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IFBA 2020 Convention Information Nashville, TN

By Rick Short

Box 55 Association will be hosting the 68th IFBA Convention and the celebration of the 68th Anniversary of the founding of Box 55 in the fall of 2020. At this time we are focusing in on September 2020 with assistance from the Nashville Convention and visitors Bureau. We intend to have the date and hotel selected prior to the June 2019 convention in Montreal.

William Swann, Chief of the Nashville Fire Department is participating with our planning discussions and will play a very key role in many of the visits and exhibits of stations, equipment and demonstrations of capabilities. The Fire Union is also participating and will be key to some of our activities.

We currently have 7 other Buff clubs in the immediate Middle TN area and our work is focused on having all of them become active members of the IFBA and participate with the planning and operation of the convention.

Jack Daniels distillery has committed to a group plant tour, Fire Department display and visitation and a BBQ meal on grounds. That day we also plan to visit the TN State Fire Academy in Belle Buckle, TN for onsite demonstrations as well.

We are planning time dedicated to improved Fire Rehab knowledge and education for all attendees.

Recreational activities being considered include the Grand Old Opry, The Hermitage, Birth place of Andrew Jackson and others.

Box 55 is focused and committed to host a memorable Convention for all of us to enjoy and assist with promoting membership and participation in the IFBA.



INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
SPRING 2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MONTREAL FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT UNION
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA
Saturday March 9, 2019

Meeting Called to order by President Garnett at 10:15am

Anthems of Canada and United States of America played.

Motion to approve en banc all reports of President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Motion Gary Wignall, Second Ian Duke, Approved Unanimous.

Roll Call of all present conducted by sign-in sheet.

Montreal Fire Union President stopped in briefly and left challenge coins for all.

Discussion on Hotel Reservation Procedures.

- Questions on Hotel Reservations should be sent to reserve.residences@mcgill.ca

Discussion on conducting business electronically as much as possible. Board adopted recommendation from Executive Vice-President Banks to avoid printed documents except where absolutely necessary.

Discussion on Convention Registration. Attendees encouraged to use Pay Pal as an easy way to pay in Canadian currency, which is debited from accounts in American currency.

Discussion on Convention Itinerary.

- Committee preparing lists of restaurants, points of interest etc.
- Banquet Capacity approximately 360
- Training Center Lunch Capacity 288

Nashville Convention Group-Rick Short

- September 2020 for convention.
- Will be 68th Anniversary of both IFBA and Box 55 Club.
- Hotel Registration expected to be in \$140 to \$160 per night range.
- Nashville Fire Department has already pledged cooperation.
- Jack Daniels Distillery Tour.
- Tennessee State Fire Academy.
- Planning to have alternate programs for spouses, partners etc.
- Discussion of the Jewish Holidays as possible scheduling issue.

Executive Vice-President Banks brought to the attention of the Board we have had numerous discussions of a scholarship for first time convention attendees.



- Motion by Ira Cohen, Seconded by Gary Wignall to utilize the Roman A. Kaminski Scholarship funds to pay 2019 convention registration of Benjamin Linke, Member of Box 4; Dallas, TX. Passed Unanimously.

Executive Vice-President Banks brought to the attention of the Board that Chairman of The Board Schaetzle, was elected in New Orleans in 2016 for a three-year term. He is eligible to serve another three-year term, pending election by the Executive Board in 2019.

- Motion by Ira Cohen, Seconded by Joseph Sullivan to elect Paul Schaetzle for a three-year term as Chairman of the Board. Passed unanimously.

Executive Vice-President Banks brought to the attention of the Board a correspondence from the Richmond Flying Squad asking for a letter of support in their endeavors to obtain a former firehouse in Richmond, VA, (Station 17) as their quarters.

- Motion by Joseph Sullivan, Seconded by President Garnett to have the Chairman of the Board write a letter to the City of Richmond, VA in support of Richmond Flying Squad. Passed unanimously.

Meeting suspended for lunch at 11:50am. Reconvened at 12:45pm.

IT Committee Discussion

- Ian Duke gave a power point presentation on the work of the committee. Much discussion on the e-mail accounts for Board Members.

SPAAMFAA

- Joe Sullivan spoke on topic of holding possible joint activities with SPAAMFAA.

Constitution and By-Laws

- Dennis Ahrens reported out on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- The Secretary will transmit the edited copy of changes to the Executive Vice-President.
- Changes were adopted by the Executive Board and will be recommended to the organization for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Budget

- Discussion on an organizational budget
- Discussion on purchasing tickets for the CFSI Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C.
- Motion made by Ira Cohen, seconded by Joe Sullivan to increase the Annual Dues by \$25.00 per year. Motion withdrawn.
- Ira Cohen urged the Executive Board to review the Annual Dues situation at the Convention Executive Board Meeting.

Old Business

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- Motion by Joe Sullivan, second by Ken Beliveau to have any Clubs in the State of Tennessee will be assigned to Region 11. Motion withdrawn.

New Business

- None

Health & Welfare

- Ken Beliveau reported that Rick Cutts has been experiencing health issues.

Upcoming Events

- Tom McDonald Region 5 Meeting in Harvey, LA May 17 to 19, 2019.
- Joe Sullivan Region 3 Meeting May 18, 2019 at Old Towne Station in Baltimore, MD.
- Rick Short, Region 4 and 6 late April Joint Meeting in late April 2019.

Motion to Adjourn 4:54pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL



International Fire Buff Associates

Telephone Executive Board Conference Call

May 25, 2019

Called to order by Chairman Paul Schaetzle at 1201 EDST

Secretary Gerry Mahoney was not available, Wally Banks appointed to take minutes.

Roll Call showed those on the call were President Garnett, Chairman Schaetzle, 2nd V.P. Bougie, Executive V.P. Banks, Beliveau (joined in progress), Sullivan, Novak, Fickenscher, Williams (joined in progress), Duke, Ahrens, Traub, Brummett, Cutts, Oliphant, and Bowers.

President's Report – Steve Garnett said so far for the Montreal Convention there are 85 hotel reservations, 105 registrants, parade has 50 to 60 apparatus. Banquet has been moved to the training center. Buses will be provided.

The hotel registration rate has been extended to June 1st.

Committee Reports:

Constitution & By Laws – Dennis Ahrens said that people requested red letters and X outs therefore he produced one and the Executive Office forwarded them to the Board. Please cascade it to the clubs, members, and delegates. Tell everyone to bring their own copy since we are going to a reduced environmental footprint in Montreal.

Board proposal is to vote on Constitution in banc and By Laws in banc. There was discussion about this, everyone wanted to vote in banc, but Wally Banks said under Roberts Rules of order he believed any question could be amended by motion and second from the floor. Many disagreed with Wally and said the matter should be a straight up or down vote, since no Board member has objected to the proposal.

President Garnett said the proposal was the result of the Committee report tweaked by the Executive Board. Everyone was involved in arriving at this at the Spring Board meeting and no one person drove this proposal.

Executive Office – Wally had a breakfast meeting with the SPAAMFAA President in Maryland, and he was optimistic about the possibility of a joint IFBA SPAAMFAA Meeting/Convention. To save time other matters will be in report at the Convention. Submit budget requests to Executive Office, we should produce a budget.

Recruitment/Retention – Joe Sullivan said they are working on 16 new member clubs. We may have two clubs to vote on in Montreal.

Audit Committee – Steve Fickenscher is working on a financial review with the Treasurer and will have a report in Montreal.

Turnout – Jerry Traub said that the Turnout deadline is June 1st, please spread the word. He hopes to publish by June 15th. The last Turnout magazine was the largest magazine while he was the publisher.

EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL



CFSI – Stu and Wally went to the Friday morning business meeting. We are attempting to get access to canned water supplied by Anheuser Busch.

Insurance – We have a liability policy year-round. We have obtained the Certificate of Insurance for the Montreal Convention. Note that we must obtain a certificate every year for the convention location.

Newsletter, Social Media, Website Award – Rick Cutts, Ira, and Bob Sherwood are the committee. Deadline for nomination is January 1st.

Convention – Ken Beliveau reported that Box 52 is interested in holding a 2022 joint convention with SPAAMFAA in Massachusetts, but it is all preliminary.

Nominations – Wally said the committee is working. There were no regional meetings/elections in Regions 4, 7, or 11. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board in Montreal so that the Board can choose those Vice Presidents. We need to discuss a regional realignment at the Board Meeting in Montreal.

IT Committee – Ian Duke said we will continue to work on website and social media.

Meeting was concluded at 1316 EDST.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ARTICLE

WALLY BANKS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES

We are trying to spread the word that the IFBA is about Fun, Fellowship, and Fire Buffing. Since the Racine Convention the IFBA has:

- Invigorated the Information Technology Committee
- Continued to recruit new members and clubs
- Worked with SPAAMFAA in moving to have a joint meeting
- Supported clubs and committees
- Held a very productive Spring Board Meeting
- Prepared for the Montreal Convention

The Information Technology Committee has been active in establishing a new e-mail system and is working to roll out a new web site for the IFBA. The Committee is responsible for our IFBA online store. I have purchased several shirts from the store to proudly show I am an IFBA member. The shirts are top quality and I congratulate Bill Mokros is setting up the store and the supplier. I encourage you to visit the store at www.IFBA.org and buy a shirt or other items to show your support of the IFBA.

Our Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to find new clubs to join the IFBA. We anticipate voting on 2 new member clubs in Montreal. Please tell everyone about the IFBA story.

We have an active committee meeting with SPAAMFAA regarding having a joint meeting which includes a separate IFBA Annual Business Meeting. It just makes sense since we have many members of the IFBA who are also SPAAMFAA members. I held a breakfast meeting with the President of SPAAMFAA that was very cordial and positive. I discovered that we have many similar attitudes and procedures in holding a convention.

I have answered all correspondence, e-mails, and phone calls that have been sent to me. I have either satisfied all inquires or directed the query to the proper office or committee.

We held a very productive Spring Board Meeting in Montreal. We were able to conduct a great deal of the IFBA business and have fellowship with the Canadian members. I can confidently assure you that we will have a memorable time in June. We were very impressed with the Montreal club's:

- Plans for the Convention.
- The club's museum in Montreal.
- The restoration shop and antique apparatus run by the club.
- The rate of exchange that is favorable for U. S. dollars.

I look forward to seeing you in Montreal.



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

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Executive Office

March 8, 2019

International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
Sitting at Montreal, Quebec

Subject: Report of Executive Vice President, Spring 2019 Meeting

Gentlemen:

Since my election in August of 2018 I have responded to all correspondence to the Executive Office by either mail or electronic mail, responded to all phone calls, and responded to all other communications. I have represented the Executive Office in a professional manner that reflects credit upon the IFBA and the Executive Board.

Some specifics:

1. Received the accoutrements of office at Racine and conveyed them to Texas.
2. Set up an Executive Office in Irving, Texas.
3. Received the records of the Executive Office of the IFBA, reviewed and filed them.
4. Met with the Chairman of the IFBA History Committee on three occasions and reviewed the records and determined which had historical significance and which deserved historical archiveing.
5. Met with the President, Chairman and prospective President for 2020 about the philosophy and management of the IFBA.
6. Solicited volunteers for IFBA committees, determined the desire for continued service of current committee members, and prepared a slate of possible committee members and chairman for the President and Chairman of the IFBA. I do not remember a greater number of new rank and file volunteers on IFBA committees.
7. Worked with the IT Committee as an ex officio member to create a new website template, new email system, and varied social media.
8. Worked with Recruitment and Retention Committee and the IT Committee to create a new brochure for recruitment and retention of members that can be rapidly reconfigured to a content that is appropriate for the target audience.
9. Worked with R & R Committee to make it possible to give a potential member of the IFBA an application on the same day as the request for application is made.
10. Worked with the By Laws and R & R Committee to explore ways to speed up the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



process of accepting a new member of the IFBA. This will require a change to the Constitution and By Laws.

11. Requested that officers and committees spread the good news of the IFBA by communicating, communicating, communicating. Unless I state to the contrary, every communication should be disseminated to every level and member of the IFBA. Every communication from every level of the IFBA should be given to the appropriate IFBA officer, group or board member.
12. Advocated establishing a budget for the IFBA.
13. Advocated empowering the IFBA officers, Board, and committees to manage the IFBA in the best interest of the membership.
14. Advocated Regional Vice Presidents recruit a host for a future convention.
15. Advocated exploring the possibility of joint SPAAMFAA-IFBA conventions due to the many mutual memberships in both organizations.
16. Advocated growing the IFBA.
17. Assisted committees, officers and host clubs when asked for help.
18. I am not afraid of thoughts and ideas.
19. I support recruiting.
20. I support fun and fellowship.
21. Used new methods.
22. I listened to you.
23. I responded to you.
24. I informed you.
25. I worked with you.

Sincerely,

Wally Banks, Executive Vice
President International Fire Buff
Associates, Inc.



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Wally Banks
Executive Vice President

NECROLOGY REPORT

2018/2019

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John L. Holden, Member	The Ontario Fire Buff Assoc., Inc.
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Kenneth R. Jansen, Member	The Ontario Fire Buff Assoc., Inc.
Michael Paquette, Member	Pompiers Auxiliaries de Montreal, Quebec
Michael R. Tognarelli, Member	Boston Sparks Assn., Boston, MA
Tom Brunk, Life Member	Box 15 Club, Columbus, OH
Maria Fernandez Xavier, Member	Special Signal Fire Assn., Providence, RI
Craig Tame, Director	Western Reserve Fire Museum, Cleveland
Sam Miller, Director	Western Reserve Fire Museum, Cleveland
Norman E. Woods, Life Member	Box 52 Assn., Boston, MA

NECROLOGY REPORT



Shirley Weddum, Member	Box 43 Association, Hamilton, Ontario
Charles Kerns, Member	Old Dominion Historical Fire Society
Joe Mongiello, Life Member	Bell & Siren Club, Newark, NJ
Charles L. Theisz, Life Member	Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn.
Joseph (Snaggletooth) Davies, Member	Boston Sparks Assn., Boston, MA
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Horace Page (HP) Harris, Life Member	Box 55 Assn., Nashville, TN
Warren Danzenbaker, Member	Old Dominion Historical Fire Society
Lawrence (Larry) E. Phillips	Associate Member I.F.B.A.
Geoffrey Nielson Honorary Member	Connecticut Fire Photographers Association
Tommy Hines	Box 4 Fire Buff Association Inc.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



REGION 1





BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Turn-Out Report By the Staff of the Line Box

Greetings once again from the Nation's oldest Fire Buffing Club! By the time you read this our latest bus trip will be over. Thanks to our well versed Bus Trip Committee made up of Members Michael Boynton, Robert Fitz, John Gall and Chairman Frank San Severino, our trip this year took us out the Interstate 90 aka the Mass Pike to the third largest City in the Commonwealth – Springfield and the surrounding cities. We will have a photo report in the next issue of Turn-Out.

During the 107th year we once again have had another banner year! Our meeting attendance hovers between 40-50 members and guests and our entertainment continues to be top notch. Speakers for this year were varied and interesting and addressed all aspects of the fire service. Our annual visitation in April took south of the City to the town of Westwood and their new "Islington" neighborhood sub-station.

Box 52 maintains a social media foot print with our continually updated website at www.box52.org and our Facebook page which has over a thousand followers. We keep our members and followers informed with Association events, local fires, history notes and all fires from around the Country that reach 3rd alarms or higher. Check both our and gives us a like on Facebook!



Our bi-monthly newsletter entitled the Line Box is receiving rave reviews with each issue. These newsletters are jam packed with photos, current and past fire stories and other fire service stories. The entire library is on our webpage and you can check out all our issues.

Our Editor Frank San Severino has revived the old tradition with-in the Clubs of the IFBA of the exchange of newsletters. We have found that many Clubs do not produce a newsletter anymore, but we would welcome any Club that would like to exchange newsletters to contact us at box52boston@hotmail.com.

FIRE DUTY

Over the winter there was an uptick in fire duty with in Metro-Fire. One of the biggest jobs was fought on Friday March 16th 2019 for a fire at the New England Casket Company located in East Boston.....and here's the story!

BFD Pitched Battle Friday March 15th, 2019

Box 6243 New England Casket Company

A little before 1500 hrs on Friday afternoon of our March meeting, a fire broke out along the roof of the New England Casket Company located in East Boston at 1141 Bennington Street. Employees used portable fire extinguishers and believed that they had put the fire out. This was not the case as the fire had grown in intensity under the roof and above the ceiling sprinklers.

Seeing smoke the 100 employees working at the time of the fire, self-evacuated and called 9-1-1. At 1505 hrs. Fire alarm transmitted box 6243 Bennington and Leyden Streets in the Orient Heights section of East Boston. Ladder 21 and Engine 56 rolled out of their quarters and were quickly on scene. Ladder 7 reported fire showing from the roof. As the rest of the first alarm companies arrived and went to work. Engines 5 and 9 took lines into the building, Ladder 21 and Ladder 2 threw their sticks to the roof and Engine 56 started a line up 21's stick.

Car 1 arrived at 1511 and reported a single story 200 x 50 manufacturing occupancy with fire from a roof top unit, and had two lines stretched and in operation. At the same time Rescue 1 along with the RIT units of Car 3, Engine 8 and Ladder 24 were fighting their way into the tunnel in rush hour traffic of a Friday.

At approx. 1521 hours Ladder 21 reported that the fire had jumped a trench cut and the roof was getting spongy. Companies on the roof were ordered to evacuate. Car 1 ordered the second alarm at 1523 hours. Engines 5 and 9 were making little to no headway with their lines going into the building through the office. C6 arrived on scene and at 1536 ordered the evacuation of the building and commenced defensive operations.

The T's Blue Line with its overhead power catenary was an exposure to the building and power was ordered shut down in both directions. Meanwhile Chelsea Engine 1 arrived on scene and grabbed a hydrant was getting to work. At 1543 hours C6 updated Fire Alarm that the building housed volatile chemicals, varnishes, lacquers, packaging materials, sawdust. The New England Casket Company was a family owned business and made about 300 handmade caskets a year that were shipped all over the Country, the firm was established by an Italian immigrant cabinet maker in 1930. The fire had full control of the roof by this time. By this time the RIT Companies had been put into service and Engine 3 and Ladder 17 were dispatched to assume RIT duties.



Photo by member Peter Aloisi

At 1545 hrs. C6 ordered a third alarm and requested an additional District Chief as a Water Resource Officer. Engine companies were finding low pressure and having a hard time pumping the fire flow required. This would be a problem through the first few hours of the fire. It would be remedied by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and the MWRA working in tandem to get water pressure increased.



Both photos courtesy of the Boston Fire Department

Just about 10 minutes later at 1554 hours C6 ordered 2 additional Ladder Companies. Fire Alarm dispatched Ladders 18 and 26. The battle was now just about an hour old and the progress report at 1603 hrs. was that multiple master streams and ladder pipes were in use, and not making much progress. At 1605 C6 transmitted the fourth alarm and Car 1 was requesting foam.

Water was still a problem, C1 Comm. Finn was now on scene and took over as Operations Chief and he ordered the 5th alarm at 1629 hrs. Engine Companies were still reporting water problems. Chelsea Engine 2 had responded on the third alarm and was reporting they were available for water supply.

At 1629 hrs. with the Friday night commute now in full swing and the fire still burning out of control C1 ordered the fifth alarm to be transmitted. Nine minutes later the 6th alarm was sounded and another nine minutes later the 7th alarm was ordered.



Photo courtesy of member Peter Aloisi



By now fire had full possession of the building and was taking everything that the BFD could throw at it. For the younger buffs this was one of the largest fires they had ever witnessed and for the old timers it brought back memories of the war years and some of the jobs from the 70's and 1980's.



Photo courtesy of the BFD

At 1722 hours Commissioner Finn issued a series of orders: Request for a dozen T buses to start an evacuation of the Orient Heights neighborhood due to the smoke. He requested that OEM make a reverse 911 call to the area. Established a collapse zone around the entire building. He directed Fire Alarm to announce that anyone in the smoke to stay on air. It was then reported that the fire was visibly dropping to the first floor now and at 1723 hrs the 8th alarm was ordered and companies were ordered to stage at the quarters of Engine 56.

At 1733 a special call was made for Special Operations with the Haz-Mat to respond for air and chemical monitoring. Car 12, Engine 53, the Haz-Mat Unit were now on the way.

By 1800 hrs. the order had been given that engine companies with foam supplying ladder pipes were to switch over to foam operations. Between 1804 hours and 1811 hrs. The eighth alarm engine companies were told to walk down to the fire from 56's quarters with their Blitz guns and 200 feet of big line. The collapse zone was pulled back further, and all ladder pipes, Blitz Guns unmanned.

The ninth alarm was ordered at 1812 hours, again with orders to stage at 56's quarters. As if the BFD didn't have enough problems, Fire Alarm called Operations and reported that brands were now landing on neighboring streets and two engines and a ladder were put on brand patrol.



Photo by member Peter Aloisi

A little after 1830 hrs. Engine Companies finally reported that they were getting enough water and now the master streams could really start to hit the fire. As the night wore on the roof and walls collapsed and the T's Blue Line was now flooded.

The fire was placed under control around midnight and companies were started to be made up and placed back in service. As the sun came up on Saturday, demolition of the building and the investigation started. Companies were rotated in as a fire detail. The allout on box 6243 was transmitted on Sunday St. Patrick's Day at 2242 hrs. some 55 hours and 42 minutes after the first alarm!

By Monday March 18th the building that housed the New England Casket Company was gone and just the foot print remained.

This fire will certainly go down in the annals of the BFD as one of the toughest jobs that they have encountered in decades.



Time Line Box 6243

Time	Box	Engines	Ladders	Special	Comments
1505	6243	56, 5, 9, 8(RIT)	21, 2, TL-3 24(RIT)	R1, Car 1, H1 Car 3 (RIT), W-25	
1523	2-6243	39, 50, 10 Che E2	1	Div. 1, Car 4, Car 6	
1543	3-6243	21, 22	15		
1546	Sp. Call			Car 7	Water Resource Officer
1549	Sp. Call	3(RIT)	17(RIT)		Additional RIT Units
1555	Sp. Call		18, 26		Two extra Ladders to the fire
1605	4-6243	33, 37			
1610	Cover		Brkl L2/14 Quincy 5/7		
1613				C1	C1 Command, Div. 1 Ops
1629	5-6243	4, 14	7		
1629	Cover	Brkl E1/28 Camb. E2/33 Quincy E4/18			
1638	6-6243	42, 52			
	Cover	Need. E3/30 Newton 1/51 Som. E2/32			
1647	7-6243	32, 24	16		
	Cover	Ded. E 1/48 Wint. E1/56	Camb L1/15		
1722	8-6243	28, 7			
	Cover	Brkl. E3/37 Eve. E1/8 Milt. E1/16			
1728	Sp. Call			Comm. Trailer	Stage at Eng 56's quarters
1736	Sp. Call	53		Haz-Mat, Car 12,	Special Ops and Haz Mat for air monitoring
1750	Sp. Call		TL-10		
1812	9-6243	51,			
	Cover	Mal. E3/10 Rev. E1/5 Wal. E2/41			
1817	Sp. Call MA	Che. E3		Che. Sq.1 & Foam Trailer, Che. H1	Chelsea with foam trailer to the fire
1941	Sp. Call	41, 18	23		Brand Patrol
1947	Sp. Call Cover		Che. L2/L2		
2039	Sp. Call	18	23		From brand patrol to the fire
2335	Detail	17, 30, 20, 29	14, 29, 19, 4	Car 9	
2335	Detail		TL 3, TL 10		Holding both TL's on detail

Saturday March 16

0330	Detail	16, 49	28, 9	Car 8	
0400	Sp. Call		6		Extra truck to detail
0717	Detail	56	21		
0800	Detail	4	19		
1200	Detail	55	11, TL 10		
1330	Detail	5			



1530	Detail	32, 18			
1930	Detail	30			
2130	Detail	21			
2330	Detail	28			

Sunday March 17

0220	Detail	20			
0430	Detail	30			
0600	Detail	8			
0800	Detail	42			
0930	Detail	41, 16			
1130	Detail	4			
1330	Detail	53			
1530	Detail	14			
1700	Detail	28			
1945	Detail	5			
2145	Detail	56			
2242	Allout			Car 1	Allout, detail terminated

**Cambridge Fourth Alarm Box 21
6 Hunting St. @ Cambridge St.
All photos by Member Edward Morrissey**

On Monday Jan. 14th Cambridge E.O.C received calls for smoke coming from a building at 6 Hunting St at the corner of Cambridge St, The fire was in a 3 story wood frame and it extended to the 'D' exposure, a 3 story brick building.

Time	Alarm	Engines	Ladders	Rescue	Chief	Other
0541	21	5, 3, 2, Som. E-3	2, 1	1	Div. 1	Squad 2
0549	45-21	1	3		Div. 2	Squad 4
0556	2-21	6, 4	4			
0609	3-21	9, 8, Som. E-1	Som. Tower		C-1	
0634	4-21	Watertown E-1, Belmont E-2, Brookline E-2	Boston 15			



Photo by member Peter Aloisi





Cambridge 3rd Alarm Box 742 8 Van Noden St. All photos courtesy of Ted Pendergast

On Sunday December 23rd the Cambridge EOC received a single 9-1-1 call reporting smoke in the building at 8 Van Norden Street. Division 1 arrived and reported smoke showing from a 2.5 story wood frame 25x50 dwelling.

At 0631 hours Division 1 reported heavy fire on the first floor extending up, and a third alarm was ordered.

Time	Alarm	Engines	Ladders	Rescue	Chief	Other
0617	742	4, 8, 9*, 1	4, 2*, 1	1	Div. 1*	Squad 4
0622						Squad 2
0623	2-742	9, 5, 6	2, 3		Div. 2*	
0637	3-742	3, 2, Som. E-6	Som. Twr. 1		C-1	

On first alarm Div. 2, Engine 1 and Ladder 1 were all operating at a run on Brattle Street. On the box Ladder 1 cleared and Ladder 2 was cancelled. A few moments later Engine 1 cleared and responded and Engine 9 was cancelled. Division 2 was tied up at the incident and did not respond to the 3rd alarm until later in the fire. Division 1 was assigned on the box. Editor





**Newton 3rd Alarm Box 175
Wednesday Jan. 23, 2019
44-46 Cook Street**

Time	Alarm	Engines	Ladders	Rescue	Chief	Other
0134	175	4, 1, 2	3, 1	1	C-2	
0142	2-175	3, 7,			C-1	ASU
0150	3-175	10, Brookline E-1	TL-2		Bklin-2	

Newton 9-1-1 received a call from a resident of the building reporting smoke in the house. Police were reporting possible of one resident trapped. Arriving first due, Engine 4 reported fire showing, This was followed moments later confirming that all residents were out of the house. Engine 4 ordered the second alarm and reported heavy fire on the second floor of a 2.5 story wood frame duplex dwelling. C-2 transmitted the third alarm and reported heavy fire through the roof and 3 lines stretched and in operation. The decision was made to pull the Companies out of the building and go to a defensive attack. A collapse zone was set up at the C/D corner due to the chimney being compromised.



Photo courtesy of Newton Patch.com

Well, that about wraps it up from the Box 52 Association and remember stay safe and see ya at the big one!



The 5A



Newsletter of the Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club of Manchester, N.H.
IFBA Region 1 Member
Spring 2019 Issue

The Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club is into its 27th Year. Consider becoming a member and join us for bi-monthly meetings with speakers sharing about the fire service, attend local field trips and the IFBA National Convention. An Application is included in this newsletter... check it out!

Upcoming 2019 Meeting:

June 19, 2019 - Litchfield, N.H. FD new fire station on Albuquerque Road - 7:00 pm
Speaker - Frank Fraitzl, EFO, CFO, Litchfield Fire Chief

Leather Helmet Society visits Hudson, N.H. FD new Firehouse @ our April 2019 meeting:

Excellent meeting took place at Hudson's new firehouse at 204 Lowell Road. Ten members were in attendance for the general meeting where Region 1 Vice President Ken Beliveau shared information on the recent IFBA Executive Board Spring meeting in Montreal along with some of the plans for the Convention taking place there June 25 thru 29, 2019. It will be a great time, six LHS members will be attending the Convention.

Ken also gave an update on some items that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in Montreal and info on the 2020 Convention taking place in Nashville, Tenn.

Hudson Chief Robert Buxton then gave us a detailed tour of the new station and showed off their new 2019 Seagrave Engine 4. The department will be accepting their new Seagrave rear mount ladder on April 19th. Thank you Chief for allowing us into the station for our meeting and to LHS member and retired Hudson FD Captain David Morin for setting up this meeting. A great time had by all!





Leather Helmet Society attends IFBA Region 1 meeting in Cranston, R.I. April 27, 2019:

Four LHS members had a great time at the IFBA Region 1 Meeting held at the Cranston Fire Museum in Cranston, R.I. The host was Region 1 buff club *Providence Citywide*. Twenty-two individuals attended from seven different member clubs within IFBA Region 1, an excellent turn out with IFBA Region 1 V.P. Ken Beliveau presiding. Several guests from outside the Region also attended; IFBA President Steve Garnett, Region 3 V.P. Joe Sullivan and Chris Oliphant of the D.C.F.D.



Fire Department Profile for the June 19, 2019 LHS Meeting at the new Litchfield, N.H. Firehouse on Albuquerque Road

The Litchfield, N.H. Fire Department consists of 30 on-call members commanded by the following:

- Frank Fraitzl, EFO, CFO, Fire Chief

Fire Station Location

Albuquerque Road - *New Station*



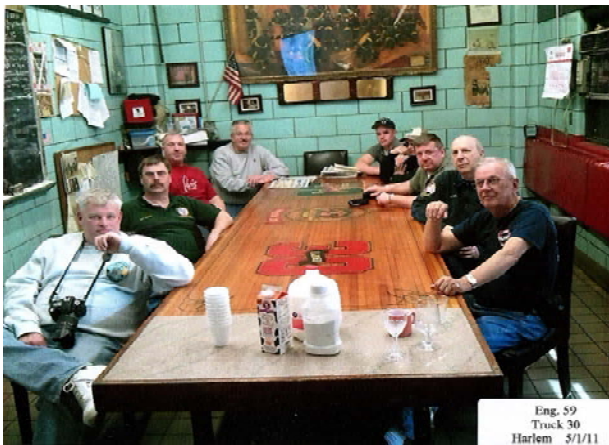
Fire Apparatus Roster

Engine 1 - E-One Typhoon - 1500 GPM/1000 Tank
 Engine 2 - 1996 Spartan - 3D - 1250 GPM/1000 Tank
 Engine 3 - 1991 Mack RD-Kovatch - 1250 GPM/2500 Tank
 Engine 4 - 2001 Kovatch - 1250 GPM/1250 Tank
 Rescue 1 - 1998 FL70 - Valley Fire
 Forestry 1 - 2003 Ford F-350 Skid Unit - 300 GPM/200 Tank
 Forestry 2 - 1976 AM General-Dept. Built-350 GPM/1000 Tank
 Chief's Car - 2007 Chevy Tahoe
 ATV - 2006 Kubota RTV900 Off-Road



Litchfield FD photos courtesy of Bob Fitz, Jr. & David Morin

LHS Members attending field trips, Christmas Party and IFBA Conventions



Trip to F.D.N.Y. and N.J.



Jakes at the Box!



Annual LHS Christmas Party and Awards





Connecticut Fire Photographers Association

Greetings from, Connecticut Fire Photographers and Connecticut. Things are picking up with the club as summer approaches. Our membership has broken the 100-person mark and as of this writing, we are at about 105 members from nine states now. If you have an interest in joining or just viewing our website, please visit www.ctfirephoto.org.

The members have been active over the winter and covered several hundred incidents, we have covered just about all aspects in the emergency services from fire's and rescues to apparatus, training and award ceremonies. CFPA members took in a few large-scale mill fires in CT and NJ with some large apartment building fires in several states. In Massachusetts, some members took in the major Gas emergency in MA last year, which resulted in 3 cities with hundreds of emergency calls with home explosions and many fires.

These events, with aid of our social media division, have brought the members media to the covers of several magazines, newspapers and all the way to national news and Good Morning America coverage. Our Social media program has proven to reach news outlets as far as Japan. We use social media to promote our club and photographers. It is a way for our viewers to interact with our club on several media-based platforms.

Next year will be the **25th Anniversary of the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association** we are working on some event plans, stay tuned to our Social media for details.

Upcoming events: Silver City Fire Fest.

Since 2010, the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association, in conjunction with the Southern Connecticut Antique Fire Apparatus Collectors and the Meriden Firefighters Benevolent Society, have sponsored the Silver City Fire Fest in Meriden, CT. July 20, 2019, marks the 10th annual edition of this event, held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn, 900 East Main Street in Meriden, CT. So, what exactly is a "Fire Fest?" CFPA Vice President Michael Quinn conceived of the idea as a way for folks from all walks of the fire buffing hobby - model builders, photographers, and apparatus owners - to have an annual event where they could share their love of the fire service with other enthusiasts. Each year hundreds of enthusiasts gather in Meriden, known as the Silver City of the world for its proud legacy as the city where the most silverware was produced, to meet up with old friends and meet new people.

The event keeps growing every year, with members from other IFBA and SPAMFAA chapters from around the northeast meeting with others to share their common interests. Last year's event had over 500 attendees, who spent the day looking at model and photography displays from nearly 20 different participants, shopped for firematic items from over 10 vendors, and looked at nearly 40 pieces of fire apparatus from area departments and private owners in the hotel's spacious parking lot. Vehicles on

The CFPA is proud to be part of such a great event, and our 10th annual Fire Fest this July 20th promises to be our best one yet!



Mike Quinn Photos

Photo display:

CFPA members will be displaying their work at the Smoke Shop at 89 Pratt St. in Hartford CT., later this summer.

Past events:

The CFPA officers and members send their congratulations to Former CFPA president, Ken Beliveau Winner of the 2018 Henry N. Wilwers Fire buff of the year.

Photo trip to NJ: The CFPA, membership visited PL Custom/Rescue 1 in NJ for a tour of their facility, to view the operations and the apparatus in various stages of construction. 11 CFPA Members were able to attend the daylong trip. They enjoyed the trip and after the tour visited a few firehouses. The CFPA enjoyed the visits and thanks all involved in the planning and taking the time out of their day, for the apparatus posing.



Publications, Firehouse and Fire Engineering cover shots

Our Members have been featured with several cover shots, articles with our members photos highlighted along with large number of hotshots and several local and national news media outlets. The following fire based publications: Firehouse, Fire Engineering, FireNews (NE, NY and NJ editions), 1st Responder News (NE and NY editions), Fire Apparatus Journal, NFPA, Life Star Calendar, Fire Apparatus in Action Calendar, Life Flight Calendar along with several fire department annual reports. Our members have had a great year with having their work published.



**Firehouse magazine Cover photo by;
President Glenn Duda**

Social media: Please find this month's social media reports. We are down on our website stats for March.

-- Green means UP/Improvement, Red means DOWN/Loss, Yellow New Stat



--Website Stats--

- Total April Website Views: **120,702 Views**
- Busiest April Day: 4/1/19 with **6,662 views**.
- Highest Viewed Website Album in April: Fort Lauderdale Apparatus Shoot by Bob Gerard with **1,830 views**.
- Second Highest Website Viewed Album in April: 2nd Alarm fire on Yonkers Ave by Dave Kempter with **1,304 views**.
- Third Highest Viewed Website Album in April: 7th Alarm fire in Yonkers by Dave Kempter with **1,208 views**.

--Instagram-- CT Fire Photographers

- Total April Instagram Followers: **9,731 followers**. Up **363** followers since last month.
- Most Liked April Instagram Photo: **448 Likes**, Photo of Canterbury tower by Sean Freiman.
- April Photo Biggest Reach: **10,601 Reach**, Video from Wethersfield fire by Nick Peruta.
- April Photo Most Impressions: **12,962 Impressions**, Video from Wethersfield fire by Nick Peruta.
- April Most Engaging Photo: **513 Engagements**, Photo of Canterbury tower by Sean Freiman.
- April Most Saved Photo: **63 Saves**, Photo of Canterbury tower by Sean Freiman.
- Gender of Instagram Followers: 87% Men, 13% Women.
- Highest to lowest Age Range of Instagram Followers: 25-34, 18-24, 35-44, 45-54, 13-17, 55-64, 65+

--Twitter-- @ctfirephoto

- April Twitter Followers: **2,596 Followers**, up **345** followers since last month.
- Top April Tweet: Tweet with first on scene photo sent from Noah Sheftel from Meriden Plane crash with **14 RT**, **36 Likes**, and **9,062 Impressions**.
- April Twitter Profile Views: **4,996 Views**.
- April Twitter Mentions: **159 Mentions** (Whenever @CTFirePhoto is used in a tweet).
- April Twitter Impressions: **321K Impressions**.
- Gender of Twitter Followers: 82% Men, 18% Women.
- Highest to lowest Age Range of Twitter Followers: 35-44, 25-34, 18-24, 45-54, 55-64, 65+, 13-17.
- Devices Used Highest to Lowest: Desktop/Laptop Computer, iPhone, Android, Blackberry or Tablet, Other Devices.

--Facebook-- <https://www.facebook.com/CTfirephotographersassociation>

- Facebook April Page Likes: **3,621 Page Likes**, Up 162 since last month.
- April Page Visits: **806 Views**. Down 35% from last month.
- April Page Reach: **21,872 Reach**, Up 25% from last month.
- April Post Engagements: **19,591 Engagements**. Down 16% from last month.
- Gender of Twitter Followers: 82% Men, 17% Women.
- Highest to lowest Age Range of Facebook Followers: 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 18-24, 55-64, 65+
- Busiest time on our Facebook page in September: Thursday, between 12-1p

Highlight night: (Our members took in some significant events this winter).

On May 30th around 02:00 South Windham fire department and mutual aid was dispatched to Machine Shop Hill Rd. for a reported building fire, first due companies found a well involved 200x400 vacant mill building with fire though the roof, over the next two hours this incident went to four alarms. A three-story exposure had some extension to the third floor, the fire was ultimately contained to the main building. CFPA members Rob Ladd and Sean Frieman worked the incident for about two hours. During

this incident around 04:00, QV dispatch started dropping tone for South Killingly with Mutual aid, for a mill complex on fire. This location was about 30 miles away. CFPA members that just left the scene of the first fire contacted each other on Zello Connecticut club channel to make sure they knew about the 2nd fire. Using Zello a drive route, was planned out and updates given while responding.



South Windham Ct. 4 alarm mill fire.
Rob Ladd, Photo

First due companies reported heavy fire conditions on a 4-story mill, 200x600 with a large exposure of the complex was fully involved. The CFPA members arrived to find 80% of the building with fire, on four floors of the main building. This fire consumed 90% of the complex and went to five plus alarms. Both fires are under investigation. The CFPA members pulled an all-nighter and had some great coverage of both incidents. Both of these incidents took place in Windham County, and about 90% of the departments responded in one form or another to these fires.



South Killingly 5th Alarm Mill Complex
Rob Ladd photo



WF 652 Garden ST Hartford CT, 5-21-19
Jim Peruta photo



Yonkers General Alarm, 15 Parkview Ave, 03-12-19
Dave Kempter photo



RI Emergency management Mobile Command Center
Bob Gerard, Photo



Plano Hazmat #5, Plano Texas
Thomas Merryman, Photo



Fall River, MA Multiple Alarm Fire
Ken Lager, Photo



Yonkers New York. General Alarm
Jon Tenca



REGION 3



Region 3 ----- *Buffin' the DMV*

On Saturday June 30, 2018 about 40 IFBA members and guest assembled at the home of Tom and Debbie Herman in Chesterfield, Va., for the annual Region 3 meeting.

Tom is a founding member of the Old Dominion Historical Fire Society and he and Debbie have transformed there home into what is affectionately known as "The Herman Fire Truck Farm. On the property they have a large (sprinkered) barn type structure that houses about 30 pieces of apparatus and enough appliances and other fire apparatus equipment to stock a moderate sized fire department. The rigs range from the 1910's up to the 1970's and 80's. The newer "contemporary" antiques were quite popular in that many of the attendees had, ridden on, driven and/or watched these rigs during their service life.

Most of the morning was spent wandering the grounds and being amazed at the display of apparatus. A tour of the Herman home shows that it is decorated with appropriate fire memorabilia and even a small motorcycle museum. Tom's garage, which also doubles as a meeting room, is dedicated to the FDNY as a memorial for the 343 Fallen Members of 9/11 as well as historical documentation of Tom's career in Richmond and Chesterfield County. He and Debbie helped found the Phillips Volunteer Fire Company 13, which is located a couple of hundred yards down the road.

As lunch approached the members of the Metro Richmond Flying Squad, applicants to the IFBA who will be (or were) voted into membership at the Annual Convention in Racine, provided lunch. With both of their units on display, this energetic award winning group that has served Richmond since May of 2017, provided Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Pulled Pork along with side dishes. They also provided portable tents and misting fans on this warm day. The Flying Squad was ably assisted by members of Petersburg Support 6, another new Rehab group that organized earlier in 2018 to serve the very busy Petersburg, Va., area.

After all hands were nourished we met for our Annual Meeting in the previously mentioned garage. Pertinent IFBA business was conducted, and everyone came away with all the news and information they needed to continue successful operations. This was also the chance for everyone to really get to know each other, exchange information and ideas and continue the fellowship that is an utmost tenant of the IFBA.

At the conclusion of the meeting many folks stayed around as apparatus was positioned on the property for a portrait caliber photo opportunity on the property.

Anyone visiting Region 3 that would like to visit The Herman Fire Truck Farm contact Chris Oliphant (FFA), Charlie Lewis (Box 234) or I and we will make the arrangements.

A BIG IFBA THANKS TO TOM AND DEBBIE HERMAN





Friendship Fire Association

Story by Chris Oliphant – Coordinator of Fire ground Operations; Friendship Fire Association

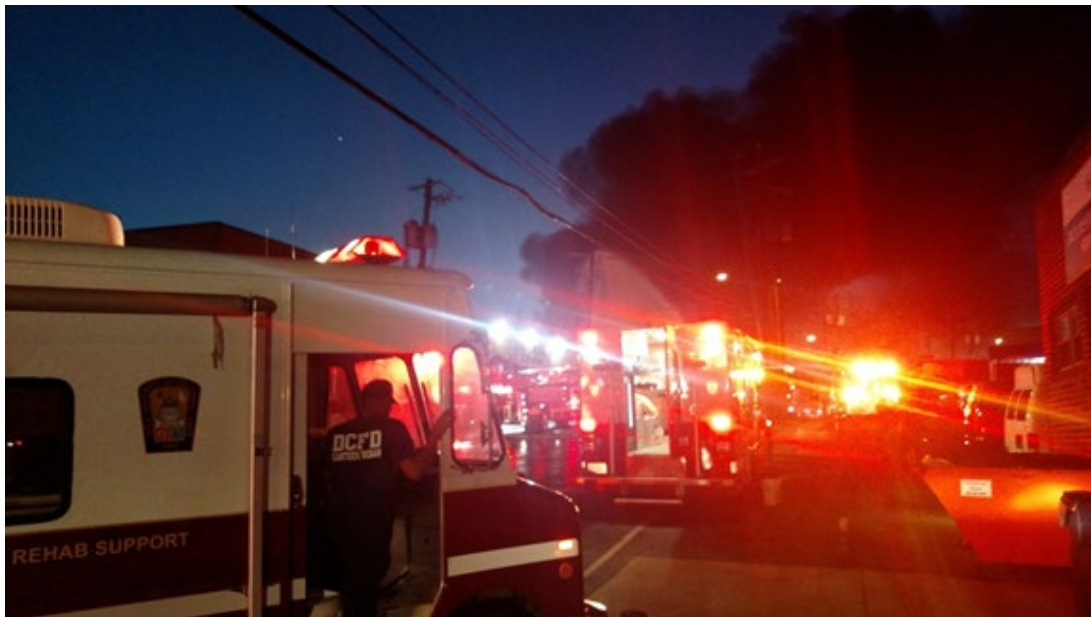
Photos by DC Fire & EMS and FFA President Shawn Plummer

2ND ALARM & SPECIALS
6500 CHILLUM PL NW

On Wednesday May 9th, 2018 about 330 pm Friendship Fire Association was alerted for a multiple alarm fire at 6500 Chillum PI NW. DC Fire Department arrived to find heavy fire conditions in a 2 story extremely large irregularly shaped warehouse, at the end of a dead-end street. As rooftop of the fire building was also a parking deck, during the course of the incident, several cars fell into the structure.

As time progressed throughout the evening, fire conditions deteriorated. With limited access between the front and the rear of the building it was determined that the best course of action for FFA was to have 1 Canteen operation in the front of the building and 1 Canteen operation setup in the rear of the building. After all said and done FFA responded with 8 Members, 2 prospective members and 1 past member staffing 2 Canteens operating for about 25 hours, with FFA members putting in 101 person hours on this incident.

During this incident; 788 bottled drinks, 420 bottles of water, 953 snacks, 8 dozen doughnuts, and 1 1/2 Gallons of Coffee were served. Additionally, 50 McDonalds Hamburgers, and 300 Firehouse Subs were either purchased or donated and served on this incident. FFA was also assisted by American Red Cross NCR who provided 2 dinners and a lunch during our 25-hour stay.



FFA Canteen and FFA Rehab Support on Scene 6500 Chillum Place



DC Engine 14 Supplying master stream operations, at 6500 Chillum Place



6500 Chillum Place at sunset, Truck preparing for operations.
Photo by Chris Oliphant.



Old Dominion Historical Fire Society (ODHFS) Owners Pride – Club Truck

By Mike Sanders – mnsand@visuallink.com

One of the fire trucks owned by the Old Dominion Historical Fire Society (ODHFS) in Virginia is a unique Willys Jeep that served by providing fire protection to a manufacturing facility and it was rare for the truck to leave that facility.

The ODHFS acquired a unique 1951 Willys Jeep CJ-3A after it was donated to the club in 2002.

General Electric purchased the CJ-3A as a stock vehicle in 1953 to be used for fire protection at their Waynesboro, Virginia facility. Over several years, the GE shops converted the Jeep to a unique firefighting vehicle by adding a 250 gpm pump, a small 50 gallon water tank, hose, and a variety of tools and equipment. A unique feature is that the booster hose reel is mounted on top of the Jeep. It appears that the Jeep was not designed for off road use as it has some low mounted compartments for tools. Instead, it was used within the facilities at GE. The Jeep rarely left the GE facility grounds. Although a 1951 Jeep, it was purchased in 1953 and put into firefighting service at the facility starting February 1, 1955.

GE acquired the facility in 1953 and it was once the Waynesboro Airport. GE called the facility a Specialty Control Plant, where it produced relays, control systems and other products for aerospace, military, industrial, and computer applications. GE sold the facility to Genicom Corporation in 1983.

An interesting fact about the Jeep is that GE used the chrome rear bumper from a Willys station wagon as a front bumper.

The ODHFS club has had a variety of caretakers for the Jeep since acquiring it in 2002. At each event it attends, the Willys Jeep is a crowd pleaser at parades and musters, and the gentlemen who have taken care of it over the years have put the time and effort to ensure the Jeep is parade/muster ready.

Visit the ODHFS antique roster at www.odhfs.smugmug.com to see many of our club member's fire apparatus.

Photos by Mike Sanders.





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.

Although the year didn't start off as frigid as 2018 did, January still saw quite a bit of extreme weather activity. The first half of the month was fairly slow, with Box 15 supporting three days of recruit training and responding to a 2-alarm fire on the city's far east side. The second half of the month, however, saw seven shifts of cold weather protocol (expected wind chills below 0°F), with a crew on standby to respond to any working incident. By the end of the month, we'd also responded to eight working fires and provided support for three days of ice rescue training.



S. James Road working fire



Ice rescue training

February's temperatures weren't as extreme as January's, resulting in no cold weather standbys. Activity was fairly steady throughout the month, though. We responded to four working fires, one extra company working fire, and a mayday 2-alarm fire. We also attended the First Responders Face-Off hockey game, assisting with merchandise sales inside and bringing Rehab 1 for attendees to tour outside, along with other emergency vehicles.



Hilton Drive working fire



E Ticonderoga Drive extra company working fire

March proved to be a relatively slow month with crews providing rehab support at two working fires, a 2-alarm fire, a fatal water response, and a recruit training activity. The month also saw one day of cold weather standby.

The first half of April saw us responding to three 2-alarm fires. The month closed out with us providing rehab for a working fire, two recruit training activities, and a Red Cross smoke detector event.

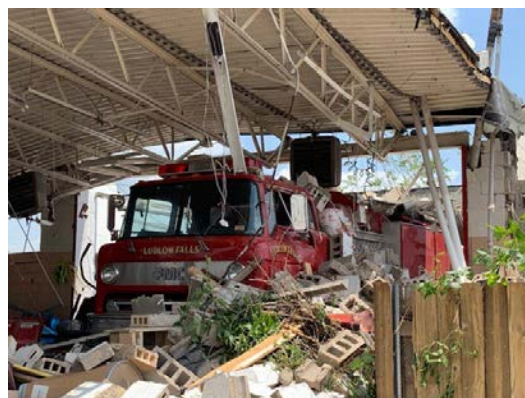
May turned out to be an extremely busy month, consisting of four working fires, two 2-alarm fires, two hazmat incidents, three recruit training activities, six days of rescue tech training, and roaming rehab support for three smoke detector outreach events. The end of the month had us traveling to the storm-ravaged Dayton area to provide rehab support for search and rescue crews looking for victims of overnight tornadoes.



Freeway hazmat incident



Westerville Road hazmat incident



Dayton USAR



Dayton USAR

Annual Awards

Box 15 was proud to present the 2019 Larry Parlett Distinguished County Firefighter of the Year award to Lieutenant Dave Belcher from Violet Township Fire Department and the 2019 Max Haverman Distinguished Columbus Firefighter of the Year award to Lieutenant TJ Cullison. Box 15 members receiving the Pete Fowler Distinguished Service Award included Bob Hess and Joseph Penty. Members receiving the Harry Knodel Outstanding Service Award included Brett Barber and Joe O'Brien. We were pleased to honor all award winners at this year's banquet.



Bob Hess, Joseph Penty, Lt. Dave Belcher, Lt. TJ Cullison, Joe O'Brien, Brett Barber

Donations

Rehab 2, our most recent vehicle acquisition, was out of service for over a month between 2018 and 2019, requiring extensive mechanical and electrical repairs. Box 15 would like to thank W.W. Williams for not only repairing all of the truck's ailments, but also generously donating labor costs, greatly reducing the final cost to the club.

We'd also like to thank Westerville Citizen Auxiliary Resource Team (CART) for collecting and donating several consumable goods in March.



MSC Industrial Supply donation

Finally, Box 15 would like to send a big thank you to MSC Industrial Supply for another huge donation of sports drink products. The donation was shared by Box 15, Box 5 in Athens and Hocking Counties, Box 21 in Dayton, Box 49 in Madison County, Box 65 in Pickaway and Fayette Counties, Union County EMA, Support 401 in Licking County, and Seneca County Rehab. Generous donations like this help all of these organizations to keep supporting first responders in over a dozen counties.

If you ever find yourself visiting or even traveling through Central Ohio, give us a call at (614) 585-9120 and we'll be glad to show you around. Until the next issue of Turn Out – be safe out there!



REGION 5



Scenes from a 7-alarm fire on February 20, 2019, 2525 St. Charles Ave.

Photos by Chris Mickal.





REGION 6





By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

Springtime in Chicago. You gotta love it! This year has seen a cold and rainy Spring; much worse than normal. On the other hand, Chicago has elected its first African-American woman mayor, Lori Lightfoot. All City appointed position holders will remain for the time being including CFD Fire Commissioner Ford. Mayor Lightfoot faced several financial challenges when she took office, including massive budget deficits and a problematic crime rate.

The City of Chicago Building Commission has approved a final design agreement for a new safety academy. The 20-acre complex of seven to eight buildings will be used to train both firefighters and police officers at all levels of their careers in a state of the art campus. While the old Fire Academy on DeKoven Street was built in 1961 at a cost of \$2 million, the new facility is expected to cost \$95 million.

Final approval for a new firehouse at 119th and Morgan Street, on the far south side of the City, has been received. Engine 115's new quarters will also be the home of the 5th District Chief as well as an EMS field office. Engine 115's old house was built in 1908 and was the third oldest, active and single-door firehouse in the City.

A new Rescue Station 2 at O'Hare Field has been completed and will be operational soon. The new 20,000 sq. ft. station will have five bays. New runway construction prompted the move of the original Rescue 2 to its new location.

A new Fleet Maintenance facility at 69th and Wentworth was recently opened to replace a heavy equipment repair facility that was located on the City's north side. The Goose Island facility was sold to developers as part of a 60 acre housing and commercial complex. The new 30,000 sq. ft. facility will be used as headquarters for Fleet Maintenance and will handle repairs for City heavy duty trucks and fire apparatus. Repairs for chief cars, ambulances and small/light duty apparatus will be handled by other Fleet Maintenance facilities.

On the apparatus scene, the City has signed a five-year contract with E-One to provide as many as 20 new engines and six new trucks (ladders), some of which will arrive this year. A new tower ladder is due soon. There are also three new engines from a previous contract to be delivered in the near future. Two chemical rigs have been remounted on 2018 Ford F550 chassis.

A new SCUBA rig is also scheduled for delivery in the next few months. The new rig, from E-One, will be a 2018 Ford F550 chassis too. The Dive Rig, 6-8-7 is stationed in downtown Chicago and responds to numerous calls, especially during the summer, to Lake Michigan and Chicago's rivers and harbors.

Truck 47, that was involved in an accident, which injured five firefighters in 2016, has been rebuilt with a new cab and has been placed back into service in March of 2019.

Over the past several years, Chicago has seen between 25 and 35 multiple alarm fires. 2018 saw a slight increase to 40 multiple alarms. Most were 2-11 alarm fires and only five reached the 3-11 alarm level. Many of the second alarms were automatic second alarms for “MAYDAY” responses due to trapped or missing firefighters. Through May 27, 2019, Chicago has had 10 multiple alarms including the first 5-11 alarm fire in Chicago since October of 2016. The 5-11, which occurred on April 2nd, was in the Newly Weds Foods bakery and warehouse, located on Chicago’s northwest side, just two blocks from Engine 91’s house. The first arriving companies found 200 employees evacuating the plant. The fire had started in an oven and spread across the ceiling, igniting the roof. Low water pressure, a lack of hydrants and long lead-outs hampered the firefighting efforts. Due to exploding cooking oil barrels, a Haz Mat response was also sounded. The additional alarms brought in about 1/3 of Chicago’s fire fighting force. In all, 24 engines, eight trucks, including three tower ladders, one squad and a hose wagon, with 4000 feet of five inch hose, responded. The fire was struck out in about four hours after the first alarm. CFD companies remained on the scene through the entire night. The 5-11 Club responded with two canteens and served hundreds of McDonald’s hamburgers and 100 hotdogs donated by Jimmy’s Red Hots.



5-11 at Newly Weds Foods (Photo by Mike Penchar)



5-11 alarm fire, side B view (Photo by Mike Penchar)



5-11 alarm fire, side D view (Photo by Mike Penchar)



5-11 alarm fire, another side D view (Photo by Mike Penchar)



5-11 Club canteen serving firefighters at 5-11 (Photo by Mike Penchar)

The 5-11 Club canteen responses for 2018 totaled 131, which included 75 CFD responses, 48 CPD responses and eight requests for service from MABAS Division 22 (Chicago south suburbs) fire departments. Through May 28, 2019, the 5-11 Club canteens responded to 46 requests for service.

In January, the new officers for the 5-11 Club were sworn into their current office positions. The 2019 officers of the 5-11 Club are: Dennis Ahrens, President; Jim Mitidiero, Vice President; Harold Klein, Recording Secretary; Mike Penchar, Corresponding Secretary; and Paige Van Vorst, Treasurer. Dennis Ahrens is also the IFBA Region 6 Vice President.

Our friends at the fire Museum of Greater Chicago have published a new picture book of every current CFD engine company working at scenes of various fires. It's put together by Steve Redick and Eric Haak, with contributions from Gordon Nord, Jr. The book is titled "Chicago Fire Department Engine Companies, A Pictorial Review" and can be purchased by visiting the Museum's website at www.firemuseumofgreaterchicago.org. The cost is \$40.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go directly to the Fire Museum.

Please visit our website, 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. Also, it would be appreciated if you currently shop at Amazon, please use Amazon Smile, select the 5-11 Club as beneficiary, and continue your regular shopping as you normally would on this site. A portion of the sales will support the 5-11 Club of Chicago.



Honor Guard at Fallen Firefighter 2019 Memorial Day Mass (Photo by Mike Penchar)



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Turn Out – Spring, 2019

Our 2019 Budget for standing committees was presented as a guideline at the February business meeting. The steam boiler heating system at Reserve Station 12 was replaced with overhead gas heaters, with support of the Indianapolis Public Safety Foundation.

Questions about IFD-owned RSU apparatus responding outside Marion County were resolved. Only RSU 2, owned by Wayne Twp FD, will serve outside the county lines, unless Indianapolis personnel are there as a Special Call. If Wayne RSU is not available, we are allowed use of The Salvation Army canteen from EDS storage building on Georgetown Rd. Valid driver licenses and EVOC completion certificates are required for all RSU operators.

A group of West side and Hendricks County club members are in discussion with the County Chiefs' Association about staffing a separate RSU in their response area. Carmel, IN FD may have a surplus ambulance to donate to IFB, allowing us to replace our oldest unit.

Dennis Chambers, our regular club chauffeur for our '67 Maxim Pumper, was injured when he fell from the back step preparing for Indianapolis' St. Patrick's Day parade. A broken femur meant a hospital stay, followed by Rehab. As this was in staging at the Local 416 Union Hall, IFD retiree Mike Reeves stepped forward and drove the unit for the parade, saving our spot. Dennis is slowly getting back outside.

Membership has increased recently with three new lady members, who are already serving on RSU responses. They also plan to cook for our Saturday morning breakfasts which we provide the first weekend every month at area stations.

FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference thru Fire Engineering magazine) came to town April 8-13. We were again able to provide RSU support. One unit was at Lucas Oil stadium, a major exhibitor display area, from Saturday, April 6 to Wednesday, April 11 during daytime hours for apparatus and vendor support. Five other locations were handled on Monday and Tuesday at HOTS training sites. Our members benefited by having access to full conference classroom training and all exhibit halls.

Our Reserve Station 12 once again was used by the Marion County Election Board for May 7 primary balloting. As one of the few public buildings in the area, we try to be good neighbors so residents don't have to go too far to vote.

A Bi-Regional meeting for Region 4 and Region 6 was held at the Westside Fairfield Inn May 10-11. After a good Friday evening of food and friendship at everyone's favorite Rathskeller restaurant, a Business meeting consumed Saturday morning. After a yummy lunch at Shapiro's Deli downtown, station tours until dinner time completed the day. A final gathering at the hotel that evening for pizza and beverages capped a useful day.

IFB has been contacted by the Indiana State Fair Board to loan an antique rig for display August 2-18 to support First Responder Salute, this year's motto. Members have agreed to this and will work with the fair to carry it out.

New IFD Station #3 has been dedicated at 1308 E. Prospect. It will house Engine 3, Battalion #5 and IEMS Medic #3. New IFD Station #16 is open at 8940 E. Southport Rd, in the far Southeast part of the county. It will have Pierce engine #16, a Water tanker, and IEMS Medic #16. Stations #52 and #54 were combined into this single location. Station #54 will be refitted for a department health and safety site.

Pike Township in NW Marion County dedicated a new headquarters and Station #61 at 4881 W. 71st Street, 46268. It will have Engine 61, Ladder 61, Battalion #60 and Medic #61 ambulance. Chief Arthur Borel hosted this event in June.

There are 64 RSU responses in our territory so far in 2019, about 20% fewer than last year. Many more calls are for EMS and law enforcement for hostage, Urban Search and water rescue incidents.

President Byron Jacobs will be our club's Delegate at the Montreal Convention. Jerry Traub is Alternate.



On June 22, 2019, Pike Township dedicated a new Headquarters and Fire Station.
Photo by Tod Parker



Div. Chief John Ramirez; Deputy Chief Meg Hogwood;
Chief Arthur Borel (left to right) at the dedication of Pike
Township's new Headquarters.
Photo by Tod Parker



Who wouldn't love to cook in this kitchen, with automatic
dishwasher! The kitchen of the new Pike Township Station 61.
Photo by Tod Parker



Since our last TURNOUT article we have not seen much action. The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club has welcomed one new member and two associate members. The City of Milwaukee had one 3 alarm fire where we responded and provided rehab. Then we were called to Bayside, a village in an area referred to as the North Shore. That fire destroyed a 63 unit apartment building, having spread through the L shaped building's attic before any smoke detectors activated. Building codes in the village at the time of the building's construction did not require sprinklers.

Enjoy the pictures provided to you by Chuck Lietke and Bill Mokros.



Allel Plank is welcomed to full membership by MFBC President Hermsen.



Mitchell Colker and Dale Nault welcomed as the newest probationary members.



Three alarms sounded for the autobody shop on Milwaukee's south side.



63 unit Apt Bldg fully involved. Cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Both Milwaukee Fire Bell rigs responded and served for hours on scene in the North Shore.



REGION 7





FIRE ASSOCIATES OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

(E-mail sent to Executive Office. Posted to be read by Len's many friends from coast to coast. Ed)

From: **Leonard W. Williams**

Date: Sun, Jun 2, 2019 at 11:12 PM

Subject: Re-establishing contact and an update

To: executiveoffice@ifba.org

Will you kindly pass this onto the rest of the officers, directors; etc. You probably have them in your computer already, and I don't.

As you may recall, I had a major health setback in the beginning of 2016, and spent most of that year in the hospital or a rehab center. I had to sell my CPA practice and retire. I also had to resign my positions with the Calif. CPA Society, and on the finance committee of my synagogue.

I'm on dialysis 3 days a week, which pretty much wipes out those days + 1/2 of the next day.

I don't have the stamina to resume working. I'm 83 yrs. old now, and will be 84 next month, so I'm entitled to slow down. I'm enjoying my retirement, so I'm not complaining. I see my kidney doctor once a month, and he says that I'm in good health.

I resumed attending Fire Associates meetings in 2018, although I no longer respond to fires

So much for the personal update.

My primary buff organization is Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley, mentioned above, which I formed 50 years ago in November. There are only 2 charter members left, another man and I, but we have a current membership of around 30. We have 3 Fire Support Units (canteens); and respond to about 90 incidents per year. I plan to write up something for the next issue of Turnout about Fire Associates.

It's close to my bedtime, so I'm going to run along now. -Len Williams

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Posted on FACEBOOK June 7, 2019

Today Santa Clara County has two new Fire Chiefs!

Mountain View Fire Department Chief Juan F. Diaz, on behalf of the Santa Clara County Fire Chief's Association, presented Honorary Fire Chief awards to Fire Associates Founding Members Leonard W. Williams and Robert Gundrum, recognizing their 50-year contribution to the Fire Service and the people of Santa Clara County.

Surprised by the unexpected honor, Chief Williams and Chief Gundrum were left quite speechless.

This is the first time in history that The Santa Clara County Fire Chief's have made Honorary Fire Chief awards. We think they've made some great choices for this remarkable award.

(*Editor's note:* Congratulations for such an honor bestowed on Len and Bob. Be reminded that Len provided an annual performance at no cost when taking roll call at IFBA national conventions during his many years as IFBA national Secretary. Rest easy, my friend. Enjoy your retirement, imposed as it is.)



REGION 9





Fire Bell Club of New York

by Arnie Lasky

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"On the bitterly cold afternoon of February 3, 1939, a small group of men gathered outside the quarters of Ladder Company 24, then located on West 33rd Street in Manhattan. These men were all fire buffs sharing a mutual interest in the New York City Fire Department and they frequently met outside the firehouse. On this particular afternoon they were confronted by a police officer that suggested they were likely to freeze unless they sought a warmer place to meet. He directed the men to 119 West 33rd Street, a loft building near the firehouse. It was here, a week later that the Fire Bell Club was organized with twenty-two founding members."

-- The above text was taken from the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) Department Order No. 37, Supplement #27, dated April 15, 2004.

Eighty years later, the Fire Bell Club of New York is an active organization with monthly meetings, guest speakers, a monthly newsletter, trips to FDNY facilities and more.

The Fire Bell Club's monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, excluding July and August. Guests are always welcome to the meetings. Most meetings are held at the Club headquarters located at 204 East 23 Street between Second and Third Avenues in Manhattan, New York City. The meetings usually feature a guest speaker. This year's guest speakers have been Assistant Chief Thomas Richardson, who at the time was Chief of Training and is currently Chief of Operations; Lieutenant Michael "Mickey" Conboy, the 2018 James Gordon Bennett Medal recipient; Lieutenant Adrienne Walsh, Rescue 1; Deputy Chief John "Jay" Jonas, Division 7; and Assistant Commissioner Mark Aronberg, Bureau of Fleet Services. Once a year the Club meets at the Fire Department shops and attendees listen to a presentation regarding new apparatus, new tools, etc. Often new apparatus is displayed. Meetings have also been held in other locations, such as the New York City Fire Museum, the Fire Department's Training Center and the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

The Club also funds two FDNY department medals: 1) the Fire Bell Club Medal, awarded since 1984 and 2) the Shelley Rothman Memorial Medal, awarded since 2005. Funding for the Shelley Rothman Memorial Medal is shared with the Honorary New York State Fire Chief's Association, Inc. The Medals are awarded in alternate years: the Fire Bell Club Medal in even-numbered years and the Shelley Rothman Memorial Medal in the odd-numbered years. Shelley Rothman, who passed away in 2004, was a long time member of the Fire Bell Club and served as the Chairman of the Board.

The Club's annual dinner, which is held the second Wednesday in June, is well attended by members of the FDNY, Club members and others. During the dinner, the Club honors the recipient of the James Gordon Bennett Medal, the highest medal awarded by the FDNY, along with the recipient of either the Fire Bell Club Medal or the Shelley Rothman Memorial Medal. In 2019 the Club will also be honoring Jack Lerch, a former



Vice President of the Fire Bell Club and the founding editor of *News & Notes*, which he edited for 24 years. Jack is the Honorary FDNY Chief of Department.

Referred to in FDNY Department Order No. 37, Supplement #27 as “one of the most current and accurate sources of information pertaining to the New York City Fire Department,” the Fire Bell Club newsletter, *News & Notes*, is a monthly newsletter sent to all Club members, all FDNY fire and EMS units, along with staff chiefs and other headquarters personnel. It is also available by subscription, with a current rate of \$20 per year. Issues are emailed. A sample issue and a subscription form are available on our website at <http://firebellclub.org>.

Below is an example of the type of FDNY news reported in *News & Notes*:

NEW FIREHOUSE

A new firehouse is being constructed for Rescue Company 2. The firehouse is being built to accommodate a number of pieces of apparatus along with a major rescue training facility. This building, located at 1815 Sterling Place between Howard and Saratoga Avenues in Brooklyn, will house Rescue 2 and Collapse Rescue 2. Tentative plans call for a reserve rescue to also be quartered there. This will be the first newly built firehouse in New York City since Bronx Rescue 3 moved into their new quarters in 2009.

NEW APPARATUS

FDNY is planning acquisition of several types of apparatus. Five replacement satellites are expected in 2019. They are to be Ferrara Ultra two-door cab models on Peterbilt 520 chassis. The units will have the Williams Ranger 3+ monitor/nozzle rather than the IntelliGiant monitors, which have been used for many years. The pumper contract was shifted from KME to Seagrave in 2019, and the Department is scheduled to take delivery of 12 new 2000 GPM pumpers in 2020. An order is also being placed for 16 new 75-foot Seagrave tower ladders. The Department’s five 2011 Ferrara Ultra rescue units and the 2011 HAZMAT unit are to be replaced with similar Ferrara custom two-door cab/chassis units with walk-in bodies. Delivery is expected in 2020.

INCIDENT REPORTS

From January through April 2019, the FDNY has operated at 69 multiple alarm fires: 47 were second alarms; 12 were third alarms; six were fourth alarms; three were fifth alarms; and one was a sixth alarm.

Below is an excerpt from the May 2019 issue of *News & Notes*.

January 19, 2019 Brooklyn 55-1996

The tenth multiple alarm fire of 2019 (and the first to go above a second alarm) occurred on January 19 when Brooklyn Box 1996 was transmitted at 1002 for a report of smoke in a second floor apartment at 2683 Atlantic Avenue between Vermont Street and New Jersey Avenue...Assignment: E332, E290, E231, L175, L103 and BC44 (BC Zollner)...1006: 10-75 transmitted B/O of BC44...E233, SQ252, L120 (FAST), R2, RAC2, BC37



and DC15 (DC Smithwick)...**1009:** E227 and L176 were assigned (an additional engine and truck had been requested)...**1012:** BC44 reported a corrected address of 2681 Atlantic Avenue...fire was in the first floor store of a three story 30 x 50 mixed occupancy...exposures: 1) street, 2) similar, 3) rear yard and 4) similar...one line stretched and in operation...**1013:** BC44 reported that they had water on the fire...L120 going to work and L176 was the new FAST truck...**1019:** **2nd alarm** B/O DC15: E222, E283, E234, L123 (replaced by L112/103), BC38, BC39 (RUL), BC58 (SO), SAT6 (replaced by SAT3 and E284), TSU2, FC, FB, RB, SB and RM...**1024:** DC15 reported four lines stretched, three in operation...fire was in the first floor store with extension to two apartments on the second floor as well as the first floor of exposure 4...**1033:** L123 and L107 assigned...**1037:** CTU assigned...**1040:** **3rd alarm** B/O DC15: E225, E214, E277, E286, E263 (CU), L170, L111, BC28, RAC4, and MSU assigned...**1042:** Staging area at Atlantic Avenue and Bradford Street...**1045:** FC reported (per DC15) 5 lines stretched and operating...fire has extended into exposures 2 and 4...trucks are opening up...DWH...**1049:** BC41 and BC51 were assigned (two additional battalions had been requested) ...**1059:** **4th alarm** B/O DC15...E293, E217, E310, E271 (replaced by E257), L135, L174 (replaced by L124/107) and BC57...**1103:** DC15 reported six lines stretched and in operation...pockets of fire are on all three floors of the fire building as well as the second floor in exposure 2 and the first floor in exposure 4...trucks are opening up...DWH...**1105:** L174 and L15 (replaced by L132/176) assigned...**1110:** BC48 and RAC1 assigned...**1121:** Car 13A (DAC Jardin) reported six lines stretched and operating...extension to the cockloft...two lines stretched to tower ladder...trucks continue to open up...DWH...**1125:** Two additional trucks requested: L159 and L169/174...**1148:** Car 4C (AC Hodgens) requested two additional trucks...L142 and L173...**1151:** **5th alarm** B/O Car 4C... E83, E94, E71, E50 and BC31 assigned...**1154:** All Bronx units were replaced by E218/332, E230/233, E219/222, E240/234, L125/103 and L119/111...**1202:** L173 new FAST truck...**1203:** Main body of fire knocked down...trucks continue to open up searching for pockets of fire in the exposure...DWH...**1205:** L104/175 assigned...**1206:** PWH B/O Car 4C...**1235:** Three additional trucks requested...L163/135, L113 and L146...**1250:** UC B/O Car 4C.

Air Recon - BC33...Car 16C (Director of Fire Dispatch Operations Steven Magliaro) responded to PSAC I. MBD: Car 5G - Chief Swords assisted by Car 553 – Chief Nevins and C442 – Lieutenant Khalef.

Abbreviations Key

AC=Assistant Chief, BC=Battalion or Battalion Chief, B/O=By Order Of, CTU=Command Tactical Unit, CU=Communications Unit, DAC=Deputy Assistant Chief, DC=Deputy or Deputy Chief, DWH=Doubtful Will Hold, E=Engine, FC=Field Comm, FB=Field Comm Battalion, L=Ladder, MBD=Medical Branch Director, MSU=Mask Service Unit, PWH=Probably Will Hold, RAC=Recuperation and Care Unit, R=Rescue, RB=Rescue Battalion, RM=Rehab Manager, RUL=Resource Unit Leader, SAT=Satellite, SB=Safety Battalion, SO=Safety Officer, SQ=Squad, TSU=Tactical Support Unit and UC=Under Control. Notations such as Unit/Unit indicate acting as. For example L112/103 is Ladder 112 acting as Ladder 103.

Special thanks go out to Jim Griffiths for his help with this article.



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

SOME SMOKE ON SOUTH!

The weekend of the Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a busy one. Held on the 2nd Sunday of March, the Parade Committee holds a dinner dance on Friday night, attracting some 500 guests with the big parade stepping off at 12:30 on Sunday afternoon. The Gong Club is equally as busy with a regular meeting night on Friday, an executive board meeting on Saturday afternoon and the Club's traditional Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday evening. And, of course, the Club's canteen, Car 26, is in the line of march on Sunday.

Early Sunday morning, March 10, 2019, as the clocks sprang ahead for daylight saving time, a cold mix of sleet and rain began to fall. Not good parade weather, or for any outdoor activity, especially firefighting. However, the luck of the Irish was absent Sunday morning with Fire Dispatch receiving calls for a smoke condition in the area of Central Ave. & South St., in the Heights section of the City. Box 446 was transmitted at 05:00 and as the box was being transmitted, an additional caller stated the fire was at 124 South St. This quiet residential street, off the Central Ave. business district was once the home of a number of Jersey City fire companies. The last occupant of the single engine horse-drawn era house in the middle of the block was Engine Co. 12, which was disbanded on April 13, 1967. The fire house was built

originally to house Engine Co. 11, opening on November 6, 1874. To this day, however the building still has a fire related purpose, the home of the City's 2 fire unions, IAFF Locals 1064 and 1066.

The 2-story frame structure across the street at 124 South St. may well have dated back to the 1870's, but has been renovated apparently several times. The home is now flanked by 2 relatively new dwellings, boxy looking structures with grade level garages.

Eng. Co. 14, Capt. Al Rodriguez, was first to arrive at Box 446 and reported simply "Engine 14, 124 South St., Working Fire". The Working Fire assignment was dispatched at 05:06. Battalion 3, Batt. Chief John Bowen, arrived and assumed command. Although little was showing from the front, a fire was roaring in the rear of the home, extending to the 2nd floor and soon venting out the side windows, incinerating the vinyl siding on both exposures. Things were really starting to go "south" at that point. B. C. Bowen transmitted a 2nd Alarm at 05:12.

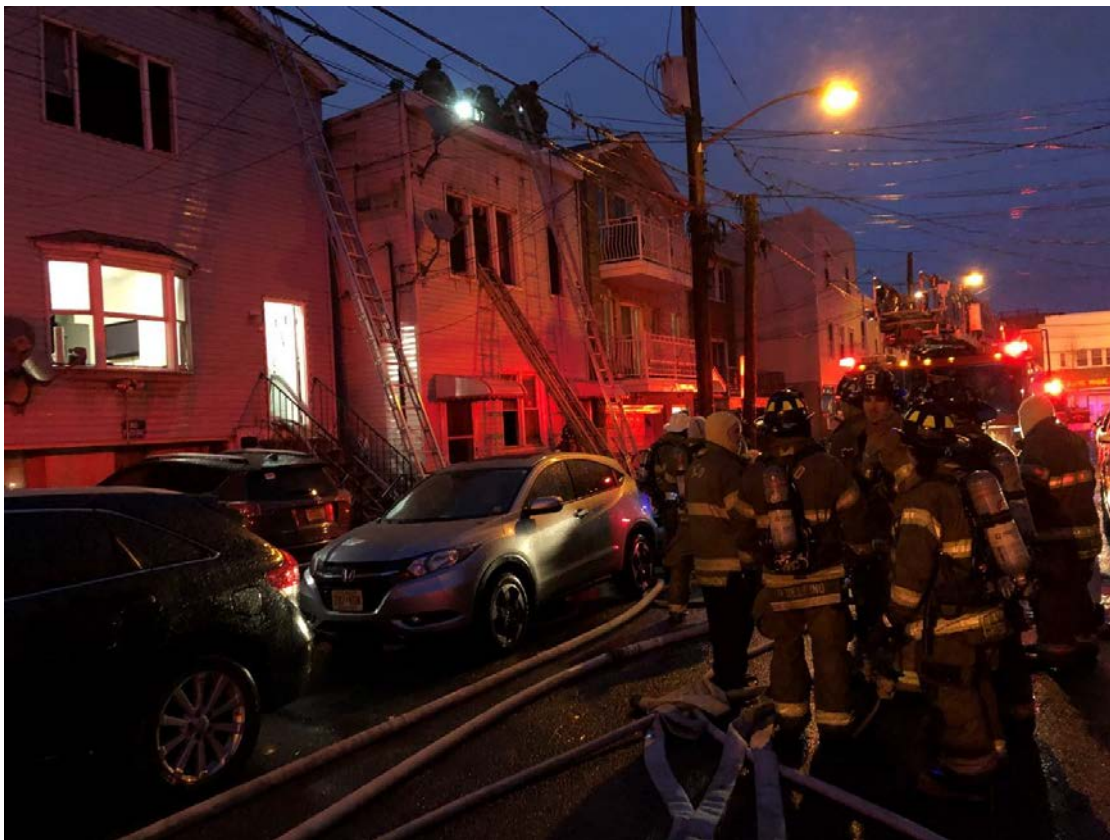
Deputy Chief Richard Casella assumed command upon his arrival, ordering B. C. Bowen to the interior division. Res. Co. 1 reported heavy fire whipping over the top of the building and they were on the roof taking out all natural openings. B. C. Bowen reported they were hitting the fire on the 1st floor but it was extending to the 2nd

floor. Deputy Chief Casella acknowledged and then transmitted a 3rd Alarm. Batt. Chief Bowen next reported heavy fire on the 2nd floor of the exposure to the west. At best, the exposures to the west on the remainder of the block were separated by 1 to 3 foot alleys. The next building towards Passaic Ave. now had its vinyl siding going.

Fire Dispatch read off the 3rd Alarm assignment and Chief Casella calmly acknowledged, “Received. Also transmit a

4th Alarm”. He then ordered all 3rd alarm companies to stretch lines into the exposures.

Typical of most side streets in Hudson County, there was a gazillion overhead wires across the fronts of the buildings! Lad. Co. 6 was ordered to raise ground ladders. Aerial ladder use was impossible in this block!



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Plenty of wires but plenty of fire fighters saved the block!
(Adolph Paasburg Photo)

Sqd. Co. 4, Capt. Jason Kane, reported they were working with Eng. Co. 2 on Bleecker St. in the rear. They were cutting a fence and bringing a 2 ½" line through the rear. Eng. Co. 2, under the command of Capt. Anthony Gonzalez, advised they were operating their line but keeping it out of the building as companies were pushing in from the front.

What followed was an hour and a half of bull work! Fire in 4 buildings required 9 hand lines and a lot of truck work to ferret our hidden pockets of fire once knockdown was achieved. Fire was placed under control shortly after 07:00 but companies continued to work for hours. Group A relieved Group D at 08:00 with the 1st & 2nd Alarm units making reliefs at the scene. And Group D thought they were making out by only having to work 23 hours with the start of daylight saving time!

Despite miserable icy, then rainy conditions, no injuries were reported and all occupants of the 4 buildings were safely evacuated. Car 26, with a crew of 5, operated for nearly 6 hours, dispensing 4 gallons of coffee, 8 gallons of hot chocolate, 5 gallons of Gatorade and 122 bottles of water. As an added treat, the popular bagel shop, Wonder Bagels, dropped off a couple of dozen of their famous bagels from their Central Ave. location right down the street!

Response:

0500 Box 446 Eng. Co. 14-18-11-7 Lad. Co. 7-3
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 3 Div. 1 FTO
0506 WF 446 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 6 MSU Batt. 1
0512 2-2 446 Eng. Co. 5-10-6 Lad. Co. 2 Car 3A-26
0524 3-3 446 Eng. Co. 19-9-2 Lad. Co. 12 Batt. 4 Car 4-10
0527 4-4 446 Eng. Co. 8-22 Lad. Co. 4



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Formerly Eng. 11, then Eng. 12, now the home of IAFF Locals 1064 and 1066; First Due!
(Adolph Paasburg Photo)



MARCH MADNESS!

After a relatively quiet winter, Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, would more than double its annual runs to date in one month! The 8 responses for March 2019 thus far include a 5th Alarm, a 4th Alarm, 3 3rd Alarms and 3 2nd Alarms. Jersey City's Group D pulled a "trifecta" in less than 8 hours during their 24-hour tour beginning March 25, 2019.

Fire Dispatch began receiving calls for a building fire at 22 Rutgers Ave., in the Greenville section of the City shortly after 21:30 hours. Box 827 was transmitted and companies knew they had work as they turned out. Veteran firefighters recalled a nasty fire directly across the street from this address on Super Bowl Sunday, 2007. Several members had a narrow escape from that fire as things turned bad quickly in that blaze.

First due Eng. Co. 13 arrived in 2 minutes and Capt. John Yanick reported "Working Fire; we have fire in 2 buildings; Eng. 13 is lining in"! Battalion 2, Batt. Chief Peter Griese, was hot on 13's heels, assumed command and reported "2 ½ story frame, heavy fire through the roof; extending to another building. STRIKE a 2nd Alarm!"

Rutgers Ave. is a north / south street, but unlike most such streets in Jersey City, is not a major thoroughfare. Tucked between 2 main drags, Ocean Ave. and Old Bergen Rd., the narrow street runs only about half a dozen blocks and is loaded with 2 and 3 story frame dwellings. Chief Griese directed companies to come against traffic on New St. from Ocean Ave. as the best access. In reality, the fire had originated in the 3-story tenement at the corner of Rutgers

and New but had rapidly extended to the 2 ½ story dwelling at #24 when first units arrived.

Ladder Co. 8 followed orders and set up on New St. Somehow, they were able to thread their aerial through some heavy-duty tree limbs and reach the roof of the fire building. Lines were being charged, trucks were opening up and searches were underway. Yet, both buildings were heavily involved, blanketing the neighborhood with thick, acrid smoke. Box 727 was transmitted for the Home Depot at 440 Route 440, about a mile west of the fire. Relocated companies responded and found the alarm was for smoke from the Rutgers Ave. buildings.

Deputy Chief Richard Casella arrived at 21:52 and assumed command, assigning Batt. 2 to the interior. The Field Training Officer, Batt. Chief Joseph DiTomasso, was assigned to the exposure. Ladders 4 and 8 advised they were cutting holes in the roofs of both buildings but conditions were not improving. Chief Casella ordered a 3rd Alarm 6 minutes after he assumed command.

The reinforcements arrived and relieved the now beleaguered units in the fire fight. Extension of fire was halted and, although heavily damaged, only 2 buildings were involved. The remaining homes on Rutgers Ave. were saved. Plenty of overhauling was required and all hands worked hard until about midnight. Companies were released but the 1st Alarm units remained on scene for another hour or more.

Car 26 was released about 00:40, packed up and was headed home when Box 324 was transmitted at 00:58 for a reported fire at

730 Newark Ave. This building is a 16-story concrete low income housing structure, near Kennedy Blvd. in the Journal Square section of the city. Reported fires in high rise buildings draw a heavy response; 4 engines, 4 ladders, Rescue Co. 1 and the High Rise / Tunnel Unit. Companies arrived but reported nothing showing. Batt. 3, Batt. Chief John Bowen, took command and assigned companies to search the upper floors.

Fire had been originally reported in Apartment 17-1 but companies were told there was an oven fire on the 14th floor upon arrival. Units found a light haze on floors 12 and above but could not locate the source. Units began searching floors above and below. “Ah, probably unattended cooking somewhere” one may think. Companies continued to check the upper floors. Meanwhile Car 26 took on fuel and arrived at quarters on Bay St. at 01:16. But, one minute later it would be out the door again!

The High Rise / Tunnel Unit reported there was smoke visible from a top floor window.

Lad. Co. 3 reported they had heavy smoke in Apt. 17-I. Deputy Chief Casella had taken command by this point and radioed “Transmit a 2nd Alarm. We have a working fire on the 17th floor”. FDJC SOP calls for an automatic 2nd alarm on any working fires in high rise buildings, but Chief Casella ordered the 2nd nonetheless.

Car 26 arrived with the 2nd alarm companies. A cooler loaded with bottled water was wheeled to the lobby command post while hot chocolate and coffee were readied on board the rig. Meanwhile the first alarm units made a quick knockdown and the extra alarm companies continued venting and calming the occupants who had been roused from their sleep.

The incident was wrapped up by 03:00. Companies returned, put their rigs in order and hoped the rest of the tour would be quiet. Likewise, Car 26 was cleaned, restocked and made ready for the next run. Maybe, just maybe, a few hours of shuteye could be had before the workday started.



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Like threading a needle, Lad. Co. 8 made the roof through the trees on New St.
(Ben Stevens Photo)

This author had been home less than 10 minutes when Fire Dispatch broadcast Box 940; fire reported at 63 Wegman Parkway. Hmm, a normally quiet Greenville block, exclusively filed with 2 story wood dwellings, but a reported fire at 5 AM? I'm sure every firefighter thought "I hope not..." "Batt. 2, we received a 2nd call reporting a fire at 61 Wegman Parkway", radioed Fire Dispatch. That doesn't sound good!

As Eng. Co. 22 and Lad. Co. 4 turned out from their quarters 2 blocks south, a couple of people were running to the firehouse screaming "FIRE!" Capt. James Farrell, one

of the most experienced and respected officers on the job, was commanding Eng. 22. He reported what no one wanted to hear; "Show 22 on the scene. We have a working fire. 2 story frame; it's into the second structure. You can transmit a 2nd Alarm." Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Griese, arrived a minute later, reported 61 and 63 were involved; "fire in the alley between both and fire into the 2nd floor, at least. We have 2 lines in operation; 1 in 63, 1 in the alleyway". A half a minute later Chief Griese radioed "The fire has extended to 59; STRIKE a 3rd Alarm".



Jersey City 5-5 940 3/25/19

Third multiple alarm of the night damaged 3 homes on Wegman Pkwy.
(Jim Cullimore Photo)



The same companies who had fought on Rutgers Ave. less than 8 hours ago, were now battling to save this neighborhood, just a dozen blocks north of the earlier fire. Eng. Co. 2, Capt. William Gebhard, reported he was waved down by residents at 60 Stegman St. They have fire extending to their building; the siding was starting to melt. “We’re pulling a line back here. The 3rd Alarm units went to work from there, attacking the fire from the rear. Batt. 1, Batt. Chief Thomas Jones, later reported he has 4 lines operating from the rear; heavy fire in the exposure. Companies were ordered out and an exterior attack was waged from the back yards along Stegman St.

Despite trees and the usual concentration of wires along the street, Lad. Co. 4 got their tower in position and started knocking down heavy fire in 2 of the buildings. Deputy Chief Casella took command and immediately struck the 4th Alarm. The incident was less than 25 minutes old!

With fire in 3 detached 2 ½ story dwellings, companies had their hands full. A dozen handlines would be stretched and operated, along with the master stream from Lad. Co. 4’s bucket. Deputy Chief Casella asked for a rundown of how many companies were left in the City. 3 engines and 3 ladder companies remained available. Mutual aid units from Bayonne, Hoboken, North Hudson and Kearny were entering the City also. “OK, give me 2 pumpers and 2 trucks into the scene” ordered Deputy Chief Casella. Fire Dispatch struck the 5th Alarm at 05:53 to fill that order.

With the massive response, the tide began to turn. The exposures on Stegman St. were

protected, the fire was held in check to the 3 buildings that had been pretty much involved upon arrival and the fire was darkening down in all structures. Mindful that many of his troops had been fighting fire almost non-stop for nearly 9 hours, Deputy Chief Cassella special called another engine and truck. Eng. Co. 6 and Lad. Co. 2 were assigned at 06:31. Every Jersey City unit worked at this fire.

As dawn broke over the City, the fire was placed under control at 06:57. Between the 3 fires, some 33 people were left homeless; only one injury, a firefighter sustained a burn injury at the 3rd alarm. Chief of Dept. Steven McGill, in a morning press conference from the scene, stated his firefighters “all did an excellent job” but noted that fighting 3 fires in 10 hours is “taxing, without a doubt”! Res. Co. 1, Sqd. Co. 4, Eng. Co. 9-10-15-18 and Lad. Co. 9-12 hit the trifecta, working at all 3 jobs!

And yes, Car 26 hit for the trifecta also, serving a combined total of 9 gallons of coffee, 12 gallons of Gatorade, 11 gallons of hot chocolate and 301 bottles of water. The temperature dropped below freezing on Wegman Pkwy., so some 20 pairs of hand warmers were snapped off of Car 26 as well. For the night, Car 26 operated for 9 hours and 9 minutes.

Tale of the tape:

3/25/19

21:33 Box 827 Eng. Co. 13-19-22-8 Lad. Co. 8-4
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO
21:36 WF 827 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 11 Batt. 4 MSU
21:36 2-2 827 Eng. Co. 17-9-15 Lad. Co. 9 Car 3-26
21:58 3-3 827 Eng. Co. 10-2-18 Lad. Co. 12 Batt. 1 Car 4-14

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00:58 Box 324 Eng. Co. 7-18-5-10 Lad. Co. 3-6-9-12 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 3 Div. 1 FTO

01:17 WF 324 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 7 MSU Batt. 1

01:17 2-2 324 Eng. Co. 15-9-6 Lad. Co. 2 Car 10-26

05:12 Box 940 Eng. Co. 22-8-19-13 Lad. Co. 4-8 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO

05:17 WF 940 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 11 MSU Batt. 4

05:17 2-2 940 Eng. Co. 17-9-2 Lad. Co. 9 Car 3-26-28

05:25 3-3 940 Eng. Co. 15-5-10 Lad. Co. 6 Batt. 1 Car 4-14

05:36 4-4 940 Eng. Co. 7-11 Lad. Co. 12

05:53 5-5 940 Eng. Co. 14-18 Lad. Co. 3-7 Batt. 3

06:31 S/C 940 Eng. Co. 6 Lad. Co. 2



Jersey City 5-5 940 3/25/19

After fighting 3 consecutive multiple alarm fires,
Car 26 was a very popular stop!
(Bobby Scollan Photo)

IMITATED...ALMOST EQUALED!

Group D's feat of fighting 3 multiple alarm fires in one tour was almost matched by Group B 9 days later! April 4 was a relatively pleasant spring day; a little blustery at times but all and all, a nice, sunny day. Squad Co. 4 was dispatched to a grass fire in the vicinity of Johnston Ave. & Phillip St. at 17:15, a seemingly routine run

for a spring day. While en route, however, Fire Dispatch advised Squad 4 that they were receiving multiple calls and were filling out the box. Capt. Anthony Klocko, commanding Squad 4 reported on scene and were investigating a smoke condition. Meanwhile, Batt. 1, Batt. Chief Sean Verdi, reported that he could see it is a large grass fire from the Downtown side of the Morris Canal Basin.



Jersey City 2-2 672 4/4/19

2 tower ladders and a deck gun knocked down a large brush fire on the outskirts of Liberty State Park. (Vic Ricketts Photo)

The fire was moving rapidly and consuming a large area of brush just west of Liberty State Park, heading under the New Jersey Turnpike and racing towards the Hudson Bergen Light Rail tracks. Turnpike, Light

Rail, large commuter parking lot, afternoon rush hour equals gridlock! Companies had to fight their way through heavy traffic and then attempt to cut off the fire in a largely inaccessible area hemmed in by the Morris



Canal, the Turnpike overhead and the Light Rail tracks to the west and the north.

Ladder Tower 6, second due truck, had gotten their own apparatus back from the repair shop that day. Good thing; Capt. Anthony Wolleon announced they were setting up at the dead end of Philip St. and putting the bucket to work. Eng. Co. 8 worked to secure a hydrant and establish a water supply. Eng. Co. 18 was dispatched to man Marine 2 in the event water would be needed from the Morris Canal.

Deputy Chief Paul Drennan arrived and assumed command at 17:38. Faced with a steady wind, fire still moving through dense

The fire was under control by 19:00 and 2nd Alarm companies were released at 19:10. Res. Co. 1 was also released and the crew stopped at Car 26 for some snacks and cold drinks before returning. Capt. Victor Petrucelli, the senior captain in the company, had soot all over the right side of his face when he came to the serving window. “Here, Cap, take a Rescue Wipe; we want you to look good for your next fire!” No sooner had those words been spoken when his radio crackled, “Fire Dispatch to Res. 1, we got a call for a fire reported at 112 Clendenny Ave. Can you make your way there?”

As the crew mounted up, Box 766 was transmitted for 112 Clendenny Ave. at 19:13. The location is a typical residential street in the City’s West Bergen section, populated with mostly 2 story frame private dwellings (and 2 blocks north of the IFBA Treasurer’s Office!). A minute later Fire Dispatch announced “We are receiving multiple calls”. With the 2nd Alarm being

brush and the traffic conditions, Chief Drennan sent a 2nd Alarm 10 minutes after his arrival. An all-out attack was waged to halt the fire from spreading further; 2 ladder towers, 2 deck guns and several hand lines were used.

Car 26, the Gong Club canteen, had a relatively short run, approaching the fire eastbound on Johnston Ave., to see Eng. Co. 10 using their deck gun with Ladder Tower 4’s master stream from their bucket behind them. Reporting in to the Command Post, Chief Drennan was grinning from ear to ear, “I know what you’re gonna say. Third time in Department history that we’ve had a 2 tower job and I’ve had all three of them!” released only 3 minutes earlier, a mix of relocated companies and units coming from a distance were assigned. Normally first due Eng. Co. 17 cleared from the 2nd Alarm and advised they were taking it in as did Ladder Tower 4. Eng. Co. 15 went in service from a medical run and said they would respond also. The heavy assignment and then some would be needed!

Capt. Dwayne Taylor, 3rd generation FDJC, Eng. 17’s officer, arrived first, reporting, “Working fire; fire showing!” Eng. Co. 19 was right behind them. Eng. 19 bumped up Eng. 17 to become the attack pumper with Eng. 17 supplying them. Ladder Co. 8 was next in and threw their stick to the exposure at #110. The original fire building was now a roaring inferno.

Batt. 2, Batt. Chief William Raleigh, arrived nearly simultaneously and calmly reported “We have a working fire; fire showing. I’ll give you a better size up in a minute”. In short order Chief Raleigh next reported “2 ½ story Class 5 private dwelling extending into

a 2-story private dwelling. Dispatch, transmit a 2nd Alarm”.

Companies that were picked up from the first fire raced across town to the second fire. Eight companies would work both fires. Deputy Chief Drennan assumed command and quickly reported “2 story frame; heavy fire; extended to the exposure. I want a 3rd Alarm. Have the companies report into the command post”.



Despite the huge volume of fire upon arrival, the fire in both buildings was knocked down and the fire was placed under control at 19:50. The 2nd Alarm at Box 672 was placed under control at the same time.

Greenville companies couldn’t catch a break that night. At 03:59 Box 951 was transmitted for smoke in the area of

Arriving companies swarmed over both buildings. A big line from the street and several hand lines were operated. 2nd Alarm engine companies headed to the top of the hill onto Kennedy Blvd. to lay supply lines for the fire fight. To make matters worse, a live electrical line dropped from the fire building and draped across Ladder 8, energizing the apparatus. Cones and tape were set up and the safety officer and the Field Training Officer were positioned around the rig to warn firefighters not to touch!

Jersey City 3-3 766 4/4/19

F. F. (Ret.) Larry Cureton captured arrival conditions on Clendenny Ave.

Bayview and Garfield Avenues. Companies found a smoke condition but no fire. Another call placed the fire on Caven Point Ave. about ½ mile north. The units redirected and found the fire was at a ‘frequent customer’, Reliable Paper Recycling at 1 Caven Point Ave. A large pile of rubbish and mulch was ablaze at the south end of the complex. Long stretches were needed and Ladder Tower 4 put their bucket to work again. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief



Raleigh, held this fire to an “All Hands”. Not quite 3 multiple alarms like Group D had on March 25, but an equally challenging tour for Group B, especially for Eng. Co. 22 and Lad. Co. 4 who made all 3 jobs.

Car 26 rolled from one fire to the next, chalking up 3 hours and 45 minutes of service between the 2 extra alarms. Some 194 bottles of water, 3 gallons of coffee, 4 gallons of hot chocolate and 6 gallons of Gatorade were served.

Response:

17:15 Still Sqd. Co. 4 to Johnston Ave. & Phillip St., Box 672

17:22 Box 672 Eng. Co. 8-2-22 Lad. Co. 4-6 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 1 Div. 1 FTO

17:24 S/C 672 Eng. Co. 18 to staff Marine 2

17:48 2-2 672 Eng. Co. 9-5-10-17 Lad. Co. 11-12

MSU Batt. 4 Car 3-14-26

19:13 Box 766 Eng. Co. 7-19-13-11-17-15

Lad. Co. 8-9-4 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO

19:17 WF 766 Eng. Co. 9 Lad. Co. 11 MSU Batt. 4

19:17 2-2 766 Eng. Co. 22-5-10 Car 3-14-26

19:21 3-3 766 Eng. Co. 6-14 Lad. Co. 12

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03:59 Box 951 Eng. Co. 22-8-19-13 Lad. Co. 4-8

Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO

REPEAT CUSTOMERS!

The foot of Linden Ave. has long been the site of a scrap yard / car recycling operation. Over the years the operation has been known as Schiavone, Schiabo-Neu and currently Sims Metal Management. The locale is known all too well to Jersey City fire fighters, who have fought numerous blazes at the facility, including a 4th Alarm on October 17, 2010. Sims Metal purchases and processes ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal and electronics, but specializes in bus,

railcars and aluminum trailer recycling. Hard by the Upper New York Bay, the yard is equipped with a shredder, baler, shears, torch cutters and mobile car crushers.

On the late afternoon of April 25, 2019, a plume of black smoke filled an otherwise sunny sky along the southern Jersey City waterfront. A call was received from the Liberty National Golf Course, reporting smoke in the area. Box 933 was transmitted for Caven Point Rd. & Chapel Ave., near the southern edge of the golf course. While units were responding a second call reported the fire at Sims Metal, whose 1 Linden Ave. East address is about ½ mile south of the original reported location.

Capt. Dominick Vallo, Eng. Co. 13, arrived on Chapel Ave. and reported the fire appears to be at Sims Metal. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Michael Conforti, ordered all companies at Box 933 to respond to Sims Metal. Capt. Vallo of Eng. Co. 13 entered the scrap yard and gave the report that no one wanted to hear, “We have heavy fire in a rubbish pile in the rear of the scarp yard”.

Eng. Co. 18 was dispatched to get Marine 2 underway. B. C. Conforti ordered Ladder Tower 4 and Ladder 8 to set up their master streams. Capt. Vallo of Eng. Co. 13 recommended a 2nd Alarm which was then ordered by Deputy Chief Gregory Lallo while responding. The 2nd Alarm was struck at 16:30, just in time for the 5 o’clock News!

The site has notoriously low water pressure, so the New Jersey Marine Task Force was mobilized bringing North Hudson and Bayonne’s fire boats along with a marine unit from F. D. N. Y. The battle was waged for over an hour with a 2nd Alarm



assignment. Mindful of the tedious task to attack the seat of the fire in piles of non-metallic material, Deputy Chief Lallo ordered a 3rd Alarm at 17:50. The Haz Mat units were also assigned to monitor the situation.

Fire was declared under control in 3 hours but units operated well into the next day. Car 26, with member Jim Fay at the wheel, operated for over 4 hours.

Response:

1618 Box 933 Eng. Co. 13-22-19-8 Lad. Co. 4-8
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO
1626 WF 933 Sqd. Co. 4 Eng. Co. 18 Lad. Co. 9
Mar. 2 MSU Batt. 4
1630 2-2 933 Eng. Co. 17-9-2 Lad. Co. 6 Car 3-14-26
1750 3-3 933 Eng. Co. 7-10 Lad. Co. 3 Batt. 1 Car 4-10
1838 S/C 933 Eng. Co. 14 Lad. Co. 7 Haz Mat 1-2
1847 Fire Under Control

Shift a few miles west on May 17, 2019 to the Town of Kearny for another visit to one of our “frequent flyers”, the Alden-Leeds Co. at 55 Jacobus Ave. This is the industrial section of South Kearny, often dubbed one of the most hazardous square miles in America! This plant abuts the east bank of the Passaic River. Situated on a peninsula between Jersey City and Newark, the Hackensack River is only a few blocks east of the plant, which is loaded with chlorine, the main ingredient of a variety of swimming pool products manufactured here. It is no stranger to fire fighters or the Gong Club; this would be our 4th visit to this location. The facility made the cover of Fire Engineering about 20 years ago.

Latest episode was a late Friday evening event. Jersey City Eng. Co. 15 and Lad. Co.

9 are operating out of temporary quarters; a tent housing the apparatus and 2 “double-wide” trailers on the grounds of a vacant truck stop at Rte. 1-9 & Sip Ave. Their quarters at 200 Sip Ave., about ½ mile east, has been completely gutted for a top to bottom renovation. The temporary firehouse is a few hundred yards from the Hackensack River, almost directly in line with the chlorine plant.

Lad. Co. 9 radioed Fire Dispatch and asked if Newark had anything going. The dispatcher replied a few minutes later that Newark had nothing in progress. A few minutes after that exchange, Fire Dispatch tipped off the companies, “get ready; receiving numerous calls for smoke under the Pulaski Skyway. This massive steel structure is a landmark, linking Jersey City and Newark above the South Kearny industrial area. Fans of the HBO series, “The Sopranos” will recognize this highway as it was featured prominently in the opening of each episode! Box 589 was struck at 22:00 hours.

Meanwhile the entire Kearny Fire Dept. (4 engines and a ladder tower) were responding to Alden-Leeds on Jacobus Ave. Lad. Co. 9 in Jersey City reported the fire was over the bridge and they were responding via Communipaw Ave. Batt. 4, Batt. Chief Loren Hart, ordered the entire assignment to follow. FDJC companies arrived on the heels of first due Kearny Eng. Co. 4. Heavy smoke was pushing from a large warehouse and enveloping the Skyway.

A formal request for mutual aid was made at 22:07 when Kearny transmitted a 2nd Alarm. Batt. 4, Eng. Co. 15-9, Lad. Co. 9 remained and went to work while the remainder of the



assignment was dismissed and returned to Jersey City. 3rd and 4th Alarms followed as Friday night faded into Saturday morning. Jersey City Chief of Dept. Steven McGill, Car 3, ordered the Pulaski Skyway shut down. Numerous calls were now being received from panicky motorists engulfed in thick, acrid smoke. Eng. Co. 7 was dispatched to the Skyway and was joined by Lad. Co. 7, part of the Haz Mat units en route to the fire.

Winds from the northwest were carrying the chlorine-laced smoke into Jersey City and Bayonne. Residents were warned to stay indoors. All Jersey City companies were ordered to stay in quarters unless dispatched to an assignment. All members were to use their SCBA on any runs.

Choking smoke emanated from the warehouse structure for hours. Chief McGill, in consultation with Kearny Chief of Dept. Steven Dyl, ordered the North Jersey Marine Task Force activated plus F. D. N. Y. Marine Co. 6. The fire boats would prove to have the best vantage point to attack the fire. Land companies from 3 counties, Hudson, Bergen and Essex, filled out the 3rd and 4th Alarm assignments.

This would be an all-nighter; no units were released until dawn. Car 26, with a crew of 5, operated for 8 and ½ hours. Chauffeur for this long job was Pat Spellman. But, that's only round 1! Kearny companies continued to operate through the weekend. The fire flared up on Sunday afternoon, May 19, bringing the entire Kearny Fire Dept., Jersey City Marine 1 and Car 26 and the Bayonne FD Haz Mat Task Force back to the scene. The Gong Club would chalk up another 3 and ½ hours with a crew of 4 on Sunday.

As of this writing (some 9 days later on May 26, 2019) Kearny companies continue to operate; monitoring and at some points using master streams as the debris continues to smolder while demolition / remediation proceeds!

The FDJC log for May 17, 2019 reads as follows;

2200 Box 589 Eng. Co. 15-7-9-17 Lad. Co. 9-3
Res. Co. 1 Div. 1 Batt. 4 (Pulaski Skyway at
Broadway)
2207 Box 004 Eng. Co. 15-9 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 4
(Mutual Aid to Kearny; 55 Jacobus Ave.)
2213 Box 004 Eng. Co. 14 Lad. Co. 7 Haz Mat 1-2
Car 3 to Kearny
2215 Still Eng. Co. 7 to Pulaski Skyway at
Broadway Ramp, Box 589
2221 Box 004 Eng Co. 18 with Mar. 1 to Kearny
2232 Box 004 Mask Service Unit to Kearny
2238 Car 26 to 3rd Alarm, 55 Jacobus Ave., Kearny
2310 B/O Car 3 activate NJ Marine Task Force and
F. D. N. Y. (Marine Co. 6)



REGION 10

POMPIERS AUXILIAIRES DE MONTREAL

Good day to one and all. Montreal Auxiliary has been very busy the last few months preparing for the 67th Annual IFBA convention. Multiple meetings were had and countless hours have been put in by the 9 member committee to make this one great party that "ya'll" will never forget!! As we are all coming together for the IFBA, the PAM will be celebrating their 75th anniversary. Those of you joining us in June for the convention will have the privilege of participating in our celebratory parade of emergency and antique vehicles followed by an evening of dining and camaraderie.

Montreal hosted the March IFBA business meeting and welcomed 14 members with open arms. Once business was taken care of it was time for a little buffing in the snow!! Off we went slipping and sliding to visit a few of the busier stations in Montreal. With a quick stop at our garage where we restore and repair our fleet of 26 antique apparatus and of courses the Fire Museum.

In between all of the meetings and prep work, we have responded to 43 calls, providing rehab and refreshments to our Montreal firefighters. We have also attended the annual St-Patrick's Day Parade; the ever popular Fireman's Day on the North Shore; a marathon to raise funds for burn victims... and have been working tirelessly on preparing our fleet of antique vehicles for the BIG parade.

We are happy to welcome into the group several new recruits who will follow in the footsteps of our veteran members. We are also very proud to announce that two of our members Marc Andre Bouthillier and Annie Claude Prato, have completed their fire training at the academy. We wish them a successful and fulfilling career.

Amongst our newest members, we are pleased to have on board Rose and Maryse, two historians who will be dedicating their time to taking inventory and documenting the museum collection. It is a daunting and tedious task, but they are up for it! As for the museum, we have added a few new treasures and have seen an increase in the weekly visitors.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 67th Annual IFBA convention in Montreal from June 25th to June 29th. If you haven't already done so, send in your registration form, payment and don't forget to reserve your room! There are still t-shirts available, email us your size to pamtshirt@gmail.com and we will be happy to ship you one.



BOX 690—FIRE DEPARTMENT CANTEN ASSOCIATION WATERLOO REGION, SO. ONTARIO, CANADA

Our canteen was donated to us from Wilmot Township in 2010 to replace a broken down truck we had from Kitchener fire. It was too expensive to fix the transmission, so Kitchener mechanic, who was a New Dundee volunteer, worked on getting their old truck for us. The Kitchener truck served us from 2002-2010. Before that we had an old GMC van from Cambridge fire from 1995-2002. The truck was signed over to Kitchener fire, their chief went to bat for us as the insurance on the truck was going to be \$3,500 per year. The chief approached council to add the truck to their fleet, they have blanket insurance coverage for the city. We had to get our own CVOR (Commercial Vehicle Operating Registration) to operate the truck. Kitchener maintains and fuels the truck for us. When in Cambridge we can fill the truck up at their HQ at no cost. The departments around the county will help out if there is a major repair needed on the truck. We respond to all working fires in the county, attached a county roster for you. Also attached our year end report for this year. Our year end is the end of October, we started the canteen November 1 1988 in Cambridge. We operate a little differently than all the other canteens in the province. We respond to any calls we want, anytime we want. We only count calls that we serve a minimum of 15 drinks, or are called out for rehab, which is not very often. We are on the road for 98% of calls before called including night calls. We will radio dispatch to let them know we are on the way. The truck responds to all major calls, the smaller calls we handle from our personal vehicles. I carry 38 Gatorade, 38 water, and a snack tray with me year round. We have members in Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge, and Baden. If we hear a call close by will respond to get some photos and provide rehab if needed. I have been taking photos at fires since 1984, enjoy doing that. I send my shots to www.firescenes.net for publication. Have had many shots in Firehouse (don't send them there anymore) 14 cover shots on Firefighting in Canada magazine, and a few other publications. Local tv has been using my early shots for news, don't get paid for that, but don't shoot photos for payment anyways. Attached a shot of our latest fire a couple of days ago, 350-100' cattle barn, saved 70% of it. Lost some cattle but most survived. If you have any other questions about us feel free to email.

First photo was our second largest fire last year, arson fire by two juveniles in Cambridge, million dollars damage. Second photo shot I took as I arrived with first pumper at a large shed fire in Woolwich Township, about six miles from my house. I rolled on the dispatch as they reported a confirmed fire, multiple calls, one call from the Airport tower reporting numerous buildings on fire. The building was located at the east end of the main runway. Last shot is the fun day, training on an old house in Cambridge. We provided lunch and drinks throughout the day and get lots of photo opportunities.

Gary Dinkel



Fire units operate at a fire on Sheffield Street



Fully involved structure on
Waterloo Road, Oxford



The Box 690 Canteen shown at the Cambridge
175 parade



A large shed fire at 1371 Stantz Station Road



Training burn at 850 Riverbend Drive, Cambridge



Bonjour from Club Appel 99,

Club members have been very busy so far this year. The winter has been very harsh with above average snowfall and colder conditions. This is reflected on the number of calls the rehab unit has had. As of May 15, Unit 99 responded to twenty-five calls.

The Club also continues to enrich its collection of historical fire departments related items and especially of the Quebec City fire department, which celebrated 250 years of organized fire protection in the city this year. Public events will be held in the coming months to commemorate this anniversary.

Also in the fall of 2019, Club Appel 99 will celebrate its 30th anniversary. Our members are working on a project for this milestone.

Regular conferences from members of the QFD continues to be held at the Club to speak about the past and future of the department, like the new CAD system that has been implemented. We also had the chance to visit the Quebec City, Jean-Lesage International airport fire station on a very nice sunny morning.

We look forward to seeing you at the IFBA Convention in Montreal.

Photos by Gerry Donnelly.

Daniel Rivard
Club Appel 99







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Hello from the Greater Toronto Area where the Ontario Fire Buff Associates have their home address. With the weather we have been having so far this year it seems that winter just doesn't want to let go and summer is only 3 weeks away according to the calendar. So far spring has only shown up for a couple of days, one of which coincided with our first photo tour of the year on May 11 when we visited the Town of Whitby Fire and Emergency Services with the permission of Fire Chief Dave Speed.

13 members and 2 guests arrived at Whitby Station 3 on Brock St. South where we were welcomed by Training Officer Bob Brandon who would be our tour guide for the day. Bob brought out each of the trucks individually for photos on a sunny but cool day and made sure they were spotted to our satisfaction with the sun shining down on the front left quarter. Whitby is a career department with 5 stations housing 5 pumpers, a brand new aerial, a rescue truck and a pumper / tanker. They also have 3 spare pumpers, a spare aerial tower and have 3 new units on order from Emergency One.



Whitby tour group - May 2019 Rob Simpson Photo



Whitby Ladder 35 - 2018 Pierce Enforcer PUC 107' Ascendant 1330 igpm/400 gwt J#31034
Bob Rupert photo



Whitby Pump 31 2009 Seagrave Marauder II 1250 igpm/890 gwt SO#78E92 Bob Rupert photo



Whitby Pump 32 2012 Spartan Metro Star Classic LFD/Spartan ERV/Dependable
1750 igpm/500 gwt 25A/25B foam SO#212067-01 Bob Rupert photo



Whitby Pumper 35 2005 E-One Cyclone II 1050 igpm/500 gwt/25 foam S#SE3476
Bob Rupert photo



Whitby Rescue 33 1999 Ford F550 / 1992 PK Welding walk-in rescue Bob Rupert photo

Four more photo tours are planned for this year, including a 2 day tour of the Brampton Fire and Emergency Services on July 13 and 14. A number of our members will also be attending the 2019 IFBA Convention in Montreal and we hope to see you there. Check out our website at www.ofba.com for details of the tours and other news including how to subscribe to our bimonthly newsletter the "Third Alarm" which is in its 48th year of publication and is also available in digital format. We also have a Facebook group at "The Ontario Fire Buff Associates"

The 2019 buffing year will end with our 28th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and our 48th Annual General Meeting on November 2 at the Toronto Fire Academy.

Until next time, good buffing and stay safe.

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

Until Next Issue.....

TURN OUT SPRING 2019

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