

# TURN OUT

Fall 2017



Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, Pike Township Board members and Pike Twp. Fire Dept. staff turn dirt at groundbreaking ceremony for new HQ and Station 61 on W. 71st Street.

*Photo by: Tod Parker*

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**“The purpose of the IFBA is to serve as a common ground for Fire Buffs, active in promoting the general welfare of Fire Departments, allied emergency services, their officers and members.”**



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cross staffed by Truck 1)  
Paramedic MED 1  
Reserve Engine 31 (not staffed)  
Fire Prevention, Fire Administration  
Battalion Chief, Fire & EMS Training

# OFFICIAL CONVENTION LETTER



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

February 24, 2018

To: All IFBA Officers, Member Groups and Associate Members

From: Executive Vice President

TO ALL CONCERNED: The IFBA Executive Office operates on a fiscal year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).  
Please note and adhere to the dates noted in this letter.

This is to officially announce that the IFBA Annual Business Meeting will be held at 9am on Wednesday August 22, 2018 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, located at 7111 Washington Ave, Racine, WI, US, 53406.

At this meeting the officers will make their reports for the past year, conduct all business that will be placed on the meeting agenda by prior notice to this Executive Office, and will hold the election of new officers for the coming year.

THIS LETTER IS ALSO A REMINDER FOR THE FOLLOWING. PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

DUES PAYMENTS-Active member groups are reminded that unless all past and current years' dues are paid prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, their delegates shall be denied voting privileges.

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT- **Prior** to the annual meeting, each active member group planning to attend, is requested to furnish a letter, on its official stationary, containing the names of its official delegate and alternate to the Annual Business Meeting. **THIS LETTER SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THIS EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT THE BELOW NOTED USPS or EMAIL ADDRESS BY NO LATER THAN July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.** DO NOT SEND THIS INFORMATION TO THE IFBA SECRETARY OR THE RACINE CONVENTION GROUP.

MEMORIAL SERVICE-Since the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, it has been the custom to honor the memory of deceased members of member groups and associate members. Please be sure to submit the name(s) of your members that have answered their last alarm. Those submissions must be sent to the Executive office no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, to be included in the opening ceremony presentation.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS- All names of candidates for all offices should be submitted to this Executive Office, by **no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>**, for transmittal to the Nominating Committee for action. All concerned are reminded that nominations for Regional Vice Presidents are to be made by the member groups at their regional meetings and submitted to this Executive Office for presentation to the Nominating Committee. Nomination of other candidates for any office, other than Regional Vice President, may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting provided that: 1) The candidate thus nominated has agreed, in writing to serve if elected, and that 2) The nomination is made, in writing, by a delegate and seconded, in writing, by two other delegates,

In the event that no nomination for candidate for the office of Regional Vice President is forwarded to the Executive Vice President and properly presented at the annual meeting, the incoming IFBA Executive Board shall have the power and the responsibility of appointing a member of one of the active member groups within the region to serve in the office of Regional Vice President for the coming year.

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NEW BUSINESS PROPOSALS-Any region or member group intending to submit new business proposals, other than amendments to the Constitution, for consideration or action at the Annual Business meeting, must submit an outline of the proposal, in writing, to this office by **no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>**, so that the item(s) may be placed on the meeting agenda. The Executive Board has ruled that no new business may be presented from the floor at Annual Business Meetings unless prior notice has been given, in writing, to the executive office.

FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR AWARD and FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD- Due to the nature of the selection process and award preparations, The Henry N. Wilwers, Fire Buff of the Year award and Ira Rubin Fire Fighter of the year award nominations are due in the Executive Office no later than **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. There can be **no exceptions** to this date.

E-MAIL ADDRESS- Please provide the Executive office with an active E-Mail address for your organization. By active, I mean an e-Mail address that is checked on a regular basis. If you have not already done so, a current list of your club officers is also requested at this time.

Your prompt attention and response **by the appropriate dates**, to these requests, will be appreciated. Please forward all information to the below noted address. We look forward to seeing you in Racine.

Sincerely,

William M. Mokros, Executive Vice President  
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Cc: All Members of the IFBA Executive Board,  
Committee Chairpersons, and Past Presidents

# 2018 CONVENTION INFORMATION



66th Annual IFBA Convention  
in Racine Wisconsin  
August 19th to the 22nd, 2018

Registration Form  
<http://www.racinefirebells.org>

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for ID Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

IFBA Organizational Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Status:      DELEGATE      Alternate Delegate      Guest      IFBA OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full Registration by August 10, 2018 (Delegate, Alternate, Guest).....\$200**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Registration AFTER August 10, 2018.....\$400

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Registration - Oshkosh, Pierce, Lambeau Field Tour August 21st .....\$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Wednesday, August 22, 2018.....\$50

**Convention Headquarters**  
**Delta Hotels by Marriott - Racine**  
7111 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53406  
(262) 886-6100

**Room Rate is \$90/night plus Tax**  
Free Parking

**Easy Travel and Access**  
*With Reservations the Fire Bells will pick you up  
in Milwaukee. Chicago Arrivals will need to find  
alternate transportation to Racine.*

**Reservation Code:**  
**Delta Hotel by Marriott - IFBA 2018**  
[www.marriott.com/mkede](http://www.marriott.com/mkede)



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*66th Annual IFBA Convention  
in Racine Wisconsin  
August 19th to the 22nd, 2018*

*Schedule of Events*  
<http://www.racinefirebells.org>

## **Celebrating 70 Years of Service to the Greater Racine Area !**

### **Sunday, August 19th**

- 1300 – Rotating Fire Apparatus Display featuring Racine, South Shore and Caledonia.
- 1630 – An old fashion Wisconsin picnic – Brats & Hamburgers
- 1830 – Opening Ceremonies
- 1930 – Dispatch Center tours & Hospitality Room

### **Monday, August 20th**

- 0600 – Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0900 – Tour of the Kenosha County Fire Departments
- 1800 – Dispatch Center tours & Hospitality Room

### **Tuesday, August 21st**

- 0600 – Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0730 – Depart for Oshkosh, Appleton & Green Bay
  - Oshkosh Military firefighting vehicle plant tour
  - Pierce Fire Apparatus plant tour
  - Photo shoot with the Green Bay Fire Department at Lambeau Field
  - Dinner at Lambeau Field with a stadium tour to follow

### **Wednesday, August 22nd**

- 0600 – Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0900 – Alternate Spouse Program
- 0900 – General Business Meeting and Strategic Planning
- 1045 – Keynote Speaker – Battalion Chief Matt Haerter -fire fighter safety & Rehab.
- 1215 – Delegate & Alternate luncheon (all registered attendees invited to participate)
- 1330 – Building Websites, Facebook and Twitter
- 1430 – Emergency Scene Photography – Changing times.
  - On scene photography, drones, and new fire department policies.
- 1530 – Radio Interoperability FAQ's, Rehab Roundtable, and Computer Software available to Fire Buffs
- 1830 – Annual Banquet (All registered attendees welcome)



## 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](mailto:Mrihcohen@aol.com)

Rick Cutts, [Lynnfa0@Juno.com](mailto: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.





## AUGUST, 2017 IFBA NATIONAL CONVENTIION

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Indianapolis Fire Buffs hosted the 65<sup>th</sup> annual International Fire Buffs Associates convention from August 23-26, 2017. Indianapolis Hilton Hotel provided rooms and meeting space, along with a hospitality room between scheduled activities.

An Executive Board meeting was held Wednesday evening, reviewing the previous year's activities and committee reports. Regional reports were provided by each Vice-President present. Future convention cities were discussed, confirming 2018 in Racine, WI; 2019 in Montreal, Canada; 2020 in Nashville, TN.

Thursday morning started with Opening ceremonies at the hotel. Indianapolis Public Safety Pipe Band members Billy McLeod and Troy Clements led the program. American national anthem and Canadian national anthem were both provided by the Voices of IFD—Daryl Hayden, Aletha Henderson, Dei Esther Johnson and Anthony Williamson. Reverend Michael Gatliff led the invocation.

IFD Deputy Chief Joe Krebsbach welcomed our guests, sharing his early days as a Buff. Executive Vice President Bill Mokros led the Necrology ceremony, honoring those members who passed away since our last gathering.

The annual business meeting followed. Officers' reports were presented. Regional Vice-Presidents and Committee chairpersons gave reports. Discussion followed about possibly combining our annual gathering with SPAAMFA and Museum groups. Election of officers concluded the meeting. Vickie Mokros will be sworn in at the closing banquet as new national president. Gerard Mahoney as Secretary and Paul Schaetzle as treasurer were re-elected.

Following a tasty buffet lunch, Btln. Chief Doug Abernathy presented his experience as a firefighter at the Athletic Club fire in 1992, The Tragedy that Reshaped IFD. His sharing impacted those listening, as he graphically told what it was like inside where most of us never get to be.

A seminar about fund raising allowed six different clubs to tell how they promote funding for their activities and canteen service expenses. It included: Dennis Ahrens, 5-11 Club, Chicago; Mike Hoskins, Box 4, Dallas; Tom Bilbrey, Box 55,

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Nashville, TN.; Steve Garnett, Pompiers Auxiliaries de Montreal; Jenn MacDonald and Carolyn Shaw, Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association; Chris Oliphant, Friendship Fire Association.

Hospitality Room opened and visitors were free to eat evening meal on their own. Several persons chose to attend the buffet meal and baseball game at Victory Field downtown where the Indianapolis Indians AAA team resides. We won!

Communications tour was available after dinner time at the dispatch building. Several persons were allowed to listen live for calls and radio traffic, sharing headsets with the operators' desks.

Following the hotel breakfast on Friday morning, IFD firefighter Matt Hahn arrived driving the recently refurbished IFD 50-passenger bus. This was used to visit the Koorsen Fire Museum. Host Randy Koorsen shared his vast collection of vehicles and memorabilia, especially fire extinguishers. WOW!

From there, conventioners were taken by IFD station 10 for photos and fire house chatter. Next on the Sherman Drive route, the bus stopped at the Indy Fire Buffs Reserve Station 12. One RSU and the IEMS medic ambulance that responds from the station were visited. Our club quarters remains the oldest station in the city, built in 1915.

From there, we motored to IFD station 7 downtown, next to the HQ building. Photo taking was interrupted when the Heavy Rescue and squad were dispatched.

Lunch followed at the Local 416 Union Hall and museum. Union members served and chatted up the visitors. A surprise guest was Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, for IFD chief. He spoke briefly to the room about his career and welcomed all there to have a good visit, calling on him if needed during our stay. Free time for visiting the museum, purchasing clothing at the Closet and viewing apparatus carried into the afternoon.

Dinner was on your own at many of the fine eating places in the hotel area and at Circle Center Mall nearby. Communications tours were available again Friday evening at Department of Public Safety Communications.



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Saturday morning dawned sunny and cool, just right for our trips starting at IFD station 5. One of the newer stations, visitors were able to record another run dispatch that took the engine company away. From there, we arrived at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track and museum. City of Speedway Fire Department displayed their engine and ladder in the parking area for photos. Others went directly to the museum and were excited to view the 2.5 mile race course from shuttle tours. Each was given the opportunity to kiss the Bricks that serve as the finish line for races. They are the only Yard of Bricks left at the Brickyard, originally built in 1909.

From there, we drove to the Wayne Township Training and Maintenance building. A yummy lunch was served before apparatus was staged for photos from several area departments. Indianapolis Fire Department stations 1 and 19, Wayne Township 82 and 84, Decatur Township station 71, Plainfield Fire station 123. The bus returned attendees downtown to prepare for the banquet to be served at the Rathskeller restaurant.

Following a liquid refreshment pause and appetizer buffet, dinner was served for members and guests. 2018 officers were sworn in for national offices and Regional Vice Presidents. President Vickie Mokros of the Milwaukee Fire Bells was sworn in, challenging the members to be active and resourceful in the coming year. Gaining new membership should be a job for all of the clubs.

Henry Wilwers Fire Buff of the year was given posthumously to Ira Rubin of the Gong Club. Indianapolis Fire Dept Btln. Chief and Public Information Officer Rita Reith was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Door prizes and raffle ticket chances were given out as the evening closed with a return ride to the Hilton on the bus and final visit to the Hospitality Room.

See you at Racine in 2018!



**Pipers Billy McLeod (IFD) and Troy Clements (PikeTwp), Indianapolis Public Safety Pip Band, enter the opening session of IFBA 2017 convention.**



**Daryl Hayden, Aleatha Henderson, Dei Esther Johnson and Anthony (Tony) Williamson, Voices of IFD, provided our national anthem and the Canadian anthem for opening ceremony.**



**Btln. Chief Douglas Abernathy shares his real-life experience, The Tragedy that Reshaped IFD. What a moving presentation!**



# 2017 CONVENTION PHOTOS



Our museum host, Randy Koorsen shares a moment with Exec.Vice President Bill Mokros. Extinguishers in background are only a portion of this amazing collection.

Visitors to Indy buffs Reserve station 12, showing RSU #3 and IEMS Medic 27. This 1915 property is the oldest location of IFD.



# 2017 CONVENTION PHOTOS



**IFD Museum located next Local 416 Union Hall.**



**Borg-Warner Trophy, grand prize along with a big pile of money for 500 Mile Race winner, displayed inside the museum.**



**Banquet host and IFB member Ed McMichael ready to distribute door prize tickets at the Rathskeller hall.**



**Visitors honoring the infamous Yard of Bricks/ Finish line on the track known as “the Brickyard”.**



**City of Speedway, IN engine and ladder displayed in visitor lot at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.**



# 2017 CONVENTION PHOTOS



**President Vickie Mokros sharing her programs for the next year of IFBA.**



**Executive Board members and Gong Club members during presentation of 2017 Fire Buff of the Year for Ira Rubin, deceased.**



**IFBA Regional Vice Presidents sworn in for 2017-18 term.**

# REGION 1

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## 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

#### **Once again we start our report on a somber note.**

The Box 52 Association regrets to announce the passing of Life Member Frank W. Fitzgerald Jr., passed away on Friday, Oct 20th, after a lengthy illness. He was elected into membership on September 22, 1955 and has been a member for 62 years! He served for many years as Treasurer. He was a Past President of the Association. For years he served on both the Program and Newsletter committees. He was a fixture on our bus trips and only missed the 2017 trip as his illness prevented him from going. He was a proud member of the IFBA and very rarely missed a Convention.

Frank, was a Box 52 icon with encyclopedic knowledge of fire departments all over the country along with their history was un-matched. He shared freely his knowledge. He also had a keen interest in the operations of Fire Alarm Offices, large and small. He knew box locations in other communities better than the firefighters of those communities.

He was appointed to the Malden Fire Department in 1956, and over the years, worked his way through the ranks, becoming Malden's Fire Chief. He retired in 1994, after 38 years of service to the City and its residents. He was also a member of the Mass. Institute of Fire Dept. Instructors, New England Assn. of Fire Chiefs, International Assn. of Fire Chiefs, the Boston Sparks Assn. and the Boston Fire Museum.





The big news from Boston is the continued delivery of the new 2017 model Emergency-One Typhon pumpers equipped with a 1,250 gpm pump, 560 gallon booster tank, 30 gallons of class A foam. The rigs are assigned to the following companies: Engines 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 33, 37, 39, 41, 42, 50, 52 and 53.



Boston Engine 17's new pump. Photo by Member Michael Boynton.

As for the Ladder Companies, all of the 2016 Emergency-One Cyclone II Metro 100 foot RMA have been delivered and placed in service at Ladder Companies 4, 7, 11, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 29.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Boston Rescue Company 1 celebrated its Centennial. We thought you would enjoy this historic look at this famed Company.....We hope you enjoy it!

June 15, 1917 General Order No. 38 dated June 14, 1917 announced the organization of Rescue Company 1. The order read as follows and is copied here from General Order 38.

1. Rescue Co. No. 1 will be organized and established at the quarters of Engine Co. 25 And Ladder Co. No. 8 Fort Hill Square, in District 3, at 10A.M. Friday June 15, 1917.
2. The company will be equipped with an American La France motor driven car, carrying six Draeger smoke and gas helmets, pulmotor, elevator rescue outfit, oxygen and acetylene outfitted for cutting bars, metal etc. 60-gallon chemical tank and hose, axes, extinguishers, life line, jimmy, etc. The apparatus, without men, weighs 7,790 pounds.
3. This company is organized particularly to perform rescue work and to fight fire in inaccessible places, but will also perform other special work which may be assigned to it.





4. The following transfers are hereby ordered to take effect at 10 A.M., Friday June 15, 1917, in connection with the establishment of the company:

Lieut. Daniel J. Hurley	From Eng.26/35 to Rescue 1
Arthur D. Gramer	From Engine 25 to Rescue 1
Thomas A. Dean	From Eng.26/35 to Rescue 1
William A. Cheswell	From Engine 8 to Rescue 1
Joseph F. McKendrew	From Chem. 7 to Rescue 1

5.

At all fires where the services of the Rescue Company are required and the company is not assigned to respond on the first alarm, the commanding officer at said fire will notify the Fire Alarm Office, who will immediately dispatch the said company.

Peter F. McDonough  
Chief of Department

The newly formed Company responded to 150 boxes on the first alarm, 310 boxes on the second alarm and 48 boxes on the third alarm.

Rescue 1 served the City and the BFD faithfully for 37 years when during the re-organization of the Department it was de-activated on Tuesday November 9, 1954 at 8:00 A.M.

Department General Order No. 69 dated November 8, 1954 was filled with nearly a page and a half of instructions and transfers of personnel. Many found new homes on the newly formed Engine-Squads, the rest made their way to some of the busiest engine and ladder companies in the City. It is interesting to see that seven members were transferred to Engine 7.

If you remember your BFD history.....When Rescue 1 was deactivated much of the equipment was placed on Engine 7's wagon.

The order read:

"The hose wagon of Engine Company 7 shall be fitted out from the equipment of Rescue Company 1 and shall take the rescue assignments of Rescue Company 1. Engine 7 shall have at all times one officer and six men." The order further stated that "The seven members detailed from Rescue Co. 1 to Engine Co. 7 shall be placed on seven different groups. The hose wagon shall be manned by two Members detailed from Rescue Co. 1 and one member of Engine Co. 7 when responding for rescue work. The pumper of Engine Company 7 and the four remaining shall be available to answer an alarm of fire in the event that an alarm is sounded when the hose wagon is out." "In the event that the hose wagon of Engine Company 7 is absent for any reason, the Fire Alarm Headquarters shall assign the nearest Engine Squad Company or Rescue 3 to cover a rescue assignment. Engine Company 7 shall answer all alarms under its present assignment with such of its apparatus as may be in quarters."

On January 1, 1955 Rescue Company 3 lost its numeric designation and become the Rescue Company.

On October 25, 1972 the Rescue Company was designated as Rescue Company 1. On the same day in Division 2, Rescue Co. 2 was established. The Rescue-Pumper Unit (RPU) was deactivated and all personnel transferred to Rescue Company 2 quartered at 36 Washington Street Grove Hall. In less than ten years the BFD realized that Rescue 1 could not cover the City effectively and Rescue Company 2 was established and went in service on Friday December 10, 1926 at 0800.

Below is the BFD General Order 84 dated December 9, 1926:

## RESCUE COMPANY NO. 2

1. Rescue Co. 2 will be established at the quarters of Ladder Co. 4 Dudley Street Roxbury, in District No. 9 at 8:00 A.M. , Friday December 10, 1926.
2. The Deputy Chief of Division Three will detail officers and members to man this company until such time as regular assignments are made.
3. This company will be equipped with an American-La France motor driven car, Type 75, with Foamite Childs equipment installed, including Foamite tanks, etc. two Burrell All-Service gas masks, elevator rescue outfit, axes, saws, etc., extinguishers, life line, jimmy, etc. The apparatus fully equipped with-out men, weighs 11,000 pounds.

Rescue 2 was given 106 boxes they would respond to on the first alarm.



BFD Rescue 1 1947 Mack Lacy Body, collection of Member F. San Severino

Below is the equipment list carried on the Rescue Company from the Box 52 Newsletter dated June 1958.

## Tools Carried in Rescue Company

1	Two Way Radio		
1	5000 watt Fairbanks-Morse Generator	1	H&H Inhalator, Complete
2	200 Ft. Cable Reels	7	Oxygen "D" Bottles
3	Lengths 3 Wire Cable	1	Oxygen "H" Bottle
4	500 Watt Flood Lights	3	Compressed Air Bottles
1	Four-way Outlet Box	4	Compressed Air Tanks
6	Masks, M.S.A Demand Type – Case	1	Asbestos Suit

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	and Bottles		
4	Masks, Chemox Self-generating, 3 canisters per case	3	Rubber Suits w/Headpieces
1	Mask, Scott Air-Pak & Bottle with spare 25' hose	2	Pr. Rubber Wading Boots
10	Masks, All-Service Complete	2	Pr. Canvas Wading Boots
1	Davis & Roots, Fresh Air – 75 ft hose	1	Elevator Kit in Canvas Bag Includes: 1 4 Lb. Hammer 3 1 1/8 <sup>th</sup> Cold Chisels 1 12" Wescott Wrench 1 14" Heller Wrench 1 Bit Brace with Bits 3 Rods (for Elevator doors)
1	Light, Wheat – Officers Type	1	Set Open-End Wrenches (9)
5	Light, Wheat – Private's Type	1	Kit, Refrigeration Includes: 1 Hammer, Ball Peen 2 Screwdrivers 2 Wrenches, "RF" Bonny Refrigeration 5 Wrenches, T-Refrigeration 2 Wrenches, Extensions, T-Refrigeration 1 Wrench, 4" Open End, Adjustable 1 Wrench, Stillson 6" 1 Wrench, Stillson 8" 1 Wrench, Stillson 10" 1 Pliers, 6" Diagonal 1 Pliers, 6", Gas 1 Set Allen Wrenches, Small 4 Wrenches, Open End 2 Refrigerator Straps
1	Kit, First Aid with Holder	1	Electric Saw, Skil, Floor 8", 3 Assorted blades
2	Lines, Life – 150' -1 1/2 "	1	Electric Hacksaw, Skil, Model #43, Drill
1	Line, Signal – 100' – 3/4 "	1	Cutter, O'Brien Rotary Stanley Drill 1 1/4 Chuck
1	Net, Rope, Life	1	Drill, Black & Decker, Electric 3/4" Chuck
1	Meter, Explosion – MSA Model 2 w/hose	1	2" bit, Wood, 14"
1	Tester, Voltage M.T.A. 550 Volts	1	2" Bit, Wood, 30" Ext.
2	Jacks, Simplex #22 10 ton w/bars	1	1 3/4 Bit, Wood, 10"
1	Jack, Simplex 25 ton (Loan from MTA)	1	1 1/8", Bit, Cement, Carbide Tip
1	Jack, Norton 15 ton (Loan from MTA)	1	Cutter, Voleske Bar, 3/4"
2	Jacks, Shallow with bars	1	Cutter, Wire, Porter, Non-Insulated
1	Jack, Push-Pull	3	Pairs, Glovers, Rubber
1	Jack, Hydraulic, Blackhawk, 12 Ton	7	Wedges, Elevator 24"x4"x4"
1	Jack, Porter-Ferguson , 12 Ton, Hydro Method and kit	12	Blocks, Wood, Assorted
1	Smoke Ejector, 24" Electric, Super-Vac	3	Flexicots, Canvas
1	Bar - Halligan	1	Canvas Sack with 2 Blankets
1	Bar - Kelly	2	Stretchers, Collapsible
2	Bars – Crow 4"	1	Stretcher, Stokes Type, Wire Basket
1	Set Tire Chains	1	Life Gun. Coston, Complete
1	Jack, Truck	1	Set Saws, Cross-cut and Tree
1	Spanner, Hose	1	Set Saws, Imperial, 4 blades
1	Wrench, Lug Type	2	Saws, Compass
1	Extinguisher, 15lb., CO2	2	Chair Straps
1	Extinguisher, Foam, 2 1/2 Gallon	2	Wood Splints
1	Extinguisher, 15lb, Dry Powder	2	Metal Traction Splints
2	Axes, Fire	1	Body Drag
1	Resuscitator, E&J Fox Model	1	Safety Harness
1	Resuscitator, E&J Liteport	2	Sets Goggles, Plastic Safety
1	Resuscitator, Stubby 44 cu. Ft. & Micro	1	Oxygen-Acetylene-Cutting Outfit

	Mask, etc		Airco (Large)
1	Resuscitator, Emerson, Portable	1	Blanket, Asbestos
1	Oxygen-Acetylene- Cutting Outfit Kero-Test, Portable	1	Blanket Asbestos (In Strips)

Quite a difference of tools carried in just 41 years!



Rescue 1's 1964 B-Mack/Gerstanslager Rescue. Photo by Member F. San Severino

Today, Rescue 1 responds to box and still alarms, and as stated in General Order 38 of 1917 they are still performing rescue work and to fight fire in inaccessible places, but will also perform other special work which may be assigned to it.

They no longer respond in a hand me down hose wagon but are equipped with a modern day unit equipped to handle any emergency they are called to. Built in 2015 by KME it's a Severe Service Heavy Duty Rescue.





Rescue 1's new ride, photo by Member M. Boynton

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we headed off on another great adventure arranged by our top notch Trip Committee. Headed up by Newsletter Editor Frank San Severino and his faithful minions of Members Michael Boynton, Robert Fitz Jr. and John Galla.

This year they took us where Box 52 has **never** been and to see Departments seldom toured by anyone! The day dawned cloudy, but 44 souls boarded the bus and headed out State Route 2 to the Pioneer Valley of north central Massachusetts.

We made eight stops and were welcomed at all but Athol who as we pulled up the entire duty shift headed out the door on a response to an MVC. With time running against us. President David Parr and Member Michael Boynton made a quick run to Gardner talked to the duty Deputy, and 15 minutes later we descended on the GFD.

Our stops for the day started in the town of Erving, then Greenfield, South Deerfield, home of Yankee Candle was next up. Then off to Amherst, home of the University of Massachusetts for lunch and a visit. Our first stop after lunch was the small town of Shaftesbury, where we were treated to homemade cookies and some unusual apparatus. Then off to Orange where we finally found a bona-fide Mack CF pump. And for the railfans Norfolk Southern, running over trackage rights with Pan Am Southern put in an appearance with Auto-Rack train No. 28N!

All photos by member John Galla



Orange MA. Engine 1, 1983 Mack CF/Pierce 1500/1000



NS Train 28-N lead by # 1024 a 2011 EMD SD-70 AC.

Check out our full photo feature on the trip at <http://www.box52.org/2017bustrip/bustrip2017.html>



As we type this report the leaves are turning, everywhere is full of color, the 105<sup>th</sup> year of the Box 52 Association is well under way and we have several interesting and informative speakers and presentations lined up for the enjoyment of our members. In October, we had a changing of the guard with a new President and Vice President elected into officer along with two new Directors.

President: Frank Barry

Vice President: Richard Conway

Directors: Douglas Bourdon and former President David Parr was elected as a Director.

Well that's about it from the Hub, remember stay safe and see ya at the big one!!



Weymouth 4<sup>th</sup> alarm in a condo under development. Photo by R. Myers.

## ***Connecticut Fire Photographer Association, Region 1 of the International Fire Buff association.***

### **CFPA summer activities rundown.**

The CFPA had an active summer; we held our monthly meetings in several locations across the state as we always do. Besides our normal meetings items, we held some subject based training, to improve our photo skills and media presences. This fall, we will be testing a live feed from a select a meeting, this will allow our out of state members and those that work nights, more interaction with the subject we discuss at the meetings. During the summer we gained about 10 new members. If you're interested in joining see our website for information. [www.ctfirephoto.org](http://www.ctfirephoto.org)

### ***Silver City Fire Fest***

The Silver City Fire Fest is an annual event co-sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association ("CFPA"), the Meriden Firefighters Benevolent Society and the Southern Connecticut Antique Fire Apparatus Collectors Association ("SCAFAC"). Founded in 2010 by CFPA Vice President Michael Quinn, the Fire Fest features anything that a fire buff could want to see - model displays, apparatus displays, photo/video displays, and vendors selling firematic items. Each year hundreds of fire buffs converge on Meriden, CT for the annual event, with the 9th Annual Fire Fest tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2018. Model builders from throughout the northeast attend each year to display their collections of model fire engines, ambulances, and police vehicles.

Apparatus displays feature in-service rigs from the Meriden Fire Department and neighboring departments, as well as antique apparatus owned by members of SCAFAC and ambulances and police cars owned by private collectors. A replica of Squad 51 from TV's "Emergency!" has also been on display the last two years. The Fire Fest is the longest continuously running event of its type and has something for everyone. The CFPA hopes you'll be able to join us in 2018!



Photos by: Lou Tibor

The 134th Connecticut State Firefighter Convention was held on September 15-17, 2017 in the Taftville section of Norwich Ct., it was the return to Norwich after 109 years. The three day event was covered by CFPA members, one member was the official photographer, Joe Shefer is also the department photographer. He covered the three years of meeting and all aspects of the event. Friday, the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit arrived. This was the main event, for the public on Saturday, also on this day, the CT State Firefighters association year review and awards. Along with a displays form several Firematic based companies that serve Ct., followed by a Dinner and other entertainment for the firefighters.

On Sunday, the main event for the public was a parade with about 150 units from the normal fire apparatus ranging from 1760 to 2017, about 15 bands and the Shriners False Alarms. Several thousand people attended the event. The parade lasted about 2.5 hrs.



1876 Water witch Hose cart at the beginning of the parade.

Photos by Robert Ladd



Thompson Fire Department.

Photo By Joe Shefer

## ***CFPA Club, Bus trip to Boston fire Department and the Sparks Museum.***

CFPA sponsored a bus trip to Boston Fire Department on October 1<sup>st</sup>, for a tour of several fire stations to photograph the stations and apparatus. It was a great fall day to visit the city and we had a good welcome by Boston firefighters and the Boston Spark's, which provided us lunch and a tour of the museum. We visited 8 stations and the Sparks museum. Thanks goes to CFPA member Peter Aloisi, for setting up the event.

Like with a busy city some of the companies came and went to calls, we worked around the runs and photographed 95% of the planned apparatus.

We visited the following

E-41 / L-14

E-29 / L-11

E-28 / TL-10

E-42 / R-2

E-14 / L-4

E-10 / TL-3 / R-1 / H-6

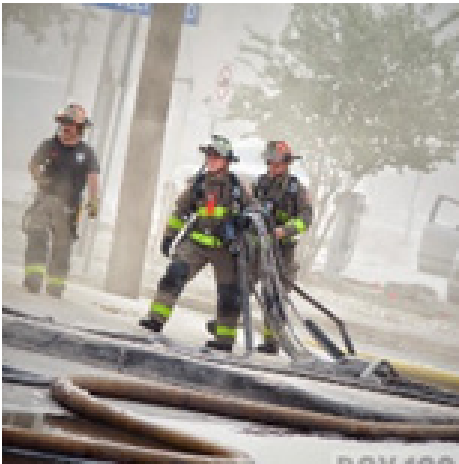
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E-22 / HM-C



ENGINE 14, Photo by Robert Ladd

*CFPA members covered a number of fires in, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Texas with a few other locations this summer.*



2-Alarm Commercial fire at a very well know San Antonio restaurant, Chris Madrid's



Bill Johnson, was on scene in Poughkeepsie, NY



Bill Tenca took in this multiple alarm fire in Stamford, Ct. the fire involved two dwellings on Alden Ave.



Dorrance Johnson, New Haven fire Department, Marine 1 training out in the harbor.



Glenn Duda, 46th annual Engine 260 46th Annual Fire Apparatus Show & Muster which took place at Eisenhower Park in #Milford, CT



Harrisville, RI Firefighters stand at attention as a thunderstorm passes through the area during Lawrence Castonguay's funeral. Ken LaBelle



Jim Peruta, 2nd alarm this morning in #Hartford, CT on Gillette St.



Johnny DeForest, Chicopee, MA. 161 Front St. It went to a second alarm.



Kevin Czarzasty, multi alarm fire on South Main St. in Waterbury, CT



Kevin Czarzasty, technical rescue operation in #Waterbury, CT. A fall victim into a river.



Patrick Dooley, Tanker drill for Tolland County.

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## 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 last several months saw little in the way of incident responses, but we were busy nonetheless. May brought two training events, a smoke detector outreach and two 2-alarm fires. The month ended on a sad note, however, with the funeral of Kirkersville Police Chief Eric DiSario. Box 15 was honored to provide support for the graveside service.

In June, we responded to one working fire during a hot weather standby (heat index over 100°F). We also provided rehab and support services for four training events, including the unique grain bin rescue class. The month came to a close with the Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association's annual Muster.



Lands End Circle 2-alarm fire



Grain bin rescue

July saw us supporting one training event, as well as Columbus's annual Fourth of July celebration, Red White & Boom. We were also in Berlin Township for this year's Touch-A-Truck event. The only fire response was to a 2-alarm fire in an appliance store.

In August, Box 15 provided rehab for two training events. We also participated in two safety fairs – Pleasant Township's Safety Day and Madison County's Safety Expo. We also provided support services for the First Responders Rastin Challenge.

September's fire response activity picked up as we responded to three fires, including a 2-alarm apartment fire and a fire in a self-storage facility. Box 15 participated in Pickerington's Labor Day Parade and Jefferson Township's Open House. We also provided rehab and support during this year's 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

In October, we provided rehab for five days of training events, participated in the City of Delaware's First Friday along with Open



Red, White & Boom

House events in Plain and Prairie Townships, and provided support services during the Columbus Division of Fire's Firefighter Memorial Service.

## Annual Awards

Box 15 was proud to present the 2017 Larry Parlett Distinguished County Firefighter of the Year award to Lt. R.C. Fellows from Pleasant Valley Fire Department (Union County) and the 2017 Max Haverman Distinguished Columbus Firefighter of the Year award to Lt. Sexton Towns. Box 15 members receiving the Pete Fowler Distinguished Service Award include JJ Corecella, Duane Davidson, Bob Hess, Tom Knowles, Joe O'Brien and Joe Penty. We were pleased to honor all award winners at this year's banquet.



Chief Mark Kidd, Lt. R.C. Fellows, President Brett Barber, Lt. Sexton Towns, Assistant Chief Gary Fellows (Ret, Brilliant FD)



Box 15 Pete Fowler Award winners this year include JJ Corecella, Tom Knowles, Joe Penty and Bob Hess. (Not pictured: Joe O'Brien and Duane Davidson)

## Happy Birthday

In July, instead of our normal monthly meeting, members got together to celebrate the club's 70th birthday! Keith Thomas with Columbus Fire hosted the event at his house. We were even joined by Metro Richmond Flying Squad's Steve Korb, in town from Virginia.

## Sutphen Tour

Prior to our regular August meeting, Box 15 members had the privilege of touring Sutphen's facilities in Dublin. Interesting doesn't begin to describe seeing up close all that goes into putting together the impressive machines we see on the road every day. At the end of the tour, Dan Sutphen was presented with challenge coins and Box 15 patches.



Sutphen tour



Dan Sutphen being presented with challenge coins & patches

## A New Truck and a New Home

The summer brought with it the excitement of a new addition to Box 15's fleet. As discussions continued about possibly replacing Rehab 2, the club began exploring options for obtaining a new truck. Those options were quickly numbered down when Plain Township decided to generously donate one of their medic units they had replaced. Not only was the price perfect, but the new truck is nearly identical in layout to our other two rehab units, allowing members to know exactly where supplies would be regardless of which truck they were in. So over the course of the summer, the new truck was made ready for service and the old truck taken out of service.



New Rehab 2

Along with the new, larger truck came a new home. Old Rehab 2 had been housed at Washington Township Station 91. But, given the location of several active members in close proximity to one another on the north side of Columbus, it was decided that options should be explored for finding a new north side home. With the approval of the Columbus Division of Fire, that new home is now Columbus Fire Station 33. The new location will allow for much quicker response times, especially for incidents in northern Franklin and southern Delaware Counties.

## Donations

Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to send thanks to all the people and organizations that made significant donations to Box 15 over the past several months. In May, Foresters Financial donated consumable goods, including coffee, granola bars and cups; and our friends at MSC Industrial Supply again provided us with a massive amount of Gatorade and Sqwincher products. We were able to share their sports drink donation with Support 401 in Licking County, Union County EMA, Box 49 in Madison County, Box 65 in Pickaway County and Box 5 in Athens and Hocking Counties. In August, Firehouse Subs donated several cases of water. In September, Steve Lee from Chi Thai Restaurant donated two pallets of water; and ERS of Columbus & Southeast Ohio along with Thompson Building Associates donated a refrigerator for our new home in Station 33. Finally, a big thanks to Plain Township for donating their old medic unit that is now Rehab 2. It's this generosity that we'll be forever grateful for and allows us to continue doing what we do.

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!

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**By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar**

After 364 days as reigning world champs, the Chicago Cubs have turned over the crown to the Houston Astros. Congratulations to the Astros and Dodgers on a terrific season.

The fire action in Chicago has slowed with only 21 multiple alarm fires since January 1, and only three reaching a 3-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> alarm) level. One of the 2-11 fires (2<sup>nd</sup> alarm) was in a vacant, partially fireproofed, two-story, 300,000 square foot factory in Chicago's Galewood neighborhood. The four block long building formerly housed the Zenith Corporation's electronics plant. The fire was in a 145,000 square foot section which was cut off from the rest of the building by a firewall. Engine 125, the first unit on the scene, reported a working fire which had spread to the entire eastern half of the building. Eventually the fire grew to a 2-11 with three special calls for extra equipment. The total response included 12 engines, seven trucks (three of which were tower ladders) a turret unit (6-7-3), a light wagon (9-1-3) and a fan unit (9-2-3). This same complex has been the scene of numerous smaller fires, including a box alarm fire that occurred on March 26.



Truck 58 on northern exposure (Photo by Steve Redick)



Zenith plant looking east on Dickens Avenue (Photo by Steve Redick)



Engine 125 on the northern exposure of the fire building (*Photo by Steve Redick*)

Recent deliveries of fire apparatus include three new rigs for Engines 28, 50 and 71. The engines from Emergency One are equipped with a 1500 gpm pump, 530 gallon water tank and a 30 gallon foam tank. An add-on order for four more engines will be delivered shortly.

The EMS service has received 18 new ambulances from Wheeled-Coach using Ford cabs with gasoline engines. Nine more ambulances are on order to complete a program to have all 75 ALS ambulances up to current standards.

A new small fireboat has been placed into service and replaces the Lake Assault fireboat recently removed. The new boat is a 35' Brunswick Boston Whaler Challenger model. It is equipped with three Mercury outboard engines and a 1000 gpm pump with a roof-mounted turret. The new boat also will retain the 6-8-8 radio signature and the Eugene Blackmon, Jr. name.



CFD small fireboat 6-8-8 (*Photo by Steve Redick*)

The 5-11 Club activities during the past several months have included the annual Fire Engine Rally and Swap Meet in June, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Engine 124 in August, and the annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial in September.



5-11 Club President Dennis Ahrens presenting anniversary plaque to Captain Carone of Engine 124 (Photo by Mike Penchar)

The Club will be celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> year as a fire buff group in 2018. We are planning to issue challenge coins for this event. If anyone has any tips or suggestions in this endeavor, please contact the committee chairman, Jack Connors, using our website. The Club's canteen (Support Service) operation continues to grow. Our newest rig, Unit 403, is nearing completion of the conversion process and should be available for service before the end of the year. It will replace one of the older units now in service. Another used ambulance purchased from a Chicago suburb will be our next conversion. The Club has also obtained a Step Van from the City of Chicago that was a triage unit (8-8-6) at Midway Airport. A trailer with two restrooms (Port-a-Potties) has arrived and will be available for use at any emergency incident by this winter. The Club would like to announce that we now have a Twitter account. It can be accessed at [twitter.com@5-11ClubChicago](https://twitter.com/5-11ClubChicago).

Our friends at the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago held a dedication ceremony for the Ken Little Library, which is located on the museum's second floor. The library is a research center and an archive for the fire services of five counties in the Chicago metro area. The book collection contains over a thousand volumes on the history of over 300 local fire departments. CFD journals from almost all CFD units are also available to peruse. For more information, visit their website, which is [www.firemuseumofgreaterchicago.org](http://www.firemuseumofgreaterchicago.org).

Congratulations to the Indianapolis Fire Buffs Club for holding a great convention. 5-11 Club members who attended this year's convention raved about the fire museum tours and the trip to the Koorsen fire equipment complex. Attendees were in awe at the U.S.'s largest collection of fire extinguishers and their collection of antique fire apparatus. We look forward to the 2018 convention in Racine.





IFBA convention attendees at Koorsen Museum (Photo by Chuck Bleck)

Please visit our website, [www.5-11clubchicago.org](http://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](http://www.ksc711.smugmug.com).



Squad 2 at a 2-11 on Pulaski Avenue and Irving Park Road (Photo by Steve Redick)



## INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS

### FALL/WINTER 2017

Rehab Support Unit repairs continue to challenge our budget as we try to keep all four in service. Special thanks to club members for their continued donated labor, especially on the Saturday work jobs at Reserve Station 12. We have provided several extra details this year supporting local law enforcement and the U.S. Secret Service details made necessary by Vice President Pence's visit to Indianapolis for personal and government events.

The summer months were busy with arrangements for the 2017 IFBA national convention we hosted. Ad Books were solicited from other IFBA clubs and local fire stations and supporters. While the attendance was less than expected, those who attended enjoyed nice weather and unique activities. Photos and activities are in a separate report in this issue. We were able to realize a modest profit from the funds paid. Transportation by the IFD bus was a major factor in this savings. Thanks, Chief Malone!

The club continues to provide reports and financial information to the City Legal Department that is checking every number and activity in advance of paying our annual support. Donations from individuals and businesses continue to keep us going as we await the City funding.

Discussions continued about club personnel carrying firearms while on duty or at Reserve Station 12. IFD policy has been provided for us to adopt and include in our by-laws.

Former local member Jon Allen was recognized for supplying two American flags. He had noted our discussion about our weathered flags needing replacement. Jon was granted Honorary membership, recalling his former Active membership before moving back to New England.

Reserve Station 12 security continues to be a challenge. Camera systems have been upgraded. Soda vending machine and icemaker continue to demand repair.

Annual Hawaii trip fundraiser will start in September at the Local 416 union retirees' dinner. Drawing will be held at Tuesday meeting in November at the Hall. Same \$4,000 payout, with \$3,000 to first place and \$1,000 for 11 additional cash prizes. Steak dinner for the first prize winner's shift at the station still gets a lot of support from our firefighters.

Our Maxim pumper participated in the Fall parade in the town of Monrovia. Our apparatus is now stored at Station 31, Madison Township, Morgan County. Exhaust system is being changed so it vents to the side rather than rear of engine.

Our club website <[Indianapolifirebuffs.org](http://Indianapolifirebuffs.org)> continues to draw visitors. RSU reports and Meeting minutes are current.

Our September monthly meeting had a special presentation by members of the IMPD SWAT team and IFD SWAT medics. Our RSU's have been responding frequently in support of their work. A \$750 donation from their members was presented, and it will be kept for RSU account expenses.



Our Maxim engine and member Brian Asbury's American LaFrance engine were used at Marian University. The women's NAIA national champion team were welcomed back to campus for the fall term.

A 3-year contract with Go Daddy website company will provide Malware/ Anti Virus protection for our club website.

Work sessions have been held to get RSU units prepped for the Winter ahead. Inventory of blankets, gloves and hand warmers were completed. And, of course, the chocolate put away for the summer has come back out for the cooler months, much to the delight of our firefighters.

The Hawaii trip raffle was completed in late November. Winner steak dinner was held at IFD #29 for that shift and those who sold chances for the four payday weekends preceding the drawing. We did make a fair profit with good sales at the stations.

A Christmas holiday pitch-in will be held at Local 416 by mid-December. We will provide meet and table ware. IFD officers and The Salvation Army EDS folks will be invited.

Elected officers for 2018:

President: Byron Jacobs

Vice-President: Jim Leaver

Secretary: Dennis Chambers

Treasurer: Jerry Traub

Past President: Ed McMichael

Total RSU responses for 2017 numbered 194, to include IFD, IMPD, Hazmat, Dive, Search & Rescue, SWAT and special events.

Happy 2018! See you at Racine convention this summer.



Pike Twp. and Indianapolis Fire at automotive shop fire just days before Christmas. *Photo by: Tod Parker*

# FIRE LINE PHOTOS



A 2 Alarm fire on 05/16/2017 located at 56 Breakwater Dr. in a boathouse that houses a slip for a boat to park and has living quarters. A boat exploded and the fire spread to two other boathouses. Firefighters on the front porch barely escaped getting burned when the front flashed over. The importance of wearing all one's PPE. (Can see 2 silhouettes on the porch with the fire)



A 2 Alarm fire located at 3640 Simmons Dr. in a 1 story vacant dwelling that was well involved upon arrival of the first due engine. Some damage was done to the exposure buildings.

Chris Mickal  
District Chief, New Orleans Fire Department  
[www.FIRELINEPHOTOS.com](http://www.FIRELINEPHOTOS.com)

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## Seattle Fire Buff Society

What's happened to the fleet in the last six to twelve months?

SFD Hybrid Medic Units go Hybrid.

The Seattle Fire Department has contracted with XL Hybrids, Inc. to retrofit two new Ford E-450 Medic Units with their XL3 Hybrid Electric Drive System, to increase the miles driven per gallon and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions. The new system is being evaluated by Fleet and Services engineers.

Two new AID CARS have been assigned in the downtown core area to keep up with the very high increase for medical responses. Aid 10 is a newer addition, and runs out of Station 10 along with Aid 5, A part time aid unit, Aid 4 now responds from Station 4 from 9AM to 9PM seven day a week and is funded by a special appropriation issued by the Seattle City Council.

A new Pierce 100' tractor drawn aerial truck has been delivered and assigned to Ladder 5. It is another in a series of long wheel base TDA's which started with the delivery of Ladder 3. Currently Ladder 5 has been temporally relocated to the quarters of Engine 39 while station 31 is being expanded.



*Ladder 5 with it's new 2017 Pierce Arrow 100' TDA  
Bob Lukas Photo*

Two additional tractor drawn aerials are nearing completion at the Pierce factory in Appleton WI. They are expected to replace the 2009 TDA's currently assigned at Ladder 4 and 10.

The second in a series of two new Pierce Enforcer engines have been delivered by Pierce Mfg and both have been assigned to the Sixth Battalion at Engine 17 and Engine 40. Standard features, and those established in the first series of Enforcers, are 1500 gallon per minute Hale pumps, 500 gallon water tanks, ten gallon foam tanks, with a Foam Pro System, top mounted electronic pump panel with governor, ground ladder rack, deck pipe, pre-connect and dead cross lays, the standard hose bed loads all remain the same. The new engines have a wheel base of 190.5".

Outwardly there are a great many changes. Most noticeable a big improvement in scene lighting with the addition of a Dual Panel Pioneer Plus Combination Flood/Spot unit mounted on a shelf at the roof line above the windshield. Addition scene lighting includes Whelen LED floodlights installed above the crew cab windows. Warning light improvements have been made up front near the bumper and at the rear. Racks for two lengths of suction are a new addition, mounted on the driver's side of the hose bed.

Five additional 2017 Enforcers had been ordered and have already arrived at the Pierce facility in Puyallup, WA. Four of



the units are expected to replace the remaining 2003 American LaFrance engines currently assigned to E9, E21, E27, and E34.



*Engine 17's new 2017 Pierce Enforcer in front of quarters.  
Bob Lukas Photo*



*Engine 40's new 2017 Pierce Enforcer with suction mounted.  
Bob Lukas Photo*

Additionally a new HAZ-MAT truck is being spec'd to replace the 2006 Pierce Arrow currently assigned at station 10.

A new fire station in West Seattle is now occupied by Engine 32, Ladder 11, Medic 32, and the Seventh Battalion. It is located on the former site of Engine 32 and features the return of brass slide poles.



*SFD newest fire station, number 32, went into service in  
August 2017. Bob Lukas Photo*

In other news, a follow up on the apparatus collision that occurred in January of this year. The 2007 E-One Cyclone II pumper assigned to Engine 16 was extensively damaged and has been declared a total loss. It has been replaced by a 2007 E-One Cyclone II formally assigned to Engine 10. Ladder 9's tractor was heavily damaged but was sent back to Pierce via flat-bed for rebuild, and is expected to return the SFD some time in September.

Submitted by Bob Lukas

# REGION 9

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## GONG CLUB, INC.

**JERSEY CITY, NJ**

by Paul Schaetzle and Ron Jeffers

### RIGHT PLACE; WRONG RIG!

The building boom in Jersey City continues to reach new heights. There are currently 35 completed buildings that stand at least 300 feet in height, with another 17 under construction, approved for construction, or proposed for construction. In addition, Jersey City is the site of nine buildings that rise at least 492 feet in height, including those under construction. Overall, Jersey City's skyline is ranked (based on existing and under-construction buildings over 492 feet tall) first in New Jersey, fifth in the Northeast (after New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh) and fourteenth

in the United States. As of March 2017, there are 110 completed high-rises in the city. The tallest building in Jersey City is the 42-story 30 Hudson Street, known widely as the "Goldman Sachs Tower", which rises 781 feet and was completed in 2004. It is currently the 67th-tallest building in the United States, and the tallest building in the state of New Jersey. The second-tallest skyscraper in Jersey City is the 69-story URBY Harborside Tower, 200 Greene St., at 713 feet. Nearly all of the buildings are in the Downtown section (Battalion 1) of the city, within walking distance of the Gong Club quarters. However, a new cluster of skyscrapers is taking shape in Journal Square, shared by Battalions 3 and 4.



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A portion of the Jersey City skyline, as viewed from New York's World Trade Center





To deal with this ever-increasing challenge, the Jersey City Fire Department embarked on an update to their high-rise procedures in 2017. 2 sessions of classroom and hands on training for the new SOP was conducted at the Morris County Fire Academy, some 35 miles distant from the city limits. Each morning and afternoon on weekends, 3 – 4 companies would leave their rigs at Eng. Co. 7, take their gear and pile into Department vans for the trek to Morris County.

Eng. Co. 7 embarked on such a journey on the morning of Sunday, June 11, 2017. They had traveled only a few blocks from quarters when Box 384 was transmitted at 08:46 hours for 82 Beach St., a quiet residential block in the Heights section of the City. Being only 6 blocks south of that location, an ominous cloud of black smoke in the sky left no doubt in the crew of Engine 7 what they should do!

Capt. Arnaldo Borges radioed “Eng. 7 reporting heavy smoke in the area”. The van was on the scene in less than a minute. A 2-story frame building was well involved, with people at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows frantically waving for help. “Transmit a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm; 2 stories, Class 5, Residential; people trapped on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor”, was the next message from Capt. Borges. Fire Dispatch assigned Eng. Co. 7 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm but Capt. Borges quickly advised “We don’t have our rig; add another engine company”.

Engine 7’s crew donned their gear in the street and went to work as Lad. Co. 3 and Eng. Co. 11 arrived. The companies raised ground ladders to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor occupants out of harm’s way. Batt. 3, Batt. Chief Robert Daly, arrived at 08:52 assumed command, reporting, “Occupied 2 story frame attached. Heavy fire in the basement. 4 people being removed over ground ladders from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.” Eng. Co. 14 and Lad. Co. 7 teamed up to remove 2 more occupants from the exposure building. By 09:18 the situation was well in hand. Deputy Chief Wayne McCarthy, now in command, reported “Fire in the basement knocked down. 3 1 ¾” lines operating. Horizontal and vertical extension has been addressed; extensive overhaul underway”.

Turned out that this fire would be Deputy Chief McCarthy’s “last hurrah”; he retired on July 1, 2017! The training would have to wait for another day; the “Real McCoy” takes precedent!

#### Rundown:

08:49 Box 384 Eng. Co. 11-15-5-9 Lad. Co. 3-7  
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 3 Div. 1  
08:46 WF 384 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 9  
Batt. 1 MSU Car 30  
08:49 2-2 384 Eng. Co. 7-8-17 Lad. Co. 6  
Car 3-26  
08:52 S/C 384 Eng. Co. 2



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A sampling of Jersey City's newest buildings; 200 Greene St., 615 Pavonia Ave., 70 Columbus Dr., 1 Shore Lane.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Friday, September 1, 2017; the start of the Labor Day Weekend and the start of the high school football season in New Jersey. Hudson County football fans were eagerly awaiting the evening's contest between St. Peter's Prep and Union City High School at Jersey City's Cochrane Field at Caven Point. The real Friday Night Lights, however, would be red and at the Jersey City - Union City border!

Box 489 was transmitted at 17:09 for a reported structure fire at 3718 Kennedy Blvd. at Secaucus Rd. That address is the last building in Jersey City. The Union City, North Bergen and Jersey City borders all meet at that corner. Battalion 3, Batt. Chief Michael Conforti had just left the quarters of Eng. Co. 6, where he had attended a brief meeting with this author and Deputy Chief Paul Drennan. Responding from the Downtown section of the city, Batt. Chief

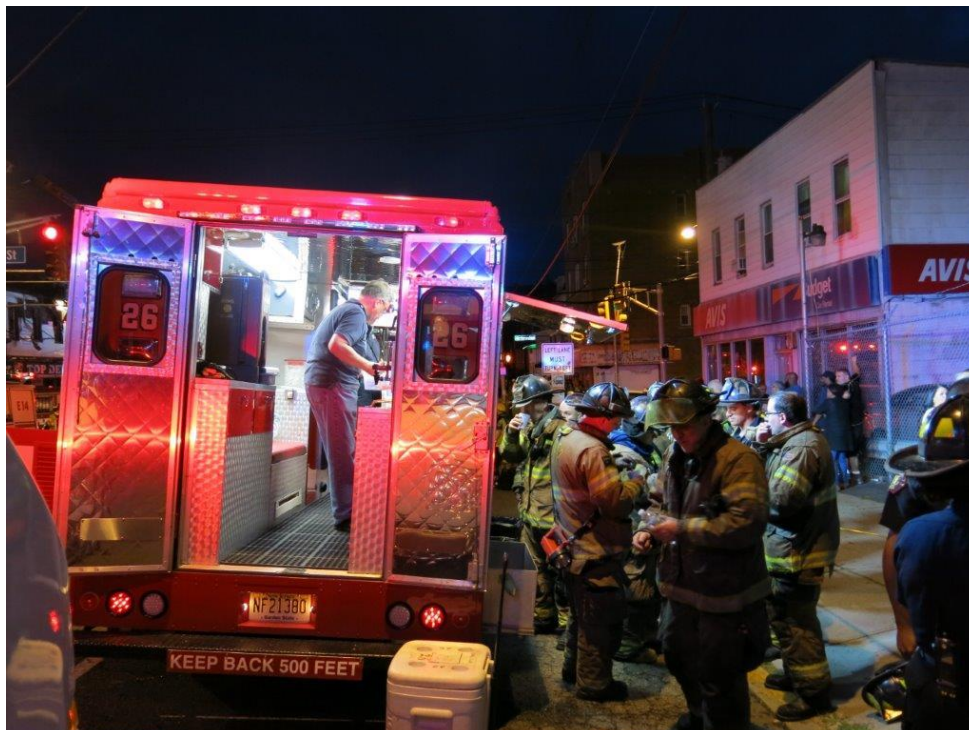
Conforti radioed "There is a large volume of smoke in the area. Transmit the Working Fire". A quick glance to the north left no doubt that this is a job; an ink black plume of smoke was filling the cloudless blue sky!

Upon arrival, Batt. Chief Conforti reported "We have an exposure; extension to the Bravo Exposure. Transmit a 2nd Alarm"! The chief later said he had fire in both buildings when he arrived and couldn't tell where the fire originated. Investigators later that evening determined the fire actually started in the rear of Tony's General Mechanics, a 1 story brick structure, 25' x 100' with bays on both the Kennedy Blvd. and Secaucus Rd. sides. The 2-story frame corner structure occupied by "Top Deli" and apartments above, sat on the corner with the main repair bays for the auto repair shop behind the rear of that building.

Deputy Chief Drennan arrived at 17:15 and immediately transmitted a 3rd Alarm. Companies attempted to cut off the



4-4 489 3718 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, 9/1/17 (Ron Jeffers Photos)







fire in the corner building but conditions deteriorated rapidly. "Locomotive" type smoke soon began billowing from that structure. At 17:37 Chief Drennan ordered the building evacuated and established a collapse zone. Companies withdrew and set up the heavy artillery. Ladder Tower 6 and Ladder 3 operated their master streams in the front and Ladder 7 set up their ladder pipe in the rear from Secaucus Rd. A total of 9 handlines were also brought to bear on the inferno.

Water supply was becoming a problem. Second due Eng. Co. 11 was hooked up to a Union City hydrant and first due Eng. Co. 14 took a feed from a North Bergen hydrant. Eng. Co. 9 on the 2nd Alarm took a hydrant further north in Union City but encountered a "vandal proof" magnetic bonnet needing a special wrench. A North Hudson engine company was special called by Acting Chief of Dept. Steven McGill to solve that problem. However, Deputy Chief Drennan wanted an additional water supply from Summit Ave. to the east. A 4th Alarm was transmitted at 17:53 to fill that need. Fire Dispatch "loaded up" that assignment with 5 engine companies, including 4 mutual aid companies.

The fire raged for another hour before being declared under control. The Fire Investigation Unit was out in force and determined the fire originated in the auto repair shop when an explosion occurred within the shop while employees were working on a car. A ruptured gas main also burned freely until Public Service Electric & Gas Co. dug up the street to shut off the supply. Companies remained on the scene well into Saturday, September 2, to prevent any flare ups in the smoldering debris.

Car 26 turned out on the 2nd Alarm and approached the fire from the north taking an advantageous position on Kennedy Blvd. in North Bergen. A crew of 4 operated for over 4 hours, dispensing 290 bottles of water, 5 gallons of Gatorade as well as 3 gallons of beef stew and 20 pounds of cookies and assorted snacks.

Ladder Tower 4 was special called after the 4th Alarm and eventually operated from the Secaucus Rd. side, making this the first 2 tower job in Jersey City history! This was the first 4th Alarm in nearly a year, when several dwellings on Wegman Parkway burned on September 18, 2016. Oh, and the football game? Union City got burned on that one; The Prep won 48 - 0!

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Batt. 1 MSU Car 30  
17:15 2-2 489 Eng. Co. 22-5-9 Lad. Co. 2  
Car 3-26-28  
17:20 3-3 489 Eng. Co. 8-6-17 Lad. Co. 6  
Car 4-10-14  
17:53 4-4 489 Eng. Co. 2-19 -Hoboken 3 –  
Bayonne 5- Bayonne 8 Hoboken  
Lad. Co. 2  
18:18 S/C 489 Lad. Co. 4

## EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN!

Well here's some rare and welcome news; a disbanded company returning to service! Shortly after taking office, Acting Chief of Department Steven J. McGill listed a number of goals he would like to accomplish, one of which was restoring Eng. Co. 18 to service. The company had been officially disbanded on September 10, 2014 but had been out of service nearly every day for manpower for 2 years prior to that date. Re-establishment of



the company would give Jersey City four engine companies in each of its 4 battalions.



**Eng. Co. 13; 2017 Pierce  
(Ron Jeffers Photo)**

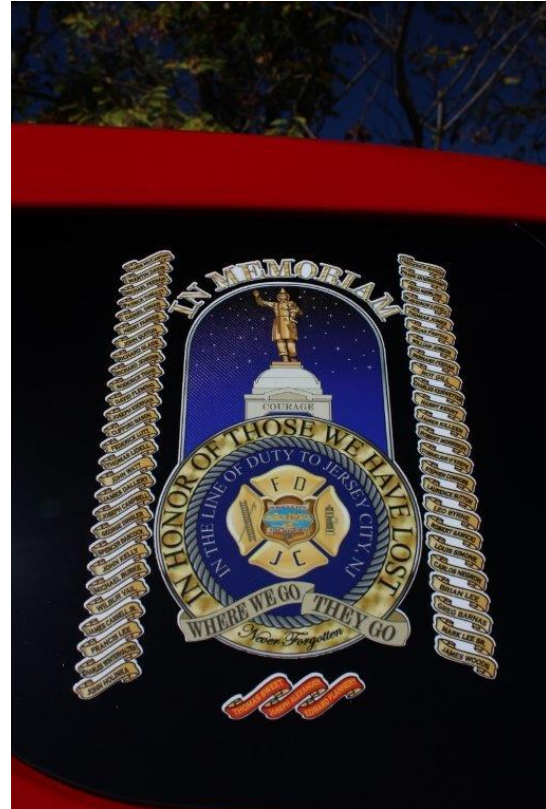
Eng. Co. 13 took delivery of a 2017 Pierce XT 2000 GPM foam pumper in August 2017. Their old rig, a 1993 Pierce Saber, 1500 GPM, was spruced up, re-lettered and re-incarnated as Eng. Co. 18 on October 10, 2017. The company is quartered with Batt. 3, Eng. Co. 7 and Lad. Co. 3 at 715 Summit Ave. Members assigned to the Marine Unit mostly make up the roster and the company will operate the Department's marine fleet when needed.



**Eng. Co. 18; 1993 Pierce  
(Ron Jeffers Photo)**

All chief's cars operated by the Jersey City Fire Department were replaced with identical 2017 Ford Explorers on November 3, 2017. Updated graphics on the cars include a memorial decal bearing the names of all

Jersey City Fire Fighters who have died in the line of duty.



**(Ron Jeffers Photo)**

None of this new equipment could be used without people to operate it! A class of 27 probationary fire fighters graduated from the Morris County Training Academy and were sworn in on November 4, 2017. In the past 4 years, the Department has appointed 152 fire fighters!



**Fleet of Chief's cars placed in service on November 3, 2017 (Ron Jeffers Photo)**



**On the threshold of new careers, the class of 27 new Jersey City Fire Fighters pose on the threshold of City Hall on their Graduation Day, November 4, 2017 (Elmer Leiner Photo)**

# REGION 10

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Our group has been extremely busy responding to fires since returning home from the Indy convention. The new canteen is up and responding and so far all is good and we have no major issues just some fine tuning. We are looking to recruit new younger members, but as you all know new members are difficult to find these days. Our chief mechanic, Rene Bougie, is keeping busy repairing our fleet of antique vehicles and we are trying hardest to get most of them in working condition for the 2019 convention.

Groundwork for the 2019 IFBA convention is underway and things are going tremendously well. The 6 member committee is passionate and enthusiastic in making the Montreal convention one of the finest ever as it coincides with our groups 75th anniversary. Funding has been great and we couldn't do this without the help from the Fire Department, the fire fighters union and the fire fighters financial institution. Lots is being planned for day trips including a grand parade and exposition of over 75 apparatus from Montreal and surrounding cities including everything from hand drawn to modern day apparatus. T-shirts are in the process of being made in order to help fund the event and will be made available for sale very shortly for \$25.00 Canadian.

Don't be shy to go have a peak and you can always find interesting things on our Facebook page "Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montreal".

Until we meet again my friends, stay well, be happy and keep smiling !

## Steve Garnett



New canteen 2015 Freightliner/  
Morgan Olson in front of HQ  
Photo credit: Elliot Albert



Montreal Auxiliary providing can-  
teen service at a 5 alarm fire  
Photo credit: Steve Garnett



Members goofing around  
Photo credit: Steve Garnett



# POMPIERS AUXILLAIRES DE MONTREAL



Canteen and rehab service at a 5 alarm fire

Photo credit: Steve Garnett



Radiator replacement on 1946 Segrave tillerman

Photo credit: Steve Garnett



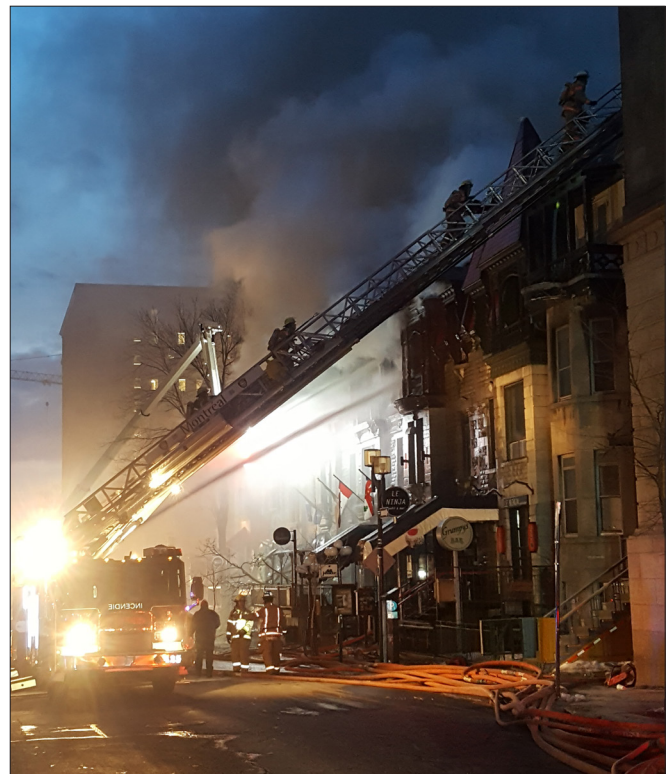
Satellite set-up at 5 alarm fire

Photo credit: Steve Garnett



Major downtown fire at the iconic Montreal at the Irish Embassy Pub and Grill

Photo credit: Steve Garnett



# TURN OUT FALL 2017



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