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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. He agreed to continue serving for an additional year.

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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GERRY MAHONEY



Christmas Message 2016

Today is December 22nd, I think this is perhaps the latest I have ever written my annual Christmas message but it has been so hectic the past few weeks, I haven't had the time to sit peacefully and compose my thoughts.

My first Christmas message was written in the months that followed the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 when our nation was still reeling from an act of war waged upon our soil with the slaughter of so many innocents as well as brave firefighters and police officers who effected the greatest rescue mission of all time despite suffering such huge casualties. Hard to believe that was 15 years ago!

At that time our country seemed so united, brought together by common purpose. Today, sadly our country seems more divided than ever, perhaps not since the Civil War. The election season brought out the very worst in many people. This craziness has to stop. It's time to put differences aside and work together for the good of all Americans.

Patty and I continue to be so fortunate in so many ways. We celebrated our thirtieth anniversary in October with a wonderful Southern Caribbean cruise!

The Christmas season often leads many of us to reflect on where we are in life. I know each year I find myself doing so. Unfortunately Christmastime often finds us discovering not only the good in people but also the evil in so many. We'd like to think that good outweighs bad in this world but sometimes the news leads us to a different opinion.

Several weeks ago we had a tremendous fire in Cambridge on a clear breezy Saturday afternoon. Despite absolutely heroic efforts of firefighters from Cambridge and over twenty surrounding communities, many residents, financially disadvantaged to start with, lost everything. What we witnessed in the days and weeks that followed was absolutely fantastic. A "Go Fund Me" page was established with a goal of \$200,000. As of tonight over \$700,000 has been raised. Many of you know that for many years I have organized the Toys for Tots Drive in Cambridge. This year, spurred on by the devastating fire, we had one of our most successful collections in years. Good people can outnumber the evil ones! One large company in Cambridge alone purchased about \$12,000 worth of toys!

It has been often said that Christmas is for children. In many ways it is. But it should be for all of us, no matter the age. Christmas provides an opportunity to express to those we care about our gratefulness for having them in our lives. Whether gifts are exchanged, cards are sent or we have the chance to visit with those we may not see enough of, we are afforded the chance to let them know how special they are to each and every one of us.

Of course Christmas really is about a child! A particular child who over more than 2,000 years has had more of an effect on this world than all the heads of state, all the corporate titans, and all the self-important celebrities together! That story in and of itself is pretty amazing. I realize many choose not to celebrate the birth of Christ. I respect the right of people to not do so. However, I likewise feel the rights of those who choose to celebrate Christmas must also be respected.

Christmas will always be commercialized, to some it is strictly a business venture! But really deep down it can be a venture of the heart. It's a chance to show kindness to a stranger, to drop a few bucks in the Salvation Army kettle or perhaps pick up a toy for a kid who has nobody.

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Despite our successes, in our hectic lives, do we take the time to do something good? I once saw a quote in a funeral program about the measure of a man being what he does when nobody is looking.

Many of you will be on “over-drive” between now and Saturday evening, but take a deep breath, look around and ask, can I make a difference somewhere? Can I maybe check in on an elderly neighbor, or call a friend I haven’t spoken to in quite some time?

Take a moment or two and think of that child, the one you saw in the mirror perhaps many years ago or the one you see in old photographs. What did Christmas mean to that child? And then think of that child, the one you learned about who was born to a young fear-filled couple, in a setting that today would be unthinkable, surrounded by animals and a few shepherds. How intertwined are those two children? What effect has one had on the other? Does the birth celebration of the child from 2000 years ago still resonate with the other child?

In just a few days we celebrate that child born in a manger in a far away place called Bethlehem. We celebrate in different ways, we may have various traditions but in the end it really is about that child.

And the love that child has shown for all of us for all of time and the lessons he has taught for over 2,000 years are truly what Christmas is about. Christmas isn’t just for children, but Christmas is about a child!

God Bless each of you and your families this Christmas! To my Jewish friends who will celebrate Hanukkah I wish you the very best of holidays. Here’s to a peaceful, healthy Happy New Year!

- Gerry Mahoney





IFBA CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS – 2017

Convention Hotel: Indianapolis Hilton, 120 W. Market Street, Indianapolis, IN

ONLY phone number for convention rate: 1-800-315-1906,

Code “International Fire Buff Associates”

Free breakfast, reduced parking rate and free Wi-Fi ONLY with this contact

Tuesday, August 22 through Saturday, August 26, 2017

Wednesday -- Registration/ Hospitality Room opens at Noon, closes at 10 p.m.

Wednesday night—Exec Board mtg—7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mtg room for 25, coffee and water

Hospitality Room until 10 p.m.

Thursday — registration in Hospitality Room 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Thursday morning—Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at hotel

Opening Session/ Break/ Annual meeting— 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Space for 125-150 seats, with speakers at front in chairs

Future conventions—11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon ** Racine 2018; **Montreal 2019

LUNCH at hotel for all follows

Important seminars and educational workshops, downtown for Lucas Oil tours, NCAA museum, Circle Center, Eiteljorge Western Museum, Indianapolis Zoo

IFD bus for visits to IFD HQ, stations 5, 7, 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Hospitality open 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dinner on your own/ Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball game???

Communications tours 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday—registration in Hospitality, open all day

Friday a.m. – Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Friday Bus tours -- Leave hotel 9 a.m. -- Rsv. Sta 12, Koorsen Museum, IFD 22, 14

Lunch at Local 416: Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert. Tours of IFD Museum --Tee shirt sales

IFBA 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

HOSTED BY THE INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS



Dinner on your own/ Indians game/ Circle Center Mall

Hospitality until 10 p.m. + Communications tours 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday—registration in Hospitality, open until 9 a.m. Close down for IMS + Wayne tour

Sat a.m. – Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

West bus tour leaves 9 a.m. -- IMS 9:30 to Noon (museum and track tour rides) Depart 11:45.

Arrive WTFD Noon for sandwich, chips, cola, cookie lunch at Training Ctr.

Apparatus photos, antique displays (SPAAMFA), possible training tower evolutions,

WTFD, Decatur, Speedway, IFD, Plainfield (rotating from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). Have

HQ conf/training center room available for folks to be out of weather. Return to hotel NLT 4:30 p.m.

Leave for Rathskeller 6:15 p.m.

Social time with pretzels and mustard and wienies until 7 p.m. dinner seating.

Buffet dinner.

NLT 8 p.m. awards, new officers, etc.

Chinese raffle all night.

Finish at Rathskeller NLT 9.

Hospitality at hotel until 11 p.m.

Sunday -- Breakfast for those staying Saturday night

THANKS FOR COMING TO INDY! See you at Racine 2018.

Attention Challenge Coin Collectors/Traders:

I hope everyone enjoyed their time here in New Orleans for the IFBA Convention. We really enjoyed having everyone here. It was lots of fun for me, and would do it again if called upon. If anyone trades fire department challenge coins, I would be glad to trade for our New Orleans FD 125th Anniversary coins that we had here [at the convention]. I have attached an image & any interested parties can contact me via my email: BRIAN PFISTER brian@fdsales.com



REGION 1



BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

ESTABLISHED 1912
INCORPORATED 1918

By Richard Cutts, assisted by the Line Box Staff

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The hot, dog days of summer coupled with drought conditions, produced plenty of work for the 3rd quarter of 2016. Not only in Boston but the entire Metro Fire District. Here are the Boston multiple alarms as compiled by Box 52 Member Joseph Hourihan.

Date	Time	Box	Address	Bldg.
7/01	0458	3-372	750 Hyde Park Ave	1 sty ordinary comm. bldg
7/07	0125	2-2743	10 Hazelmere Rd	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling
7/21	1346	6-4165	284 Bunker Hill St	4 sty brk/wdfr condo
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7/22	1923	5-6161	107-109 Chelsea St	3 sty wdfr* dwelling
7/26	0128	3-2293	67 Walnut Park	2 ½ sty wdfr vacant
7/26	1258	4-1873	87 Sawyer Ave	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling
8/08	2221	4-7445	797 East 4 th St	3 sty brk dwelling
8/14	1818	2-3652	18 Alabama St	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling
8/18	1529	4-3735	1044 River St	3 sty wdfr*
8/20	1719	4-2948	99 Willet St	Extensive brush
8/30	1420	2-2939	23 Eagle St	Extensive brush
8/31	0025	4-5248	30-32 Myrick St	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling
9/03	2349	3-2755	139 Walker St	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling
9/04	1438	2-2939	20 Willet St	Extensive brush
9/13	1534	2-1551	73 Rutland St	4 sty brk dwelling
9/22	2123	2-1274	50 Milk St	20 sty high-rise office bldg
9/25	0355	3-2172	24 Elm Hill Park	2 ½ sty wdfr dwelling

*AKA 3 decker's!

The six alarm job on Bunker Hill Street in the Charlestown section was a real old school job. The day was hot and humid and when first due Engine Company 32 and Ladder 9 arrived and found heavy fire conditions and a second alarm was quickly transmitted. During the fire the dreaded MAYDAY call was heard as two firefighters working on the roof were reported missing. Thankfully they had jumped to an adjoining roof and were safe. The high heat and humidity added to the problems. Firefighters keep the fire from spreading to exposures.



Fire Comm. Finn at the front of the building commanding operations.
Photo by member William Noonan



While Bill Noonan was covering the front, member Peter Aloisi was covering the rear!
Photo by member Peter Aloisi

For our West Coast comrades, see we have brush fires to, we just don't have all the cool toys to fight them like you do. Were stuck using two identical Brush Truck and structural fire companies!



Boston Brush 55 1998 IH/E-One 650/500/ 20 gals foam, its twin serves as Brush 48
Photo by Member Michael Boynton

The biggest news out of the BFD in 2016 is the aggressive Prevent Occupational Cancers Program messages and videos from members with cancer, family of members who died from cancer, health care professionals. The message is simple WEAR YOUR MASK! Since 1990 160 Boston Firefighters have died from various occupational cancers. The City of Boston funded 4.5 million dollars for new SCBA's with 45 minute duration air tanks. These new state of the art masks were manufactured by MSA. The new masks went in service Department wide on Saturday October 22nd at 0800 hrs.

In BFD apparatus news, and the big story is the arrival of eight (8) brand new 2016 Emergency One 100 foot "Metro Stick" aerials. They have been assigned to Ladder Companies 7, 11, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25 and 29.

Also placed in service is a new KME Severe Service heavy rescue for Rescue Company 1. And a new 2016 Ford F-550 4x4 with an EVI body for the HAMER (Hazardous Analytical Mobile Response Unit)

Marine Company 2 received a 2016 Armstrong Marine Catamaran named for long time BFD Chaplin and Box 52 Member Fr. Daniel Mahoney. The 'Father Dan' is also equipped with a ramp that can land an ATV for Boston Harbor Incidents.



Blessing of the first four ladders delivered. Photo by Member Peter Aloisi



Bill Noonan Fire Fotos.Smug Mug.com

Marine Co. 2 The "Father Dan". Photo by Box 52 Member William Noonan



At 1259 Fire Alarm toned out Engine 3, Ladder 17 and Car 4 (District Chief 4), this was followed by multiple tones for a full Tech Rescue response to respond to a trench collapse with workers trapped. The crews turned out quickly and with sirens screaming were headed for the still on Dartmouth Street and were on scene in less than 2 minutes. It was Friday October 21st, 2016 and with this incident the Boston Fire Department faced one of its most unusual rescues in its history, unfortunately there would not be a successful outcome and the incident quickly turned into a recovery operation.

A construction company working at 10 Dartmouth Street near the intersection of Tremont Street in the South End section of the City were working to connect a new house water service to the main. The crew had been working at the location all week.

The Back Bay and South End sections of the City are built on filled land. This was fill work started in the late 1700's and continued through the early 1800's to reclaim land from the Charles River.

Crews had just started back to work after lunch. Five construction workers were starting work again in the trench when just about 1255 hours a large water main burst trapping them. Three workers were able to escape, but two remained trapped and succumbed to drowning.

As companies started to arrive they found Dartmouth Street already flooded and water still rushing up from the trench. Crews ran for the trench in an effort to reach the trapped workers. Tech Rescue crews grabbed what they needed and ran to the trench. Division 1 radioed Fire Alarm to have the Water Department respond immediately. Nothing could be done until the mains were shut down. Emergency crews and supervisors from Boston Water and Sewer were quickly on scene and began shutting down water mains in the area. This took time and all on scene quickly realized that this was now a recovery operation.

After speaking with BW&S bosses, it was decided to use vacuum trucks to drain the water. This apparatus arrived and started to drain down the trench. Ladder 17 placed ground ladders on either side of the trench. Rescue 1 crew readied and placed an aluminum trench box in the hole to prevent further collapse. Members of the Collapse Rescue Team entered the trench and started the grim work to remove the two workers. It was a long task as they had to remove the debris by hand from the trench.

It would be three hours after the still alarm that the first victim was removed. It would be nearly 1900 hours when the second victim was removed. The Companies cleared to quarters at 2054. As the investigation on the how's and why's began, two families began mourning the death of their loved ones.

Response information courtesy of member Joseph Hourihan

Time	Alarm	Eng.	Lad.	Res.	Other	Chief
1259	Still	3	17			D-4 (Car 4)
1259	Tech. Res	10, 42	TL-3	1	H-2, W-25	C6 (Div.1), D-6 (Car 6) H-1 (Safety)
1730	Spc. Call	28			H-8	



In this poignant photo by Boston Herald Photographer Mark Garfinkel. Shows a workman who helped rescue 3 workers but still knew several were trapped. In the background, members of first due Engine 3 and Ladder 17 along with BPD attempt find the victims.



Crews removing soil by hand as Trench Box lowered into place.
Photo by Mark Garfinkel Boston Herald

These three special units were dispatched as part of the Technical Rescue response.
Three below photos all by member Michael Boynton



H-2 Special Unit 2014 Ford F-550 4x4/KME. Special Unit equipped at a lighting unit with a 55 gallon foam tank and rescue air bags.



H-8 Tactical Support Unit 2 2004 Ford F-550 4x4. Bought in 2004 for the Boston Democratic Convention.



W-25 Rehab Unit. 2009 Chevy C5500.SJC Industries Rehab unit. Donated to the BFD by the Leary Firefighters Foundation.

Box 52 Doin's

For over four generations, Box 52 has had long tradition of informative guest speakers and well planned events for our members. And as we open our 2016-2017 season, our 104th year is no exception!

May saw the Association hold another of its very successful New England style Ham and Bean suppers at the Protection No. 2 station in Newbury, Massachusetts. Over 125 members and guests gathered for this event. A large display of area apparatus was on hand to greet our attendees. This display included member and Lexington Firefighter Douglas Boudrow's 1974 Maxim pump that once served the Town of Webster, Mass. As Engine 4. But, the hit of the event was the 1942 White half-track that served for many years as Protection No. 2's brush unit. Entertainment was provided by noted Chicagoland fire photographer James Regan. Mr. Regan was born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts. His program featured the history of the motorization of the Lawrence Fire Department and the latest happenings with the Chicago Fire Department. The Ham & Bean supper is alternated every other year with our famed bus trips.



Photo by member William Wilderman

In September we kicked off the 2016-2017 season with a visitation to FEMA's Massachusetts Task Force One quarters in Beverly Massachusetts. Visitors and guests were given a tour of the training facility and the newly completed 911 memorial. TF1 was the first FEMA USAR team to arrive at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial features steel from the World Trade Center. Our guest speaker for the evening was Pulitzer Prize winning photo-journalist Stan Forman from WCVB Television. Prior to joining WCVB, he was news photographer for the Boston Herald newspaper. It was when he worked for the Herald he won his two Pulitzer's.



Photo of the MA-TF1 Memorial by member William Wilderman



October was our Annual meeting. At this meeting all reports of President, Secretary, and Treasurers and Auditing committee reports from the last year are presented to the membership. The meeting was held at our favorite venue, the Wakefield Public Safety Building, at the invitation of Association member and Wakefield Fire Chief Michael Sullivan and Box 52 President and retired Wakefield Fire Chief David Parr. Member Howard Smith, a Cambridge firefighter and former President of MAFA (*Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association*). Presented photos from the collection of late Cambridge Firefighter and UPI Stringer Ed “Fluffy” Fowler. This Power Point show featured many fires, and a bit of history on both Robinson Boiler Works Fire Apparatus and South Eastern Massachusetts’s famed Brush Breakers.

In November, we returned to Boston and the meeting was hosted at Local 7 Ironworkers Hall in South Boston (*Nearest Box 7237 Old Colony Ave & Damrell St.*) At this meeting we remember the Great Boston Fire of November 9th, 1872 and 2016 marks the 144th anniversary of this fire. As our tradition dictates, a leather parade belt is presented to the oldest member in attendance. Our speaker was Boston Fire Lieutenant Sean Donovan of Ladder Company 4, who provided an in depth presentation of Boston’s famed ladder work.

In December we return for our tenth annual visit to our Holiday venue in the north shore City of Lynn. Where we once again are the guests of our member Ralph Sevinor and the Wayne Alarm Company, this facility also houses the Lynn Fire Alarm Office. A cool features of this event is that the meeting is held in a museum featuring many types of alarm boxes and central station signaling device. After a delicious Italian buffet courtesy of Wayne Alarm. Member and Nashua, NH Fire Captain Rick Conway presented another great show on Lynn’s fire history featuring photos from the collection of the late Lynn Item photographer Walter Hoey. We also observe a new tradition of a raffle for the latest edition of the Hallmark “Fire Brigade” series ornament. This year it featured the Bedford Park, Illinois 1959 GMC/Pierce/Pittman 65 ft. Snorkel.

We are planning another one of famed bus trips for Saturday May 20, 2017. This year we will be headed out to the western part of the state to visit *Mill Town Fire Departments of the Pioneer Valley*. Keep checking the website for updated information on cost and reservations.

The Association’s Board of Directors is working with the Boston Public library to have the Association’s records digitized and made available on line in the future. Additionally, the Board is working with the Boston Fire Museum to have the artifacts of the Association displayed. There are numerous items from a fire alarm box to pictures and antique Boston leather fire buckets. These have been stored for many, many years and many of our present members have yet to see. We are hopeful that these items will be soon presented for public viewing.

At this year’s IFBA Convention in New Orleans the Association was honored to receive the “Website of the Year” award. We invite you to view the site often as it is always changing and has many photos of our events surf over to www.box52.org. The Association was also pleased to have our former President, Assistant Cambridge Fire Chief Gerry Mahoney designated both the Firefighter and Fire Buff of the Year. Congratulations to Gerry.

One of the great things about being a member of a 104 year old Buffing Club is tradition. Over the years Box 52 has published various newsletters for our members. Thirteen years ago the tradition was dusted off and re-born as the bi-monthly **Line Box**. This newsletter features fire stories of historic fire, apparatus updates, and local department news. If you would like to receive this publication, please send an email to Editor Frank San Severino at box52boston@hotmail.com.

We invite all IFBA club members to attend our meetings when in the Boston area. All of our meetings are open except the December event. If you cannot attend our meetings, check out the website or our Facebook page for photos, current and past monthly General Orders, bi-monthly Line Box newsletter and a vast amount of information.



Boston Rescue Company 1, 2016 KME Serve Service Heavy Rescue. Photo by member Michael Boynton

Well, that wraps it up from here in the Hub. And remember stay safe and see ya at the big one!

REGION 3



Region 3 IFBA

Turnout Article

Submitted by Joseph P. Sullivan Region 3 Vice President

Region 3 of the International Fire Buffs Associates consists of 7 clubs serving the firefighters and Fire Buffs of the Mid-Atlantic region, or as the news likes to call it the DMV (District, Maryland and Virginia). There were two other clubs in the region, but the Central Alarmers were merged with the White Marsh VFD and Rehab. After some deliberation the WMVFD and Rehab chose not to remain associates with the IFBA. Some former members of the Central Alarmers have joined other clubs.

Here is a little run down of some of the highlights and activities of the various clubs as reported at the 2016 IFBA Convention in New Orleans.

With the passing of Delmar Davis the **Smokestacks Hardy Club** (SHC) is down to one member. Guy Cephus is the surviving member of the SHC and he continues to be active in both the buffing world and in the Baltimore community. Guy maintains a fire museum just west of downtown Baltimore and welcomes any visiting buff to contact him and stop by and see the collection started by his uncle the legendary Smokestacks Hardy.

Located at 439 New Jersey Ave. NW in the shadows of the Nation's Capital is the DCFD Museum operated by the **Friendship Fire Association** (FFA). On the third floor of Engine 3's quarters. Over 1000 guests visit the museum annually to learn about the formation of the DCFD and see some amazing artifacts that have been restored and put on display. Last December the FFA celebrated its 75th anniversary and was presented with a substantial grant from the (DC) Association of Oldest Inhabitants for the museum. The FFA also operates a "Rehab Taskforce" for the DCFD consisting of a Canteen, a Rehab Unit, and support units.

When visiting Baltimore any buff should swing by Old Engine 6 at Gay and Ensor St. and see the museum operated by the **Box 414 Association**. This station was at one time one of the oldest operating fire stations in the country until replaced by the new "Old Town" station. Along with the museum the 414 operates the Canteen and Rehab units for the Baltimore City Fire Department from the "Old Town" station. The 414 Association conducts many buff related activities each year, such as "Old Timers Day" and bus trips, like the one to Philadelphia earlier this year.

In Baltimore County the **Box 234 Association** provides Canteen and Rehab services to the Balto. Co. Fire Department. To better utilize their resources the 234 club has reached out to some of the volunteer fire departments in Baltimore County to provide on the scene support. The concept is that the 234 club will provide the units and supplies and drive the unit to the scene of the incident and utilize local volunteers to distribute refreshments to the firefighters.

The **Anne Arundel Alarmers Association** is located in Anne Arundel County, Md. with quarters near Thurgood Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport. They have a fleet of Rehab vehicles to support the AAFD. Due to operational changes with the AAFD, the first alarm response has been increased to allow for a more aggressive initial attack. This cuts down on the number of multiple alarms, but does increase the demand for rehab services at the "Working Fire" level. With this in mind the Alarmers are moving toward a more "rapid response" oriented operation with smaller vehicles to handle the "everyday worker" while maintaining their impressive Canteen for campaign incidents. The Alarmers are also very active with community outreach activities to increase the awareness of the Association.



The largest group in the Region is the **Old Dominion Historical Society** (ODHFS) and has over 200 members, most from Virginia but some from Maryland and Pennsylvania. The ODHFS is the regional SPAAMFAA chapter and operates several musters, parades and other antique apparatus oriented events across Virginia each year. They are a strong supporters of the Winchester Apple Blossom Fireman's Parade (the largest parade in the country devoted to fire apparatus) held each April. The "Owners Pride" section of their website is recommended for all apparatus buffs.

Last but not least is the **Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department** (GSVFD), which along with being the very busy Company 22 of the Fairfax County Fire Department, operates a canteen unit to support FCFD Firefighters. GSVFD is also active in community outreach programs designed to enhance fire and life safety in the community.

Canteen units from Region 3 along with a canteen from Region 9 proudly served recently at the National Fallen Firefighter's Annual Memorial Ceremony at the National Fire Academy during the weekend of October 8th and 9th 2016. Participating were the Canteens from the FFA, Anne Arundel Alarms, Box 414, GSVFD 22 as well as our brothers and sisters from the Bell and Siren Club of Newark, NJ.

Region 3 will continue to strive to provide outstanding Rehab service and well as buffing opportunities in the Mid-Atlantic. Buffs are encouraged to contact any club for information and museum tours.

Late Note:

It is with deep sadness the Alarms announce the death former member Steve Saghy, Sr. Steve passed away November 6, after a lengthy illness, at Baltimore-Washington Medical Center. He was 79. He was a past member of the Alarms in the early seventies. Steve's twin brother Fred Sr is still an active member of the Alarms. Fred's wife Bertha is currently the president of the Alarms. Steve is survived by a daughter and two sons, 5 grand children, and 2 great-grand children. He will be sincerely missed. -*Keith Hammack, Alarms*



Friendship Fire Association

Friendship Fire Association has continued on its dual mission to provide both canteen and rehab services on the fireground, as well as preserving the history of the Washington D.C. Fire and EMS Department through our museum. We recently brought in 5 new members, and always are looking for more volunteers who have an interest in the fire service.

In 2015, our museum saw a record attendance of 1,152 persons. In 2016, the museum saw a record attendance of 1,206. Our museum is located on the third floor of the quarters of Engine 3, located at 439 New Jersey Ave., NW and is open most days with limited hours.

In 2016, Our Canteen Unit ran 14 calls for service, and our Rehab Unit, being our workhorse, ran 83 calls for service. Friendship Fire Association was requested 90 times during CY2016 providing a total of 868 Volunteer service hours. Each unit was operated with an average of 2.3 people per call. The need for our Rehab unit has greatly increased and we now can respond on any call our services are deemed necessary.

Canteen Unit

Responses: 1 Box Alarm, 2 Box & W/F/D, 4 2nd Alarms, 3 Special Events and 4 Stand-by's

Services: 513 Bottled Drinks, 374 Bottles Water, 1174 Assorted Snack Packs, 114dzn Donuts/Pastries, 30Gal Iced Tea & Lemonade, 20Gal Coffee, 120 Cups Hot Chocolate, 8 Cups of Hot Tea, 15 Pizzas and 100 Bagels.

Rehab Unit

Responses: 1 Box Alarm, 28 Box & W/F/D, 15 2nd Alarms, 11 Special Alarms, 3 Special Events and 25 Stand-by's

Services: 3,255 Bottled Drinks, 1,351 Bottles Water, 1300 Assorted Snack Packs, 7dzn Donuts/Pastries, 662 Cooling Towels, Flood Lights used 2 Times for 5 hours, Portable Mister was used 3 Times and the Bathroom was used on 15 Calls. EMS used the unit to REHAB 808 personal on 20 Calls while the unit was used Once to shelter 9 Civilians.

On April 1, 2016 Friendship Fire Association took part in a ceremony unveiling the 2016 White House Firetruck Christmas Ornament. You can read the details behind the 1929 White House fire, and the ornament designer, as well as purchase an ornament at <http://shop.whitehousehistory.org/2016-white-house-ornament>.

On Friday April 15, 2016, Prince George's County, MD. Firefighter/Medic John E. "Skillet" Ulmschneider, a 13 year veteran of the department, was tragically shot while on a routine medical call, and subsequently passed away from his injuries. On April 20, 2016, Friendship Fire Association provided services at his funeral, along with the Prince George's County Canteen Unit.

On October 9, 2016 our Canteen Unit, along with the Bell and Siren Club Canteen Unit and Frederick Co, MD Independent Hose Canteen 1 provided service to those working and attending the annual National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. Friendship Fire Association has participated in this event annually since 2001.

On November 26, 2016, Engine 3 celebrated 100 years at their current firehouse on New Jersey Ave. Current and retired members of Engine 3 and Truck 1, as well as Friendship Fire Association members were invited to take part in the ceremony.

Friendship Fire Association is proud to announce the appointment of our own longtime member, Vito Maggiolo as the Public Information Officer for the Washington D.C. Fire and EMS Department. In addition to his membership to Friendship Fire Association, Vito has been serving as the department's videographer on a volunteer basis for years. This is truly a dream job for Vito and the members of Friendship Fire Association wish him great success.

Friendship Fire Association has recently launched a new website, located at www.friendshipfireassoc.org. The site is constantly being updated. Please visit often.



2016 White House Christmas Ornament



DC Engine 6 in position at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Service to Honor Lt Kevin McRae who died in the Line Of Duty while operating on 2nd Alarm Box 264 on May 8th, 2015.

FRIENDSHIP FIRE ASSOCIATION



National Fallen Fighters Foundation – Memorial Weekend – October 8-9, 2016

Every year under a since it was established under President Ronald Reagan honors all fallen firefighters who had died in the Line Of Duty during the prior calendar year. In 2015, 112 Firefighters had succumbed to injuries/illnesses sustained in the Performance of Duty. IFBA Canteen Units have been actively involved in all aspects since 2001. Vito Maggiolo of Friendship Fire is generally the coordinator for the weekend with Chris Oliphant of Friendship Fire as the Alternate. This year units worked under the command of Chris Oliphant. The Memorial Service is usually held at the Memorial located National Emergency Training Center Emmitsburg, MD.

On Saturday, October 8th brought 2 events that Canteen services being used – Rehearsals and the Red Helmet Ride. This year we had poor weather during setup and the rehearsals were relocated to a nearby gymnasium was utilized. Canteen 422 from Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Dept. (IFBA) provided service during the rehearsals. The Red Helmet Ride brought CW-2 from The Anne Arundel Alarmers serving at the starting point at the Anne Arundel County Fire Headquarters. Despite poor weather conditions approximately 50 motorcycles attended the ride. Under Police escort the ride went to Walkersville VFD in Frederick Co, where they were met by Car 414 from Box 414 Association (IFBA) from Baltimore, MD and Kensington VFD Canteen 705 (Non-IFBA).

On Sunday, October 9th (3) Canteen Units setup at 7AM for service during the Memorial Service. Bell & Siren Club (IFBA) HQ17 from Newark, NJ, Friendship Fire Association (IFBA) Canteen Unit from Washington, DC and Frederick Co, MD Independent Hose (Non-IFBA) Canteen 1 were utilized. All units provided service for approximately 6-7 hours to all participants, dignitaries and staff.

Chief Ronald Siarnicki of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation www.firehero.org thanks all the Canteen organizations for the hard work that took part in this years event.



Red Helmet Run starting point – Service by Anne Arundel Alarmers

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Red Helmet Run Motorcycles staged at starting point



Crew of Car414 serving the Red Helmet Run



Car414 providing service for Red Helmet Run at Walkersville VFD



Crew of Canteen 705 serving the Red Helmet Run



Canteen 705 & Car414 in the background setup awaiting the arrival of patrons during the Red Helmet Run



Crew photo of GSVFD Canteen 422 at the rehearsal site



Patrons enjoying the service of Car414 during the Red Helmet Run



Patrons enjoying the service of Canteen 422

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Rehearsal in session for the memorial service



Crew of the Friendship Fire Association Canteen Unit



Friendship Fire Association Canteen Unit setup and awaiting to serve attendees during the Memorial Service.



The drummers pass by the DC Canteen Unit



Crew photo of the Bell and Siren Club Newark, NJ



Other side of the 2 IFBA Canteen Units after serving at the NFFF Memorial Service



Patrons enjoying a snack during the service from Frederick Co, Independent Hose Canteen 1

REGION 4



Box 15 Club, Inc. 501(c)(3) Affiliate of International Fire Buff Associates Affiliate of the Ohio Association for Rehab Support

Greetings from Central Ohio.

A Melancholy Spring

Although springtime represents the end of the cold winter, with warmer temperatures creeping in, plants starting to bloom, and summer vacations just a few months away, this past spring was bittersweet for Central Ohio first responders. As was reported in our last article, Columbus SWAT Officer Steven Smith was killed following a SWAT standoff/working fire incident in April. His funeral was April 19th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville. Box 15 provided rehab and support services throughout the funeral services. Several thousand were in attendance, including police and SWAT officers from around the country. This was by far the largest event in Box 15 history.

Then in May, Hilliard Police Officer Sean Johnson was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle during a training exercise. The funeral was on May 25th, again at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Box 15 provided rehab support during both the funeral and graveside services.

Box 15 was honored to provide support services to those in attendance of both events during such trying times.

Response Activity

It's been a rather busy past few months for Box 15. April ended with Box 15 providing roaming rehab support for a Red Cross Smoke Detector Outreach event, followed two days later with a response request to an extra company working fire in Lockbourne that destroyed a building at a semi-trailer yard.

May was fairly slow, run-wise. The month started out with a working fire on the north side of town, then ended with back-to-back-to-back events – a 2 alarm fire on the southeast side of Columbus on the 20th, followed the next day by roaming rehab support for another smoke detector outreach in Greenfield Township, then a training fire on the 22nd.

As temperatures started to increase with the month of June, so did our activity. On June 3rd, Box 15 was called out for a hazmat incident on the Ohio State campus. The following day was a smoke detector outreach event in Clinton Township, and another on the west side of Columbus on the 11th. The following day, Rehab 1 responded to a 2-alarm fire on the far west side. On June 14th, Box 15, along with Box 65, participated in an airplane crash drill at



Arbor Lake Drive 2-alarm fire

Rickenbacker International Airport. The month wrapped up with an extra company working fire in Jefferson Township, a 2-alarm fire on the far southeast side, and the Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association Muster at the Ohio Fire Academy.

July continued the trend of hot weather and increased activity. The month started with a response to a storage unit fire on the east side followed by a natural gas leak in Dublin the next day. On the 9th, Box 15 was again provide roaming rehab support for another Red Cross smoke detector outreach on the west side. Mid-month brought an extra company working fire on the outskirts of Westerville. July 21st turned out to be a busy day. With hot weather protocol (heat index over 100°F) in effect, Rehab 1 started the day at a training fire on the east side; however, shortly after arriving, a working fire broke out on the west side. The crew responded, provided rehab support to companies still on-scene, and returned to the training exercise. After clearing the training event and returning to quarters, the crew responded to a gas leak in Orange Township in Delaware County. The 25th was another hot weather standby day which brought with it a response to the far east side. Rehab 1 initially responded to a working fire on West 6th Street; however, the apartment fire on the east side quickly escalated to a 2nd alarm and the crew diverted to that scene instead. July ended with Berlin Township's Touch A Truck event. Our misting fan was a big hit given how hot the day was!

Hot weather protocol continued to keep crews busy during August. The month started with hot weather responses to two working fires and a natural gas leak. Then there was the 13th.



Marion Road 4-alarm fire

The day started with Battelle's Founder's Day Car Show, which Rehab 3 participated in. Due to hot weather conditions, a standby crew was also on duty to respond to any working incidents. Shortly after 2pm, a working fire broke out in an apartment on the far east side. Rehab 1 responded to provide rehab for companies still on-scene after a quick knock down. Then around 4:15pm, a fire was reported at a recycling facility on Marion Road – Marion Rd, the site of last year's 4-alarm fire. Rehab 1 had cleared Mendon PI and

was picking up some ice when the dispatch went out. Upon seeing the large column of smoke from the fire, Rehab 1 responded directly to the scene. The fire ultimately escalated to 4-alarm status, and both Rehab 1 and Rehab 3 were on-scene to provide rehab and support services. The rehab sector finally terminated this morning after over 16 hours on-scene.

On the 20th, Box 15 was on-scene of a large 2-alarm warehouse fire that ultimately destroyed the building. Rehab 3 provided support for training activities on the 25th. The month ended with another busy day on the 27th. Rehab 1 was scheduled to be at the Madison Co Fairgrounds in London for the Madison County Safety Expo, hosted by Madison Co EMA. Due to the temperatures expected, hot weather standby protocol was also in effect for the afternoon. Within 5 minutes of arriving at the fairgrounds, Box 15 was requested at a working apartment fire on the east side. The crew headed out and provided rehab support to the crews still on-scene. Rehab 1 then returned to the Safety Expo around noontime. Shortly after clearing the fairground at 2pm, another working fire broke out on east side. Rehab 1 again responded the 35 miles from London to the scene, providing rehab to companies remaining on scene.



Valleyview Drive 2-alarm fire

Although temperatures began cooling off, September was still a fairly busy month. Things started with Rehab 3 participating in Pickerington's Labor Day parade on the 5th, followed by a working fire that evening. Mid-month brought two 2-alarm fires on the north side and one 2-alarm fire on the far east side, 9/11 Stair Climb, two days of training support, and a large working fire in Washington Township. The month ended with Rehab 1 providing rehab support for a Red Cross smoke detector outreach and Rehab 3 participating in the VFW's Safety Days on the 24th.

October brought some relief, both with temperatures and activity. Box 15 participated in the City of Delaware's First Friday, Plain Township's Open House, and three recruit class training activities. To close out October, we responded to a 2nd alarm apartment fire on the far north side of town on the 30th, our only fire run of the month.



Box 15 President Bob Hess, Trustee John Kuczek, Treasurer Brett Barber, Secretary Pam Murphy, Jeff Carpenter, President and CEO of CME Federal Credit Union

Hometown Hero

Box 15 was honored as May's Hometown Hero, presented by CME Credit Union, Sunny 95 and ThisWeek Community Newspapers.

Rehab 3

Box 15 made some changes to its fleet this year with the purchase of a new truck in May. As Rehab 3, a 1991 International-Sentinel, continued to age, it began experiencing electrical problems that ultimately rendered the emergency lighting and related warning systems useless. During the spring of 2016, the club began discussing and researching options for replacing the

unit. The decision was eventually made to go with a 1997 Ford Horton medic that had previously belonged to the City of Delaware. Although nearly 20 years old, the truck was in great shape, had only 65,000 miles on the odometer, a recently rebuilt transmission, and was only taken out of service so the city could have a fleet of matching medic units. Its compartment and storage capacity was comparable to that of Rehab 1, but with a smaller overall footprint, being based on the E-450 chassis.



Box 15 took possession of the [New Rehab 3](#) new truck in early May and began the process of outfitting it for rehab services. Much of the equipment from Rehab 3 was removed and reinstalled in the new truck, including its 3kW generator. Given the box size and layout, equipment placement and setup is nearly identical to that of Rehab 1. Additional equipment was purchased and installed for what couldn't be salvaged from Rehab 3, and new decals applied. During a scheduled service visit, our friends at Horton Emergency Vehicles even replaced the rear flashers, turn signals and brake lights with LED lightheads.

The 91 Sentinel was taken out of service and sold on June 10, 2016. The first in-service event for the newly named Rehab 3 was a disaster drill at Rickenbacker International Airport on June 14.

A Major Donation

On June 15th, Box 15 received a major donation from MSC Industrial Supply. MSC donated more than \$10,000 worth of Gatorade and Sqwincher products. The supplies were shared with Box 65 from Pickaway County, Union County EMA and Support 401 from Licking County. A big thanks to MSC for the generous donation!

Decontamination Shower

In August, the International Firefighter Cancer Foundation, in partnership with Millennium Enterprises, presented Box 15 with the First Wash Decontamination Shower to help wash off carcinogens from PPE. Box 15 will make this available to any agency that requests it. Box 15 is the first organization or



First Wash Decon shower

REGION 6



By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

Normally, we open this article with the details of the most recent fires, accidents or breaking news of the Chicago Fire Department. But this time we begin with the biggest event to occur in Chicago in the last 108 years. THE CHICAGO CUBS ARE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS! Although there was much celebrating, the City remained orderly. City officials estimated that there were over five million people lining Friday's parade route and attending the rally in Grant Park.



Wrigley Field marquee (Photo by Mike Penchar)

Fire action in the City has remained a bit above average for the period ending November 5, 2016. To date, the City has experienced nineteen 2-11s, seven 3-11s, one 4-11, and two 5-11s for a total of 29 multiple alarm fires. In 2015, the City experienced only 30 multiple alarm fires of which 24 were 2-11s, five 3-11s and one 4-11.

On October 21, 2016, the CFD fought a 5-11 alarm fire in a wood pallet storage yard which spread to several other businesses and included auto and truck trailers. Water supply issues hampered the firefighters' efforts to quell this blaze which was located at 2510 W. 26th Street, across the street from the Cook County Jail and Court House.



5-11 at 2510 West 26th Street (Photo by Steve Redick)

On October 28th, a Boeing 767 experienced a catastrophic failure of the starboard engine during takeoff. The American Airlines jet, bound for Miami, was just seconds from liftoff when the explosion occurred. The pilot immediately aborted the takeoff and ordered the evacuation of the plane. One hundred and seventy passengers and crew deplaned via emergency chute deployment as the right side of the plane became engulfed in flames from the ignition of leaking aviation fuel. CFD crash trucks arrived on the scene within ninety seconds of the explosion and extinguished the fire in minutes. A 2-11 and an EMS Plan 2 were initiated bringing ten CFD ambulances to the scene. Of the twenty people who were transported to area hospitals, most were treated and released.

As this is being written, the CFD is on the scene of another 5-11 alarm fire. This one is in an abandoned building at 2529 S. Kostner Avenue in the City's Pilsen neighborhood. The building is a two and three story heavy mill timber construction that was 100' x 600' in area. Because all utilities had been shut off in the building, it is thought that vagrants may have started the fire to keep warm.



5-11 at 2529 South Kostner (Photo by Steve Redick)



5-11 at 2529 South Kostner (Photo by Steve Redick)

The Chicago Fire Department has received and placed into service three Emergency-One pumpers with 1500 GPM pumps. The new rigs were assigned to Engines 73, 121, and 125. Three additional pumpers are on order and are scheduled for delivery in 2017. A new Command Van for 2-7-2 has been built by LDV Vehicles and will replace the 2006 Ford that had been rebuilt after an electrical fire in 2010. O'Hare Field and Midway Airport have received new Crash Trucks from Oshkosh. Two Global Striker 3000's were assigned to O'Hare as units 6-5-4 and 6-5-8. Midway received the same model and was assigned as unit 6-5-2. In our last report we stated that the CFD was ready to receive three two piece squad units from Rosenbauer. The actual number is four. Two of the four new units have now been received and are being outfitted by Fleet Management. They will be assigned to Squad 1 and Squad 5. The remaining units will be assigned to Squad 2 and to O'Hare Field as Squad 7. These are two piece units with the first having an elevating platform and the second the squad body. The recently refurbished Squad 7, a 2000 Pierce, will be repurposed to a Special Operations rig. Tower 34 has received Tower 14's refurbished 2002 Pierce-Dash 100' tower ladder. Seven new Wheeled Coach ambulances have been received and put into service.

Our Club President, Dennis Ahrens, was elected First Vice President of the IFBA at the 2016 convention in New Orleans. Dennis has also been elected Region 6 Vice President of the IFBA. Dennis will strive to visit all 12 clubs within Region 6 to better understand how the Region's clubs operate.

The 5-11 Club has revised many of its by-laws and upgraded its support service operations. Gary Altwasser, who is our Club's webmaster, has become our canteen operations supervisor and our canteen maintenance supervisor. Gary will coordinate the operations of all three of our service support vehicles. He has also instituted a canteen duties schedule to improve our responses.

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. We want to thank Steve Redick for supplying all the great fire photos used in this article. Also, please pay a visit to Steve's website for more historical pictures of the Chicago Fire Department at www.ksc711.smugmug.com.



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INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS

By Jerry Traub

Monthly business meetings continue at Indianapolis fire stations at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Those able to be done with work squeeze in a hot meal at eateries close to the meeting site. Recent meetings have brought membership up to date on Reserve station 12 mechanical systems and RSU operations based there. New associate member Carlita Bennett-Hobart has a grant-writing background, which we hope can get access to funding for building upgrades and newer rolling stock for our rehab units.

Our Reserve station 12 mechanical systems are under review for a replacement furnace. Also, an additional ice machine is to be purchased, to avoid having to go across town to the Salvation Army building for ice for our coolers. Member Marc Parton was able to refurbish an old Pepsi machine long stored at the station. It now dispenses, for a price, colas for those on station. The profits will be used for station maintenance.

Members were reminded to be aware of our resident IEMS personnel, who operate Medic 27 from our station. They need any rest they can get, so our cooperation is appreciated. We were reminded to close all access doors tightly when leaving the building, so that occupants are safe. Anyone needing access codes should see Station committee persons.

Our RSU 4 will be relocated from IFD station 21 to IFD 8 because of department reassigning Safety Officer to 21's. Changes to access codes, etc. will be shared with RSU workers when worked out with IFD station 8 officers. All members are minded to teXt out messages when responding with units to incidents. We cannot count on the dispatch personnel at DPSC to enter our response that would alert other members that there was a responding unit.

Jim Williamson, Randy Cox and Jerry Traub attended the Region 4/6 meeting in Nashville. Good time was had by all. Southern Hospitality is alive and well in the Volunteer state.

We were contacted by Marian University to be a part of their parade at the first Fall football game. Our unit transported the women's NAIA national champion basketball players. It was a good public relations appearance for the Indy fire buffs. Matt Bennett and Dennis Chambers will be addressing mechanical issues that showed up after this activity. Byron Jacobs will take an RSU to Carmel FD Safety Day in September.

Orders were taken for members willing to purchase IFD t-shirts, pink in color, to support October Breast Cancer Awareness month.

One of the RSU's was in service during the Circle City Classic parade, football game and party around downtown. This was primarily in support of the police officers handling traffic and crowd control, as more than 50,000 guests enjoy their weekend.



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One of our long- time friends at The Salvation Army, Jerry Larsen, has retired. We have enjoyed a great relationship with him. Daren Feltner will arrange for an appropriate plaque to be purchased and presented to Jerry. Bert Williams will continue to be our EDS contact at the Georgetown building.

A preliminary program for the 2017 Indianapolis IFBA convention was announced at the September meeting. Dates are August 23-27, 2017. A committee is being formed for activities, meetings, transportation and dinners planning.

Our updated Fire Ground Code of Conduct continue to be fine-tuned. Recent changes have been approved, but additional items are being address before a final copy is released.

Monthly meeting attendance continues strong. Breakfasts scheduled for the first Saturday of the month at the same station as that month's meeting also are well attended. It is a good time to visit with firefighters on station, and also a time to check out apparatus, while learning more about the particular challenges in their first response area.

Firefighters Emerald Society meets monthly at Reserve Station 12, as well as storing some goods within the building. Aware of our utility update campaign, they have pledged and paid a \$5,000 donation to assist us with equipment and installation cost. Such good tenants!

Jim Williamson and other RSU staff assisted Project Lifesaver training at Bradford Woods in Morgan County during a weekend exercise. This was a multi-department training for search techniques.

Our Executive Board met with IFD Chief Malone and shared our needs and the department's as we get ready to sign a new multi-year contract. RSU maintenance and Reserve station 12 utility costs were primary discussion points. We pledge our continuing support to the department, and we received theirs from the Chief. Now, if we hall had a bottomless pot of money, there were be so few problems.

Membership has increased slightly through 2016. Unfortunately, we said good-bye to our long-time treasurer and printing specialist Paul McMichael. His son Ed continues as immediate Past President and Production Editor of TURNOUT magazine.

Hopefully, the Constitution and By-Laws changes will be resolved by year end. A new Application for membership is being produced. Being sure who we admit is as important as providing new members.

2017 officer elections were held in November. Byron Jacobs was re-elected as President; Jim Leaver will serve as Vice-President; Maureen Killilea was re-elected Secretary; Jerry Traub was re-elected to a two-year term as Treasurer. Ed McMichael continues on Executive Board as most recent past president.

Members will be signed up to assist The Salvation Army collection kettle bell ringing. Our year-end Christmas party will be at the Rathskeller restaurant December 21.

Happy New Year to all. See you in Indianapolis August 23-27!



500 block of E. Terrace, 10/30/16. On a report of six trapped victims, Indianapolis firefighters search through the charred and collapsed remains of an intense residence fire. Thankfully, no victims were located.

Photo by Rodger Birchfield



August 4, 2016: IFD divers search in a swimming pool for the driver of a submerged car. The female driver, found a bit later at a neighbor's house, could not explain how she managed to drive through a fence and into the pool. Later, firefighters assisted a local wrecker company with removing the car.

Photo by Rodger Birchfield



August 4, 2016: IFD divers search in a swimming pool for the driver of a submerged car. The female driver, found a bit later at a neighbor's house, could not explain how she managed to drive through a fence and into the pool. Later, firefighters assisted a local wrecker company with removing the car.

Photo by Rodger Birchfield



5235 Cedar Mill Court, February 15, 2016: Indianapolis firefighters responded to an early morning fully involved residence fire. The family was alerted to the fire by a pet. The cause was attributed to a space heater. There were no injuries.

Photo by BC Rita Reith.

INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS



IFD Engine 30 was the first engine on the scene at 1002 Eugene St. at 10:45 p.m. on 12/27/16. Heavy fire was reported by an IMPD officer. One firefighter sustained a slight injury, and the cause is under investigation. IFD responded with a box alarm plus an extra company. Members of the RIT team are shown in front of Engine 30. Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com



RSU Units 1 and 2 responded for rehab to a 2 alarm massive residence fire on 11/27/16 about 7:35 a.m. IFD fire crews had to awaken residents and evacuate them and their pets before fighting the fire, which threatened a north exposure. There were no injuries, and the cause is under investigation. Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com



Wayne Township and Speedway Fire Departments responded to a multiple car PI accident with entrapment on 10/31/16. Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com



Milwaukee Fire Bell Club



Charter Member

By: Dan Rode

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club activities

A greeting to all our friends as fall is now upon us and the World Series is in full swing. The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club (M.F.B.C.) has had a busy year responding with both rigs to various events. So far, the club has responded to (14) emergency incidents, (4) training exercises, and (8) P.R. events. The majority of the club's time was spent several days this past August during the riots, sparked by a Milwaukee Police officer shooting and killing an armed subject. The club responded to the initial incident on the night of August 13th and transitioned into operational periods on August 14, 15, 16, 26, and 27. Not since the August, 1967 riots has the club been committed to a long duration multi-agency response. Club members operated both rigs at the unified command post in a secured, remote location from the exclusion zone. Members rotated shifts and food was shuttled in as the club fed numerous law enforcement and firefighting personnel. Agencies throughout Southeast Wisconsin provided personnel, equipment, and technology as the riots progressed in the Sherman Park area of the city. Luckily, no fire or law enforcement personnel were seriously hurt during these dynamically evolving events. Club members did an outstanding job running the rehab operation amid a tense and rapidly developing situation.

Milwaukee Fire Department updates

The Milwaukee Fire Department (M.F.D.) has been busy during the year with (15) 2nd alarm fires and (4) 3rd alarm fires. No 4th or 5th alarm fires to speak of yet (last 4th alarm fire occurred on March 31, 2015, and the last 5th alarm fire occurred on July 17, 2012). Unfortunately, five fire fatalities have occurred in the city.

There has been some personnel movement both in command positions and in the field. First, the four Battalion Chiefs assigned to divisions (E.M.S., Repair Shop, Special Operations, and Training) have been elevated to the rank of Deputy Chief due to their increased responsibilities. Congrats to B.C. Steve Riegg-E.M.S., B.C. John Litchford-Repair Shop, B.C. Dave Votsis-Special Operations, and B.C. John Schwengel-Training. Second, A.C. Brian Smith, in-charge of E.M.S./Training/Education (E.T.E) was transferred to Operations and D.C. Schwengel was promoted to Assistant Chief in-charge of E.T.E. Third, B.C.'s Jim Ley and Kevin Hafemann both were promoted to Deputy Chief, in-charge of Special Operations and Training, respectively. Congrats to Chiefs Ley and Hafemann on their promotions. Next, 26 fire recruits began their training in August, due to graduate in mid-November. And finally, 29 fire cadets began their arduous two year training program (Level I/II Firefighter and E.M.T.-Basic/Paramedic). The M.F.D. is beginning to see a large number of retirements and vacancies opening up, keeping the Training Academy busy for the next few years.



The 2017 budget for the M.F.D. does not look good. One engine company is scheduled to be decommissioned and 51 firefighter positions will be eliminated due to the implementation of a 53 hour work week on September 27th. There are no scheduled brown outs in 2017 which may signal the return of Truck 16 to their quarters (browned out since January 04, 2015 along with Engine 37).

As previously mentioned in the article, the M.F.D. was heavily involved in the riots this past August. The first night of the riots saw the M.F.D. respond to (6) working fires, (2) 2nd alarm fires, (4) garage fires, (4) auto fires, and (29) rubbish fires in the exclusion zone. At the height of the riots, there was only two engines and one truck available in the city. The M.F.D. relied heavily on assistance from their Shared Services partners, working side by side while being protected by law enforcement personnel. Two truck companies and a Battalion Chief had their windshields damaged by the unruly crowds during the course of operations.

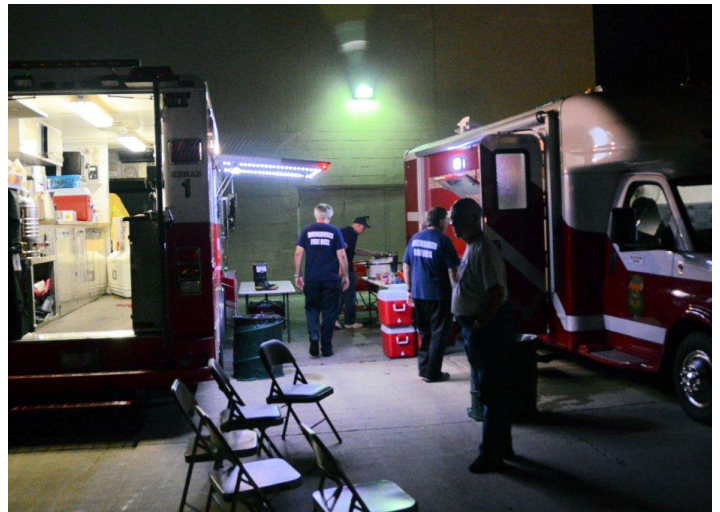
Many companies reported seeing numerous smoke plumes in the night sky as glows from several of the fires lit up the exclusion zone. As operations progressed into the following days, task forces (both for fire and e.m.s. responses) were staged at the unified command post with armed escorts. No companies were allowed to operate in the exclusion zone unless they were dispatched from the command post. By the fourth night, peace was restored to the area as residents and business owners were left to clean up the pieces and reclaim their neighborhood.

Look for the next TURN OUT article to detail the 2017 budget cuts as well as new apparatus purchases. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and hoping for a great buffing year in 2017.

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Rehabs 1 and 2 in line for the 09-11 15th anniversary ceremony parade. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke



Rehabs 1 and 2 in operation in the staging area during the August 2016 riots. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke



M.F.D. and Wauwatosa F.D. trucks hold up the American Flag at the War Memorial Center during the 09-11 ceremony. Photo by: Chuck Liedtke

REGION 9



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle and Ron Jeffers

GOING OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY!

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 – the last day that Group A of the Jersey City Fire Department would work that month. In New Jersey's Police & Fire Retirement System, new retirees start on the 1st of the month, with their active careers ending on the last day of the preceding month. Five members were hanging up their helmets at the end of that tour. A Jersey City tradition is to have a catered lunch in a firehouse hosted by the retirees' companies. June 29th was no exception and the fire fighters were looking forward to wishing their brothers farewell at Noon at Eng. Co. 6, Lad. Co. 2.

But, an unexpected incident that morning brought even heartier appetites to the table for the retirement lunch. The tour was only 8 minutes old when Box 954 was transmitted for 77 Randolph Ave., a tight, crowded block in the Greenville section. A narrow street on a hill, difficult corners, loads of overhead wires and a host of 3 story frame buildings makes this block a real conflagration breeder! A 3rd alarm fire at that same corner, Randolph and Claremont Avenues, 10 years earlier, actually did jump the street, taking out #90, 92 and 101 Randolph!

First due ladder company, Ladder Tower 4, cleared from a medical run and took in the

box. They were hot on the heels of Eng. Co. 8 making the tight turn into Randolph Ave. from Myrtle. Eng. Co. 8 Capt. Sam Giove, a second generation FDJC member, reported a working fire, followed by a hasty report of "heavy smoke, 2nd floor, 3 story frame". Ladder Tower 4 Capt. Jack Johnson, who would be promoted to Battalion Chief the next day, radioed "We have fire on 2 floors; transmit a 2nd Alarm!"



Jersey City 6/29/16 3-3 954
Ladder Tower 4 at work
(Jim Cullimore Photo)



The fire building was a large 3 story frame occupied tenement, with a similar building to the north separated by a 3' alley and a newer 2 ½ story dwelling to the south. The newer house replaced a similar tenement that burned in another episode on this block over 30 years ago. First alarm companies made a push to attack the fire from the interior before the fire advanced to the cockloft. Meanwhile fire was venting out the front and side windows, melting the vinyl siding on #75 and extending to the similar tenement at #79. Battalion 2, Batt. Chief James Drennan arrived as companies began to protect the exposures with exterior streams.

Deputy Chief Kevin Stewart arrived and took command one minute later. He didn't like what he saw and ordered companies off the roof and then out of the building altogether. Chief Stewart struck a 3rd Alarm at 08:22. A towering column of black smoke against a clear, blue sky gave incoming units a good indication of what would confront them. Companies operated 8 hand lines, including two from the roof of the exposure, and a master stream from Ladder 4's bucket. A good portion of the roof collapsed into the third floor, effectively destroying the building of origin. Yet the exposures were saved and another Randolph Ave. conflagration was nipped in the bud!

Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, rolled with Probationary Member Carlos Negron II at the wheel. The son of Gong Club member and Fire Fighter Carlos Negron, who made the Supreme Sacrifice in 1993, this was his first run as chauffeur! A crew of 6 served 200 bottles of water, 5 gallons of Gatorade

as well as the misting fan and cold towels. Unfortunately heat and aggressive firefighting took its toll; 9 fire fighters were injured, thankfully none seriously.

Best of luck to the retirees who enjoyed a delayed, but grand luncheon that afternoon: Batt. Chief Hector Rivera, Captains Michael "Jay" Anthony and Dennis Kroll and Fire Fighters Juan Tony Aviles and George Borek, a Gong Club Life Member!

Response:

0808 Box 954 Eng. Co. 8-19-Sqd.4-10 Lad. Co. 8-12-4

Res. Co. 1 Div. 1 Batt. 2

0811 WF 954 Lad. Co. 9 MSU Marine Unit Car 30

0814 2-2 954 Eng. Co. 17-9-2-13 Lad. Co. 6 Car 3-5-26

0821 S/C 954 Batt. 1

0822 3-3 954 Eng. Co. 11-15 Lad. Co. 3 Car 3A-10-14 OEM Rehab

BRING YOUR "A" GAME!

Jersey City's 2nd Battalion Group A has had to bring their "A" game with them throughout September 2016, battling two ferocious fires with multiple buildings involved upon arrival! Labor Day, September 5th this year, is usually a quiet day. The City resembles a ghost town as people grasp one last summer weekend at the Jersey Shore. Labor Day 2016 seemed no different. The crews of Eng. Co. 17 and Lad. Co. 11 settled into holiday routine; no cooking for breakfast; an order was called into a nearby bagel shop. Fire Fighter Kenny Ernst, a second generation FDJC member, hopped in his car to pick up the order while the rest of the crew checked out the rigs and started the daily housework.



Leaving Wonder Bagels on Route 440, Fire Fighter Ernst spotted a column of black smoke back to the north. Fiddling with his radio and confirming he was in the right channel, there was nothing in, but something would be coming in. He raced back toward the firehouse, trying to figure the location of the smoke to report it. Meanwhile, the members in quarters spotted the same smoke and mounted up just as Box 757 crackled over the house Zetron System. “Eng. 17, smoke in the area, Yale & Mallory”, radioed Capt. Connie Zapella, before the box went over the air at 0906 hours. Fire Fighter Ernst screeched to a halt on the apron and leapt from his car onto the rig as Lad. 11 was turning out, the bag full of breakfast sandwiches still on the front seat of his car. “Eng. 17, Working fire, 104 Yale Ave., 2 frame Class 5 residential” reported Capt. Zapella, completing the 2 block run from quarters in 1 minute. The company led off with 2 handlines, a 2 ½” to the alley between #104 and #106 and an inch and ¾” into the fire building. Fire Dispatch advised they were receiving calls of an entrapment; unknown floor. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief James Drennan, assumed command, “Transmit a 2nd Alarm and assign an additional battalion chief” at 0912. “We have a fire on a dead end street; multiple buildings involved” was Chief Drennan’s first report.

A scant one minute elapsed when Chief Drennan ordered a 3rd Alarm. “Fire building is 106 Yale Ave. Fire has extended to both exposures; fire in 3 buildings” was his next report. Deputy Chief Anthony Della Rosa arrived soon thereafter and took command. “Lines working in 4 buildings’ roofs opened; searches underway”. The rear of

the 3 buildings was now a roaring inferno. Units responding on the greater alarms took positions on Clarke Ave. one block north and humped handlines through back yards and over fences to attack the fire from that flank.

Despite 4 buildings involved, the usual phalanx of overhead power lines found on many Jersey City streets and complicated further by a dead end street, the fire was under control by 0954 hours. Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, responded with a crew of 4 and Club Secretary Bobby Scollan at the wheel. Fire fighters recouped from their Labor Day labors with 320 bottles of water, 5 gallons of Gatorade and 2 gallons of coffee.

Response:

09:06 Box 757 Eng. Co. 17-8-19-13 Lad. Co. 11-8 Res Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1
09:07 WF 575 Sqd. Co. 4 Ladder Tower 4 Batt. 4 Marine Unit, MSU Car 30
09:12 2-2 757 Eng. Co. 9-10-15 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 1 Car 3-26
09:13 3-3 757 Eng. Co. 2-11-7 Lad. Co. 7-12 Batt. 3 Car 5-14
09:24 S/C 757 Eng. Co. 14

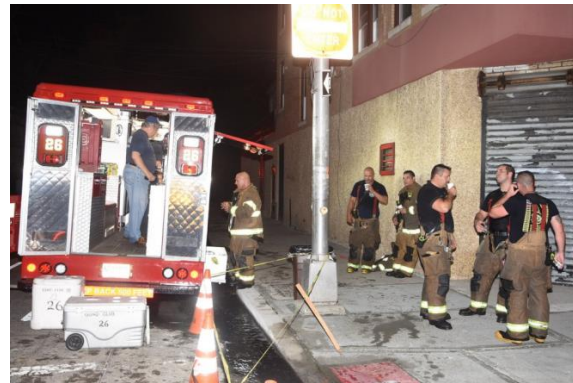
Less than 2 weeks later, on Sept. 17th, Jersey City residents were treated to a beautiful summer day on the last official weekend of summer. The perfect sunny skies drew over 10,000 visitors to the annual All About Downtown Street Festival, stretching for 3 city blocks of Newark Ave. and Bay St., right in front of the Gong Club’s door. The festival wrapped up sat dusk and the City settled into one last peaceful summer night.

That calm was shattered with a loud banging on the door of the quarters of Eng. Co. 22 and Ladder Tower 4 on Ocean Ave. shortly after 0300 hours on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016. The engine was out of service due to manpower but the truck's crew sprang to the door. "FIRE!", an excited citizen yelled as they opened the door. Simultaneously Box 720 was being transmitted over the Zetron System. "Ladder Tower 4, civilian reporting a working fire" radioed Capt. Robert Deppe before the box went out over the air. Lad. 4 raced the 3 short blocks to the location. Eng. Co. 8 arrived rapidly as well, taking advantage of the nearly deserted streets at that hour. Capt. Dave Barbossa of Eng. 8 reported "2 story frame; going good; transmit a 2nd Alarm. We have a report of people trapped". Once again Group A members were greeted with a roaring inferno upon arrival. The fire building at 98 Wegman Parkway was nearly completely engulfed in flame and fire was extending to both detached exposures; all 2 family dwellings. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief James Drennan, assumed command to an all too familiar scenario; heavy fire; multiple buildings involved and reports of people trapped. "Eng. 13, I need a 2 ½ in the alley ASAP. I have power lines down in the street. Have Public Service Electric respond on a rush" was the Chief's first report. Eng. Co. 8 was attempting to push into the building, but the fire conditions had now become untenable. "Eng. 8 evacuate. Sound the evacuation tones and transmit a 3rd Alarm" was Chief Drennan's next order.

As this incident was escalating, a car fire was reported at 19 Pamrapo Ave., practically the southernmost street in the

City. Eng. Co. 7 and Lad. Co. 3 from the Heights section of the City were dispatched, later joined by mutual aid companies from Bayonne.

Deputy Chief Anthony Della Rosa now assumed command on Wegman Pkwy. and conferred with Batt. Chief Drennan. After sizing up the situation, Deputy Chief Della Rosa transmitted, "Let me have a 4th Alarm. We have 10 lines and 1 master stream in operation. Continuing to push; knocking fire down in the main fire building and the exposures". Batt. 1, Batt. Chief Kevin Nally, reported he has 2 2 ½" lines in operation from the rear into the 3rd floor of the exposure.



Jersey City 9/18/16 4-4 720
Pre-dawn breakfast from Car 26!
(Ben Stevens Photo)

Two buildings were destroyed and the third building sustained heavy damage. However, tenacious efforts of all hands held the fire to those 3 buildings despite a densely packed street loaded with 2 story frame dwellings. This was the first 4th Alarm of the year in Jersey City. Batt. Chief Drennan later remarked "Twice in one month, I've arrived with multiple buildings involved. Welcome



to the 2nd Battalion. Warriors. Eng. 8 dug in, not wanting to give up!”

Car 26 operated for over 5 hours. Members dispensed 6 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons of Gatorade, 10 pounds of cookies and snacks and 240 bottles of water.

Response:

03:08 Box 720 Eng. Co. 8-19-13-10 Lad Co. 4-8

Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1

03:08 WF 720 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 12 Marine Unit
MSU Car 30 Batt. 4

03:11 2-2 720 Eng. Co. 17-9-15 Lad/ Co. 9 Car 3-26

03:12 3-3 720 Eng. Co. 2-11-5 Lad. Co. 7 Batt. 1
Car 5-14

03:44 4-4 720 Eng. Co. 6-14 Lad. Co. 2

TRAIN WRECK!

Hoboken’s New Jersey Transit Terminal is one of the busiest places in the State of New Jersey and an historic landmark, opening on February 25, 1907. Ten commuter train lines terminate here, with thousands of passengers transferring at the terminal to the PATH system or the NY Waterway ferries into Manhattan. The Hudson Bergen Light Rail or several bus lines both serve the Terminal, allowing hundreds more commuters daily to continue their journeys within Hudson County. Thursday, September 29, 2016 was no exception. The hustle and bustle of the morning commute was in full swing when a 4 car Pascack Valley Line train arrived from Spring Valley, NY at 08:45. However the train inexplicably failed to stop, hurtling over the bumper block and onto the passenger concourse, coming to a halt just short of the waiting room. The fiberglass and metal

canopy above the concourse came crashing down onto the lead car and passengers alike. In a flash, the daily madness of the morning commute was replaced by a chaotic mass casualty scene. NJ Transit workers and commuters rushed to the aid of injured passengers. Police officers from NJ Transit and the Port Authority of NY and NJ, on post in the terminal, sprang into action and immediately called for more help. The help came fast and furious with the sounds of sirens filling Hoboken for over an hour after the crash!

The Hoboken Fire Dept. responded with all companies, working to free the engineer trapped in the lead car. Fortunately, all trains entering the terminal have their diesel locomotives at the tail end or the situation would have been much worse. Firefighters went to work on extricating the engineer, trapped in the lead car. A statewide UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) response was ordered, bring 12 heavy rescue companies from cities throughout Northern New Jersey. The State’s Urban Search and Rescue team, NJ TF-1, was activated, mustering from their home base in Lakehurst, NJ.

Jersey City was the first mutual aid department to arrive, dispatching a full 1st Alarm assignment augmented by Marine 1 and the High Rise / Tunnel Unit. The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps turned out in force and requested a mass casualty response, bring in ambulances from several surrounding counties. A triage area was established in the bus terminal area of the complex.



Hoboken 9/29/16 3-3 1 Hudson Pl.
Car 26 operating outside the Hoboken Terminal
(Ron Jeffers Photo)

Incredibly within one hour all injured persons had been removed, triaged and sent to 3 area hospitals. Sadly, a 34-year old Hoboken woman, waiting on the concourse for her train, was killed by falling debris. Three other passengers sustained serious injuries. Total patient count was 108, a remarkably low number considering the time of day and the mass of people in the terminal at that hour. Some units responding from a distance, such as NJ TF-1, were returned while still en route. The entire terminal was closed for over a week and gradually resumed full service within the month, except for Track 5 where the mishap occurred. The National Transportation Safety Board is the lead agency for the investigation, which will take several months to complete.

Gong Club members monitoring the radio traffic assembled at quarters before Car 26 was dispatched on orders of FDJC Deputy Chief John Alston, Special Operations Chief. Extra supplies, including 2 cases of bananas were loaded on board before the

alert tones were transmitted. A crew of four rolled with Car 26, setting up on Hudson Place near the passenger concourse entrance. What was expected to be an all-day operation turned into a relatively routine run. With all victims removed and transported a little over an hour after the incident, mutual aid companies were rapidly dismissed. Car 26 was back in quarters at 12:48 hours. Hoboken restaurants donated hundreds of items, which were brought to car 26 and then distributed by Gong Club members.

FDJC response included Chief of Dept. Darren Rivers and Special Operations Deputy Chief John Alston, Eng. Co. 6-2-5-10 Lad. Co. 2-6 Res. Co. 1, Sqd. Co. 4, Marine 1, Batt. 1-3, Cars 3, 3C, 26 and special units: UASI Rescue, High Rise / Tunnel Unit, Medical Ambulance Bus, Mass Casualty Response Unit

FAREWELL

Earlier in this article we had reported on the 3rd Alarm, Box 954, on June 29, 2016 commanded by Deputy Chief Kevin Stewart. The Department was shocked a few days later at the sudden passing of Chief Stewart at his residence on July 6, 2016. A 37-year veteran of the Department, Chief Stewart was a third generation Jersey City Fire Fighter. At the retirement luncheon held immediately following the 3rd Alarm on June 29th, Chief Stewart joked that Group A would have him for a few more years; he planned to retire after he completed a total of 100 years of service by the Stewart family to the Jersey City Fire Department. How

ironic that his career would end one week later, two years short of his goal!



Deputy Chief Kevin Stewart
1955 – 2016
(Ken Lager Photo)

Hundreds of fire fighters from around the state filled St. Joseph's Church; the same church where Gong Club Life Member Ira Rubin's memorial service was held less than 4 months earlier. Chief Stewart was well known throughout New Jersey and beyond, being involved with NJ TF-1, the State's USAR team, and instructing at firematic seminars around the globe. The Gong Club was honored to serve at Chief Stewart's funeral. Car 26's crew provided copious amounts of cold beverages to fire fighters on a warm, humid July day.

Another good friend of the Gong Club, Deputy Chief John Alston, is moving on as well, but under much more pleasant circumstances. After a nationwide search, the City of New Haven has selected Deputy Chief Alston as the next Chief of the New

Haven Fire Department. After commanding Jersey City's response to the Hoboken train wreck on September 29, 2016, Chief Alston had to hastily file his retirement papers by the end of the month in compliance with the New Jersey Police & Fire Retirement System regulations. He was sworn in as Chief of Department at New Haven City Hall on October 10, 2016. Look out, Box 22, Chief Alston has said he will be special calling Car 26 to New Haven! Best of luck, Chief!



Then Battalion Chief, now Chief of Department, New Haven, **John Alston** prepares to sing our National Anthem at Ira Rubin's Memorial Service on March 19, 2016.
(Conni Spellman Photo)

PHILADELPHIA SECOND ALARMERS



On November 13, 2016 the 2nd Alarmers celebrated their 95th Anniversary with a banquet

Greg Masi standing between Joe Farley and George White. Joe and George were added to the 2nd Alarmers Hall of Fame. Joe joined in 1949 and George in 1948.



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