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IFBA 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for registering to attend the 2016 IFBA Annual Convention hosted by **REGION 5**
(Greater Houston Fire Battalion, Signal 51 Group, Fire Fighting Historical Society and Box4 Fire Buff Association)

You will need to complete a *separate* registration form for each individual attending.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

CLUB AFFILIATION:

Club Name _____

Officer _____ Position _____ Alternate _____ Delegate _____

Have you attended a previous IFBA convention? ☐ YES ☐ NO

T-Shirt size (included with FULL registration): ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL

CONVENTION INFORMATION:

Please select the type of registration you would like:

☐ Full Convention Registration – Prior to July 1, 2016 - \$300.00 USD

☐ Full Convention Registration – After July 1, 2016 - \$325.00 USD

Per Event Pricing

☐ Saturday – Closing Banquet \$45.00 USD

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hotel Name: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – New Orleans, LA
Hotel Address: 300 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Group Code: **FBA**

Rates: \$129.00 per night

Phone Number: (504) 581-1300

Overnight Valet Parking \$26.00 per day

Free Breakfast for 2, per room, per day.

Free shuttle within 3-mile radius.

MEALS:

Full Convention Registration include the following meals:

Thursday: LUNCH (Dinner on your own)

Friday: LUNCH (Dinner on your own)

Saturday: LUNCH (Banquet Dinner)

Banquet Dinner Meal Choice: ☐ Chicken ☐ Beef

PAYMENT INFORMATION (USD Only):

☐ Check

☐ Money Order

Please send payment in USD and Registration Form to:

Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.
c/o Karen Hoskins
225 Fox Hollow Blvd.
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IFBA 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION ITINERARY & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ALL EVENTS AND SCHEDULED TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Tuesday August 16th

7 :00pm - Executive Board Meeting, dinner on your own.

Wednesday August 17th

9:00am - Opening ceremony at the DoubleTree (host) hotel.

10:00am -11:30am - Chief Tommy Stone St Bernard FD Hurricane Katrina presentation.

12:00pm - Business Meeting (After the Meeting enjoy the Crescent City and dinner on your own).

Thursday August 18th

8:30am -Board buses

Tour New Orleans EMS, those members who appear on NIGHTWATCH will be available if this is their shift.
(lunch delivered)

Visit newest NOFD Station Engine 39 in the lower 9th Ward.

Lower 9th ward Katrina tour levee break

New Orleans 911 center tour or

NOFD Fire Museum (alternating tours)

2:00pm - Enjoy the Crescent City (dinner on your own).

Friday August 19th

8:30am -Board buses

Tour Gretna Fire Museum

Tour Terry town VFD working Ahrens Fox (lunch delivered)

Tour David Crockett VFD oldest continuously operating volunteer company in the United States.

Tour Jefferson Parish EOC

2:00pm -Enjoy the Crescent City (dinner on your own).

Saturday August 20th

8:30am -Board buses

New Orleans Fire Department Apparatus Line up

(Box Lunch at a fire station)

Afternoon tour of fire stations and venues of interest

2:00pm -Enjoy the Crescent City

6:00pm -Reception - DoubleTree (host) hotel - cash bar

7:00pm -Banquet and closing ceremony in host hotel

*NOTE: - Shoulder rates at the hotel while they last for 3 days prior to the convention and 3 days after the convention.



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April 5, 2016

To: All IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members

Subject: Nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award – 2016

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 Convention in New Orleans, LA, on Saturday, August 20, 2016 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 July 1, 2016 in order to be considered by the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for the 2016 presentation. The IFBA operates on a fiscal-year basis, July 1 to June 30, for this award.

The Executive Office urges you to make this subject a top priority. This is a very great honor for the recipient and we are asking all clubs to put forth their effort in submitting these resumes. Surely you all have outstanding fire buffs in your midst that are deserving of this honor. If your candidate's name has previously been submitted but not selected, that name may be re-submitted. Only members of IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members are eligible for this award.

Please refer to the attached information regarding this award as provided by the "Fire Buff of the Year" Committee and the list of previous honorees. You may contact me at the below address for any information concerning this award.

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

If your nominee has previously been nominated, but not selected, it is not necessary to complete an entire re-nomination but rather a letter on official stationery asking that your previous nominee be reconsidered is all that is necessary. 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 yours 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 2014 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.

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Box 22 Associates
Box 41 Associates
Box 52 Association., Inc.
Box 61, Inc., Portland Fire Buffs
Connecticut Fire Photographers Association
Connecticut Special Signal Association
Essex County Fire Wardens Association
Middlesex County Firefighter & Fire Wardens Assn.
Providence Citywide Fire Network
Special Signal Fire Assn.
The Leather Helmet Society
International Fire Photographers Association
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BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

ESTABLISHED 1912
INCORPORATED 1918

The cool, crisp fall air is upon us and soon winter will be here. Most of our members are now busy raking leaves in preparation for snow. As the snow begins to pile up, firefighting here in the northeast gets more difficult. Frozen lines, hydrants hidden by snow and icy fire grounds all take their toll on the firefighters.

Much has happened to the Box 52 Association since we last met in April. The Association sponsored another very successful bus trip, this year to the Greater Plymouth area of Massachusetts.

More than 30 members and guests met the bus shortly before 8 AM and spent the next nine hours touring many greater Plymouth stations. They received a warm welcome where ever they visited. The attendees were able to get "up close and personal" with the famous "brush breakers" of the Cape Cod region. You can view the many pieces of apparatus they saw by checking out our web site: www.box52.org

In July we were saddened to learn of the passing of two of our long time members, Past President Sherman M. Hunt Jr passed on the 27th and life

member Robert E. Carpenter departed this earth on the 28th. May their souls Rest in Peace.

In August almost a dozen members attended the IFBA convention sponsored by our fellow Region One Club. The Connecticut Fire Photographer's Association. The CFPA members were all gracious hosts and the Box 52 members had a great time.

Our September gathering was a visitation meeting held in the new quarters of Newton Engine 10.



Box 52 President David Parr, left, presents Battalion Chief Donald Hayde, FDNY a token of thanks. Chief Hayde was the October guest speaker.
Photo by Jeff Brown

Box 52 member Captain Mark Roche was our host for the meeting. After a tour of the new station and business meeting, Past President and Convention Delegate from the Box 52 Richard Cutts gave his report on the Hartford IFBA Convention. Rick was assisted by former IFBA President and Box 52 member Ken Beliveau. The

presentation also featured photos by Association Director Bob Fitz.

In October, the Association met at Wakefield headquarters thanks to the generosity of Chief Sullivan. At the beginning of the meeting, honorary member Ralph Sevinor, the owner of

Wayne Alarm Company, was presented with a white ceremonial Chief's helmet. Ralph has been a longtime supporter of the Association hosting us every December for our holiday meeting. October was our Annual Meeting of the Association with the yearly recap reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The election of officers was held with the entire slate suggested by the nominating committee being re-elected. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Chief Don Hayde of the Fire Department of New York. Chief Hayde is with the Special Operation Command of the FDNY. The Chief spoke to us about two major fires in the City and the many challenges faced by the firefighters. We are very fortunate whenever Chief Hayde is able to travel to one of our meetings. His previous visit was canceled due to snow.

On November 20th our guest speaker is Author and retired Boston Fire Captain Rick Connelly. The

Our December meeting is our annual Holiday Party held in the Conference room of the Wayne Alarm Company. The meeting should be the first event held in the newly renovated room. Our presenter for the evening is Captain Rick Conway of the Nashua NH Fire Department. Rick is a member of the Box 52 Association and the training officer of the Nashua Department. Rick has access to many of his Father's slides, his Father being retired former Acting Chief of the Lynn Fire Department. This event open to members and applicants only is always well attended.

According to Honorary Member Commissioner and Chief of Department Finn, the Boston Fire Department is about to embark on a major capital project of fire station renovation and upgrades. One station will be completely replaced while others will receive major upgrades. Thanks in part to a grant from the Last Call Foundation, special washing machines are being purchased for some of the stations to clean turnout gear. As more money becomes available more washers will be purchased. The BFD is in the process of purchasing four rear mount ladders with short wheelbases and reduced jack spread to navigate many of Boston's small streets. Rescue One has a new rig as does the motor squad. Many Metro Fire communities have purchased or are about to purchase new rigs. Some departments have acquired used pieces from other departments and are converting them for their own use. Complete details can be found on our website.

Congratulations to our sister club, the Boston Sparks Association, who have received a new rehab vehicle built by EVI of Florida. The vehicle was funded in part thanks to a grant from the Last Call Foundation.

As always, visitors are welcome at our meetings with the exception of the December gathering. Complete details of our meeting locations can be found on the Association website or our Facebook page.



Box 52 Secretary Michael Kass, left, presents a custom designed parade helmet to member Ralph Sevinor. Member Sevinor for more than 15 years has graciously hosted and provided food for our December meetings. Photo by Jeff Brown

Captain is the Author of two books, "Returning to Quarters" and "Characters, Tales and Tragedies in the Boston Fire Department". Rick retired after 42 years with the BFD having served in Brighton, South Boston, Roxbury and Dorchester before being promoted to Lieutenant and then Captain in downtown Boston.

Region

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Box 15 Club, Inc.

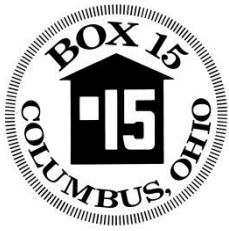
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Greetings from Central Ohio. 2015 is shaping up to be another busy year. Although the winter started out rather mild, it turned bitter in early January and continued through February and into March. In January, we invoked our extreme weather protocol 5 days in a row and responded to 8 working fires. 15 days in February saw temps/chill factors below zero (extreme weather protocol). During those days, we responded to 1 second alarm and 12 working fires. By March 8, temperatures moderated but not before we were called out to another second alarm and two working fires.



N. 6th St. 2/19/15



Winterburg Way 2 Alarm 5/9/15



Timberlake Circle 1/18/15



Robins Rd., Harlem Twp. 3/1/15

Biggest incident in Columbus in almost 3 years

It was Battalion Chief Jack Reall's first day operating officially as ES-2 (Deputy Chief). The weather was warm but not oppressive. At 16:02 hours, on Friday, May 5, a fire was reported at a pallet and cardboard recycling facility at 611 Marion Road on Columbus' south side. Engine 14, responding from quarters a mile away could see heavy smoke as they left the station. This facility was no stranger to Columbus Fire. They had battled a fire 2 months prior that threatened a 275 gallon propane tank. It was also the site of a 2 alarm fire a few years earlier. First arriving companies found the main warehouse heavily involved with fire spreading to palletized cardboard in the yard. At 16:11, a second alarm was requested. Rehab 1 responded with an initial crew of three upon the declaration. Rehab 3 also went, with a single member. Crews setup to the northeast of the fire, in clean air. As the fire gained headway, apparatus had to relocate and a 3rd alarm was struck at 16:31 hours. That was followed with the fourth alarm at 17:19 hours. Before it was over, more than half of the companies of the



611 Marion Rd. 4 Alarm 5/1/15

Columbus Division of Fire would be involved. Many neighboring departments filled in at empty stations and took both fire and EMS runs. We are blessed in Central Ohio with a very successful Automatic Mutual Aid system that leverages resources beyond jurisdictional boundaries. Fire crews remained on the scene for three days, hitting flare-ups, hot spots and performing fire watch duties, however we were released the next day as fire crews were being rotated every few hours.

During our 21 hour deployment, Box 15 rotated crews twice, with a total of 12 members participating. We served 50 large pizzas and 250 Cheeseburger meals in addition to 24 cases of bottled water, 6 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons of sports drink, 250 granola bars and a gallon of Hot **Chocolate**. Thanks to Donato's for donating the pizzas and to Red Cross who gave us 14 cases of water. Both Rehab 1 and Rehab 3 were used. In all, we served more than 300 firefighters.



Box 15 names Distinguished Firefighters for 2015

At our annual Awards Dinner, held on Sunday, April 26, Box 15 honored Jefferson Township Fire Chief Bill Houk as the County Firefighter of the Year and Columbus firefighter/rescue tech, J. D. Vasbinber as the Columbus Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Houk began his career in 1983 when he joined the Jefferson Township (Madison County) Fire Dept. He worked his way through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 2001. He serves on the Local Emergency Planning Commission and is an Executive Board member of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Houk also serves as the IT Liaison with OFCA's Fire Emergency Response Plan

Region

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5-11 Club, Inc.

10-87 Club of Greater Rockford

Box 8 Club of St. Louis, Inc.

Box 55 Assoc.

Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities

Indianapolis Fire Buffs

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Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc.

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Racine Fire Bell Club, Inc.

Waukesha County Emergency Support & Inc.

5-11 Club, Inc.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60680

By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

The fire activity in Chicago had started out slowly but has picked up recently with four extra alarm fires on the City's north side. The first one was in a historic building in the Lincoln Square neighborhood. On August 31, the two-story building that was erected in 1918 and housed a paint and hardware store on the first floor with Lincoln Square Lanes, the oldest eight lane bowling alley in the City, occupying the second floor. The first alarm came in around 12:45 a.m., shortly after the lanes closed. The fire is thought to have started in the kitchen area.

They say lightning never strikes twice, but on October 20, fire companies responded to Harry's Lumber Co. on the far

northwest side of the City in what would become

a 3-11 alarm fire. Harry's also suffered a devastating 5-11 alarm fire on October 19, 1995. The 2015 fire was originally called in around 4:00 a.m. At that time a 2-11 alarm was sounded. Responding

companies struck out the fire at 5:30 a.m. At approximately 7:00 a.m. the 11th Battalion was dispatched for a rekindle at the lumberyard. The fire, now in a metal clad warehouse, was quickly escalated to a 2-11 alarm and by 7:45 a.m., a 3-11 alarm. A front end loader was utilized to bring down metal walls to allow firefighters access to the smoldering ruins.

On October 30, a 4-11 alarm fire swept through a one story, trussed roof structure that housed many store front businesses including a branch of the Chicago Public Library in the Old Irving neighborhood.

The fire began in a

dry cleaning establishment, quickly spreading



Lincoln Square Bowling Alley 3-11 (Photo by Steve Redick)



through the cockloft of the building. Three of the first responding firefighters suffered minor injuries when a smoke explosion ripped through the dry cleaners. The fire also destroyed a financial services office, a grocery store, a tuxedo rental shop and two vacant store fronts. Due to the danger of a roof collapse, the smoky fire was fought mainly from the outside. To date, 25 multiple alarm fires have occurred in the City including four 3-11s and one 4-11.

The CFD Apparatus Program is moving forward with the construction of three new 100' tower ladders from Emergency-One. The units will have a full complement of ground ladders but will not have pumps. The ambulance fleet upgrade has nearly been completed with the delivery of 16 2015 Wheeled Coach ambulances. Three new Oshkosh Global Striker 3000 6x6 crash trucks have been received and should be in service early 2016. Each of the new crash trucks will have a 3000 gal. water tank, a 420 gal. foam tank and a 2000 GPM pump. Three 1500 GPM/500 gal. tank Emergency-One pumpers have also been ordered with a scheduled 2016 delivery.

Squad 7, the 2000 Pierce-Lance rescue unit stationed at O'Hare Field has been upgraded with a rehab of the entire vehicle including electrical, lighting and mechanical systems. This will enable the unit to remain in service for many more years.

(All three photos) Harry's Lumberyard 3-11
(Photos by Mike Penchar)



4-11 at the 3500 block of West Irving Park Road (*Photo by Mike Penchar*)

Sector D 4-11 at the 3500 block of Irving Park Road (*Photo by Mike Penchar*)



Sector A-D 4-11 at the 3500 block of Irving Park Road (*Photo by Mike Penchar*)



Sector A 4-11 at the 3500 block of Irving Park Road (Photo by Mike Penchar)

The 5-11 Club continues to add new members to their roster and support services crews. As of the end of October, our canteens have responded to 58 requests for service at both fire and police incidents. Our canteens were also deployed for the Blackhawk Stanley Cup parade, the Chicago Marathon and Local 2's Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Rosehill Cemetery.

Please visit our website, www.5-11clubchicago.org, for the latest news about the 5-11 Club, activities and a growing photo gallery. Call or email the Club if you plan to visit Chicago. Tours can be arranged with several days' notice.



Rehabbed Squad 7 2000 Pierce-Lance (Photo by Mike Penchar)



Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.

By: Dan Rode

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club activities

The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club (M.F.B.C.) has been busy both with responses as well as the remodeling of their new Rehab Unit (more on this in a second). First, the club has responded to 36 runs so far this year: (10) emergency incidents, (6) training exercises, and (20) P.R. events. Emergency incidents have been occurring more frequently in the Milwaukee County suburbs than in the city, major fires are down from years past. The club recently responded to several fires in the South Shore suburbs (Cudahy on October 24 and Oak Creek on October 17) in which fire burned off the roof of multi-unit condominium complexes. These types of fires speak to the need for adequate fire stopping and sprinkler systems in the cockloft which is a virtual lumberyard of trusses waiting to burn. The club also participated in the annual disaster drill at Mitchell International Airport on September 23 and then at the 3-day Active Shooter drill at Wisconsin State Fair Park on October 20-22, hosted by the Greenfield Fire & Police Departments (a sad reality that protective services must prepare for in today's ever changing social climate).

As mentioned in the Spring, 2015, TURN OUT issue, the M.F.B.C. has purchased a "new" rehab rig from the Box 55 Association of Nashville, Tennessee. The rig has since been taken to Lynch Diversified Vehicles (L.D.V.) of Burlington, Wisconsin. L.D.V. staff installed a new serving window on the passenger side of the rig, installed new counter tops to provide more working space, and increased storage space for a warming oven and coolers. Minor work to be done yet includes some new exterior mirrors, door handles, and decals. The rig has already been put to use at the recent Active Shooter

training and will serve the club well into the foreseeable future.

Milwaukee Fire Department updates

The Milwaukee Fire Department (M.F.D.) has been busy as usual, both in fire suppression and in fire prevention. So far this year the M.F.D. has had (17) greater alarms-(15) 2nd alarms, (1) 3rd alarm, and (1) 4th alarm. Unfortunately, there have been eight fire fatalities, two occurred within the last week (October 17). The M.F.D. has been aggressively canvassing neighborhoods and installing smoke detectors to those in need. The M.F.D. also introduced a new program during Fire Prevention week, the Community Risk Reduction Program. Every firehouse in the city will focus on their 1st due response area to install smoke detectors, inspect residential and commercial structures, and develop working relationships with the local neighborhood associations, churches, block watches, and business community. This newfound partnership will focus on the goal of providing safe neighborhoods in Milwaukee for both the residents and visitors to the city.

The 3rd Battalion on the city's near South Side has seen a spike in fires recently involving "rear cottages." A rear cottage is basically a 1-, 1 1/2-, or 2-story dwelling constructed on the rear property line adjacent to the alley and garages. At the turn of the century, many immigrants built large 2 1/2-story balloon frame constructed duplexes on the front portion of the property, then as additional relatives arrived in America, another dwelling (not as large as the front structure) was constructed on the rear property line for additional housing needs. Today, there are many impediments to firefighters that fight these fires. Beside the structure being balloon frame constructed, challenges include:

-Exterior is made of clap board, vinyl siding, or asphalt shingle siding.

-Power lines run adjacent to the gutter line impeding truck companies in performing vertical ventilation.

-Exposures are plentiful including adjacent garages, dwellings (on all four sides), automobiles, and dumpsters/garbage cans.

-Trees, large bushes, and backyard fences impede companies in laying out handlines and deploying ground ladders to windows.

-The large structure on the front property line many times precludes the use of an elevated master stream during defensive operations.

The Repair Shop has been busy lately with new apparatus arrivals. The following apparatus have been received and put into service:

-Car 2B, Assistant Chief of E.M.S./Training, has received a 2016 Ford Explorer.

-Car 16, Fire Lieutenant in-charge of Community Relations, received a 2015 Ford Taurus.

-Car 18, the Incident Safety Officer (I.S.O.), has received a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe.

-Community Paramedics 1 & 2 each received a 2015 Ford Taurus.

-Foam Trailer 2 went in service at Truck 6's quarters. Equipped with a 750 g.p.m. pump and 275 gallon foam tank. The trailer was provided by the Canadian Pacific Railroad for use to suppress fires involving Bakken crude oil (during train derailments).

The shop is currently outfitting two 2016 Ford Expeditions which will be used as Alternate Response Vehicles for Engines 14 and 39. A local alderman provided funding for use of these vehicles to E.M.S. calls and to reduce the wear and tear as well as fuel consumption on the "heavy pieces." The pilot program will provide data to explore further expansion of the program in the future. Also received at the Shop is the new Rescue Co. 2, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT heavy rescue. Some of the unique features of the rig include a 30,000 pound

winch located on the rear bumper (for use in heavy vehicle stabilization/rescue operations), a top mounted air compressor with its own set of pneumatic tools, and customized compartments to carry the myriad of technical rescue equipment used by the Heavy Urban Rescue Team (H.U.R.T.). The current Rescue Co. 2, a 2005 Pierce Dash heavy rescue, will become the first dedicated spare rescue for Rescue Co. 1 and 2. Previously, a spare Truck and suburban would serve as the Rescue when the front-line rig would go to the Shop for repairs. On order is (1) engine from Pierce and (2) med units from Wheeled Coach. Within this article you will find photos of new rigs discussed in the Spring, 2015, TURN OUT article.

The M.F.D. has ventured into a new program known as Community Paramedicine with the local hospitals, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Nursing, and other healthcare professionals. The premise of the program is to help frequent users of the 911 system to better manage their healthcare, fill and maintain prescriptions, schedule and attend physician visits, and ensure a better understanding of their health needs. 21 Paramedics have been trained for the program which will operate out of Engine 4/Truck 3/Med 16's quarters.

The Training Division has been busy as it has added 25 Fire Cadets to their program. The Cadets spend two years in which they receive their Paramedic license, take Spanish classes, and participate in many of the educational programs conducted by the Community Relations Division. A class of 23 Fire Recruits also began training on August 03 and is slated for graduation and assignment to the field before Thanksgiving.

Two of the Special Teams recently relocated firehouses to better fit their primary missions. The Marine Operations Team (Fireboat Pilots) has relocated to Engine 1's quarters in Eastown, placing them closer to the mooring location of the Fireboat Trident. And the Incident Command Post (I.C.P.) has relocated to Engine 2's quarters in West Town.

This places the I.C.P. virtually in the central portion of the city and county and allows for freeway access in any direction. The I.C.P. is also researching the use of drones for fireground and emergency operations.

That is about it for now from the Brew City. Here is to wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and fire safe season.

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Engine 32, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500 pumper. Photo by: Tom Conrad

Med 7, a 2015 Freightliner/Wheeled Coach ambulance. Photo by: Tom Conrad



Car 18 (I.S.O.), a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe. Photo by: B.C. Jim Ley, M.F.D.



(Left) Rescue Co. 2, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT heavy rescue.



(Below) New and old Rescue Co. 2, side by side. Photos by: Tom Conrad

(Right) Foam Trailer 2, a 2015 Canadian Pacific 750/0/275 trailer. Photo by: B.C. David Votsis, M.F.D.



(Below) The new Rehab Unit in action at the Active Shooter training, 10-21-2015. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke





The new serving window installed by L.D.V. on the new Rehab Unit. Photo by: Doug Hanke

(Right) Passenger side of the new Rehab Unit showing the newly installed serving window. Photo by: Doug Hanke

(Below) E.S.U. 1 & Rehab 2 on stand by during a briefing on a multi-agency haz-mat training incident, 07-16-2015. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke





***Indianapolis Fire Buffs
2205 East 58th Street
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By Jerry Traub

Indianapolis Fire Buffs will be preparing for the 100th anniversary of their IFD reserve station 12, 339 N. Sherman, Indianapolis, September 19, 2015. This will require interior and exterior painting, floor and sitting area upgrades. There will be food, beverages, commemorative t-shirts and challenge coins.

IFBA Region 4/6 meeting was held here May 29 and 30. Thirty persons attended from all parts of the map. Friday evening included a picnic-type buffet and reserved seating at the Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball game at Victory Field, downtown. Our group was mentioned on the scoreboard throughout the game. Saturday morning's business meeting was followed by lunch at Shapiro's Deli, an Indy tradition. Visits followed at the Local 416 Union Hall museum and area stations with newest apparatus for Indianapolis and Wayne Twp. Departments. Evening meal was available at The Rathskeller downtown. There was a brief interruption when a strong windstorm passed over, leading to one RSU response to the SE side of the city --some damage but no injuries. Vickie Mokros was re-elected Region 6 vice president; Frank Novak was re-elected to Region 4 vice-president. Nashville may host

the next Regional in 2016.

Our Maxim antique engine participated in the Pumper Pull at FDIC this Spring, and it was on static display at the Marion County Fair in June.

Clean-up and painting continued through the summer months, getting ready for our 100th anniversary open house. 120 written invitations were sent to a VIP list.

Rehab support units provided 147 responses during the first six months of 2015. Activities included Fire, Law Enforcement, Water Rescues, Structural Collapse, FDIC staging and Hands on Training (HOTS), and miscellaneous assigned Special Details. All RSU drivers were reminded to use safety spotters when backing their vehicles, especially at Reserve Station 12, to clear the tight space at overhead doors. Incident Report procedures were reviewed, including notice to RSU committee person, Club president and FD Safety Officer if needed for an injury incident.

Any purchase for club activity, such as Reserve Station 12 100th anniversary projects, are eligible for 10% discount for military veterans at Lowes and Home depot. Indiana sales tax exemption papers are available, too.

Our Maxim served as funeral car for William Benson, past chief, at a funeral ceremony in Monrovia, IN in early August. Club

member and IFD firefighter Matt Bennett chauffeured our rig. A rewrite of club Constitution, By-Laws, Fire Buffs Fire Ground Code of Conduct and RSU Operator's Code of Conduct is to be done by year's end.

Jim Williamson (delegate) and Jerry Traub (alternate) attended the IFBA national meeting in Hartford, CT. Tentative schedule is for national to be handled by Region 5 in New Orleans in 2016. Karen Hoskins of the Dallas Box 4 was elected President. Tom McDonald of Greater Houston Fire Buffs was named Fire Buff of the Year. Friendship Fire Association of Washington, DC was awarded Newsletter/Website of the Year. Friendship Fire also received a 75 recognition plaque.

Fundraisers for RSU expenses, arranged by IFD PIO Capt. Rita Reith, have been completed at Loughmiller's Pub, downtown; Beer and Bacon Festival at Victory Field ballpark by Hard Rock cafe; and Bob Evans' nine restaurants in Indianapolis area. Nearly \$1,500 was received from these events. Our 100th anniversary Open House occurred September 19. 29 members were present, with 16 others registered as family and friends. Several dozen others, including IFD Chief Ernie Malone, retirees who had served at this Station 12, on-duty IFD & Wayne Twp. departments, IEMS, and IMPD personnel attended. A food buffet, beverages and popcorn were served. Commemorative t-shirts, challenge coins and a 50/50 raffle tickets were sold. Door prizes were drawn though the day. We were thanked for our preservation and appreciation of the oldest station in IFD. It was especially gratifying to host several retirees who came back to

their favorite house.

Dennis Chambers reported the use of our Maxim for the funeral of a civilian who was a special friend of IFD station 29. The family provided a substantial (unsolicited) donation, which will be directed to the Apparatus Fund.

Mechanical repairs continue to be a challenge at our reserve station. Our committee persons are working with IFD property contacts to resolve boiler and piping issues. Clothing orders for RSU winter apparel and club collar shirts for all members will be ordered in the future.

Our wi-fi service and cable TV at the station will be moved to Bright House Networks. We will be paying for our own TV (used by our IEMS medic tenants), and soon will be getting speedier internet connections.

Hawaii Raffle fundraiser tickets will be offered from September to November drawing to IFD active and retired firefighters. Nine members will be selling on payday weekends at 45 stations and other admin offices.

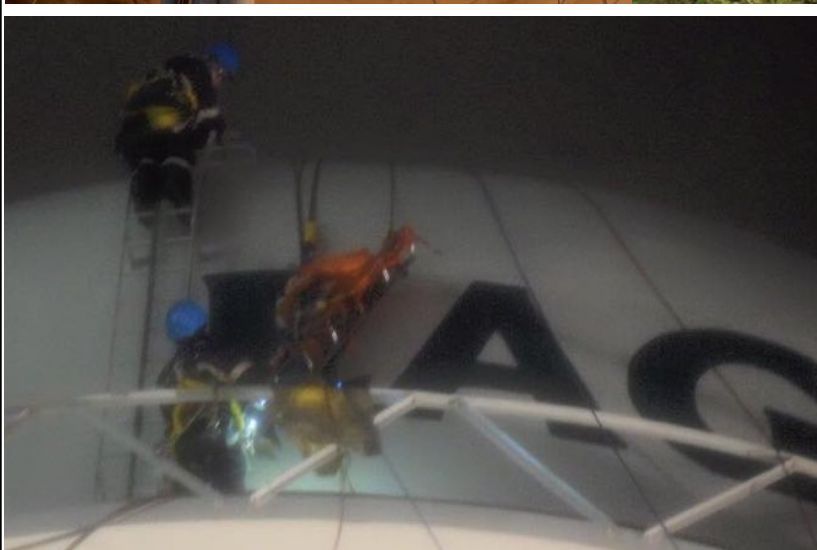
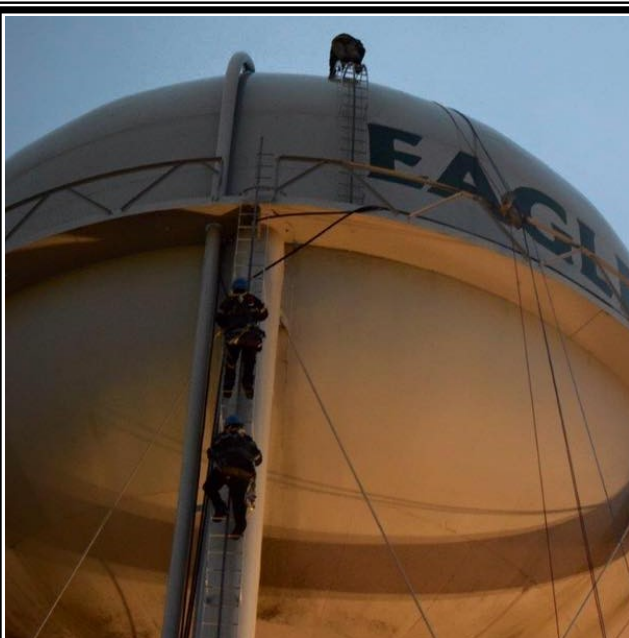
Our station hosted two general election voting precincts in November. Time will tell what changes might follow, as the results will mean a different party at the City-County Building for the next four years. RSU 1 will have indoor storage this Winter, thanks to IFD station 1 on W. 10th Street. The entry code for access is available from Committee members. Three other units will remain in their current stations (Rsv Sta 12, IFD 21, Wayne Twp 83).

Slate for 2016 officers election was presented and voted unanimously:

Byron Jacobs, president; Marc Parton, vice-president; Maureen Killilea, secretary. Jerry Traub continues into the second year of his term as treasurer. Six new members joined this year: Allan Mayer, Jim Leaver, Chara Leaver, Daren Feltner, Paul Hermesen, and Bradley Phipps.

Our club received a Recognition Plaque for Community Service from the Indy Public Safety Foundation at a ceremony

at the Indiana War Memorial in December. The annual Christmas party and awards ceremony will be at the Rathskeller, Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. Happy New Year in 2016.



IFD Tactical High Angle Rope Rescue teams from stations 7 and 14 executed a difficult task when they retrieved and safely lowered an injured water tower inspection employee from 40 feet inside the tower, then 150 feet down to the ground. The victim fell inside the tank from an access ladder. Unable to get to the top of the tank, he called for help. Zionsville, IN FD called for assistance from nearby Indianapolis. This exact scenario had been practiced by these teams the same week. Weather was cold, windy and rainy, making movements difficult and measured. From their 5 p.m. dispatch, to an entry at 5:30 p.m., the extrication and lowering of the victim was completed at 8:30 p.m. He sustained a broken leg when he initially fell inside the tank. (Photos by Rodger Birchfield)

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Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley

By John Whitaker

Fire Associates Responds to a Variety of Emergency Calls during the Summer and Early Fall of 2015

Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley provides canteen and rehab support at all multiple-alarm fires in Santa Clara County. This free service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to an area covering 1,290 square miles with a population exceeding 1,894,605 people. Within this large geographical area, the organization supports the needs of 12 different fire departments. So, you can imagine that this all volunteer group responds to a wide variety of fires and emergencies during an average year. The summer and early fall of 2015 was a good example of the variety of calls – including multi-alarm vegetation fires, rural and urban residential fires, and commercial blazes. The following is a sample of those events.

June 23, 2015

San Jose Firefighters Attack Vegetation and Structure Fires at Same Incident

On June 23, San Jose firefighters responded to a vegetation fire located in Coyote Creek behind the Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church. Located at 2165 Lucretia Ave., the Incident Command center was set up in the large parking lot between the church and the creek bed.

Shortly after the first fire units arrived at this vegetation blaze, a fire was reported burning on the roof of a house located near the creek at the end of Paseo Estero Drive. The IC quickly called for a separate structure response and an upgrade

of the vegetation fire to a Tier 2 response. This upgrade brought Fire Support Unit 2 with Don



Gilbert driving and John Whiteside along as a passenger/navigator. Meeting them on scene was FASCV member John Whitaker who had arrived to scout out a location for Rehab. They were later joined by FASCV member Dan Wong.



As the effort was winding down, an order was put in for 35 burritos for firefighters who were tired and hungry. John Whitaker left to pick up the order from a nearby taqueria and returned with chicken and steak burritos along with chips and salsa. Appetites were soon taken care of! FSU-2 was released from the incident at approxi-

mately 8:30 P.M. 5:58 – having been on scene for almost 3 hours. (Photos by John Whitaker)

July 4, 2015

4th of July Challenge for San Jose Firefighters

What do you get when you combine illegal fireworks in the neighborhood with someone who chronically keeps too much stuff? In this case, the answer was a 2-alarm fire.

The fire was reportedly started by someone's use of illegal fireworks, but made far more challenging by the amount of belongings the residents had in and around their home. By the time firefighters arrived on scene, the house had heavy flames shooting out of the "Charlie" and "Delta" sides and was spreading into the attic – while also threatening neighboring exposures.

The first units on the scene, near the intersection of Yerba Buena Rd. and Brock Way, immediately called for a second alarm. Dispatchers were working hard to cover the multiple incidents taking place at that time – 9:45 P.M. on July 4th. With a 5-in. supply line crossing Yerba Buena Rd., there were significant problems with motorists continuing on their way – right over the 5-in. line. The dangerous situation resulted in a request for Code 3 San Jose Police assistance.

Bruce Dembecki in Fire Support Unit 2 responded to the scene at 10:00 P.M. and spent the first 20 minutes turning traffic around on Yerba Buena Rd. until police officers could establish a more-effective traffic plan. At that time, San Jose Fire Department's medical supervisor, known as Med30, requested Fire Associates establish a Rehab area for firefighters. The crews had been working hard to gain access to the congested interior of the house so they could control the blaze.

Rehab was popular on a warm summer evening with Gatorade and water literally flying off the shelves!

The blaze was eventually contained and damage to the exposures was minimized. At this time, fire crews were released to assist in other parts of the city on a busy July 4th night. Fire Support Unit 2 went back in service at midnight.

July 30, 2015

Mountain View Firefighters Respond to Major Structure Fire

The city of Mountain View lies in the northern portion of Fire Associates' coverage area. On Thursday evening, July 30, at approximately 6:00 P.M., Mountain View firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire at 316 Escuela Ave. The building was a multi-unit apartment complex and residents reported flames coming from a unit in the front of the back building.

Upon their arrival, firefighters found flames and heavy smoke coming from multiple units on the second and



Photo Provided By the Mountain View Fire Dept.

third stories. Fire crews and police officers immediately went to work to ensure that all residents were out of the complex. Once an "all clear" was established, and then firefighters worked to control and extinguish the fire.

It was not long before a 2nd alarm was called bringing in additional units from surrounding cities to assist with the operation. Damage to some apartment units was extensive, with other units being affected by smoke or water damage.

Fire attack was assigned to Engine 53 with a water supply from an on-site hydrant, and immediate support from Engine 51. Because of constricted access, no aerial equipment entered the complex. A good stop was made under difficult interior conditions.

During the incident, one resident was treated on scene for minor injuries and one resident was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. There were no injuries to firefighters responding to the incident.

Altogether, residents in 29 apartment units were displaced from their homes that night. The Mountain View Senior Center was opened as a shelter while residents waited for firefighters to complete their operations and determine who was allowed back into their units. Those who were not able to return home were offered overnight shelter assistance by the American Red Cross at the Senior Center.

Fire Support Unit 1 arrived at approximately 6:55 P.M. and was released from the scene at 9:45 P.M.

August 1, 2015

Large Home Burns in San Jose's East Foothills

On Saturday morning, August 1 at 3:09 A.M., the San Jose Fire Department received a call that a house was burning in the East Foothills of the city. The address given was 3898 Vista Point Ct. But, don't look for it on any maps. It's not there!

Due to a nearby, under-construction housing development, the residence had recently received a

new driveway and a new street address. For years, the house address had been 3811 Quimby Rd. with an access driveway off that street. But now, with the new housing development, access was up Vista Point Ct. For that reason, fire crews



had great difficulty initially finding access to the burning house.

Once on scene, firefighters had to lay almost 1,000 feet of 5-inch supply line as the nearest hydrant was at the bottom of the steep street and a long driveway. This long lay required relay pumping by the first-arriving engine companies. Because the entire 3rd floor was ablaze and access to the fire was extremely difficult, second and third alarm fire crews were eventually called to the scene.

Shortly after the second alarm was struck, the IC made a special-call for Fire Associates assistance with Rehab. Med30 was on scene, but Barry Ehlers reported that he eventually ran out of all the drinking water and Gatorade he had on his rig. Even though it was the early hours of the morning, firefighters were hot and exhausted because of the sheer size of the fire fighting effort. The house was approximately 7,000 sq. ft. in size with many 20-ft. ceilings and was laid out with a maze of rooms, stairways, and hallways.

In response to the request, FASCV president Bruce Dembecki went to get Fire Support Unit 2 while John Whitaker responded to the 4:45 A.M. call by going directly to the scene. Because of the crowded conditions on the property surrounding the residence, John parked his private vehicle at

September 21, 2015

Fire Associates Makes Late-Night Run to Summit Road Blaze

On September 21, at 17 minutes past midnight, Cal Fire's Morgan Hill dispatch center received multiple calls of a structure fire at 70 Summit Rd. For those unfamiliar with the location, Summit Rd. runs along the top of the hills west of Morgan Hill and marks the extreme southern border between Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. But, even with the remote location, the blaze was intensive enough that responders from the South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District station in San Martin could see the blaze from many miles away as they departed their station.



The donuts were a hit! Photos by John Whitaker

the bottom of the hill and hoofed his way up to the fire. After scouting the area and making contact with SJFD's Med30, a location to park the Support Unit was determined and Bruce was able to set up as soon as he arrived.

However, the parked FSU-2 was still significantly below the actual scene of the fire. This required many trips by John and Bruce back-and-forth to the Rehab location with coolers, cases of Gatorade and water, benches, a serving table, and (oh, I forgot to mention) – Donuts! With approximately 60 firefighters on scene, Rehab was a popular place.

Once the blaze was under control and crews were being released, Rehab was broken down and FASCV members were released at approximately 8:30 A.M.

Fire Associates received a page at 2:45 A.M. for a fire support unit to respond and John Whiteside volunteered to drive FSU-3. He left south San Jose and headed to Morgan Hill where he stopped to pick up FASCV member Bill Roth. They continued to the fire, arriving at approximately 4:00 A.M. The fire scene was located 2 miles up Summit Road from Highway 152, with access through Mt. Madonna County Park.

Plenty of donuts, Clif Bars, coffee, water, and Gatorade were well received by the tired firefighters. Later in the morning, breakfast burritos were furnished by Cal Fire logistics. In the end, Cal Fire units from San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara counties responded engines to the fire. They were joined by water tenders from the Loma Prieta and Spring Valley Volunteers as well as a water tender from the San Jose Fire Dept. Because a Humboldt County Cal Fire strike team was covering Santa Cruz stations, one Humboldt engine was also dispatched to the call.



Photo by Bill Roth

were called in to San Jose Fire dispatchers at 2:45 A.M. The blaze was burning in a large, block-long strip mall called the “Caribbees Center”. Located in south San Jose, the main focus of the fire was in the Cho Senter Market – a large, Vietnamese-themed, grocery store at 2889 Senter Rd. This area of Senter Road is located between Umbarger and

The 2,500+ sq. ft. home, surrounded by tall trees, was a total loss. A resulting 1-acre wild land fire was contained with the assistance of Cal Fire's Ben Lomond Fire Crew 3 and Almaden Crew 1. Almost 600 feet of supply line hose was laid from the pumping engine located at the portable dump tank. Supplied by the water tenders out on the road, the hose lay went along the driveway up to the 3 engines located at the house. Since the alarm was for both structure and wild land incidents, 15 engines, 5 water tenders, and 2 dozers were dispatched. Some crews remained on scene for the rest of the day.

FSU-3 was released at 8:45 A.M. and returned to quarters after replenishing their water and Gatorade supply from Morgan Hill's Cal Fire station.

October 4, 2015

4-Alarm Fire Causes Severe Damage to San Jose Strip Mall

On Sunday morning, October 4, reports of a fire

Lewis Roads.



Within minutes, the alarm level was upgraded to 3 alarms and at 3:00 A.M. Fire Associates members were paged to respond to the structure fire. Not long after that, another page stated the fire was upgraded to a 4th alarm!

At 3:18 A.M., Fire Associates member Don Gilbert responded with Fire Support Unit 2. Once on scene, Don set up Rehab on Senter Road across the street from the blaze. From this location, FASCV members could take care of the firefighters on the “Alpha” and “Delta” sides of the fire. At 4:25 A.M., John Whiteside responded with FSU-3 and met up with Don. At the request of

Med30, John positioned FSU-3 on Lewis Rd. at Hunken Dr., 2 blocks away from Don. From here, he could handle firefighters on the “Charlie” and “Bravo” sides of the fire ground. Soon after John set up the second Rehab site, FASCV member Mike Garcia arrived on scene to assist.



Photos by Craig Allyn Rose

adjacent businesses, not affected by the fire, might have water intrusion.

Lots of coffee, drinks, donuts, and Clif Bars were consumed. San Jose Fire units were still on scene Monday morning. From some overheard radio traffic, fire units from Milpitas, Santa

Clara, and Santa Clara County covered San Jose stations during this event.

Four aerial ladders were used to flow water and at least 3 stangs/monitors were also employed. Parts of the parking lot became flooded due to blocked drains and there were concerns some

Both support units were released at 9:25 A.M. and returned to their respective quarters.

Fireline Photos *By Chris E. Mickal*



08/06/2015 1707 Marigny St. 2- Alarms One story vacant dwelling, fully involved on arrival, totally destroyed.



(Above) 08/06/15 2020 N. Derbigny St. 4- Alarms Two, one story vacant dwellings totally destroyed. Companies left the previous fire to respond to this one six blocks away.



(Both above and Left)
08/31/2015 2004 A.P.
Tureaud St. 4-
Alarms Three story occupied nightclub, collapsed on the inside. The club was closed at the time of the fire. First companies tried to make an interior attack, but was run out to a defensive attack.

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JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

July 16th is a festive day in Jersey City's Marion section, home of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. The parish's annual Mount Carmel Festival draws thousands of visitors over the course of 5 nights, culminating in a spectacular fireworks show on the night of July 16th. A fireworks display is hazardous anywhere but this one is particularly challenging, situated in a mixed residential / commercial area.

The Jersey City Fire Prevention Bureau positioned several inspectors on roof tops and Eng. Co. 15 was in place for the start of the show, slated to start shortly after 21:00 hours. Meanwhile, a few miles to the south, a more dangerous fire was in the works. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Peter Griese was in the Fire Dispatch Center picking up some equipment when the phones began ringing. "Three calls for 46 McAdoo Ave., Chief", said Supervising Dispatcher Mark Scanlon, "you better get going". Box 840 was transmitted at 20:59 as Chief Griese sprinted to his car. "Receiving numerous calls and report of people trapped" announced Dispatcher (and Gong Club member) Greg Prokopenko to the responding companies. Batt. 2 acknowledged and advised units he was responding from a distance.

Eng. Co. 19 and 22 arrived simultaneously, reporting heavy fire in a 2.5 story frame, extending to exposures. Capt. James Farrell of Eng. Co. 22 reported he had a good shot from the rear and would come in from Warner Ave., the next block north. Chief Griese arrived and radioed, "Strike a 2nd Alarm!" After doing a quick size up of the situation, finding 3 buildings now alight, B. C. Griese struck a 3rd Alarm at 21:13.

The exposure buildings on either side were similar unattached 2.5 story occupied frame dwellings. The building of origin, actually 48 McAdoo Ave., was vacant. As typical for most Jersey City residential streets, trees and power lines presented problems for aerial devices. However Ladder Tower 4 managed to thread their bucket through a tangle of branches and wires and start water from their master stream. Ladder Companies 11 and 12 squeezed into a tight parking area for a hardware store on nearby Kennedy Blvd. Both companies operated their ladder pipes from this vantage point, to the west of the involved buildings.

Deputy Chief Wayne McCarthy assumed command and ordered additional companies at 21:34. A 4th Alarm was transmitted which included Eng. Co. 15 from the now concluded fireworks display. The building of origin's roof and rear walls collapsed. The adjacent exposures were heavily damaged. A fourth dwelling at 52 McAdoo Ave. sustained some moderate damage. However, the 3 master streams and 7 handlines stopped the fire from extending further. The fire was placed under control at 21:55. Companies maintained a watch line through the night and continued to operate into the next morning.

This was the first 4th alarm of the year for Jersey City and was, in fact, the highest number of alarms struck for an incident since a 5th Alarm destroyed several buildings on Central Ave. on March 8, 2014. Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, was in the thick of the action, per the attached Ron Jeffers photo. A crew of 4 members dispensed some 270 bottles of water and 5 gallons of Gatorade.

Response:

20:59 Box 840 Eng. Co. 19-13-22-8 Lad. Co. 4-

8 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1
 21:02 WF 840 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 11
 MSU Marine Unit Batt. 4 Car 30
 21:09 2-2 840 Eng. Co. 17-10-9 Lad. Co. 12 Car 3-
 5-26
 21:13 3-3 840 Eng. Co. 7-2-6 Lad. Co. 9 Batt.
 3 Car 14
 21:34 4-4 840 Eng. Co. 15-11 Lad. Co. 2

NINE LIVES...THANKS TO 9 TRUCK!

Saturday, July 25, 2015 was a beautiful summer day; a perfect day to go "down the shore" or to the lakes and mountains in northwest New Jersey. Jersey City, unlike most cities on a summer weekend, was a beehive of activity. The annual Caribbean Parade and Festival was in progress, closing Montgomery St., one of the city's main arteries. A throng of people was enjoying that spectacle while others flocked to a street fair on Brunswick St., Downtown or the to St. Anne's Parish Festival in The Heights section. Hence, the city was filled with a lot of hustle and bustle for what should be a lazy summer Saturday.

Batt. Chief Steven McGill was working a mutual for another

chief in Battalion 4 that day. Chief McGill was driving through Journal Square when Box 581 was struck at 15:06 hours for 16 Dales Ave. Normally, a routine run to the Marion Gardens Housing Complex for that box, Chief McGill headed to that location, only a short distance from "The Square". Normally first due Eng. Co. 15 was out of service for the tour and second due Eng. Co. 9 (along with Lad. Co. 6) was in the parade on Montgomery St. Squad Co. 4 wrapped up a mulch fire and radioed that they would take in the box as



Jersey City 7/25/15 3-3 581 16 Dales Ave. Lad. Co. 9 going after the woman in the alley window! (B. C. Steve McGill Photo)

well.

Batt. 4, Chief McGill arrived to find people frantically waving and directing him to a dwelling across from the housing project. Smoke was starting to fill the block and as Chief McGill approached, heavy black smoke belched from a 2nd floor window. "Working Fire; 3 story frame" was Chief McGill's first report, which adds another engine, ladder, battalion chief and special units to the assignment. Smoke became heavier and then fire lit up the rear of the building. Peering through the smoke, Chief McGill spotted a head poking out from a side alley window. Ladder Co. 9, first due, was assigned that task. With fire showing, a trapped occupant and exposures in peril, Batt. 4, Chief McGill quickly ordered a 2nd Alarm.

Despite a narrow alley, Ladder Co. 9, commanded by Capt. Thomas Rucci, managed to raise a ground ladder and pluck the woman from her precarious position. Fire Fighter Joseph Dagato, a second generation member of the FDJC, was credited with making the grab. It was learned later that the woman's son and his infant niece bailed out the 2nd floor apartment tying bed sheets together and then climbing down the sheets out a window! Deputy Chief Kevin Stewart arrived at this point. Sizing up the situation, which included lightweight wood frame construction and fire now extending to an exposure building to the north, Chief Stewart transmitted a 3rd Alarm.

Companies battled back and prevented fire doing much damage to 18 Dales Ave. However, the "plywood I-beams" in the original fire building



Jersey City 7/25/15 3-3 581 16 Dales Ave., Misting Fan was a popular item that day! (Henry Haines Photo)

failed, resulting in a localized collapse in the rear. The attached dwelling at 14 Dales Ave. was heavily damaged, but using several handlines, the fire was under control within 40 minutes. In addition to rescuing the woman from the 2nd floor, a cat was rescued as well. Fire Fighters and EMS personnel revived the cat with oxygen, working on the feline

alongside Car 26, the Gong Club canteen. After a bottle of water from Car 26, the cat was good to go!

Car 26 threaded its way through the housing project's driveways and ended up practically in front of the fire building! This proved to be a strategic position to deploy the misting fan and cold towels in addition to the usual hot weather fare of Gatorade and water. A crew of 6 served some 275 bottles of water and 5 gallons of Gatorade to hot, thirsty fire fighters. Some photos of the operation, along with an "arrival shot" courtesy of Batt. Chief McGill are attached. Note the woman's head sticking out of the alley window!

Response:

15:06 Box 581 Eng. Co. 7-17-11-Sqd. 4 Lad. Co. 9-3 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 4 Div. 1
15:08 WF 581 Eng. Co. 5 Lad. Co. 11 Marine Unit Mask Service Unit Batt. 3
15:09 2-2 581 Eng. Co. 8-10-22 Lad. Co. 12 Car 3-26-30
15:13 3-3 581 Eng. Co. 9-19 Lad. Co. 6 Batt. 2

A 17 SYNERGY!

Wednesday, August 5, 2015, a typical mid-summer day, saw the Jersey City Fire Department crack the

17,000 mark for 2015 incidents. Incident #17017 would hardly be a typical incident, however!

At 14:03 Box 764 (Okay, you math wizards; what's the sum of 7+6+4?) was transmitted for a fire at 17 Boyd Ave. First due Eng. Co. 17 raced up the hill from West Side Ave., past their former quarters (and current Intl. Fire Buff Assoc. Treasurer's Office!) to find the 2 story dwelling at #17 heavily involved and extending to 2 other buildings. "Heavy fire in the rear" was the first transmission from Captain Daniel Dornacker, Sr. of Eng. Co. 17. He paused briefly and then said "Transmit a 2nd Alarm!"



Jersey City 8/5/15 3-3 764 17-19 Boyd Ave. Aftermath of heavy fire conditions in the rear. (Jim Fay Photo)

Battalion 2, Batt. Chief Peter Griese, still responding in, confirmed the transmission and arrived to find a fierce fire fight in progress. The original fire building, a relatively modern (by Jersey City standards; about 40 years old!) 2 story, 2 family home was almost completely involved. Despite a wide driveway to the west, the fire had already jumped to #19, an older 2 story dwelling, replete with a cupola, and was now rolling into an unattached 2 story dwelling at

#21. A scant 4 minutes after the 2nd Alarm had been transmitted, Chief Griese radioed "Strike (yes, take note Boston buffs out there; STRIKE) a 3rd Alarm!"

Boyd Ave. was filled with the 1st Alarm companies. Units arriving on the multiple alarms lined Kennedy Blvd., Bergen Ave. and the adjacent side street to the south, Virginia Ave. Ladder Co. 11 raised their stick to the exposure building at #19 while engine companies humped handlines up the block and, from the rear, through back yards and over fences to attack the fire. Despite the large

volume of fire, temperatures near 90° and the tightly packed exposures, the fire was brought under control in 41 minutes, at 14:45!

But, wait; there's more! As fresh companies made reliefs at the 3rd Alarm, Box 515 was struck at 16:49 hours for 154 Kensington Ave. a 5 story apartment building about ½ mile to the north. Batt. 5, an overtime chief

called in to back fill the 4th Battalion due to the 3rd Alarm, arrived first, finding smoke and then fire issuing from a 1st floor window of the building. A Working Fire signal followed by special calls brought a mix of North Hudson mutual aid companies and Jersey City companies, many of whom had just taken up from the 3rd Alarm. All occupants were removed from the large building which backs up to Lincoln Park on the south. Fortunately the fire was confined to the apartment of origin and brought under control in 20 minutes.

It was like the “war years” for Car 26, running from one job to the next. Member Jim Fay was at the wheel for both runs. A crew of 4 worked to quench the thirst of the companies that afternoon, serving some 345 bottles of water combined at both fires.

If it wasn’t for bad luck, some people would have no luck at all! The home at 19 Boyd Ave. was heavily damaged in a 2nd Alarm almost 5 years to the day, on August 15, 2010; same group, Group D, worked both fires. The owners spent years rebuilding and had only reoccupied the home within the past year.

Speaking of luck, if you were a betting person, as are many Jersey City residents, you would have bet the house on “17”. The New Jersey Lottery Mid-Day Pick 3 the next day, August 6, was 0-1-8!

Ouch!

Rundown:

14:04 Box 764 Eng. Co. 17-8-Sq. 4-19 Lad. Co. 11-8 Res. Co. 1 Div. 1 Batt. 2
14:08 WF 764 Eng. Co. 9 Lad. Co. 6 Marine Unit MSU Batt. 4
14:08 2-2 764 Eng. Co. 22-10-13 Lad. Co. 4 Car 3-26-30
14:12 3-3 764 Eng. Co. 7-11-14 Lad. Co. 12 Batt. 1 Car 5
14:45 Fire Under Control
15:30 S/C 764 Eng. Co. 2 (for relief)
15:46 S/C 764 Lad. Co. 7 (for relief)
15:54 S/C 764 Eng. Co. 6 (for relief)
16:49 Box 515 Eng. Co. 9-13 (as 15) North Hudson 1 (as 7) Lad. Co. 9-No. Hudson 4 (as 3) Div. 1 Batt. 4-5
16:52 WF 515 Eng. Co. 6 Lad. Co. 4 MSU Car 30A
16:54 S/C Eng. Co. 17
17:06 S/C Car 26
17:09 Fire Under Control

MID-LIFE MAKEOVER

Hard to believe, but Car 26 will be 14 years old this

December. As was done with the previous apparatus, Gong Club members planned a refurbishment of the rig at the midpoint of its career. The 1976 Chevrolet Step Van served until 2001 (plus a stint out of retirement as A-10 of the Boston Sparks Assn. in 2004-5!), but was rehabbed in 1989. After 2 years of planning, specifications were complete and a bid package was circulated to prospective bidders, due back by July 10, 2015. The successful bidders was once again Kenco Fabricating Co. of Scottdale, PA, the same firm that performed the 1989 project.

A contract was finalized and Kenco scheduled September 10, 2015 as the date to transport the rig to their facility in Pennsylvania. Through the generous cooperation of the Jersey City Fire Department, a spare chief’s car, a 2004 Ford Explorer, has been loaned to the Club while the 2001 Utilimaster is out of service at Kenco. Members stripped the rig on the evening of September 9th and loaded up the spare car with cases of water, cookies, coolers and 2 5 gallon jugs. A few magnetic signs were added to mark the rig as “26” and we were all set. Bare essentials, but enough to get us through “routine” runs.

Kenco’s crew was set to pick up the rig between 0900 and 1000 hours on September 10th, a rainy, dreary day. They hadn’t even arrived yet when Box 692 was transmitted at 0906 hours for numerous calls reporting a fire at 71 Jewett Ave. Eng. Co. 9 and Squad Co. 4 arrived simultaneously, to find fire showing from the end building of a row of 3 aging brick rowhouses. Batt. 4, Batt. Chief Richard Casella, ordered a 2nd alarm at 0911 hours, which was followed by a 3rd Alarm 9 minutes later.

Several other incidents were in progress at the time making for some unusual assignments on the box. Talk about an inopportune time for a fire to hit! Car 26 was pulled out to the street for its trip to Pennsylvania. The spare was backed into quarters, the coolers filled with ice and FDJC Register #4324 was off for its first run as Car 26! Member Bob Bozewski stayed behind to transfer the rig to Kenco



Jersey City 9/1015 3-3 692 69-71 Jewett Ave. Spare chief's car on its first run as Car 26. (William Ladell Photo)

Since that “baptism under fire”, the spare Car 26 has made 12 runs and 4 special details. Our mutual aid partner clubs in Region 9 are on alert in the event of a major incident. The “real” Car 26 is due back in November, just in time for the winter campaign!

AN ANNIVERSARY!

December 10, 2015 will be the 65th Anniversary of the Gong Club. Members will mark the occasion with a dinner, similar to our annual December party, but to be held on the night of the actual anniversary at the Casino-in-the-Park in Lincoln Park in Jersey City. The Club and its long history of service were recently featured in an article that appeared in the Jersey Journal and on www.nj.com.

while 2 members handled the fire with the spare car. Kenco arrived and the rig was en route to the Keystone State before the fire was under control.

Meanwhile on Jewett Ave., fire had extended to the attached exposure. However, companies made an aggressive push into all 3 buildings in the row, defeating the fire and saving the building on the east end of the row from significant damage. Somewhat bewildered firefighters made their way to the “economy” version of Car 26, grabbed bottles of water or Gatorade and cookies from a folding table set up at the tailgate.

The rig is not the only makeover in progress for the 65th Anniversary. While the “real” Car 26 is on vacation, a new floor is being installed in quarters, the store room and locker room are being done over and an upgraded lighting system are in progress. Come visit!

Response:

0906 Box 692 Eng. Co. 9-Sqd. 4-10-15 Lad. Co.
3-6 Res Co. 1 Batt. 4 Div. 1
0911 S/C 692 Lad. Co. 12
0911 WF 692 Eng. Co. 7 Lad. Co. 4 Batt. 1
MSU
0913 S/C 692 Eng. Co. 8
0911 2-2 692 Eng. Co. 2-17-5 Lad. Co. 9 Marine
Unit Car 3-26-30
0920 3-3 692 Eng. Co. 22-6-19-11 Lad. Co. 11
Batt. 2 Car 5-14



FDJC Reg. #4324 as Car 26. A few magnetic signs do wonders! (Conni Spellman Photo)



Philadelphia Second Alarmers' Association



Amtrak 188 Rail disaster on May 12, 2015. The Philadelphia Fire Department struck 4 alarms when the Amtrak train derailed at a curve in Philadelphia called the Frankfort Junction. Eight passengers were killed, and over 200 were injured. The 2nd Alarmers responded and remained on the scene for 3 days, providing food, water, and portable lighting. The photo was taken the 1st night.



At the 2nd Alarmers general meeting on November 2, Chief Greg Masi awarded all members involved a citation of merit and a citation bar. Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer of the Philadelphia Fire Department was present for the ceremony.

New Philadelphia Second Alarmers response vehicle, with a custom logo installed on the hood of the truck.

All photos by Greg Masi,



On July 19, 2015 3 alarms were struck for a building under construction at Juniper and Snyder. The Second Alarmers responded with their new SA10 which was dedicated on July 10. This was the first extra alarm for the new truck. This truck was dedicated to our firefighters and police officers over the last 3 years.



BAYONNE FIRE CANTEEN



Article and photos by Conni Spellman

On October 25, 2015 members of the Bayonne Fire Canteen gathered with friends and members of the Bayonne Fire Department to dedicate their new truck, Unit 19. The former ambulance was donated to the Canteen from McCabe Ambulance in August 2013. Work has been done since then to convert the ambulance to canteen use. Founder Jim Noble was the MC for the event. Speakers included Bayonne Fire Chief Greg Rogers, FD Chaplain Fr. John Doherty, and Mickey McCabe who donated the ambulance. BFC Chief Will Chwalyk addressed the crowd at the end of the ceremony. The canteen was dedicated in memory of member Michael Burke, who died almost two years ago in an auto accident. One of Michael's ideas for the new truck was a bench seat for firefighters to sit on, and it was incorporated in the final details. Burke's family was in attendance for the ceremony. Also in attendance were the Bell and Siren Canteen and The Gong Club to show support for Bayonne.



Late News ...



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

March 5, 2016

TO: All IFBA MEMBERS

RE: OPEN POSITION OF IFBA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

It was announced at the 2016 spring Executive Board meeting that Executive Vice President Bill Mokros would not be seeking reappointment to another term.

Relative to that announcement, the Executive Board directed the EVP to advertise the open position. As stated in the By-Laws of the IFBA:

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Vice President to:

- Implement the National and Regional activities of the IFBA.

- Assist the Convention Host Club(s) in preparation for and the operation of the Annual and Executive Board Meetings.

- Assist the Editor in administering the format of "Turn Out".

- Establish a permanent mailing address for the IFBA at a location approved by the Executive Board for the receipt of all IFBA correspondence and forward to the proper persons all mail that cannot be personally handled.

- Prepare a report of the offices' activities for presentation at each Annual and Executive Board meeting. Copies of report shall be available to each Officer, Delegate and Associate Member at the Annual Meeting.

- At all meetings act as Parliamentarian.

- Each year solicit the names and prepare a list of departed members of Member Groups and Associate Members for presentation at each Annual Meeting Memorial Service.

- Attend all Annual and Executive Board Meetings of the IFBA and whenever possible represent the Executive Board in at least one (1) meeting annually in each Region.

To those interested in applying for the position of IFBA Executive Vice President please submit a letter to the Executive Office indicating your interest in the position.

The letter should include a brief biography including your past involvement in the IFBA. It should also include a paragraph or two explaining why you are the right person for the job.

Email letters to executiveoffice@ifba.org

