

# TURN OUT

Fall/Winter 2018

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Montreal Quebec  
June 24-29



Meet  
Steve Garnett  
New IFBA  
President



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# IFBA BOARDS AND COMMITTEES



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# OFFICIAL CONVENTION INFORMATION



This year's Annual IFBA Convention is in Montréal, Québec from June 25 – 29, 2019.

Join us for guided tours of fire stations and the department's repair shop, seminars on fire rehab, apparatus photo shoots, an impressive parade of antique and department rigs, the IFBA annual banquet, and so much more.

Reserve your space today. Prices increase May 1, so don't delay!

## Important Notes

YOUR PASSPORT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER CANADA

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT IN CAD ONLY – FULL REGISTRATION IS \$300 CAD

# OFFICIAL CONVENTION INFORMATION



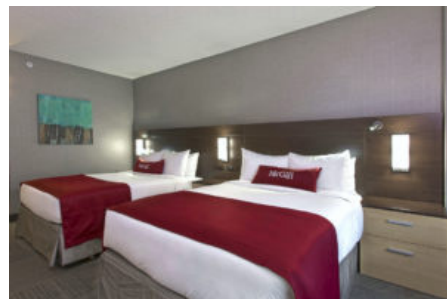
## Hotel Information

**MCGILL NEW RESIDENCE HALL**  
3625 Park Avenue  
Montreal, Quebec  
Canada, H2X 3P8  
(514) 398-5433

## Single Occupancy



## Double Occupancy



Each room is equipped with a private bathroom and work area along with standard amenities: complimentary wifi, cable TV, iron and ironing board, in-room telephone, refrigerator, individual air conditioning control, daily house-keeping.

Rate: \$124.00 CAD per night plus applicable taxes

Shoulder rate: 3 days prior and post convention

Breakfast: Included per occupant

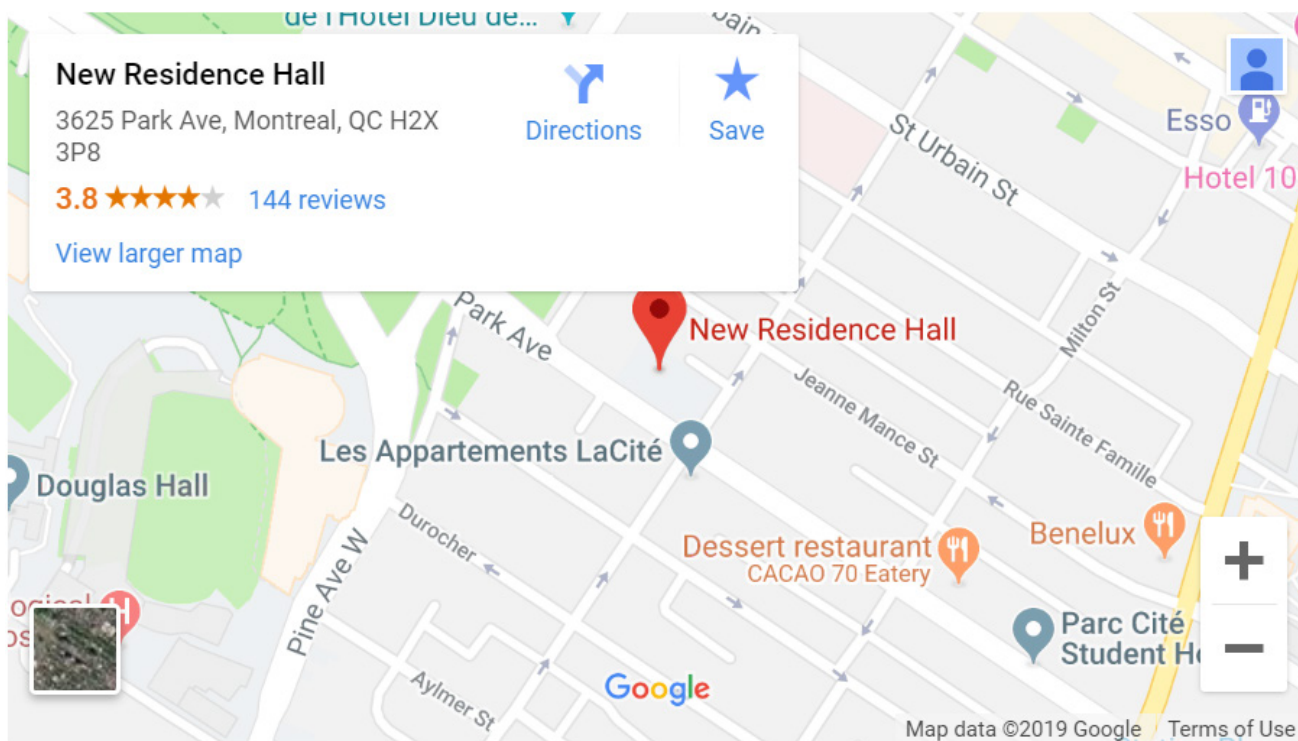
Group code: IFBA conference

Parking fee: \$100.00 CAD / week

## Social Media

Check out the Montréal 2019 Facebook Group for updates and discussion. Ask questions and interact with the convention organizers! (Request access to join)

## Convention Location





## IFBA 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



Thank you for registering to attend the  
2019 IFBA Annual Convention hosted by the  
POMPIERS AUXILIAIRES DE MONTRÉAL

**INFORMATION** - You will need to complete a separate form for each individual attending. All fields are required.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

NAME FOR ID BADGE

TELEPHONE (CELL)

EMAIL

IFBA AFFILIATION

ADDRESS

CITY

POSTAL CODE / ZIP CODE

PROVINCE / STATE

COUNTRY - Your passport is required to enter Canada

STATUS

☐

Delegate

☐

Alternate Delegate

☐

Guest

☐

IFBA Officer

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

TELEPHONE 1

TELEPHONE 2

### T-SHIRT

☐

Medium

☐

Large

☐

X-Large

☐

XX-Large

☐

Other

### FOOD

BANQUET MEAL CHOICE

☐

PORK

☐

CHICKEN

☐

SALMON

ALLERGIES

**TYPE OF REGISTRATION** - Please make your payment in CAD only. USD prices may vary depending on exchange rate

FULL REGISTRATION: **BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**

(\$225 USD) **\$300 CAD**

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FULL REGISTRATION: **BETWEEN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND DEADLINE DATE MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

(\$265 USD) **\$350 CAD**

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CLOSING BANQUET ONLY

(\$55 USD) **\$75 CAD**

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Payment information, hotel information and agenda on next page. Keep a copy for your records.

# 2019 CONVENTION INFORMATION



## HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel:	<b>MCGILL NEW RESIDENCE</b> 3625, Park ave. Montreal Quebec Canada, H2X 3P8 514 398-5433
Rate:	\$124.00 (CAD) - \$90.00 (USD) / night
Shoulder rate:	3 days prior and post convention
Breakfast:	Included per occupant
Group code:	IFBA conference
Parking fee:	\$100.00 (CAD) - \$70.00 (USD) / week

## IMPORTANT

**YOUR PASSPORT  
IS REQUIRED TO  
ENTER CANADA**

**USD PRICES MAY VARY DEPENDING  
ON EXCHANGE RATE**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT IN  
CAD ONLY**

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Please send payment by:**  
**INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER**  
**PAYPAL: [PayPal.me/ifba2019](https://www.paypal.com/merchot?p=ifba2019)**

**Mailing address:**  
**IFBA 2019 CONVENTION**  
5100, boul. St-laurent  
Montreal, Quebec  
Canada, H2T 1R8

**Full Registrations include:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
and closing banquet  
\*LUNCHE PROVIDED EVERYDAY WITH  
EXCEPTION OF TUESDAY  
\*TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED BY COACH

## AGENDA

### TUESDAY JUNE 25

Arrival	Registration in main lobby entrance of hotel
12:00 - 23:00	Hospitality room open
18:00	Executive board meeting

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast at hotel
09:00 - 10:00	Opening ceremony (conference room)
10:15 - 11:45	Guest speaker
12:30	Board buses to fire museum Station 30 for lunch
14:30	Board buses back to hotel
15:00 - 17:00	Business meeting
15:00 - 23:00	Hospitality room:

### THURSDAY JUNE 27

07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast at hotel
09:00 - 09:30	Board buses
10:00 - 11:45	Visit city garage
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch at training division
13:00 - 14:00	Fire rehab display
14:00 - 15:30	Photo session
16:00	Board buses to hotel
16:00 - 23:00	Hospitality room

### FRIDAY JUNE 28

07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast at hotel
09:00	Board buses at
10:00 - 11:30	Visit montreal airport fire station
12:00 - 14:00	Visit and lunch at station 19
14:30 - 15:30	Visit station 5
16:00 - 23:00	Hospitality room

### SATURDAY JUNE 29

07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast at hotel
08:00	Buses arrives
09:00	Parade starts
10:00	First truck arrives
	Truck exposition
12:00	Lunch at
15:00	Board buses to hotel
15:30 - 17:30	Hospitality room
18:00	Board buses to banquet hall
19:00	Closing ceremony
22:00 - 00:00	Hospitality room

**IFBA 2019**  
**ANNUAL CONVENTION**



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# 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2018  
DELTA MARRIOTT HOTEL  
RACINE, WI 53406

Called to order by President Vickie Mokros at 9:05am.

Audio-Visual Presentation of anthems of Canada and the United States

Convention Chairman Steve Hansen addressed the meeting regarding miscellaneous items regarding the convention.

Roll Call of Delegates, and Board Members by Secretary Mahoney

Fire & Life Safety Committee report by Chairman Mahoney

Motion made and passed to accept the minutes of the 2017 Business Meeting as previously published.

Communications Report by Secretary Mahoney, only communications received were miscellaneous e-mails regarding delegate status for the annual meeting.

President's Report by Vickie Mokros.

Chairman of the Board Report by Paul Schaetzle.

Executive Vice-President Report by Bill Mokros.

Financial Report by Treasurer Paul Schaetzle. Reports have been submitted and accepted by the Executive Board. Copies of the report available for review. Motion made and passed to accept the Treasurers Report.

- Region 1: Bob Sherwood. Six clubs in region in attendance.
- Region 3: Joe Sullivan. Introduced Chief of Metro Richmond Flying Squad.
- Region 4: David Vaughn. Smallest of all IFBA regions. Report on activities of the various clubs. Box 15 Club of Columbus has a Gross Decontamination Shower. Columbus Fire Department has requested a demonstration of the device to consider purchasing.
- Region 5: Wally Banks. Spoke on the deaths of three members in Region who were instrumental in the founding and building of clubs in the region.  
Preliminary discussion of a possible convention in the Shreveport, LA.
- Region 6: Dennis Ahrens. Nine clubs spread over six states. Several of the clubs are struggling due to members aging. Clubs are attempting to recruit members. Tom Bilbrey spoke on the relationship between Box 55 of Nashville with Firehouse Expo. Firehouse recently made a substantial



- donation to Box 55 as well as allowing the club to display at the Expo free of charge.
- Region 7: Steve Fickensher. Clubs are spread out over a very large area, (entire west coast states).
- Region 9: Ira Cohen. Clubs recently approached by New Jersey Office of Emergency Management regarding the possibility of the clubs with canteens collaborating with the state to obtain funding through Homeland Security/FEMA funding.
- Region 10: Steve Garnett. Region has been very active with canteen operations as well as social media messaging. Montreal club is busy with 2019 convention planning as well.
- Region 11: Dave Williams. Has attempted to contact the club in Miami with no response. Has reached out to an organization in Jacksonville, Florida that looks promising to become an IFBA member. Metro Fire Association has suspended canteen operations. Metro Fire Association does stock area canteens with proceeds from Atlanta Fire Apparatus Calendars.

Regional VP at Large: Ian Duke.  
Has spent a lot of time on social media and recruitment tools for the IFBA.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Constitution and By-Laws.

Dennis Ahrens. Committee will continue to work on updating the documents. Much work has been done with much left to be done.

Education Dave Vaughn. Designing a survey to obtain data from clubs that provide canteen operations.

### Finance

### Member Services

Ira Cohen & Ian Duke. Social Media Award will be presented at the banquet.

Stuart Nathan spoke on the impending changes to the NFPA Standard on Rehab Operations.

Jerry Traub spoke on Turn-Out Magazine. Fall 2017 issue was delayed by unforeseen circumstances. Fall 2017 issue was published in April 2018. Spring 2018 issue was published in July 2018. Six items already submitted for Fall 2018 issue. Jerry Traub can be reached at [jet\\_245@gmail.com](mailto:jet_245@gmail.com) or at 317-206-1716. November 1, 2018 is the deadline for content for the next issue.



## Recruitment and Retention

Joe Sullivan. Flyer has been prepared, goal to increase attendance at conventions, i.e. double the number of first-time attendees between 2018 and 2019. The flyer is in final stages of review prior to publication.

## Fire Buff of The Year

Stuart Nathan. A document will be prepared that will serve as a checklist for those considering submitting a candidate for Fire Buff of The Year.

## Membership

Chris Oliphant. The Executive Board has recommended four Organizations for Membership.

1. Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc., Richmond, VA
2. Wilson County Emergency Rehab Assoc., Gladeville, TN
3. Box 690 Fire Department Canteen, Cambridge ON

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the three organizations.

A partial application was received from Community Emergency Measures Unit, Constant, QC.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the organization pending receipt of letter of approval from the local fire department.

## Past Presidents Committee

Tom McDonald spoke on updating the contact information of all Past Presidents of the organization.

## Future Conventions

- 2019 Montreal, Quebec June 25 to June 30
- 2020 Nashville, TN TBD/September

- 2021 Dennis Ahrens spoke on the feasibility of a joint convention in 2021 with SPAAMFAA. Kent Cullom stated that SPAAMFAA is interested and is supportive of the idea.

## Old Business

# 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



## New Business

President Vickie Mokros spoke on the recent death of Maria Crichlow and the wishes of her family that any fees paid by Maria be donated to a worthy and legitimate fire service related charity in the New York area.

Wally Banks, Executive Vice-President elect addressed the meeting. He spoke about the tenure of Bill Mokros and his lengthy years of service to the organization. Wally spoke about his views of the goals of the organization. Good fellowship, service and fun, along with support of Turn-Out magazine by increasing the submittals of stories. The organization needs to move forward, and embrace technology.

President Vickie Mokros spoke on the availability of Milwaukee Fire Bell Club Challenge coins.

## Nomination of Officers

Executive Vice-President Bill Mokros read the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The nomination chairman was not in attendance.

President	Steve Garnett
Secretary	Gerard Mahoney
Treasurer	Paul Schaetzle
Region 1	Ken Beliveau
Region 3	Joe Sullivan
Region 4	Frank Novak
Region 5	Tom McDonald
Region 6	Rick Short
Region 7	Stephen Fickenscher
Region 9	Ira Cohen
Region 10	Gary Wignall
Region 11	Dave Williams

Nominations were closed and the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers.

## Good and Welfare

## Adjournment

President Vickie Mokros adjourned the meeting at 11:47am.





## Executive Vice President Notes

Wally Banks  
Irving, Texas

At the Spring 2018 IFBA Executive Board Meeting Bill Mokros announced his decision to retire as IFBA Executive Vice President. At the Racine IFBA Board meeting I was elected as the new Executive Vice President of the IFBA. I wish to thank Bill Mokros for his years of dedicated service to the IFBA and I wish him well upon his decision to retire from office.

The last few years brought intense change for fire buffs, the IFBA, and IFBA clubs/members. This change hit the IFBA at its core, challenging us to rethink how to succeed in the coming years. My job as Executive Vice President will include creating a new oeuvre to empower and energize our Board, committees, clubs, and current/potential members.

MISSION FIRST. Nothing is more important than mission success.

- We serve as a common ground for fire buff groups and individuals.
- We must be active in promoting the general welfare of Fire Departments.

FELLOWSHIP. We are a fraternal organization.

- We must keep our eye on producing Annual Conventions that educate, entertain, and increase our friendships and common ground.
- We must support the Turn Out magazine and its staff to communicate our bonds of service and friendship.

NEW PLATFORMS. We need to spread the good news about who and what the IFBA is about.

- To complement our existing program, we need to deploy strategies to maximize our efforts.
- Our clubs and members need a reason to care, a reason to believe, and a desire to tell our story.
- We can utilize both technology and the empowerment of officers/committees to share our story.

EMPOWERED MEMBERS. Officers, committee members, and members are the lifeblood of the IFBA.

- Where we lack chapter strength our members are critical.
- I know clubs can help members get the most out of their IFBA membership.
- I value our officers, our committees, our clubs, and our members.

# WALLY BANKS LETTER



- We can thrive and work together.
- The power of the IFBA is the members.

As Executive Vice President:

- I will listen
- I will respond to you
- I will keep you informed
- I will work with you

Thanks in advance for your support to advance the IFBA. It will be my honor to serve the IFBA as its Executive Vice-President.



*Wally Banks*



## WORKING FOR THE FUTURE!

Vickie Mokros

IFBA Past President 2017-2018

As a young child I remember my father coming home early in the mornings from his career as a firefighter at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee. It was always a wonderful moment to see him again in his uniform and to know that he was safe. He in return was thrilled when I met my husband, Bill Mokros, and he found out that Bill was also involved with fire departments but as a support person. My dad always asked Bill for updates on the various area fire departments and the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club's activities. When I joined the club my dad was very proud of me, especially knowing that I would be supporting those whom he had a passion for. I am sure he would have been extremely proud, knowing that I eventually became an IFBA Regional Vice President and then this past year the IFBA President.

As with any business or club, even though it involves work, it is imperative that there is a structure that helps everyone stay focused on the mission of the particular organization. Knowing that as time goes on members change and younger ones join in, I felt it was necessary to make sure that the IFBA was equipped to move forward for the next generation of members. This certainly was not something that I could, or would, do on my own. With the help of many members of the 2017-2018 board and committee members, we undertook steps to work on attracting and retaining members, adding new clubs to the IFBA, updating communication within regions with a separate member only website access, providing a Website store for IFBA merchandise, starting the process of updating language in the bylaws and constitution, designing a brochure about the IFBA, creating a data base of all IFBA clubs and their mission, and much more.

One of the last requests I made to the board and committee members was for them to tell, **in three or four sentences**, what they themselves accomplished for the IFBA this past term. Their thoughts are included at the end of this article. You will see that working together we strived to maintain the comradery and mission the IFBA has to offer and we helped prepare the organization for a new generation to take over as needed.

I am confident that our new president, Steve Garnett from Montreal, Canada, will continue to support the board and committee members to further the work they began. And with some new members now serving on the board, I am certain there will be many more new ideas. We will stay strong as an organization, having fun when we get together but remembering that to stay organized we all need to put some "sweat equity" into maintaining the structure and integrity of what we do.

Please take time to read the (paraphrased in some cases) comments submitted to me by the 2017-2018 board and committee members. (In random order) I am certain they are all proud of what they accomplished.

...As chairman of the Convention Facilitator Committee, I communicated electronically with Steve Fickenscher about ideas for Convention seminars. I have suggested the idea of the IFBA moving to the leadership role in Canteen/Re-hab operations and acting as a leader in gathering information. As a co-chairman with Ira Cohen and Bob Sherwood, we have received submissions for the electronic Media Award. We discussed the submissions and have a consensus for which club will receive this year's award. **RICK CUTTS**

...While serving as Region Four Vice President for the 2017-2018 term, I was able to achieve these personal accomplishments. First was to re-establish a "point person" with two of the three organizations within the region. Secondly, I was also able to meet personally with one of these point persons and encourage the promotion of their organization's activities through the submission of an article to TURNOUT Magazine. In addition I strongly urged the group to submit their newsletter for a possible IFBA award. **DAVID VAUGHN**

...One accomplishment of mine this year was to establish an IFBA merchandise store that is available to members on the IFBA Website. After many years in office, I successfully transferred the office of Executive Vice-President to Dallas, Texas. It has been a pleasure to serve the IFBA these many years and I look forward to attending future conventions without having to carry the gavel. **BILL MOKROS**

...As Region 3 Vice-President I buffed numerous cities and also was able to attend the CFSI event in Washington, DC. I worked on the Retention and Recruitment committee and assisted in preparing a Power Point presentation and letter available to potential clubs. I met with SPAAMFAA board members to discuss a joint convention. I found by position as the Region Vice President to be a blast. **JOE SULLIVAN**



...In my one year as Region 10 Vice President, I reached out to multiple groups and managed to meet and convince two associations to become new members of the IFBA. My time as regional VP helped me get to know some of the other regional VPs and to make new friends via the IFBA social media. **STEVE GARNETT**

...Working with Rick Cutts and Bob Sherwood, we reviewed various Newsletter/Social Media award nominations, with the winner to be announced at the Racine Convention. I responded to requests by David Vaughn, Education Chairman, for information on IFBA clubs doing canteen service and also provided input on an updated Canteen survey. I responded to requests from Joe Sullivan and Ken Beliveau for suggestions/help with revising our Code for Fire Buffing and for preparing a new brochure on the benefits of joining the IFBA. **IRA COHEN**

...I was appointed Region 5 Vice President mid-term. I contacted all clubs, visited many of them, and requested TURNOUT articles from each club. As a member of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, I reached out to several non-IFBA clubs and informed the appropriate Region Vice President. I assisted with a letter and brochure for potential new members. **WALLY BANKS**

...I coordinated the selection of the Fire Buff of the Year award by reviewing nominations, arranging conference calls with committee members, and leading discussion on a selection. I attended CSFI functions, coordinated attendance at the Annual Dinner and obtained recognition for the IFBA in the dinner program. I reached out to NFPA to discuss IFBA participation in drafting of new NFPA standard on rehabilitation services at emergency incidents. I also represented the IFBA at National Fire Heritage Center meetings and had a discussion with a NFHC board member, who is also a SPAAMFAA board member, about joint activities with the IFBA. **STUART NATHAN**

...Serving as Vice President at Large, my efforts were largely focused on improving our use of technology. I brainstormed and developed a list of opportunities where technology can further promote our events and member clubs. I created marketing materials to promote the IFBA and helped produce a new brochure. I assisted David Vaughn by reviewing and performing some QAs on the Resources' Committee new electronic questionnaire. Finally, I developed material that should assist clubs with improving their social media savviness. **IAN DUKE**

...I was appointed to serve on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee with the intent of updating them to current language. I was the chairman of that committee and we met many times throughout the year. I volunteered to lead a committee to explore the idea of a joint convention with SPAAMFAA. I am happy to report that all discussions have been positive and are progressing with the hopes for an event together in the near future. **DENNIS AHRENS**

...As Region 11 Vice President I interacted with several other Region VPs to help enhance the cause of the IFBA. I was able to locate three rehab clubs in the Southeast that are currently not members of the IFBA and forwarded their information to the appropriate Region VP. I will continue to find other clubs and encourage their future membership in the IFBA, as well as help to strengthen the current clubs in my region. **DAVE WILLIAMS**

...Paul Schaetzle and I worked together to continue a process he started during his Presidency (2010-2011) and that was establishing goals and objectives for board and committee members to work on (a total of 92). I led three phone conferences, the Spring Executive Board meeting in Racine, WI, and both the Executive Board and Annual Business meetings at the Convention. I am proud of the work accomplished during my term and look forward to seeing many friends and meeting new ones at future conventions. **VICKIE MOKROS**





REGION 1





## BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND  
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

ESTABLISHED 1912  
INCORPORATED 1918

### OFFICERS

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### TURN-OUT REPORT By the staff of the Line Box

As autumn turns toward another harsh New England winter, we are warmed in cockles of hearts as our beloved Red Sox have won the World Series, again. Sorry L.A. Box 15!

Since late summer the greater Boston area has seen an increase in fire duty. One of the more recent jobs took place on a beautiful late summer Sunday in Revere, MA.

### REVERE 5 ALARM APARTMENT FIRE 10 FRANKLIN AVE Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The 16<sup>th</sup> was one of those glorious late summer days that we New Englanders revel in. Temperature's along the coast were in the mid to low 70's with a delightful on shore breeze. Blue skies and lots of sunshine made for a great day.

The tenants of the large four story 36 unit apartment complex at 10 Franklin Avenue in Revere, which was home to over one hundred residents, were enjoying a leisurely Sunday. Around 1400 hrs a 4<sup>th</sup> floor tenant smelled smoke and called 9-1-1. The call was answered at the North Shore Emergency Regional Communications Center, which serves the communities of Revere and Winthrop.

The fire dispatcher hit the tones and dispatched the first alarm companies to 10 Franklin Avenue for the report of smoke on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and transmitted box 34 at 1408 hours. Companies arrived under the command of Deputy Chief Rich (C3) and found smoke on the fourth floor, but no fire.

Companies started to check the building, as Deputy Rich transmitted the Working fire. As the smoke condition was increasing. Companies using Infrared Thermal Imaging Cameras found the fire was

roaring above them in the cockloft space. Deputy Rich ordered the second alarm on box 34 at 1448 hours.

Revere and mutual aid companies had mounted an aggressive interior attack to try and cut the fire off. The fire had too much of a hold in the roof area and had already broken through in several areas. Upon arrival of Revere Chief (and Box 52 Member) Bright he found companies preparing for a defensive attack and companies had evacuated the building. Chief Bright (C1) ordered a third alarm from box 34 and reported "fire through the roof, defensive operations, and 2 ladder pipes were in operation. The third alarm was transmitted at 1502 hours, followed by the fourth at 1541 hours and the fifth alarm at 1644 hours.

Four firefighters suffered minor injuries and were transported to local hospitals. No injuries were reported to any tenants. The building was deemed at total loss according to the State Fire Marshal's Office and as of this report no cause has been determined.

Special thanks to Members Chris Bright for information on the fire and to members Peter Aloisi and Bill Noonan for sharing their photos of the fire.



All companies working! Photo by member Peter Aloisi

Both photos this page by member William Noonan





September was the opening of our 2018-2019 season, our 106<sup>th</sup> year as the oldest fire buffing club in the Nation!

As with all other Clubs we have seen a 'graying' of our membership. But, we are also seeing an influx of younger members who are stepping up into roles on the Board of Directors and other committees. One of our strong points is that we have sought out interesting speakers from the fire service community which keeps our membership interested and attending meetings during the year. In addition we have brought back a long time tradition of the Association that had fallen along the wayside for a few years. This is our famed New England style Ham & Bean Supper which is held on all even years. This year's saw attendance of over 90 members and guests. On the odd years we hold our famed bus trips that have taken members all over the New England states. This year we will again venture forth and visit an urban area of Massachusetts. Check our website [www.box52.org](http://www.box52.org) for information on the trip. Over the past year we have lost two of our most senior members Clifton Felton Jr. and Carlisle V. Smith. Both of these members contributed greatly to the club from the 1950's well into the early 1980's. May their souls rest in peace.

As many of you know Box 52 publishes a bi-monthly newsletter during the season and then a special edition is published over the summer. We incorporate the latest news of greater Boston Departments, apparatus updates, and feature stories of past and current fires. The Line Box averages 40 plus pages per issue and if any Club is interested in exchanging newsletter electronically, just send an e-mail to [box52boston@hotmail.com](mailto:box52boston@hotmail.com).

2018 has been a busy year for apparatus deliveries in the Boston Fire Department. Three new Emergency-One Typhoon pumps rated at 1,250 gpm/560 gallon tank/30 gallons of Class A foam were put in service at Engine Companies 8, 24 and 29.



Eng. Co. 8. Photo by member Michael Boynton

On the other side of the apparatus floor, three 2018 Emergency-One Cyclone METRO 100 foot rear mount aerials have been placed in service at Ladder Companies 1, 2 and 24,



Photo by member Michael Boynton

Tower Ladder 3 has placed in service this 2018 Emergency-One Cyclone 95 foot Tower



Photo by member Michael Boynton

The Special Operations Division has placed in service three new units. The first is H-8 and is assigned as the Tech Rescue unit for Division 2 and is quartered with Engine 28 and Ladder 10. The unit is built on a 2018 Freightliner sedan cab and the walk-around body built by Hackney. It is letters for Special Operations TSU-2.



Photos this page by member William Noonan



H-5, the Decon Support unit. It features the same Hackney style walk-around style rescue body. The main difference in the two units is that H-5 does not have the sedan cab. It is quartered with Engine 9.

W-25, the Incident Rehab unit has placed in service a 2018 Ford F-550 4 wheel drive chassis with a Wheeled Coach body.



**Ken Beliveau**  
Winner of 2018 Henry N. Wilwers  
Fire Buff of the Year,  
presented at Racine, WI convention





Photo by member Michael Boynton

Now for a story from the archives of the Box 52 Association, hope you enjoy!

**Fire on Skid-Row**  
**The Hotel Roosevelt Fire Feb. 4, 1968**  
**All photos collection of Member William Noonan**

Fifty years ago one of the worst hotel fires occurred in the South End. The fire that destroyed the century old five story Hotel Roosevelt at 1145 Washington Street killed nine persons and injured fourteen.

About 2245 hours night manager Vincent Cromwell tossed a bunch of dirty towels into the soiled linen closet on the second floor. The Roosevelt did a booming business offering rooms for \$ 2.00 per night. It was popular with "Working Girls" and catered to a transient population.

It was a typical Saturday Night in South End. Cops working out of District 4 were hoping on the Last Half. Their Brothers in red had been busy as well since coming on duty at 1800 hrs. By 0330 hours the entire City was quiet. Newspaper trucks roamed the streets dropping off the Sunday editions.

Inside the Roosevelt, Cromwell thought he smelled smoke and went to investigate and found the fire in the second floor linen closet, where some four hours before he had thrown the towels. He attempted to put out the fire, but it had gained to much of a headway. Cromwell ran and called KENmore 6-1500 and yelled into the phone that there was a fire at the Roosevelt. He then sounded the local alarm system. The Hotel had been 'grandfathered' and did not need to meet the 1968 City fire code. It did not have any sprinklers. Each room however had access either to the fire escapes or fire balconies.

The members of both BFD and BPD Districts 4 knew the address by heart. Over the years the Hotel had been the scene of fires and crimes. The elevated segment of the Orange Line ran right in front of

At 0349 hours Fire Alarm struck box 1632 Washington & Laconia Streets. As Fire Alarm was announcing the box, Patrolmen Edward Ivanoski and his partner Ralph Reagan were cruising past the hotel and saw smoke and radioed in the fire. They were shocked to see heavy smoke and flames shooting from every window, but were stunned for a moment when they looked up and at the third floor a female with her clothes on fire was screaming "I'm going to die" over and over. The partners ran for the fire escape and pulled and forced the fire escape ladder to the ground. They could hear the wail of Ladder 17, but they couldn't wait. People on the fire escape were screaming for help and many were burning. They were able to make it to the second floor landing and both grabbed two victims and started down the fire escape. Ladder 17 came down Washington Street, the crew was shocked to see so much fire in the building! The fire was all ready through the roof. Lt Toomey ordered the Truck to jump the sidewalk and get between the Hotel and the elevated structure and get the stick up. Ladder 17 crew threw up ground ladders as fast as they could. Ladder 13 was arriving and members were off the rig before it stopped. Several buffs who were on scene pitched in to help where they could. Engine 56, who was covering Engine 3 on Harrison Ave. was the first due engine and they ran a big line into the first floor in hopes of driving the fire back and opening a rescue path.

The fire now had full possession of the old hotel. Victims crowded the fire escapes begging and screaming for rescue. Some were so badly burned that they collapsed on the fire escapes. Still more were trapped inside the burning hotel. The screams of the victims were drowning out the sirens that were blaring as multiple alarm companies, police and ambulances all converged on the Roosevelt.





Three buffs rushed inside and made it to the third floor where six people were cut off from the fire escape by a wall of flames. These buffs, Robert Walsh, Paul and his brother Joseph Davies (*The Davies brother were well known buffs. Joe was appointed to the BFD in August of 1971. He passed away October 4th 2018 and Paul was appointed to the BPD shortly after the fire.-Editor*) were able to bring the six injured victims out of the hotel to waiting ambulances. The three were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Firefighters working on the fire escape and ground ladders were dealing with heavy smoke, ice forming on the metal surfaces the injured and panicked occupants. As the companies were heavily involved in rescues and trying to knock the fire down. The crowd started yelling that a man was on fire on the fifth floor. Members of Ladder 17 had seen the victim and threw a 50 ft ground ladder and two members rushed up the ladder and carried the victim down to a waiting ambulance.



Companies slowly gained the upper hand and the fire was knocked down and overhauling and interior searches began. Crews were shocked to find so many of the victims still in bed. Several of the victims were so badly burned that the Suffolk County Medical Examiner had a difficult time identifying six of the victims, or determining their sex.

The investigation started as soon as the fire was knocked down. No evidence of arson was found. The cause of the fire is listed as undetermined. The allout on box 1642 was sent at 1006 hours.

Time	Box	Engines	Ladders	Other	Comment
0349	1632	56 (3), 7, 22	17, 13	Dist 4	
0352	2-1632	26, 43, 2, 10	3, 15	C6, R1, LP-1, CP-4	B.O L-17
0354	3-1642	52, 25, 37, 1	8	C2	
0356	Sp. Call		20		Additional Ladder and ambulances
0358	4-1632	42, 40, 34, 39			
0402	5-1632	51, 32, 20, 11			
0444	Sp. Call		30, 23		2 additional Ladders



A message from President Paul Boudreau:

On Thursday September 13th on a quiet afternoon all hell would suddenly break loose in the Merrimack Valley municipalities of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover as a high pressure natural gas event would wreak havoc in these towns requiring extensive mutual aid from numerous fire, police and EMS resources to mitigate the initial rash of multiple, simultaneous building fires and explosions and subsequent gas leaks and evacuations that resulted. As I listened to the radio transmissions from Lawrence Chief Brian Moriarty I could tell that this was going to be a very large scale, long duration incident and we needed to prepare the rehab resources accordingly.

In the initial timeframe as the event was unfolding we realized this was a significant and major incident and multiple rehab resources were going to be needed to support the troops on scene. We reached out to Rehab 5 leader Roger Baker and Steve Favulli from Worcester Box 4 who normally handle Andover, North Andover and Lawrence to offer our assistance from A-10. After brief discussions it was decided Rehab 5 would handle Andover and North Andover and Box 4 and A-10 would handle Lawrence.

At our congress Street station members Tom Leone, Paul Boudreau, Brian Kerins and John Harris loaded up A-10 and A-11 with additional supplies from our stock to begin the trip to Lawrence, we basically loaded up large amounts of ice, water, Gatorade and snack items, we filled each truck to the brim.

We departed quarters with A-10 and A-11 and arrived in Lawrence at the Staging Area 1 at the old Showcase Cinemas parking lot at about 18:20 hours.

Once on scene we staged and began providing initial rehab to many of the Lawrence companies who were returning to staging after fighting multiple fires. These companies got a quick rehab and then went right back out to the numerous runs that were coming in. They were augmented by the multiple mutual aid companies on scene and who were continuously arriving in staging from deployment throughout the City of Lawrence. This same routine went on for hours and hours.

As nightfall was now upon us scene lighting became an issue and the command post sent out a request for multiple lighting units to respond to the Staging Areas. BSA A-10 crew member Mike Salvi who is a Lt. in the Somerville Auxiliary Fire Department responded with a crew and Squad 2 from SAFD to assist us on scene.

We set up our tents and generators and lighting towers next to the Staging Area Command and started providing support any way we could. As some of our crew members are COMM T and COMM L certified we assisted the FCAM Chiefs Tim Grenno and Scott Duffy along with PFFM's Mike Walsh with the programming of portable radios to communicate with Lawrence Fire and other departments. We issued some of the portables radios from the A-10 cache to assist them as well.

As this incident came during the dinner hour most of the companies at staging and at work had not had a meal since noontime. Worcester Box 4 arrived with crew members Steve Favulli, Leo Gaudette and Brian Herman and staged next to A-10 and started making sandwiches.

The Rehab network continued with interface from Paul Leslie from the Salvation Army and Doug McCall from Cataldo Ambulance who both had several vehicles and resources on site with us at the Showcase Cinema Staging Area.

At this Staging Area we had resources from multiple fire agencies, Lawrence and surrounding towns Police Forces, State Police, Middlesex Sheriff, MEMA, Ambulance Strike Forces and multiple other agencies with Command Posts and other support vehicles and personnel, at this staging area at any given time there was over 1,000 personnel and hundreds of vehicles being utilized.



In the first few hours the Box 4 canteen made over 500 chicken patty sandwiches depleting their entire stock and all of what we had on board A-10, clearly we needed additional resources to support the troops we had on scene.

Paul Leslie and the Salvation Army A-30 canteen set up on the other side of the staging area to provide support in that area, the SA chaplains were walking around distributing bottled water and snacks to the many in that area.

A-10 crew members Steve Corbett, Mike Capozzi, Kevin Sullivan, Dave Florin, and Timothy Gorman arrived on scene by their POV's and began assisting the other members on scene. Dave Florin interfaced with the York Maine canteens crew and arranged for the teams to work together.

We received word that the Market Basket located over at the second staging area, Staging 2 was open and willing to support the effort. We sent over our A-11 to go there and get additional food, water and cooking resources for the anticipated long night we had ahead of us. The folks at Market Basket were great and offered whatever we needed from their inventory. As the entire area was without power the refrigerators at Market Basket were not going to keep the products frozen much longer so the store was happy to see the products go to a good use as they indicated they probably would have to dispose of most of it.

When A-11 arrived at the Market Basket we discovered that the York Maine Canteen was operating there and together with the York guys we loaded up A-11 and the York pickup truck and distributed the supplies to both staging areas.

As this was taking place Rehab 5 was responding to the multiple building fires in Andover and North Andover and providing rehab on the spot and then moving on to the next one, this went on for several hours. When Roger and his crews completed the fire scene rehab they continued on supplying the various law enforcement staging and fixed posts with hot food prepared by us. Rogers teams were instrumental in getting these foodstuffs to the many NEMLEC members on scene and at their command post.

Once A-11 arrived back at Staging 1 with the additional supplies Box 4 continued on making another 500 or so sandwiches.

At the A-10 staging area we set up two large tents, multiple portable generators, microwaves, hot dog machine, lighting, tables, chairs and several cell phone charging stations to support the operations. The food supply cache was set up and the process of serving the members on scene continued.

We were able to secure a grill from Trinity Ambulance along with multiple other food stocks that they brought to our staging area in one of their chair vans. As initially A-10 was located on the opposite side of a large building and our truck generator cable was not long enough to reach us, we were using multiple small Honda generators to support our power requirements at the command post. Eventually our AC power was tapped and Doug McCall from Cataldo brought over a bigger generator to help us power the command post area as the needs for AC grew. The Trinity and Cataldo crews were a tremendous assistance to us during this event.

As events unfolded and we were very busy in rehab we were fortunate to have off duty Somerville Fire Lieutenant Steve Belski and Brockton Fire Captain Ed Williams who drove up from the Brockton area with coolers of water arrive to offer assistance. When Steve and Ed asked what we needed they jumped right in and took over the operation of the grill and began making additional hot dogs and hamburgers to feed the hundreds of fire, police, EMS, Emergency Management and other support personnel on site. Steve and Ed spent about fours working the grill before A-10 crew member Mike Wyatt arrived directly from his shift at SPD to take over the grill master duty and remained at the grill for another 3 hours. At one point there was a line two deep for over two hundred feet waiting to get served their first meal in some cases for 8 hours.

As the evening went on and we became short on supplies again and we required additional hamburgers and hot dogs to feed the many more still in line our friend Joe Koch from Clean Joe provided us assistance by going over with his truck to the Market Basket and picking up what we needed and then worked the rehab area with us. Many folks provided a helping hand in the distribution and preparation of the food and Lou from Boston Board gave us two of his personnel to work the rehab area with us.

Meanwhile the rotation and dispatching of fire companies continued. Multiple fire companies especially those from Lawrence were rehabbed multiple times during the course of the night, many of the jakes worked multiple fires and hundreds of gas odor responses from Staging 1. Apparatus and manpower from all over the area including Central, Southern and Metro Boston as well as New Hampshire arrived and were put to work.

Multiple police motorcycle teams from all over were fed as they worked their way through the Staging area and in between escorts of apparatus to the various addresses within the city.



Multiple ambulance resources were dispatched as well during this initial timeframe. At one point there was over 70 fully staffed ambulances on site and ready to be deployed as well the many command post units and numerous engines, ladders and support vehicles.

Multiple trays of hot food were sent over to the MSP Command Post where Governor Baker, his staff and Lawrence Officials were operating out of.

From the rehab perspective this was truly a cooperative event from many volunteer partner groups who share the same dedication to providing assistance to those when in need and without much preplanning, all the groups worked so well together to take care of and support the many firefighters, law enforcement, EMS and others working this event. The "Get it done Team Effort" was rampant at this event and the cooperation between all of these groups was incredible and the benefit to the multiple responders was very evident.

The Salvation Army and the Red Cross were providing assistance to the thousands of displaced residents at the multiple evacuation centers set up in the three communities.

We were able to formulate a preliminary idea of what we were able to serve and distribute to the personnel on scene at Staging 1 and it looks like this:

28 gallons coffee

5 gallons Hot Chocolate

1,500 Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers

900 Hot Dogs

1050 Chicken Sandwiches

6,300 bottles of water

4,800 bottles of Gatorade

90 dozen donuts

12 Dozen muffins

300 Bags of chips

300 pizzas

20 Packages Sushi

150 Bananas

150 Apples

140 Oranges

12 gallons orange juice

350 Breakfast Sandwiches

60 boxes of cookies

3,000 lbs. of ice

150 Cold Towels

As the initial urgency subsided about 04:00 hours, command prepared for the continuation of the required support for the coming days and plans were put in place to activate additional fire and police strike teams on a rotating basis to offer assistance to these communities for at least the next week or so.

A-10 was the last rehab/canteen unit to take up from this first night at about 05:30 hours. The Salvation Army crews came back at 06:30 to provide breakfast and support for the following days as additional Strike Teams/Task Forces would be deployed for the foreseeable future.



# BOSTON SPARKS ASSOCIATION



It is remarkable that this was accomplished on the fly, by multiple volunteer rehab, canteen and support groups all in effort to support our fellow members of the public safety community. Special thanks to Market Basket for all the supplies that were so very much needed, they probably will have no idea how much the donations of food helped to keep the members of the public safety community nourished and how much this impacted their ability to continue on.

Photos Courtesy Of: Paul Boudreau, Brian Kerins, and Mike Wyatt







## **Boston Sparks Assn. Run #18-127 (10/27/18)**

By President Paul Boudreau.

With Boston experiencing a Northeaster storm bringing heavy rains and high winds on this cool fall Saturday afternoon Boston Fire Alarm received calls for a fire in the building at 104 Hemenway Street in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. The fire address is literally across the street from the Boston Fire Alarm office at 59 The Fenway. Box 1598 was transmitted at 15:17 hours and first arriving Engine 37 reported smoke showing from the second floor of this 5-story brick fully occupied residential dormitory of ordinary construction. Students from Northeastern University and Berkeley School of music occupied these dormitories. This address is one part of a brick row house structure measuring 75' X 50' deep with similar attached units lining the street in both directions. Number 104 is the fourth section in from the corner of Westland Avenue.

This area of Boston was the scene of many multiple alarm fires in the seventies, eighties and nineties as the neighborhood is comprised of similar 5 story structures and saw a heavy fire duty during this period with many of the addresses having multiple fires.

As the first arriving companies began their initial fire attack Engine 37 reported heavy fire conditions on the second floor of this residential building prompting Car 4 District Chief Dillon to order the second alarm.

District 6 operating in the rear of the building reported numerous residents in the windows seeking rescue. Upon these reports District Chief Dillon ordered the initial responding ladder companies to the rear of the building and then ordered the third alarm struck. Many residents were removed over aerial and ground ladders in the rear of the building.

A-10 with crew members Paul Boudreau and Tom Leone responded from our quarters at 344 Congress Street at 15:30 and upon arrival parked on Westland Avenue to begin rehab support operations working with Boston FF Bobby Bullock on W25.

As we set up rehab stations in the front and rear of the building A-11 with crew members Brian Kerins, Christian Waterman and Chuck Gaskill arrived and were put to work.

Commissioner and Chief of Department Joseph Finn arrived on scene and took command. After his size up and briefing with his command staff on scene and with the intense firefight underway additional alarms were transmitted as the fire gained substantial headway and was spreading to the upper floors and the cockloft.

As the fire conditions worsened all companies were ordered out of the building and a defensive operation was undertaken. During this defensive attack and at the height of the firefight 7 ladder pipes, a tower ladder, 3 deck guns, numerous hand lines and several Blitz guns were in operation trying to quench the flames. Despite the heavy fire conditions and with great effort the Boston jakes were able to confine this heavy fire condition to the building of origin thus protecting the attached exposures.

With heavy rain pouring down and wind gusts at 40-50 MPH conditions on the fireground were brutal for everyone. In order to provide some relief, we set up two of our 15' X 20' tents to get the members out of the weather when they came in to rehab.

As the dinner hour approached with about three hours into the fight we set up for feeding the members on scene. We were fortunate to have Whole Foods on Westland Ave and Woody's Wood Fired Pizza on Hemenway Street provide us with sandwiches, rolls, coffee and pizzas to support the firefighters, police officers and EMS workers at the scene and very much needing rehab and comfort.

With the help of these fine establishments and our on-board stock we were able to provide 16 cases of Gatorade, 12 cases of water, 8 Gallons of Coffee, 3 Gallons of Hot Chocolate, 60 bowls of beef stew, 50 pizzas, 50 sandwiches, 90 hot dogs, numerous snacks, three dozen towels, five packages of Rescue Wipes, 30 pairs of gloves and 10 winter hats to members on scene.

A-10 and A-11 returned to quarters by 22:00 hours for drying out, restocking and preparation for the next one.

Photos courtesy of Brian Kerins, Paul Boudreau and Boston Fire PIO Mark Sanders





REGION 3





## BOX 414 Association, Inc.

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By Stuart M. Nathan

During 2017, the Box 414 Coffee Wagons responded on 54 fires, including 15 two alarm fires, 3 three alarm fires, 3 four alarm fires, 20 working fires, 3 hazmat incidents, and 10 other runs. The total of 21 multiple alarm fires during 2017 was one of the lowest number of additional in several years. Back in the busy 60's and 70's, we often had about 100 additional during a year, now we run about 20-30 multiples per year.

Our coffee wagon spent 352 hours on the road for fires, and 250 hours on details. Our details include serving at the Fire Academy graduations, parades, police incidents, funerals of active duty members of the Fire and Police Departments, Department blood drives, and the like. The many volunteers who serve on the wagon donated a total of almost 1600 hours. The top volunteers were Charles Shultz with 340.5 hours, Joe Freund with 227.5 hours, Walt Lemmon with 220 hours, Roger Katzenberg with 147 hours, Charles Conlon with 115.5 hours, and Marie Lemmon with 109 hours.

A brief review of the food we served on the Coffee Wagons last year shows the following amounts dispensed:

Coffee	170 gallons
Water	445 gallons
Gatorade	522 gallons
Hot Chocolate	723 cups
Soda	711 cans
Hot dogs	2212
Sandwiches	1830

### MEDALS DAY

On April 14<sup>th</sup> of this year the Fire Department held its annual Medals Day ceremony at the War Memorial Building in downtown Baltimore. In addition to the Departmental awards given for meritorious conduct, exemplary performance, distinguished service, CPR saves, and distinguished unit citations, a number of special awards are given for the most notable acts of bravery or dedication to service. This year the Box 414 Association Award was presented to Rescue 1 for its service at a horrific 68 vehicle accident on Interstate 95 during an ice storm on December 17, 2016. In addition to the many trapped victims, a tanker truck had slid off the elevated highway and

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was engulfed in flames. Rescue 1, under the command of Captain Harry J. Lancelotti, Jr., began a reconnaissance of the vehicles involved and initiated extrications of the trapped patients. Due to the icy conditions, fire apparatus could not be optimally positioned, and tools had to be carried long distances. Some of the rescues could only be performed with the use of hand tools. These multiple extrications, some of which were intricate and required extraordinary teamwork to complete, were performed under adverse conditions, including decreased visibility due to the fire and smoke emanating from the tanker that had fallen below the highway. Box 414 was proud to present its medal to the members of Rescue 1 for their herculean efforts at this accident scene.

## ANNUAL FIREBOAT PICNIC

In what has become an annual tradition, the members of Box 414 visit the crews of Fireboat 1 and Fire Rescue Boat 1 for a picnic at their quarters adjoining historic Fort McHenry. Then, weather permitting, we are treated to a cruise on the boat. Fortunately June 25, 2018 was a beautiful evening in Baltimore, and the fifty attendees at the picnic had a wonderful time cruising around our Inner Harbor. Our thanks to the Captain and crew of Fireboat 1 and Fire Rescue Boat 1 for hosting this event.

In July, we had our annual trip to watch the Aberdeen Ironbirds, an Orioles minor league affiliate, play at Ripken Stadium, about a 40 minute ride north of Baltimore. Although this year it was hard to tell the difference between the minor league players and the Orioles, it was fair to say that a good time was had by all.

## IFBA CONVENTION

Our thanks to the Racine Fire Bells for hosting a great convention. We were lucky enough to see our new rear mount truck, Truck 26, while we visited the Pierce plant, and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Lambeau Field. Box 414 members attending the convention included Mark and Karen Platek, Roger Katzenberg, and Stuart Nathan.

## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of founding member of Box 414, Morton Katzenberg, on October 9, 2018. Morton was one of a group of men who returned to Baltimore after serving during World War II and started Box 414 in 1946. Morton was not only an active member of our Club but also served as an auxiliary firefighter at Engine 25, perennially one of the busiest companies in Baltimore. Morton spent many hours volunteering on the Coffee Wagon and was also a member of the Fire Bell Club in New York. In New York, Morton was best known for his duties as the carver of the turkey and ham at the annual Bell Club holiday party. Our condolences to Morton's son Steven and the entire Katzenberg family.

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# 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.



N. 20th Street explosion

With an increase in temperatures came an increase in activity levels. June included responses for six working fires, one 2-alarm fire, a water recovery, a freeway hazmat incident, a natural gas leak, and a house explosion. We had four days of hot weather standby (heat index over 100°F). We provided rehab and support services for two training events, as well. The month also included the Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association's annual Muster.

July saw us supporting seven training events, the annual Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Conference, a political rally, and Columbus's

Fourth of July celebration, Red White & Boom. We responded to seven working fires, one 2-alarm fire, two gas leaks, one hazmat incident, and two SWAT incidents. The month also included three days of hot weather standby.



Freeway hazmat incident



Area rehab units at the C.O.A.F.A.A. Muster

In August, Box 15 staffed a truck for five hot weather standby days. Despite the heat, we responded to only two fires on hot weather days. Activity also included Berlin Township's Touch-A-Truck event, a political



rally that saw the President visiting Ohio to campaign for a congressional candidate, a 3-alarm hotel fire, and one training event. We also had the pleasure of visiting Madison County's EMA office, with former Jerome Township Fire Chief Scott Skeldon, who now works with Madison County EMA, hosting a cookout for us.

Hot temperatures continued into September, with us staffing for three days of hot weather standby. Throughout the month, we responded to four [C.O.A.F.A.A. Muster](#) fires, including a 2-alarm residential fire, and a bomb threat. Box 15 participated in Pickerington's Labor Day Parade and Jefferson Township's Open House. We also provided rehab and support for two CFD training activities, this year's 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, as well as a large scale, multi-agency active aggressor training event.

In October, we provided rehab for three days of training events, responded to a gas leak and a SWAT standoff, participated in the City of Delaware's First Friday, and attended Open House events in Plain Township, Westerville, and Clinton Township.

## Donations

We'd again like to send thanks to those that made significant donations to Box 15 over the past several months. In June, our friends at MSC Industrial Supply provided us with a pallet of sports drink mix. In July, Aetna held an employee water drive and donated nearly 3,000 bottles of water. Finally, in August, the Sawmill Road Firehouse Subs location donated several cases of water as part of their annual H2O for Heroes promotion. 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 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 Turn Out – be safe out there!



Photo: IFBA website

## Box 42 Newsletter - October 2018



Supporting the fire community since 1942

### Box 42 salutes Ferndale Fire and Police departments on their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

Plaques were presented to Fire Chief Kevin Sanderson and to Police Lieutenant Dennis Emmi by Anthony Rzucidlo on behalf of the club.



Anthony Rzucidlo photos.

### New DFD response policy.

*Detroit* — The city's fire department is no longer using lights and sirens on all of its runs, prompting the fire union to warn that the new policy could endanger lives. But Detroit's fire commissioner says he has no plans to back down on a strategy that gives discretion to



dispatchers, firefighters and EMTs to alert those en route to "go easy," which means they can switch off their lights and sirens to arrive safely.

Detroit Fire Commissioner Eric Jones told The Detroit News Monday that disregarding traffic signals and speed limits with the activation of lights and sirens for every single run — even when it's not urgent — is unnecessarily dangerous.

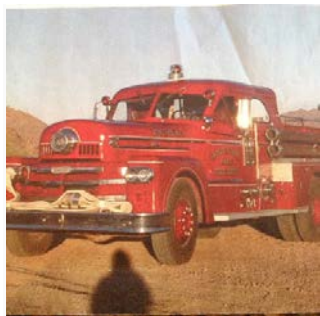
The policy, which began last month and applies to all fire personnel and those who drive fire department vehicles, classifies runs by two codes: one for emergent runs and the other for non-life threatening calls.

Previously, crews responded to all calls with lights and sirens. The city's EMS has been dispatching runs by code for years. But the new policy now adds the firefighter runs to the same system, Jones said. The Detroit News.

**Reader Marty Maier posted a question** on the Box 42 Facebook page, asking if member George Dahl still owns Grosse Point Park's old Seagrave. George's response:

*I sold my 1959 Seagrave Canopy cab 1000 gpm pumper to a lawyer in Peachtree City, GA. It was about 1993 and he owned it about 5 years and sold it to a rancher/horse fancier in Scottsdale, AZ. This guy had a multi-million dollar spread in North Scottsdale and bought it to protect his ranch. When he found it only held 150 gallons of water in the Pierce tank installed in 1980, he sold it to Dave Bullard, a captain in the Rio Verde, AZ Fire Department. I'm trying to get in touch with Dave as he wanted me to help him restore or get rid of the truck. (He offered it to me, but I'm way too old to crawl under that thing again.) I tried to contact Dave Bullard, but couldn't get a hold of him. I'll find him and take a few pictures. I've attached a few that I had.*

*BTW, I'm looking for a steel DFD helmet shield. I had one but I don't know where it is. I was under the impression that a fire fighter or buff got a hold of the old stamping machine and was now making them. Thanks for any anticipated help. George*





**Request for photos.** Bryan Valrance received this note recently.

*Hello Bryan,*

*I was referred to you by our mutual friend, Jon Bozich in the Detroit Firemen's Fund Association, regarding my interest in obtaining photos of the Detroit '67 Riots for an Arcadia Publishing book proposal I'm preparing.*

*Jon spoke very highly of your organization and said that you might have photos to contribute to this worthwhile project. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience and I can tell you more about my book proposal. Thanks much!*

*Nick adds; (the) only requirements will be those of resolution, which will come from the publisher. All types of photographs will work, including black and white snapshots, color slides, and film negatives. Also, newspaper articles, letters, and other memorabilia. Contact Nick directly:*

*Nick Charles  
507-206-1552*

**Our member and friend Len Williams** sends this tidbit from California;

*This past August was the 80th anniversary of my having physically chased my first fire engine.*

*I was 3 yrs. and 2/3 of a month old, and already by that time I could discern by the their sirens whether the rig going up the next street over was E31, Rescue Squad 4, or Batt. Chief 5.*

*I also could discern by its exhaust whistle E34, but I'd never seen it.*

*My mother was in Henry Ford Hospital for the birth of my first younger brother, and I was staying with my maternal grandmother at her flat around the corner from our house.*

*While there, I heard E34's exhaust whistle go by, and I ran out to the front porch to see it, but it had passed by before I got there. So I asked my grandfather where it went. He said that he didn't know*

*I was incredulous. "You mean you're a grown man, and a big thing like a fire engine goes by, and you don't know where it went!!!!!!!"*

*My grandmother told a slightly different version of the same incident.*

*She said that she was giving me a bath, and when that fire engine went by I came out of that bathtub like I'd been shot out of a cannon. She took off after me, but by the time she caught up with me I was on the front porch, stark naked, dripping wet, calling my grandfather 800 kinds of stupid because he didn't know where the fire engine went. They thought that this was the funniest sight that they'd ever seen, and were in hysterical laughter. My grandmother said that the more they laughed, the madder I got. Some people just don't have their priorities straight.*

**Joe Sullivan, Region 3 Vice president,** sends news from the recent IFBA convention.

*There is exciting news within the IFBA. Steve Garnett from Montreal is the new President and Wally Banks from Dallas is the new Executive Vice President. These guys have already made many changes including a Facebook site that all can participate in ( I think it is IFBA Community). There is also a Twitter or Instagram site Intfirebuff.*

*Steve and Wally have also offered an invitation for anyone wanting to serve on an IFBA Committee. The message is Making Fire Buffing Great Again.*

**Mike Rumps liked this photo** from the Wall Street Journal.



**Speaking of Apparatus,** We want to extend a big expression of appreciation to Detroit Fire Department Deputy Commissioner Dave Fornell for hosting our September meeting at the Apparatus Division. After the meeting, Dave conducted a comprehensive tour of the facility, explaining all facets of the operation and the apparatus on hand. Thanks to DC Fornell and the many members and guests who attended. See Sherman Rice's collection of photos on the Michigan Emergency Vehicle Pics page, Posted 10/22.



**The October meeting** of Box 42 Associates is scheduled for **Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** at the Troy Fire Department's dispatch center.

Troy City Hall

500 W. Big Beaver Rd. (Between Livernois & I-75) Troy, MI 48084

Entry is from the circle drive on the NE side of the PD. Access is either off of Town Center to the north, with limited parking in the circle, or the north lot of the Troy Public Library off of Civic Center Drive.



Box 42 October  
20th Map Rev1.pdf

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### **Rochester Hills FD hosts historical event October 9.**

[https://www.dailytribune.com/news/local/rochester-hills-fire-department-hosts-historical-event-on-oct/article\\_af3b3d11-11b7-521f-8afd-2765e3ba2038.html](https://www.dailytribune.com/news/local/rochester-hills-fire-department-hosts-historical-event-on-oct/article_af3b3d11-11b7-521f-8afd-2765e3ba2038.html) [ctrl/click]

Thanks to John Reardon.

### **MAJOR FIRE ACROSS THE RIVER IN WINDSOR – By Walt McCall**

*Windsor Fire & Rescue battled its largest fire in several years on September 19 when a stubborn blaze raged through an industrial complex on the city's east side. The towering loom up from the blaze was clearly visible from Detroit during the afternoon rush hour.*

*The initial alarm came in at 11:30 a.m. Smoke was showing when the first apparatus arrived at the Argyle St. address, just behind the Windsor City Market. Despite a determined interior attack, the blaze made rapid headway through the main floor of the windowless structure. Firefighters were ordered out of the building and tactics switched to an exterior attack. Flames burst through the roof of the vacant single-story factory building, which was being renovated. By 2:00 p.m. it looked like the blaze was under control -- but an hour or so later it erupted again with even greater intensity. The column of thick, black smoke generated by the fire was visible across the city.*

*At its peak, all four of Windsor's Sutphen aerial towers (Trucks 1, 2, 5 and 7) were on the scene, lobbing heavy streams into the fire. Engines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and the ESU (Emergency Support Unit) also responded. Just one engine remained in quarters, with backup coverage from Tecumseh and LaSalle. By*



8:00 p.m. the upper floor of the two-story office building next to the plant was also ablaze. The battle continued through the night, and the fire was declared under control at dawn the next day after a 20-hour struggle. Damage was estimated in excess of \$4 million. Cause is undetermined. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.



*Fire breaks through the roof on Argyle St. side...*

*Trucks 2 and 7 "pour it on"...*

*All four of Windsor's Sutphen Towers up and flowing.....All photos taken by Walt McCall*

From Shannon Moran at the Detroit Firemen's Fund Association

# 2018 RAFFLE CALENDAR

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS**

This is your official 2018 Raffle Calendar. Upon receipt of your \$25 donation and your calendar card, your calendar card will be registered in our records and placed in the raffle drum. Your raffle calendar card is eligible for 430 drawings.

**GRAND PRIZE**

The \$5,000 Grand Prize winner will be drawn on the 13th of December 2018, at the Firemen's Fund annual meeting.

**12 MONTHLY PRIZES**

A \$300 winner will drawn on the last Tuesday of each month of the year.

**52 WEEKLY PRIZES**

A \$100 winner will be drawn on each Monday of the year.

**365 PRIZES OF \$25**

You are eligible to win 430 prizes totaling \$22,925

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Organization I.D. 133607

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**DONATIONS \$25**

Drawings are held every Monday at 12:00 noon and last Tuesday of the month.

**Dalmatians represent the date a Fire Fighter was killed in the line of duty.**

All photos furnished by our friends Warren Anderson, Bill Eisner, Matt Sosnowski, David Traiforos, Dennis Walus

**DRAWINGS**

All drawings are open to the public.  
All drawings for the months of January through November will take place at the Detroit Firemen's Fund Association office, located at 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226, on the following dates:

January: 2, 8, 15, 22, 29, 30  
February: 5, 12, 19, 26, 27  
March: 5, 12, 19, 26, 27  
April: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
May: 1, 7, 14, 21, 28, 29  
June: 4, 11, 18, 25, 26  
July: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 31  
August: 6, 13, 20, 27, 28  
September: 3, 10, 17, 24, 25  
October: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 30  
November: 5, 12, 19, 26, 27  
December: 3, 13

All prizes for the month of December, including the Grand Prize, will be drawn at the annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on December 13, 2018, at the American Serbian Hall of Detroit.

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*If it's not Steel, It's not a Detroit Shield*





## WESTERN RESERVE FIRE MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER

Greetings from Cleveland, Ohio and the lands of the Western Reserve! Many of you are not aware there is a new museum in town and it is the newest jewel in the crown of northeast Ohio. In December 2017 the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center opened its doors to the public. Located in the former Cleveland Fire Department station 28, the museum has a dual mission of Saving History, Saving Lives. But first, a little background information.

The lands of the Western Reserve are made up of the twelve counties in the upper northeast corner of the state. Back in the 1700s, the Connecticut Land Survey Company was making its way west and surveying/mapping the lands west of the eastern seaboard. Once they reached what is now Ohio, they surveyed the land, mapped it out in huge parcels, and declared the parcel along Lake Erie as the Western Reserve of Connecticut. This parcel today stretches from the Ohio/Pennsylvania border westward to Vermillion and as far south as Akron. It is this vast area the Fire Museum represents. All of the fire service in volunteer, part-time, career, industrial, and Federal departments.

The Western Reserve Fire Museum was first proposed just after the 1992 IFBA Summer Convention here in Cleveland. The convention had been financially successful and the leftover funds were used as seed money to start the museum. The ad hoc "committee" looked at several potential sites for our building. Finally, in 1999, the former fire station and Fire Alarm Office located at 310 Carnegie Avenue was picked as the home for the museum. At first the building was used just for storage of building materials and donations of artifacts. In 2003 a long-term lease was signed with the city and our museum was born. Over the last 15 years a great deal of renovation and construction has been necessary to transform the building into a museum. Concrete floors had to be removed and re-poured, electrical upgrades were needed, ADA compliant restrooms had to be completed, windows had to be replaced, and a brandnew boiler for our heating system had to be installed. The vast majority of this work was done by volunteer labor, many of whom were active or retired firefighters. We are in debt to the many organizations and suppliers who donated money or materials in order to get the renovation started and keep it going. On December 27, 2017 the Fire Museum opened its doors to the public.

Our current display is entitled "From the Buckets to the Big Red Machines". It is a chronological look at the fire service starting with our display of leather fire buckets, continuing through the era of hand-drawn and horse-drawn apparatus, moving on to the era of steam powered pumpers, and culminating with our beautifully restored 1936 Mack gasoline powered pumper. Our exhibit contains an 1852 Button hand pumper, an 1858 Rumsey hand pumper, an 1872 Silsby steam pumper, as well as two hose reels and numerous smaller toys, nozzles, lanterns, fire extinguishers and watchmen rattles.

The other part of our mission is presenting fire safety and injury prevention education to all. Our Education Wing is home to our smoke bedroom and our hazard kitchen. Our Education Director presents these topics to school groups, senior citizen groups, summer camp attendees, and our daily visitors to the museum. We have a mobile Bullex fire extinguisher training system that can be taken to businesses, factories, nursing homes and home schools to teach participants the proper way to use a fire extinguisher on a small fire. Every visitor goes home with their own fire helmet and a goody bag with education materials and coloring books.

Some of our other activities include a luau fundraiser, volunteer appreciation cook-out, free open house to kick off Fire Prevention Week, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be coming, closer to Christmas.

We cordially invite all IFBA members to come visit The Western Reserve Fire Museum. We are open all year, Wednesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Our address is 310 Carnegie Ave., in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Telephone 216-664-6312. You can check us out on our web page <http://www.wrfmc.com> and on Facebook. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

James Bell, President  
Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center











# REGION 5





## **GREETINGS FROM THE BAYOU STATE THE SIGNAL 51 GROUP SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

Many years have passed since a submission from the Signal 51 Group has graced the pages of Turnout. So, we'd like to give everyone a quick update on what's happening in our neck of the woods.

The Signal 51 Group will proudly celebrate 50 years of service to the Shreveport Fire Department in 2019 and as an IFBA member group.

We currently have 18 members and provide rehab services at all working fires and other incidents to which we are special called.

The Shreveport Fire Department is a Class 1 department that provides both fire and EMS services to an area of approximately 122 square miles from 22 stations with 600+ fire line personnel.

April of this year saw the opening of a new fire station, station #17. The new station replaced an aging and inadequate facility. In addition to an engine and medic unit that were housed at the original station, a ladder truck and a SPRINT (Single Paramedic Rapid Intervention Non-Transport) EMS response vehicle were added to the new stations roster.

The entire Signal 51 Group would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our two most faithful rehab responders - Fred Mc Clanahan and Cody Daniels. Thanks guys for your hard work and dedication.

Finally, we'd like to say congratulations to Region 5's very own Wally Banks for being selected to serve as the IFBA's new Executive Vice President. We can't wait to see what great things lie ahead for the entire IFBA organization - the

Executive Board has, in our opinion, made a very wise choice. The future looks brighter than ever.

If you'd like to know more about the Signal 51 Group or would like to see fire scene photos, etc. we invite you to check out our website at [www.signal51.com](http://www.signal51.com) or like and follow us on Facebook at Signal 51 Group.

Karl Brummett - Secretary

Signal 51 Group

Shreveport, LA





3- Alarm fire on 04/23/2018 at 3534 Toulouse St. in a one square block, two story warehouse that housed several businesses that was totally destroyed.









# REGION 6





## WHY THE IFBA IS SO IMPORTANT!

I started my firefighting career in 1969 on the Elgin, IL Fire Department. At that time we were about the 4<sup>th</sup>. or 5<sup>th</sup>. largest paid fire department in the State of Illinois. When I started I was the 3<sup>rd</sup>. generation firefighter on this department. My son is now the 4<sup>th</sup>. generation on the job. I knew exactly what I was getting into and I was very proud of this opportunity.

When the fire department had large fires or long lasting incidents, we suffered through these, as there were no rehab units or canteens to come to the scene and give us some needed refreshments. This was the way the job was. We never knew when the Salvation Army would show up or if they even would.

I always felt extremely happy when a friendly neighbor would show up with a cup of coffee or a cold drink. Sometimes they would bring a snack for us to eat. You could never thank these people enough! I don't know if they realized how much we all appreciated their kindness, but you could never count on this happening!

The lack of a responding canteen unit lasted throughout my entire career which was for 39 years. I never realized that there were canteens manned by volunteers until I was attending a fire science class being taught by a Chicago FD Captain. He told me about the 5-11 Club of Chicago and I have been a member for about 20 years now, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I was always a fan of the Chicago Fire Department so the canteen was a natural fit.

Having now retired from the fire service. I am inspired to give firefighters a canteen service which I never had. It is such a great feeling to work with other volunteers, who give of themselves to help firefighters and law enforcement. Their tireless hours and efforts never go unnoticed by the firefighters, police officers and the EMS personnel we serve.

We as members of the International Fire Buff Associates (IFBA) should “CONTINUE TO SERVE THOSE WHO PROTECT US” to the best of our club's abilities. We should continually strive to make our individual canteens the best that they can be. We should always be recruiting new members as we always need replacements for members who move on. We must always be ready and willing to meet with and receive ideas from other IFBA clubs as we might find a better way to do what we already do or we might discover another avenue to better serve our firefighters, EMS personnel and law enforcement. Every time you attend a IFBA Region meeting or an IFBA convention, you always walk away with new ideas or different ways to do things. A person cannot purchase this many ideas or the camaraderie that you can get at an IFBA convention. Please make plans to attend one. You will quickly realize that you can't stop at just one (like the potato chip ad says). You will be hooked

Stay safe and “CONTINUE TO SERVE THOSE WHO PROTECT US!”

Dennis Ahrens, Region 6, Past Vice President





August 22, 2018

Attn: Dennis Ahrens, IFBA, Region 6 VP  
International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

## **Box 55 Annual Status Report**

Box 55 Fire Buff Association, Nashville, TN is reporting that as of this year we have been operating continuously for 65 years for the sole purpose of providing Rehabilitation services to the Men and Women of the Nashville Fire Department, Metro Nashville Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management as well as other local First Responders. We are excited to host and have already formed committees and are in the planning phase for hosting of the 2020 National IFBA Convention in Nashville, TN. Our current membership is holding strong at 47 active due paying members. This breaks out to be, 30 Full privilege voting members, 5 Honorary members and currently 12 Probationary members. We also have two additional applicants that have contacted the club in hopes to become a possible member.

Since our last Regional meeting, we are happy to report that we do not have any additions to the necrology report.

For this past year, we have run a total of 361 calls which is an actual decrease over last year. 316 of them being 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm response, 23 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Responses and 2 equivalent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm Responses. We also Responded to 36 Hazmat incidents. We had several mutual aid responses, stand-by special ops, and police responses. We provided 1,646 onsite volunteer man hours and many more being on stand-by, on call or fundraising, or via administrative efforts. We currently operate a 2016 Freightliner Sprinter and a 2006 Dodge Sprinter both of which have full custom interior build-outs based on our regional needs.

This year we have increased our social media presence. Rolled out a new website and have several media related news stories that have ran, which all are direct factors in us increasing our recruitment. We lost several members due to inactivity, and lack of desire to continue, but have gained approx. 3x that in new membership. We are currently looking into tapping new revenue and fundraising opportunities as well as seeking grants that are available to our type of 501 (c) 3 organizations. Box 55 was also the recipient of a \$20,000 donation made from Fire House Expo at the bequest of the Nashville Fire Department as our relationship with them and the convention continues to develop. This donation will go directly to our capital improvement plan to replace our again 2<sup>nd</sup> line sprinter.

As previously reported, we have been working with 3 new buff clubs in our immediate surrounding area as well as will be assisting in a 5<sup>th</sup> one coming online and into existence. We are meeting regularly with the leadership of these clubs, promoting the IFBA and getting close to getting the additional clubs to join the IFBA. We also have commitments from most of these clubs to assist with the planning and executing of the 2020 Convention. We are working on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Mutual Aid Agreements between all of the regional clubs to promote additional responses. We have been working with them to increase moral, and share rehab ideas and strategies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bilbrey  
Secretary and Board Member  
Box 55 Fire Buff Association



DAVID BRILEY  
MAYOR



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### **Firehouse Magazine Makes \$20,000 Donation to Box 55**

*Box 55 provides refreshments and support to first responders while they respond to incidents in the field.*

Nashville, TN (August 8, 2018) – The publishers of Firehouse Magazine donated \$20,000 to the Nashville Fire Buffs Box 55 organization.

Box 55 is a 501 (c) 3 created in 1952 to serve the men and women of the Nashville Fire Department. Now, the organization provides refreshment and scene support to NFD, Metro Police, EMS and OEM. Box 55 operates 24 hour a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Box 55 responds to all working fires and by special request to other emergency situations such as search and rescue, SWAT, Haz-Mat, major Motor Vehicle Accidents and other extended operations.

Firehouse Magazine CEO Chris Ferrell along with Ed Nichols Vice President of Events for Endeavor Business Media presented the donation to Box 55 President and former NFD Director Chief Buck Dozier.

“We deeply appreciate all of the organizations and people who support us,” Dozier said. “We do all of our work with no administrative costs so 100% of every dollar goes to helping Box 55 serve the first responders of Davidson County.”

The substantial donation is the largest single donation to Box 55 and comes ahead of Firehouse Expo 2018 at the Music City Center in Nashville beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Firehouse Expo is the leading trade show and expo for the fire industry. During the four day event behind the scenes tools are featured as well as training, equipment and exposure to the ideas and inspiration firefighters need to be the best, the brightest and bravest in the business, according to event details from Firehouse Magazine.

“Firehouse is delighted to support the important work Box 55 does for the fire service in Davidson County,” Ferrell said. “We are grateful for the support from Box 55 and the NFD to the Firehouse Expo, which is back in Nashville for the third year.”

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NFD Director Chief William Swann joined Firehouse leadership during the check presentation.

“It is always a great day when the Nashville Fire Department can work with the IAFF Local 140 to secure a donation such as this one for the members of Box 55,” NFD Director Chief William Swann said. “This donation will benefit Box 55, but will also have a positive impact on all the organizations that benefit from the selfless support of these volunteers.”

As the demands and definitions of rehab continue to change, Box 55 is dedicated to changing and growing with them. The organization’s goal is to respond quickly when called and to provide rehabilitation and re-hydration to the fire department.

[Learn how to donate.](#)

[Learn how to become a volunteer.](#)





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**By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar**

Our 5-11 Club canteen service has been extremely busy in 2018 with over 110 responses since the beginning of the year. With the additional units that were procured over the last several years, our 5-11 Club is now able to respond to more fires, SWAT incidents, civic events and other requests for service with our five vehicles. Multiple alarm fires for 2018 has reached 35, four 3-11s (3<sup>rd</sup> alarm) and 31 2-11s (2<sup>nd</sup> alarm). There have been no 5-11 alarm fires since 2016.

The Chicago Fire Department has had some changes at the top of the command structure. Our good friend, Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago, retired on September 1<sup>st</sup>, after having reached a state mandated retirement age. We wish the Commissioner a happy retirement after more than 39 years of service with the CFD and the Emergency Communications Center, with the last six and a half years as Fire Commissioner.

The Mayor has recently appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner Richard Ford II as the new Fire Commissioner. Commissioner Ford had been the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner since 2016. Prior to that, he was in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Taking Commissioner Ford's place as 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner, is Deputy District Chief Annette Holt. 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner Holt has held several positions with the CFD, including involvement in EMS Operations and Training, Battalion Chief and, most recently, as the 4<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Chief. 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner Holt is the first woman to be appointed to this position in the 160 year history of the CFD. The officers and members of the 5-11 Club would like to congratulate Commissioner Ford and 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner Holt on their promotions and we look forward to working with both of them.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the CFD was called to the scene of a fire involving a huge pile of shredded automobile tires at a tire recycling facility located at 117<sup>th</sup> and Torrence Avenue. The fire grew to a 3-11 alarm with at least five special calls to bring in specialized equipment, including two turret wagons, both the CFD's hose wagons equipped with 6000 feet of 5" hose, a light wagon and the fire boat Wheatley (Engine 2). Due to the location of the fire, long lead outs were required with Engine 2 using its 14000 gpm pumps to draw water from the river and supply the 5" hose to the CFD turret wagons. With the help of a neighboring private contractor who

provided two front end loaders, the stubborn fire was finally extinguished two days after it began. Our 5-11 Club had three of its rigs on the scene for nearly 40 hours.



117<sup>th</sup> and Torrence Avenue tire facility fire (CFD photo)

Our Club's canteens were involved in other major events in the City since our last article. The month of October was especially busy with our crews on "stand by" at CPD staging areas after a verdict was reached in a 2014 CPD involved shooting of a teenage boy. Four of our units were deployed to various staging areas in the City for three days. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Chicago Marathon was held with over 44,000 runners participating. Our units were once again deployed to CFD staging areas. October 27<sup>th</sup> saw our units participating in a training drill at the Willis Tower (Sears Tower) that included a fire drill and an active shooter drill in the 110-story structure.

O'Hare Field's new Rescue Station 2 is under construction and is expected to be completed in 2019. It will replace the existing Rescue Station 2 that has to be removed due to new runway construction. The new building will have a four bay drive-thru apparatus section along one side of the 20,000 sq. ft. structure. Rescue Station 1 has added an addition to accommodate the larger capacity crash trucks that have been placed in service at O'Hare Field. The latest information on a new fire station at Illinois and Dearborn Streets is that the City and a developer are in the final stages of approval for the new structure. Plans are to build a new three bay, three story fire station immediately next door to the existing fire station. Phase two would see the razing of the existing firehouse and the construction of a 29-story office building that will surround the new firehouse.



On the apparatus scene, two new E-One 95' tower ladders have been received and will soon be put into service at Tower Ladder 5 and Tower Ladder 21. Two mobile command vans, 2-7-4 and 2-7-5 have been put into service. These units were built by LDV on a 2018 Ford chassis. The Office of Fire Investigation received two 2018 Fords with Knapheide bodies with separate compartments for storing evidence retrieved at the scene of suspicious fires. The EMS fleet received 14 new Dodge/Wheeled Coach ambulances. An add-on order for six more units has been placed with expected delivery in 2019. The EMS fleet has been expanded with five new ambulances put into service. This brings the total CFD ambulance fleet to 80 ALS units. The dive squad (SCUBA team) will soon be getting a new rig from E-One to replace the 2003 American/LaFrance/Medic Master rig.

Please visit our website, [www.5-11clubchicago.org](http://www.5-11clubchicago.org), for the latest news about our 5-11 Club activities and a growing photo gallery. The 5-11 Club now has a Twitter page. The link for the site can be found on the 5-11 Club's home page. We look forward to hearing from you. Call or email the Club if you plan to visit Chicago. Tours can be arranged with several days' notice.



## INDIANAPOLIS FIRE BUFFS

### FALL/ WINTER 2018

Indianapolis Fire Buff members continue to provide two gatherings a month in the duty locations of city fire stations. Special occasions will allow us to gather at other area departments, such as visiting brand new facilities and apparatus.

Our usual first Saturday morning breakfast menu includes OJ, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, coffee and milk. Buffs cook and do the dishes, unless the subs and probies are urged by a house captain to step forward and volunteer. We, of course, won't interfere with this part of the training process.

Third Wednesday evenings of each month we return to the same station for our Business meeting. Financial reports, Committee reports and scheduling for upcoming events requiring time and personpower are shared. That the station would happen to catch a run nearby is reason to suspend the order of business to see Indy's finest take care of the problem they were called to handle.

Chief Ernest Malone and IAFF Local #416 president Hank Harris joined us for a summer meeting to confirm rules and answer questions about our new five-year contract now in place with the City. We were advised that our neighborhood school property that was closed when the City system realigned will soon be opened as a resident Senior Living center. New members to cover daytime RSU runs? We could use that help.

One of our craft breweries has included us in their gift giving. Bottled water and snack foods will support the RSU's. A local distributor of ice machines has given us a larger-volume machine that will work well with our units. We benefitted from a fundraiser during Indianapolis Colts football season, when we were the selected charity to be sponsored by a local refuse service company. They have contestants stand at three distances from a clean collection unit and throw a football through a small opening. Our guy from IFD station 27 put all three through the target, and we were awarded \$1,000. We owe them a dinner for their shift at the station, for sure!

Maintenance challenges continue to interrupt our units and club antique engine. RSU 3, a converted service (lights and air bottles) wagon, did not have a second front seat. Investigation turned up an unused seat at the IFD Repair shops. Our smart repair committee club members completed an estimated \$300 parts and labor job for \$6.28. Thanks, guys.

Replacement uniform shirts for RSU crews will be done soon. It is so much better to be recognized for who we are and what we are doing at emergency scenes. They also helped Recruits that we service throughout their training rotations. It used to be they had no idea until they got their first "big one", and they met us for the first time at the RSU location.



Our annual Hawaii trip raffle fundraiser was successful, again. IFD station 2 C- shift used their house dues extra to purchase extra raffle tickets, and they won. Their cash first prize was shared equally by all on duty. Part of our response was a steak dinner for that shift cooked and served by club members. Additional duty locations at other departments were added this year. We realized additional income and expect even better returns when the word gets around. Some of the new customers won two of the seventeen prizes.

The Club approved payment of Registration fees for Delegate and Alternate to the IFBA Convention at Racine. Six members were able to attend.

Planning has started for our Club Christmas party and gift exchange in December. We did well last year with meal and gift exchange, and we will meet again at Local 416 Hall.

New officers for 2019 are Byron Jacobs, President; Marc Parton, Vice-President; Dennis Chambers, Secretary; and Chara Leaver, Treasurer and Membership. Happy New Year!!!



Several Indianapolis Fire Buff members recently attended the Indianapolis Fire Department's 27th Annual Recognition Banquet. Chief of Fire Ernest Malone recognized IFB for their continued fireground assistance and posed with the members present in a group photo. Photo by Rodger Birchfield.



12-12-18: Units from the Indianapolis Fire Department use master streams in their effort to extinguish a 3 Alarm fire in a warehouse at 502 S. Harris Street. IFB had two rehab units detailed to this incident. Photo by Rodger Birchfield.



12-17-18: The City of Lawrence requested mutual aid assistance from IFD at a 3 Alarm apartment fire at 9494 Bowling Green Way. Rehab was provided by RSU 3, and as usual, it was a popular gathering spot for the fire-fighters. Photos by Rodger Birchfield.





A barn fire is not an everyday occurrence for IFD . Units were called for a barn fire on 1-2-19 at 3100 N. Carroll Road, which is the eastern county line for Marion County. Units were on the scene for hours. The barn was a total loss. Photos by Rita Reith.



On duty Medics and Firefighters at IFD Station 2 (C shift) happily accepted a steak dinner and dessert that is part of the winning raffle prize of the Fire Buffs' annual raffle fund raiser. Photo by Rodger Birchfield.



The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club has only served at one fire scene since July 1, 2018. That says a lot for the Milwaukee Fire Department and the surrounding communities. They are working diligently to make sure citizens are educated in home safety to help prevent accidents that result in fires and to call quickly if there is an incident. Children in second and fifth grades are being taught through the Milwaukee Survive Alive Foundation and their education has been found to be extremely helpful in a couple recent situations. The children were able to quickly roust family members and get them out safely.

The Fire Bell Club has participated in a number of public relations' events and training situations.



Active shooter training, fire training scenarios and static displays for public education were just a few of our assignments for 2018





The annual “Steak Fry”, this year hosted by the Racine Fire Bell Club in their museum was a huge success. Next year it will be the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club’s turn to host.



Fourth of July parade duty is always a fun day

You never know who you will see in the crowd

There are so many parade requests and we just can’t do them all. This year we travelled to Milwaukee’s South side to take part in their 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.



**Photos by** Chuck Liedtke & Bill Mokros

**Article by** Bill & Vickie Mokros



# REGION 9





## *The Bell and Siren Club, Inc.*

Organized 1949

Charter Member International Fire Buff Associates

Submitted by Ira Cohen

When the Bell & Siren Club was formed almost 70 years ago, there were three original “client” towns—Newark, East Orange and the Village of South Orange. Primarily a single family residential community, South Orange is also the home to Seton Hall University and the town rarely has working fires that require the Club’s response. Despite this, we enjoy a special relationship with the SOFD.

Like many communities, South Orange had a Civil Defense fire department during World War II, and when the conflict ended, the town wanted to continue the force as an auxiliary fire service to supplement the career department. However, with the end of the War, South Orange found it difficult to retain and recruit new auxiliary fire fighters and so the town turned to the Bell & Siren Club for help.

Through the 1950’s into the 1970’s many Club members volunteered and joined the South Orange Auxiliary Fire Department. It was a great opportunity to train & drill with career fire fighters, drive apparatus, and on rare occasions put these skills to use assisting at working fires.

Eventually the SOAFD disbanded, but the personal relationships that were developed continue on as new ones are cultivated. Every Spring the Club holds a Social Meeting in South Orange, and on June 21 we met at Fire Headquarters for an evening of good food and fellowship. Club President Tom Pelaia put on his chef’s hat and prepared a Chicken Marsala dinner which everyone enjoyed.

Chief Daniel Sullivan welcomed us and thanked the Club for its many years of service to the Village. We were also presented with a donation in recognition of our service to the SOFD.

At 11:00 on June 2, the Club’s canteen (the Rig), Headquarters #17, was requested to respond to a 3 Alarm fire in a large plumbing supply warehouse at 196 South Grove St. in East Orange, on the Newark border. East Orange’s entire department of 4 engines, 2 ladders, and rescue were operating there, along with several mutual aid companies. Because of its proximity, Newark also responded with a Signal 9 assignment consisting of Engines # 7, 15, Ladder # 7 and Battalion Chief #1. We were on the scene for 3 hours serving 250 cups of Gatorade; 100 cups of iced tea; 200 bottles of water; and various food items.

During the wee hours of the morning of July 29, Hdq. #17 responded to a Second Alarm at 457-461 South 19<sup>th</sup> St. in Newark. A total of 4 structures were involved, with the original



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fire building totally collapsing. Fortunately there was no loss of life, but 2 firefighters did sustain minor injuries. The Rig was on the scene for 3 ½ hrs. serving 200 cups of Gatorade; 200 cups of iced tea; 200 bottles of water; fresh fruit and other items.

While other IFBA Clubs are often called on to assist at police incidents, the Bell and Siren Club very rarely gets such requests. However, during the afternoon of September 26, Newark Police were involved in a shooting incident and our Rig was requested to respond to Lyons Ave. and Bergen St. Suspects in a pick-up truck were the subjects of an undercover gun investigation, and when stopped by the police, the driver tried to escape by ramming various cars and the passenger started shooting.

When the gunfire ended, one of the suspects was wounded in the street while the other was motionless in the truck. For hours police waited him out, calling to him to surrender but there was no response. By the time a police robot smashed the passenger side window to take a look inside, he was dead. He and his partner who was wounded were the only casualties.

During Fire Prevention Week in October, the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD is the venue for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. This year the events were held Oct. 5-7 and the ceremony honored the 103 firefighters from across the United States who died in the line of duty. Included were career as well as volunteer firefighters, members of the forestry and wildlife services, and others who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting others. Several thousand family and friends of these brave men and woman were there to honor the fallen.

Under the coordination of Chris Oliphant from the Friendship Fire Association, many canteens participated in the weekend, serving water, Gatorade, donuts, etc. to attendees. Among them were several units from IFBA clubs including Friendship Fire Assn., Anne Arundel Alarmers and the Bell and Siren Club.

Members Tom Pelaia, Joe Bray, Leon White and Ira Cohen took the Rig to Emmitsburg. They went down on Saturday, and stayed overnight in Gettysburg. Then early Sunday it was only a short ride to Emmitsburg where Headquarters #17 set up and served hundreds of guests. Needless to say, it was a moving and memorable time.

As October ended the Club was requested at two multiples. The first was on the 25<sup>th</sup> when Newark dispatched a Second for two 3 story, wood frame houses, going good at 84 Miller St. Three day later the neighboring town of Irvington had a Three Alarm fire involving several houses on Grove St., near the Newark border. Newark dispatched a Signal 9, two engines, one ladder, and a battalion chief directly to the scene and Essex County Mutual Aid was activated bringing in additional resources. Headquarters #17 was on the scene for over 3 hours serving the scores of firefighters.





Fallen Firefighter's Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmisburg, MD



Club members serving at the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service.



Bell and Siren and Friendship Fire Association cantens at Emmisburg.



Headquarters #17 operating at a Newark Third Alarm



## GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

### SUMMER TRAGEDY SHAKES UNION CITY

In our last Turn Out submission we had related the baptism under fire received by the new Onan generator installed on board Car 26, the Gong Club's canteen. Since its first fire on January 31, 2018, the power plant has performed well. The frigid winter weather that night is a distant memory in the sweltering heat of July. But, with the passage of nearly 6 months' time, the generator was due for warranty service. So, on the steamy Friday morning of July 13, 2018, Car 26 headed off to East Rutherford, NJ for its first maintenance service.

The rig was no more than a dozen blocks from quarters when North Hudson transmitted an alarm for 416 25<sup>th</sup> St., Union City, at 08:55. Sqd. Co. 2, the 2<sup>nd</sup> due engine, reported heavy smoke from their quarters on 16<sup>th</sup> St. North Hudson Fire Control replied "receiving numerous calls reporting people and animals trapped". Sqd. Co. 2 arrived in 3 minutes and reported a working fire in a 3-story residential building. Both Battalion 1 and the Deputy Chief arrived immediately thereafter, transmitting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarms upon arrival.

Car 26 is assigned on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm in North Hudson. The generator service would have

to wait for another day; the Onan was in for another long day of work! As Car 26 redirected, a 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm was transmitted, bringing Jersey City companies to the fire.

Car 26 arrived with the 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm companies, finding not only a fierce firefight in progress, but a mass casualty incident as well. North Hudson companies swarmed into the building, locating and removing 5 small children over ladders from the choking smoke. EMS personnel and firefighters were working frantically in the street to revive the youngsters.

Units conducted a primary search to confirm all occupants had been removed. Meanwhile, the fire was extending to another dwelling to the east. Batt. 1 called for another company to assist the Jersey City units that had responded on the 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm. A 5<sup>th</sup> Alarm was then transmitted at 10:06, bring 2 Hoboken Companies to the scene along with North Hudson Eng. Co. 13.

The day was shaping up to be a typical New Jersey July day, hot and humid! Car 26 operated from a shady spot at Bergenline Ave. & 25<sup>th</sup> St. but also set up a satellite rehab operation east of the fire building. Jersey City Batt. 3 requested 3 FDJC companies be sent to relieve the units that had been working the fire. With mutual aid companies from all over Hudson County covering North Hudson, Essex County was

contacted for assistance. Bloomfield and Nutley engine companies and Montclair

Lad. Co. 1 were dispatched to North Hudson Ladder 3's quarters; a highly unusual move!



5-5 416 25<sup>th</sup> St., Union City 7/13/18

Conditions shortly after arrival (Ron Jeffers photo)

But wait, there's more! As if there was a premonition that there was more action in store, North Hudson transmitted an alarm for 1219 Hillside Pl., North Bergen, at 11:28. Units from Bayonne and Harrison responded along with 2 North Hudson spare rigs staffed by recall personnel. North Hudson Lad. Co. 6 reported light smoke from the roof, but Batt. 5, a recalled battalion chief, reported a working fire.

Companies from Secaucus, Bayonne and Kearny were dispatched to Hillside Pl. Nutley Eng. 1 and Montclair Lad. 1 were redirected from their cover assignment to the fire. Batt. 5 reported at 11:41, "2 lines

stretched; doubtful will hold". North Hudson Fire Control replied that there were no companies left and they were reaching out to Essex County for additional mutual aid companies. The following units moved from Essex County to cover vacant North Hudson firehouses at 11:54:

East Orange Eng. 1, Maplewood Eng. 2, Irvington Lad. 1 to North Hudson Sqd. 2

West Orange Eng. 2, South Orange Eng. 5, Millburn Tower Ladder 1 to North Hudson Tower Ladder 3.

The Hillside Place fire was declared under control at 12:14 hours. Somehow North



Hudson Res. Co. 1 and Jersey City Eng. Co. 10 ended up working at both fires!

On 25<sup>th</sup> St., that fire was placed under control but a somber mood prevailed. Word reached the fire scene that one of the tiny victims had perished and the others were in

critical condition. As the next few days wore on, sadly none of the 5 children survived. The entire city was plunged into deep mourning. An exhaustive investigation concluded that the fire was electrical in origin.



**5-5 416 25<sup>th</sup> St., Union City 7/13/18**

North Hudson Fire Fighters take a blow after hard work (Jersey Journal Photo)

## Response:

08:55 416 25<sup>th</sup> St. Eng. 4-Sqd. 2-5-3 Lad. 1-3 Res. 1 Batt. 1, Div. 1, Safety 1 Sqd. 7 (RIC)  
 09:00 2-2 Sqd. 1-Eng. 1 Lad. 4, Batt. 2  
 09:01 3-3 Sqd. 10-Eng. 9 Lad. 5 FDJC Car 26  
 09:13 4-4 FDJC Eng. 7-11 Lad. 7 Batt. 3 Car 3  
 10:06 5-5 Eng. 13-Hoboken Eng. 1 Hoboken Lad. 1  
 10:38 S/C Kearny Eng. 1  
 10:47 Relief FDJC Eng. 10-2 Lad. 12 Batt. 1

11:28 1219 Hillside Pl. Eng. 15- Bayonne Eng. 6- Harrison Eng. 3 Lad. 6-Bayonne Lad. 3 Batt. 5

11:38 WF Secaucus Eng. 2-Bayonne Sqd. 5-Nutley Eng. 1 Kearny Lad. 2-Montclair Lad. 1  
 11:53 S/C Res. 1  
 11:58 S/C FDJC Eng. 10

A crew of 4 operated Car 26 for over 4 and ½ hours, cooling firefighters with a misting fan, 50 cold towels, 12 gallons of Gatorade and some 365 bottles of water.



## SUMMER DOLDRUMS

As Summer 2018 began, signs pointed to a busier than usual period. A double whammy hit the Jersey City Fire Dept. on June 14, 2018. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm on Box 313 brought companies to the busy Newark Ave. area near the Hudson County Courthouse shortly

after 15:00. Fire was at 625 Newark Ave., a 3-story frame mixed occupancy building. Fire was located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and extended to adjacent exposures. An aggressive attack confined the fire to the building of origin with moderate damage to the adjoining buildings.



**2-2 163, 340 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Jersey City, 6/14/18**

Capt. Lenny Rybicki, Lad. Co. 8, gets "something cool and refreshing"  
from Member Bobby Scollan (Ron Jeffers Photo)

It was fortunate that this fire was knocked down quickly. With some units being released and overhaul in progress, smoke was seen on the horizon about 8 blocks to the east. Numerous calls were received at 17:15 reporting a building fire at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monmouth Streets but with conflicting addresses. Relocated and mutual aid companies responded and found a fire in a rookery; yes, a rear tenement! The building

was not visible from the street, explaining why callers gave varying addresses. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm was struck on Box 163 for this fire, with some units, including Car 26, responding from one fire to another! Fire fighters humped hoselines and ladders through alleys and in and out of buildings on both 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Monmouth St. to reach the fire.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm on Box 559 brought companies to tiny Weldon St., in the Journal Square area, on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Fire roaring from a rear extension on this narrow, one block long street rapidly extended to 3 buildings. The fire was fought at the hottest part of the day; 1<sup>st</sup> alarm at 13:40 hours.

Despite the narrow streets and hilly topography, companies gained the upper hand within an hour. Structures at 7 and 9 Weldon St. and around the corner at 79 Stuyvesant Ave. were damaged.



**2-2 163, 340 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Jersey City, 6/14/18**

A rare sight! Jersey City Eng. Co. 17 and North Hudson Lad. Co. 4 working at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Monmouth Streets! (Ron Jeffers Photo)

3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion companies had their hands full with a mid-day 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm at 100 Lincoln St., Box 439, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Fire was confined to a large 3 story frame tenement in the Heights section of the City.

But, fire took a vacation of its own for the remainder of the summer! Jersey City went for almost 2 months without a multiple alarm; from August 23 until October 21! In fact, save for a junkyard fire in Kearny on

September 10, 2018, the entire Hudson County went quiet!

The spell was broken on Sunday, October 21, 2018, with a 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm to boot! Box 428 was transmitted at 13:22 hours for a fire in the rear of 1004 Summit Ave., a large 3 story frame tenement attached to a similar structure to the north. Batt. 3, Batt. Chief Robert Forenza, was first to arrive, reporting smoke showing from the rear of the building. Eng. Co. 15 reported fire





extending from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, “going up the gasoline shingles”. An interior fire was extending from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Eng. Co. 11 reported a fire in the walls; checking the basement.

Deputy Chief Anthony Della Rosa assumed command at 13:30 hours, reporting “3 story frame, fire 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear; checking the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for extension”. Res. Co. 1 reported from the roof that they were cutting inspection holes and had fire in the cockloft. Obviously, the fire was moving throughout the structure. Deputy Chief Della Rosa special called 2 additional engines and a ladder company, followed one minute later with a full 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm.

Units on the roof now reported heavy fire in the cockloft and a trench cut was being started. With the reports going from bad to worse, Chief Della Rosa radioed “Let me have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm” at 13:48. Batt. 4 reported fire now in the entire cockloft, while Batt. 3 stated lines were operating on all floors and the fire was running the walls. Eng. Co. 10 reported a good smoke condition in the cockloft of the exposure; opening up. 4 minutes later, Chief Della Rosa transmitted a 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm.

Fires in such old tenements require a copious amount of manpower for a successful outcome. With plenty of help on scene, walls and ceilings were opened in both buildings. Fire fighters used 8 handlines to hunt down and extinguish the fire throughout both tenements. The labor-intensive operation paid off! Although damage was extensive, both structures were saved and can be repaired.

Car 26, with member Jim Fay at the wheel, operated for 2 hours, serving a gallon of coffee, 5 gallons of Gatorade and 80 bottles of water.

## Response:

13:22 Box 428 Eng. Co. 11-18-14-7 Lad. Co. 3-7  
Res. Co. 1 Div. 1 Batt. 3 Training Officer  
13:26 WF 428 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 6 Batt. 4 MSU  
13:37 S/C 428 Eng. Co. 10-5 Lad. Co. 12  
13:38 2-2 428 Eng. Co. 15 Car 3-26  
13:48 3-3 428 Eng. Co. 13-9-6 Lad. Co. 2 Batt. 1  
13:52 4-4 428 Eng. Co. 19-8 Lad. Co. 11

## PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND QUARTERS...

Jersey City added 37 probationary fire fighters to its ranks on June 22, 2018. Plus, another recruit class started on October 8, 2018. A large promotion ceremony was held at the City Hall Council Chambers. 4 Deputy Chiefs, 6 Battalion Chiefs and 18 Captains were promoted on August 17, 2018. North Hudson elevated 2 Deputy Chiefs, 2 Battalion Chiefs and 4 Captains on September 25, 2018.

Pierce unveiled Jersey City’s new Rescue 1 apparatus at the NJ State Firemen’s Convention in Wildwood, NJ on September 14, 2018. The rig has been delivered to the City and should go in service soon. A high-pressure pumper for Eng. Co. 6 will soon be on the production line at Pierce also.

Kearny also added 2 Pierce rigs recently; a 1500 gpm top mount Arrow XT for Engine 3 and a 95’ mid mount tower for Ladder 2.

The quarters of Eng. Co. 15 and Lad. Co. 9 at 200 Sip Ave., Jersey City, has been completely gutted and is being rebuilt. The companies will be running from temporary

quarters; a tent with 3 trailers at 325 Route 1-9 at Sip Ave.

Initial planning has begun for new quarters for Eng. Co. 10 / Lad. Co. 12 and Sqd. Co. 4 / Res. Co. 1. Engine 10's quarters at 283 Halladay St. has been deemed unsuitable to support the weight of the 2 pieces of

apparatus. The companies are putting up at the quarters of Eng. Co. 5 / Lad. Co. 6.

A new line position, Field Training Officer, has been established as of October 8, 2018. A battalion chief will supervise company training and respond on all reported fires as a safety officer. Quarters for this chief have been established at Eng. Co. 17.



Car 26 at FDJC Valor Awards,  
P. S. #4, 103 Bright St. on June 27, 2018 (Conni Spellman Photo)





REGION 10





Montreal Auxiliary Fire Fighters [Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montréal - PAM ]

This year, 2018, the PAM experienced sadness and a record number of responses and special events by the end of September.

In January, Robert 'Bob' Thibault unexpectedly passed away. Bob was a very active member of the PAM from 2007 - 2018. He was a well-known community volunteer in his Montreal home Borough of St-Laurent for many years. Bob never avoided an occasion to help. He always had a great smile and a wonderful story to share. His pride was his family and he never missed an opportunity to support his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Doris, many family members and friends. Bob will always be missed. "Thanks for the memories, Bob!"



PHOTOS: ELLIOT ALBERT

By the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> month of 2018, the PAM responded to 76 calls. This total represents a significant increase over 2017 mainly due the excessive heat wave during the summer. The Montreal Fire Service [SIM] declared 'extreme heat procedures' for much of July and August. The adapted tactics included the response of additional units to almost all interventions to mitigate the effects on the fire fighters due to the high temperatures and humidity. The PAM answered the call 19 times during the month of July! Normally, the PAM responds to all second alarms [code 10-12] or by special request of the commanding officer. The SIM requested the group's quick readiness for all confirmed interventions [code 10-07]. For more than a week, our dedicated members were rotated at fire station #75, in the Montreal Borough of Outremont, and responded with Rehab 1330 on a 24/7 basis. Incidents included high-rise rescues, gas leaks, a long duration call with the SIM and the Montreal Police bomb squad and, of course, fire calls.

PHOTOS: ELLIOT ALBERT

2018-01-02 2695 ST-CHARLES ST.  
FIVE ALARMS



2018-03-09 11720 NOTRE-DAME ST. E.  
THREE ALARMS



2018-03-11 3630 ST-DENIS ST.  
FIVE ALARMS



# MONTREAL AUXILLARY FIRE FIGHTERS



2018-03-24 1234 BISHOP ST.  
FIVE ALARMS



PHOTOS: ELLIOT ALBERT  
2018-05-15 1830 BOIS-DES-CARYERS ST.  
FIVE ALARMS



2018-05-31 280 APPIN AVE.  
CODE 10-09



2018-08-26 118 PIERRE-PANET ST.  
TWO ALARMS REHAB 1330 REHYDRATION



2018-07-13 1800 MCGILL COLLEGE AVE  
DOWNTOWN HIGHRISE - FIVE ALARMS MEMBERS PREPARING REHAB 1330



PHOTOS: SERGE DUFALT  
2018-09-06 CAVENDISH BLVD / KILDARE ROAD SECOND ALARM GAS LEAK  
REHAB 1330 FEATURING THE NEW 'HAND WASHING STATION'



# MONTREAL AUXILLARY FIRE FIGHTERS



The PAM participates in many annual community events throughout the year on the Island of Montreal and with our neighbours off-island. This year has been no exception.

PHOTOS: ELLIOT ALBERT  
2018-03-18 ST-PATRICK'S DAY PARADE DOWNTOWN



2018-06-02 CITY OF LAVAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY AND PARADE



2018-06-16 STE - ANNE - DE - BELLEVUE ANTIQUE VEHICLE EXPOSITION



2018-06-21 SOUTH KOREAN FIRE FIGHTERS VISIT THE MONTREAL FIRE FIGHTERS' MUSEUM





2018-07-28 STATION 45 CAR WASH TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN IN NEED



2018-08-04 CEREMONY TO HONOR CANADIANS WHO SERVED AS INTERNATIONAL PEACE KEEPERS



2018-08-11 TOWN OF PINCOURT FIREFIGHTERS' DAY AND PARADE



# MONTREAL AUXILLARY FIRE FIGHTERS



In August, several members of the PAM attended the 66<sup>th</sup> IFBA Conference in Racine, Wisconsin. The event was attended by Steve Garnett, Tracey Brighten, René Bougie, Liette Dutremble and Serge Dandurand. The experience was awesome! Much knowledge was gained to assist in the preparation for the 2019 IFBA Convention that the PAM will be hosting in Montreal, next year. We look forward to welcoming everyone next June!

PHOTOS: STEVE GARNETT



PHOTO: TRACEY BRIGHTEN



# MONTREAL AUXILIARY FIRE FIGHTERS



PHOTOS: ELLIOT ALBERT

2018 - 09 - 08 SECURITY DAY IN THE TOWN OF MOUNT - ROYAL



2018 - 09 - 08 FAMILY DAY - MONTREAL BOROUGH OF ANJOU



2018 - 09 - 09 CITIZEN'S DAY - MONTREAL BOROUGH OF ST- LÉONARD



The PAM members extend their sincerest gratitude to *Steve Garnett* for his motivation and consistent effort in his role as President of the Montreal Auxilliary Fire Fighters.

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**Ontario Fire Buff Associates  
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Hello from Ontario, Canada where members of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates had the opportunity to attend 5 photo tours of various fire departments in our region plus the 66th Annual IFBA Convention in Racine. The OFBA currently has 103 members from across Canada, the USA and the UK.

Our buffing year started off on May 12 when 11 members arrived at New Tecumseth Station 3 in Tottenham under cloudy skies for our first photo tour of the year. By the time we reached Station 2 in Beeton the sun had come out to stay and the temperature was warming up. Then on to Station 1 in Alliston where we had the opportunity to photograph their immaculate antique, a 1929 International / Lorne / Marsh 250 igpm front mount pump. Many thanks to Deputy Chief Sweeney who escorted us to the 3 halls and made sure all our needs were accommodated. After a quick lunch it was on to Canadian Forces Base Borden where the on-duty crews rolled out their 5 units for photos then took us over to the base museum where we got a quick look at a 1951 Bickle Seagrave pumper (ex RCAF) which had been donated to the museum by OFBA member Dr. Will Brooks of Lunenburg, NS. Our day wrapped up at Bradford-West Gwillimbury where the duty crew happily rolled out their 6 rigs for photos.



Alliston Antique

Bob Rupert photo



For the first time since 1996, OFBA members journeyed up Highways 6 and 10 to Grey County to visit the Inter Township, Owen Sound, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands and Dundalk Fire Departments along with a quick stop at the Grey Roots Museum where two pieces of antique apparatus were photographed. 11 members arrived at the Inter Township FD at 0930 hrs., June 16 on what turned out to be a sunny and warm day photographing 39 pieces of apparatus.



Attendees with Owen Sound's Aerial 4 (2004 American LaFrance Eagle 134 / LTI 75' 1250/420) Bob Rupert photo

Our first 2 day photo tour in a couple of years began when 10 members and 2 guests arrived at London Station 5 on July 21 at 9 am. A warm and cloudy Saturday saw us given a warm welcome at Stations 5, 9, 11, 12, 2, 1, 6 & 3 but Engine 14 was out on a call and we were unable to visit them due to time constraints. Sunday dawned with overcast and drizzly conditions but that didn't stop 9 of the group from visiting stations 4, 8, 13, 7 & 10 after which we all made our way safely home.



London's Truck 9 (2008 Spartan Gladiator Sirius MFD / Smeal 100' Aerial 1500/400)

Bob Rupert photo

At least 5 members of the OFBA attended the 66th Annual IFBA Convention in Racine and once again extend our sincere thanks to the organizing committee from the Racine Fire Bells, Chief Hansen and the members of the Racine Fire Department and the officers and firefighters of the other departments we visited for their hospitality and a well run and informative convention.

8 members and 1 guest attended the August 25th photo tour of the Six Nations Fire Department and six stations in Haldimand County. Six Nations of the Grand River is the most populous first nation band in Canada, with over 12,000 people living on the reserve. The department has a full time Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief, 2 full time District Chiefs, 4 full time Captains and 20 full time firefighters working a 24 hr shift rotation out of Station 1. There are 45 volunteer / paid-on-call firefighters working out of their 4 fire stations. The department is dispatched by the Brant County Fire Department and is part of a mutual aid agreement with Brant County and the Brantford Fire Departments. Six Nations Training Academy Station 5 is one of the training centres for Ontario First Nations communities. Haldimand County has eleven fire stations and plans are to visit the other five in 2019 along with the Port Colborne and Wainfleet Fire Departments.



Six Nations Ladder 1 (2016 Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant 1750/400 J#29108)

Bob Rupert photo

11 members and 1 guest were enthusiastically welcomed by the firefighters of the North Dumfries, Cambridge and Woolwich Township Fire Departments on a sunny and very warm day on September 15. We met at the Tim Horton's coffee shop in Ayr at 0930 hrs where the North Dumfries firefighters were conducting a "fill the boot" drive for Muscular Dystrophy and then carried on to their hall, 6 stations in the City of Cambridge and 3 stations in Woolwich Township photographing 29 pieces of apparatus before heading home.



Woolwich Twp (Conestogo) Pumper Tanker 1 (2018 Spartan / Dependable 1050/2297/30 J#50625) Bob Rupert

Our 27th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and our 47th Annual General Business meeting was held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Toronto Fire Services Training Academy.

Our club newsletter, the "Third Alarm" is published 6 times a year, both hard copy and electronically, and contains articles and photographs on both new apparatus deliveries, older apparatus and fire service histories. The digital version has all photos in full colour, is usually around 35 pages and is available by subscription for \$15 a year. Our website can be found at [www.ofba.ca](http://www.ofba.ca) and has lots of information on the club and our activities.

See you in Montreal in June, 2019 for the 67th IFBA Convention. Until then, stay safe.

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



**Note:** At the Business meeting of the 2018 IFBA Convention mention was made of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates "losing" their antique fire truck. The following article provides the history of this acquisition and subsequent return to the city of Toronto Fire's High Pressure Monitor No. 2

## Toronto Fire's High Pressure Monitors



Mike McNulty photo

Like many other North American cities, Toronto learned the bitter lesson of turn-of-the-century conflagrations when a huge fire destroyed 98 major buildings and much of the city's central business district in 1904. As these blazing buildings collapsed, they sheared off their own water supply, flooding basements and starving nearby fire hydrants. Determined to never endure this loss of firefighting water again, Toronto joined a number of other major cities and installed 17 miles of high pressure water mains (being entirely separate from the domestic water mains) throughout the high value business district.

Commissioned in 1908, this new 'high pressure hydrant system' was to protect Toronto Ontario's downtown business area for decades. With a dedicated high pressure pumping station located at the harbour front on John Street, this new system could provide, on demand, large volumes of water at pressures up to 300 Pounds per Square Inch (PSI). This great supply was made possible by using two Westinghouse impulse steam turbines which drove two-stage McDugall pumps rated at 12 million (US) gallons per day at their full 300 PSI. The system used untreated and partially filtered water taken directly from the bay (Lake Ontario) and delivered it initially through 146 (later 279) special oversized high pressure hydrants, some of which were spaced only 150 feet apart in Toronto's high risk business district. Each of these hydrants was equipped with four 3-1/2 inch independently gated outlets and in order to ensure sufficient pressure and volume to head off another conflagration, they were connected to either 12 or 20 inch mains.

Upon transmission of any downtown fire box, the mains were immediately pressurized to 150 pounds. Request for increases in pressure in 50 pound increments up to an extraordinary 300 PSI were telegraphed directly to the pumping station engineers from 58 unique yellow painted Gamewell boxes throughout the business district. With such high pressure and volume available, hand lines, turret, ladder pipes and water tower streams could all be fed directly off these hydrants through special gates, pressure reducers and adapters. Demonstrating its absolute faith in its high pressure system, the Toronto Fire Department did not assign a motor pumper to the core high value district from the dawn of motorization in 1911 until 1948.





In 1948, Toronto Fire Chief Peter Herd envisioned the design of two specialized vehicles that could tap this supply using 3-1/2 inch hose lines. Each of these rigs could then utilize this water through two deck guns, or pipe it into any of four 2-1/2 inch outlets for hand lines or other master streams.

Armed with this concept, Chief Herd and representatives of both American-LaFrance-Foamite Corporation of Elmira, New York and LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd. of Toronto, Ontario developed plans that evolved into High Pressure Monitors No. 1 and 2. At a cost of \$19,500 each, these special rigs were part of a major order of 12 pieces of apparatus placed with George E. Fox, President of LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd. for delivery in 1949.

High Pressure Monitor No. 2 (ALF Reg. No. L-3835) saw service in the Lombard Street Fire Hall until the opening of the new No. 5 Station at 207 Front Street E in 1970. Its twin, High Pressure Monitor No. 1 responded out of No. 1 Station on Adelaide Street W in the city's financial district. For nearly 30 years, one or both of the high pressure rigs responded on the first alarm to all downtown boxes. Where only one initially responded, its mate always followed when a second alarm was struck.

At a fire, the High Pressure Monitors ("HPM's") would lay big hose lines in from the nearest high pressure hydrant and position themselves strategically in front of the burning building. Each of these rigs carried 1,100 feet of 3-1/2 inch boat hose and 600 feet of conventional 2-1/2 inch line. These HPM's had the ability to discharge 2,700 Imperial Gallons per Minute (IGPM) when connected to a high pressure hydrant that was supplying water at 300 PSI. Their distinctive rust-brown streams were a common sight at downtown fires for nearly 30 years.

In 1976, the crew of High Pressure No. 2 was reassigned and the rig was placed in reserve service although it threw "big water" at two more major fires over the following two years. Both of these High Pressure Monitors had long and distinguished fire service careers, culminating at the spectacular Eaton's Annex fire in May 1977 when both were special-called out of retirement to hurl large streams at one of the worst conflagrations in Toronto's history.

Despite their final glory, the High Pressure Monitors were regarded as an anachronism. The high pressure system was deemed too costly to maintain, spelling the end of an era. High Pressure Monitor No. 1 was disbanded on July 30, 1978. Although the high pressure water system was briefly cross-connected to the city's domestic water system minus its own pumping station, the system was shortly thereafter taken out of service for good.

From June, 1980 to 2016 the Ontario Fire Buffs were the proud owners of Toronto Fire's ex High Pressure Monitor #2 having purchased it from the city for a token fee of \$2.00 on the condition that the city would have the right of first refusal to buy it back if the club ever decided to dispose of it. Over the years the OFBA raised the almost \$10,000. necessary to have the body restored and painted to look like the day it was delivered to the city in 1949. During the last few years of ownership finding adequate, heated storage for the truck became more difficult for the executive board starting in 2009 when HPM 2 was being housed at the Canadian Firefighters Museum in Port Hope. The OFBA was told that the truck would have to be moved since the new owners of the museum property wanted to demolish the building and, after much scouting and discussion the truck was moved to the quarters of Box 43 in Hamilton in September of that year where it was lovingly looked after by their members.

In the fall of 2010 it was discovered that there was a problem with the brakes on the truck and Box 43 members were asked to have a local mechanic find out what needed to be done. As a result HPM 2 did not attend the 2012 IFBA apparatus display at F.E.S.T.I. due to leaks in the left front brake assembly and low fluid in master cylinder.

Late in 2012, Division Chief Rob Anselmi (Mechanical Div. - Toronto Fire) was contacted re help with the brakes along with Bob Kaye of Hamilton Fire's mechanical division to determine what needed to be done and at what cost. At the OFBA's Annual meeting in November of 2013 it was reported to the membership that the TFS would cover some of the costs of parts for the brakes and that the truck would be moved to Toronto. By May of 2014, HPM 2 was now being stored in the old Etobicoke FD Shops where repairs would be carried out by Div. Chief Anselmi on his own time. It also came to light at this time that Box 43 would be losing their building after they lost their source of funding. They had been running a bingo operation through Delta Bingo for a number of years but could no longer do so.

In the fall of 2015 the executive board received correspondence from Div. Chief Anselmi regarding the status of HPM 2 at which time he indicated he would like a decision on what was going to happen with the truck because he felt that, sooner or later, someone higher up would find out about it and it would have to be moved. This information was brought to the attention of the membership at the 2015 Annual meeting where, after much discussion, it was decided to leave the fate of the truck in the hands of the executive. With nowhere else to turn for proper storage the Board of Directors decided to hand HPM 2 back to the City of Toronto Fire Services as per the agreement of purchase of May, 1980. The Board also decided to have a proper vehicle dust cover made for the truck which would be given to the TFS to protect the truck while stored in one of their buildings. Legal papers were drawn up and signed with the handover ceremony scheduled for the OFBA's Annual Business meeting in November.

On November 5, 2016 ownership of HPM #2 and its' new dust cover were officially handed over to City of Toronto Fire Services Deputy Chief Debbie Higgins and Division Chief of Mechanical Services Rob Anselmi at a ceremony held at the Toronto Fire Academy on Eastern Ave. Retired Fire Chief Bob Rupert, President of the OFBA, received the Two Dollar price of the vehicle in the form of a \$2 coin (Toonie) embedded in the handle of a chrome presentation fire axe which will be kept with the club archives.



Jim Stronach photo

## Specifications:

What follows is data from the original LaFrance specifications for these unusual rigs, outlining the features of the trucks. Note that they are referred to as “booster pumpers” since they had only a 150 Imperial Gallon booster tank and were only capable of actually pumping about 200 IGPM through their Hale – PTO driven pumps in order to extinguish minor fires.. Their basic task was the distribution of large volumes of water at high pressure. Due to their unique design and a busy Toronto factory, the two units were partially constructed in Elmira, New York, including chassis, cab, V-12 drive train and their basic plumbing. After receiving primer paint, they were shipped to the Canadian plant in Toronto where they were painted, striped and fitted out.

### GENERAL ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

Type	12 cyl. V, en-bloc. Valve in head.
Size	Bore 3.625" - Stroke 4.250"
Piston Displacement	527 cubic inches
Brake Horse Power	204 (Certified)
Power N.A.C.C. Rating	63.08 H.P. (For license use)
B.H.P. per Cu. In. Displacement	.388
Crank Shaft	3 inch diameter, counterbalanced, and provided with vibration damper
Ignition	12 Volt, double, 2 distributors
Lubrication	100% full pressure feed, oil filter and oil cooling unit
Cooling Water Capacity	54 quarts
Mounting	4 point suspension in rubber

Sources: **“Engine Engine”** - Second Quarter 2002: published by SPAAMFAA.  
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*Until Next Issue.....*

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