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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

2017 CONVENTION INFORMATION



Convention Hotel:



Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites
120 W. Market Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Tel: 1-800-315-1906

Room rate: USD\$159/night plus applicable taxes

You **MUST** call the hotel directly at 1-800-315-1906 to receive the convention rate.
Code "International Fire Buff Associates"

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

Tentative agenda

Wednesday August 23, 2017:

Registration/Hospitality Room opens at 12:00 p.m., closes at 10:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hospitality Room until 10:00 p.m.

Thursday August 24, 2017:

Breakfast at hotel 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Registration in Hospitality Room 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremony / Break / Annual Business Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Future Convention Seminars 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lunch at hotel
Seminars and workshops
Hospitality Room open 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Bus visits to IFD HQ, stations 5, 7, 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Downtown for Lucas Oil Stadium tours, NCAA museum, Circle Center, Eiteljorg Western Museum, Indianapolis Zoo

Dinner on your own

Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball game?
Communications tours 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hospitality Room until 11:00 p.m.

2017 CONVENTION INFORMATION



Friday August 25, 2017:

Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at hotel

Friday Bus tours – Leave hotel at 9:00 a.m. – Reserve Stn 12, Koorsen Museum, IFD 22, 14

Lunch at Indianapolis Professional Firefighters Local 416. Tour of IFD Museum, T-shirt sales

Dinner on your own

Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball game? / Circle Center Mall

Communications tours 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday August 26, 2017:

Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at hotel

Registration in Hospitality Room, open until 9:00 a.m.

Bus leaves 9:00 a.m. for Indianapolis Motor Speedway + tour of Wayne Township Fire Dept

Box lunch at Wayne Township FD Training Center (700 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis)

Apparatus photos, antique displays, possible training tower evolutions, tours of other suburban departments, return to hotel no later than 4:30 p.m.

Leave for Rathskeller 6:15 p.m.

Buffet dinner with award presentations, raffle, dessert until 9:00 pm

Hospitality Room until 11:00 p.m.

CONVENTION UPDATES

WWW.IFBA.ORG

WWW.INDIANAPOLISFIREBUFFS.ORG

VISITINDY.COM

2017 CONVENTION INFORMATION



2017 IFBA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

August 23,24,25,26, 2017



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone(____) _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____

Medical Conditions to be aware of: _____

IFBA Club _____ / Club Officer _____

Delegate _____ Alternate _____ IFBA Officer _____ Guest _____

FULL REGISTRATION by July 15,
2017..... \$200.00 (US)

FULL REGISTRATION by July 31,
2017..... \$225.00 (US)

Event Pricing:

Indianapolis Indians Baseball game & meal

Thursday August 24..... \$ 40.00 (US)

Event Pricing: Closing Banquet and Awards ceremony

Saturday, August 26 \$ 40.00(US)

Registrations include Thurs, Fri, Sat lunch + Sat closing banquet

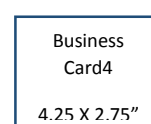
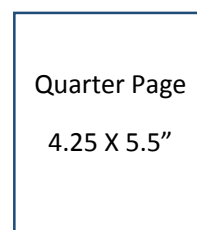
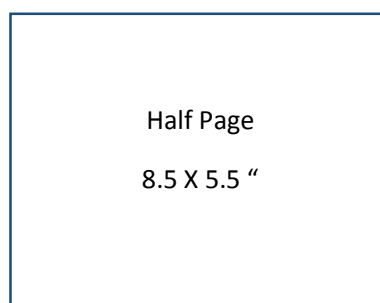
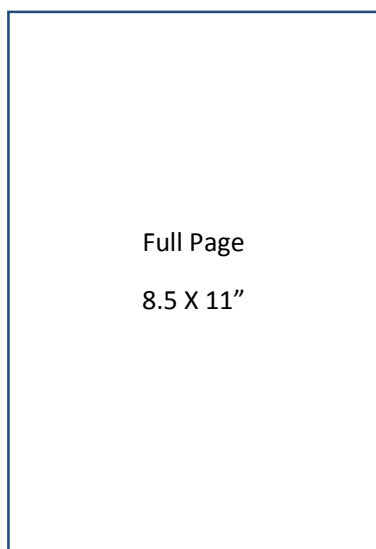
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Indianapolis, IN 46220

IBFA AD BOOK FORM



IFBA 2017 CONVENTION AD BOOK INDIANAPOLIS, IN AUGUST 23, 24, 25, 26



Program Book Order Form

____ Full Page 8.5 X 11' \$ 100.00
____ Half Page 8.5 X 5.5" \$ 75.00
____ Quarter Page 4.25 X 5.5" \$ 50.00
____ Business Card 4.25 X 2.75 \$ 25.00
____ Inside Front Cover \$125.00

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FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR AWARD



Executive Office, International Fire Buff Associates, Inc., 11017 N. Redwood Tree Court, Mequon, WI
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April 5, 2017

To: All IFBA Member Groups and Associate Members

Subject: Nominations for the "Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award – 2017

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 Indianapolis, IN, on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the convention banquet.

Names of candidates for the award along with a resume stating the reasons for the person's nomination must be received by the Executive Office no later than **June 15, 2017** in order to be considered by the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for the 2017 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 candidates 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 June 15 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 2017 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.

Stuart M. Nathan, Chairman



IFBA Club Website Recognition Award

General Criteria

In an effort to encourage new IFBA Club Websites, and recognize those already in operation, the following guidelines are suggested to be used as the basis of an award.

1. Home Page
 - a. Goals and Mission statement of the Club
 - b. Current Club Officers
 - c. Appropriate Club and Affiliated Organizations logos
2. Club history
3. Membership
 - a. General requirements/obligations
 - b. Printable/electronic membership application
 - c. Number of members
4. Home Fire Department(s)
 - a. History
 - b. Apparatus and Station locations
 - c. Current runs/statistics
5. Key Radio Frequencies in use in the area
6. Club Statistics
 - a. If operate a canteen, current run numbers
 - b. If sponsor a museum, number of visitors, hours of operation, type of exhibits, etc.
 - c. If give awards, what kind, criteria used, recent winners
7. Calendar of upcoming local, club and IFBA events
8. Abundant photos of Club, Fire Dep't., IFBA activities, etc. throughout the site
9. Links to other Fire Buff/IFBA sites
10. Ease of navigating the website
11. Evidence that the website is kept current

Any Club interested in being considered must self-nominate for this recognition. Others can also suggest club websites, and they will be considered as well. Note that the IFBA will not actively review Club websites; it is the Club's responsibilities to make the initial nomination.

All nominations should be directed to either:

Ira Cohen, Mrihcohen@aol.com

Rick Cutts, Lynnfa0@Juno.com

no later than June 15, so that there is adequate time to evaluate the website prior to the next IFBA Convention. Modification to this deadline may be made at the discretion of the Website Award Committee.

If a Club would like to be considered for this award, but for certain club specific reasons they do not include any of the above listed criteria, they should indicate this in their nomination request. We do not want to penalize any club for not including information, if there is a valid reason.

This award will be "virtual." The winner will be noted on the IFBA Website, and the winner will be encouraged to include proper notation on their website, club stationary, etc.

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REGION 1



BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

ESTABLISHED 1912
INCORPORATED 1918

By the Line Box Staff

We start this report with sad news. In February Past President Alan Macdonald passed away un-expectedly. His sudden passing has left a hole in the heart and soul of the Association. Every Club has a guy like Alan, always in the background doing things to help the Board and the membership and all the while keeping several irons in the fire of multiple fire service organizations that he also belonged to.



Alan R. Macdonald

March 28, 1938 – February 11, 2017

Past President Box 52 Association October 2011 – October 2014



Metro-Fire Multiple Alarms 2016 Compiled by Member Joseph Hourihan

The total of all multiple alarms transmitted in the Metro-Fire District were 140 and the breakdown of alarms is: Second Alarms 88, Thirds Alarms 33, Fourth Alarms 13, Fifth Alarms 3, Sixth Alarms 2, and Tenth Alarm 1. No fires went to the 7, 8 or 9th alarm levels.

Below are listed all 3rd alarms or higher for Boston

Date	Box	Time	Address
01/09	3-2459	2205	560 Centre St.
01/11	4-3593	1605	130 Babson St.
01/16	3-2626	0617	35 Harrison St.
02/19	3-5495	1859	72 Perthshire Rd.
03/24	3-2136	1142	40 Winthrop St.
03/25	3-2313	0844	640 Commonwealth Ave.
04/16	3-3831	1139	11 Ellis St.
04/18	4-2797	1148	Enneking Parkway – Brush Fire
04/30	3-3152	2002	8 Montello St.
05/01	3-1368	0008	11 Temple St.
05/26	3-2375	2025	43 Iroquois St.
06/08	4-2693	1003	212 Austin St.
06/08	4-3182	1314	93 Park St.
06/25	5-3756	1742	23 Grantley St.
06/26	3-5127	1912	27 Linden St.
07/03	3-372	0456	750 Hyde Park Ave.
07/21	6-4165	1346	282-284 Bunker Hill St.
07/22	5-6161	1923	107-109 Chelsea St.
07/26	3-2293	0128	87 Walnut Park
07/26	4-1873	1258	87 Sawyer Ave.
08/08	4-7445	2221	797 East 4 th St.
08/18	4-3735	1529	1044 River St.
08/20	4-2948	1719	99 Willet St.
08/31	4-5248	0025	30-32 Myrick St.
09/03	3-2755	2349	139 Walter St.
09/25	3-2172	0355	24 Elm Hill Park
11/05	3-1726	0839	94 George St.
11/27	4-3346	1241	31 Harlem St.
12/16	6-4161	0645	144 Bunker Hill St.
12/25	5-1232	0417	52 Hull St.
12/31	3-2389	1703	12-14 Creighton St.

A Christmas Tragedy

Saturday afternoon December 3, 2016 it was chilly, not bad by a New England winters standard. Residents of Cambridge were going about their business and making preparations for the Christmas Holidays. At almost three o'clock 9-1-1 calls flooded the Cambridge Emergency Operations Center, all reporting a fire on Berkshire and Vandine Streets in the Kendall Square neighborhood of East Cambridge. The Public Safety Dispatchers cranked up for action and box 236 was transmitted.

At Engine 5's and Divisions 1's house in Inman Square, the crew was finishing up with the Saturday chores and were ready to wind down. The tones dropped, dispatch with the announcement: "Engine 5, Engine 3, Engine 2, Tower 2, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Squad 2 and Div. 1. Receiving calls for Berkshire and Vandine Streets".

In the meantime, CPD sector car 1 called in "One to Control I can see a large column of smoke. I will be checking on it." Another car called in "Control, flames are showing on Plymouth St." Car 1 was on scene "step up fire, its



spreading!" Car 1's next transmission would set the stage for a ten-alarm near conflagration – "Step up fire, transformers are popping, there are multiple houses on fire!"

As Division 1 pulled out of quarters Deputy Chief Michael Morrissey reported "Div. 1 to Fire Alarm, we have a large loom-up from quarters. Dispatchers acknowledged and informed Deputy Morrissey that PD was on scene reporting multiple buildings". Engine 5's 2007 Pierce Saber was hot on the Division 1's tail, sirens screaming as they raced down Hampshire Street to the inferno.



What companies faced as they pulled into box 236. Photo courtesy of the Cambridge Fire Dept.

Deputy Morrissey arrived on scene and reported "heavy fire showing on both sides of the street, strike second and third alarms!" The uptown Cambridge houses were out the door before the second alarm had finished striking! In neighboring Somerville, the Fire Alarm Operators had been listening in and didn't wait for the third alarm to dispatch Engine 3, Tower Ladder 1 and C3 to fill out the 3rd alarm on 236! In just five minutes from striking the box, 9 engine companies, 3 ladders, 2 towers, 1 heavy rescue, 2 paramedic squads and 3 chiefs were all working, or pulling in and getting into action. The flames were having none of it and kept spreading in the tightly packed neighborhood. The companies working were going to need help and lots of it! Deputy Morrissey was "leaning on the hook" and the fourth, fifth and sixth alarms being ordered a mere 4 minutes after the third was struck! Eight minutes later, knowing that mutual aid was coming from father away, the seventh, eighth and ninth alarms were transmitted. The tenth alarm was sounded one hour and seven minutes after the box was struck. On top of all of these companies, special calls were made for three extra engines, 2 ladders and 2 more towers. One of the Towers was coming from the Mass Port Fire Department at Boston's Logan Airport. Ass't Chief (now Acting Chief of Department) and IFBA Secretary Gerard Mahoney was on scene and was directing operations at the fire. By the time the allout was sent on Sunday December 4th at 2038 hrs. 16 buildings were either destroyed or damaged.



Photo by Box 52 Member Peter Aloisi

The Box 52 bi-monthly news magazine ***The Line Box*** will cover this fire in depth. It can be accessed via our website www.box52.org.

Fire Duty

During the Holiday Season area departments were faced with some classic old school fires. In this photo essay by Box 52 Member Peter Aloisi. Enjoy!



Boston transmitted a 6th alarm for this Dec. 16th fire in Charlestown 6-4161. First due Engine 50 had nothing showing from the outside. They entered the building and reported a heavy smoke condition. Crews battled the fire and sub-zero temps.



Firefighters in Lynn battled this 3rd alarm in a three-decker days before Christmas, on December 21st. This fire was a coming attraction for a New Year's Day fire!



On New Year's Lynn and mutual aid companies had their hands full with this four story 22 unit apartment house fire. It needed five alarms worth of manpower and equipment to bring it under control. The fire displaced 65 persons.

Tidbits from around Metro-Fire

Some of the biggest news in these parts is that several smaller cities are adding new heavy rescue companies, or enhancing existing Rescues. Newton has established Rescue Co. 1 and equipped the Company with a 2016 Emergency-One heavy rescue. In neighboring Waltham, Rescue 6 has been de-activated and Rescue Co. 1 established with a brand new Seagrave heavy rescue equipped with more equipment.



Newton Rescue 1. Photo by Member Michael Boynton



Boston placed the last five of the 'Metro-Stick' rear mount aerials in-service. They are awaiting the blessing of the BFD Chaplain Father Dan Mahoney before entering service. Photo by Member Bill Noonan



Ladder Company 25 proudly shows off its new rig at IAFF Local 718's Florian Hall. Photo by Bill Noonan.

The City of Quincy has purchased two pieces of used apparatus to be used at first as the Drill School rigs, as 27 Probationary Firefighters have been appointed. The 'new' Engine 9 is a former Peterborough, New Hampshire 1993 Emergency-One 1,250 gpm pump and Engine 10 is the former Hanover, Mass. Rescue 1, a 1999 Emergency One 1,250 pump. When drill school is over these two rigs will be used as spares.



Quincy Engine 9, photo by Member Michael Worley

All photos below are from Member Michael Boynton



Cambridge Engine 6, 2017 Pierce Saber PUC 1250/500/200 Class B Foam



Dedham Ladder 1 2016 Emergency-One "Metro-Stick" 100 ft. rear mount

Association Doin's

Box 52 continues over 105 years of providing informative and interesting meetings to our members. This season is no different. Club members have stepped forward to help in securing guest speakers on various fire service topics. Some of these speakers have included Lt. James O'Brien of Boston Rescue 2, who spoke on the intricacies of developing specs for new apparatus. Lt. Shawn Donovan of Boston Ladder 4 who spoke on the rich traditions and culture of Boston's famed ladder work. In April we visited the "Witch City" of Salem and were presented with a definitive program on the rich history of the City and the SFD along with an in depth look at the Salem Conflagration of June 1914.

On May 13th we took ran another highly successful bus trip. This year the committee made up of members Frank San Severino, Robert Fitz Jr., Michael Boynton and John Galla took us out to the Pioneer Valley area of Massachusetts and we visited several Departments. We will have a full trip report in the next issue of Turn-Out.

The Officers and members of the Box 52 are proud to be members of the oldest fire buffing club in the Nation. Our members also strive to be led by example and follow the Code of Fire Buffing. If you are in the Boston area on the 3rd Friday of the month, feel free to join us. Check the website for meeting details at www.box52.org or you can email us at box52boston@hotmail.com. If you would like to receive our bi-monthly news magazine the LINE BOX, via e-mail only, just send an e-mail.

Well, that's it from Bahston, see ya at the big one! And remember.....everybody goes home!



Connecticut Fire Photographers Association

Greetings from the Constitution State and the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association, Region 1 of the International Fire Buff Association. Our organization prides itself in covering firematic events and preserving a visual history of them. We have covered thousands of emergencies over our existence. The CFPA covers over 360 fire departments, which encompass rural to large cities, industrial, tribal and military based departments. The organization is seventy five members strong in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. We also have members as far as South Carolina and Texas.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of most months. We have traveling meetings because we do not have a permanent home. This also allows us to have meetings throughout the state to facilitate all members being able to attend several meetings a year. Guests are always welcome to attend. The club has guest speakers and in-house training sessions consisting of new gear or technology that will aid the organization.

WHO WE ARE

Our association, originally founded in 1975 and reorganized in 1979, is very unique with specific goals and objectives. Our membership is comprised of men and women, many of whom have direct affiliation with either paid or volunteer fire departments within Connecticut and the other states mentioned. Others members are professional and/or amateur photographers who share the mutual feeling that we can achieve "Greater Fire Protection through Photography".

We have had the opportunity to assist many fire departments paid and volunteer, as well as the state's largest departments, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New Haven, with our photographic abilities. While many of our photographs depict the devastating effects of fire, others show the dedication and never ending danger that firefighters face each and every time they respond to a call.

We believe that by capturing these events on "film" (figure of speech) and by making them available for the fire departments, we can enable them to critique a fire scene, investigate and serve as a future reference. When we display our photographs to the public, we hope they show the dire need for an increase in fire prevention to residents. It also serves as a reminder of the unknown dangers that every firefighter must face.

Every member that joins, helps to improve our quality of service. We share our knowledge and skills to improve photography. If you have an interest in joining, please contact us at www.ctfirephoto.org. We have 3 levels of membership: Full, Associate, and Junior.

OUR SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Improve the status of fire photography operations in Connecticut
- Build recognition of fire photography operations as an important adjunct and tool in the fire service by municipal fire departments
- Promote acceptance of organized fire photography units by state and local departments and agencies



- Encourage and implement the exchange of technical and organizational information among members of the association
- Foster and promote harmonious relations between municipalities and the media by means of photographic public relations
- Conduct meetings devoted to the techniques of fire photography in an effort to improve the quality of fire photography in our local fire departments
- Engage in an educational program for the general public in techniques necessary for adequate fire protection and prevention
- Assist any publication with the use of photographs taken by association members

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Connecticut Fire Photographers have embraced the multimedia world and work with several levels of distribution: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Periscope and our website. The numbers below are from last month's tally of our social media sites. We have found that the use of multimedia has opened many doors for us including more access on firegrounds, as the departments have more knowledge of who we are, and how our images are used. Our sites have also brought us new members, along with several returning members.

Our organization's website can be view at www.ctfirephoto.org.

Views 72,523 views (new web site's about 6 months old). , Up 30,644 views since last month.
Busiest March Day: 3/24/17 with 9,792 Views
Up 7,147 views since last month busiest day.
Highest Viewed Website Album in March: 3rd Alarm fire in Lawrence, MA on Kendall St by Kevin White on 3/2/17 with 1,508 views.

Our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CTfirephotographersassociation

is for image sharing and event notification, the numbers on Facebook are as follows:

Facebook March Page Likes: 1,825 Page Likes, Up 198 since last month. (this is a newer upgraded site about a year old)
Facebook Most Popular March Post: 5,300 clicks on a photo from fire shot by Olivia Drake on March 22, 2017
March Facebook Photo with most reach: 11,000 people reached, arrival photo from Steven Frischling

Twitter is used for immediate dissemination of our images and video of incidents, notification to followers of members operating at incidents and incidents review via a media used at the event. We also use it for CFPA event notification that is open to the public. The Twitter numbers are as follows:

March Twitter Followers: 1,037 Followers, up 75 followers since last month. (Twitter analytics show a rise in impressions from 70.6k last month to 140k impressions this month). Followers are up, interactions are up.
Top March Tweet: 4,793 impressions, Tweet about Glenn Duda's photos at New Haven Fire on Chapel St.
March Twitter Profile Views: 2,378 Views. Up 552 views since last month. (Anytime someone visits our Twitter profile).



Instagram is a photo and some video sharing site. Instagram is one of the best venues for photography.

Total March Instagram followers:

3,460 Followers. Up 551 followers since last month.
Most Liked March Instagram Photo: 945 Likes, photo by Mike Quinn of a Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue posted on March 17th, 2017
March Photo Biggest Reach: 20,100 People Reached, photo by Mike Quinn of a Rosenbauer Heavy Rescue posted on March 17th, 2017.

We use Periscope for live incident video, which we re-tweet them over the CFPA Twitter page. Combined members followers are around 30,000 as a low estimate.

Zello, a cellphone based app, is our primary means of communication for incidents. We currently find this to be the best for incident based verbal communication (as long as you have a connection to internet or Wi-Fi). It covers 85% of the state and also works worldwide. Members have used it to update the group on incidents when on travel or buff trips. We have several channels under the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association and our primary channel is for members only. We do have an open channel for smaller non-fire based incidents, public events and information. The CFPA also operates a private channel for club member's information. We also control the New England Fire Photographer Channel that is open and has a lot of traffic for incidents in MA, RI and CT, and other major events nationwide.

A few CFPA members also operate on UHF radios. Hartford Metro Radio, can be found on Facebook.

OUR NEWSLETTER "The Fire Lens"

The club produces a newsletter that covers recent events, member's activities and nationally published media, along with sections on improving your skills.

CFPA co-sponsors the Silver City Fire Fest, a yearly event that has something for every fire buff and showcases fire photographers, fire apparatus model builders, and in-service and collector-owned fire apparatus. Held in Meriden, CT each July and named for the City's rich history of silverware manufacturing, the 8th annual event will be held July 22, 2017 at The Comfort Inn and Suites. Each year hundreds of fire buffs come to Meriden to view the models and photography collections, catch up with old friends, and view the apparatus on display. The CFPA is proud of this event and looks forward to seeing you in Meriden this summer.



March 22, 2017, Old Lyme, CT.
Photo by Steven Frischling.



Three alarm fire at 11 Ashton Place,
Methuen, MA on December 22, 2016.
Photo by Kevin White.



January 15, 2017, 605 Nott Street,
Wethersfield, CT. Two alarm fire.
Photo by Jim Peruta.



January 1, 2017. A three alarm fire resulted
in three fatalities at 106 Northeast Street in
Holyoke.
Photo by Kenneth Beliveau.



Members of FDNY Ladder 9 size up a
building as smoke pours out the windows
of a 7 story storage facility. A third alarm
fire was struck. The fire was on Walton
Ave in the Bronx, April 9, 2017.
Photo by Jon Tenca.



Meridens Engine 3 - a 2010 Seagrave
Marauder II – 1250500.
Photo by Mike Quinn.



March 31, 2014, two alarm fire at 20 Aldrich Avenue, Moosup, CT.
Photo by Robert Ladd.



Two alarm fire at 55 Redfield Street, New Haven.
Photo by Glenn Duda.



Photo from the Silver City Fire Fest by photographer Mike Quinn.



Photo from the Silver City Fire Fest by photographer Mike Quinn.



DETROIT, MI - At approximately 2:20pm on April 8, 2017, the Detroit Fire Department was dispatched to Cadet and Military Streets for the reported apartment building fire. First companies on scene found a 2 story brick vacant apartment building going throughout.
Photo: Keith Muratori

REGION 3



CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Washington Hilton
Washington, D.C.

April 7, 2017

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Call to Order (Greg Cade), Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

8:35 a.m. Comments – Bill Jenaway, President

- We have to work together to get things done

Amy Houston (AT & T)

- Thank you to everyone

8:45 a.m. Presentation – Harvey Johnson Jr., American Red Cross

- Home Fire Program
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires by half
- Red Cross Home Fire Campaign – Started in October 2014
- Installed smoke alarms in 311,212 homes so far and made them safer
- Teach youth in Pillowcase Program – impact even more homes
- Produced open-source Home Fire Risk Map to locate the most at-risk homes and communities
- 215 lives saved so far because of this program (since October 2014)
- Sound the Alarm Program
 - We want to create a national signature event in October
 - Save lives, increase public awareness
 - Our goal is to install 100,000 smoke alarms, including the one millionth smoke alarm
 - Program would take place September 30 - October 15, 2017
 - Provides 6 weekend days
 - Includes National Fire Prevention week
 - Opportunity to align with FEMA *America's PrepareAthon Day of Action* (September 30)
 - Soundthealarm.org - contains information about the program
- We want to install 2.5 million smoke alarms by 2020
- All of our money comes from donors
- Manpower, materials, money, media: these are the four ways to help
 - Need 35,000 people to volunteer during the Sound the Alarm campaign
 - You can include information about Sound the Alarm in your newsletter.



9:10 a.m. Reports

Dennis Compton

- There was a meeting for the White Paper task group that was formed last year
- We developed an outline of what the White Paper might look like (3-5 pages) and created a rough draft
- There is another task group meeting on April 19 and the White Paper will be sent out a week before then. Then the draft will go to the Board, then NAC members can decide whether they want to sign onto it, and then it will go to the Fire Caucus.

Executive Director – Bill Webb

- Dinner totals are still lower than they have been in the past
- We need to figure out how we can get the next generation of fire service leaders involved
- Please share any ideas you have for the 30th Dinner next year
- We need to be aware of the hotel room and food & drink minimums that we are obligated to meet through our Hilton contract

Legislative/programmatic – Sean Carroll

- Open call for seminar proposals this year
- Averaged about 40 attendees per seminar this year, which is about the same as last year
- We'll do another open call for proposals this summer
- We were down to 201 members of the Caucus at the beginning of this session of Congress
 - Caucus members have been doing a strong recruitment campaign and we are now up to 232 members
- Senator John McCain (AZ), Senator Jon Tester (MT), Senator Susan Collins (ME), and Senator Tom Carper (DE) introduced S.829, legislation to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs
 - This legislation eliminates the "sunset" provision and extends the authorization until Fiscal Year 2023

9:27 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Presentation – Jeff Johnson, FirstNet

- FirstNet is a single nationwide broadband network for public safety
- FirstNet devices will be able to make calls, access the internet, and have push to talk capabilities, but it will not replace land-mobile radios
- AT&T building FirstNet network and partnering with Motorola Solutions
- This will be enabled on an AT&T network as early as next summer
- Priority for public safety
- It will take up to five years to complete the build-out for the FirstNet network
- Opt in and opt out state plans
 - FirstNet will be required to present a plan for each state which will be presented to the governor – the plan will detail coverage, functionality, users, requirements, etc.
 - The governor has 90 days to make one of three decisions:
 1. Say nothing: opt-in after 90 days
 - FirstNet will build it, secure customers, maintain it at FirstNet's cost
 2. Opt in: the same thing happens as above



3. Opt out: The state will have to create their own plan, secure the funding, build it, operate it, maintain it consistent with the FirstNet network

- **Mike Worrell, FirstNet**
 - o We will have a dedicated public safety call center
 - o In-building coverage: AT&T can help with their existing buildings that are already set up

9:45 a.m. Presentation – Chief Todd LeDuc, International Association of Fire Chiefs

- FSTAR program (Firefighter Safety Through Advanced Research)
- Fstaresearch.org has a lot of information (i.e. fact sheets) on their website
- Firefighters are exposed to many occupational health risks
- Average age of 1st heart attack for the general population is 66, but it is 49 for firefighters
- Firefighters are exposed to the unique risk of cancer through many contributing factors
- We want to get every firefighter in the U.S. to get a proper medical physical
 - o Number one obstacle: educate healthcare providers so that they understand the occupational risks or proper screening necessary
 - o Healthcare Provider's Guide to Firefighter Physicals -- We need to disseminate this to every firefighter and appropriate medical professionals in the U.S.

10:15 a.m. Subcommittee Reports

Ethics – Doug Aiken – No report

Programmatic – Sean Carroll – Already covered

Fundraising – Bobby Halton – There will be a meeting in May

Membership – Dennis Compton – No report

Resolutions – Steve Austin

- No resolutions were submitted
- Think of resolutions you want considered in the Winter NAC meeting

10:20 a.m. Presentation – Chief Ken Willett, National Fire Protection Association

- The most effective way to make a safety change is to have a personal interaction in people's homes
- NFPA plans to build a new national fire data system through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award that will accept data/information about incidents, operations, and wellness
- Looking for partners who are willing to provide their data that will become part of a national database
- NFPA data solutions portal
 - o Map-based solutions for Real Problems with Real Time Data that is based on your area, your information, and your needs
 - o Imagine knowing the risk of a kitchen fire for people 70+
- NFPA Research Foundation is working on the Campaign for Fire Service Contamination Control

10:40 a.m. Unfinished Business - None



11:35 a.m. New Business – Ron Coleman, National Fire Heritage Center

- This is an organization that preserves the perishables of the profession
- We are after general membership
- We stand ready to archive, catalog, inventory and properly display the lifetime materials of people who have made impacts to the American Fire Service

Shane Ray, National Fire Sprinkler Association

- We need to come together and bring prevention and suppression together

11:54 a.m. Adjournment

CFSI NAC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Lou Amabili; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Justin Arnold; International Society of Fire Service Instructors
Steve Austin; International Association of Arson Investigators
Tanya Barlow; Johnson Controls/Tyco
Preet Bassi; Center for Public Safety Excellence
Paul D. Brooks; Institute of Fire Engineers – USA Branch
Greg Cade; National Fire Protection Association
Sean Carroll; Congressional Fire Services Institute
Douglas Cline; International Society of Fire Service Instructors
Dennis Compton; International Fire Service Training Association
Robert Cumberland; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Jim Dalton; National Fire Sprinkler Association
Evan Davis; International Association of Fire Chiefs
Steve Edwards; North American Fire Training Directors
Jim Estep; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors/ National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications
Eriks Gabliks; North American Fire Training Directors
Hugh "Skip" Gibson; Insurance Services Office
John Granby; Fire and Emergency Manufacturers' Services Association
Allison Hahn; Congressional Fire Services Institute
Bobby Halton; Penwell Fire Group (Fire Engineering, Fire Rescue, Fire Apparatus)
Craig Hannan; International Fire Service Training Association
Steve Hirsch; National Volunteer Fire Council
Bill Jenaway; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Bruce Johnson; Underwriters Laboratories
Steve Kerber; UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute
Jeff Knight; International Municipal Signal Association
Roger Krupp; International Association of Arson Investigators
Rich Marinucci; Fire Department Safety Officers Association
Shannon A. Meissner; International Association of Fire Fighters
Dave Moore; International Association of Wildland Fire



Frank Mortl, III; American Fire Sprinkler Association
Mike Natchipolsky; FireRescue1/Fire Chief
Stuart Nathan; International Fire Buff Associates
Chris Neal; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Rob Neale; International Code Council
Tony O'Neill; National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications
Sarah Owen; Underwriters Laboratories
Ryan Pietzsch; VFIS
Vickie Pritchett; National Fire Sprinkler Association/Common Voices
Nathan Queen; International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
Shane Ray; National Fire Sprinkler Association
Randy Roxson; USA Sprinkler Fitters Association
Tim Sendelbach; Firehouse
Ron Siarnicki; National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
Debbie Sobotka; Center for Public Safety Excellence
Bill Spencer; National Association of State Fire Marshals
Addington Stewart; International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
Michael Swain; Center for Campus Fire Safety
Giff Swayne; Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors
Victoria Valentine; Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Terry Victor; Johnson Controls/SimplexGrinnell
Ray Walker; International Fire Marshals Association
Bill Webb; Congressional Fire Services Institute
Tom Weber; Insurance Services Office
Ken Willette; National Fire Protection Association

GUESTS:

Nelson Bryner; National Institute of Standards and Technology
Dan Carrier; Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association
Ron Coleman; National Fire Heritage Center
Al Gillespie; AT&T
Anthony R. Guzzo; Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association
Amy Houston; AT&T
Harvey Johnson; American Red Cross
Jeff Johnson; FirstNet
Kevin Kelley; American Red Cross
Ed Klima; First Responder Center for Excellence for Reducing Line of Duty Deaths and Injuries
Todd LeDuc; International Association of Fire Chiefs
Candice McDonald; Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ernest A. Rohan; Pennsylvania Fireman/Lancaster County
Mike Worrell; FirstNet

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.

The year got off to a quick with two greater-alarm fires on January 2nd. The first was an early morning 2-alarm apartment fire on the far southeast side. Late that evening, we responded to a 3-alarm fire at a thrift store warehouse. Crews remained on scene until daybreak. On the 4th, a crew responded to a 2-alarm apartment fire on the far northeast side. The cause of the fire was determined to be someone disposing of their Christmas tree by burning it in the fireplace. During a cold weather standby (expected wind chills below 0°F) on the 7th, we responded to three working fires during the overnight hours. The month ended with a tanker fire at a major freeway interchange. We were unable to assemble a crew to respond, but thanks to our mutual aid agreement with Union County EMA, they were able to provide rehab support during the incident that tied crews up for several hours. January also included providing support for a recruit training activity and a hockey fundraiser. Box 15 would also like to thank MSC Industrial Supply, who donated tons of sports drink last summer, for their donation of rock salt in January. Their generosity doesn't go unnoticed and is always greatly appreciated.



Buffalo Run 2-alarm fire



Faulkner Drive working fire



Foxhound Lane 2-alarm fire

February provided some relief with only two responses. One was a house fire in Fairfield County, the other was a 2-alarm apartment fire on the far northeast side.

March also proved to be a slow month. Crews responded to a 2-alarm apartment fire on the north side and a fatal 2-alarm fire on the southwest side.

Activity picked up again in April. Crews responded to a mercury exposure hazmat incident at an east side school on the 12th. The following week, we provided rehab support to the recruit class's auto extrication training. Box 15 was also present at the International Trauma Life Support Ohio's conference, along with

our friends from Stark County Fire Department Rehab Unit. The month ended with a response into Fairfield County for a working fire that had crews on scene for several hours.

Replica Fire Engine

Box 15, with quite a bit of help from this year's Vice President Joe O'Brien, has been offering museum-grade Sutphen fire engine replicas for sale. Members of Box 15 presented Bill Hall of the Central Ohio Fire Museum with a scale replica Sutphen fire engine. The models, made by Fire Replicas, is modeled from the Columbus Division of Fire's Sutphen Monarch Custom Engine 16. The museum's home is the original Engine House 16 located at 260 N. Fourth Street, Columbus OH. The museum and learning center are a great asset to our community. If you're even in town, stop by for a visit.



Central Ohio Fire Museum fire engine replica presentation (photo by William Bixby)

New Hazmat Truck

During our March meeting, Box 15 members got the opportunity to tour Columbus's new hazmat truck. Thanks to Capt. Brobst for letting us check out the new rig!

A Friend Retires

Longtime club friend and Jerome Township Fire Chief Scott Skeldon retired after 47 years of fire service. Box 15 was pleased to present Chief Skeldon with a gift of



New Columbus Fire Hazmat Truck

appreciation at his retirement dinner in April for everything he's done. Congratulations on your retirement, Chief!



Box 15 President Brett Barber presenting plaque to Chief Skeldon

A New Rehab Organization

On a final note, we'd like to congratulate the Metro Richmond Flying Squad, out of Richmond, Virginia, who is now officially in service.

If you ever find yourself visiting or even traveling through Central Ohio, give us a call at (614) 585-9120 and let's see if we can do some buffing – or at least show you around. Until the next issue of Turnout – Be Safe Out There!



Photo by Chris E. Mickal,
WWW.FIRELINEPHOTOS.COM

March 6, 2017, a two alarm fire at 3640 Simmons St. totally destroyed a one-story vacant dwelling that was fully involved upon arrival.

REGION 6



By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

The extremely mild winter of 2017 in Chicago has resulted in only four extra alarm fires since January 1. All were 2-11s or second alarms. In 2016 there were only 34 extra alarm fires for the entire year which broke down to 23 2-11s, eight 3-11s, one 4-11 with a special alarm, and two 5-11s.

In 2016, our canteens responded to 93 requests for service which included numerous responses to S.W.A.T. and H.B.T. incidents for the CPD. The 5-11 Club recently obtained two suburban fire department ambulances that will be converted for use in canteen operations since our two front line canteen rigs are showing their age and becoming costly to maintain. When the new rigs come on line, the Club will keep one of the older rigs as a backup and dispose of the other.

The 5-11 Club continues to add new members with the latest roster showing the Club has 62 regular members, four associate members, one life member and seven honorary members. On a sad note, the Club lost James "Jimmy" Liston due to a long illness. Jimmy was a retired Chicago police officer who was a very active member on the canteen. Jimmy was also instrumental in creating and maintaining pictured ID cards and performing fire radio setups for the Club. Jimmy will be greatly missed for his contributions to the 5-11 Club and his stories and tales of being a Chicago police officer.

One of the 5-11 Club's biggest supporter, Chicago Fire Department Chaplain, Father Tom Mulcrone, has announced his retirement after 30 years of service. In his career, Father Tom has responded to almost 900 alarms, numerous hospital visits, home visits, and funerals. Many of the 5-11 Club members have also been helped by Father Tom in their time of need.

The equipment scene has seen significant change with the assignment of eight squad company units. Squad Co. Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 7 have been operational in the past month. All of the two piece units were built by Rosenbauer America in Minnesota. All units use the Rosenbauer Commander 4000 model for the cab and are powered by 425 H.P. Cummins 12 liter diesel engines. The rescue piece has a 4-door cab with a 19-foot walk-through body with rollup doors and cabinets. These units also have 12 ton front-mounted winches and have hydraulic generators for powering the rescue tools. The second unit for each squad company has the same chassis with a two-door cab. A Zodiac rescue boat is located behind the front seat on a rollout assembly to make for fast deployment at water rescues. The elevated platform is a Cobra with a 55-foot working height. The manual monitor is fed by a 4 inch waterway. These units replace rigs that have been in service for 16 years. Squad Co. No. 7, located at O'Hare Field, is painted in lime-yellow to meet airport safety standards. The City units have the traditional black over red paint scheme.



New Squads 7 and 2 (Photos by Steve Redick)

In addition to the new squads, a new mobile command van has been placed into service. The command van (2-7-2) was placed into service this spring on the north side at Engine 112's quarters. The new unit was built by LDV on a Freightliner chassis. The new command van replaces a 2001 Ford diesel and has been outfitted with the latest communication technologies that can link the 9-1-1 Center, police agencies and fire ground personnel. The City is also awaiting the delivery of 18 new Wheeled Coach ambulances, all powered with gasoline engines. Due soon are three new engines from E-One. All the new engines will have 1500 GPM pumps with 500 gallon booster tanks. Four new sedans are also due to arrive soon. The Fast Rescue/Fireboat (6-8-8) that was built by Lake Assault has been disposed of. Lake Michigan can be a hazardous place to be during a storm, and this small boat was not designed to take such a beating. A new, slightly larger boat, from the Department of Homeland Security is due shortly.

On June 17, 2017, the 5-11 Club, together with The Fire Buffs of Illinois, will hold the 23rd Annual Fire Engine Rally and Swap Meet. Festivities run from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. with a parade starting at 9:30 a.m. The muster is open to the public and admission is free. We look forward to seeing you there. Our friends at the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago will dedicate the Ken Little Fire Museum Library on May 6. This is a great honor for the foremost historian of the Chicago Fire Department. On Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m., the Fire Museum will hold a presentation of the 1967 McCormick Place fire at the Quinn Fire Academy.

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.



Tractor trailer accident on Kennedy Expressway at Kimball Ave. Tractor frame and engine hang over Kimball Ave. where the cab is seen on the street. (Photo by Steve Redick)



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SPRING 2017

Indianapolis Fire Buffs

Indianapolis Fire Department Chief Ernest Malone has announced the funding for two new station, to be completed March, 2018. NEW station #3 will be located on the same Prospect St., two blocks East of the current spot. NEW station #16 will consolidate #52 and #54, at Hickory/Southport Rd, in Franklin Township. Station #52 will be closed, and Station #54 will be repurposed as the department's Physical Fitness facility.

New equipment approved for 2017/early 2018:

5 new engines (2000 gallon pump capacity)

1 new platform aerial (100 foot)

2 new Ford 550 Rescue squads

1 new tanker (3000 gallon capacity)

1 new Battalion command vehicle

The department's labor contract with IAFF Local 416 has been signed. Contract period spans January, 2017 to December, 2020.

A large passenger bus from Indianapolis Public schools has been repainted with IFD colors and logo for department uses.

Communications will be receiving a new Motorola Premier One CAD system over the next 18-24 months. It will provide automated vehicle locating and updated mapping to modify and correct responses.

The old Fire Headquarters and IFD station 7 have been demolished. They have been moved a few blocks North and East of the former location. Firefighters Credit Union, on the original plot with Headquarters and Station 7, has been removed and now sits in a new building next to Local 416's newly expanded building on Massachusetts Ave.

Our department is in the process of purchasing three aerial drones. Two will be operational and one will be used for training. All pilots will receive required training and will be fully certified.

IFD annual report is available online, and it contains well done information and photos. Go to <indy.gov>, find Public Safety in top banner, look for Indianapolis Fire Department, look for link on first page.



IFB Rehab Support unit responses for 2016 totaled 236 including Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement and Special calls such as FDIC. In the first four months of 2017, there has been 77 responses, including FDIC. RSU 1, a box ambulance body, has been replaced by a Ford utility rig which was retrofitted by club members and the Fire Department shops to carry coolers and provide electrical service for hot beverages. We will pay for the new identity lettering.

Maintenance continues on our 101-year old Reserve station 12. New overhead gas heaters and portable electric units have replaced the hot water boiler. Water filter for ice machine has been purchased and installed. Storage refrigeration unit failed and was replaced by donated refrigerator from member Jim Williamson's mother. One of the Medic 27 member's family donated surplus laminate flooring and installed it for the Medics' quarters upstairs.

Membership applications and process have been revised. So far in 2017, we had had four new applicants.

2017 committees were assigned by President Byron Jacobs. Names of members present at monthly meetings and signed in will be published in the minutes.

We participated in the downtown St. Patrick's Day parade with our Maxim engine. New name banners were used this year, replacing the older signs that had deteriorated in appearance.

Dennis Chambers also assisted the next week by providing the Maxim for the city's celebration on Monument Circle of three city schools that achieved state basketball championships.

Liability, Auto and Umbrella Liability insurance renewed in March, renewing at close to the same price as the previous year. Our accident and Disability policy will renew in April for the same annual price. Both billings total nearly \$8,000 annually.

Members volunteered for various dates and venues of the Fire Department Instructors Conference in late April at Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium, and multiple HOYS training sites. Daren Feltner arranged for Krispy Kreme donuts at all venues, all days. Surplus bottled water from the training sites was recovered and stored at The Salvation Army EDS building and Reserve station 12 for use during the rest of the year on the RSU's.

Marc Parton and Jerry Traub will be meeting with Region 6 members at Racine, WI in May.

Convention committees are working toward the August 23-26 hosting of the IFBA national convention. Indianapolis looks forward to greeting our friends from all points as we show them the Hoosier Hospitality we can provide.

INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS



Approximately 3 p.m., April 25, 2017. Heavy smoke from solar panels on the roof greeted firefighters from Pike Township and IFD at 8260 N. Zionsville Road. The fire was quickly extinguished once power was secured. *Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com.*



Pike Township and IFD crews were presented with heavy fire on the C-side of this residence at 7506 N. Michigan Road on April 18, 2017. *Photo by Tod Parker, www.phototac.com.*



REGION 9



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle and Ron Jeffers

FURNITURE FUELS FURIOUS FIRE!

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 and the Christmas Rush was at full speed! With the holiday falling on the weekend, shoppers were racing to finish by Friday. The first full day of winter was sunny and clear with seasonal temperatures. Life's mundane tasks continued as well. North Hudson Chief of Department Frank Montagne was paying his respects at a funeral home when an Alarm was transmitted at 11:30 hours for the Kennedy Furniture store, 1231 Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen. As scant 7 blocks north of the location, Chief Montagne was the first to arrive on the scene.

It's not often that the Chief of Department arrives first on the scene. It's even rarer for the Chief's first report is "Transmit a 2nd Alarm"! Heavy smoke, soon visible for miles, was billowing from the large one story structure. The bulk of the fire appeared to be in the rear, which sloped down an incline along 13th St. Tower Ladder 3 was directed to take a position on 13th St. while first due Ladder 1 had the front of the building on Kennedy Blvd. Companies prepared for a pitched battle as conditions were deteriorating by the minute. Six people in the store exited quickly while first due Engine Co. 1 attacked the fire with their deck gun. A wall of smoke enveloped the entire neighborhood. Roof operations

were soon aborted and a 3rd Alarm was transmitted.

Fire roared from back to front of the entire store, bursting out the front display windows with a fury. Ladder Co. 1 was soon caught up in a wave of radiant heat, blistering paint and shattering glass as the crew bedded the aerial and strategically repositioned. A 4th Alarm was transmitted bringing mutual aid from Jersey City to the fire. Squad Co. 7 used their Telesqurt and Eng. Co. 9 operated their deck gun to beat back the flames now extending across the sidewalk.



North Bergen 12/21/16 5-5
1231 Kennedy Blvd.
Ladder 1 in a hot spot!
(Ron Jeffers Photo)

As if the furniture store wasn't enough of a problem, the exposure to the south was a vacant 2 story brick structure loaded with rubber tires! Companies made a stand at that building, preventing an equally heavy fire load from becoming involved. A5th Alarm was struck bringing units from Hoboken and Kearny to the fray.

Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, was front and center at 13th St. & Kennedy Blvd. A crew of 3 with Member Jim Fay at the wheel served a variety of items to the lunchtime crowd including 8 gallons of hot chocolate, 3 gallons of stew and some 160 bottles of water.



North Bergen 12/21/16 5-5
1231 Kennedy Blvd.

Members Jimmy Fay and Bobby Scollan spreading some Christmas cheer! (Ron Jeffers Photo)

FATAL FIRE DEVESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD!

A little more than 10 weeks later, a conflagration tore through the fabric of the same neighborhood. Although this next fire was in Union City, the building of origin sat a mere 2 blocks from the furniture store. At 01:02 hours on Saturday, March 4, 2017, North Hudson Regional Fire received

numerous calls reporting a fire at 1401 Summit Ave. Battalion 1, Batt. Chief Mark Lorenz, arrived to a blanket of smoke so thick, he couldn't even determine the size of the structure involved. Occupants were fleeing for their lives, but reported that other people were trapped. Chief Lorenz transmitted a 2nd Alarm, ordered ground ladders set up and then transmitted a 3rd Alarm! The fire building was a 3-story frame occupied tenement, with similar buildings to the north. A huge volume of fire was now raging in 3 buildings, fanned by high winds in the frigid 21° night. Ladder Co. 1 set up their ladder pipe, but the normal plethora of overhead wires found in many Hudson County neighborhoods hampered deployment of additional aerial devices.



Union City 03/04/17 5-5
1404 Summit Ave.

Outside streams battling heavy fire in the building of origin! (Ron Jeffers Photo)

Embers rained down on the entire area to the east; tightly packed blocks of frame dwellings. Union City Police Officers began evacuating all the homes east of the fire. Squad Co. 7 was assigned to ember patrol as well. 30 minutes into the fire, Squad 7 reported that the steeple of Ss. Joseph & Michael Church at 1309 Central Ave. was ablaze! A 4th Alarm was transmitted by Deputy Chief Charles Thomas, who was now confronted with fires raging on two fronts!



Ss. Joseph & Michael Church
1309 Central Ave., Union City

Founded as St. Joseph's Church, the parish has been serving downtown Union City since the 1860's. In 1981 when the nearby St. Michael's Monastery closed, the two parishes were combined to form Saints Joseph and Michael Church.

The steeple of the church soon became fully involved. Squad 7 set up their Telesqurt but it was difficult to deploy more resources to the church with three buildings roaring and numerous companies and supply lines working one block away! Additional alarms were transmitted, taxing the resources of the 12 communities in Hudson County. Secaucus Tower Ladder 2 was able to make Central Ave. and set up their tower. Eventually North Hudson Tower Ladder 3 was able to set up on 14th St. Fire had now dropped down to the main roof and a pitched effort was made to save the church from complete destruction. The steeple, ravaged by fire, would collapse into Central Ave., perhaps sparing the rest of the building from a fiery demise.



Union City 03/04/17 5-5
1309 Central Ave.
Squad 7 Telesqurt attacking
the steeple (Ron Jeffers Photo)



With 2 major fires in progress one block apart, mutual aid requests were sent to neighboring counties. Essex County had to decline, as there were 2 fires in progress in Orange and Irvington. Task forces from Bergen and Union Counties moved in to cover vacant North Hudson firehouses.

At 02:45 F. D. N. Y. Box 600 was transmitted, Mutual Aid to New Jersey via Lincoln Tunnel. Eng. Co. 1-14-34 Tower Ladders 12-21, Batt. 7-8 responded directly to the fires. The F. D. N. Y. companies staged on 12th St., but did not operate. Last time Box 600 was transmitted was December 1, 2001 when 3 major fires were burning in Hudson County simultaneously.



Union City 03/04/17 5-5
1404 Summit Ave.
Car 26 doing double duty
at both fires! (Ron Jeffers Photo)

As the sun rose that cold Saturday morning, the Union City neighborhood was in ruins. Three buildings on Summit Ave. were gutted; the church steeple was a pile of rubble in the middle of Central Ave., the streets, cars and buildings were enveloped in ice and electric power was cut off! Sadly, a one year old boy, an occupant of the original fire building, had perished. His father was

badly burned, but ironically was arrested and charged in connection with the fire about one month later.

The same firefighting group that had the furniture store was on duty that night and the same crew manned Car 26 for both fires! Frozen firefighters were warmed with 4 gallons of coffee, 8 gallons of hot chocolate and 1 gallon of stew. 20 pairs of handwarmers were also distributed.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD!

Jersey City Chief of Department Darren Rivers decided to hang up his helmet after a notable career of nearly 35 years. Chief Rivers started his career at Ladder Co. 12 in 1982 and had led the Department since 2010. A ceremony at Fire Headquarters, replete with apparatus, a large American flag and the FDJC Emerald Society Pipes and Drums gave the Chief a fitting send off on his final day, February 28, 2017. A grand celebration was held that evening at the Casino-In-The-Park with nearly 250 guest present.



03/11/17
Acting Chief of Dept. Steven McGill signs in at the Gong Club watch desk (Conni Spellman Photo)

The top spot is now held by Acting Chief of Department Steven J. McGill, a 29-year veteran. His first official act? Sign the log book at the Gong Club and attend the Club's annual St. Patrick's Dinner on March 11, 2017! The new Chief knows where his bread is buttered!

We wish Chief Rivers good health and good luck in his retirement and much success to Chief McGill!

NEVER FORGET!

The Gong Club sponsors two Medals of Valor, the Carlos Negron Medal and the Francis and Anna Lee Medal. Both are named for Jersey City Fire Fighters who dies in the line of duty. Carlos, a Life Member of the Gong Club, perished at a 3rd Alarm, Box 420, on March 20, 1993. Fireman Lee made the supreme sacrifice on March 30, 1967 at 2nd Alarm, Box 57.



FF Carlos Negron Memorial, 03/20/17
(Conni Spellman Photo)

The FDJC observed the 24th Anniversary of Fire Fighter Negron's passing with a ceremony at the scene of the fire, 411 Palisade Ave. During that event, Gong Club members noted that the 50th Anniversary of Fireman Lee's sacrifice was fast approaching so an observance was immediately planned to mark that day. Companies assembled at Holy Name Cemetery off Route 1-9 for a graveside memorial, led by Chief McGill and Department Chaplain, Rev. James Pagnotta. Fireman Lee's daughter and grandson were able to travel in from Pennsylvania to attend the ceremony.



Fireman Francis Lee Memorial, 03/30/17
(Conni Spellman Photo)

Somewhat fittingly as the group was enjoying some refreshments from Car 26 after the ceremony, a 2nd Alarm was struck for Box 911! Chief officers and Car 26 quickly sped off for a fire at 84 Harbor Dr., a trucking terminal in Port Jersey.



In The Line of Duty...



Fire Fighter Carlos Negrón 1946-1993

There is not a single member of the Gong Club who cannot recall exactly where they were and what they were doing on the morning of March 20, 1993. The most devastating tragedy to strike the Club occurred on a clear, cold Saturday morning at 411 Palisade Ave., Jersey City. Fire Fighter Carlos Negrón, the Deputy Chief of the Gong Club, was off duty near his home, picking up a few items at a neighborhood grocery. Cries of "Fire!" rang out and, like any fire fighter or buff, Carlos immediately sprang into action. The fire involved a three story mixed occupancy, a liquor store with apartments above. First Alarm units arrived and began stretching lines and laddering the building to search and ventilate. Carlos, assigned to the Hose and Equipment Shop, assisted his fellow fire fighters without hesitation, helping to search and stretch the first line. Truck Co. 7 was maneuvering a 35-foot ladder on a narrow sidewalk to reach the third floor. Carlos went to assist, but as the ladder was being moved, it brushed near an overhead high voltage line, sending a charge of electricity down the ladder.

Fire Fighter Negrón and Fire Fighter Walter Milne were knocked unconscious by the electrical shock. Division 1, Deputy Chief Denis Onieal (who is today the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy), witnessed the incident and transmitted 2nd and 3rd Alarms plus called instantly for Emergency Medical Services. Both fire fighters were transported to Christ Hospital. Despite the efforts of emergency room personnel, Carlos succumbed to his injuries. Fire Fighter Milne spent nearly sixty days in the St. Barnabas Burn Center in Livingston, NJ. His recovery was miraculous; despite losing a finger and a toe, he remains on active duty today with Rescue Co. 1.

Carlos Negrón was a lifelong buff who, for a time, lived next door to the Gong Club quarters in his youth. He joined the Club on January 11, 1973 and would have received a Life Member Plaque at tonight's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Carlos was appointed to the Jersey City Fire Department on June 1, 1981 and had worked at Eng. Co. 6, the Fire Prevention Bureau, the Central Office and finally the Hose and Equipment Shop during his thirteen year career. His legacy lives on today; the Gong Club re-named its annual valor Award in his memory in 1993. That same year, Jersey City Fire Fighters and Gong Club members organized the Carlos Negrón Memorial Run, which is held annually on the first Sunday of October. Proceeds of the eight 5 kilometer races benefit the St. Barnabas Burn Center. A dedicated buff, fire fighter, father and husband, Carlos Negrón will never be forgotten!

REGION 10



**PO Box 56, Don Mills
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Greetings from north of the border where members of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates attended 6 photo tours of various departments in the Province and Western New York in 2016. Two members attended the IFBA Convention in New Orleans and our 25th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and 45th Annual General Business Meeting was held on November 5 at the Toronto Fire Services Training Academy. Our club presently has 114 members from Ontario, other Canadian provinces, the USA and the United Kingdom.

The year also saw us relinquishing ownership of our antique fire truck, the Toronto Fire Departments' former High Pressure Monitor #2, due to a lack of proper storage space. The club obtained the truck from the City of Toronto in May, 1980 and the body and paint was subsequently restored. For many years it was housed at the Canadian Firefighters Museum in Port Hope and, after that, with the apparatus collection of Box 43 at their Hamilton, Ontario quarters. Unfortunately Box 43 had to give up their building after losing their prime source of funding and we had to move the truck from Hamilton. Not having any place to store it we were forced to sell the truck back to the City of Toronto in accordance with the original agreement to purchase. The official handover was held at the Fire Academy on Nov. 5 prior to our annual meeting.



1949 American LaFrance Model 700-BJC Booster and Hose Car.

Larry Thorne photo.

The weather was not that great for our first photo tour of the year but the 10 members who met at Clearview Township Station 3 in New Lowell on May 14 were a hardy bunch and had a most enjoyable day even though it was mostly cold and wet. Eventually, the sun did come out as we were wrapping up in Wasaga Beach late in the afternoon.



Clearview Township Squad 45

2016 Freightliner M2 / Pierce

Bob Rupert photo

13 members gathered at the Lucknow and District Fire Station at 9 am on a beautiful, sunny and warm June 25 to begin our tour of Southern Bruce and South-western Grey counties. Chief Peter was happy to roll the apparatus out for photos and even allowed me to move the new tanker so that he could bring out the older one. It had been a long, long time since I was at the wheel of a piece of fire apparatus but I hadn't lost my touch, parking it with no issues. Those present enjoyed a barbecue lunch with the members of South Bruce Station 170 in Teeswater then carried on finishing the day in Durham at West Grey Station 2.



West Grey Tower 10

1995 Spartan / Nova Quintech

Bob Rupert photo



Monroe County, NY photo tour - July 9, 2016

Bob Rupert photo

Our July tour took us into Western New York State where 8 members spent the weekend of July 9 & 10 touring 11 departments and photographing 104 pieces of apparatus in Monroe County thanks to Past Chief Norm Knapp of the Brockport Fire Department and Associate member Jim Gillette. Saturday saw us start off in Brockport at 9 am, visiting all 4 of their stations then on to Spencerport (3 stations), Hilton, North Greece (4 stations) and Ridge Road (3 stations) before enjoying a fabulous supper at the Knapp residence in Brockport. Sunday morning saw us gathering at the new Churchville fire station at 9 am then on to Clifton, Mumford, Chili (4 stations), an unscheduled visit to the Rochester Airport Fire Department and our final stop in Gates (3 stations) before the Canucks in the group headed back to Canada.



Spencerport Pump 2935

2016 Pierce Enforcer

Bob Rupert photo

August 13 dawned as an overcast day with a threat of rain as 6 members gathered at the Campbellford Fire Station to begin our tour of the Trent Hills and Brighton Fire Departments. Other than the odd light sprinkle the rain held off until the end of the tour but, then, did it ever come down!



Brighton Parade unit

1948 International K-8 / Bickle

Bob Rupert photo



Steve Irvine Collection

1942 Ford / General

Bob Rupert photo

September 10th started out rather wet but the rain had stopped by the time 11 members arrived at the Port Stanley Station of the Central Elgin Fire Department. However, somewhere along the way, communications got mixed up and we were unable to photograph and document their trucks as they were committed to another function. We moved on to the other 3 Central Elgin

stations and those in St. Thomas and Aylmer where the firefighters were not only glad to see us but were very cooperative in spotting the apparatus for photos with the sun even making the odd appearance. A bonus was a visit to the Steve Irvine Collection in Yarmouth Centre.



St. Thomas Antique

1951 Bickle / Seagrave

Bob Rupert photo

On a misty October 1, 9 members gathered at East Gwillimbury Station 2-4 in Holland Landing where firefighters Adam and Randy had the doors open and the coffee on. After documenting and photographing the apparatus a lively discussion took place over a cup of coffee before moving on to Stations 2-8 in Queensville and 2-6 in Mount Albert where Fire Chief Phil Dawson was waiting to welcome us and give us a tour of their new hall which replaced the one lost to fire a couple of years ago. After lunch we gathered at Scugog Station 1 in Port Perry where firefighter Steve rolled out their 7 pieces of apparatus for photos and documentation. We then moved on to Station 2 in Caesarea but another mix-up in communications saw no one there to meet us. We will have to return to Scugog sometime in the future to finish the tour.



East Gwillimbury Tanker 264

2012 Spartan / Spartan ERV / Dependable

Bob Rupert photo

Six photo tours have been planned for this year, including a 2 day tour of departments in north-central Ontario and a number of members have indicated interest in attending the 2017 IFBA Convention in Indianapolis in August. The 2017 buffing year will end with our 26th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and our 46th Annual General Meeting on November 4 at the Toronto Fire Academy. Check out our website at www.ofba.com for details of the tours and other news including how to subscribe to our bimonthly newsletter the "Third Alarm" which is in its 46th year of publication and is also available in digital format.

Until next time, good buffing and stay safe.

Fire Chief (Ret) Robert C. (Bob) Rupert
President, Ontario Fire Buff Associates



Photo by Chris E. Mickal, WWW.FIRELINEPHOTOS.COM.

March 6, 2017, a two alarm fire at 3640 Simmons St. totally destroyed a one-story vacant dwelling that was fully involved upon arrival.

Editor's Note: This is the Club Appel 99 article for the Fall Issue 2016 of Turn Out. Somehow, we omitted its printing. We apologize to Club Appel 99 and the IFBA membership for our oversight.



Club Appel 99

Editorial Staff : Heidi S & Jean-Luc L.

Greetings from *Club Appel 99*

Club Appel 99 had a very busy year in 2016 ; Canteen #1299 made 54 runs to a variety of calls.

In May and June, one of the traditional activities for members is a fire department tour around Quebec City. This year, many of us paid a visit to Levis and were welcomed by members of the *Club Urgence Rive-Sud*, including the Chief of Operations, Daniel Pageau.

The city of Levis is situated just across the Saint Lawrence River from Quebec City. It has a growing population of 145,000 with six full time fire stations, a Prevention Department and a central Headquarters. In 2015, the Levis Fire Department responded to 2,082 fire calls and 3,202 first responder calls, for a total of 5,284 runs.



Levis Canteen #1600 - 1999 GMC Top Kick / Blue Bird
Photo : Jean-Luc Lemieux, *Club Appel 99*, Quebec, December 2015.

One of the main roles of the *Club Urgence Rive-Sud* is to support the Levis Fire Department in staffing its Canteen #1600 on third alarm or special calls and to help Levis firefighters during annual charity events at Christmas, on Blood Donation Day and during other events.

In addition to our visit to Levis, on June 15 of this year, *Club Appel 99* rented a minibus and organized a tour to the Montreal Auxiliary Firefighters' Museum.

Montreal, located at the confluence of the Saint Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, is about 250 km (155 miles) east of Quebec City. It is situated on the Island of Montreal, with a population of 1,861,900 in 2011. The island is approximately 50 km (30 miles) long and 16 km (10 miles) wide and is the sixth most populous island of the Americas.

The museum shares a heritage building with Montreal Firehouse #30. In 2005, this firehouse celebrated its 100th birthday.



**Some members of *Club Appel 99* in front of Montreal Firehouse #30, a heritage building.
On the left, Mr Serge Dandurand, Montreal Auxiliary Firefighters.**

Photo : Lila Langelier Lemieux, *Club Appel 99*, June 2016.

Numerous artifacts can be found in this museum, such as communication system parts, old hand pumps, a steam pump, hoses, carts and extinguishers,

as well as uniforms, helmets and badges. It pays homage to Montreal firefighters who passed away on duty and to those who lost their lives in September, 2001.



Serge Dandurand, Museum Curator, Montreal Auxiliary Firefighters

Photo : Jean-Luc Lemieux, *Club Appel 99*, June 2016.



1946 Bickle Seagrave Tiller Ladder, Montreal Auxiliary Firefighters' Museum.

Photo : Jean-Luc Lemieux, *Club Appel 99*, June 2016.

Many thanks from the members of *Club Appel 99* to Mr Serge Dandurand and his assistants for their warm welcome.

Following the museum visit, Club members went to Firehouse #5 to see a new Command Unit.



Montreal Command Unit # 1005, 2015

Photo : Jean-Luc Lemieux, *Club Appel 99*, June 2016.

Features of this Command Unit :

Chassis :	Pierce Velocity « Split Cab » Side roll protection system.
Body :	22 feet with 2 « slide outs » Automatic levelling system. Rear door with electronic lock. Six workstations with phone, computer, internet, etc.
Engine :	Cummins ISL9 450 hp.
Transmission :	Allison 5th Gen. 3000 EVS P.
Electronic systems :	Weather, Phones, Cameras (inside / outside), Video system « AgileMesh », Internet, Heavy duty printer, etc.
Auxiliary Power :	Diesel 20 Kw.

Later on that afternoon, members accepted an invitation from an Assistant Fire Chief to visit the Montreal Dispatch Center located at the Fire Department Headquarters on Mount Royal.

All in all, 2016 was a very exciting and challenging year for the members of *Club Appel 99*, with numerous activities that were not only enjoyable, but also informative. We look forward to serving our community and our members in the coming years.



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**CONFERENCE
CALL ARTICLES**



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

Conference Call Meeting of Saturday, November 12, 2016

Call Convened at Noon EDT.

Participants:

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- VICE PRESIDENT REGION 5, [MIKE HOSKINS](#)
- VICE PRESIDENT REGION 7, [STEPHEN FICKENSCHER](#)
- VICE PRESIDENT REGION 9, [CONNI SPELLMAN](#)
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- STRATEGIC PLANNING, [WALLY BANKS](#)

President Traub resolved questions on officer / committee appointments.
IFBA Website has been updated.

Membership Committee: Chris Oliphant appointed as Chair. Executive Board confirmed.



TURN OUT: Convention issue and Fall issue delayed due to illness and passing of Ed McMichael's father (funeral this morning, 11/12/16). Convention issue will be published shortly. Fall issue will be published about December 1, 2016. Seven articles submitted. Additional submissions will be accepted.

Information from President Traub on 2017 Convention, August 23 – 26, 2017, Indianapolis Hilton, 120 W. Market St., Indianapolis, IN. Room rate: \$159 with breakfast. President Traub outlined the program and stated the registration cost has not been fixed as yet. He anticipates a significant cost savings for the registration through use of IFD buses. For the convention room rate, call 800 315 1906; code: "International Fire Buff Associates".

Spring Executive Board Meeting will be conducted via conference call.

Committee Assignments distributed by Board Chair Schaetzle prior to call were noted; no objections. Committee Chairs are encouraged to start working on topics listed on assignment schedule. Chairs are welcome to use the IFBA Conference Call Number.

IFBA Liability Insurance Policy renewal received but will only cover Executive Office for liability. Paul Schaetzle stated that the renewal policy does not meet our needs. The insurance broker, Mercer, a division of Marsh USA, is working to place the coverage with another insurer. VFIS, who insures a number of IFBA clubs, will also be contacted. Renewal of policy with Foremost Signature Insurance Co. is not recommended.

Executive Vice President Mokros discussed several items: website, Facebook. He will post items within 24 hours and asked clubs to send him news items. In response to a question from Wally Banks, Bill Mokros confirmed that the IFBA Facebook page likes / friends member club pages.

Reg. 3 Vice President Joe Sullivan discussed 3 items. Board approved changing member status of SHC Assn. to the Associate Member rate of \$10.00. Last surviving member, Mr. Guy Cephas, will be charged that rate for membership going forward.



Old Dominion Historical Society would like to be reconsidered for Website of the Year Award rather than submit a new application. Committee Chair Ira Cohen will do so. Bill Mokros asked that brief letter be sent requesting reconsideration and that Executive Office be copied on any such communication.

Joe Sullivan inquired about status of The Visiting Fireman publication. Bill Mokros answered that he believes it will no longer be published. Wally Banks commented also.

Reg. 9 VP Conni Spellman received confirmation from President Traub that TURN OUT articles can still be submitted due to the later publication date, 12/1/16.

Question on IFBA Twitter Account; no one specifically charged with sending tweets. Bill Mokros and Ian Duke discussed program that will simultaneously post on Facebook and tweet. They will research.

Intl. Fire Photographers Assn. status: Have not paid dues in 3 years; deleted from roster. Conni Spellman reported that group is apparently reorganizing as Fire Photographers International and has started a Facebook page. Discussion on re-instatement if group is reorganized. Paul Schaetzle will confer with Chris Mickal and Ken Beliveau for further information.

Inquiry by Joe Sullivan on behalf of Reg. 11 Vice President Dave Williams on status of Central Florida Fire Buffs. Group may be defunct, but former Reg. 11 Vice President Noel Kerkhoff would be best source for information.

Vice President at Large Ian Duke will assist with Facebook / Twitter program. He would like to broaden IFBA reach on social media. He will be working with Reg. 9 Vice President Conni Spellman on Member Services topics.

Wally Banks asked that all clubs notify the Executive Office if they have a Facebook page. He also asked clubs to send a one page notice to the Executive Office with their officers and contact information. He will be planning conference calls for the Recruitment and Retention Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.



Resource Committee Chair Ira Cohen stated that Bell & Siren Club recently resolved a paging problem with Newark FD 700 MHz trunked system. They are now alerted via the 700 MHz system and linked to eDispatch. He will share this information with any clubs needing to establish alert tones on such systems. He is also available to work on any new projects as needed.

Bill Celentano confirmed he will continue as Nominating Committee Chair. He also commented on newly appointed New Haven Chief of Dept. (retired D. C. John Alston, Jersey City FD) and how IFBA relation between Box 22 and Gong Club has put Box 22 in good stead with the new chief.

Adjourned: By Board Chair Schaetzle at 12:55 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schaetzle
Treasurer
(In absence of
Secretary Mahoney)



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- STRATEGIC PLANNING, [WALLY BANKS](#)
- FORMER REGION 6 VP, VICKI MOKROS

President Traub discussed the following topics.

TURN OUT: Fall issue to be published within 72 hours. Deadline for Spring issue will be April 15, 2017. Submissions are encouraged.



Information from President Traub on 2017 Convention, August 23 – 26, 2017, Indianapolis Hilton, 120 W. Market St., Indianapolis, IN. Room rate: \$159 with breakfast. President Traub outlined the program and stated the registration cost will be about \$250. An optional outing to baseball at Victory Field is being planned. Board meeting on Wednesday, August 23; Opening Session and Business Meeting on Thursday, August 24. For the convention room rate, call 800 315 1906; code: “International Fire Buff Associates”.

A student from Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, has contacted President Traub and asked for an interview for a research project on fire photographers and fire buffs. The board recommended that President Traub grant the interview and also refer the student to Past President Ken Beliveau for additional information.

Region 11 Vice President Dave Williams was unable to participate on the call, but sent a recommendation via e-mail that Region 11 be merged into another region. There are only 2 active clubs in the region. The Strategic Planning Committee was tasked to study regional alignment and report back for the next conference call.

Phoenix 2-11 Fire Buffs sent dues payment via PayPal, asked for 10 member cards and reported 4 people plan to attend the Indianapolis Convention. That group has not paid due since 2009 and had been dropped from the roster. Board agrees to reinstate the club. Region 7 Vice President Steve Fickensher will contact the person who submitted the payment to learn more on their status. Board Chair Schaetzle will also contact Bob Bowers, Boston Sparks Assn., who now lives in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution and By-laws: no report, per Frank Novak

Education: Dennis Ahrens and Mike Hoskins reported on discussions on CSFI and convention seminars. 2 – 3 seminars have been included in the Indianapolis Convention program as a result.

Finance: no report, per Steve Fickensher



Member Services: Ian Duke has had discussions with Conni Spellman on use of social media and the website. Ian will assist with the website and Exec. Vice President Mokros accepted that offer. Conni and Ian would like access to the IFBA Facebook and Twitter accounts so they can post relevant material on a more frequent basis. Exec. Vice President Mokros will arrange access.

Recruitment and Retention: no report, per Joe Sullivan.

Strategic Planning: Ira Cohen will schedule conference call to discuss issues including regional alignment discussed in this call.

Note by Board Chair Schaetzle that Past President Ken Beliveau has offered his services to any committee in need. Exec. Vice President Mokros suggested the Exec. Vice President post as a possible role when that office is vacated.

REGION REPORTS

Region 3: Joe Sullivan planning regional meeting for Washington, DC, June 10 or June 17, 2017. Anne Arundel Bull Roast and Old Dominion Society annual meeting are both on April 8, 2017.

Region 4: Frank Novak; regional meeting not planned as yet.

Region 5: Mike Hoskins; regional meeting in Tyler, TX, undetermined date in April

Region 6: Dennis Ahrens has started visiting clubs. Regional meeting, Racine, WI, May 13, 2017

Region 7: Steve Fickensher will arrange regional meeting via conference call

Region 9: Former Reg. Vice Pres. At Large, Bill Celentano, interjected with mention of installation of former Jersey City FD Deputy Chief John Alston as Chief of New Have FD on December 22, 2016. Also, suggested seminar on protecting your collection, referencing auction of Ira Rubin's collection, who died intestate.

Region 10: Ian Duke noted meeting of Ontario clubs during Ontario Fire Buff Assn. event. Also, noted Montreal convention in 2019 and Nashville convention in 2020. Past Pres. Karen Hoskins suggested that Steve Garnett, President of Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montreal, be invited to join the next conference call.



Publicity Chair Stu Nathan noted the annual CSFI dinner will be April 6, 2017 in Washington, DC. He encouraged attendance at the dinner and the Advisory Board Meeting the following day. Four people on the call indicated that they plan to attend.

Spring Executive Board Meeting will be conducted via conference call on Saturday, May 6, 2017 Noon EDST.

Adjourned: By Board Chair Schaetzle at 1:08 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schaetzle
Treasurer
(In absence of
Secretary Mahoney)



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
Conference Call
May 6, 2017

Conference Call convened by Chairman of the Board/Treasurer Paul Schaetzle at 12:00 Noon EDT.

Participating in the Call: President Traub, Executive VP Mokros, Secretary Mahoney, Regional Vice-Presidents: Sherwood, Sullivan, Novak, Fickenscher, Spellman, and Williams

Committee Members: Cutts, Nathan, Celentano, Oliphant, Pelaia and Liedtke

President Traub reported several articles for Turn-Out had been received; deadline was May 1 but will accept anything sent in the next few days as well.

He reported a large mailing will be going out in the next week or ten days with 2017 Indianapolis Convention information.

Convention dates: August 23-26, 2017.

Registration Fee: \$200.00; \$225.00 after August 5, 2017.

Hotel is Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites 120 W. Market St. Indianapolis, IN.

Room rate of \$159.00/night.

They are hoping to finalize a night at the ballpark to see the Indianapolis Indians baseball game on the Thursday night of the convention.

Chairman/Treasurer reported on financial matters. Chuck Liedtke reported he had reviewed financial reports and found all to be in good order.

Executive VP Mokros reported he had sustained a major computer network crash but thankfully 99% + of IFBA materials could be recovered.

The Convention Host Committee should select the Ira Rubin Firefighter of The Year Award winner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution & By-Laws	Nothing to report
Education	There should be 2 and possibly 3 educational seminars in Indianapolis.
Financial	See comments above from Chuck Liedtke
Member Services	Nothing to report
Membership	Chris Oliphant reported on a potential new member club from Richmond, VA.
Strategic Planning	Dave Williams had inquired about possible re-alignment of Regions. Recommendation was to stay with status quo for now. Discussion on the lack of activity/communication regarding South Florida clubs.



REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS

Region 1	Nothing to report at this time. Regional Meeting TBD.
Region 3	Joe Sullivan remarked on Richmond, VA club. Regional Meeting on June 3, 2017.
Region 4	Nothing to report. Regional Meeting TBD.
Region 5	Not on call. Regional Meeting this weekend.
Region 6	Regional Meeting May 13, 2017 in Racine, WI
Region 7	Plans to do Regional Conference Call in early June. Steve Fickenscher has contacted the Phoenix, AZ 2-11 Club with no response.
Region 9	Regional Meeting June 10, 2017
Region 10	Not on Call. Nothing to report.
Region 11	Metropolitan Fire Association is active. Atlanta will commemorate the 100 th Anniversary of the Great Atlanta Fire. However event is more a corporate sponsor event. There will be an Atlanta Fire Apparatus Book forthcoming.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

Steve Garnett reported on Montreal, Quebec. Tentatively June 25-30, 2019.

Expectation that registration will be \$350.00 CDN, which currently equals about \$250.00 US.

Hoping to secure a downtown hotel operated by McGill University, approx. \$129.00 CDN per night

GOOD AND WELFARE

Jerry Traub report that Jim Williamson was notified that long time convention attendee Maria Crichlow was seriously ill, possibly in a hospice.

Call ended at 1:00pm EDT.

Thank you to all who participated.

**FIRE BUFF OF THE
YEAR AWARD
LISTING**



"Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year" Award

Year presented	Recipient	Convention
1967	Henry N. Wilwers	St. Louis, MO
1968	William H. Perkins	Chicago, IL
1969	Edward R. Damaschke	Annapolis, MD
1970	William A. Brennan	Indianapolis, IN
1971	Albert J. Burch	Philadelphia, PA
1972	Charles C. Price	New York, NY
1973	Keith F. Franz	Milwaukee, WI
1974	John I. Hruska	Boston, MA
1975	Arthur D. Devlin, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1976	James H. Blomley	Baltimore County, MD
1977	Henry G. Nathan	St. Louis, MO
1978	Roman A. Kaminski	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1979	Walter M. P. McCall	New Orleans, LA
1980	Edward A. Massmann	San Francisco, CA
1981	William "Pop" Porter, Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
1982	Duane W. Troxel (posthumously)	Detroit, MI
1983	Denis E. Williams	Milwaukee, WI
1984	G. Grant Miller	Boston, MA
1985	Donald H. Cheu, M.D.	Columbus, OH
1986	Harold L. Holtzman	Seattle, WA
1987	William F. Noonan	St. Louis, MO
1988	Harry W. Knodel	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
1989	Jan C. Faulstich	Secaucus, NJ
1990	Malcolm S. "Bill" Ketchum	St. Paul, MN
1991	Gerald J. Hourigan	San Jose, CA
1992	Frederick M. Hill	Westlake, OH
1993	L. Murray Young	Milwaukee, WI
1994	George "Smokey" Bass	Universal City, CA
1995	William M. Mokros	Baltimore, MD
1996	George B. Ottley	Nashville, TN
1997	Stuart M. Nathan	Chicago, IL
1998	Herb Pearlstein	Columbus, OH
1999	Owen P. "Phil" Reid, Jr.	Tacoma, WA
2000	Ralph Decker	St. Louis, MO
2001	William "Bill" C. Celentano, Jr.	Houston, TX
2002	Paul Schaetzle	Moline, IL
2003	Steven C. Hansen	Milwaukee, WI
2004	Leonard W. Williams	Quebec City, Canada
2005	Gary M. Heathcote	Indianapolis, IN
2006	James Rasmussen (posthumously)	Seattle, WA
2007	Jerry Traub	Cambridge, MA.
2008	Bob Deibler	Racine, WI
2009	Hal Bruno	Washington DC
2010	No Award Presented	
2011	Rick Cutts	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
2012	Charles Liedtke	Toronto, Canada
2013	James Williamson	Milwaukee, WI
2014	Ira Cohen	Dallas, TX
2015	Tom McDonald	Hartford, CT
2016	Gerard Mahoney	New Orleans, LA

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