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

### Region 3

Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn., Inc.  
Box 234 Assn., Inc.  
Box 414 Assn., Inc.  
Central Alarmers, Inc.  
Central Pennsylvania Fire Buff Assn.  
Friendship Fire Assn.  
Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.  
S. H. C. Assn.

### Region 4

Box 15 Club, Inc.  
Box 27 Associates  
Box 42 Associates, Inc.  
Central Ohio Fire Buff Associates  
Extra Alarm Fire Assn., Inc.  
Fire Notification Network of Michigan  
Hamilton Fire Relief Co. 20  
Western Reserve Fire Museum of Cleveland Ohio, Inc.

### Region 5

Box 4 Fire Buff Assn., Inc.  
Firefighting Historical Society, Inc.  
Fort Worth Red Helmets  
Greater Houston Fire Buffs  
International Fire Photographer's Assn.  
Little Elm Support Group 620  
Plano Fire Rescue Associates  
Signal "51" Group

### Region 6

5-11 Club, Inc.  
10-87 Club of Greater Rockford  
Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities  
Metropolitan Emergency Support Services, Inc. (M. E. S. S.)  
Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc.  
Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.  
Milwaukee Fire Historical Society, Ltd.  
Moline Second Alarm Assn.  
Racine Fire Bell Club, Inc.  
Waukesha County Emergency Support & Rehab Inc.

### 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

### Region 8

Box 8 Club of St. Louis, Inc.  
Box 55 Assoc.  
Indianapolis Fire Buffs

### Region 9

Bayonne Fire Canteen, Inc.  
Bell & Siren Club, Inc.  
Box 54 Club  
FireCom Emergency Radio of NJ  
Gong Club, Inc.  
Second Alarmers' Assn. & Rescue Squad of Philadelphia, Inc.  
Signal 22 Assn., Inc.  
Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA)  
South Jersey Fire Photographer's Assn.  
The Fire Bell Club of New York, Inc.  
Third Alarm Assn., Inc.

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### Region 11

Broward Assn. For The Relief of Firefighters  
Central Florida Fire Buffs  
Metropolitan Fire Assn. of Atlanta, GA.



# IFBA SPRING BOARD MEETING

April 3 & 4, 2009

By Jerry Traub, *Turn Out* editor

More than twenty IFBA officers and members attended the Spring Executive Board meeting at The Liaison Hotel in Washington, DC Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, 2009.

After arriving Friday evening, attendees spent several pleasant hours at a local restaurant catching up on local stories and trading information from across the country at their own clubs. Saturday's business meeting was chaired by president Mark Platek. Convention updates and mid-year reports from regional vice-presidents were submitted. Committee chairpersons also provided content for the business meeting to be held during the Capitol Blazes '09 convention August 12-15, 2009.

A surprise guest was Chief Dennis Rubin of the Washington, DC department, who addressed the



Membership Committee chairperson Ira Rubin and 2<sup>nd</sup> V-P and convention co-chair Vito Maggiolo discuss the advantages of The Liaison Hotel's central location for Capitol Blazes '09 convention before leaving for the station tour on Saturday.

group at the request of convention co-chair Walter Gold. After a tour of the hotel facility and a luncheon break, members visited the DC Fire and EMS Museum next door. Later Saturday, station visits were followed by some attending the Washington Nationals' pre-season baseball game, courtesy of Chief Rubin's office. A good time was had by all.

Turn Out production editor Ed McMichael and 1st V-P and convention co-chair Walter Gold are shown discussing publicity for the upcoming convention during the Friday night dinner





## **IFBA CAPITAL BLAZES '09 CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON DC AUGUST 12-15, 2009, AT THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL HOTEL**

Delegate registration is now underway for this year's annual IFBA convention, to be held August 12-15 at the newly remodeled Liaison Hotel, located just a few blocks north of the U.S. Capitol in downtown Washington, DC.

Early registration fees, which include all breakfasts, three dinners, some lunches and all in-town transportation and event costs, **are \$275 per person**. The registration cost of the convention after July 10<sup>th</sup> goes up to \$300 per person. Should someone not be able to attend for all four days, the convention attendance rate will be \$100 per day, per person.

**The enclosed registration form and your check or money order should be mailed to IFBA Capital Blazes '09, P.O. Box 2542, Kensington, MD 20891.** Sorry, we are unable to accept or process credit cards or on-line payments.

It is estimated that more than 150 fire and EMS-related delegates from all over the United States and Canada will attend this year's event in the Nation's Capital. At least 75 rooms have been reserved at the Liaison Hotel at a special group rate of \$159 per room, with double occupancy bringing the per night rate down to \$80 per person.

**To make your advance reservation at the hotel**, you should now call 1-866-AFFINIA (866-233-4642), or e-mail [reservations@affinia.com](mailto:reservations@affinia.com). You **must** mention that you are a part of IFBA Capital Blazes '09 to get the special \$159-a-night group room rate. The cut-off for reservations is Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Any reservations received after July 12<sup>th</sup> are subject to space and rate availability.

The IFBA Capital Blazes '09 Convention will include a catered yacht trip up and down the Potomac River along the Washington Waterfront (8/12); an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner at the world-famous Phillips Seafood Restaurant on the waterfront (8/12); a full day at the DC Fire & EMS Training Academy, featuring a delicious barbeque lunch prepared on site by the DC Fire Department's award-winning Barbeque Team (8/13); a special tour of the United States Capitol and their new Visitor's Center (8/14); a bus tour of historic Alexandria, VA, with stops at three Alexandria fire facilities; and a buffet dinner followed by a tour and demonstration at perhaps the largest volunteer rescue squad in America, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad in Bethesda, MD. (both 8/14).

On the final day of the convention (8/15), events will include the annual IFBA Banquet, during which time the annual Fire Buff of the Year Award will be presented and the installation of officers will take place.

For further information, please contact either of the Convention co-chairs, Walter Gold (202-439-1936 / [walterlgold@aol.com](mailto:walterlgold@aol.com)), or Vito Maggiolo (202-439-0949 / [vito.maggiolo@turner.com](mailto:vito.maggiolo@turner.com)). Walter and Vito are both top officers of the Friendship Fire Association (FFA), the volunteer canteen/rehab service and buff group sponsoring this year's convention. It's not too early too make those reservations right now!





**\* 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IFBA CONVENTION \***  
**NATION'S CAPITAL – WASHINGTON, DC**  
**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> THRU AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FORM**

**HOTEL REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel  
415 New Jersey Avenue NW  
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Room rate = \$159 per night, double occup.  
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**YOUR INFORMATION:** To assist us to better accommodate your needs, please fill in:

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Your IFBA-related organization \_\_\_\_\_

Your attendance status: \_\_\_\_DELEGATE \_\_\_\_ALTERNATE DELEGATE \_\_\_\_GUEST

After the pre-registration deadline, Friday, July 10, 2009, the Convention registration fee will be \$300 per person. The per-day rate is \$100 per person. The cut-off for hotel room reservations is Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. After that, rate and space availability will prevail.

**SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS: (registration includes buffet breakfast each day)**

- \* Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Opening Ceremony and Meeting; yacht cruise on Potomac River; Buffet dinner, Phillips Seafood Restaurant on Waterfront.
- \* Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: All-day events at D.C. Fire & EMS Training Academy, with lunch provided by award-winning DC Fire Department Barbeque Team.
- \* Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: Tours of U.S. Capitol and historic Alexandria, VA, with catered dinner and demonstrations at Bethesda-Chevy Chase (MD) Rescue Squad.
- \* Saturday, August 15: Workshops, "photo ops," and Annual IFBA Banquet with awards and installation of new IFBA officers.

**\*MONITOR WEB CONVENTION LINK TO [Friendshipfire.org](http://Friendshipfire.org) FOR UPDATES\***



**IFBA CAPITAL BLAZES '09 CONVENTION  
AT THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL HOTEL  
415 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, DC**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 – SATURDAY AUGUST 15  
(REVISED SCHEDULE AS OF 3/26/09)**

**Tuesday, August 11th:**

- 1200 – 1800: Registration tables open, rear, main lobby
- 1200 – 1600: Tour E3 & DCF&EMS Museum next door;  
also walking tours to nearby E2
- 1800 Free time for dinner and sightseeing
- 1930 IFBA Executive Board meeting (Hub/Grid Rooms)

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Convention registration continues, rear, main lobby**

- 0700 – 0830: Buffet Breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
- 0900 - Opening ceremony & general meeting in Metropolitan Ballroom
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch (T.B.A.)
- 1300 - workshops and/or equipment “photo ops” (Hub/Grid)
- 1600 - leave hotel for Potomac River cruise aboard Yacht “Celebrity” (food optional; “photo ops” of Fireboats)
- 1900 - Dinner at Phillips Seafood Restaurant on Washington waterfront; then return to Liaison Hotel via buses.

**Thursday, August 13th:**

- 0700 – 0830 Buffet Breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
- 0900 - Leave hotel, via buses, for DCF&EMS Training Academy show-and-tell program, inc. Foam Unit demo
- 1200 - Lunch at Training Academy (DCFD Barbeque Team/ Springfiled (VA) and/or A.A. Alarmers Canteen Unit to supply lunch for all attending)
- 1300 - Continue program at Training Academy, or bus to nearby P.G. County Fire Department display
- 1600 (or so) Return by bus to Hotel
- 1700 - Dinner & sightseeing on your own

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 0700 – 0830 Buffet Breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
- 0900 - Buses leave hotel for U.S. Capitol new Visitor’s Center tour; 50 persons to a bus, including bus Captain
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch (on your own)
- 1300 - Leave hotel, via buses, for tour of historic Alexandria, and two selected Alexandria fire houses
- 1800 - Buffet Dinner in Anastasi Hall of B-CC Rescue Squad; tour & outdoor apparatus display at Rescue Squad
- 2100 - Arrive, via buses, back at Liaison Hotel (perhaps side trip to Marine Barracks for Retreat Ceremony)

**Saturday, August 15th:**

- 0700 – 0830 Buffet Breakfast in Hotel Dining Room
- 0900 – 1130 Two or three more workshops and displays at Hotel - - Krammas vehicles; Digital & film photo session; Web site construction; Future convention(s) Preview  
Note: separate meeting rooms, or space, for each event)
- 1200 – 1300 Lunch in Capitol Hill area (on your own)
- 1330 - 1700 open for either workshops or “photo ops”, (weather?)
- 1800 – 1900 Cash bar and soda Reception (hosted by FFA)
- 1900 – 2100 Annual IFBA Banquet, Installation of officers, Fire Buff of the Year Award, etc. (host clubs to sponsor this event) (Metropolitan Ballroom)

# MESSAGE FROM IFBA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

*WILLIAM M. MOKROS*



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May 2009

Greeting fellow Fire Buffs!

If you haven't already done so... make your reservations for the DC IFBA convention! Our spring executive board meeting at the Liaison Hotel gave the DC group a chance to show off the convention site, and it is great. Located next door to an active DC Engine company and just a few blocks from



the US capitol the location is ideal, the rooms are very pleasant and the area around the hotel is quite hospitable.

One other item I need to stress at this time is your submission for Fire Buff of the Year honors. Don't let another year pass without taking the time to write a short recommendation for the deserving member of your club. If you have submitted a recommendation in the past that wasn't chosen just write a request that the submission be reconsidered. That's all it takes! But it's still up to you to take the first step and write the letter. I continue to have trouble understanding why we don't get a submission from every club in the IFBA.

Lastly, I would like to remind each club to supply the Executive office with one valid e-mail address for each club. We are leaning toward more and more electronic communications and I don't want anyone to miss out.

See you in DC!

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February 12, 2009

To: All IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members

Subject: Nominations for the “Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year” Award—2009

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 57th Annual Convention in Washington DC on Saturday, August 15, 2009 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, 2009 in order to be considered by the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for the 2009 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. 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 2009 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



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

Year presented	Recipient	Convention
1967	* Henry N. Wilwers	St. Louis, MO
1968	* William H. Perkins	Chicago, IL
1969	* Edward R. Damaschke	Annapolis, MD
1970	* William A. Brennan	Indianapolis, IN
1971	* Albert J. Burch	Philadelphia, PA
1972	* Charles C. Price	New York, NY
1973	Keith F. Franz	Milwaukee, WI
1974	* John I. Hruska	Boston, MA
1975	* Arthur D. Devlin, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1976	* James H. Blomley	Baltimore County, MD
1977	* Henry G. Nathan	St. Louis, MO
1978	Roman A. Kaminski	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1979	Walter M. P. McCall	New Orleans, LA
1980	* Edward A. Massmann	San Francisco, CA
1981	* William "Pop" Porter, Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
1982	* Duane W. Troxel (posthumously)	Detroit, MI
1983	* Denis E. Williams	Milwaukee, WI
1984	G. Grant Miller	Boston, MA
1985	Donald H. Cheu, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1986	Harold L. Holtzman	Seattle, WA
1987	William F. Noonan	St. Louis, MO
1988	* Harry W. Knodel	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
1989	* Jan C. Faulstich	Secaucus, NJ
1990	Malcolm S. "Bill" Ketchum	St. Paul, MN
1991	Gerald J. Hourigan	San Jose, CA
1992	* Frederick M. Hill	Westlake, OH
1993	* L. Murray Young	Milwaukee, WI
1994	George "Smokey" Bass	Universal City, CA
1995	William M. Mokros	Baltimore, MD
1996	George B. Ottley	Nashville, TN
1997	Stuart M. Nathan	Chicago, IL
1998	Herb Pearlstein	Columbus, OH
1999	Owen P. "Phil" Reid, Jr.	Tacoma, WA
2000	Ralph Decker	St. Louis, MO
2001	William "Bill" C. Celentano, Jr.	Houston, TX
2002	Paul Schaetzle	Moline, IL
2003	Steven C. Hansen	Milwaukee, WI
2004	Leonard W. Williams	Quebec City, Canada
2005	Gary M. Heathcote	Indianapolis, IN
2006	* James Rasmussen (posthumously)	Seattle, WA
2007	Jerry Traub	Cambridge, MA.
2008	Bob Deibler	Racine, WI

\* Deceased

# ***Region***

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Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn., Inc.

Box 234 Assn., Inc.

Box 414 Assn., Inc.

Central Alarmers, Inc.

Central Pennsylvania Fire Buff Assn.

Firecom/Newslink

Friendship Fire Assn.

Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire  
Department, Inc.

Ladies Auxiliary of Box 414 Assn.

S. H. C. Assn.



# Friendship Fire Association

C/O DCFD Engine Company 3  
439 New Jersey Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001



By Vito Maggiolo

The Rehab and Canteen Units operated by the Friendship Fire Association in the nation's capital had a busy year in 2008. Assistant coordinator for field operations Chris Oliphant reports that the units had 105 unique calls and operated together 26 times. The canteen unit had 57 runs and 662.5 FFA service hours were provided. It responded to 3 working fire dispatches, 25 second alarms, 2 third alarms, 1 fourth alarm, 1 6th alarm equivalent, 14 special alarms, 8 special events, and 3 standbys. The canteen dispensed 4355 bottled Gatorade, 1043 bottled water, 56 gallons of drink mix, 27 gallons of water, 110.5 gallons of coffee, 1043 cups hot chocolate, 42 cups of tea, 3481 snack packs, 104 dozen donuts, 10 cooling towels, 100 hamburgers, 100 cheeseburgers, 100 chicken sandwiches, 100 burritos, 40 subs and chips, 60 sandwiches, 20 dessert cups, and 96 pizzas.

The Rehab unit had 74 runs, with 554 FFA service hours. The runs included 1 box alarm, 8 working fire dispatches, 22 second alarms, 1 third alarm, 1 6th alarm equivalent, 16 special alarms, 8 special events, and 17 standbys. 634 public safety personnel were rehabbed and 12 civilians were sheltered. The unit handed out 2353 bottled Gatorade, 915 bottled water, 20 gallons of drink mix, 5 gallons of water, 599 snack packs, 9

cups of coffee, 15 pizzas, and 358 cooling towels. The portable mister was used 12 times, and the on board restroom was used 19 times.

2009 also presented a challenge to the FFA, with activities related to the inaugural of President Obama. 12 FFA members staffed the rehab, canteen, and our back-up rehab support unit, and were also ably assisted by Springfield Virginia Canteen 22, also a region 3 member. 40 gallons of coffee, 600 cups of hot chocolate, 404 bottled Gatorade, 97 bottled water, 1350 assorted snacks, 744 donuts, 36 cups of soup and 10 cups of tea were served to the massive mobilization of DC Fire and EMS and mutual aid personnel. In addition to inaugural activities, there



Officer of DC Rescue Squad 2 being removed from Mount Pleasant Street apartment fire after he became lost and disoriented while searching for victims. This fire, which took place in 2008, was the largest blaze in the District in over 30 years. (photo by Vito Maggiolo)



FFA Canteen Unit operating at scene of second alarm in the 1800 block of H Street N.E. in 2009.

lished. It has proven a great success and hopefully will continue on a regular basis. FFA stills staffs the rehab unit during non CSU hours, and maintains full control over the canteen. The bottom line is that it allows for much better care of the troops, which is what we are all about.

Association Treasurer and Wagon Pipe co-editor Jim Sullivan recently achieved a milestone never before achieved in the 68 year history of the organization.

was considerable fire duty during this period that we provided coverage on.

At the end of 2008 he completed 50 years of unbroken active membership, including 40+ years as treasurer.

While FFA has an excellent track record of turning out at least one unit on every emergency incident, we find staffing both units a real challenge, especially during the work day hours. To help with this problem, as well as expand the availability of the rehab unit, it is now staffed from 6am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, by firefighters assigned to the six community service units, one for each battalion. This now allows the rehab to respond to all working fires and other labor intensive incidents, such as hazmat and tech rescues, while such staffing is present. This program began in the winter months, during which the CSU's are unable to test hydrants, the primary function for which they were estab-

The FFA continues to assist the department in a number of areas beyond rehab and canteen service. Three of our members, Walter Gold, Mike Goldstein, and Hal Bruno, sit on



FFA member Vito Maggiolo captures the action on videotape during a water rescue on the Potomac River.



the board of the DC Fire and EMS Foundation Inc., which raises funds for the agency for non budgeted projects. The Foundation recently ordered new beds and bedding for about half of the department's 34 stations. FFA also participated in the Toys for Tots collection activities, with our members using the rehab unit to pick up donated toys from fire stations throughout the city. Additionally, we maintain the DC Fire and EMS museum on the third floor of Engine 3, an active firehouse, and host numerous activities there as requested by the department. Exposure "delta" to the museum is the Liaison Hotel, where we will host the 2009 IFBA convention.

Association member Vito Maggiolo, who serves as DC Fire and EMS video photographer when not at his full time job at Cable News Networks Washington Bureau, was

the recipient of an award of excellence from the White House News Photographers Association in their 2008 photo contest. Vito's submission was a story titled "Mount Pleasant Street Fire", in which his video captured rescue efforts at a large apartment fire and the subsequent safe removal of firefighters who declared maydays while conducting searches. Vito also received a certificate of honorary mention from his employer, Time Warner, in their "My Hero" initiative, which was established to recognize exceptional volunteer work by its staff. He was recognized for his efforts with DC Fire and EMS staffing the canteen and serving as video photographer

See you at the Convention in DC! Look for the convention link on our website, [friendshipfire.org](http://friendshipfire.org).



The Friendship Fire Association Canteen Unit serves personnel staged in the garage of Nationals Stadium for presidential inaugural activities.

## ***BOX 234 ASSOCIATION, INC.***

Baltimore, Maryland

By

Kurt Jakobson

On April 21, 2009 Retired Division Chief A. Danelle England-Dansicker passed away at the age of 52. Danelle was the daughter of Anida England, a long time member of this organization, and the granddaughter of S. Wilso Holden, one of the founders of this organization. Both Anida and Wilso are long time IFBA members and are very active in local IFBA activities.

Danelle was the first woman firefighter in the Baltimore County Fire department, and the highest ranking woman in the Department's history. She came from a firefighting family and was determined to become a career firefighter, even though at the time the field was virtually closed to women. She joined the Department in 1978, and over the course of a distinguished 27 year career, destroyed the myth that firefighting was for men only. She loved the more challenging physical aspects of firefighting and was a member of the original Regional Advanced Tactical Rescue team, relishing activities such as rappelling out of helicopters to perform high-rise rescues.

Danelle was promoted to battalion chief in 2001 and to division chief in 2005. She was tough, but fair and considerate, when dealing with personnel in the station or on the fireground. She never asked for favors and only wanted to be remembered as a good firefighter, which she was. Danelle is survived by her husband, Samuel Dansicker, an active member and former captain of the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company; two daughters, Gabrielle and Alexandra; and a brother William, who is a retired lieutenant in the Baltimore County Fire Department.

As a Fire Buff club, we will miss Danelle greatly. She was always helpful to us, both when we were providing services on a fire and when we sought her advice when planning club activities. We and the other member clubs in IFBA Region 3 will greatly miss Danelle.



3/8/2009  
Box 31-5  
Rosewood Center  
Vacant Bldg.  
(Photo from Box  
234 website)

# Region 5

Box 4 Fire Buff Assn., Inc.

Firefighting Historical Society, Inc.

Fort Worth Red Helmets

Greater Houston Fire Buffs

International Fire Photographer's Assn.

Little Elm Support Group 20

Plano Fire Rescue Associates

Signal "51" Group

# GREATER HOUSTON FIRE BUFFS

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Secretary/Treasurer: Tom McDonald

*By Tom McDonald*

### **GHFB debuts web site**

Yes, I know... "It's about time!" ...and all that, but Greater Houston Fire Buffs is proud to introduce its new web site, [www.ghfb.org](http://www.ghfb.org), created and edited by member Stephen Lasley. Take a look; Stephen has done a great job. Among his many talents, including helping me change flats (actually, he did more of the changing and I did more of the watching and talking), Stephen is a senior programmer for Microsoft Corp. He can make a computer dance the Lindy.

### **Region 5 meet to be held in Dallas**

The 2009 IFBA Region 5 Meeting will be held in Dallas on May 15-16, hosted by the legendary "Box 4" club. The affair begins with afternoon registration at the hotel on Friday followed by a Dutch-treat dinner and a visit to the ARFF (crash truck) facilities at the enormous Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Airport. On Saturday, the plan is to begin with a photo-op of DFD equipment staged at the hotel, followed by the region's business meeting, then lunch at one of the larger fire stations in Irving (a large suburb just west of Dallas). The evening concludes with a program by USAR and Swift-Water-Rescue teams at the DFD training facility, a catered dinner, and a visit to the DFD dispatch office. All this can be yours for the incredible price of just \$50 per person.

The Clarion Hotel Park Central at 8102 LBJ Freeway is the host hotel. Box 4 secured an unbelievable rate of just \$65 a night (for a single; double is \$70). That's why Box 4 is legendary. Call the hotel direct to get that rate, (972) 960-6555. Call Wally Banks at (972) 768-0740 or e-mail him at [424-896wgb@verizon.net](mailto:424-896wgb@verizon.net) for more information on the meeting. I hope to see you there!

### **HFD sets another multi-alarm record**

The Houston Fire Department (HFD) ended 2008 with another new record high for multiple-alarm fires: 80. That record was the fourth year in a row for setting such a marker. Between GHFB members Dave Miller, the former fire chief of Conroe, Texas and long-time buff, and yours truly, Houston's multiple-alarms are known back through 1944 (with the exception of 1951 for some reason). Over those 65 years, the average number of multiple-alarms per year is 44, but for the past ten years, that average has shot up to 61. So, HFD is definitely trending upward with big fires. This is quite notable because many other major American cities are currently experiencing marked *declines* in multiples.





A two-alarm fire at Stratford & Helena in the Montrose section just southwest of downtown sent residents of this former house converted into apartments into the street shortly after 1 AM on April 11, 2009. (Photo by Tom McDonald)

Last year's breakdown was: 62 seconds, 14 thirds, and 4 fourth-alarms. For occupancy, 61 were in residential settings, 6 in commercial structures, 9 industrial fires, and 4 were in high-rises. Saturday was the most popular day of the week with 19 big fires. Between Noon and Midnight, 49 of the 80 multiples occurred. Geographically, the three HFD districts in the heart of southwest Houston were the focal point for almost half (45%) of the multiple activity: D-68 had 18, D-28 had 11, and D-83 had 7. Those three districts represented gold, silver, and bronze citywide, too. Only two of the 36 multiples in their districts did NOT involve apartments or townhomes.

### **13 HFD firefighters injured in three incidents**

Police and fire officials examine the scene of a terrible crash between Ladder 16 (on its side) and Engine 7 at Westheimer & Dunlavy. The March 30, 2009 accident sent 11 people to the hospital including 9 firefighters, 2 of whom had major injuries. A bicyclist was in critical condition after being crushed by the ladder truck after it rolled over. The driver of the car pictured received minor injuries. (Photo by Tom McDonald)



Thirteen HFD firefighters were injured, three severely, in three separate incidents between November and March. Captain Darin Unruh, of Station 39, was critically burned just after entering a blazing house with his crew on November 3, 2008. The early evening fire heavily involved the front portion of the one-story house in northeast Houston, so Unruh decided to take his crew in through the back door. Shortly after making entry, Unruh was caught in a flashover and somehow lost the protection of his face mask. He received major facial burns, but fortunately, did not experience any deep respiratory burns.

Three firefighters were burned in a house fire on Reed Road that required a Mayday on March 1. All eventually returned to duty. Then on March 30, all nine firefighters aboard Engine 7 and Ladder 16 were taken to the hospital after the two rigs collided at Westheimer & Dunlavy. Capt. Michael Mayfield and EO Bryan Edwards, both from Engine 7, were the most seriously injured firefighters, but a bicyclist was critically injured after Ladder 16 flipped on its side and crushed her.

### **Convicted arsonist questioned about serial arson cases**

In January, HFD arson investigators questioned a man they suspected of being a serial arsonist, but who had been arrested on an unrelated warrant in a nearby county. Investigators said they based their “interest” in the man from finding a cell phone they linked to him at one of the fires.

The man, who had pleaded guilty to an arson charge back in 1992, was reportedly living in the area near where a series of arson fires occurred in late 2008 and early 2009. Most of the fires occurred at three apartment complexes in southwest Houston within a block of the intersection of Bissonnet & Mullins. Two of the fires required multiple alarms, each destroying half of an entire garden-style apartment building. Most of these fires started between 4 and 6 in the morning, often on Fridays. Typically, the fires were started in laundry rooms, vacant units, or hallways. Needless to say, nearby residents were on edge for months. The latest big fire in the area started about 4:30 AM on Friday, January 9, consuming more than a dozen apartments and resulting in a 3-11 HFD response. The man was arrested and questioned shortly thereafter. Since his arrest, there have been no major fires in that area.

### **Two HFD stations under construction**

The HFD has two new firehouses in the construction phase. One is a replacement and relocation of an existing facility; the other is a new station for an area of town being developed. The relocation is for No. 37, currently on Aberdeen St. just east of Stella Link Rd. in an affluent part of Houston’s “Inner-Loop” southwest side (inside Loop 610). The existing facility was built in 1955 with two bays and opened with a B-model Mack pumper. Today, Engine 37 is an E-One Cyclone, and it is now quartered with Ambulance 37. I spent about a year of my career assigned to “37’s” (HFD members refer to firehouses in the possessive form). It was most enjoyable with a lot of all-night sleeping for me (not so often for the ambulance crew, though). The new 37’s is about 3 blocks away on Stella Link just north of Bluebonnet. It will be a “three-holer,” and is expected to receive the engine, ambulance, and a bay occupant to be named later.

The other new firehouse is No. 24, being built on Reed Rd. just west of Highway 288 in far south Houston. Actually, HFD had a No. 24 that closed in the late 70's. It was a one-bay, two-story at Bell & Palmer, near downtown, to which contractors added a side garage for an ambulance when HFD took over EMS duties for the city in 1971. GHFB member Jay Evans, who is also Fire Chief of the Houston VFD, recalls many a night spent at "Old 24's" riding when he was a student at the University of Houston. Back then, 24's was a hot house, first or second-in on many one-story "shotgun" houses in the city's infamous Third Ward.

In the late 70's, then-fire-chief Joe Perino closed three downtown-area stations, 5's, 10's, and 24's, all on one day. All were single-engine houses (except for 10's, which also had District Chief 2, which was relocated to far northeast Houston). Engine 5 was doubled-up briefly at a station in Spring Branch (far northwest side) until its new digs were opened on Hollister & Hammerly (and it is still there). Engines 10 & 24 relocated to temporary quarters in, what was then, newly-annexed Clear Lake (home of NASA's Johnson Space Center and the famed "Mission Control") on the far southeast side of the city. They were renumbered shortly after as Engines 71 & 72, both of which are still the designations for two companies in Clear Lake today, but for which separate new stations have been built over the years. A new 10's opened on the far-west side on Corporate Dr. many years ago, but there has been no new 24's all this time.

Like 37's, the new 24's is a one-story "three-holer," and will likely receive an engine and one or more EMS units. On the map, it is located south of the famed Astrodome and Reliant Stadium complex. Its surroundings have represented the last large section of undeveloped land inside the city limits. For years, photographers would go out there to obtain what they considered to be the defining photograph of Houston: cows grazing with medical center skyscrapers in the background. If they were really creative, they could find an actual oil well or two nearby to include in the picture, thus perpetuating one of the city's well-earned stereotypes: that residents often have cows and oil wells in their backyards.

Today, several large apartment complexes are sprouting up in what will be Engine 24's first-due territory; however, the company will probably make most of its runs into Sunnyside, backing up 46's and 55's in that older neighborhood east of Highway 288, for years a consumer of far more than its fair share of EMS and fire services.

### **Keep me informed**

Please e-mail your comments to me at [TMcFire@Aol.com](mailto:TMcFire@Aol.com). Also, please put the word **Turn-out** in your e-mail heading so I don't mistake it for spam.

The Houston Fire Department had two Line Of Duty Deaths April 12, 2009 at approximately 00:30 hours at a house fire in southeast Houston. The members were from the same company, to be identified later along with their names. The department has not yet completed the notification of family members.

All further updates, including service announcements, will be via the Greater Houston Fire Buffs' website: [www.ghfb.org](http://www.ghfb.org)

# Photos of Interest from North Texas



There's not much left of this large one story brick veneer house located off County Road 528 in the Ft. Worth suburb of Lillian Texas. The August 29, 2008 fire was fought by several departments from both Johnson and Tarrant Counties. That's Burleson's new Spartan/Crimson pumper at the right of the picture (labeled as Engine 371 but running as Engine 271).

Firefighters are gaining entry through the garage of this split level home while the fire vents through the roof above them. The occupant was not home on this Memorial Day weekend in 2008 which led to a delayed alarm. The house was located on Georgia Avenue on the border between the city of Burleson and unincorporated Johnson County.



(Left) Grand Prairie Engine 2's Spartan/Quality pumper is shown at work on a 2nd Alarm fire in a self storage facility on the city's east side on September 9, 2008. The location is directly adjacent to the former Dallas Navel Air Station.

All photos and captions by Jeff Harwell,  
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Units from a half dozen fire departments fought this well involved house fire on March 2, 2009 on County Road 1015A near the town of Joshua. Although the area featured some fire hydrants, there were none in the area of the residence. Exploding ammunition kept firefighters alert during most of the fire.



Some type of explosion on the back porch of a one story duplex allowed fire to quickly make it's way into the attic on March 3, 2009. The location of the fire is the town of Crowley just south of Ft. Worth. The department operates out of two stations with several paid personnel on duty each day supplemented by volunteers.

# Region 6

5-11 Club, Inc.

10-87 Club of Greater Rockford

Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities

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

Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society, Ltd.

Moline Second Alarm Assn.

Racine Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Waukesha County Emergency Support & Inc.



**By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar**

Chicago fire action is on an upswing with 13 multiple alarm fires in the first quarter of 2009. As a reference, 2008 had only 35 multiple alarms with 32 2-11s and three 3-11s. There were no 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> alarm fires in all of 2008. One of the largest fires in over a year was a 4-11 which occurred on February 15<sup>th</sup> in a vacant trade school at 31<sup>st</sup> and Kedzie. The school was a complex of several buildings of mixed construction with over 200,000 sq. ft. of floor space. These buildings were in the process of being demolished. The first companies on the scene reported fire on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of a 150'x600' section of the building. Fencing, and boarded up and screened windows hampered the firefighting efforts. Special equipment sent to the scene included extra tower ladders, a turret wagon, a hose wagon (carrying 5000' of 5" hose), and two lighting units.



CFD Operating at 4-11 at 31<sup>st</sup> and Kedzie (Photo by Dave Traiforos)

Another incident with major problems occurred on March 2<sup>nd</sup> on the north side of Chicago at 1040 West Hollywood. As Battalion 9 arrived on the scene of the 4+1 apartment building (four occupied stories over a one story parking garage), he noticed over 30 people at windows calling for help due to the heavy smoke conditions. The chief immediately called for a 2-11 response and an EMS Plan II (10 ambulances). The first four arriving truck companies rescued more than 13 people via aerial ladders. The alarm came in at the beginning of the afternoon rush hour and, due to the location of the building (near the North terminus of Lake Shore Drive), made access to the area very difficult because of heavy traffic. The fire itself was confined to one apartment but smoke and water damaged more than 50 other units in the building.



2-11 Alarm at 1040 N. Hollywood Avenue (Photo by Bud Bertog)

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, a major fire destroyed much of the Empress Casino in Joliet, Illinois. Over 26 departments assisted Joliet in fighting this fire which was out of control for over eight hours. A 100,000 sq. ft. ballroom and pavilion area was destroyed. The fire was stopped before damaging the casino area. The estimated loss was \$340 million, making it one of the largest fire losses in Illinois history. The fire was started by workmen's torches in the kitchen area.

The Chicago Fire Department has received a new fire boat. Although it is now in winter storage, the unit should be in service shortly. The vessel was built by Lake Assault Rescue Boats of Minnesota. It has twin Honda 225 hp outboard motors that can attain a speed of 40 mph. The boat has a front ramp for EMS and diver operations with a Hale Fire Pump powered by General Motors Kodiak V-8 engine. It is 31 feet long with a low draft giving it the capability to navigate lake shore and river areas. Recently, several special operations units were placed into service including a 2008 Freightliner POD Unit (5-6-7), an air compressor unit on a 2008 Ford F-550 and a Stake body truck (5-2-3). Several six-wheel ATVs were also added to the fleet. Seven new Ford Expedition SUVs have been placed into service as Battalion Chief buggies. Light Wagon 9-1-1, a 1977 Ford has finally been retired.



An order has been placed for six 1500 GPM pumpers from Spartan-Crimson. Several bids were received for new aerials and tower ladders but as of this writing, nothing has been approved. Another bid is in the works to replace both units of the three squad companies that have been in service since 2000.

Several truck companies have been made into ALS truck companies. This required the swapping of three 2000 Emergency One Units with three 2002 Pierce Units. Truck 45 swapped rigs with Truck 40, Truck 60 with Truck 8, and Truck 55 with Truck 28. Other truck companies that have been converted to ALS trucks include Truck 2, 29, 32 and 41. These companies did not require rig changes. A new warm-up bus has been obtained from the CTA and is being outfitted.

The CFD has opened its eighth new firehouse at 7340 North Clark Street. The new house is of similar design to all of the recently opened houses. This one will be the quarters for Engine 102, Truck 25 and Ambulance 56. Plans for a ninth new house of similar design for Engine 109 have been put on hold until 2010. A former crash/rescue station at O'Hare Airport has been renovated and reopened. The station, known as Rescue 4, is located just north of the new runway near Mount Prospect Road and houses 6-5-9, a 1980 Oshkosh, and Battalion 6. The station had been used by other O'Hare Field operations and had not been a CFD facility for over 20 years.

The 5-11 Club canteen has been very active with 88 responses in 2008 and 19 runs in the first quarter of 2009. Our south side canteen developed engine problems requiring major repairs. A recent by-law change, enacted by the 5-11 Club, has dropped the Chicago area residency requirement for regular members. We still offer an associate membership for those who would like to support our projects and our canteen service. Mark your calendars for June 20, 2009 for our Annual Fire Muster at the Chicago Fire Academy. Please visit our website, [www.5-11club.org](http://www.5-11club.org) for further details and membership information.



Indianapolis, IN: The inter-department "Engine Pull" proved to be a popular event. Held outside of the Firefighters' Local 416 Union Hall, the Engine Pull is an annual event during FDIC week.

The object is to pull an antique fire engine a prescribed length using the manpower of a five-person team.

(Photo by Tod Parker)

# ***Region*** **8**

Box 8 Club of St. Louis, Inc.

Box 55 Assoc.

Indianapolis Fire Buffs



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

By Jerry Traub

Greetings from Indianapolis. We note with sadness that two members have deceased since our last report; Francis "Schoppy" Schoppenhorst and Robert "Bob" Woods have made their last run.

Indy Publishing Group finished 2008 with three issues of Turn Out. Spring/Summer, Racine Convention issue, and Fall/Winter 2008 were printed online and remain available at <[www.ifba.org](http://www.ifba.org)>.

Local rehab service had its highest responses ever (178), averaging a run every two days. Approximately 40% of the 2008 responses were not fire-related. Dive team Search and Recovery, Urban Search, Hazmat and Special Details (usually departmental training sites) were most frequent. A second RSU (Rehab Support Unit) is close to being in service, as a daytime responder manned by a recently gathered group of IFD retirees. Our third RSU continues to be improved and updated as a warming/cooling vehicle. 2009 run count so far indicates an equally busy year ahead.

Wishard Hospital Medic 27 continues to stage from our Reserve Station 12 on an 11 am to 11 PM schedule. Our local Firefighters Emerald Society is negotiating for use of a part of the building for their business office with e-mail and copy services. Their monthly meeting as already held every first Thursday at the station. We look forward to

expanding that relationship.

Our February business meeting at IFD #26 was our last there, as the single-engine company has been removed from service February 28, 2009. Its location is needed for a street expansion. The announced combination of the adjacent Perry Township department will provide similar response in the area.

Club President Jerry Traub and Secretary Ed McMichael attended the IFBA Spring Board meeting at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, DC, April 3 / 4. Their annual report for Turn Out was presented during the Saturday business meeting.

Our club members with three rehab units provided services for HOTS training sites and apparatus staging site at Lucas Oil stadium downtown April 19-25, 2009 for the FDIC. For a photo of apparatus in the stadium, access [www.phototac.com](http://www.phototac.com) to see the work of club member Tod Parker

IFBA Region 8 V-P Ron Huff held his Spring Meeting during the last day of the conference at the Convention Center. Representatives were present from St. Louis, Nashville, and Indianapolis. Because V-P Huff will be installed as IFBA president for 2009-10, an election was held for a replacement regional officer. Jim Williamson from Indianapolis was elected, and he will be installed at the Capitol Blazes convention in Washington, DC this August.



3/12/09 Michigan and Senate Streets. 3 alarm + extra companies. Original alarm at 0330. Second and third alarms followed shortly thereafter (Indianapolis pre-planned to three alarms only. If additional resources are needed, they are special called after the third alarm.) The fire was fought in freezing temperatures. The fire was in a 340,000 sq/ft apartment complex

City of Indianapolis' largest fire in several decades occurred early in the morning March 12. A four story residential and commercial structure along the downtown canal was discovered in flames. The fire would rage for several hours and commit so much city equipment that surrounding departments filled in at some city stations. A local resident was later arrested and charged with arson for starting the blaze to attract attention from an acquaintance. Damages exceeded a reported \$20 million. Building owners have begun the rebuilding process. Three different IFB units worked



under construction along the downtown canal. 125 firefighters were called to fight the fire. Companies originally fought fire in involved structures along the canal, but it quickly spread to the roof and progressed around the whole complex. 24 hours later, crews were still extinguishing hot-spots. Amazingly, there were no injuries reported. (Photos by Tod Parker)



(Left) Aerial ladders continue to operate after daybreak. The fuel truck (right) was called to the scene to keep apparatus in service.



the site over a three-day stand and served at least two meals each day, through March 14. Ten club members and two Salvation Army volunteers worked the scene.

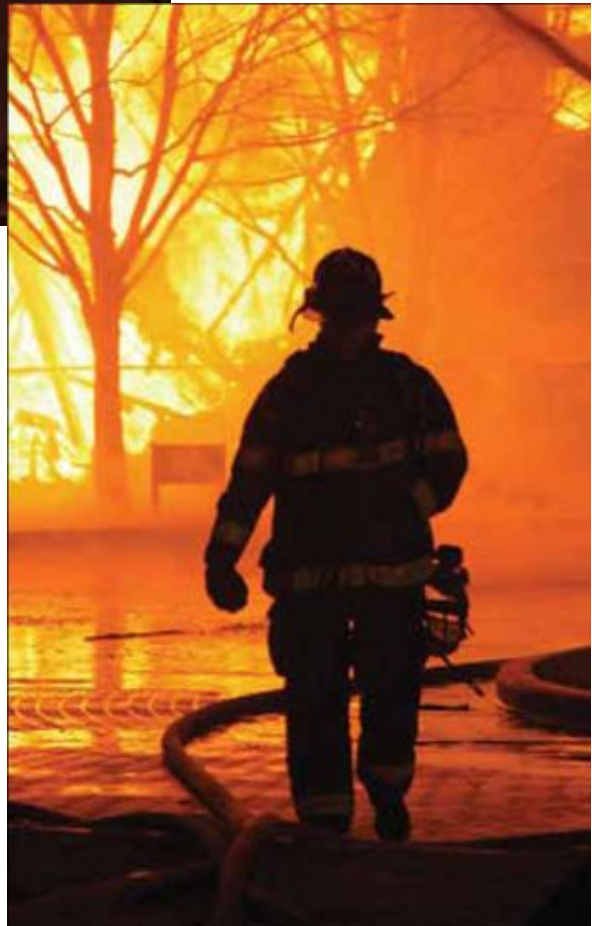
Indianapolis chapter—The Pompier, Pump, and Playpipe Society of IN will host the

2009 SPAAMFAA National Conference and Muster July 15-18. Registration deadline is June 12. Contact P.P.P. S.I., P. O. Box 51605, Indianapolis, IN, 46251-0605.

See you in DC for Capitol Blazes in August—it's going to be a good one!



(Clockwise from left): Flames consume the Canal side of the Cosmopolitan Development. A firefighter returns to service following Rehab. IFB and The Salvation Army serve lunch and snacks at the Rehab Sector. (Photos by Rodger Birchfield)





# Region 9

Bayonne Fire Canteen, Inc.

Bell & Siren Club, Inc.

Box 54 Club

FireCom Emergency Radio of NJ

Gong Club, Inc.

Signal 22 Assn., Inc.

South Jersey Fire Photographer's Assn.

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



## **GONG CLUB, INC.**

**JERSEY CITY, NJ**

by Paul Schaetzle

### **HEIGHTS BLAZE LEAVES FAMILY HOMELESS**

Winter Night 2 found most Jersey City residents settled in for a long winter's nap. However, at 0059 hours on December 23, 2008, out on Graham St. in the Heights section, there arose such a clatter! Box 468 was struck; Third Battalion companies sprang from their beds and flew like a flash. As Eng. Co. 18 climbed the hill up Congress St. to Central Ave., a column of smoke was visible on the breast of the new-fallen snow. Capt. Bernie Nordquist of Eng. Co. 18 reported "Heavy smoke in the area" followed by "Working fire, 20 Graham St., 2 story frame".

Batt. 3, Batt. Chief Jose Cruz, arrived and assumed command. More rapid than eagles, his companies they came, and he whistled and shouted and called them by name. "Ladder 3! Ladder 7! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now search, ventilate, now ventilate all!" As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly, embers, then flames mounted to the sky! The companies were taking a beating and their clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. "Second Alarm" ordered Chief Cruz at 0114 as the original fire building became heavily involved.

Sandwiched between two 3 story frame tenements, the exposure buildings needed immediate attention. Companies called for lines in both exposures upon arrival of Deputy Chief Martin McNulty. As smoke encircled the

Heights like a wreath, Chief McNulty struck a 3rd Alarm at 0133 hours. The 3rd Alarm companies spoke not a word but went straight to their work and filled all their lines to beat back the flames.

The temperature stood at 20 degrees during the long battle, covering the narrow street and fire fighters with ice. After a 90 minute fight, companies gained the upper hand. The fire building, a single family dwelling owned by the same family for 26 years, was destroyed. The six-family dwellings on either side, however, were saved, providing some holiday cheer to the neighbors.

Frigid fire fighters welcomed their break at Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, consuming 5 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons of hot chocolate and 2 gallons of vegetable soup. Operations continued well into the morning with Eng. Co. 10-8-17 and Lad. Co. 2-12 special called for relief after the fire was under control.

Response:

0059 Box 468 Eng. Co. 18-11-7-5 Lad. Co. 7-3 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 3 Div. 1 MSU Safety Batt.

0104 WF 468 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 6 Batt. 1 Car 30

0114 2-2 468 Eng. Co. 15-6-9 Lad. Co. 9 Car 3-26

0133 3-3 468 Eng. Co. 22-13 Lad. Co. 11 Car 1

0215 S/C 468 Eng. Co. 2 Decon / Rehab Unit

### **"MIRACLE" CROSSES THE HUDSON**

The aircraft of US Airways Flight 1549, quickly dubbed "The Miracle on the Hudson" after all 155 souls on board survived its

ditching on Thursday, January 15, 2009, finally made it out of New York. On Sunday evening, January 18, 2009, after being hoisted out of the river at the foot of Murray St. in Manhattan by a massive crane, the jet was floated across the Hudson to the Weeks

City. Once stabilized, a plan was devised to lift the plane out of the water using Weeks Crane #533, the largest such floating crane on the river. Then the fuel had to be drained before the plane could be moved to the Weeks yard for further examination by the

National Transportation Safety Board and other investigators.

A plan for the investigation was formulated and the Jersey City Fire Department was to play a key role in protecting the operation. In addition to fire protection and hazardous material monitor-



**S/C 910 Jersey City 1/19/09 Foot of Colony Rd.**

Flight 1549's aircraft sits on a barge as Car 26 serves a hoarde of investigators and fire fighters on land (Adolf Paasburg Photo)

Marine Terminal, foot of Colony Rd., Jersey City. Incident commanders on both sides of the river announced on their respective frequencies that responsibility for the aircraft was transferred from the F.D.N.Y. to the F. D.J.C. at 2121 hours on January 18, 2009.

The Airbus A320 arrived aboard a Weeks barge in a snowstorm, the second snow squall of the day. The operation on the Manhattan side commenced as soon as the plane was halted from its unscheduled voyage downstream by F.D.N.Y. Marine Companies 1 and 6. The fireboats were able to corral the jet against the bulkhead along River Terrace at Murray St. in Battery Park

ing, the Department deployed its Zodiac boat in the event any investigators fell overboard. Monday, January 19, 2009 dawned as another cold snowy day adding to the daunting task of examining this now famous aircraft. Realizing that his companies as well as the personnel from the investigating agencies faced a long day braving the elements on the waterfront, Deputy Chief Martin McNulty called for the Department's "secret weapon". Shortly after 1000 hours, Fire Dispatch Center activated the Gong Club pagers with orders to respond to the Weeks Terminal at 1145 hours. Operations were scheduled to commence at Noon.



**Jersey City 1/31/09 Communipaw & Crescent Avenues** When the NTSB had completed their initial inspection, the wings were cut off and the fuselage was moved over city streets to warehouse in Harrison, NJ where the investigation continues (Victor Ricketts Photo)

This was the second meeting of this aircraft with Car 26, as the Gong Club responded to the 2nd Alarm struck by North Hudson for the Port Imperial Ferry Terminal, 1 Pershing Rd., Weehawken. Approximately half of the passengers were brought to the New Jersey side on the night of the incident. F.D.J. C. Units involved in the January 19 operation included:

Car 26, the Gong Club Canteen, arrived at the incident and was ordered to take a position at the gangplank to the barge leading to the aircraft. Over 50 representatives of agencies ranging from the NTSB to the U. S. Department of Agriculture comprised the group examining the plane. The group included people from the airline, the aircraft manufacturer, insurance personnel and a few with pronounced German and British accents, obviously having traveled from overseas for this examination. A luxury bus was used to transport the team to the relatively remote area where the Weeks facility is located. The bus remained on site for use as a warming station. However, firefighters and the investigative personnel gladly availed themselves of the Gong Club services. At the conclusion of the 7 hour and 15 minute run, the Gong Club tallied service of 6 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons of hot chocolate, 30 bottles of water, 3 gallons of Ravioli, 100 donuts and 24 snack cakes. Despite the disparate agencies present, they all were unanimous in their thanks to Car 26 for warm sustenance on a biting cold day.

1145 Spec. Call Box 910 Eng. Co. 13-19-6 Lad. Co. 2 Marine 2 Div. 1 Batt. 2 Car 26

1500 Relief Box 910 Eng. Co. 8-9 Sqd. Co. 4 Res. Co. 1 Lad Co. 4 MSU Safety Batt.

### **SUPER HOLE SUNDAY!**

Sunday, February 1, 2009 started innocuously enough; bright sun and the promise that temperatures would finally rise above freezing. Ladder Co. 8 was dispatched to a water leak at 0836 hours at 158 Linden Ave., Box 829. Although this address is only two doors east of Eng. Co. 13, FDJC dispatch protocol calls for a ladder company for water leaks.

The company arrived without incident and entered a 2 story frame dwelling at the reported address when a thunderous roar was heard and to the astonishment of the crew, the street opened up and the rear wheels were swallowed by a huge sinkhole in the middle of Linden Ave. Capt. Charles Smith asked for Battalion 2 to respond explaining

that the street had collapsed and the apparatus had sunk up to the wheel wells. Battalion Chief Eugene Walsh arrived, the first of many other resources to respond to the incident. Some 10 inches of water had filled the basement of 158 Linden Ave. and the sinkhole grew ever larger, plunging the apparatus further into the abyss. Special calls followed for Rescue Co. 1, Eng. Co. 13 and

at 19:55 hours.

A plan was devised to lift the apparatus out of the hole by a large crane as it was simultaneously pulled forward by a large pay loader on tracks. However, bringing a large crane into a congested residential neighborhood was a feat in itself. The crane had to be set up in a lot off the street to the west,



**Still 829 Jersey City 2/1/09 158 Linden Ave.** "Honest, Chief, we were in the building working on a water leak. We heard this loud noise and the earth tried to swallow the rig!" Eng. Co. 13's quarters (flag) in the background. (Jack Cole Photo)

Old Bergen Rd., and its boom had to extend over several homes. The ever present utility lines crisscrossing the street also had to be addressed, ultimately requiring power to be cut for the entire block. To add insult to injury, the power was cut just at kickoff time for Super Bowl XLIII! The sinkhole also required water to be shut off for the block. A tanker and a "water buffalo" arrived from United Water Co. at 1530 hours for use of the residents of Linden Ave.

Squad Co. 4, along with Chief of Dept. Michael O'Reilly, Director Armando Roman and Apparatus Supervisor Andrew Johnson. Several other agencies responded including Jersey City Police, Office of Emergency Management, Municipal Utility Authority, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. and United Water. Heavy equipment contractors and tow trucks also were engaged to assist. Special Calls were also issued for Eng. Co. 5 and then the Gong Club canteen, Car 26, at 13:32 hours. Car 26 eventually operated over 6 hours, returning to quarters

The lift operation was ready to commence at 18:30 hours. Members of Rescue Co. 1 climbed into the hole using portable ladders to attach the slings for lifting by the crane. With the lift of the crane coordinated with the pull of the pay loader, the rig was lifted out of the crater and pulled forward. With Apparatus Supervisor Johnson at the wheel, he was able to drive the 2005 E-One rear mount forward as soon as it reached solid pavement. Astonishingly enough, the rig appeared undamaged and



Supervisor Johnson was able to drive the rig back to quarters. Further checks revealed no damage to the rig and it was promptly placed in service the following day.

Once again, there is no such thing as a "routine" run. Expect the unexpected!

### SHUFFLING STATIONS

Roster buffs need to keep their scorecards in pencil lately in Jersey City. An unplanned and a planned move has resulted in a real "Big House" on a dead end street! A serious crack developed in the floor of Eng. Co. 17's 102 year old firehouse at 110 Boyd Ave. in June 2007. After keeping the apparatus on the street for several months, the City leased a warehouse building at 255 Kearney Ave., three blocks south of the current house. The landlord set about the work of building a kitchen, bunk room and offices in the one story masonry

structure and on January 18, 2008, Eng. Co. 17 and Lad. Co. 11 occupied this location.

Meanwhile, plans were moving forward to completely gut the quarters of Eng. Co. 19, Lad. Co. 8 and Battalion 2 at 2 Bergen Ave. With ample room in the leased quarters, about 1.5 miles north of their current location, an additional kitchen and bunk room were built in the Kearney Ave. house and



**Jersey City 4/5/09 Cornelison Ave. & Bishop St.** Construction progressing on the new Public Safety Communications Center (Henry J. Haines Photo)



**Jersey City 4/13/09 Eng. Co. 19, Lad. Co. 8, 2 Bergen Ave.** A year in the making, the newly renovated quarters of these companies, built in 1910, should be reopened in the near future. (Wayne Caley Photo)

those companies moved in during March 2008. Battalion 2, with only a Ford Explorer, could safely park on Eng. Co. 17's damaged floor and moved into the Boyd Ave. location at the same time. So now there are 2 engines and 2 ladders turning out of the converted warehouse on Kearney Ave.; quite a parade when "everybody goes"!

The renovation of the Bergen Ave. quarters, constructed in 1910, is nearing completion and will feature a new 2 story extension in the rear, all new interior, redesigned kitchen, bunk room, weight room and private offices for company officers and the Chief of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.



**Jersey City 4/14/09 255 Kearney Ave.** "Any port in a storm!". This former warehouse currently is the home of Engine Companies 17-19 and Ladder Companies 11-8. (Paul Schaetzle Photo)

chagrin of the local buffs, the new system will render current scanners obsolete. The FDJC has operated a 2 channel UHF analog system for decades but the new system will require radios not only capable of monitoring a trunked system, but digital signals as well. And, sorry, there are no converter boxes or government coupons for scanners unlike the switch to digital TV!

Next projects in the works include the complete gutting and rebuilding of Eng. Co. 15, Lad. Co. 9 at 200 Sip Ave. and new quarters for Res. Co. 1 and Sqd. Co. 4 one block west of their current location at 582 Communipaw Ave. The fate of the Boyd Ave. quarters of Eng. Co. 17 is unknown, but the City is presently negotiating to purchase the Kearney Ave. building at a cost of \$1,400,000.00.

The "nerve center" will be on the move in the near future also. The current Fire Dispatch Center, adjacent to the quarters of Eng. Co. 7 at 715 Summit Ave., will soon move several miles south to a new Public Safety Communications Center under construction at Cornelison Ave. & Bishop St. The new building, which is actually a modular structure assembled on site, will also house the Jersey City Police communications and the 9-1-1 answering point.

The move will also herald a new era in communications for Jersey City, a UHF digital trunked radio system. Much to the

## 2011 CONVENTION SITE SET!

After an exhaustive search, the Fire Buff Assn. of New Jersey has selected a hotel to host the 2011 IFBA Convention. The Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, located at the junction of the I-80, U.S. 46 and NJ 17 highways will be the gathering place for buffs far and wide. This full service hotel has been completely renovated and has all the amenities needed for a top shelf convention. Although the committee had looked at a number of new hotels along the waterfront in Hudson County, the room rates quoted would have blown holes in the wallet of the average buff. The Hilton will feature a room rate of approximately \$135.00 night which will include breakfast every morning and free parking.

There will be much more news on our plans in the coming months, but plan on joining the rest of the buffing world at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, September 6 -10, 2011!



During calendar year 2008, the Philadelphia Fire Department responded to 18 Extra Alarms fires. Here is a breakdown of the total throughout the year.

### Summary of Extra Alarm Fires for 2008

<u>Month</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>January</u>	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
<u>February</u>	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
<u>March</u>	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
<u>April</u>	01	00	00	01	01	01	04
<u>May</u>	00	01	00	00	00	00	01
<u>June</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<u>July</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<u>August</u>	00	00	00	01	00	00	01
<u>September</u>	00	01	00	00	00	00	01
<u>October</u>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<u>November</u>	02	02	01	00	00	00	05
<u>December</u>	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
<u>TOTAL</u>	08	04	01	02	02	01	18
<u>Battalion</u>							
1 <sup>st</sup>	00	02	00	00	00	00	02
2 <sup>nd</sup>	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
3 <sup>rd</sup>	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
4 <sup>th</sup>	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
7 <sup>th</sup>	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
8 <sup>th</sup>	01	00	00	02	00	00	03
9 <sup>th</sup>	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
10 <sup>th</sup>	01	02	01	00	00	01	05
11 <sup>th</sup>	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
12 <sup>th</sup>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
13 <sup>th</sup>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<u>Total</u>	08	04	01	02	02	01	18
<u>Platoon</u>							
A	01	00	00	01	01	00	03

B	01	01	00	01	01	00	04
C	03	01	00	00	00	01	05
D	03	02	01	00	00	00	06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>18</b>

Starting out the New Year for 2009, with the economic crunch gripping cities across the country, the P.F.D. disbanded the following companies.

Engine, 1, 6, 8, 14, 39      Ladders 1, 11

The Philadelphia Second Alarmers for year 2008 responded to 334 runs.

### SOME RECENT 'BIG ONES' IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE



Photos by Greg Masi



# ***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**

Text by: Jeffrey A. Harwell  
Photography by: Greg Simpson

The city of Atlanta keeps finding itself in the news headlines for issues related to fire department budget cuts. We reported in the last issue that Station 7 was closed down and has yet to reopen. At the same time Engine 7 and Squad 4 were abolished. It was recently announced by Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran that Engine 23 and Truck 12 would be closed at least through the remainder of the budget year (June 30). In December, Georgia Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner John Oxendine went public during an Atlanta Journal-Constitution interview with his request for ISO to reevaluate the Atlanta Fire Department to determine how the changes will effect city's Class 2 ISO rating. In addition to the above closures, there are also companies that are "browened out" for a given shift when enough personnel are not on duty to man the remaining equipment. For example, on February 1, 2009, Engines 12,22,26,30,36 and Trucks 25,26 were "browened" out of service for the 24 hours shift. That's a total of 7 engines, three trucks, and one squad that would have been in service just a year before. What would have normally been a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm fire on New Years Day on Durant Place ended up being a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm according to the fire department in order to get enough personnel on scene. The fire involved a two story with exposure problems on side D with five handlines operated for control. Mutual aid was required to fill in at vacant Atlanta fire stations. To complicate matters, there may be a mass number of retirements in the near future. Back in the mid 1970's the city was involved in a long drawn out discrimination lawsuit that included a freeze on hiring and promotions. When the case was finally settled, there was a mass number of firefighters hired to fill the vast number of open positions. Those mass numbers are now reaching retirement age and its reported there is little incentive for these firefighters to stay on board. Firefighters past and present are concerned about the lack of expeirnce that will result if these mass

retirements take place as expected.

In other news, if you live in Cobb County your old analog scanner stopped picking up the local fire departments at the end of September as the county switch over to a digital radio system..... If you have your Marietta equipment list out you can make the following changes: SQ55 moving to Station 52 to become SQ52, R52 moving to Station 55 to become R55, SQ52 to be dispatched on all structure fires in the city.....On October 3 Fulton County agreed to sell the Newton Station and Engine to the John's Creek Fire Department for \$5,000.00 and \$1.00 respectively. The start up of the John's Creek Fire Department was on October 7 as previously reported, with Fulton County stations 8,12,20 becoming JCFD stations 61,62,63.....Atlanta Fire Station #29 held its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 15 with an open house. On display were items related to the fatal Peachtree 25 fire of 6-30-89.....Former East Point Deputy Fire Chief Toni Dixon was named the new Decatur Fire Chief in January of 2009..... Our guest speaker for our January meeting was none other than Firehouse Magazine editor Harvey Eisner, who brought fire slides from New York City. He was in town for a planning meeting for the upcoming Firehouse Central EXPO and EMS Show to be held at the World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta October 26-30, 2009.

One of the largest fires since our last report occurred in neighboring Carroll County in the 500 block of Wedowee Street in downtown Bowdon near the Alabama border. The November 17 fire involved the Trintex Tire plant (aka Carlisle Tire & Wheel) and first in units reported the structure fully involved immediately after arrival around 1:00am. You know you're at a large fire whenever all firefighting efforts have to be halted at one point to allow the water supply system to recover. There were 24 homes evacuated during the height of the fire and on the next day (Monday) at least five schools were closed due

to smoke still being emitted from the rubble. There was another large fire at the complex in the mid-1970's, this time approximately 90% of the complex was destroyed with 350 employees left without a job.

Closer to home, one of the more noteworthy (and eye catching) fires of the fall occurred just before dawn on November 20 on DeKalb Industrial Way in DeKalb County. First in units found heavy fire in the loading dock area of the A-Z Grocery Wholesale warehouse that was roughly 100'x 200'. Attempts to cut off the fire were halted

when the spreading fire quickly found flammable liquids just inside the building. It was a defensive attack from then on with Ladders 23, 2, and 1 operating along with other master streams. Our canteen operated at this fire as well..... Our canteen also

operated at a less spectacular but just as prolonged fire at 3717 Roswell Road in Atlanta on the evening of November 18. The fire started around the chimney area of the Chastain Tavern Restaurant which was rough a 100'x 100' two and three story structure. There was a special call of one engine and one ladder above the first alarm as units began the slow and tedious process of opening up walls and ceilings, followed soon thereafter by a request for a full 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm. Our canteen was finally released around 1:45am.....The third significant fire of the fall where our canteen saw action was November 19 with the newly formed (as of

December 2006) Sandy Springs Fire Department just across the north Atlanta border. This fire was in the Magnolia Apartments at 2804 The Valley off Roswell Road. Once again this was not the most spectacular incident to witness, as the fire was in the walls of a 3 story wood frame double back building. In case your keeping count, that's three canteen runs in as many days. Something that's unheard of in Atlanta.....Also rare these days is a serialist arsonist. DeKalb County firefighters were kept rather busy with 10 working fires between 3:50pm on November 23 and 5:36am on

November 24, all in the Memorial Drive corridor.

The most noteworthy structure damaged was the Indian Creek Baptist Church at 3901 Rockbridge Road.....Not to be outdone, the south Atlanta suburb of Henry County was also reporting a string of arson fires.....

In one of the more unusual events of the month of December, a full 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm was required for a

mass casualty incident in the city of Atlanta on December 19. The location was the 1300 block of Piedmont Avenue NE at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens where a pedestrian bridge collapse forced Atlanta Fire/Rescue to make a number of rescues from a deep ravine. In the end there were 15 patients and one fatality.

It was well into the new year before the next significant fire occurred on a rather busy February 24, 2009. During the early morning hours units were dispatched to 555 Whitehall Street just west of downtown and arriving units found a large two story commercial industrial



Even though this fire was originally first reported just after midnight, there were still numerous units on scene the next morning at the Trintex tire plant in downtown Bowden, Georgia near the Alabama border. Neighboring Carrollton has sent their aerial on mutual aid (12 miles) to help battle the November 17 blaze.



These photos are from a fire we reported on back in the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of 2008. The location was the 5000 block of South Peachtree in the Norcross area of Gwinnett County. The well involved fire involved the Norcross Supply company and firefighting efforts were complicated by the numerous electrical lines that crossed the property.

type building heavily involved. Across Whitehall Street from the fire building was Interstate 20, and immediately behind the structure was the Norfolk & Southern Railway mainline to Macon. Battalion 5 soon ordered companies out of the building as defensive operations were initiated with ladder pipes set up at each corner of the building. The fire went to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm with operations carrying over well into the daytime hours with numerous overhaul companies dispatched throughout the day. The body of one fire victim was located around 6:00pm that evening. Atlanta's second multiple of the day came with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm at 981 Peachtree Battle Circle NW with a two story 6,000 square foot brick veneer dwelling 40% involved on arrival. The third multiple struck at 201 Glenwood Avenue for a one story frame fully involved with exposure problems. DeKalb also struck a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm the same day while still enroute to an apartment fire in the 2900 block of North DeKalb Drive. On January 16 a tragic fire occurred in a two story dwelling at 358 Barbashala Drive in the Stone Mountain area of DeKalb County. Three children ages 6, 10, and 13 perished in the fire and a 12 year old

was injured jumping from a second floor window.

There were a significant number of other multiple alarm fires during the past six months, but most of those were 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm apartment fires, and we'll save space by not listing them all.





# **2009 SPAAMFAA National Conference & Muster**

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