310 hours and pulled a 1 3/4" attack line. A long driveway led up to the house with trees alongside it.

This and the soggy lawn made it difficult to get the apparatus up to the building. PFF Howard on Ladder# 31 threaded the 1979 Maxim 100' RM aerial through the trees and transmitted a Third Alarm at 2318 hours. Engine # 32 dropped a 4" supply line into Eng # 31. Eng # 31 then opened up with their deck gun. Ladder # 31 set up their ladder pipe and hit the BRAVO side of the building fed by Lynn Engine # 5. The house was fully involved on arrival and threatening exposures. Additional hand lines and master streams were quickly setup. Chief of Department Robert Ward arrived and took command. Chief Ward transmitted a Fourth Alarm at 2352 hours. The fire consumed the entire structure. Although some pieces of apparatus became stuck in the muddy ground, had it not been for the rain and hard work of the responders, the loss in the tightly packed area would have been worse. Units began to be released around 0200 hours with the All Out not sounded until 0515 hours. On the way home, around 2 O'clock, Revere Ladder # 2 assisted Lynn Engines # 3 & 10- Med # 1- H #1 and Action Ambulance BLS 107 at a Motor Vehicle Crash with entrapment on Route 1A, also known as the Lvnnwav.

2305 Box # 113 Engine. # 31-32 Ladder # 31 2310 2-113 Swampscott Engine # 21, Lynn Engine # 5, Lynn Ladder # 1, Chief # 301

Cover Revere Engine # 5,

Marblehead Engine, Lynnfield TL # 1 2318 3-113 Revere Engine. # 5, Mhd Eng, Lynn Eng # 1, Lyf TL #1 RIC Peabody Engine # 5

Cover Saugus Engine # 1, Salem

Engine, Revere Ladder # 2

2352 4-113 Saugus Engine # 1, Salem Engine, Beverly Engine, Revere Ladder # 2

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Lynnfield Engine #1, Hamilton Lad # 1 0515 2-2-113

The Town of Saugus has seen a few fires also. On April 2, 2006 Saugus PD Dispatch transmitted a box for a building fire at 566 Lincoln Avenue in the Cliftondale section of the town. First due Engine # 1 (the "Essex Street Express") found fire showing from the rear of a 3 story mixed commercial-residential structure 120' X 30'. Eng # 1 stretched a 1 3/4" hand line to the rear and started to hit the fire with their 1000 gallons of tank water. Eng. # 3 and Lad #1 from the Saugus Center Station arrived. Engine # 3 dropped a 4" supply line and began stretching another 1 3/4" line to the front door while Lad #1 went to the front of the fire building, threw their stick and started taking out windows.

Working Fire Signal was transmitted and Wakefield Eng # 2 responded as the Rapid Intervention Company. With fire extending, the Incident Commander ordered a Second Alarm. Lynn Engine # 9 first due on the "Deuce" was ordered to stretch a line to back up Sau Eng # 3. Lynn Ladder # 2 went to floor one with Saugus Engine #1 and the Lynn Engine for "open up". The Melrose Engine, second due, brought an additional line to the rear to assist Saugus Eng # 1 with exposure protection. Meanwhile Saugus Ladder #1 opened the roof. The Wakefield Engine was put to work by stretching a line to the commercial occupancy on floor one to stop fire extension there by opening ceilings. A Third Alarm was struck. Revere Eng # 5 dropped a feeder line to the front of the building for possible ladder pipe operations and then ran another attack line to the commercial occupancy on floor one. The Pump and Truck from Malden assisted with interior operations. There was extension to floors #2, #3 and the roof. The fire was placed under control at 0115 hours.

On July 20th, 2006 Saugus fire responded to a report of a house fire in the Oaklandvale section of the town. Companies arrived at 115 Lynn Fells Parkway to find a house at the end of a driveway winding about 2 stories above the roadway and set back behind trees. The fire building was a single family home of wood frame construction 40' X 25' one and a half stories in height. Saugus Eng. # 3 and Lad # 1 had heavy black smoke coming from the roof and front door. A Working Fire was ordered and Engine # 3 started a 1 3/4 "attack line to the front door off the tank. Lad # 1 began horizontal vent of the windows and then went to open the roof. Engine # 1 dropped a 4" feeder into Eng # 3 and then pulled a second crosslay into the building to back up the first. The Incident Commander struck the Second Alarm summoning S-2 Capt. Tom Nolan and Chief of Department James Blanchard C-1. Wakefield Eng # 2 responded as the RIC on the Working Fire and Melrose Eng # 3 was first due on the Second Alarm. The Melrose pump took a line to the rear of the house and worked into the building. Lynn Eng #9 and Lad # 2 arrived with the Engine isolating the utilities in the cellar and both companies assisting on lines and opening up. Fire had penetrated to the attic and run the length of the roof. Multiple ground ladders were thrown for access and an additional handline was stretched to extinguish the fire. One Saugus firefighter was treated and transported by Cataldo Ambulance Service ALS. All Out was at 0518 hours.

Two days later fire again struck when a vacant house went up near the town center. The house carried an address of 97 Main Street but you would have been hard put to go to the front door that way. Once again this structure was about two stories above grade with a convoluted approach. The house was 2 stories tall 16' X 20' with a 1 story 12' x 18' addition and had been vacant for many years. The first call was received at 1154 hours. Upon arrival the house was fully involved and a Working Fire was ordered starting the Wakefield RIC. First arriving Engine # 3 pulled 250' of 2 1/2" with a straight tip on a playpipe and had to drag it 150' uphill on a steep path and through some woods to reach the fire. Lad # 1 set up in the parking lot of a wood frame church which was exposed. Eng # 1 dropped a feeder into Eng. #3 and then pulled another 200' of 2 ½" with a combination pipe to hit the fire. An additional Engine was special called to the fire. Melrose Eng # 3 pulled into the rear of the church and brought up another attack line. At this point Engine # 1's Pump was relocated and with help from Lad #1's crew opened up with a deluge gun. This succeeded in knocking down the blaze but it was necessary to raze the structure to complete extinguishment. Saugus Engine # 2 was brought to the scene with called back firefighters and the fire was placed under control at 1400 hours.

The City of Salem has been visited by the "Red Devil" also.

On May 16th, 2006 Salem FAO transmitted City Box # 219 at 2047 hours for a reported fire at 10 Howard St. with Eng # 1-2 Lad # 1 and Dep. Chief Munroe responding. Eng # 1 arrived to find fire on floor 2 and began to stretch in. Lad # 1 began its primary search and had to evacuate many occupants. Luckily this was a sprinklered building. Thanks to the early detection, suppression and great salvage work by the Salem Fire Department no inhabitants were displaced. All Out was sounded at 2115 hours. On May 28th, 2006 a box was transmitted for 353 Lafayette Street for a reported fire with a burn victim. Engine # 1-5 Ladder #1 and Dep. Chief Harrington responded. Companies arrived to find a grease fire extended. One woman received 2nd and 3rd degree burns while attempting to limit the fire spread. Salem Fire Department EMT's attended her pending the arrival of North Shore Ambulance Service personnel. The fire damage was held to the apartment of origin.

On July 30th, shortly after Three O'clock on a very hot afternoon the occupants at 188 North Street realized their house was on fire. Occupants and

passers by attempted to notify everyone to get out. Included among these people was off duty Somerville Firefighter Christian Howard and his friend. Firefighter Howard attempted a primary search by going to the third floor. The rapidly spreading heat and smoke trapped firefighter Howard causing him to jump for his life. City Box # 6124 was struck over Bells and Tappers at 1516 hours. Responding was Eng # 2-4 Lad # 1 and C-5 Dep. Chief. Lynch. Engine # 2 had fire showing from two sides of the 2 ½ story wood frame OMD and immediately transmitted a Working Fire Signal. Eng # 2 assisted by retired Deputy Fire Chief David Goggin took their line in the front door. Responding on the Working Fire at 1518 Engine # 5 and Engine # 1 as the R.I.C. Additional handlines were stretched as the other units arrived and Ladder # 1 threw ground ladders to go and open the roof. At 1522 hours Deputy Lynch ordered a Second Alarm. Response: Danvers Engine # 3 Marblehead Engine # 2 and Peabody Ladder # 1. Swampscott Engine # 21 along with Lynn Engine # 5 and Ladder # 1 covered at Salem H.Q. All Out was sounded at 1701 hours.

September 23rd, was an average Saturday night in the Salem FAO. At 1855 hours City Box # 51 Lafayette and Dodge Street's was received from the street. Standard response Engine # 1-5 Ladder # 1 and C-3 Dep. Chief. Harrington working overtime to cover vacations. Arriving in the vicinity they spotted smoke and fire coming from the roof of "Billy Ray's Laundry" a commercial laundry company in a downtown business block at 217 Washington Street. Pulling up to the building they found off duty Dep. Fire Chief Munroe evacuating the building. A fire had extended to the roof from several dryers. Dep. Harrington ordered the Working Fire at 1856 with Engine # 4 and Engine # 2 as R.I.C. responding. Ladder #1 went to the roof while Engine #1 stretched an interior attack line. All companies worked to open up and extinguish the fire. Beverly Engine # 1 Marblehead Engine # 2 and Lynn TL # 4 covered at Salem H. Q. Oh, yes, guess who had taken the night off for vacation. That's right, Deputy Munroe. Some guys don't know when to go home.

If you grew up around here the Hood Dairy Company would be familiar to you. Their advertising icons have been notable for many years. If you've watched a Boston Red Sox or New England Patriots game on T.V. you have seen an aerial shot from the Hood Blimp. Alas, just before the end of the baseball season (or as we say up here "Wait till next year" time) the blimp had just taken

off from its home plate at the Beverly Municipal Airport when the pilot had an emergency. He was attempting a landing on a nearby ocean beach when he crash landed about 30' up in a dense forested area in the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea. The call went out over the Essex County Fire Radio Network, throughout Fire Districts # 5 and # 15. Send help, we need a rope rescue team. From every Essex County village and farm they came. The Town of Saugus is home to a trash-to-energy conversion plant. This hazard created a need for a confined space rescue team and the SFD formed one. Although their Rescue Truck was out of service, they rapidly placed the equipment on the Mutual Aid Company, Engine # 1 and under the command of Lt. Chris Pozark, with Box # 41 member MPO Damian Drella at the wheel they responded. The Town of Nahant being an island has a large number of water rescues. Along with these they frequently must rescue persons who are seriously injured falling down the steep cliffs in the community. This resulted in the formation of the Nahant STAR Ocean Rescue Team. This unit led by Chief of Department Robert Ward responded to the call also. Along with units from the Towns of Essex, Amesbury, Swampscott and the City of Beverly Fire Departments, among others, these crews worked

together to effect the rescue. A 35' ground ladder

and the pilot was removed. A tree service was

the blimp could be disassembled and removed.

There were no reports of tears over a milk blimp

along with rigging was muscled deep into the woods

brought in the next day and had to clear cut a path so

Lynn FAO Supports District Field Communications Unit

taking a spill.

Interoperability is becoming a tired refrain to many ears. However in Massachusetts many communities realize that they must continue to improve their telecommunications. The Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) received a grant for mobile field communications units a couple of years ago. Six Field Communications Units on van chassis were purchased and training began last year. Recently Field Comm. 20 serving the Metrofire District, Fire District 13 was activated. This vehicle is housed and maintained by the Waltham Fire Department. It has a suite of radios covering VHF Low and High Bands, UHF, and 800 Trunked and conventional format radios. Every Fire Department in the Commonwealth is programmed into these radios. Also available are capabilities on the

Massachusetts Statewide Trunked Radio System including Mass. State Police, Mass. Emergency Management Agency and Department of Fire Services. Other capabilities include Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, VHF and UHF EMS Channels, Mass Highways, NOAA

Weather and the Marine Channels commonly used by USCG. A JPS Communications ACU-1000 Digital Mixer provides cross band repeater support and a Video Downlink receiver for feeds from media and Mass. State Police Air Wing choppers are installed. The unit was formally activated after 30 additional Field Communications



Field Comm 20 at Lynn Beach Fireworks Display. Photo by EMT-B Chris Barnes

Technicians (FCT's) were trained over the summer. The Lynn Fire Alarm Office was recognized by providing two of the FCT's for the unit. FAO and Box #41 member Rick Cutts was a graduate of the summer class. FAO/EMT J. Pozark was trained in the previous class. The unit has had four responses to date. The first was for a Hazmat incident in a Dialysis Center in the Town of Brookline. The unit operated with the BFD, Mass. Dept of Fire Services Hazmat District 2 Team and other agencies. The second run for the unit was to the City of Lynn to coordinate communications for an Independence Day fireworks display. Fire and EMS units were coordinated for three fire departments and one private ambulance service. The display attracted a crowd estimated in the tens of thousands. The only major event was a double stabbing not far from the command post location. Fortunately, the units had demobilized a few minutes prior to the crime. For both these initial operations the unit was staffed by Lynn FAO and Waltham Fire Personnel.

Apparatus

The City of Lynn has placed a new rig in service with Medic #1. This unit is similar to a mega ambulance operated by the Lynnfield Fire Department.

The Town of Saugus has placed in service a new mini-pumper. This unit is notable as it ran previously as a fire-rescue vehicle at the Daytona Speedway. Alas, the unique paint scheme was removed due to copyright requirements. This was a particular disappointment to some local racing fans I

am sure. Also in Saugus, Rescue #1 is back with a new engine. This vehicle was badly damaged in the flooding earlier in the year.
The City of Salem (Witch City is that?) has placed a new KME pump in service at Engine # 1.

Special Events

This autumn marks the twenty fifth anniversary of one of the worst fires in

the history of the City of Lynn. On November 28th, 1981 the second largest fire in the city's history swept through an urban renewal project downtown and gutted the loft factory district while threatening to destroy the rest of the community. To see a brief story on this fire visit our website at http://www.box41.com/1981fire.htm

The Lynn Museum will recognize this event with a special exhibition of North Shore firefighting history. The exhibit will open on Saturday October 28th, 2006 with a special reception from 1400-1600 hours. Box # 41 Associates member and Retired Lynn Deputy Fire Chief William "Bill" Conway will be present. Bill is a well respected fire historian and in addition to helping design the exhibition he was one of the Chief Officers battling the Fire Storm. Bill has compiled a book of historic Lynn fires. For information on Bill's book visit http://www.lynnmuseum.org/fire.html.

Thank you to Salem FAO & Box 41 member Jeff Brown for his assistance in preparing this article.

If you're in the neighborhood drop us a line or "Pull the Hook" and we'll show you around.



New England FireCon '07 Inc.

By Gerry Mahoney

Greetings from greater Boston, the "Hub of Fire Buffing"!

We continue to plan for the 55th annual IFBA convention to be held in Cambridge, MA August 8th through 11th at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

The convention planning committee has put together what promises to be one of the most memorable convention programs ever. This truly will be a New England Fire Buffs Convention with visits to Portland, Maine and Providence, Rhode Island while being based in Cambridge, overlooking the historic Boston skyline.

The convention itinerary looks like this:

Tuesday August 7th: IFBA Executive Board Meeting in the evening

Wednesday August 8th: Opening Ceremonies and Seminars. A cruise on Boston Harbor in the evening.

Thursday August 9th: Board buses for a trip to the Maine Seacoast with stops in Portland and Kennebunkport with the option of having a traditional "down east lobster bake".

Friday August 10th: Annual IFBA Business Meeting and free time to explore the Boston/Cambridge area.

Saturday August 11th: Board buses for fire apparatus

displays in Boston, Southeastern Massachusetts and Providence, RI. Convention banquet in the evening.

The convention hotel has guaranteed a rate of \$149.00 per night plus tax. This rate is guaranteed for three nights prior and after the convention. The Royal Sonesta Hotel sits on the banks of the Charles River with picturesque views of the historic Boston skyline. The CambridgeSide Galleria Mall with 120 stores and restaurants is across the street. The Boston Museum of Science is a 5 minute walk from the hotel. The world famous Boston Duck Tours in World War II vintage amphibious vehicles depart from the Museum of Science.

There is so much to see, so much to do, so many great restaurants and of course, plenty of firehouses in the area.

Both the Cambridge and Boston Fire Departments join us in extending an invitation to come and visit. This convention marks the first return of the IFBA to the Boston area since 1984!

We are finalizing contracts at this time. It appears that our full registration fee will be in the neighborhood of \$250.00 per person.

All registration materials and ad-book forms will be posted shortly on the IFBA web site for download. Please visit our web site www.nefcon07.com for more information. We can be reached by e-mail at nefcon07@comcast.net as well.

We look forward to seeing you in August!



On behalf of the Region One clubs of the IFBA, the convention planning committee of NEFCON '07 Inc. would like to extend a warm invitation to attend the 2007 International Fire Buff Associates Inc. convention, August 8 through 11 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel 40 Edwin Land Blvd. Cambridge, MA. The hotel sits alongside the historic Charles River with a spectacular view of the Boston skyline.

This will mark the first visit to the metropolitan Boston area for the IFBA since 1984. That convention still holds the record for attendance with over 600 participants.

The convention itinerary is as follows:

Tuesday August 7, 2007 7:00pm IFBA Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday August 8, 2007 9:00am Opening Ceremonies

1:00pm Assorted Seminars 7:00pm Cruise on Boston Harbor

Thursday August 9, 2007 8:00am Buses depart for Coastal Maine. Stops in Portland and the

Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Lunch is included

with option for Lobster bake, 7:30pm Future Convention Previews

Friday August 10, 2007 9:30am IFBA General Business Meeting

Saturday August 11, 2007 8:30am Buses depart for Providence, RI with stops in Dorchester,

Foxboro area and Providence, RI for apparatus displays and lunch.

6:30pm Cash Bar Cocktail Reception 7:30pm Convention Banquet and Awards

The convention room rate of \$149.00 per night has been guaranteed for 3 nights prior to and 3 nights after the convention. Guests are encouraged to make room reservations as soon as possible, Call 1-800-SONESTA or visit the convention web site www.nefcon07.com.

Numerous attractions and points of interest are near the hotel: Boston's Museum of Science, The Boston Duck Tours, and the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall with over 120 shops and restaurants. Come early and stay late! Explore the history and the charm of the Hub!



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By Tom McDonald & Ken Paradowski

Club News

Our club is still doing well, with a reliable band of about 20 members, many of whom have taken up photography or videography at fire scenes. There are several great web sites out there developed by our members. A Google ® search should put you in touch with them. Two of particular interest are: FourAlarmPhotos.com, a site developed by Brandon Jacob, and 4alarm.org/hfd, a site developed by Eric Lundstrom.

Our group meets every other month, typically on a Saturday at 10:30 AM, but locations vary. Our next Region 5 Meeting (AR, CO, LA, NM, OK, and TX) will be this spring in San Antonio (*not* in Colorado as was reported at the Seattle IFBA convention). Even though San Antonio does not have a fire buff organization that we know of, our club has agreed to sponsor the event, which will be on a weekend to be announced, probably in April.

At these regional meetings, we usually gather on Friday afternoon and dine out together that night. We start Saturday with our regional business meeting and election of officers, then tour facilities of the local fire department all afternoon. We dine out together again Saturday night, and leave on Sunday. The registration cost is usually around \$50. We have plenty of transportation available, too, in case you come without a car.

If you think you might be interested in coming to that meeting, e-mail me at TMCFIRE@AOL.COM and I will put you on our e-mail list. The host hotel will hopefully be in downtown San Antonio and within walking distance of the Alamo and River Walk.

HFD Multiple Alarms

Big fires are still happening in Houston. 2005 was a record year for multiple alarms, but 2006 has certainly kept up the pace. Through August 2006, there were 48 HFD multiples, including 7 thirds and 2 fourths. Extrapolated for the year, that pace would be 72 multiples, one more than last year's record. So, we will see how things end up and report next issue.

Tom McDonald wrote an article appearing in the September 2006 *Firehouse* that covered one of the 4-11s, a huge apartment fire that destroyed 30 units in deep southwest Houston in June. Older apartments are fertile ground for fires in the city these days, especially in that deep southwest section. In fact, the same complex that had that 4-11 was site of two other multiples and numerous other fires just *SINCE* the 4-11. The complex houses many residents originally displaced last summer by Hurricane Katrina.

New HFD stations

During the past five years since we hosted 164 IFBA members for the 2001 annual convention, HFD has opened seven more permanent stations. Three of them are relocations of previous, but old, permanent stations (No's. 27, 33 & 54). One is a permanent station replacing a temporary (No. 94). And, three are totally new sites with permanent quarters (No's. 83, 86 & 99). All of these are one-story, "drive-through" (no backing required) designs, built that way for the safety of employees and visitors.

Here are the details on each:

Station 27 – 6515 Lyons & Gazin – Engine, Squad, Ambulance, Shift Commander (Deputy Chief). This is two blocks east of the old station.

Station 33 – 7117 Fannin & Lyndon – Engine,

Station 33 – 7117 Fannin & Lyndon – Engine, Ladder, Squad, Ambulance, South EMS Senior Supervisor, Decon Unit. This is one block south of the old station.

Station 54 – Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) - covers Runways 8/26. This is a few hundred feet north of where the old station stood; it was razed for

runway rebuilding.

Station 83 – 3350 Breezewood & Richmond – Engine, District Chief, Squad, Ambulance. This is a new station for the rapidly developing west side of the city.

Station 86 – 14,300 Briar Forest & Briar Home – Engine, Squad, Ambulance. This is another new station for the far west side.

Station 94 - 235 El Dorado & Pipers View – Engine, Medic. This replaces a temporary station that was on the same site.

Station 99 – Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) - covers Runways 15/32. This is a new station for IAH. The airport now has three major sets of runways and an ARFF station for each (Station 92 is the third and covers Runways 9/27). No. 99 is architecturally identical to new No. 54 with six bays, three on either side of crew quarters.

New HFD apparatus

Club member Ken Paradowski is recognized locally as an authority on HFD apparatus. So, I asked him to give a rundown on recent acquisitions. Hopefully, Ken will continue to provide apparatus updates for future columns as well. What follows is from him:

Years 2005 and 2006 were busy with apparatus activity in the HFD. A total of 16 new ladder trucks and 21 new pumpers went into service.

Houston's long run of E-One ® apparatus purchases ended in 2005 with its last delivery of 5 new pumpers and 7 new ladder trucks. Six of the ladder trucks had 100-ft. rear-mount aerials. The remaining truck was equipped with a 75-ft. rear-mount aerial and a 2,000 GPM pump. It was assigned to Station 101 in the Kingwood area in far northeast Houston.

Ferrara ® apparatus entered the HFD fleet for the first time in 2005. Eleven new custom "Igniter" pumpers began service in April 2005. This was followed in 2006 by delivery of seven 107-ft. rearmount aerial ladder trucks and 5 pumpers. Two of these pumpers are equipped with high-pressure pumps for use at high-rise fires. They were assigned to Engine 2 (on the near-west side in the "Uptown/ Galleria" area), and Engine 8 (Downtown).

Pierce also delivered a unique rescue truck in 2005. This tractor-trailer rig contains specialized rescue equipment previously carried in separate trailers which were towed to incidents when needed. It responds city-wide to special rescue situations such

as building collapses, trench cave-ins, and highangle entrapments. It also carries vehicle extrication equipment and can respond to vehicle accidents when needed.

A partial return to white apparatus (the standard in the department through much of the 1970s and early 1980s) occurred in 2005 with a large delivery of Ford Excursion sport-utility vehicles. These vehicles are assigned to district chief officers, paramedic squads, and safety officers.

All of these apparatus deliveries have greatly reduced the average age of first line units in the HFD. The oldest pumpers remaining in first-line service now are 1996 Quality/Spartans, and the oldest ladder trucks are 1995 Smeal/Spartans.

As of this writing, two Pierce 100-ft. rear-mount tower trucks (platforms) have been received, but are not yet in service. They will be assigned to Stations 6 and 18, replacing currently-assigned 2000 E-One towers, which will then be relocated to other stations, giving the department a total of 5 tower ladders across the city.

A summary of recently deployed apparatus is:

2005 E-One deployments: Engines: 40, 45, 50, 51, 83

Ladders (100'): 33, 45, 51, 74, 75, 76 Ladder (75' with 2000 GPM pump): 101

2005 Ferrara deployments:

Engines: 9, 17, 19, 20, 25, 31, 34, 35, 46, 55, 67

2006 Ferrara deployments:

Engines: 2 (high pressure), 8 (high pressure), 28, 86,

94

Ladders: 7, 28, 31, 46, 55, 67, 68

Next Issue

In the next issue, we will tally up the multiple alarms in 2006, and discuss in greater detail the HFD firefighters' working arrangements, including their 2005 contract with the city that goes to 2008. Until then, please e-mail me your comments, including desires for future columns to TMCFIRE@AOL. COM. Please put the word *Turnout* in your e-mail heading so I don't accidentally delete it.



I.F.B.A. TURN OUT EDITION FALL 2006

We certainly have a lot to talk about since our last article. We have had a number of big fires, the hiring of a new chief, the International Fire Chiefs Convention, and the addition of new equipment.

In April the City of Bullas hired Executive Deputy Chief
Eddie Butns of the Pt. Worth, Texas Fire Deportment to
be the new Chief of Dallan Fire Rescue. Chief Burns has
a 27 year record with Pt. Worth beginning his career as
a firefighter and working various station assignments
including Soutemant during his first 9 years. He then
served a stint on fire invertigation/bumb equad. He
was promoted to captain in 1994 and assigned to one of
the busiest stations in the city. In 1997 he was promote
ed to buttalion chief whilf commander for the West Side
buttalion. In 1999 he was promoted to chief training
officer and in 2000 he was promoted to deputy chief.
In 2003 he was promoted to the position of executive
deputy chief. We redcome Chief Eddie Burns to Dallan Fire Rescue.



On the fire front we were postly busy this summer. Considering that we had 45 days where the temperatures were over 100 we were furturate there were not more fires. On some days the highe reached 107 degrees. During the period of 6/01 through 7/3 we answered so multi-altern fires. Many of the fires were noteworthy but four of the fires are of special interest and are detailed in this article.

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The first fire of special mention occurred June 21. Multiple calls were received at the fire dispatch center stating a large building was on fire located in a very heavily traveled commercial area of the cities near north east side. Traffic actually stopped and people ran inside the restaurant to tell the occupants their building was on fire.

The following is the sequence of events:

Box Sox at Greenville Avenue and Prospect was struck for a city block of retail businesses and the historic Arradia Movie Theatre.

Corning to Deller? We will be glad to show you arrestd. Call John Peoperation at 172-782-8298 or Dule Aproprié at 214-886-8898. The first alarm was at 1606 hours bringing engines 3/8/17; trucks 17/19; chiefs 2/3 and rescue 3. First engine was on scene in one minute within initial report of heavy fire and smoke.

The second alarm was at aloo hours bringing engines 11/18/10; trucks 3/11; chiefs 1/6; deputy 806 and rescues 19/34.

The third alarm was at 1615 hours bringing engines 4/23/37 and truck 4.

The fourth alarm was at afon hours bringing engines 6/24/44/45; truck 25; chief 4 and rescue 70.

The fifth alarm was at 1630 hours bringing engines 27/31/42 and the chief of the dept.

The sixth alarm was at 1656 hours bringing, engines 36/48/53.

Needless to say there was plenty of fire for all companies. But 4's rehab unit 896 and our new backup unit 897 were on the scene for a number of hours including the next day on overhaul operations.



The next big one occurred on June 26 located at 140 Glass Street and Industrial Rivd on the near west side of downtown in a heavy

industrial area. This was a large manufacturing/wavehouse facility for an antique drapery rod/material company. Box 122 was struck at 2051 hours with first in companies out at 2055. Initial response was engine 1/11/45; trucks 4/11; chief 1/3 and rescue 11.



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The second alarm was at 1050 hours bringing engines 3/4/36;trucks 3/36; chiefs 6/9; deputy chief 807 and rescae 45.

The third alarm was at 2106 hours bringing engines 8/33/55 and truck 10.

The fourth alarm was at 2121 hours bringing engines 18/42/19 and trucks 15.

The fifth alarm was at 2124 hours bringing engines 14/17/10; truck 7 and chief of the dept.

The sixth alarm was at 2146 hours bringing engines 23/24/44; trucks 23/53 and deputy 804.

This was a rather unique fire in that Dallasresponded 9 ladder tracks.



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The third fire to report was a 4-alarm fire on. September 9, a Saturday morning around 8am. This involved a 12 unit apartment building. Upon acrival first out company reported people in the building and one unit downstains fully involved. Within seconds of arrival of the first engine and truck companies, a large explosion occurred blowing the original apartment out into the drive and causing the second floor to collapse. Shortly thereafter the north end of the building's roof collapsed. All the brick veneer (two stories worth) on the south end of the building fell into the breezeway and the fire quickly spread.



John Hillingham

About Wheel



At o8st hours box 3542 was struck for 3304 Chapel Creek the location of a number of apartment buildings. First in engines were 30/35/43; trucks 41/43; chiefs 7/9 and rescue 35.

The second alarm was at offic hours bringing engines 2/27/42; trucks 11/20; chiefs 1/3; deputy 806 and rescue 30. The third alarm was at offer hours bringing engines 7/20/41 and ladder 37.

The fourth alarm was at off51 hours bringing engines 1/11/37 and ladder 26. Forty-five people were left homeless and one female died.



The cause of death was later to be determined to be homicide and two suspects are in custody. On Suptember 10, not less than 16 hours after the 4-alarm fire at Chapel Creek, a box 1604 was struck for an investigation at a large wooden pollet manufacturer at 2401 Vinson Street. First out angine reported 'lots of fire everywhere." Here is the segmence of events:

Bux 1604 was struck at 0040 hours bringing augines 16/36/47; trucks 26/36; chiefs 6/9 and rescue 70.

The second alarm was at 0.046 bringing engines 1/06/52; trucks 4/11; chiefs 1/3; deputy 807 and rescue 47.

The third alarm was at 0052 bringing engines s8/24/45/56 and truck 43.

The fourth alarm was at our3 bringing engines: 4/11/15/40 and bruck 15.

The fifth alarm was at 0200 bringing engines 3/33 and chief of dept.

The sixth alarm was at ongo bringing engines 6/8/43. In addition the town of Cockrellfill sent one engine and a booster along with two additional boosters (brush trucks) from Dallas.



John Hillingham

TAKE A LOOK!

On the equipment front, Dallas has been busy with updating and replacement of equipment. The following photos show some of our new staff. The new 829 air truck and command van is by SVI; the pumpers are Spartan Gladiator chassis finished out by Crimcon with 1250 gallon/min pumpe; the tillers are also Spartan Gladiator chassis outfitted by Crimcon.

Photos takes by John millingham ecopy for mornie beer place that was provided by 2000.













Region 6

5-11 Club, Inc.

10-87 Club of Greater Rockford

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Metropolitan Emergency Support Services,

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Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society, Ltd.

Moline Second Alarm Assn.

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Waukesha County Emergency Support & Inc.



Moline Second Alarmers

by Dave Coopman

The summer months always seem busy with fire and training demands for our group. And while the past few months have created some rather comprehensive training sessions, they have also produced two fires with rather strange outcomes.

June was the heaviest month for assisting at departmental training exercises. Two days of supplying air and rehab at the new Rock Island Arsenal fire-training facility produced a total of 98 air bottle fills and 54 hours of volunteer time by group members.

With MABAS responses and Homeland Security issues more prevalent than ever, the Force Protectorate of the Arsenal built a new training facility that could be used by all area departments. It features two unique structures that were both built using surplus 20' and 40' sea containers. The smoke tower is a threestory structure with various sensors to computer-monitor temperatures within each part of the structure. High-speed fans can ventilate the structure in less than 1 minute. The second structure features hydraulic floors, walls, and ceilings to simulate a building collapse. Included is a maze that requires firefighters to remove their air packs to be able to negotiate the narrow spaces. The facility has been put to very good use so far with training sessions, rural fire schools, and Fire Fighter II certification tests.

Another training session in June, held at an abandoned house for all metro departments, gave our group 3 days of refill and rehab work. A total of 113 air bottles were filled and 80 hours of volunteer time were recorded. The training sessions not only help the various local departments, but also serve us by training new members on Air 12's cascade system and refresh long-time members on the cascade and removing/reloading air packs.

June and July saw several structure fires that gave our crew good workouts. We responded to an early morning MABAS alarm at the former Lincoln School in Rock Island. The school was built in the late 1880's and had been used by a private group to store restorative building materials. Originating in the school's basement, and started most likely by kids or a transient, first-in firemen reported that the fire had been burning for some time, as cast iron pipes were glowing red. Due to thick support timbers and flooring, there was heavy charring to the basement but little burn-through on the first floor. The second and third stories received only smoke damage.

Two fires in July, noted in a special report elsewhere, illustrated the dangers of leaving barbeque grills unattended on wood decks. Two more house fires in Moline and a MABAS call in East Moline rounded out July's fire action.

One of the strange fires noted earlier occurred in August. All companies reported to a general alarm at an apartment house only 5 blocks from Moline's central station. Appearing "routine" at first, firemen discovered a resident badly burned in the apartment. She was removed and flown to the University of Iowa hospital for treatment, but succumbed to the burns several days later. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the occupant had poured gasoline around the living room, on her chair, and on herself before igniting it. The fire was ruled a suicide.

The second strange fire occurred in September. Again, all companies responded to a general alarm in one of 3 apartments on the second floor of a commercial structure. As firemen began their search for victims, they discovered 2 victims. One had burns and apparent smoke inhalation and the other appeared to have injuries related to a beating. After investigation, it was determined that one of the victims had beaten the other to death the day before, then started the fire and stayed in the burning room to await death. The deaths were ruled murder-suicide.

In lighter news, up until August the Second Alarmers used several department radios and pagers, several receive-only trunked radios, and scanners to receive response notification. That has changed with the Moline dispatch center's use of a countywide computerized telephone call system. While some of us still use the radios, pagers, and scanners, everyone now receives a phone call by computer. If the phone is answered, the member hears the request for assistance and the address of the incident. If the call goes to voice mail, the computer defaults to a message requesting the member call the dispatch center for details. While the system tends to bring all available hands to a response, we decided that this is the best notification systems we've had in years and we'd rather have too many men than not enough.



Photo of Air Trailer 2

The Second Alarmers' newest piece of equipment was unveiled at a recent fire school - an air trailer. Acquired from the Rock Island



New Air Trailer 3

Arsenal as surplus, it was originally used by the military to refill scuba divers' tanks. Ken LeMaster and John Lartz lifted the unit off its heavy-duty jeep trailer and mounted it on a old but usable boat trailer. All air-delivery tubing from the cylinders to the fill station were stainless and in good shape. The eight supply bottles were hydro-tested, the unit painted and decaled, and added it to the Second Alarmers' inventory as back up. At the fire school, it filled over 70 low-pressure air bottles each day before needing a refill itself.

In wrapping up our report for this issue, I'd like to note some statistics for calendar year to date. We've had 360 members-report for turnouts (this includes actual incidents, training sessions, and housekeeping details at our facility), 927 hours of volunteer time expended, and have filled a total of 1,017 air bottles. A rather remarkable feat for a group of 24 guys and 1 gal.

MOLINE BBQ

Fire never takes a holiday and that adage was never more apparent during the July 4 holiday weekend. On Sunday July 2 at 1630 hours, the alarm was sounded for a working fire in Glenwood, a secluded wooded neighborhood in the middle of Moline. The fire was in a woodsided ranch-style home with shake shingles. Making a bad situation even more problematic was the fact that the house sat on a cul-de-sac at the end of a narrow, private lane. There was just room enough for two engine companies to locate close enough to operate effectively. Moline's aerial platform could not get near the fire location due to low wires across the lane. However, Rock Island's Squirt-equipped engine, called on mutual aid, was just low enough to ease under the power lines.

With temperatures in the upper 90-degree range, the Second Alarmers provided plenty of rehab services, along with the help of neighbors who brought us additional ice and access to more water. Two firefighters were transported to the hospital from the effects of the heat. Others made great use of the four rehab chairs supplied by our group. Few air bottles were filled due to the fact that the fire became purely



defensive.

The fire was declared out around 2030 hours, but Air 12 remained on-scene for another 1-1/2 hours to provide lighting. The home sustained heavy damage and a crew stood by throughout the night on fire watch. The cause of the fire was determined to be coals from a grill placed on a wooden deck.

And that was the cause of another fire exactly one week later. On Sunday July 9, at nearly the same time as the week before, a grill was blown over on a second story wooden deck, igniting the wall and top story of an historic, 100-plus year old 4-plex. All Moline units, along with an engine crews from Rock Island and East Moline responded to the blaze.

The home had originally been built by John Deere as a wedding gift to his granddaughter. In intervening years, the house had been carved up into apartments. Because of the home's location, sitting on a walled bluff with a narrow drive, there was just enough room for one engine company and the aerial platform to set up operations

One resident had to be brought down by ladder due to fire blocking her egress. The fire was declared out at 1930 hours, but the aerial remained on-site throughout the night. Air bottle fill, plenty of cold water and sport drink, and rehab chairs were again provided by the Second Alarmers.

The dwelling sustained heavy damage and

will probably have to be torn down - a sad ending to a once proud past.

Both fires provided a costly lesson in the use of barbeque grills on a wood deck. Never leave them unattended until you are sure all coals are cold.





Region 7

2-11 Assn. Phoenix Fire Buffs, Inc.
Box 15 Club of Los Angeles
Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley
Mountain NewsNet
Peninsula Fire Buff Club
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

Pioneer Hook & ladder Company San Diego

Two longtime helpers man refreshment brigade

By Joe Hughes

UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER April 30, 2006

Frank Jonasson's love of firefighting began during his childhood in McMinnville, Ore., where he lived down the block from a fire station and sneaked rides on the rigs as they raced to smoke and flames.

Jerry Elmer became hooked after a son took

an interest in firefighting as an explorer scout and went on to become a federal firefighter. Frank and Jerry have never fought fires for a living. They did the next best thing. They volunteered, making sure firefighters have food and drinks to keep them going on the front lines.

Frank Jonasson, a retired SDSU administrator, sat behind the wheel of a mobile canteen. Jonasson is a member of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, a nonprofit group that operates the San Diego Firehouse Museum in Little Italy..

Not to fight a fire. It's for firefighters to drink. Dehydration is a real danger, so Frank and Jerry cart bottled water and more bottled water, along with fresh brewed coffee, tea, energy snacks and other goodies.

"They are lifesavers, hands down," said San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Capt. Kevin McWalters. "What they do keeps firefighters in the game."

The canteen is summoned on big fires or other major disasters, and is maintained and staffed

> by the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, a nonprofit, volunteer organization named after San Diego's first volunteer fire company in 1870.

The organization has about 50 volunteers who operate the San Diego Firehouse Museum in Little Italy at HOWARD LIPIN / Union-Tribune Colombia and Cedar Streets - conducting

> tours and upkeeping museum fire rigs and equipment – and occasionally sub for Frank and Jerry on the canteen.

Always on call

Frank and Jerry, who over the years have become good friends, have city-issued pagers. They keep the pagers with them at all times, even sleep with them on their bed stands. The calls always seem to come in early morning.

"We try to be as cheerful as we can be," said Jerry, who lives in Lemon Grove. "Sometimes at 3:30 a.m., that's hard to do."

Frank, 68, a retired San Diego State University administrator, has volunteered for 35 years. Jerry, 60, a native San Diegan who suffered a disabling back injury in the Marine Corps and turned to the mechanical trades, has volunteered close to 25 years.

They roll out a mobile canteen to emergencies sometimes in the dead of night to perform a service firefighters consider essential to their mission.

Inside the red 1982 Ford Econoline canteen truck, Frank and Jerry carry the lifeblood for firefighters - water.

Once they get the page, one of the them fetches the canteen stored at Station No. 1 in downtown San Diego and drives to the fire scene; the other goes directly from his home. They have to be at the fire within an hour of being paged.

"As soon as I get in the canteen, I flip the switch to start coffee brewing," said Frank, who lives in east San Diego. "That way, it's ready when we arrive."

The water, Gatorade and other beverages are kept cold in refrigeration units installed in the canteen, and plugged into outlets at Station No. 1. The city pays for the provisions.

Frank and Jerry park the canteen as close to the fire perimeter as safely possible, setting up where medical caregivers are stationed to test firefighters for vital signs on their breaks.

There have been times they found themselves too close to fast-moving fires and had to scoot in a hurry. But neither has ever been injured. Once in a safe zone, the canteen opens for business with Frank and Jerry serving water and more to firefighters returning from the front lines, much like the familiar food wagons at construction and other sites.

If the canteen has not arrived, Frank or Jerry – whoever is heading directly to a fire from home – may stop at a store to pick up water and snacks and start serving the firefighters right away.

Longtime helpers

Even before Frank was involved in the canteen service, he was doing his part.

He remembered while still working at San
Diego State, in 1971, he helped out on the Laguna fire, which raged for days and kept fire personnel on duty almost nonstop.

"I had some pocket change so I stopped by a McDonald's and bought a dozen milkshakes for the dispatchers working in Balboa Park," Frank said.

Jerry also has done his share.

Volunteering at the firehouse museum, he once used his skills as a mechanic to repair an old, cherished rig that nobody else seemed able to get running.

When he can, Jerry's younger son, who is an avid photographer, accompanies his dad on the canteen runs, helping out and snapping pictures.

Over the years, Frank and Jerry have responded to all the big fires, including the Cedar fire in 2003, when they helped for two-plus days, catching sleep once in a while on the floor of a Kearny Mesa fire station.

The calls can be few and far between or in bunches.

From Aug. 18 to Sept. 19, the canteen rolled eight times, including to fires downtown at the Civic Theatre and a hotel and a brush fire in Rancho Peñasquitos.

"We have an average of about 30 canteen responses a year," said Frank, who craves the action and has no plan to stop.

He remembers one stretch in June 1981 when the canteen was in service for more than three days, at the Rancho Bernardo-Tierrasanta-Santee Lakes brush fires.

One of the longer incidents, before the Cedar fire, lasted 25 hours at the Balboa Park Aerospace Museum on Feb. 22, 1978.

Before Frank and Jerry retired, they had to balance volunteering with paid work.

Frank, who was associate director of school relations and student recruitment for SDSU, said there were times during the day when he couldn't make canteen runs. And there were times family duties conflicted. Other volunteers, including their sons, would fill the void. Three canteens have been used over the years; the latest is 24 years old and is showing its age. An old paramedic unit from the Fire Department will take its place once volunteers from the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company raise money to outfit it.

That will make Frank and Jerry very happy.



OF SAN FRANCISCO

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By Phil Reid

Having missed the last two issues of "Turn Out", it is now time to get caught up on what has happened in San Francisco since the end of 2004. The year 2005 saw an increase in greater alarms to 44 over the 38 in the previous year. The total included 34 seconds, 9 thirds, and 1 fifth alarm. The five alarm was the first major fire, four alarms or greater, since a four alarm fire on March 15, 2003, and was the first five alarm since March 16, 2002. The blaze occurred during the early morning hours of July 8, 2005 at 3330-34 16th St. in the area across the street from Mission Dolores. The initial alarm came in at 02:35 with subsequent alarms at 02:44, 02:49, 02:54, and 03:09. By the time the fire was controlled at 06:09 three three story apartment buildings had been destroyed. For the first half of 2006 the activity has fallen off a bit with only 17 greater alarms through June 30.

The big news for the SFFD was the delivery of ten American La France engines. These rigs are equipped with 1500 GPM pumps, a 500 gallon water tank, and 25 gallons of Class A foam. In a design change for the department the ladder racks and hard suctions were moved within the hose bed resulting in greater compartment space. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Great Earthquake and Fire these rigs are painted the same dark maroon color that was found on the steamers of 1906. There was one concession in that the roofs of the cab are painted white. Each of these rigs also has the marking "1906" and "2006 on the cab windows and each has a special commemorative seal. Engines 1,3,5,6,7,10,11,36,41 and 43 were assigned the new engines. When the new units had gone into service there were a number of reassignments. These are summarized below:

E1(03SP/ALF)->E8(94SP/3D)->E14
E3(03SP/ALF)->E17(99SP/3D)->E34(90SP/3D)->R
E5(99SP/3D)->E37(91SP/3D)->R
E6(98SP/3D)->E19(92SP/3D)->R
E7(98SP/3D->E9(91SP/3D)->E24(90SP/3D)->R
E10(98SP/3D)->E31(93SP/3D)->E18(90SP/3D)->R
E11(00SP/ALF)->E25(94SP/3D)->R
E36(98SP/3D)->E23(91SP/3D)->R
E41(99SP/3D)->E40(93SP/3D)->R
E41(99SP/3D)->E40(93SP/3D)->R

It should be noted that Engine 14 had been using relief apparatus since its 98SP/3D was destroyed in an accident in 2003. The assignment of the engines to the reserve fleet has enabled the department to solidify this area. With the exception of one 1989 Mack/3D all reserve engines are now 1990 SP/3D or newer, and have four door enclosed cabs.

In November of 2005 Local 798 placed an initiative on the ballot to eliminate the brownouts that had been in place to ease the city's budget crunch. This initiative was passed by the voters with a substantial margin. As of July 1, 2006 there were no more brownouts. The city is now required to operate its full complement of 42 engines, 19 trucks, and other assorted units at their fully assigned strength. Closing of units or stations is now prohibited. The department's budget was increased to cover the costs and thereby meet the voters' mandate.

April of this year marked the 100th anniversary of the Great Earthquake and Fire of April 18, 1906. The City of San Francisco scheduled many events to remember that tragic occurrence. Prominent

among those remembering the Quake was the SFFD. On the weekend of April15-17 "The Great Earthquake and Fire Expo" was held at Pier 48 sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department Historical Society. This consisted of over 100 vendor displays in the two sheds on Pier 48 as well as live music and plenty of food and beverages. A separate tent across from this venue contained a significant number of antique apparatus, including ten steamers. Although the weather was a bit on the damp side, it did break enough to hold an impressive opening ceremony on Saturday noon, and muster events on on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Highlights of the opening ceremonies were three working steamers pumping into the SFFD Water Tower to raise its 65' tower, and the department's 65' auditorium ladder raise with the presentation of colors from its apex. On Saturday evening a well attended Fireman's Ball added to the festivities. The weather cleared for the celebrations on the 18th and large crowds attended the events. The day began with the annual celebration at Lotta's Fountain at five in the morning. Both the ceremony and the crowds were more impressive than usual. Many then journeyed to 20th and Church for the painting of the hydrant, "The Little Giant", which was credited with containing the spread of the fire thereby saving the Mission District. Later that morning a large parade of fire apparatus and marching units made their way from City Hall down Market St. to the Ferry Building. The above events were the result of much hard work by the SFFD Historical Society, the SFFD, and Local 798. They are to be congratulated for all of their efforts.

Pictures by member John Whitaker from a 4-alarm response in San Jose, CA 12/3/06 when a house blew up. A fifth alarm was dispatched later to relieve the firefighters who'd been on the first alarm. It send 5 firefighters and one police officer to the hospital. All except one of the firefighters have been released, and the one who's still in the hospital is in good condition. Fire Associates' Fire Support Unit 2 is seen in several of the shots.

-Len Williams



These are pictures from a 4th alarm fire in Los Gatos, CA yesterday, 11/2/06. The photos are by Fire Associates member John Whitaker.

This is in the downtown shopping district of Los Gatos, an upscale community, and destroyed 4 active businesses. The fire started around 7:00 a.m., and Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley responded on the 2nd alarm, per Santa Clara County F.D. protocol, remaining on the scene until after 3:00 p.m.

The Santa Clara County Fire Dept. protects Los Gatos, but the 3rd and 4th alarms brought in companies from the San Jose Fire Dept.

The man leaning against Fire Support Unit, dressed in Navy blue, but not in turnouts, is Don Gilbert, who has served as President of Fire Associates many times over the years, and is the man responsible for the concept, procurement, and outfitting of the three Fire Support Units that Fire Associates operates

Len Williams









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Region 8

Box 8 Club of St. Louis, Inc.

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Indianapolis Fire Buffs



Box 55 Association Nashville Fire Buffs

Since 1952

By Melissa Fuller

Hello from Music City USA, Nashville, Tennessee. Our new year started appropriately with Box 55 responding on January 1st to a 2nd alarm building fire and our Rehab has been consistently rolling since then. Through August, Box 55 has responded to 54 – one alarm fires; 15 – second alarm fires; 4 – third alarm fires and 19 other incidents including Haz-Mat, grass/brush fires, aircraft, water rescue and tornados. We also assisted the Nashville Police Department when requested.

Box 55 has also had the opportunity to be involved with several special events throughout the city including the Southern Women's Show, 4th of July Event w/OEM and Metro Day.

Last September, Box 55 was asked by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to participate in their Preparedness Disaster Drill. The event was postponed to another date to be held in April due to first responders reporting to Louisiana to assist with clean up efforts from Hurricane Katrina. The new dates for the drill were to be April 7-8, 2006 and again Box 55 planned to be involved. The drill was in process when severe storms and tornadic activity once again postponed the drill. What was to be a drill suddenly turned to the real thing when tornados started touching down all over the surrounding Nashville area. One of the strongest tornados turned down in Goodlettsville, TN just north of the Nashville downtown area damaging the courthouse, churches, and numerous houses. The

tornado also caused a traffic nightmare on I-65 at Exit 97 just before rush hour. There were no deaths in Goodlettsville, although some injuries were reported and public shelters were set up at two locations. Box 55 was also on hand at the shelters to offer assistance to the residents who had been affected by the tornados.

The tornado continued into Sumner County just north of Hendersonville, Tennessee. It damaged numerous houses in the area as it approached Gallatin about 2:30 p.m. The community was devastated. Several entire subdivisions were destroyed or flattened, killing 9 people and injuring 121. Several Nashville fire crews and ambulances were immediately dispatched to the area for mutual aid.

Earlier in the year, Box 55 secured a grant through OEM for the purchase of a second Rehab unit. A 2006 Dodge Sprinter with one-ton chassis was purchased and is in the process of being painted and lettered at this time. The Sprinter will be used for small fires and backup to our larger 18-foot Rehab truck on large emergency scenes. The Sprinter will carry 2 coolers of water and sport drinks as well as misting fans, heaters, chairs, coffee maker, microwave, tents, generator and emergency lights.

Just a couple of more club notes recognizing our members. In August, two of our distinguished club members, Bill Ketchum and Buck Dozier, were presented with The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families and groups that have achieved a certain standard measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. Each recipient received: An official President's Volunteer Service Award pin; a personalized certificate of achievement; a note of congratulations from the President of the United States and a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Manuel Fonseca, District Chief – Director of Performance Measures with the Nashville Fire Department presented the awards to Dozier and Ketchum at a reception held in their honor at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Nashville. Fonseca spoke of each man's contributions to the Nashville Fire Department and their volunteer services.

Ketchum's bio speaks of his love of the fire service from an early age, of his commitment to serve the firefighters from his pickup truck when a lot of the older members left the club, also credit to wife Dot for getting up in the middle of the night to boil water. Ketchum has served in various leadership roles for Box 55 including president, vice president, and treasurer and was named International Fire Buff of the year in 1990.

Dozier's bio spoke of his commitment to Box 55 while serving as Chief of the Nashville Fire Department for over six years as well as serving a third term with the Metro Council. Dozier commented on his love for the fire service by stating, "Giving a fireman, paramedic or police officer something to refresh them

after they have given their all is most gratifying. It also reminds me that I am a servant-leader and need to remain humble." Dozier is also past president of Box 55.

Both men mentioned in their speeches that while singled out to accept this award it was truly a group effort. What an honor for these two great individuals as well as our club!

In September, one of our long time members, Bob Bomar, was presented with a Lifetime Membership to Box 55. A reception was given in his honor at Station 12 where he was presented with his award. Bomar has been in declining health recently but still loves the fire service. Bomar has been a trusted and valuable asset to our club. We are so proud to have him as a Lifetime Member.

Nashville Fire Department News

Nashville has added a total of 12 new Engines (Engine 6, 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20, 24 and 28) to the fleet. Engine 30 and Engine 33 are Tandem axle 2000 gallon pumper/tanker.

- -Old Engine 30 will go to Station 25.
- -Old Engine 33 will go to Station 22.
- -Rescue 12 is not being rebuilt. This Rescue was involved in a rollover accident only a short distance from their fire hall. Firefighters suffered minor injuries with one firefighter requiring an overnight stay in the hospital.
- -2 new Rescues have been ordered No assignment yet.
- -Engine 2 has been sent back to E-1 to be rebuilt.
- -New command van has arrived.

In April of 2006, Mayor Bill Purcell, Chief Steven Halford and Metro Council Member Jim Forkum broke ground on new Fire Station 38, which will be located at 201 Larkin Spring Road in Madison. Metro Real Property Services and the Design/Build team of Knestrick Contractors and Cassetty Architects will oversee the \$2.4 million dollar project, projected to open October 18, 2006.

Engine Company 38 currently shares a station at 244 Madison Street with Engine Company 31. The existing equipment and personnel will relocate to the two-bay, 9860 square foot station that is being built with the capability of future expansion. Station 38 will have a residential appearance to blend into the neighborhood and will be the first station built that will have separate male and female shower, locker, restroom and changing facilities.

In April, Five Nashville Fire Department members were promoted to the rank of District Chief including the first woman to be promoted to the rank of firefighting District Chief. Promotions included Deborah D.

Campbell, Walter E. Demonbreun, Jr., Manuel Fonseca, Timothy Henderson and Charles Shannon. In addition to the first female firefighter to be promoted to this position, Fonseca becomes the second Hispanic Captain in the Fire Department to be promoted to the rank. Shannon joins the ranks of 11other African-American District Chiefs.

Convention News

Ron Huff, International Fire Buff Association Vice-President of Region 8, wishes to thank everyone in Seattle, Washington for hosting a great fire buff convention this year.

If you are ever in the Nashville area, please give us a call. We would be more than glad to show you the town! Also, visit our website at www.box55.org.



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

By Jerry Traub

2006 has ended with the addition of a township fire department to the Indianapolis department, successful completion of annual activities and an increase in Canteen runs.

Washington Township, located in northern Marion County (and site of the equipment photo op during 2005 convention) has combined with IFD, effective January 1, 2007. This adds five stations (renumbered with old IFD stations that had been closed) #4, #6, #8, #12 and #21. Approximately 175 of-

ficers and men have been added to the roster, and a new Battalion 2 added to Indy run cards. A second Safety Officer and second EMS run car have been added, as the territory added is substantial. Personnel will be moving among any station and the equipment has been re-lettered to Indianapolis logos. Warren Township in Eastern Marion County is now in discussion for combining, with a forecast date of this summer. This would add another five stations and a similar number of personnel.

Our annual fundraiser was completed in

November, as retiree Harry Jones' ticket was drawn at Local 416 monthly meeting. Harry chose the \$2,000 cash prize rather than a trip for two to Hawaii. Club members who worked the raffle, Harry and his wife enjoyed a steak dinner prepared by the Buffs at Harry's last assignment, IFD station 14, as the final chapter. Support was strong by Indy firefighters and we realized a

nice profit, which will fund club activities and upkeep of REAL Station #12 (RET).

Donations to the Wishard Hospital Burn Center, IFD Fill the Bell campaign and The Salvation Army kettle campaign were made, along with manpower that rang the Salvation Army kettle bells for two nights at a local supermarket. As luck

would have it, our assigned dates saw temperatures into the 20's and a brisk wind after record highs for the season just days earlier.

Recent additions to our roster include two photographers who are published. Brett Jackson has work at Chris Allen's INDI-ANA FIRE TRUCKS, which can be linked from the IFBA website. Tod Parker (he gave Rodger Birchfield his other "d") has his own site <www.phototac.com> and is also an entertainer and graphic artist. Visit website www.ayrow.com.

Election of officers for 2007 was held in November:

Rodger Birchfield, re-elected president. Rodger also is heading the local SPAAM-FAA chapter.

Mark Burke, vice-president. Mark's father was a career IFD firefighter.

Ed McMichael, re-elected Secretary. Paul McMichael, re-elected two year term as Treasurer. Yes, he is Ed's father.



Indianapolis firefighters battle wind and single digit temperatures after a 10" snowfall as fire breaks through the roof at a near Westside residence. (Photo by Rodger Birchfield)

provided a newer canteen by The Salvation Army, as the Indiana Division received four new units. They were produced by Custom Mobile Food Equipment in Hammonton, NJ. They had been a vendor at the last FDIC in Indianapolis and connected with The

We have been

Salvation Army folks here to provide the new units. Our veteran field kitchen- size unit will be retained for catastrophe duty.

Run count was up for the last half of 2006. Member Ed McMichael has outfitted his own SUV with limited supplies and has been able to respond to smaller events and provide for local departments in and out of Marion County. Canteen members assisted Salvation Army staff at a major plant fire in Shelby County recently. This was the longest trip our unit had made for some time.

Looking forward to Cambridge/ Region 1 convention in 2007. Several members are planning to attend. Hope to see you there.



A broken front axle was blamed for causing this truck fire on I-65 near downtown Indianapolis at mid-day. A box alarm and haz-mat assignment was sent on a reported fire and fuel spill. Operations required the closing of I-65 for approximately 45 minutes. (Photos by Rodger Birchfield)



TURN OUT Fall/Winter 2006

Region 9

Bayonne Fire Canteen, Inc.

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Box 54 Club

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By Ira Cohen

South Orange is one of the main towns we service, but, since it is largely residential, we rarely go there. However, on April 21 at 21:45 we were toned out to respond to a General Alarm at 337 Turrell Ave. The fire was in a large 2 ½ story Victorian house.

This is a career department and has 4 tours, averaging 7-8 firefighters per shift. They run an engine, ladder and small rescue and have a second engine which is manned when a recall of off-duty personnel is required. Not only were all these units operating at this fire, but Mutual Aid was also activated.

There was difficulty venting the fire, as the aerial could not be raised due to power lines blocking the front of the house. Headquarters #17 (our Rig) operated for two hours, before returning to quarters.

Three days later, on April 27 East Orange had a 3 Alarm fire in 6 stores at 392-400 Central Ave. All shared a common cockloft and the fire spread throughout all the businesses. Besides East Orange's response of 5 Engines, 2 Ladders and a Heavy Rescue, various

Mutual Aid towns also worked at the fire. These included Newark which sent a Signal 9, (2 + 1 and a B/C), Bloomfield, Maplewood, Irvington and Union. Hdq. #17 was on the scene from 00:45 to 3:45 providing rehab.

We were back in quarters for a few hours when Bloomfield required our services at a General Alarm in a 4 family house at 109 N. 15th St. The Rig responded at 9:30 and returned at noon.

May 29 was another very busy day. Early in the

morning at 5:30 we responded to a 2 Alarm fire in Newark, located in a 22 story high-rise at 440 Elizabeth Ave. The fire started in the compactor in the basement and the smoke spread up the shaft affecting all floors. The entire building had to be evacuated, and our cold drinks were greatly appreciated.

From there we responded to Bloomfield for their Annual Fire Department inspection prior to their Memorial Day Parade.

Then on June 1 we again had multiple runs. At 16:00 Newark transmitted a Second Alarm for Box 3417, for a fire at 350 N. 6th St. near 4th Ave. The fire was in a 2 ½ wood frame house with exposure problems. Because of the extreme heat, the men had difficulty getting to the seat of the fire. There were several additional units dispatched above the normal Second Alarm compliment of 8 Engines, 3 Trucks, Rescue, Deputy, and 2 Battalion Chiefs. The Rig was on the scene until 18:30. Returning to quarters, the fan belt broke and we had to place the truck out of service.

However, less than 5 hours later at 23:00 South Orange requested our services for a fire in a large house on 386 Valley Rd. As was mentioned, we rarely go to South Orange, so it was important that we did not miss this run, even without a canteen truck. Ira Cohen and Leon White took some jugs of cold water and Gatorade and responded to the fire in Cohen's car. The firefighters were very appreciative of our efforts and we were glad that we could serve them, even without our Rig. They were back in service at 1:00.

On June 6 Newark transmitted a Second Alarm for Box 3145 for a fire in two, 2 story taxpayers at 202 Bloomfield Ave. The Rig responded at 3:40 and was

back in quarters 2 hours later.

For the last several years, Newark has been without a fireboat. The last boat, the "Renaissance" never worked well, and since it was taken out of service, the city has been waiting for a replacement. Using Homeland Security funds, a new vessel, "The Guardian" was christened at Berth 2 in Port Newark on Thursday June 22. This is a multi-purpose boat, and for the present, it is being shared by both the Newark Fire and Police Departments. The Rig was on the scene serving refreshments during the dedication ceremonies.

Several years ago the NJ Devils Hockey Team made

the decision to relocate from Continental Arena in the Meadowlands to a new facility in downtown Newark. Construction of this new area has been a constant source of controversy because the city is committed to providing part of the costs.

This was a pet project of Newark's longtime mayor Sharpe James, and when he opted not to run for a 5th term, his

successor Corey Booker almost scrapped the project. But work has progressed too far to stop it, so the project continues. One of the casualties has been the demolition of NFD's historic firehouse on Mulberry and Lafayette Sts. Recently housing Truck #1, Rescue #1 and the Haz-mat, new quarters were needed for these units.

Space was found on the grounds of the old Borden's Dairy property at Orange and Nesbitt Sts. After abandoning the property, Newark Community Corporation (NCC), a local non-profit organization, took over the site and created a factory and used it to employ local residents who made modular homes. NCC did this for several years, and then faced with difficulties, sold the property to the city. Newark used this to relocate the Mulberry St. units, as well as a new air cascade truck and an urban collapse unit. The Newark Police Mounted Unit was moved next door where they have plenty of indoor space to

train and exercise the horses. The dedication of this new facility was held on June 29 and Hdq. #17 was there to serve light refreshments.

The Bell & Siren Club always has a good representation at the annual IFBA Conventions, and this year was no different. Attending were Tom and Marie Pelaia; Bill Hicks; Peter Mykowski; and Ira Cohen. Along with Essex County Fire Coordinator John D'Ascensio and his wife Jeannine they were all returning in a van from a trip out to Boeing on July 21 when Ira got a call on his cell from Sheldon Reynolds back in New Jersey telling him that Newark was transmitting a Fourth Alarm for a fire in Elliott St. School.

Knowing that such a response would strip the city of apparatus, John started making calls to activate the Mutual Aid arrangement for Newark. Interestingly enough, the people that John and Tom (who is a Deputy Coordinator) called had knowledge of the fire. So the Mutual Aid responses were initiated 3,000 miles

away while some buffs were attending the Seattle Convention!

It seems the school was struck by lightening and there was heavy fire on the roof and upper floors. Hdq. #17 responded at 19:30 and because of the magnitude of the fire, Chief of Department Lalor wanted a second canteen. Region # 9 has a mutual aid agreement for the canteen clubs, and the Jersey City Gong Club was requested to respond and assist the Bell & Siren Club. However, because many of their members were also in Seattle, they asked Bayonne to respond as well. The 3 canteens worked the fire leaving Teaneck's Box 54 as the lone canteen in service, covering for everyone else. The other units took up sooner, but Hdq. #17 was on the scene until after midnight, and firefighters were there all night with a fire watch.

On Aug. 1 the suburban town of Montclair

experienced extensive manhole fires, causing a blackout and power failure throughout much of the downtown area. At 16:50 our services were requested and we responded to the area of Bloomfield Ave and Valley Rd. where for 4 hours Hdq. #17 served the emergency and utility personnel. Fortunately there were no other fires or major incidents during this time.

Three days later Newark again had a high rise fire on Elizabeth Ave. This time it was Station 4524 for several apartments on fire at 555 Elizabeth Ave. The fire was on the 10th floor and many rescues had to be made, some off the fire escapes. Several units above the Second Alarm was dispatched to the scene and the Club operated from 22:00 to 00:30 hours.

The next 2 weeks of August were very busy with Hdq. #17 responding to 4 Third Alarms. On the 7th East Orange had a Third Alarm at 72 Lincoln St. Two 2 ½ story wood frame houses were involved, with exposure problems. There was heavy fire in the rear and we were there from 1:30-3:30.

On Aug. 13 Newark transmitted Station 1439 for a Third Alarm at 438-442 11th St., between 14th & 15th Aves. Three buildings were fully involved, and there was a severe threat of the fire communicating to other structures. The Rig was dispatched at 23:50 and served for 3 hours.

Later that week on Aug. 18, at 3:30 Newark struck another Third Alarm for Box 1512 at 44-50 Carolina Ave. in the Vailsburg Section of the city. The narrow streets with many parked cars made access difficult, and the overhead wires made raising aerial ladders impossible. The first due ladder, Truck #12, had to use a 50' ground ladder to get to the other side of the fire buildings.

We served lots of Gatorade and other cold drinks during our 3 hours of service on this hot night.

Finally East Orange ended the month on Aug. 25 with a Third Alarm plus numerous Mutual Aid companies, for a fire in a large 4 story multi-family apartment house at 475 S. Munn Ave. Hdq. #17 responded at 17:00 and there was heavy fire on the second floor, extending upward. Besides the East Orange units of 5 engines, 2 trucks and a heavy rescue, Bloomfield and Irvington had engines at the scene and Newark also had a Signal 9 (2 + 1+ B/C) working.

As dawn was breaking on September 2 in Newark, units responded to what would escalate to a Second Alarm at Station 1618 for a fire reported at 526 Sandford Ave. Arriving units found a working fire, but more tragically discovered that the fire had been set to cover up multiple murders. Numerous people had been shot in this drug related killing. 3 died at the scene and a fourth succumbed at University Hospital.

September 15 was an unusually hot and humid night and just before midnight Bloomfield dispatched units to a fire at 39-41 Lawrence St. They had fire in a 3 story frame house, extending to exposures on either side. Bloomfield's 4 engines, ladder and rescue were supported by various Mutual Aid companies. Newark had a Signal 9 assignment (Engines #7 & 28; Truck #11 & Battalion #3) in BFD Headquarters and they were dispatched to fight the fire in one of the exposure buildings.

Because of the muggy weather, it was very exhausting work, and the Newark B/C had to ask for more help. NFD Eng. #15 and Truck #7 responded to assist him. Besides the Newark units, East Orange Eng. #4 & Truck #2; West Orange and Nutley engines; and South Orange rescue operated at the fire and numerous other Essex County towns provided station coverage. The Rig was on the scene for 5 hours providing rehab to all the companies.

Sadly we regret to report the passing of Edward Sager, who died on Oct. 5 at the age of 93. Ed was a member of the Bell and Siren Club for over 50 years. He had also been active with the South Orange Auxiliary Fire Department and for several years served as the Chief of the Newark Auxiliary Fire Department. May Ed Rest in Peace!



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

Late night, normally a quiet time of day at the Gong Club quarters, seemed to be a typical evening on June 29, 2006. Member Billy Ladell, was in quarters, checking e-mail and catching the David Letterman Show when Cris Rolon, the long time owner of the adjoining Rolon's Bar, came running into quarters, as Billy put it, "yelling in five languages"! "Fire! Fuego! Hurry!" Billy ran to the apron and Cris pointed to a storefront across Newark Ave. from quarters with a large body of fire visible inside the store.

Jersey City 6/29/06 Gong Club members had a ring side seat for this fire at 171 Newark Ave. opposite quarters. (Robert Scollan Photo)

Billy telephoned the Fire Dispatch Center, whose crew included Gong Club Members David Mc Neese and Ira Rubin. No computer aided dispatch was needed for this corner! Club members know our home box by heart - 204, which was promptly struck at 0001, June 30, 2006, for a building fire at Newark & Bay. Sizing up the situation, Billy got on the canteen's radio and transmitted a report "Car 26 to Fire Dispatch, at Box 204 we have a store that appears to be fully involved. Recommend a Working Fire!".

The Working Fire assignment was set up and transmitted as Battalion 1, B. C. Robert Forenza arrived and confirmed the report. Heavy fire was now in possession of the Beauty Land Store at 171 Newark Ave. The fire building was a three story brick commercial structure, 25 ' x 150'. Division 1, Deputy Chief Thomas Kearney, arrived shortly thereafter and assumed command. Three handlines attacked the fire from the front as ladder companies opened up, a daunting task as except for the storefront, a decorative facade rendered this to be a windowless structure. At first it appeared that the interior attack was successful,

as the fire in the ground floor store was quickly knocked down. However, companies attempting to make the 2nd floor reported extreme heat and that they were making little headway.

It soon became apparent that the fire had extended to the second and third floors of the building, which was loaded with stock. Deputy Chief Kearney ordered a 2nd Alarm and specified that Tower Ladder 4 be assigned and respond to the front of the building. As conditions deteriorated in

the fire building, the order was given to evacuate the building and the heavy artillery was brought to play. Tower Ladder 4 and Ladder 6, nose to nose on Newark Ave., both operated their master streams into the upper floors, which now had fire belching into the night 30 feet high. Ladder Co. 3 was special called and ordered to operate in the rear lot off of Railroad Ave. After a 20 minute water display, the fire was knocked down and handlines again moved in. The fire was declared under control at 0111 hours.

It is not often that a canteen unit has a response of ten feet and can stay connected to its shore line to operate, but that is exactly what Car 26 is doing for this fire! Although not an every day event, the same situa-



Jersey City 6/29/06 Car 26 operated right from its own apron! (Robert Scollan Photo)

tion was handled by the Gong Club at least a dozen or more times in its history. That's one way to counteract the high price of gasoline!

Response:

0001 Box 204 Eng. Co. 5-2-6-9 Lad. Co. 6-2 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 1 Div. 1 Car 26
0003 WF 204 Div. 1, Batt. 3, Sqd. Co. 4 Eng. Co. 19
MSU Car 20-30
0023 2-2 204 Eng. Co. 10-8-22 Twr. Lad. 4 Car 1-3A-5
S/C 204 Lad. Co. 3
0330 Watch Line Eng. Co. 17 Lad. Co. 11
0415 Watch Line Eng. Co. 13 Lad. Co. 7

TRAGEDY STRIKES NORTH HUDSON

September is always a busy time of year for the Gong Club. Participation in a number of events were planned for the month, including a September 7th demonstration of rescue equipment purchased with UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) funding, the F. D.J.C. Medal Day on September 8th and the Bayonne F. D. 100th Anniversary Parade on September 9th. That triple header of planned events was trumped by a triple header of unplanned events on September 9,

2006.

Secaucus, one of two volunteer departments in Hudson County, turned out shortly after 0400 hours to the Goya Foods Warehouse at 650 New County Rd. Companies encountered a heavy smoke condition in the warehouse and sprinklers operating. Several lines were stretched but efforts to locate the seat of the fire were hampered by poor visibility in a windowless building with a large refrigerated section.

With little progress was being made and fire fighters in need of relief, Chief Raymond Ciecuch transmitted a mutual aid re-

quest to Jersey City, bringing Batt. 3, Eng. Co. 9, Lad. Co. 7 and Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, to the scene. As Car 26 responded at 0610 hours, Jersey City Fire Dispatch announced a mutual aid response to North Hudson. Almost immediately after this assignment, Eng. Co. 17-8 and Lad. Co. 11 were redirected to respond to the fire, at 1803 Bergenline Ave., Union City, along with Batt. 4. A fire in an occupied three story frame tenement at this location had quickly escalated to a 4th Alarm.

Members on board Car 26 contacted Jersey City Fire Dispatch via radio and directed a mutual aid request to the Box 54 Club of Teaneck to cover the Union City fire. Member Bob Scollan responded to that fire to coordinate with the Box 54 Club members. As Car 26 arrived on location in Secaucus, the seat of the fire was located and burning pallets of food products were extinguished with hand lines. While the situation in Secaucus improved greatly, ominous words were filtering back from the fire fight in progress in Union City. Reports of fire fighters trapped and injured quickly spread on the fireground in Secaucus. Companies went about their duties overhauling in the warehouse, but as units came to Car 26 for a break, the first words were always "Any news from Union City? How many guys? What companies?"

Chief Ciecuch released Car 26 at 0810 hours and the canteen responded directly to the Union City 4th Alarm. Both Car 26 and Box 54 operated at the scene for three hours. Car 26 continued to operate from 1100 hours until 1545 hours, serving companies from North Hudson, Jersey City and Hoboken as well as numerous agencies investigating the incident, including the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Hudson

County Prosecutor's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

As Car 26 was preparing to return to quarters from this fire, Hoboken transmitted a 2nd Alarm for a fire at 60 Madison St., an occupied four story frame multiple dwelling. A check with the Jersey City dispatcher was affirmative, and Car 26 was rolling for a third time that day, directly from the Union City 4th Alarm. Hoboken companies made quick work of that fire, holding it to the apartment of origin. Car 26 finally returned to quarters at 1655 hours, more than 10 hours later.

The worst fears of any member of the fire service were realized at the Union City 4th Alarm. Fire Fighter Vincent R. Neglia made the supreme sacrifice at this fire. Normally assigned to Eng. Co. 13 in North Bergen, Fire Fighter Neglia was detailed to Squad Co. 2 in Union City that night as Acting Captain. Squad Co. 2 was the first unit to arrive and entered the building to commence a search and locate the fire, a routine repeated thousands of times by any fire fighter. However, this fire proved to be anything but routine. Fire had apparently been burning in an airshaft for some time before discovery. As Squad Co. 2 made the top floor, fire roared out of the shaft into the hallway, cutting off the company. The other two members of the company escaped with minor injuries, but despite feverish attempts to revive him, Fire Fighter Neglia perished.

Fire Fighter Neglia was the first member of the North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue to make the supreme sacrifice since the Department was formed in 1999. Despite a torrential downpour, thousands of fire fighters turned out for Fire Fighter Neglia's funeral on September 14, 2006 from Our Lady of Fatima Church on Kennedy Blvd. in North Bergen. As they did at the fire which claimed his

life, both the Gong Club and Box 54 Club served at Fire Fighter Neglia's funeral. Sadly, this was the

second time in September 2006 that both clubs served at a funeral. On September 2, 2006, the canteens served in Ramsey, NJ at the funeral of F.D.N. Y. Fire Fighter Michael Reilly, Eng. Co. 75.

MARINE CO. 1 IN SERVICE!

Jersey City placed its first fire boat in service following a lengthy training period on September 29, 2006. A 52' Sea Arc fire boat was purchased with Homeland Security Grants by the State of New Jersey and assigned to the Jersey City Fire Department. A similar unit has been assigned to Newark. Eight companies have been trained in marine fire fighting along with several fire fighters who comprise the company's crew. Two fire fighters will be on duty with Marine Co. 1. A land company trained in marine fire fighting operations will be dispatched to operate with the crew on any incidents.

Although the boat was officially christened on September 29th, the boat has been used constantly for training exercises over the summer and even responded to and operated at a waterfront fire at the foot of Linden Ave. in June. Marine Co. 1 also provided water play outs at the UASI rescue equipment demonstration and the Medal Day Ceremonies in early September.



Liberty State Park Jersey City UASI Rescue Apparatus on display (Conni Spellman Photo)

The boat is named the "Joseph Lovero" in honor of the Gong Club member and Jersey City Fire Dispatcher who perished at Manhattan Box 55-8087 on September 11, 2001. The Lovero family, including Joe's brother Mike, a Gong Club member and retired Jersey City Fire Fighter, were honored at the Christening, held at the Hyatt Regency at Exchange Place. Joe's daughter, Maxine had the honors of cracking the champagne bottle across



9/7/06 Liberty State Park Jersey City 2006 Spartan/Rescue One apparatus assigned to Jersey City, designated as the Special Operations Unit (Ron Jeffers Photo)

Marine Co. 1 Christening Jersey City 9/29/06 F.D.N.Y. Marine Co. 1 using the spare boat, the "Alfred E. Smith" salutes its new neighbor, the "Joseph Lovero"

The "Joseph Lovero" puts on a display of its own during the F.D.J.C. Medal Day. (Conni Spellman Photo)

the bow. F.D.N.Y. Marine Co. 1 greeted its new neighbor with a play out as well.

Jersey City also received one of the thirteen Spartan / Rescue One rescue apparatus purchased by the State of New Jersey UASI program. A mask service unit, foam tender and a "Quick Response Vehicle", a pick up truck with two large deck guns, were received as part of this program as well. Bayonne, Hoboken and North Hudson also received similar rescue apparatus. The F.D.J.C. has also purchased two 110' E-One rear mount ladder trucks, which were initially destined for Memphis! The rigs are all red and have a different graphic package from the existing fleet. Five pumpers are on order from American LaFrance and one additional E-One rear mount ladder is also expected in 2007.

I.F.B.A. CONVENTION TO RETURN!

The Gong Club hosted the Region 9 meeting in their quarters on July 8, 2006. The assembled clubs from Region 9 voted to submit a bid for the 2011 International Fire Buff Associates, Inc. Convention.

The bid was submitted at the Seattle Convention, along with a letter from Chief Frederick Eggers of the Jersey City Fire Department pledging the Department's full support of the effort.

Plans are in the embryonic stages, but a quick

look at the Hudson River Waterfront will tell you that a lot has changed and there is a lot more to do since the I.F.B.A. last met in Hudson County in 1989. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in future editions of TURN OUT.



BOBBY DOLAN



ROBERT RAYMOND "BOBBY" DOLAN was born on December 2, 1933 in Camden NJ to Charles and Ida Mae Dolan. His father was a veteran of World War I. His great-uncle, <u>William A.</u> "Billy" <u>Dolan Sr.</u>, served on the Camden Police Department for 43 years, from 1898 to 1941. Charles Dolan worked for many years as an armed guard at the Municipal Pier at the foot of <u>Spruce Street</u> in Camden. This facility is now operated by the South Jersey Port Corporation.

Bob Dolan's early years were spent in North Camden, at 534 Cedar Street. He began working for the City of Camden in 1951. After serving in the United States Army from 1956 through 1959, Bob Dolan returned home to Camden and worked full time for the city as a Police and Fire Dispatcher. In his time in service, he made several helpful innovations, including the assigning of code numbers to pay phones on Camden streets. Bob Dolan retired from public work in 1986.

Interested in fire fighting from an early age, around 1954 Bob Dolan along with his boyhood friend Bob Bartosz founded the South Jersey Fire Buffs Association. Other charter members were W. Earl Doan, a stock broker; Sarah Sanderson, a newspaper reporter for the Philadelphia Bulletin; and a host of others including Dick Fox, Lew Egbert, Jack Brooke, father and son Elmer and Peter Meyer, Bob Cooper, Jack Albertson, Artie Batten, a Camden Fire Fighter; Joseph Reinhart, Zeke Bubnowski of Camden's Bruno's Restaurant, Nat Elliott, Francis Palmer and Bill Bean. Bob Dolan served as the president of the organization's canteen unit at different times during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. He also served as an Auxiliary Fire Fighter for over 25 years with Engine Company 2 and Engine Company 11.

Bob Dolan enjoyed camping, hiking, and photography. In his later years he lived in <u>East Camden</u>, near Highland and Terrace Avenues. An only child and a lifelong bachelor, Bob Dolan was always a helpful soul. He befriended an immigrant family from Vietnam and helped them adjust to their new life in America, teaching them English. They became his second family.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Bob Dolan breathed his last on December 11, 2006. By his side were his friends, Bob and Pat Bartosz, who had helped care for him. Bob Dolan had been the best man at their wedding.

Bob Dolan was buried at Bethel Cemetery in Pennsauken NJ on December 15, 2006. His fineral was attended by friends, his second family, and police and fire officials from all over the Delaware Valley.



The Canteen in readiness Corpsmen Bob Cooper, Bob Dolan, Earl Doan and Major Bill Gwynne September 15, 1964

About Bob Dolan....

My Dad [Bob Bartosz] knew Bob Dolan since they were teenagers. My Mom met him when she was dating my Dad in the 1950's. My Dad and Bob went to thousands of fires together for many years. They always stayed in touch with each other and had long talks on the phone.

Bob Dolan was interested in many projects. All of them were around helping people..

In the mid 1950's my Dad and Bob formed a Fire Buff Club called South Jersey Fire Buffs Assoc. and Bob Dolan was the first president of the Club. They teamed up with a local Reverend, William Gwynne. Rev. Gwynne was noted for taking coffee and cold drinks to Camden Fire Fighters whenever there was a major fire in the City. He normally worked out of the back of his station wagon with his wife serving refreshments to the firemen. Bob Dolan would go with him to help him out. Bob was an auxiliary fireman in Camden City but my Dad was too young to join but my Dad traveled with Bob taking pictures of the fires. They had an idea and they raised money from donations and in less than a year they reached their goal and the truck was purchased. The Canteen truck had many homes and its last storage place was at the Pennsauken 2 Fire Station and many of the firemen helped them run the canteen. As the years went by many of the members passed away including the Reverend and his wife and in the late 1970's the Fire Buff Club only had three of its original members and went out of existence. You can see many of the photos on display of the happier times showing Bob Dolan and the members of the South Jersey Fire Buffs Association at work from the photos that my Dad took.

In 1956 Bob Dolan was drafted in the Service and in 1958 my Mom & Dad were married. Bob Dolan was able to get a weekend leave and he was the best man in their wedding. It started out to be a beautiful day on Feb. 15, 1958. As my parents arrived at the church it started to snow and Bob would tell my Dad that the snow was getting very deep outside. By mid-afternoon there was nearly 8 to 10 inches of snow on the ground and it was still snowing. My parents had their bags packed and were heading for the New Jersey Turnpike to head South. It took them almost four hours to reach Mt. Laurel and by then the Turnpike was closed. They were lucky to find a nearly motel. By days end, the snow was almost 2 feet deep. The snow also stranded Bob Dolan at my grandparents home in East Camden. For over a day and a half Bob had to walk and hitch hike back to Fort Dix. Just making it back in time so he wasn't listed as AWOL. This was one event he always liked to talk about for the last 48 years. Bob Dolan would always say his famous quote 'If I Was The Best Man Than Why Did She Marry Him'

My Sister Debbie and I always enjoyed Mr. Dolan's visits. He always told us great stories. He loved nature and animals and he also enjoyed taking hikes and photography. We would always invite Mr. Dolan to our family dinners, birthdays, thanksgiving, Christmas because we didn't want him to be by himself. Now my parents have found out a lot of his friends did the same thing. He would tell my parents about the Vietnamese children that he was teaching to speak English. Now these children are adults and my parents have finally met them.

Bob Dolan enjoyed going to the <u>Seabrook Japanese Festivals</u> in the summer and he would go down there very early with his chair to save a special spot up front. He enjoyed the music, dancing and especially the playing of the Japanese drums. My parents would meet him at the Festival.

A man is judged by the number of friends that he has, if so than Bob Dolan was at the TOP. Bob Dolan had many circles of friends and now he has joined them altogether As One.

> Robert W. Bartosz, December 15, 2006

SURPRISING SATURDAY ON SPRING ST.

Winter finally arrived in the Northeast during the week of January 15, 2007. After enjoying weeks of weather more characteristic of spring, temperatures plummeted to the teens and a light snow fell in some parts on Friday, January 19th.

At 0318 hours, Saturday, January 20, 2007, Elizabeth Rescue 1 was returning from a run and discovered flames roaring through a row of 2 story brick dwellings at Spring and Emma Streets. Spring St. is far from the bucolic image evoked by its name. The thoroughfare is actually a six lane highway, U. S. Route 1-9, one of the busiest stretches of roadway anywhere!

The fire spread rapidly, soon involving the entire block, some eight buildings, between Emma and Flora Streets on the west side of the highway. Deputy Chief Lathey Wirkus was in command of the Elizabeth F.D. that tour, and transmitted multiple alarms with rapidity equal to the speed of the now raging inferno. Soon every department in Union County was on the move. Chief Wirkus sounded a 6th Alarm, bring two engines and a ladder from Newark, a rare move! This was followed by an unprecedented move, a 7th Alarm with a request to Jersey City for aid!

The Jersey City Fire Dispatch Center assembled an assignment and transmitted Box 011 at 0503. Batt. 4, Battalion Chief Timothy Foy, commanded the assignment of Eng. Co. 10-15 Lad. Co. 9, Mask Service Unit, Safety Battalion Chief John Holinka and Car 26, the Gong Club canteen. As the units turned out, an even greater surprise greeted them. Shortly after 0300 hours, a blinding snowstorm caught the city by complete surprise. Approximately 2 inches of snow fell in about one hour before the storm quit, but the streets were a sheet of ice! Companies cautiously navigated this treacherous terrain for the thirteen mile trek to Elizabeth. As Car 26 gingerly crossed over the Passaic River bridge on Route 1-9, two cars did a 360 degree spin at the base of the bridge. Car 26 Chauffeur Pat Spellman wisely decided that the New Jersey Turnpike would be a safer route, but at the Exit 15E Toll Plaza, a taxicab was sitting on top of a concrete divider, another victim of the ice.

Once the main road of the New Jersey Turnpike was entered, the conditions were much improved. In fact, it had no snowed in Elizabeth at all! Upon arrival, Car 26 was ordered to set up one block north of the fire, at Spring and Olive Streets. A New Jersey Transit bus was situated at that location as a warming station. HQ 17, the Bell & Siren Club canteen, soon arrived there as well and both units operated together for several hours.

Three tower ladders, two ladder pipes, two deck guns and several handlines were employed to bring the fire under control. However, the entire block was reduced to a smoldering hulk of rubble. The Jersey City companies stood by for approximately 30 minutes and then were returned without seeing any action.

A few photos, courtesy of Gong Club Member Bobby Scollan, are also attached.





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JOSEPH FARREN, 1911-2006



Joe Farren (x) congratulating Boston District Chief Viscous Bolger on the occasion of his retirement on February 26, 1982 (William F. Noonan Photo)

LEGENDARY FIRE BUFF

The fire buffing community lost one of its legends on June 27, 2006 with the passing of Joseph Farren in Olympia, WA. Joe was an honorary member of the Gong Club and well known in Boston and New York buffing circles in a career that spanned almost a century. Originally from Boston's Allston section, Joe began his life long admiration for the fire service at the old quarters of Engine Co. 41 on Harvard Ave. Although he moved to Queens in his teens, Joe always retained a trace of his Boston accent along with many friends in the B.F.D.

During World War II. Joe was appointed to the Federal Fire Department for the Port of New York. This department protected military installations in the harbor, including the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Port of Embarkation in Staten Island and the Kearny (NJ) Shipyards. Following his fire service career, Joe worked as a security guard for a New York financial institution.

Joe was the last link with an era of buffing that no longer exists. Never owning an automobile, like many New Yorkers, Joe responded to the Big Ones via the subway, a friend's car or, on occasion, hitching a ride with a responding company! Buffs would gather at firehouses near key subway stations such as Ladder Co. 24 on W. 31" St. in Manhattan. These were the days of the bells and it was critical to count the bells as boxes hit in and have an encyclopedic knowledge of box locations and the geography of the city. The buffs who gathered at "24 Truck" were dubbed "The Standpipe Crew" and caught many of the city's biggest blazes in this manner for decades.

Joe retained that encyclopedic knowledge of the fire service in metropolitan New York and Boston his entire life. A frequent visitor to the Gong Club, Joe would regale young and old buffs alske with tales of the fires of old and the characters that fought and buffed them.

In 1997, Joe and his wife, Elizabeth, relocated from Brooklyn to a retirement facility near their daughter. Charlotte, in Olympia, W.A. Despite the distance. Joe kept in touch with his friends back East with frequent letters, intertwining stories of old New York fires with accounts of the latest fires and apparatus in his new home. It was a seamless transition, with Joe making friends with members of the Olympia F. D. His new Department even shared the same frequency as his former Borough, 154.37 MHz!

Gong Club members visiting the Seattle area, either for the Tacoma and Seattle Conventions or on business trips would journey to Olympia to see their old friend. The last such visit took place during this year's Executive Board Meeting with members Jun Carey, Bill Ladell and Paul Schaetzle, plus (now) LF.B.A. President Gerry Mahoney visiting the "Chief" on March 26, 2006. We had all look forward to one more visit during this year's Convention, but alas, Joe answered his Final Alann on June 27, 2006, a mere three weeks short of our visit.

Joe is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Tim Benson. The Gong Club joins with the many friends of "The Chief" around the country to mourn his passing.



"Claim?" Fames enjoying a visit with a fellow Gong Clab member to Olympia, WA on August 19, 2004. (Paul Schnerzle Photo)

Region 11

Broward Assn. For The Relief of Firefighters

Central Florida Fire Buffs

Metropolitan Fire Assn. of Atlanta, GA.

METROPOLITAN FIRE ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA, GA

By: Jeffrey A. Harwell

Atlanta Engine 23 was totaled on March 6 when it struck a utility pole at Northside Drive and Marietta Street. One firefighter detailed from Station 1 was transported and later released. While the apparatus was not on an emergency run, there was a torrential downpour in progress at the time.....As of April 1st metropolitan Atlanta has a brand new fire department. Between 1994 and 2006 the city of Fairburn was protected by the Fulton County Fire Department with Engine 21A and 21B. While the city has always owned the station and engines, they were manned by personnel from Fulton County under contract and operated as part of the county department (Before 1994 the department was volunteer). But as anticipated, taxes have increased dramatically in south Fulton County to make up for the revenue lost when much of the tax base in the north part of the county was redirected due to the creation of the city of Sandy Springs. So Fairburn city leaders decided to become the second city fire department in the southern part of the county behind Union City. The department will use a talkgroup within the Fulton County radio system for communications. Automatic aid agreements with Fulton County and the Union City are currently working their way through the city's legal department. The new Fairburn Fire Department consists of 27 personnel broken down as follows: one fire chief, one assistant chief, one captain over prevention and fire safety, and eight combat personnel per each of three shifts (one lieutenant, two sergeants, and four firefighters). Equipment at start up is as follows:

- Engine 1 (formerly E21A) 1998 Emergency One Cyclone 1500gpm/750gal
- Engine 2 (formerly E21B) 1992 Freightliner/ Emergency One 1250gpm/1000gal
- Reserve Engine 3 (formerly E21C) 1983 FMC 1000gpm/500gal
- Battalion One 2006 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle

Thanks to Fairburn Fire Chief Jody Weller for the above information. Our organization was fortunate to be able to visit this new department as part of our July MFA meeting.

Our canteen unit has been in the shop for a good bit



of March with electrical problems and has missed several fire runs and Firefighter Appreciation Day at the State Capital. In August, the canteen and associated locker and supplies were moved back to Atlanta Station 3 from DeKalb County Station 21. Several Atlanta Fire personnel have been going through training as extra drivers for the canteen unit..... DeKalb County firefighter William Craddock, age 37, died on August 13 following a heart attack that was suffered while fighting a residential fire on May 4.....On July 7 former Gwinnett County fire chief (and MFA Professional Member) Jack McElfish was appointed as the first fire chief of the newly formed city of Sandy Springs. Chief McElfish will be preparing for the eventual phasing out of contract fire services with Fulton County as the city implements its new 91 member department.....Gwinnett County held grand opening ceremonies for its 26th fire station on July 10 at 6075 Swanee Dam Road in Sugar Hill. At present the station in the far northern part of the county will house a lone engine company.....On July 12 Fulton County appointed Larry Few as its new fire chief. If that last name sounds familiar, it's because Larry is the brother of Ronnie Few who served as fire chief of East Point and Augusta/Richmond County in Georgia, and Washington, DC.

March turned out to be a rather hectic time for the city of Atlanta. Late on the evening of March 3 units arrived at 258 Lindsay Street NW to find a two story brick veneer fully involved with severe exposure problems. Units immediately went defensive with a collapse zone established. Engines 16-1-7 Trucks 16-1-11 were on the first alarm with Engines 17 and 22 being special called.....The following morning

Atlanta units were dispatched to a familiar address in northeast Atlanta - 430 Boulevard. This was the same building that burned during a previous



Thanksgiving 4 Alarm fire reported on in the last issue of Turn Out. During that incident fire consumed half of the original fire building and burned the roof off the exposure at 420 Boulevard. Command struck the 2nd Alarm for the most recent fire just after 1:00am as units operating on the interior reported that fire was traveling vertically upward from the basement. The 3rd Alarm followed at 1:37am and by 2:00am fire involved most of the 3rd Floor and was through the roof. The 4th Alarm came as Trucks 10, 16, and 1 quickly got their ladder pipes going. Once the master streams got going the fire darkened down rather quickly and some of the 4th Alarm units were returned to service. A GMAG fill in task force was also canceled. This latest incident pretty much wrote the final chapter, as what was left of the building has quickly been demolished.....The next major fire in Atlanta came on March 6 and occurred about as far south on Jonesboro Road that you can go without being in Clayton County. Engine 34 was dispatched to an apartment complex for a person hit by an auto, didn't find anyone, but did find a 3 story apartment building heavily involved with fire running the attic. The 2nd Alarm was quickly struck followed a special call request for an additional three engines and one ladder - with one of the engines assigned to brand patrol. Due to small water mains in the complex, multiple engines stretched together a five inch supply line all the way out to Jonesboro Road.....The very next day, March 7, saw Atlanta companies

requesting a 2nd Alarm for a fire in a 3 story educational establishment at 2210 Perry Blvd. Two additional trucks were requested over the 2nd Alarm

to assist with smoke removal.....DeKalb County fire companies arrived at an apartment fire later that same evening with a working fire in a two story, 4 unit, brick veneer garden apartment at 942 North Indian Creek Drive. The fire on the 1st Floor quickly spread to the 2nd Floor as firefighters received reports that as many as 4 persons might be trapped. Unfortunately that report proved to be correct as four children were fatalities from this fire. In addition to several special call rescue units, an additional two engines and two trucks were special called to provide additional manpower and relief.....March 14 was extremely windy and dry, and just after noon those conditions proved disastrous as Cobb County units responded to a reported

working fire in a two story apartment at the Highland Village Apartments on Powers Ferry Place in Marietta. A fire on the patio had apparently already extended into the building and made it into the attic. The strong winds fanning the fire helped command decide to sound the evacuation tones. Special calls were prevalent - the first for an additional engine and truck, another for 2 additional engines, and yet another for two additional battalion chiefs as fire began to threaten exposure buildings. A full alarm assignment clearing from a nearby call was quickly commandeered and redirected to the Powers Ferry incident - amounting to the equivalent of a 3rd Alarm assignment on the fireground. A fire wall helped slow down the progress of the fire, but not before damaging three different buildings and resulting in a long drawn out overhaul process. Just a couple of hours later south Cobb County units were responding to the West Chase Apartments off Westwood Parkway where a short offensive attack quickly turned defensive. The wind was again a factor at this fire with at least one ladder pipe operating. Needless to say it would have been a rather exciting time to be in the Cobb County dispatch office.....Houses closely spaced, along with dry and windy spring months have proved disastrous over the years for metropolitan Atlanta. Forsyth County lost multiple homes in 2004 on Dearborn Street, and in 2005 Gwinnett County lost multiple houses on two separate occasions. On the afternoon of March 22, 2006 Gwinnett County had two houses

heavily involved just east of Snellville on Stephens Pond Road. Ladder 12 was set up to assist with the defensive attack on the two original fire dwellings while an offensive attack was waged on the exposures on sides "B" and "D". GCFD units on scene were from Companies 12-8-6-9-22.....And on

the last day of March Forsyth County had another 'min-conflagration' going on Waveland Road. New houses in this area are about 12 feet apart, and the initial call was apparently for a grass fire. Fire units arrived to find three houses (and associated vehicles) heavily involved with fire extending to a fourth residence. Houses across the street

reportedly had their vinyl siding start melting away. Firefighters were eventually able to put a tower ladder into operation and get handlines ahead of the fire to halt its spread.

In the month of April two significant fires occurred on April 5. The first fire amounted to a 3rd Alarm for Gwinnett County at 4285 South Old Peachtree Road. What started out as a brush fire quickly found several large fuel tanks and storage buildings at the rear of Tommy's Diesel and Repair Truck Stop and there was quite a show from then on. The 1st and 2nd Alarm companies included Engines 1-2-4-7-11-19-23, Trucks 11-4, Rescue 7 and HM20. Units eventually operated six 1-3/4" & one 2-1/2" handlines along with one deck gun and one ladder pipe for control.....Later that afternoon five departments combined to fight a stubborn fire in a large two story house on Lum Crowe Road in Roswell. Not too often are companies forced to go to straight tip streams to knock a flame front, but that was the case here. Units on scene were Roswell Engines 5-6-1 & Ladder 1, Alpharetta Engine 5 & Ladder 1, Mountain Park Engine 20 and Squad 20, Fulton County Engine 14-10 & Truck 8. Two engines from Cherokee County were special called for brand patrol.....Yet two more significant fires occurred on the evening of April 18. Just before

7:00pm DeKalb County units were dispatched to the Villas at North Druid Hill Condos - a large, older 'L' shaped 3-story apartment building with a sawed lumber floor system and open attic that was being renovated at the time. A 2nd Alarm quickly followed, and a request from command for two

additional battalion chiefs was unable to be filled due to another fire in the county. Command eventually struck the 3rd and 4th Alarms, with staging set up at DeKalb County Station #15. Due to the proximity of the fire to the Atlanta border, AFD provided five engines and two truck companies on mutual aid. Three ladder pipes supported a multitude of other master streams for eventual control..... Then, the next chapter

began for DeKalb just before midnight when a 2nd Alarm was struck on arrival for heavy fire on the 2nd Floor of the FoxFire Apartments in the 6600 block of Peachree Industrial Boulevard. While the 4th Alarm earlier in the evening was considered to be in 'north' Dekalb County, this fire was truly in 'far north' DeKalb County, with the Gwinnett county line situated just a few blocks away. The alarm assignments were rather unusual since a large contingent of DeKalb apparatus were still picking up from the 4th Alarm, and several Gwinnett units were on the fire, including ones that were filling in at DeKalb stations. Units were eventually ordered out of the building and master streams were placed in service (including two ladder pipes). There was one civilian injury - a 2nd Floor jumper.

There weren't any noteworthy incidents during the month of May. Our canteen unit was on scene for almost 7 hours during the early morning hours of June 26 for a roof collapse on Trinity Street SW in the city of Atlanta. It's not too often we have an incident that is long enough to serve meals to fire crews......Just after lunch on June 30, Smyrna firefighters responded to the 100 block of South Lincoln Trace for a fire at the Mission at Galleria Apartments. Chief 600 reported heavy smoke showing on arrival and immediately requested two



additional engines from Cobb County and one from the Dobbins military base. A while later two additional engines were requested (one from Marietta and one from Cobb County). As conditions deteriorated command activated the GMAG mutual aid plan with a request for four additional engines (two to the scene and two to backfill empty stations) and operations went totally defensive.

Fire activity was rather slow the rest of the summer and early fall. DeKalb County had a rather unusual 2^{nd} Alarm on July 21 on Rock Mountain Road that featured relay pumping and ladder pipes for a fire in the structure containing the conveyor belt system for a rock quarry. Then on afternoon of September 4 DeKalb County had back to back 2^{nd} Alarm apartment fires, both in three story garden apartment buildings.

