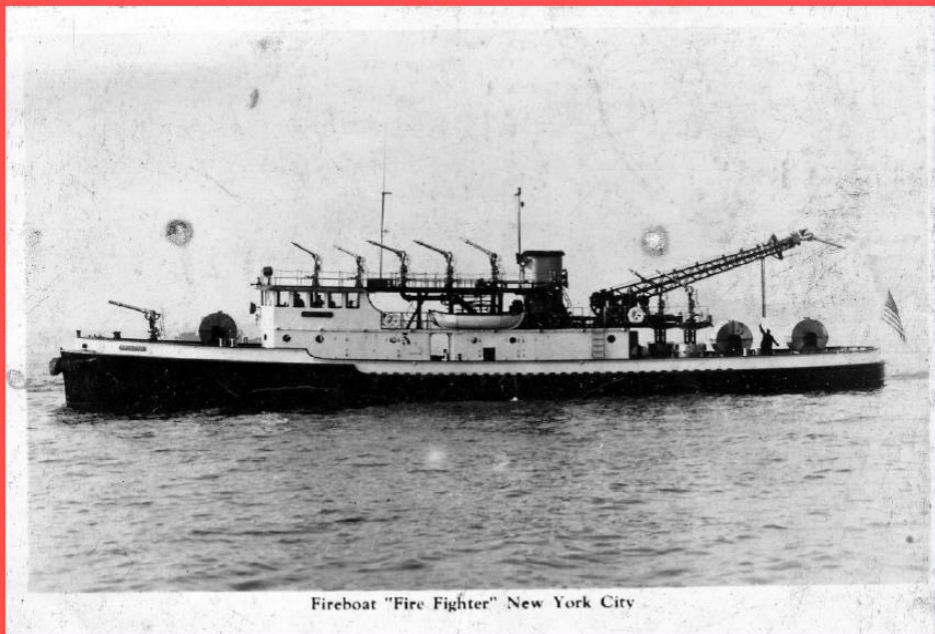


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Since the Summer 2020 issue, the postponed Montreal 2019 Convention issue has been published and posted on the web site. This Winter 2020/2021 issue continues the semi-annual publication goal with the slight change from a Spring/Fall to a Summer/Winter schedule due to a Fall annual convention.

The pandemic continues to dominate concerns, activities, and schedules. Many articles mention how the IFBA and clubs are adapting to the restrictions and challenges.

Look for a Summer 2021 issue in July. Thank you for submitting the many articles and photographs and thank you for the many kind and supportive comments for the last two issues. It is your magazine.

Cover

Builders Photograph of the Fireboat Firefighter.

Officially entered FDNY service on November, 16, 1938 and served until November 2010.

FIREFIGHTER passing through the Mystic River Bridge at dusk, enroute to winter quarters at Mystic Seaport.

Screen capture of the live web cam feed from the S&P Oyster House in Mystic, CT.

Firefighter Museum website; www.Americasfireboat.org

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Feel free to share the link with club members, potential members, and others who may share interests.

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Submission Policy

Turn Out has an “open submission” policy. We encourage timely and continuous submission of stories of fires and events “when they happen.” More than one submission per issue by individuals or clubs is welcomed and encouraged. Club news should be forwarded via your Regional Vice President.

Authors are strongly encouraged to submit articles electronically by email to turnout@ifba.org or on CD or flash drive. Written submissions by snail mail work too.

Electronic files in Word (.doc or docx) are preferred. Please avoid headers, footers, and automatic page numbering.

Text files (.txt) also work.

PDF (.pdf) files can be submitted if the authors wish to retain their original page formatting.

Photos in .jpg format are preferred.

Please identify the author and photographer.

The most important issue is to submit material. The editors will fix format and spelling if necessary. Consider texting to turnout@ifba.org if that makes participating easier.

Submitted articles and photos become the property of IFBA.

Submission deadline

Summer 2021 issue - deadline May 31, 2021;
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IFBA

Executive Office



Executive Vice President Reporting

Wally Banks

As I prepare this article at the end of 2020, a year that will live in all our memories, I am reminded that the original Mad Max movie was set in 2021. I always learn more about life when I am at rock bottom than when I am on top of a mountain.

We each had beautiful, happy plans for 2020, wonderful regional meetings, visits to buff clubs, a beautiful annual convention, business trips, visits to family and friends.

We must let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us. But, once more I am planning to visit clubs, attend regional meetings, visit family and friends in 2021 because life goes on. My foresight is no better than yours, much of 2021 is uncertain. I wish the vaccine will be distributed with safety and speed.

The Google Meet platform is allowing our clubs, committees, and the Board to meet in a video conference format. Some clubs used Zoom but found a lack of security and privacy and have returned to use our service at no charge to the user.

If the vaccine can be given to all by May, we can plan to have a Spring Board meeting in Ottawa in June and as follows a convention in September 2021.

*“The best laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men, Gang aft agley. An’ lea’e us nought but grief an’ pain,
For promis’”*

Robert Burns, To a Mouse, on Turning Her Up in Her Nest
With the Plough, November 1785

I send the wishes of both Evelyn and I that you have a Happy New Year and a better year for our nation(s), the IFBA, our clubs, and our friends and families.

I hope to see you somewhere down the road.



Notes from the IFBA Executive Office

Mon, Dec 21, 2020

Dear IFBA Executive Board and Committee Members:

Please see the email below that I sent to the IFBA clubs and members.

After the new year I would like the committee chairman to suggest some dates to hold video conferences with their committee to conduct committee business, review the committee's successes, failures, strengths, opportunities, and weaknesses. I would like to have the committees suggest their course of action for the year and any projects that they would like to handle.

I have had many new committee members tell me they were never contacted by their chairman or invited to a meeting. It is sad to kill an eager volunteer's spirit by not using the volunteer. My son teaches at LSU and professors have a publish or perish rule to remain a professor. Perhaps, our committees should produce or perish.

In particular, I would invite:

The By Laws Committee to propose a revision to prohibit conventions and meetings during religious holidays and/or high holy days. I also ask them to consider any technical changes needed. Also, please follow up on Chairman Ahrens proposal at the Board Meeting provide an outline of their vision for the IFBA structure, etc..

Resource/Convention Committee to identify and create any seminars or training for the week of convention.

Information Technology Committee provide an update on their revision of IFBA email addresses for new officers and their vision on the IFBA website.

Recruitment and Retention Committee revise the letters to prospective clubs and members given the changes to Constitution and By Laws in 2020.

All committees submit an article for Turnout by December 31st.

Wally Banks

EVP IFBA



WALLY BANKS
IFBA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

I hope you had a Happy Hannukah and Evelyn and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are having a lovely winter solstice day and hope your day is going well.

Please find the newsletter from the USFA attached.

You still have time to submit your article for Turnout Magazine which has a submission deadline of December 31st. We appreciate any articles... they can be as short as a page telling us your group is alive and well, who the officers are, and/or any significant events. We are more interested in fellowship and communication than the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism. We would love to hear from you.

We have endeavored to persevere this year with the main tool our Google Meet video conference tool. Many of our clubs have conducted their monthly business meetings using that platform. A couple of clubs tried using Zoom on their own but returned to our platform when they detected the lack of security in Zoom which has been reported in the media. Our crack Information Technology Committee selected Google after a thorough review of all the possible platforms. IFBA furnishes this service to your clubs at no cost.

Let me share with you a wonderful video highlighting the Gong Club of Jersey City. I congratulate the club, Paul Schaetzle, and Conni Spellman on their excellent presentation of their club and the IFBA to this social media communication vehicle. You can watch the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qabPLY38RpI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1DFeiUoDHXlfqXHzsQHWoXmeViQDrAK8EM0S7pqZ7ejQCnXVjVuySNIyk>

The best laid plans of mice and men are about equal. I have no idea what 2021 holds in store for the IFBA, our clubs, or our members. I can only ask you to join me in proceeding through the fog, making the best plans possible, adapting based upon new data, and overcoming any obstacles as they appear.

Please share this email with your members and fire buffs.

Let me know what I can do for you. I hope 2021 brings all things nice for you and yours especially:

FUN FELLOWSHIP AND FIRE BUFFING

Wally Banks

Executive Vice President IFBA



2021 Ottawa Convention Info



Fellow Fire Buffs,

The 2021 Convention Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to the IFBA Convention this year in Ottawa, Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec. This is a jointly hosted convention with the Ontario Fire Buff Associates, the Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montréal and the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association. The Convention will take place September 12-16, 2021. We have a great program planned for your time in Ottawa and Gatineau. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Wignall
President, IFBA 2020-2021

IFBA 2021 Convention

Ottawa, Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Registration and Hospitality Room Open

6:00 p.m. IFBA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021

Breakfast (for those registered at the Convention Host Hotel)

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

10:00 a.m. IFBA Annual Business Meeting

Lunch on your own

Free Afternoon to Explore the City

Dinner on Your Own

Hospitality Room Open

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Breakfast (for those registered at the Convention Host Hotel)

8:30 a.m. Board Buses for Ottawa Fire Training Center

9:00 a.m. Ottawa Fire Apparatus Display

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Training Center

3:00 p.m. Board Buses to Return to Hotel

Dinner on Your Own

Hospitality Room Open

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Breakfast (for those registered at the Convention Host Hotel)

8:30 a.m. Board Buses for Service Incendie de Gatineau Apparatus Display

12:00 p.m. Lunch in Gatineau

3:00 p.m. Board Buses to Return to Hotel

Dinner on Your Own

Hospitality Room Open

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Breakfast (for those registered at the Convention Host Hotel)

8:30 a.m. Board Buses for Canadian War Museum and Canadian Fallen Firefighter Memorial

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Board Buses for Bytown Fire Brigade Museum

3:00 p.m. Arrive Back at Hotel

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Closing Banquet

Hospitality Room Open

***** SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE *****

Hotel Information

Host Hotel	Homewood Suites by Hilton Ottawa Downtown 361 Queen Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6G7
Group Name	International Fire Buffs Associates Convention 2021
Booking Link	http://group.homewood-suites.com/IFBA-Conv
Room Rate	\$169.00 per night (CAD) plus applicable taxes Free Hot Breakfast, Free WiFi, Non-Smoking Rooms, Indoor Pool, Fitness Center (All items are included in the room rate)





IFBA

Annual Meeting Minutes

And

Committee Reports

INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
VIDEO CONFERENCE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Schaetzle at 12:00 Noon EDT.

Roll Call:

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1st Vice President/Region 6 V.P. Dennis Ahrens
2nd Vice President Thomas Bilbray
Immediate Past President/Region 10 V.P. Steve Garnett
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Region 9 V.P. Ira Cohen
Region 11 V.P. Dave Williams
Director of Publicity Stu Nathan
Past Presidents Advisory Committee Vickie Mokros
Information Technology Committee Ian Duke
Membership Sub Committee Chris Oliphant
Turnout Committee Mike DeWalt & Ignatius Kapalczynski Editors

Miscellaneous reports of committees were submitted electronically before the meeting and were formulated into the consent agenda which was adopted unanimously.

Executive Board Elections:

Vice-President at Large Motion by Dennis Ahrens, second by Wally Banks nominate Joe Sullivan as Vice-President at Large, Unanimous.

Election of Associate Member John Cochran of Virginia. Motion by Joe Sullivan, second by EVP Banks. Unanimous.

Turn-Out Magazine, End of December 2020 is deadline for submission of material for Spring 2021 edition.

Discussion on potential upcoming convention sites and dates.

2021

Ottawa, Canada September 12 through 16, 2021 Homewood Suites by Hilton, Downtown Ottawa.

2022

Joint Convention with SPAAMFAA Lynnfield, MA Dates TBD.

2023

Milwaukee, WI Summer 2023.

2024

Richmond, VA September/October 2024.

A discussion took place on the distribution of Anniversary Certificates to clubs marking 25, 50, 75 or 100 years of organization. Executive Vice-President will send them to the Regional VP who will award to respective organizations.

Annual Business Meeting to be conducted via Google Meets on Saturday October 31, 2020.

Meeting adjourned 1:10pm.

By-laws Amendment:

Present:

ARTICLE 12 – DUES

Dues in the IFBA shall be set annually by the Executive Board for the following calendar year at the IFBA Spring Board Meeting with invoices being sent out by April 15th.. Dues increases by the IFBA Executive Board cannot be increased by more than 50% of the previous year's dues. Voting on a dues increase by the Executive Board can be done by electronic voting, if necessary.

Proposed:

Dues in the IFBA shall be set annually by the Executive Board for the following fiscal year at the IFBA Spring Board Meeting with invoices being sent out no less than 60 days prior to start of IFBA Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30). Dues increase by the IFBA Executive Board cannot be increased by more than 50% of the previous year's dues. Voting on a dues increase by the Executive Board can be done by electronic voting, if necessary.

Elections, per By-laws article herein:

ARTICLE 2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The election of officers for the coming year shall take place at each Annual Meeting. The Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall present a slate of candidates for the Offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Candidates for the Office of Regional Vice President shall be nominated at a prior regularly scheduled and properly announced Regional Meeting at which a quorum of representatives from a majority of the Regions Active Member Groups are present. At such meeting each Active Member Group shall have but one (1) vote. Selection of the candidate shall be by means of a simple majority vote. The names of the candidates thus selected shall be forwarded, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, to the Executive Vice President who shall cause these names to be presented as part of the slate of candidates for Officers for the coming year.

Nomination of other candidates for any office, other than Regional Vice President, may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting, provided that:

1. The candidate thus nominated has agreed, in writing, to serve if elected, and that,
2. The nomination is made, in writing, by a Delegate and seconded, in writing, by two (2) other Delegates, and further that,
3. Candidates for the Office of Regional Vice President may not be nominated from the floor of an Annual Meeting.

In the event that no nomination for candidate for the Office of Regional Vice President is forwarded to the Executive Vice President and properly presented at the Annual Meeting, the incoming IFBA Executive Board shall have the power, and responsibility, of appointing a member of one of the Active Member Groups within the Region to serve in the Office of Regional Vice President for the coming year.

(Amended 1987, 2019)

Wally Banks moved approval of the Budget with the dues increase. Bob Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Good and welfare

Connie Spellman is the chairman of the Website/Newsletter Committee

We need to get Covid-19 information to the members.

Ian Duke moved that we adjourn. Dennis Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Executive Office
International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
3413 Briarcliff Court South
Irving, Texas 75062

October 17, 2020

International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
Annual Executive Board Meeting
Video Conference

Subject: Executive Vice President Report

Dear fellow fire buffs:

Our world has been turned upside down, please join me in praying for our people and our country. Opportunities to buff are fewer and more difficult. Opportunities for fun and fellowship have been altered, our convention cancelled, our communications are mainly electronic. I ask you to join me in finding a way to carry on our hobby and to ensure our health and the health of our friends and families.

Since my last report at the Montreal Annual Meeting, I have:

- answered all telephone calls
- responded to all correspondence/emails directed to the Executive Office
- Redoubled my efforts to communicate with our members
- Shared all Covid-19 information I could acquire
- Looked for newsletters and articles to send to members
- Joined my friend Stu Nathan in sharing the IFBA story with Washington

I value our officers, committees, and clubs and have encouraged them to thrive and work together to achieve and succeed in their work. We are constantly reviewing the committees and making improvements and personnel changes, we must remember we are volunteers as we pursue our hobby. I encourage anyone who reads this that has a desire to serve on a committee to contact me and express your desired service. We are trying to energize all committees to further our fellowship, step up and take leadership positions.

Together we can!

I would like to highlight the work of three of our committees:

- Information Technology
- Turn Out Magazine
- Recruitment and Retention

The Turn Out Committee, with a new editors who had the desire to serve our members, resurrected the magazine and produced a quality product. With new software, new ideas, and articles submitted by the clubs they produced the 2020 electronic edition of the magazine. It was wonderful.

The committee is studying how to produce a print edition on a subscription basis. We are moving to the next magazine edition and one club has already submitted an article. I thank and congratulate Editor Iggy Kapalczynski and Editor Mike DeWalt for their work and service to the IFBA.

The IT Committee found a media for our use to hold video conferences by the IFBA which is Google Hangouts, it is at no cost to us since we are a non-profit. Officers, committee chairs, etc. can use this service simply by putting it on the IFBA calendar and requesting a video conference. This is a major force multiplier for us during both normal times and during pandemic times.

We made available to our member clubs this platform to follow their hobby. If your club wishes to use the free service tell your Regional Vice President:

1. The date of use.
2. The time and length of meeting.
3. The email address, phone number, and name of the club contact.

Your Regional Vice President will advise me of your request. I will check the availability and contact the club. Availability is first come, first served. Many clubs have enjoyed the use of this service from the IFBA.

Information Technology and Recruitment & Retention have moved forward to facilitate clubs and associate members receiving an application to join the IFBA on the same day they request the form from the Executive Office. If the IFBA does not grow, we will wither away and die.

The Executive Board just completed reviewing four membership applications that had been reviewed by the Membership Committee and the respective Regional Vice President. Over 80% of the officers voted to approve all four applicants. Our new members are:

- West Licking Fire Support of Ohio
- Kenneth Fowler of Spotsylvania, Virginia
- Michael Nittoli of Manville, New Jersey
- John Cochran of Middleburg, Virginia

Please join me in welcoming our new members and please keep a lookout for new prospects. If we do not grow, we will wither away and die. Please join us in keeping the hobby of fire buffing alive.

Since the first of the year, my motto has been the best laid plans of mice and men are about equal. We have all lived through these historic times in which there is no script to follow, as we look for a new normal. I believe we all need to be flexible, adapt to changing times and situations. This is a hobby; we need to remember to have fun.

Some of the major projects that I worked on were:

- Nashville Spring Board meeting and Convention
- Future conventions in Ottawa, Massachusetts, Richmond
- Support of officers, members, and committees
- Use of email for official notice

Please furnish me your club membership roster, the official mailing address and/or electronic mail address of the group and the names and mailing and/or electronic mail addresses of all its officers as required by Article 10 of the By-Laws.

Do not be concerned about the timeliness of the Regional Meetings, we are currently locked down without a date of our parole. I would like to point to Google Hangouts as a possible vehicle to use in holding your meeting.

When we get to the new normal in this country I am interested in visiting clubs, regional meetings, and other significant events. I am interested in traveling to the Midwest, the upper Atlantic states, Canada and elsewhere to attend club meetings and regional meetings. Please give me notice of your meetings, I always enjoy visiting with my friends in the IFBA for fun, fellowship, and fire trucks.

We should value associations and covet new friendships and alliances. I believe the 2022 Massachusetts joint convention with SPAAMFAA is a must for our group. It just makes too much sense. I have found that that we have a tremendous number of similarities in how we both operate as a club and how a convention is produced. I found that there is a readiness to hold a joint convention between IFBA and SPAAMFAA. This should help our members who are members of both groups and make our convention more economical using mutual economies of scale.

The Richmond Flying Squad a recent addition to our association is justifiably proud of their club, their fire department, and their region and have stepped forward in offering to host the 2024 annual convention.

If you are proud of your club, your department, and/or your area I encourage you to offer to host our convention in 2025 or beyond.

I think in the future the IFBA will have to host conventions, as a result we will need seed money to fund conventions. I recommend we consider a 50% dues increase at our April Executive Board meeting. In just our ordinary operations we have been helped by some of our officers paying for IFBA expenses out of their own pockets.

Please advise me of any significant club anniversaries that we can honor at conventions.

Endeavor to persevere.

Sincerely,

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International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

Finance Committee Report – June 13, 2020

We are tasked with the review of the financial records of the organization. This is not an audit, but just a review.

Our organization has a very simple operation.

Financial records have been provided by Treasurer, Paul Schaetzle.

I have reviewed the dues list and all transactions for 2020.

In my opinion, the financial records present fairly the financial position of the organization.

Submitted respectively,

Stephen Fickenscher, Finance Committee Chair

I.F.B.A. HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Karl Brummett, Signal "51" Group – Shreveport, LA

October 13, 2020

Since our last report in April for the Spring Board meeting, IFBA Executive V-P Wally Banks and I accepted several fire service related books and yearbooks that will hopefully be the start of an IFBA library as time moves forward.

Beyond that, activity has been pretty much nil owing to the Covid crisis, travel restrictions, etc.

New job responsibilities associated with my employment change of the not too distant past, dictate that I must tender my resignation, effective immediately, from the History Committee and all associated IFBA activities for the foreseeable future.

I'd like to thank EVP Banks and the Executive Board for the privilege of being allowed to be part of such a unique organization. I wish the organization and those guiding it the very best of luck going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Brummett

IFBA Membership Report

October, 16th, 2020

The Membership has received and reviewed an application for Associate membership MR. John Cochran of Middleburg, VA. This application is complete with reference letters from IFBA Region 3 VP Joseph Sullivan and a reference letter from the Metro Richmond Flying Squad Region 3 VP Elect Mr. Steve Korb. The dues have been forwarded to Treasurer.

John has an extensive firefighting history mostly in Arkansas ranging from Firefighter to Fire Chief and administrative duties. In addition, he has been active in the US Fire Administration, FEMA. Professional membership includes NFPA, IAFC and Institute of Fire Engineers. It should be noted that he was a Charter President of Arkansas Fire Marshal Association. Social organizations include NFA Alumni Association, National Fire Heritage Center and SPAAMFAA. He also owned a 700 series ALF.

His extensive history of and interest in the fire are paramount and when inquired about being another member of a organization which is a member of the IFBA he stated that he no longer owns apparatus and has come and gone from that organization since originally joining. He expressed he want to remain a solid member of the IFBA mostly for the Fun, Fellowship and networking mostly related to buffing. He does not wish to belong to the statewide organization ODHFS. It should also be noted that he just moved from Washington, DC and discussion was also held about possibly joining the local organization FFA and he said he wished he knew about it earlier and is now living outside of that organizations area to be an effective member.

The membership committee has discussed the application of Mr. John Cochran and recommends that it be voted upon during the next IFBA Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Oliphant

IFBA Membership Chairman



Past President's Committee Report Fall 2020

IFBA Board and General Membership:

The Past President's Committee has four goals that were assigned by our IFBA Chairman, Paul Schaetzle.

Those goals are the following:

1. Strategic Planning
2. Viability of a Memorial Fund
3. Realignment of Regions
4. Charitable Projects

Besides the committee, I attempted to connect with as many past presidents as I could to get their input on these four topics. The goals are on-going and change as the circumstances within our organization changes.

We also have agreed to review the recently found Handbook for Region Vice Presidents to see what information in it needs to be updated or changed in any way. This review should be complete by the end of this year and ready to be distributed to all Region Vice Presidents.

I, as others have, would sincerely like to thank BOX 55 for the work they put into this year's convention and speaking for those of us that were planning on attending, I can't begin to tell them how sorry we are that it was canceled due to circumstances beyond anyone's control.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Mokros
Past President's Chairperson



Retention and Recruitment

Engaging our Future

To: Chairman, President, EVP and Board of Directors

Ref: Annual Report of the Retention and Recruitment Committee Meeting

Date: October 10, 2020

Despite the Covid 19 situation the Retention and Recruitment Team has continued to reach out to potential members, both at the club and individual level. Applications have been made available online, and if anyone requests one from an IFBA member the requesting party should be provided one with all due haste. If there are issues in providing an application, please let the R and R Team know.

- Brochure
 - o Through the continued efforts of Cody Daniels, Ian Duke Paul Schaetzle and Bob Bowers an updated brochure has been produced and will be printed when the need arises.
 - o A budget item for funds to print professional print the brochures has been submitted.
- 13 inquiries have been received and process as follows:
 - o Region 1 ~ 1
 - o Region 3 ~2
 - o Region 7 ~2
 - o Region 9 ~4
 - o Region 10 ~1
 - o Region 11 ~3
 - Inquires are answered to the inquiring party and forwarded to the Regional VP for follow-up.
 - Regional Vice Presidents may get request and handle them expeditiously without the involvement of the R and R Team. This is perfectly acceptable and in fact preferable.
- GOALS
 - o Continue To recruit with the Committee standing ready to assist in any way.
 - o Browse the electronic media for persons and organizations that fit the profile of a "Fire Buff"
 - o Encourage the Regional Vice Presidents to look for new members in their geographic area.
 - o Finalize "Solicitation Letter" as "Policy Statement".
 - o Maintain the application as appropriate and verify that the most recent changes are effective and efficient.

- Determine if the IFBA can get a booth at the Firehouse Expo in Columbus. We were set to have one this year, but obviously those plans did not workout.
- Attempt to garner additional participation from some of the more active buff clubs, that do not participate much with the IFBA. Examples are the Philadelphia Second Alarmers and the South Florida group.

As my term limits have been met, the President, EVP and Chairman will determine if the R and R Team will remain as constituted. I am more than willing to either remain in my positions (reporting to a designated VP) or step assigned and assist new leadership.

Thank you for this opportunity and I remain committed to keeping the IFBA great by *Engaging our Future*.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph P. Sullivan
Region 3 VP/ R and R Chair

As 2020 comes to a merciful end the Retention and Recruitment Team offers the following update to our article in the previous edition of Turnout.

The R and R Team made 16 contacts in the calendar year 2020:

Region 1—1

Region 9—5

Region 3—3

Region 10—2

Regions 4 and 5 —0

Region 11—3

Region 7—2

In most case an application for membership was sent to the individual or group that would benefit from membership in the IFBA. The Region VP was notified of the contact for the purposes of following up to determine if the contacted people were interested in joining the IFBA or an IFBA Club.

Regional Vice Presidents are encouraged to be on the look out for potential members, both Clubs and Individuals in their geographic area.

Certainly, it is been a difficult year to get out and recruit in person, as an example we were able to solicit the aid of Dan Wolfe in Tacoma to reach out to an interested group in Vancouver. This teamwork is going to lead to success, and we thank Dan for his efforts.

The R and R Team is made up of Wally Banks in Dallas, Ken Beliveau in Hartford, Dave Williams in Atlanta, Bob Bowers in Phoenix and Application Coordinator Chris Oliphant in Washington, D.C. My thanks to them for their efforts and guidance.

Joseph P. Sullivan



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"Professionally operated by Volunteers"

Date: 3-31-20

To: Wally Banks – Executive Vice President IFBA

From: Chief Steve Korb, Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc.

Reference: 2024 IFBA Convention consideration

Vice President Banks,

The Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc. is interested in hosting the **2024 IFBA convention** in the City of Richmond Virginia. We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

The City of Richmond is a mid-sized City with easy access via I-95 and I-64, an easily navigated airport and the Northeast Corridor Amtrak Service. There are numerous historical attractions and the City is easily navigated. We have several quality hotels, Marriott and Hilton located in the City center with many historical attractions within a few blocks. There is a dedicated mass transit bus line that navigates the entire business district

Could you please place this on this year's spring Executive Board Meetings agenda? We are committed to putting together an interesting agenda if approved for this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Steve Korb

Steve Korb

Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc.



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IFBA PAST PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN, and WHERE?

By Vickie Mokros (Committee Chairperson)

As the name of this committee implies, this is a group of members WHO(M) have served as President of the IFBA for at least a one-year term. While all past-presidents are invited to be on this committee, here is a list of the names of those currently serving: Wally Banks, Steve Garnett, Gerard Mahoney, Tom McDonald, Stuart Nathan, Paul Schaetzle, and myself (Vickie Mokros).

So, WHAT do we do? Under the direction of the IFBA Chairman (Paul Schaetzle), we look at long-range plans and goals to ensure that the IFBA remains a strong organization. Currently our responsibilities include the following:

1. Strategic Planning
2. Realignment of Regions
3. Viability of a Memorial fund
4. Charitable projects
5. Review of the Region Vice President Handbook

WHY would the Past Presidents be assigned these tasks? As new members join the IFBA they bring along ideas and information about what they have seen as successful in their own clubs. This is pertinent for the IFBA to continue without becoming stagnant. Those members in time will have years of experience and be able to continue the rich history of our organization. In the meantime, the experience of those on this committee is used to work for the future.

The present members of this committee have a combined total of over 150 years as members of the IFBA, have served on the Executive Board for over 100 (combined) years, and have attended a total (combined) of over 150 conventions. That experience helps us as we provide leadership for the future. Plus, within the committee, the members with more experience within the IFBA mentor those that have less time served.

WHEN do we find time to work on these tasks? Thankfully we now have electronic means like Email, Google shared Drives, Google Meet, phones, and social media that help us connect and complete our work. We are also able to meet in person, during both the Spring and Fall Board meetings (when applicable).

WHERE do we go from here? As we complete our assignments and submit them to the Executive Board for review and discussion, we look to IFBA Chairperson Paul Schaetzle to give instructions as to what else he would like us to work on. On occasion, members of the IFBA bring up topics that need to be looked at and we are then given the responsibility to work on that task.

We encourage all Past Presidents to join us, if not in person, then through electronic platforms and share with us ways we can continue to keep the IFBA a strong organization for years to come.

2020 (October) Report on Congressional Fire Services Institute

This year's CFSI dinner scheduled for April 30, 2020 was postponed until further notice due to the pandemic. Executive Vice President Banks and I attended the National Advisory Committee meeting held on October 2, 2020 through teleconferencing. The meeting included a presentation by Dr. John Howard, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, about both the pandemic and the anticipated rollout of the vaccine and the firefighter cancer registry. His slide presentation is attached to my cover email.

Also presented at the meeting were four resolutions covering the following areas: support of a federal initiative to require carbon monoxide alarms in residential properties and places of public accommodation; relaxing restrictions on eligibility for federal disability benefits for catastrophic injuries to firefighters; support for efforts to place firefighters and EMS personnel on the highest priority tier for COVID-19 vaccinations, treatment, testing, and PPE; and support for efforts to provide federal funding for reimbursement to fire and EMS departments for providing treatment in place (rather than only for hospital transports) for low acuity patients. All resolutions were approved by the body.

Finally the meeting included the presentation of the Leadership in Fire Safety Education Award to a representative of the Campus Fire Safety Program and a presentation by the NFPA on upcoming code reviews. This slide presentation is also attached.

Addendum to CFSI Report

There was a virtual meeting on May 1, 2020. There were presentations by Anheuser-Busch about its program to provide cans of drinking water primarily to wildland firefighters and volunteer firefighters and by FirstNet about the new national radio system. Ron Siamicki of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was selected as the new Chair of the National Advisory Committee. Three resolutions were presented and approved. They were the following: increased federal support for fire prevention activities, increased support for building and fire prevention departments that enforce building and life safety codes, and support for national, consensus-based building codes that promote fire and life safety while allowing housing choice and affordability.



Fire Buff of the Year



Executive Office
International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.
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January 8, 2021

IFBA Member Groups
IFBA Associate Members

Subject: **Request for Nominations for the Wilwers FBOY Award**
Request for Nominations for Kaminski Scholarship
Notice of 2021 Annual Meeting of the IFBA

Dear Fellow Buff:

Pursuant to the IFBA By-Laws Article 8, I am soliciting candidates for the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year award for 2021, which must be received in the IFBA Executive Office by June 15, 2021. The requirements of the nomination require the submission of the nomination in writing with a resume stating the reason for the person's nomination.

You may either send the nomination by attachment to an email to my address shown below, or by government mail or delivery service which must arrive at my office by June 15, 2021. I will submit all nominations to the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for their confidential handling of the nominations and the award.

I encourage you to provide a robust submission letter and attachments to improve the favorable review of your nominee. This is an extremely competitive award.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Roman Kaminski scholarship offer from the Executive Board to any first-time attendee to the Annual Convention equal to the registration fee of the Convention. Only one scholarship will be awarded per convention.

You may tell your first-time attendee that they can write a letter to the Executive Office detailing their desire to earn the scholarship, their buffing experience, their reasons to attend the convention, and what they hope to receive from their overall convention attendance experience. Please have the first-time attendee send the letter the Executive Office address below either by attachment to an email or by government mail or delivery service by June 15, 2021. I will submit all letters received to the Executive Board for review and action.

I would like to give you official notice of the IFBA 2021 Annual Meeting to be held on or after 10 a.m., September 13, 2021 in the city of Ottawa, Ontario in conjunction with the Ottawa IFBA Convention.

I request that all clubs send the names of your Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Annual Meeting.

Details of the Convention location and registration may be found in the 2021 Convention section of the following web site:

www.ifba.org

I hope to see all of you at the Ottawa 2021 IFBA Convention scheduled for September 12th through 29th, 2021.

Remember to encourage Fun, Fellowship, Fire Buffing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wally Banks

Wally Banks
Executive Vice President

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After consultation with the Fire Buff of the Year Committee Chairman Stu Nathan, we will not name a FBOY for 2020. We did not name a FBOY in 2010.



"HENRY N. WILWERS" FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

The "Fire Buff of the Year" Award, as it was first known, was established in St. Louis in 1967 to honor the man or woman who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguish a Fire Buff's outstanding achievements in the interests of the IFBA and/or the avocation of Fire Buffing. It has been awarded annually since that time. In April 1976 the name of the Award was changed to further honor its first recipient, Henry N. "Hank" Wilwers.

Any Active Member Group or Associate Member may nominate a member of an IFBA Member Group or an Associate Member to receive the honor. Nominations must be made, in writing, to the Executive Office, as described in the attached letter.

There are no specific "qualifications" or "standards" that must be met. The Committee considers (among other attributes): service to the IFBA, service to the local buff club or clubs, service to local fire departments or agencies, service to national fire agencies, assistance to the fire service community in general. The "key word" is, of course, "service". A simple resume, supported by letters of recommendation, is all that is required by the Committee.

If a nominee is not selected, this does not signify a "pink slip" rejection for all time. It simply results from the fact that only one candidate is chosen annually. Should the nominator(s) wish a nominee to be re-considered the next year (or at a later date), a letter to that effect is the only requirement (all files are maintained for a number of years). The Committee does not automatically review these files each year – a re-nomination must be made.

The Committee protects the confidentiality of its deliberations and the identity of the honoree is not made public until the Award Ceremony at the annual convention banquet, nor does the Committee divulge the rationale for its selection, beyond the biographical data presented at the banquet, when all present learn of the accomplishments of the Award winner.

We would like to urge all IFBA Regional Vice Presidents and Member Group officers to make their constituents more aware of this fine opportunity to honor one of their own with this prestigious Award. There are many IFBA'ers who are qualified to join the previous honorees that have been recognized for their achievements.



2020 Nashville Convention Cancellation

INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

Emergency Board Meeting

Remote Teleconference

August 17, 2020

An Emergency Board Meeting was called for 7:00pm EDT to discuss the Nashville, TN Convention in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Due to the nature of the topic the Roll Call included only the principal officers of the organization.

Present:

Chairman Schaetzle

President Short

First Vice-President Ahrens

Second Vice-President Bilbrey

Immediate Past President Garnett

Executive-Vice President Banks

Secretary Mahoney

Region 1 VP Beliveau

Region 3 VP Sullivan

Region 6 VP Ahrens

Region 7 VP Bowers

Region 9 VP Cohen

Region 10 VP Garnett

Region 11 VP Williams

President Short announced that due to the ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 Pandemic, Firehouse Magazine has cancelled Firehouse Expo in Nashville, TN for the Fall of 2020. The Expo has been re-scheduled once already due to the pandemic. It is neither practical nor safe to move forward with plans for the IFBA convention in Nashville at this time.

Executive Vice-President Banks will distribute messaging to the member clubs and via social media platforms that the convention has been cancelled.

Within the next few weeks principal officers of the organization will formulate a plan to conduct the annual business of the organization remotely using technology platforms.

At this time the Nashville group felt it was not practical to defer their convention to 2021, however they will make a final decision in the days ahead. At this time the plans are moving forwards for a convention in Ottawa, Canada September 12 to 16, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm EDT.

From: Rick Short <rick.short@box55.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 3:29 PM

To: Paul Schaetzle <paul.schaetzle@ifba.org>; Gerard Mahoney <secretary@ifba.org>; Wally Banks <424-896wgb@verizon.net>

Cc: Thomas Bilbrey <thomas.bilbrey@box55.org>; Buck Dozier <dozierbuck@gmail.com>

Subject: Box 55 decision regarding Annual IFBA Convention

Executive Board:

As discussed on the recent Emergency IFBA Board Meeting, it was necessary for Box 55, Nashville to cancel the scheduled 2020 Convention due to ongoing Covid 19 concerns.

This past Thursday, August 20, the membership of Box 55 Association held our regular meeting and held a discussion regarding attempting to hold the next IFBA Convention in 2021. There was a vote taken of permanent members in good standing and the decision is Box 55 will not ask Ottawa to cancel their plans that are already underway. Very gracious and much appreciated that the offer was extended by Carolyn, Steve and their group.

Box 55 will have further discussions at a later time about resubmitting a request to hold a future convention.

On behalf of all Box 55 Members, we are disappointed that Covid created so much uncertainty as we all looked forward to hosting our friends and Guests in Nashville.

Thanks to everyone for your encouragement, support and direction until now.

Thank you,

Rick Short

Treasurer/Board Member Box 55

President, IFBA

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Att. Secretary
344 Congress St.
Boston MA 02210-1204
info@bostonsparks.com

Box 22 Associates – 1932-2020
424 Elm St.
New Haven CT 06511

Box 52 Assn. - 1912
c/o William H. Wilderman
P. O. Box 848
Medford MA 02155-0009
bwilderman@firefire.com

Box 61, Inc. - 1966
c/o Carleton Winslow
257 Auburn St.
Portland ME 04103
carletonwinslow@yahoo.com

Connecticut Fire Photographers Assn - 1975
PO Box 1181
Hartford CT 06143-1181
stretchinandlovinit@gmail.com

Essex County Fire Wardens - 1938
c/o Norman Stone
170 County Rd.
Ipswich MA 01938-2721
Box343@hotmail.com

Providence Citywide Fire Network - 1994
54 Coral Rd.
N. Attleboro MA 02760
Pcfn51@comcast.net

Southern Maine Fire Notification Assn.
c/o Carleton Winslow
257 Auburn St.
Portland ME 04103
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Special Signal Fire Assn. - 1968
PO Box 25009
Providence RI 02905
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The Leather Helmet Society - 1992
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Report of the Region 1 Meeting June 27, 2020

A virtual meeting was called to order by Region 1 VP Ken Beliveau at 1008 hrs
Attendance was taken;

Kenneth Beliveau Region 1 Vice President
Rick Short IFBA President
Tom Billbrey IFBA Second Vice President
Wally Banks IFBA Executive Vice President
Joe Sullivan Region 3 Vice President

Delegates
Chris Plamer Delegate Special Signal
John Rafferty Delegate Leather Helmet Society
Mike Quinn Delegate CFPA
Rick Conway Delegate Box 52
Bob Sherwood Delegate Southern Maine Notification
Carlton Winslow Delegate Box 61
Peter Sturgis Delegate Boston Sparks

Others in Attendance
Bob Fitz
Rick Cutts
Jim Peruta
Steve Hess
Jeff Brown
Nick Peruta
Dave Sullivan

Convention update from President Rick Short

The Nashville Convention is set for Monday October 26 – Wednesday October 28 with passes provided for Firehouse Expo Thursday October 29 – Sunday November 1. There are shoulder rates 3 days before and 3 days after. The hotel rate is \$139.00 per night. If we used the same hotel as the Firehouse expo the rate would have been over \$200.00 per



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night. Reservations cannot be made until the week of July 6. Breakfast will not be provided, there all restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Airport pick up will be done by the convention committee. Transportation to Firehouse expo will also be provided. The Convention rate is \$290.00. The new registration sheet will be out soon. If for some reason scheduled tours can not be done a refund will be pasted on to you.

A review of other possible conventions was done at this time

2021 Ottawa

2022 Joint convention with SPAAMFAA June 22-June 26 2022

More info and meetings will be coming soon

2023 Milwaukee

2024 Region 3

Report from Executive Vice President Wally Banks

A dues increase was voted on at the executive board meeting. The suggested increase is to \$75.00 per year. Associate membership dues were increased too.

Fire Buff of the year nominees need to get to the EVP by August 1 as well as the newsletter / website self nomination.

Work on IT such as facebook and the website is on the agenda for this year.

To get access to the member side of the IFBA website send a request to Ken Beliveau so he can forward it to the IFBA Executive VP.

All clubs can use the google meets to do there minutes if they wish. The meeting can hold 250 attendees.

Reports from the following clubs were given

Box 52, Box 61, CFPA, Essex County Fire Wardens, Leather Helmet Society,

Providence Special Signal, Southern Maine Fire Notification, Boston Sparks.

No report from Providence Citywide was provided at the time of this meeting.

Written reports are on file.

Report By Region 1 VP Ken Beliveau

Box 22 from New Haven has voted to disband after the loss of Bill Celentano.

VP Beliveau asked if anyone knew of any clubs in the area that are not a member of the IFBA. If you know of any please get hold of the him. He is working with a new club that is getting started to become a member of IFBA. VP Beliveau reiterated the google meets available and also advices clubs to use it.



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Ken spoke on getting a shirt all the same color so Region 1 can match on a day of the convention. See the members site for colors, styles and sizes.

Old Business
None

New Business

A discussion was held on selecting a co-chairman to work with Doug Boudreau from the SPAAMFFA side for the 2022 convention. Rick Conway from Box 52 volunteered and was selected for this position. VP Beliveau talked about selecting a President for the 2022 convention and asked all clubs to start thinking about who would be good for the position.

Region 3 VP Joe Sullivan talked about the 2024 Convention hosted by the Richmond group. Region 3 hopes to have a regional meeting July 25. More information will be sent out soon.

Nomination for Region 1 VP were held and Ken Beliveau was selected as the IFBA Region 1 VP for the upcoming year.

Good of the Region

Saturday September 12 as of right now the 260 muster is scheduled at Eisenhower Park in Milford CT

Sunday September 13 the Tri-State Firefighters Meet is scheduled at Memorial Park Webster MA starting at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1137 hrs

Respectfully Submitted
Kenneth F. Beliveau
IFBA Region 1 VP



Happy New Year, from The Connecticut Fire Photographers. Winter has finally arrived, and the incidents have been picking up. As with everyone else, group events have been on hold. We have been using Zoom for meetings, as this application has worked well for us. We have been able to reach a greater number of our members than normal. This change has allowed most members to attend the meetings due to work or drive distance. During the December meeting, we had elections and made some small changes to the board of directors. The key management positions will remain the same. The club membership had a strong virtual turnout for the election. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic our annual Christmas party was canceled.

Connecticut Fire Photographers, 2021 Officers

Executive Board

President Glenn Duda
Vice President Mike Quinn
Director of Social Media Jon Tenca
Secretary/treasurer Cheryl Regan

Board of Directors

Rob Ladd
Linda Akerman
Kevin Czarzasty

December 3, 2020

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden passing of life member **Joe Marino**. Joe was a founding member of the CFPA, in 1975, serving as Vice President 1980, 1987-1991, President 1996, Board of Directors 1997-2003.

The CFPA continues growing. We have reached 121 members from near and far, including Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, CT, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont (10 states). For membership information visit, www.ctfirephoto.org

The CFPA continues to support all aspects of emergency services via photography and video work, with our focus being firefighting and apparatus. We also support fire departments with special events, training and any other needs that arise. As we roll into 2021, CFPA is still planning on events this year, as of now. The Silver City Fire Fest is in the early planning stages and the photo show at the Connecticut Fire Museum that was delayed from last year, should open this spring to the public (if the State of Connecticut starts opening up the state again).

For those of you that follow our members on Periscope live videos: Twitter will be shutting the app down as of March 2021. CFPA members are actively seeking out other apps and options. We will follow up with those options so you can continue to stream your fire scene videos

Published works

Our members continue to have their photos published in magazines, Firehouse and Fire Engineering as well as calendars and several covers in the Fire News various issues.

Congratulations to the following members for winning various categories in the 2020 IAFF Media Awards. This is a big deal because the awards are bestowed from the International Association of Firefighters and seen internationally.

The IAFF Journalist Awards Contest, recognizes affiliates for their best work in communicating with their members and the public, and honors reporting and photography that best portray professional fire fighters and paramedics as dedicated all-hazards responders. The IAFF Media Awards Contest also helps create a greater awareness of the important and dangerous work IAFF members in the United States and Canada do to keep the public safe.

The following members have won the journalist awards for best photo published in a newspaper, magazine, website or trade publication:

1st place President Glenn Duda All Hands Working
2nd place David Bryce @Strike The Box Photography
Honorable Mention David Bryce and Glenn Duda

Iaff Affiliate Awards - Media Award Category:
Best fire service photo (not previously published) taken by an IAFF member
Ken LaBelle - two honorable mentions
Scott LaPrade - three honorable mentions
To view the award and photo go to: <https://www.iaff.org/media-awards/>

As our Club evolves with the rapid changes in the media world, we hope to continue to bring you top quality fire related photos and videos, from our coverage areas. Below is a small review from a few members.



Russell Ma, Multiple Alarm fire in a vacant mill building.
34 Valley View the Strathmore Paper Co.
Photo by CFPA Member, Ken Believeu



Probably the most famous fireboat in the world, “Fire Fighter” was built in 1938 by United Shipyards, on Staten Island. It was in service with the FDNY from 1938, until 2012. “Fire Fighter” began its long, distinguished career assigned to Engine 57 at the Battery, and held down other assignments with several other FDNY Marine Companies and last served at Marine Company 9 in the Borough of Richmond. The boat is now in the care of a historical restoration group. The boat was 134’ long and was capable of pumping 20,000 gpm. It is shown here while on display in New London, Connecticut.

Photo by CFPA member Mark A. Redman



Lawrence Ladder 4 Firefighter Mike Garcia opens up the fascia to expose a pocket of fire during a 3-alarm house fire at 11 Lowell St in Lawrence, MA on May 13th 2020

Photo by CFPA Member, Kevin White



Boston MA. Shortly before 5:30 p.m., firefighters arrived to find heavy flames throughout a building at 409 E. Seventh Street. The building was unoccupied and under construction on the left side and the other side displaced 7 people. Flames burst through the roof of the 2 1/2 story duplex and spread to 411 E. Seventh St. The fire quickly went to 4 alarms. A few injuries were reported. The cause is under investigation.

Photo by CFPA Member Scott LaPrade



Haddam Volunteer Fire Company (CT) responded mutual aid to Killingworth, CT at 10:23 p.m. Oct. 2 to spearhead landing zone operations for Hartford Hospital's LIFE STAR, a critical care helicopter service. HVFC was called to assist following a motor vehicle accident on Route 148, west of the Reservoir Road in Killingworth. The patient, who was extricated from a rolled-over vehicle, was transported by Killingworth Ambulance Association (KAA) to the landing zone area at Killingworth Recreational Park. LIFE STAR airlifted the patient to a trauma center with serious injuries.

Photo by CFPA Member, Olivia Drake



December 24, 2020 3 alarm commercial building fire at City Blue Imaging on Scio Street in Rochester, NY.
Photo by CFPA member, Jeffrey Arnold



Reedy Creek (Disney World), Florida
Truck 3 2018 Peterbilt 365/Bronto 173'
Photo by CFPA Member, Eric Fellows



This was the memorial service for LODD of Worcester Firefighter Jon Davies. Jon passed as a result of being trapped in the basement of a 3 decker on Arlington Street on December 8, 2011. Jon now has two sons who are now following in his footsteps as members of the Worcester Fire Department. The memorial is located right outside of Rescue 1's bay at the Franklin Street firehouse. The Franklin Street firehouse is located on the sacred grounds of the Worcester Cold Storage site.

In the photo (L) Firefighter Michael Davies of Engine 13 and (R) Special Operations Chief Kurt Richard salute the memorial wreath as Worcester Fire Brigade piper Patrick Hayes plays on in the background.

Photo by CFPA member, Paul Shea



Townsend Ma - 4 Alarms - December 21st
Photo by CFPA Member, David Bryce



Stamford Ct, Dec 2020 Car vs building with fire.
Photo by CFPA Member, Jon Tenca



Springfield MA. Firefighters were called to 558 Plainfield Street Saturday night just before 10:30pm for a structure fire. Engine 7 was 1st arrive and reported the house well involved. A 2nd alarm was sounded as fire quickly spread in the large home. All occupants were accounted for and 2 firefighters were taken to the hospital with injuries.

Photo by CFPA Member, Johnny DeForest



Hartford CT. On October 9th

2020, around 05:30 the Hartford Fire Department was dispatched to 213 Capen St. for a reported building fire. Upon arrival of the 1st due engine, they had smoke showing which upgraded it to a working fire. The building was a scene of a collapse and just been finished shoring it up in the last 2 weeks. Due to the progression and stability of the building, District Chief Krupa ordered the fire to be fought defensively. 2 tower ladders and multiple lines were utilized to knock down the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be arson.

Photo by CFPA Member Nick Peruta



Yorktown Heights w/ Croton on Hudson Firefighters operated this fully involved private dwelling on December 11th on Blinn Rd. All occupants were out of the house as the FD arrived.

Photo by CFPA Member, Dave Kempter



Norwich Ct, 2nd alarm +

Norwich Fire was dispatched to 48 Prospect St, In the Greenville Section of Norwich for a reported porch fire with multiple calls. Engine #2 arrived at #57 Prospect St. to find an active fire in the porch area extending up the C -D side walls into the cock loft of the rear section of the apartment house. The crew stretched a hand-line to the C side of the dwelling. Battalion 1, arrived and requested the 2nd alarm to the scene. Truck one arrived and headed to the roof, as Eng 3 and Sq A helped with water supply and interior crews. 2nd Alarm companies supplied additional hydrant lines and man-power. The fire jumped to the main section of the dwellings cock loft and heavily damaged the roof of the building. Three Fast teams responded over time, the first two went to work during the fire. Mohegan Tribe, New London and The Submarine base, 2nd Alarm companies, Rescue 5 (EGPFD) Tower 25, Engine 21 Taftville Fire, Engine 33 Yantic, Engine 61 Laurel Hill.

Photo by CFPA Member, Rob Ladd



The 5A



Newsletter of the Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club of Manchester, N.H.
IFBA Region 1 Member
Winter 2021 Issue

The Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club has begun its 29th Year. Times have changed drastically for all of us across the USA, Canada and around the globe over the past ten months. Here is a different type of newsletter to share with our local LHS Members and our brothers & sisters in IFBA Chapters everywhere. We all miss the Fire Trucks, but most of all... the Friends and Fellowship... stay healthy, the vaccine is here! Some photos of what we enjoyed over the past years and some recent small buff trips in the past few weeks.







Boston – The HUB/Beantown – a great city to buff apparatus, firehouse history and sometimes fires.



We do have a lot of fun together! Here's looking forward to more adventures in 2021 and beyond...
Photo credits: Dave Morin, Bob Fitz, Jr., Charlie Tentas, Steve Sears, and unknown others. Thank you.



REGION 3

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Metro Richmond Flying Squad, Inc. - 2017
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INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES

REGION 3

"Buffin' the DMV"

October 10, 2020

To: Officers and Members of the IFBA

From: Joseph P. Sullivan, Vice President Region 3

Ref: Region 3 Annual Report

Region 3 of the IFBA consists of 8 organizations in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area. Below is the Regional Vice President's Report for the 2020 IFBA Virtual Annual Meeting.

This year has been challenging for those organizations that provide Rehab, support a Museum or both. It can be said that all the organizations have done their very best to adapt, adjust and overcome. While the volume of service has been down and the number of guests limited, all groups continue to provide outstanding service in finest tradition of the IFBA.

The Covid has also limited my participation to 2 visits with the Flying Squad, 3 FFA visits, 1 ODHFS meeting, 1 visit to the 414 Museum, including lunch with the new President, and 2 visits to the Fire Museum of Maryland to observe progress on the SHC display. Buffing has pretty much been limited to Northern Virginia and Baltimore, including escorting visiting buffs.

SHC Guy Cephus is the only surviving member. Mr. Cephus has turned his memorabilia over to the Fire Museum of Maryland. The Museum is working on a display dedicated to the proud heritage of the SHC. Mr. Cephus is recovering from some medical issues and has relocated to a nearby residence to support his convalescence.

ODHFS The ODHFS has several chapters geographically across the Commonwealth and is the largest group in Region 3 with over 200 members. I attended the Northern Region Meeting in Manassas just before the Covid 19 shut down. As you may suspect many of the ODHFS events were cancelled, but the ODHFS did their best to attend requested "drive-bys" during the Quarantine. Mike Sanders of the ODHFS has submitted another article for TURNOUT and has already submitted one for the next issue.



INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES

REGION 3

"Buffin' the DM"

Box 414. Brotherly Love is the word with the 414 Club, where Shaun Freund has succeeded Brother Joe as the President. I had the chance to have lunch with Shaun and past IFBA President Mark Platek, where Shaun outlined his desire to upgrade the museum and to expand on "Rapid Response" for working fires in Charm City. Member Howard Meile provided the cover photo for the most recent editions of **TURNOUT.** Members of Box 414 welcome buffs to "B'more" where a "job" is almost guaranteed.

Box 234 The 234 Club continues to provide canteen and rehabilitation services to the Baltimore County Fire Department. The club's effort to reach out to volunteers who no longer want to participate in active firefighting but want to stay involved has been quite successful. The county intends to expand Box 234's response area. Box 234 operates 2 units the newest unit being a very impressive rapid response type vehicle. They average about 80 calls per year and dedicate 1200 man-hours to the community.

FFA While the number of runs has been reduced due to Covid the FFA continues to respond with the Canteen Unit to multiple alarms and on Special Calls. The Museum, at 439 New Jersey Ave, NW in the quarters of Engine 3 was on its way to a record setting year until Covid temporarily closed the Museum.

Anne Arundel Alarmers. We have made some progress over the last few months on our new Rehab vehicle. We have taken delivery of a new 2020 Ford F-350 pickup truck. It has a utility body on it and dual wheels in the rear. The County has ordered a new slide-out tray for us, and we can customize the lay-out to fit our purposes. The new unit will carry 2 pop up tents for shade and shelter, 1 large electric misting fan and 3 smaller battery-operated misting fans for the summer. We have cooling towels, and extra water and ice. We will carry a propane heater and walls for the tents, that become warming tents in the winter. We plan to install a 2000-watt inverter for electric power.

Submitted by Keith Hammack

Springfield 422. No report or contact since April 2019



INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES

REGION 3

"Buffin' the DMV"

Metro Richmond Flying Squad. The Metro Richmond Flying Squad is our newest club. The highlights of the year were the securing of Old Richmond Station 17 to be converted into club quarters and response headquarters, and the placing of Car 1 in service to handle smaller working fires. Car 1 responds with some snacks and hydrations and can respond immediately from a member home and provide Rehab at one- and two-line fires. Car 1 can also do a quick on scene size up to determine if other resources are needed.

On July 25, 2020, the Annual Regional Meeting was held virtually with guests not only from the Region but also Dallas, Nashville, and Milwaukee. The Anne Arundel Alarmers have offered to host the next Regional Meeting (hopefully in 2021).

A unique highlight of the year was the ability in November 2019 to have Past President and Baltimore Fire Captain Mark Platek's last dispatch after 30 years in Communications broadcast live in Germany and France.

Correspondence was forwarded to all clubs and appropriate members regarding the "happenings" in Region 3. Additionally, all information from Senior Staff that was intended for distribution throughout the Region was cascaded as requested.

On October 10th the Regional Vice President along with the Vice President Elect and Application Coordinated met with a very impressive gentleman who has applied for Associate Membership.

Because of term limits the Region 3 Club members elected a new Region Vice President, Mr. Steve Korb of the Metro Richmond Flying Squad. Despite only three years in the IFBA Steve is a tremendous choice, and will no doubt improve on the services provided by the current VP. Steve and the Flying Squad have begun preparations for the 2024 Convention.

As always everyone is welcome to visit and buff the DMV.

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to serve as Vice President, it was a tremendous thrill and I appreciate the fantastic support I got from the Board and Membership of the IFBA.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph P. Sullivan, Vice President Region 3



Anne Arundel Alarmers Association



– NEW REHAB UNIT IN SERVICE --

In July, the Alarmers placed in service a new ReHab unit, now designated as ReHab-2. The unit is built on a 2020 Ford F-350 chassis, with a Reading Utility body. ReHab-2 is designed to have a crew of 2 members and be the first unit to respond to emergency calls. The unit has a 3500 watt inverter for AC power, that allows us to make coffee and hot chocolate. For the coming winter season, we carry two 10' X 10' pop-up tents with walls, one on each side of the truck in the high side compartments. During winter months we carry a propane heater to use the tents as warming tents. We carry two 4-person bench seats, 6 chairs, and tarps to define the rehab area. We carry 5 cases each of additional water and Gatorade. We have assorted snacks and chips. During the summer months, the heater is replaced with a misting fan and cooling towels.

Over the past 2 years we have been working with the fire department administration to provide a rehab function that more reflects the standards outlined in NFPA 1584. This new truck allows us to concentrate on hydration, core temperature stabilization, environmental control, and rest. We work with a county Paramedic unit to provide EMS monitoring.

Photo credit: Keith Hammack

More information at: www.freewebs.com/anne_arundel_alarmers/

Submitted by Keith Hammack, Anne Arundel Alarmers Association, IFBA Region 3

Photo credit to Keith Hammack.



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-- TECHNICAL RESCUE at the CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE --

10-3-2020 12:30 Hrs. The Alarmers responded Saturday afternoon, Mutual Aid to assist Queen Anne County Sheriff's Department, Toll Facilities Police, and Anne Arundel County Special Operations units for an incident on the west bound span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. A man had climbed to the top of a Bay Bridge suspension tower. A police negotiator and Special Operations members went up in an attempt to talk him down. After about 8 hours, the man was placed in a stokes basket and lowered down about 100 feet, to a point where Kent Island Tower 1 crew was able to reach him, and bring him the rest of the way down to the bridge deck. The top of the suspension tower is about 190 feet above the bridge deck. The bridge deck is about 200 feet above the water. Five lanes of US Route 50 pass over the Chesapeake Bay on parallel spans. The incident had traffic backed up for miles. The Alarmers, using CW-1 and ReHab-2, were on scene for 6 hours, and served 48 hot dogs, some snacks, 2 cases of Gatorade, and 2 cases of water.

Photo credit: Logan Starr Sr



-- GENERALS HWY DWELLING FIRE --

9-25-2020 10:50 Hrs. Box 5-31 Firefighters from Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Annapolis Fire Department and Fort Meade Fire & Rescue Services responded to a 911 call reporting an extensive amount of smoke coming from a dwelling in the 800 block of Generals Highway. There are several homes in the area which are accessed via a private driveway that is approximately one-half mile long. Firefighters arrived within 5 minutes after being dispatched to find heavy fire coming from the basement extending into the first and second floors of a large two story single family home. Firefighters attempted an aggressive interior attack and rescued the resident of the home from the first floor.

Unfortunately, the 77 year old female resident was declared deceased at the scene by paramedics. One firefighter suffered minor burns to his hands and ears and was transported to the Burn Center at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore.

Due to the lack of fire hydrants in the rural area, drop tanks were set up on Generals Hwy, and a 3000 foot relay was established. A Working Fire Dispatch and a Tanker Task Force was requested bringing a total of 45 firefighters and 6 Tankers to the scene.

It took approximately 60 minutes to bring the fire under control. Red Cross was requested to assist two adults and one child who also reside in the home but were not present at the time of the fire.

The Alarmers, using CW-2 and ReHab-2 were on scene for over 4 hours, and served 40 hot dogs, some snacks, 3 cases of water, and 2 cases of Gatorade.

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Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc. Richmond Virginia



"Professionally operated by Volunteers"

The Metro Richmond Flying Squad has a purchase contract with the City of Richmond for the former Fire Station 17 at 2901 Bainbridge Street. This process has been ongoing for the past two years and we anticipate taking ownership early in 2021. The building was originally built in 1917 for horse drawn fire equipment and remained an active firehouse until moving to a new facility in 2010.



Plans for renovation of this firehouse include administrative offices, sleeping quarters and community meeting space. We also plan to incorporate an antique fire department equipment display area and memorabilia throughout the facility.



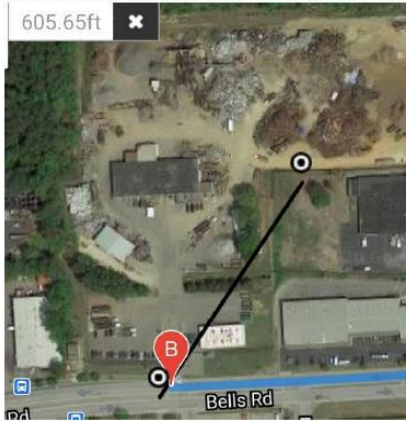
Currently our organization shares apparatus space at various City firehouses with limited storage areas available. Having our own headquarters will no doubt allow our organization to operate more efficiently and allow our group to grow and flourish.



On October 23rd, 2020, Richmond Engine 21 was dispatched to a trash fire at a scrap metal recycling plant. On arrival heavy fire was reported from a large pile of scrap metal. The pile contained hundreds of scrap appliances, crushed vehicles and even a bulldozer. Fortunately, the large scrap metal pile fire did not threaten any exposures. As Engine 21 began laying supply lines they quickly realized they would require additional help. As additional units were special called, a total of 8 engines, 2 Truck companies,

an air light support unit, 2 Battalion Chiefs, 2 ALS paramedic units, a Logistics supervisor and MRFS Rehab 1 filled out the box.

Crews had some difficulties supplying an adequate water supply to the elevated master streams due to low hydrant pressure. Several thousand feet of large diameter hose was utilized to supply the aerial and master stream devices. The Flying Squad responded with 4 personnel and due to



the large amount of large diameter supply lines laid crews had to physically move the rehab equipment and supplies over 600 feet to the rehab area. Crews began to cycle through our formal rehab area and were medically evaluated while we hydrated, fed, and provided cooling towels and seating under a shade canopy.



From a personal perspective, I had the honor and privilege of being elected as the IFBA Region 3 Vice President. Former Region 3 Vice President, Joe Sullivan, served in this role for 5 years. I would like to thank Joe for his service to the IFBA and our Club personally. Joe has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset to the International Fire Buffs Associates.

Richmond Virginia has also been selected to host the IFBA annual convention in 2024. We look forward to your visit and pledge to host an informative and entertaining convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Korb

Steve Korb
Chief, Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc.



REGION 5

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Firefighting Historical Society, Inc. - 1974
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Fort Worth Red Helmets, Inc. - 1971
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Greater Houston Fire Battalion - 1992
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Signal 51 Group - 1968
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Crescent City Blazes

New Orleans Area Fires

Courtesy of Chris Mickal

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Fire at the Hard Rock Hotel collapse – 09-28-2020



2430 Dumaine St – 3 Alarms – 12-08-2020



6210 Morrison St – 2 Alarms – 12-25-2020



2607 Johnson St – 3 Alarms – 11-18-2020



129 Chartres St – 6 Alarms – 06-18-2020
Firefighter trapped at 4th floor window



1629 Washington Ave – 3 Alarms – 08-31-2020



1700 Gov Nichols St – 3 Alarms – 05-22-2020



REGION 6

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Box 15 Club, Inc. - 1947
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Box 42 Associates - 1942
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Box 8 Club of St. Louis - 1941
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Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities - 1974
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Indianapolis Fire Buffs - 1962
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Indianapolis IN 46220
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Metro Emergency Support Services - 1994
Att : Ms. Debra Francisco
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Fox Lake IL 60020

Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc. - 1969
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Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc - 1947.
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Milwaukee Fire Historical Society - 1981
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Milwaukee WI 53215-4539
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milwfiremuseum@gmail.com

Moline Second Alarmers - 1952
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Racine Fire Bells, Inc. - 1948
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Racine WI 53408
racinefirebellclub@gmail.com

West Licking Firefighters Assn. - 2020
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October 1, 2020

TO: Wally Banks
IFBA Exec VP

FROM: Dennis Ahrens
Region 6 VP

RE: Region 6 VP Report

Below is the list of items I have either completed or assisted in the process:

1. Attended in-person meetings and activities which took place in 4 different IFBA Region 6 Clubs. This year started out very well with me being able to attend meetings and club functions in different states. That all came to an abrupt stop when the pandemic hit the US.
2. Set up and held the Region 6 meeting utilizing the IFBA virtual meeting program.
3. Attended the SPAAMFAA Nation Conventions in Jeffersonville, IN and Charleston SC to promote the first-ever Joint National Convention to be held in Boston, MA in 2022. This was well received by all members in attendance and will be a great opportunity for the IFBA to showcase the Association and to get new members.
4. Assisted a Region 6 Club with problems and questions regarding their club's bylaws.
5. Developed and emailed a survey to all region 6 clubs. This allowed me to update all the individual region 6 clubs correspondence information.
6. During the IFBA Region 6 virtual meeting, Bob Ristic was elected to be the new Region 6 VP for 2020-2021.

This is a brief report of the tasks which I have completed as IFBA Region 6 VP.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ahrens
Region 6 VP, IFBA



By Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar

With 2020 coming to a close, let us hope and pray that 2021 will see a return to normal. We are looking forward to the IFBA convention in Toronto and our own muster, tentatively scheduled to be held in June.

With this ongoing pandemic, fire activity remains at near normal levels, even though there were some extraordinary fires to report. The first occurred on November 12 in a 100' x 400' construction company warehouse on Chicago's far southeast side at 118th and Avenue O. The 3-11 alarm fire started around 8:40 p.m. and was declared under control by 11:00 p.m. with a rekindle about 7:00 a.m. the next morning.



3-11 at 118th and Avenue O (Photo by Steve Redick)



3-11 at 118th and Avenue O (Photo by Steve Redick)

On December 10, the CFD fought a 4-11 alarm fire on Chicago's west side at 16th and Kostner. The 100' x 300' warehouse was owned by Best Value Auto Supply and contained more than 100,000 auto parts. A level one Haz-Mat was sounded for this incident. Fire officials also had to deal with low water pressure in the area.



4-11 at 16th and Kostner (Photo by Steve Redick)



4-11 at 16th and Kostner (Photo by Steve Redick)



4-11 at 16th and Kostner (Photo by Steve Redick)

The apparatus that was ordered from Emergency-One has been received over the last few months and put into service. Chicago has received seven new pumpers with 1500 GPM pumps, 500 gallon tanks and a foam bladder. The new engines have been assigned to Engine Cos. 30, 43, 72, 81, 93, 102, and 127. Chicago has also received thirteen new 100' rear mount aerial ladders from Emergency-One that include a new ground ladder complement. The new trucks are replacing 2000-2002 Pierce-Dash rigs and have been assigned to Truck Cos. 2, 3, 4, 17, 22, 29, 30, 35, 40, 47, 49, 52, and 58. Thirteen new Ford Explorers have been received and are currently being assigned. Some of the new Explorers sport a solid red color scheme and others are solid black. Engine 2, the fireboat Wheatley, is back in service from Illinois Marine Towing after undergoing repairs, updates, and a new paint job.



2020 Emergency-One pumper 1500 GPM (Photo by Mike Penchar)

With the retirement of CFD chaplain, Father John McNalis, Cardinal Cupich has appointed Father Gary Graf as the new CFD chaplain. The membership of the 5-11 Club looks forward to working with Father Graf.

With just a few Club meetings in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, the 5-11 Club membership has decided to cancel the election of officers for the year 2021. All officers will hold their positions until the election of club officers for 2022 that will take place in December. The 5-11 Club canteens have responded to 80 calls for service in 2020 including 45 CFD requested responses, 14 CPD responses, 9 responses for service outside of the City of Chicago and 12 standby/support responses during the periods of civil unrest in the City. Our porta-potty truck is under construction and should be ready for service shortly. The rig was formerly a Triage Unit stationed at Midway Airport. When construction is completed, the rig will enter service with the traditional CFD black over red color scheme and will contain two lighted and heated porta-potty positions inside the rig.



Former Midway Airport Triage Unit (Photo by Dennis Ahrens)

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.



Box 15 Club Inc. - dba Box 15 Fire Rehab

Serving Columbus and Central Ohio since 1947

Greetings from Central Ohio! We sincerely hope that all of you are dealing with the pandemic without serious consequences. We're sure that we are not unique, but we've managed (so far) to keep everyone healthy up to this point. We've had a few members exposed and had to quarantine some, but – thankfully - no one has contracted COVID-19. Considering how closely we work with first responders, we've been lucky. In the fire departments that we serve, more than 600 firefighter/Paramedics have been exposed, and several have contracted the virus. Fortunately, all have recovered. The pandemic has caused us to change how we do our day-to-day business. Since March, we've held our monthly business/training meetings virtually, using Google Meets. Early on, we also penned a Pandemic Standard Operating Guideline to address masking, social distancing, sanitizing practices and testing. Most fire stations in the region have been on "lockdown" since mid-March and we've respected that religiously. Since all three of our trucks are housed at Columbus Fire facilities, we only enter the stations as far as our vehicles, masked-up and temperature checked. We stay clear of their living quarters. One "hit" we've taken has been the periodic sales of CFD apparel. We normally hold five sales throughout the year. We cancelled the April, June, August and December events due to the lockdowns. We did not want to bring off duty firefighters or family members in from other stations, which would have potentially caused some "contact tracing" issues. We did get permission to hold an apparel sale at the west entrance of Columbus Fire Station #1 in October. Due to pent-up demand, it was very successful.

We've had lots of other happenings, as well. In April, local radio station **Qfm96** approached us with the idea of providing donated meals to as many first responders as we could. We worked with them and **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers**, and over a three-day period, were able to provide more than 600 meals to 64 fire stations. **Qfm96** donated most of the funds, **Raising Cane's** provided the food and Box 15 primarily handled the logistics. Using 9 drivers, each route covered two or three fire stations, allowing us to get hot food to each destination in less than a half hour per route. Our relationship with both the radio station and Raising Cane's began in the fourth quarter of 2019 and has been very beneficial to Box 15. We sincerely appreciate the corporate relationships that have been developed over the years. One of those being Thompson Building Associates, a local fire and water damage restoration contractor. That relationship dates back to 2005, when they provided us with a refrigerator and began providing bottled water. Over the years, they have hosted social gatherings, a football raffle and, most recently, built a GoFundMe page to benefit Box 15. Other corporations including Bridgeway Cummins, Vanner Inc., MSC Supply and Meijer, who all provide ongoing



Lunch delivered, courtesy of Qfm96, Raising Cane's and Box 15

support to us. You can see more about our Corporate partnerships in the 2020 Annual Report which should be published in late February to early March.



Rehab 1 deployed during a hot weather response

Last April, we revised our Hot Weather Response protocol. Previously, we would go on “standby” with one of our units, beginning at noon on days when the heat index was expected to be 95 degrees or above. Seeing a need, we lowered that to 90 degrees or 85 degrees if “full sun”. We would stand down in the evening, after the heat index went below 90. This oftentimes kept us “on station” until 8 PM, or later. With the stations observing restricted access, several times, we would take the truck to a nearby members’ house and remain on call from there. During “HWS”, we

would automatically respond to all working incidents – fires, gas line ruptures, etc. For 2020, we stood 44 shifts during the hot days and responded to 28 working incidents during those days.

Even though COVID-19 kept us from hosting most of our apparel sale events, it also put a focus on “alternate” funding for us as a non-profit. As such, our donations increased substantially through the year. We just mentioned the GoFundMe page, posted by Thompson Building Associates. In addition, we’ve received monetary donations from many IAFF Locals and foundations; equipment donations from Mifflin Fire Dept., Genoa firefighters, Worthington firefighters and Westerville Fire Dept. Back in January, Campbell Restorations presented us with our second “First Wash” decontamination shower. Both Rehab 1 and 2 now carry them. In September, **This Week News**, a local weekly neighborhood publication, ran a nice story about us, which resulted in private donations that approached \$1,000 and we would be remiss if we didn’t recognize the Westerville CART team for their ongoing support. We would really struggle if it wasn’t for all of these folks.



Campbell Restorations presenting our second First Wash shower

Even though the pandemic put a crimp in our meetings and fund-raising efforts, it did nothing to slow down fire activity, and firefighter training continued, as well - although with some modifications to procedures. 2020 was only 20 hours old when we took our first run. It turned out to be a triple fatal, arson fire. Exactly 75 minutes later, run #2 came in and it was a long haul to the northwest corner of Delaware County. For the month, we responded to four second alarm blazes, five working fires, two of them requiring extra companies. To round out the



Rehab 2 on the 2-alarm at Grant & 11th in April

month, we also provided support for three days of training activities. Box 15 serves a total of 38 fire departments in Franklin, Delaware and portions of Fairfield County and have mutual aid agreements with all the other rehab groups in Fayette, Knox, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties. February was a lot quieter, with only two second alarms and one working fire. Likewise, March and April were similarly quiet and May was following the same pattern when, on the 31st, Columbus – just like every other metropolitan area in the country –

experienced multiple days of civil unrest. During that first night, along with a lot of smashed windows, looting and several relatively minor set fires, someone torched a four-story, block-long upscale condominium that was under construction. The blaze quickly went to three alarms and companies remained on scene for three days, mopping up hot spots. To date, this has been the largest blaze of the year and the loss was set at 25 million dollars.



Box 15 served nearly 300 bottles of water, 9 pots of coffee, more than a case of Granola bars and 70 breakfast meals, during an 8-hour deployment. Run activity picked up in June with two second alarms, two working fires (one required extra companies) and five days of support for training evolutions. One of the second alarm blazes was an abandoned industrial facility on W. Jenkins Ave., on the south side. The alarm was turned in about 11:30 at night and the structure was fully involved when the first companies pulled up. Only 15 hours later, we had another two-banger. This one was in a two-story apartment

3-alarm fire at 65 S. Washington St.

building. It started in an attached garage and spread to three other units. We setup two rehab sectors – on the A and C sides.



Figure 1 27 W. Jenkins St. 2-alarm on June 30, 2020

During June, we staffed for eleven shifts of Hot Weather Standby, followed by an additional 23 days during July. And July turned out to be one busy month! We responded to seven working fires, two “extra company” fires and a second alarm. We also assisted at a gas line rupture and made sure everyone stayed hydrated, fed and decontaminated during 13 days of training activities. August was nearly as busy with



Westerville House fire during Hot Weather Standby - Photo courtesy of Westerville Fire Dept.

two second alarm fires, six working fires one rescue run and one gas line rupture. Not as many hot weather standby shifts – only six, and the training support callouts dropped to four. In September, we had only two working fires, but we also participated in the tri-annual disaster drill at John Glenn International Airport. Four more working fires in October,

followed by three additional in November. Normally, we turn out to provide shelter and beverage service for the annual Columbus Veterans Day parade organizers, but that became a victim of Covid, as well. This

would have been our eleventh year to work with them. We did respond to a couple of working fires plus an extra company blaze during the month, two were back-to-back events.

December has been unusually quiet (not that anyone's complaining), with only two callouts as of this writing. But one was a record setter. On Wednesday, December 9th, the Central Ohio Strike Team was activated for a



Holmes St. auto repair shop in Galena. Joe O'Brien photo

structural collapse at the Killen Power Plant, near Manchester, OH. Box 15 was deployed as well. After an 87 mile trip, Rehab 2 remained on scene for nearly 12 hours, serving enough food and snacks to keep 50 rescuers happy. We had made plans to change crews, but were advised that we could return, as the Strike Team was going to be released overnight. This was the furthest distance that we have ever traveled for a working incident. December has had only one extra alarm fire, but we've been out several days for training support. All told, 2020 has seen 44 days of training support, 52 fire calls, 2 gas line ruptures, 1 disaster drill and 2 rescue runs.

Lots of other things have been happening, as well, from fire station construction to new apparatus to Command Level personnel changes. Truro Township (Reynoldsburg) finally completed the build of station #161. The prior station had been a converted general merchandise store. Construction took more than a year, because the original contractor went bankrupt and the replacement contractor had to redo a lot of the original work. Crews



Old Truro Township Station #161. Photo courtesy of Truro Firefighters

were finally able to move back in at the end of June.

Columbus also added a new fire station – Station #35 is at 711 N. Waggoner Rd., on the far east side of the city. This station had been in the planning stages for more than 10 years, but due to budget constraints, construction was delayed several times. It finally came to fruition in 2020.



Replacement Station #161 - Photo courtesy of Truro Firefighters



Architect drawing Columbus Fire Station #35 - CFD Photo

The Columbus Division of Fire is also in the process of building a replacement for station 16 in the North Linden area. The original two-bay station was built in the 1950's at E. Weber Rd. & McGuffey Rd. It currently houses an engine company, a medic and a heavy rescue company. Needless to say, it is overcrowded and has been showing its age. The new station is at Oakland Park Ave and Medina Ave. A move of about ½ mile.



Old Fire Station #16 - CFD Photo



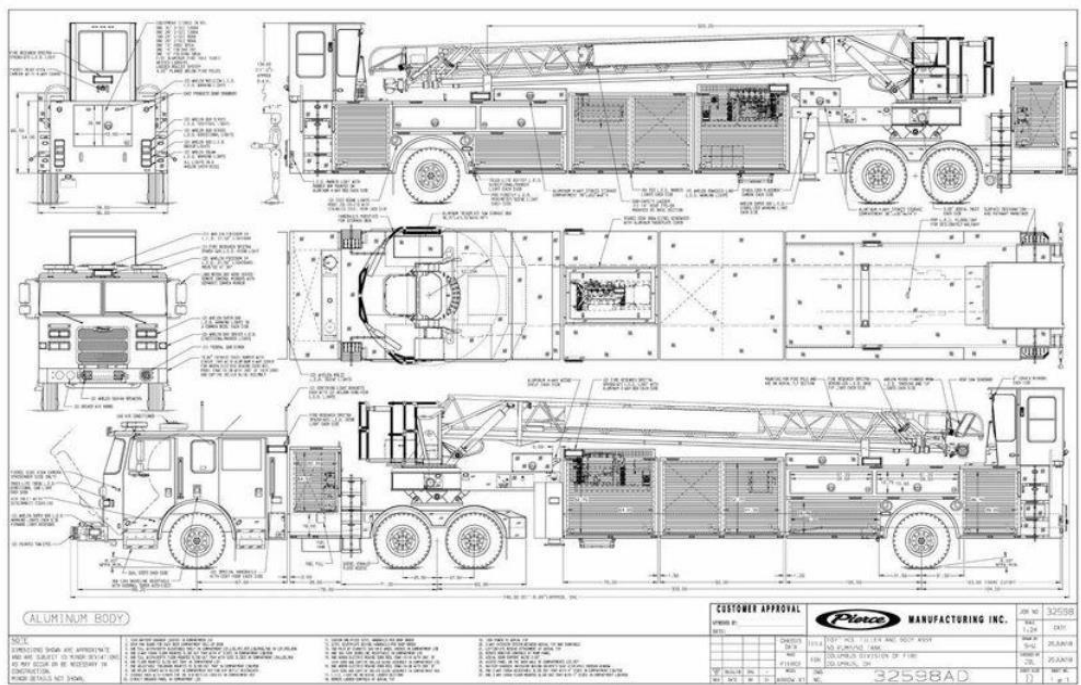
New Fire Station #16 as of October - Joe O'Brien photo

There is also a lot of new apparatus in the area. Columbus replaced seven engines; 7 #10,12,17,21,22,26,35 with new Sutphen Monarch engines. All are 1500 GPM, w/750 gal tanks. Two new Sutphen SPH-100 Platforms were delivered for Station #2 (downtown) and #26 (far west side). Both have 1500 GPM pumps, but no tank water. CFD also placed an order with Pierce for another Ascendent 107' Quint/TDA to replace Ladder #1 (downtown). When delivered in 2021, all TDA's in the city will be Pierce units.



New Ladder #26 - Joe O'Brien photo

Last year, Mifflin Township (Gahanna) put a Pierce TDA in service and in December 2020, Westerville Fire took delivery of a Pierce Ascendent 107' to replace ladder #111. It will go in service early in 2021. There has been a lot of other apparatus activity in Central Ohio, including new engines for Genoa Township, Hamilton Township, Jackson Township, Plain and Prairie Townships,



including: Genoa Engine/Rescue 441 (Sutphen), Jackson Twp. Engine/Rescue 203, Plain Twp. replaced Engine 121, Hamilton Twp. Engine 171 (Rosenbauer) and Norwich Engine 80.

Command level movements included several Chief changes Columbus Fire Chief Kevin O’Conner retired at the end of May, 2020. Assistant Chief Jeffrey Happ has served as interim fire chief during the nationwide search process. Rumor has it that Ex-CFD Assistant Chief and current Fort Worth TX Fire Chief, Jim Davis may be on the “short list”. Another significant



Hamilton Twp. Eng 171- J. O’Brien photo



Genoa Twp. Engine/Rescue #441 - Photo courtesy of Chief Ponzi

appointment at Columbus is the promotion of Tracy Smith to Assistant Chief, to date, the highest rank ever achieved by a female. In February, Chief John Bailot retired and Mark Zambito was promoted to replace him. Madison Township (Franklin County) also have both a new Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Derek Robinson (previously with Westerville) was hired as Chief, succeeding interim Chief Jeff Fasone.



Jack Rupp (L) & John Hoovler (R) - Photo courtesy of Plain Township Firefighters

Then, they filled the vacancy of Assistant Chief, with Chas Adams, who came over from Franklin Township. In July, long-serving Fire Chief John Hoovler (25 years as Chief) retired at Plain Township. Jack Rupp, who had served as Assistant Chief since 2002, was named as his successor. We should also mention that Chief Rupp is the 2020 recipient of the Ohio Fire Marshal's Distinguished Service Award. Assistant Chief Christopher

Menapace retired from Whitehall Fire Dept. and was replaced by K. J. Watts, who was hired away from Lancaster (OH) fire.

Other moves include Greg Eisenacher being named Fire Chief at Grandview Heights, replacing Steve Shaner; Chief Ralph Schillingburg closing out a 33-year career at Hamilton Township. Capt. Wade Edwards is now interim Fire Chief. Gary Honeycutt retired as Chief at Genoa Township. Asst. Chief Joseph Ponzi was promoted to Fire Chief. Fire Chief Matt Noble retired at Orange Township (Delaware County) and Jeff Warren stepped down from the Fire Chief position at Norwich Township. George Sorge, formerly with Washington Township Fire, was named as a Deputy Chief with Westerville Fire, as was Mindy Gabriel, who came to Westerville from Upper Arlington. Mindy has been named as Westerville Fire's Employee of the Year for 2020.



Chief Ponzi being sworn in - Genoa Firefighters photo

Box 15 has a few things going, as well. In November, we placed an order for our first ever NEW response vehicle. Delivery is due late spring, 2021. And our long-awaited new website should be functional by then, as well. It will include several enhancements, including a public Firefighter Rehab library. The 75th Anniversary History e-book is on track for publishing in July 2022. To date, it exceeds 250 pages and includes well over 400 photographs. If you find yourself in Central Ohio and would like to visit, call us at (614) 585-9120 or drop us an email at Board@Box15.org. Wish everyone some great holidays, a much better 2021 and in the interim, please stay safe and healthy!



Fall/Winter 2020 Box 15 Turnout Submission – Due Dec 31, 2020



REGION 7

Box 15 Club of Los Angeles - 1949
c/o Charles Steele
2424 Earl St.
Los Angeles CA 90039
Box15_la@hotmail.com

Fire Assoc. of Santa Clara Valley - 1969
PO Box 494
Campbell CA 95009-0494
president@fascv.org

Hall of Flame Volunteer Organization - 2018
6101 E. Van Buren St.
Phoenix AZ 85008
Jay.iacone.az@gmail.com
Bowersbsa117@gmail.com

Phoenix Society of San Francisco - 1932
PO Box 31847
San Francisco CA 94131
phoenixsocietyssf@gmail.com

Seattle Fire Buff Society - 1964
105 5th Ave. South
Suite 400
Seattle WA 98104
skfick1@aol.com

Tacoma/Pierce County Fire Buff Battalion 1987
PO Box 64912
Tacoma WA 98464
Tacomafirebuffs@outlook.com

Date: October 30, 2020

To: Wall Banks, IFBA Executive Vice President

From: Bob Bowers, IFBA Region 7 Vice President

Subject: IFBA Region 7 Fall 2020 Report

Please find below the minutes from the first Region 7 Meeting in over four years.

I thought this was the best way to report the latest information from the West Coast Region. We did have three of the region's organizations on the Google Meet and I spoke to one other by phone the week before the meeting. So, I will add his brief report in this section.

Phoenix Fire Buff Society: Phil Reid, Treasurer reported that they still have 10 members. But since their mission is to be a Social Club, their meeting has been canceled due to COVID 19. They will resume once it is safe to do so. Their President is Greg Younger, and he is on San Francisco's Truck 14 as well as being a Dentist. I made several attempts to contact him, but he seems to be busy...you think! One other note, Phil still does not have a cell phone or computer, so that makes it difficult to communicate.

My plan a year ago was to travel to all the Clubs in the Region and then COVID 19! I believe that meetings in person will allow me to hear their needs and see if the IFBA can add value to what they already do so well. I think the IFBA must take advantage of our size and aid our associates where needed . i.e. see what assistance the President of the FASCV is requesting in the minutes from the meeting.

In 2021, once there is a vaccination and safe to travel, I will resume my travel plan. My goal is to open communications on the West Coast to promote "Fun, Fellowship & Fire Truck". I also have an eye on a new organization to bring into membership.

I. F.B.A. Region 7 Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Regional; V.P. Bob Bowers

October 24, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. (PT)

Call Meeting to Order: By Bob Bowers @ 10:04 A.M. on Google Meet

Introduction of Attendees:

- Box 15 Club of Los Angeles – No Response
- Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley – Bruce Dembecki, President
- Hall of Flame Volunteer Organization – Bob Bowers, Treasurer
- Phoenix Fire Buff Society – Not on call -Spoke to Phil Reid, Treasurer, by phone
- Tacoma/Pierce County Fire Buff - No Response

- Seattle Fire Buff Society – Steve Fickenscher, Treasurer & Past Region 7 V.P.
- IFBA Executive Vice President, Wally Banks

Meeting Purpose / Introduction:

- Bob Bowers Explain that we wanted to open communication within the region so we could learn from each other's experience. His plan was visiting each organization but the COVID 19 stopped that plan. Next year's plan is to travel after there is a vaccination available and the coronavirus is under control.
- Steve explain that during his tenure as Regional V.P. for the last four or five years he was not able to get the clubs in region 7 together for a meeting or a call.
- Bob express that he believes that opening communications between clubs we can share our experiences and learn from each other. As well as utilizing the size of the IFBA.

I.F.B.A. Report:

- Wally Banks, Executive Vice President gave a report on the cancelation of the Nashville convention and reported that Next year's convention is in Ottawa. He also expressed that the IFBA is there to help organization when needed and to spread that word of "Fun, Fellowship and Fire Trucks".

Old Business:

- Club / Organization Reports

Bruce Dembecki reported the FASCV is in good order. Their canteen service has 3 trucks. Including a Dodge pickup truck that transports food and drinks to incidents. They are funded by payroll deduction and their membership dues of 65.00 per year. Their budget is \$12,000 per year. Which pays for the snack type of food and drinks. If they serve meals, they are paid for by the department.

Today's Roster contains 37 members. Of these, 2 are Limited members (under 21 years of age and not eligible to drive), and 7 are Associate Members (former members who have left the area but retain contact). Of these there are currently 16 members involved at some level in incident response, and 4 additional prospects going through the membership process. - we have added 5 new members this year, while we have sadly lost 3. The 5 new members are active in incident response, those we lost were largely inactive. With 4 prospective members in process, we will probably end up with 9 new members this year. So, a strong net gain. As a source of new members, we have been getting members through Trade Schools.

Operations during COVID 19 continued uninterrupted. We did however write new operating guidelines, changing some aspects of our service in the field - adding mask and glove use at all times in the field, removing some items from our menu (we no longer serve food from communal boxes - nothing people have to put a hand in and pick an item - with donuts being

the most obvious example, but another good example is pizza, hands in a box exposed to all the food is no longer permitted), we serve only individually wrapped food items. We also changed the way we serve bottled water and Gatorade - with our members being positioned between crews and the coolers, only our gloved hands go into the coolers, no first responders' hands. There were other minor adjustments to our field protocols because of the COVID crisis. In March we wrote up a document outlining the changes in our field operations and shared it with the Chiefs of our 11 fire departments, advising them of systems for managing COVID risk, we know this document was shared down the line. This document received high praise from the Departments.

2019 saw us hit a new high, with 106 runs. That 106 number includes 20 PR events - Parades, Pancake Breakfast and so on, and a large-scale drill. (So, 85 emergency responses)

2020 to date has us at 92 responses, with COVID cancelling all PR events and multi-unit drills. November and December are usually slower months, we may not make 100, but we will be close.

The largest difference between the 85 responses in 2019 and the 92 YTD for 2020 revolve around 10 responses made to support Fire and Police during major civil unrest in May and June.

Additional restrictions on Fire Station access made for limited to access to one of our Fire Support Units. We choose to work around that by using the other units, keeping FSU1 out of service. We were able to negotiate a return to access this month and FSU1 is back in service. Had we needed it we would have found a way to get it, but we were happy with it being safely tucked away in the fire station.

An additional impact of the COVID crisis was on our monthly meetings. Our March meeting was cancelled the day of when the County closed Fire Stations to outside visitors. In April we also did not hold a meeting. By the time of our May meeting it was apparent this would not be resolved quickly so we switched to a virtual meeting format. Since May we have successfully held our monthly meetings via Zoom, with a higher than normal attendance rate.

Steve Fickenschier reported that the Seattle Fire Buff Society has 20 members after adding 2 new member this year. As in any organization there are about 10 active members. For 2019, we did 138 runs. For 2020, YTD is 141. We did not have to stop the canteen unit at any time during COVID-19. For our responses during COVID, the only difference was that we needed to follow the COVID-19 safety protocols established by the department. Other than that, it is business as usual for the responses. The only impact we have had for COVID-19 is that we are not allowed to have our meetings at the fire stations. They are planning of getting a new canteen soon to replace their 1984 Ford Van.

Bob Bowers reported that the Hall of Flame Volunteer Organization has had a change of Management at the Executive Manager's position. He has new and different ideas in directing utilizing the volunteers. We had the Captain and Sargent of Arm resign from our organization.

The remaining officers rewrote the Bylaws and had a couple of meetings with the owner of the museum. After a rewrite of the Bylaws, we have come to an agreed on how to move forward. The biggest issue is management understanding that volunteers not employees and how to best utilize them, mixed with staff to accomplish the goals of the museum.

We have had an increase in membership in the last month by six new members. Total membership is now 46.

New Business:

- Region 7 Vice President Election -Nomination for a one-year term
 - Steve made a motion to elect Bob Bowers Region 7 V.P. seconded by Bruce. The motion carried unanimously
- Name of Delegate and Alternative for the Convention
 - Bruce is delegate for FASCV
 - Bob is delegate for HOFV
- October 31, 2020 by IFBA Business Meeting by google Group
 - Live video feed & Phone
- Bruce brought up some issues he needed resolved and asked for help from the IFBA to assist.

Bruce asked for help in becoming a 501(c) organization. They have been rejected two of three times; they are being recognized as a fire department, which they are not.

My request can the IFBA negotiate with a commercial organization to provide such services to all member clubs. While we may only need a background check 2 or 3 times a year, and our needs are probably similar to our sister organizations, the IFBA acting on behalf of all clubs would represent a much larger volume to a commercial vendor.

Of course, we realize there will be a fee for such services from a commercial vendor, we expect to include such amounts in application fees.

Also by adopting universal background policies this could lead the way to some form of reciprocal membership arrangements being setup with IFBA member groups - If a member of Fire Associates picked up and relocated to Richmond Virginia there could be some simplified process for such a person joining the Flying Squad, for example.

Can IFBA negotiate with a number of vendors for things many of us need - uniforms, badges, Hero Wipes, rehab supplies (I could use new misting fans for all my rigs, be nice if a vendor gave us a good deal) and so on...Just thinking out loud.

Also... what resources can we share. Fire Associates is buying an ID Card Printer this week - Once it arrives if anyone else wants us to print plastic id cards, we would be happy to do that for a small contribution to cover supplies.

- Bob Bowers asked Brue to send all of us a copy of their Bylaws so we could review and make recommendations.
- Wally asked him to email his other request out so he could see what could be done within the IFBA to assist his organization.

Conclusion:

- Bob thanked everyone that was on the call and hoped that their time invested was worthwhile. Bruce thought the call was good and looked forward to the next call.

Next Video/ Google Meet call:

- Region 7 Winter Meeting 2021, January/February

Adjournment: at 10:58 A.M.

Submitted by Bob Bowers, Region 7 Vice President, October 29, 2020



REGION 9

Bayonne Fire Canteen, Inc. - 1994
c/o Will Chwalyk
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Bayonne NJ 07002
wchwalykjr@gmail.com

Bell & Siren Club, Inc. - 1949
P. O. Box 269
Caldwell NJ 07006-0269
mrihcohen@aol.com

Box 54 Club - 1952
PO Box 54
Teaneck NJ 07666
Box5474a@aol.com

Fire Bell Club of New York, Inc. - 1939
204 E 23rd St.
New York NY 10010
Ten75aje@msn.com

Gong Club, Inc. - 1950
PO Box 213
Jersey City NJ 07303-0213
gongclub@comcast.net

Second Alarmers Assoc., Inc. - 1921
2900 Roberts Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19129
chiefmasi@gmail.com

SPAAMFAA - 1967
Att: Stan Socha
66 Woodhollow
Brunswick OH 44212-1217

IFBA Region 9 Report

Annual Meeting

October 17, 2020

I am pleased to submit this report on the activities of Region #9.

As has been previously reported, the 4 New Jersey Canteen Clubs—Box 54, Teaneck; Gong Club, Jersey City; Bayonne Fire Canteen; and The Bell & Siren Club, Newark-- were fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a UASI grant, administered through the Bergen County OEM. All the members of these Clubs received yellow reflective work jackets with cold weather liners, pop-up tents; portable generators; portable light stanchion; and Cambro urns. Besides this, the Clubs used their share of the funds to buy items specific to their needs, including outfitting members with Unication Digital pagers & outdoor heavy duty heaters.

During the height of the Corona virus earlier this year, Box 54 and the Bell and Siren Club took themselves out of service for several months. Both Clubs have limited membership, and a significant percentage are in the “high risk” category. The other NJ Clubs as well as the Philadelphia Second Alarmers continued their service. By July all Clubs were back in service.

Fire Bell Club of NY

Nothing new is really happening. Meetings are conducted via ZOOM. The Fire Commissioner has given approval for them to meet in person if their quarters are large enough to support social distance guidelines. Unfortunately theirs is not, so they will have to look for another location before they can again have in person meetings.

Philadelphia Second Alarmers

Because of a significant decrease in multiple alarms, the Club decided several years ago to respond to “All-Hands” working fires. In 2019 there were only 19 multiples but the Club responded over 700 times, and so far in 2020 there have been 7 multiples, but total runs are almost 600!

They are fortunate that they have the manpower to support this workload, including having at least one member at their station 24/7. This allows for a rapid response to the workers, with other members meeting the truck at the scene. Their major source of recruitment is using Facebook, Twitter, & other social media. Currently they have 24,000 followers on Facebook.

With the increased responses, they felt the need to add to their service menu and since they are at all workers, PFD is utilizing the Second Alarms to provide:

1. Replacement batteries for FD radios
2. Replacement helmet hoods
3. Hand Warmers
4. Decon wipes of various sizes
5. Spare SCBA air tanks which they swap out for empty ones

The Second Alarmers might be the oldest Club in the IFBA, having been organized in 1921. Plans are under way for a 100th Anniversary celebration on Saturday Oct 9, 2021 which will include an open house of their expanded quarters, as well as a possible banquet. Save the date!

Gong Club

While continuing to serve at fires, the pandemic caused the club to cancel the annual Negron Run, the FDJC Family Picnic and plans to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. The new date for the 70th dinner is November 20, 2021.

To date the Club has responded to 35 incidents.

The major issue hanging over their heads is the status of their quarters. The area where the Club is located is undergoing gentrification and Jersey City wants to sell their building. The Club has not heard anything definite, but it looks like after all these years the "House of Gong" will have to relocate.

Bell & Siren Club

Continuing the trend of the other Clubs, runs are also down, with only 25 responses year to date. The Club did miss several runs when they were out of service due to COVID concerns, but in past years at this time, about 50 runs would have been logged.

They also decided to cancel their Annual December Holiday Party. This event was always very popular not just with the members but also with the Chiefs and firefighters of the towns Headquarters #17 serves.

Bayonne Fire Canteen

They continued service through the worst months of the pandemic.

Box 54 Club

They are unique among Region #9 Clubs in that their 3 trucks are owned by the Teaneck Fire Dep't., and they get a lot of their supplies through the FD. The downside to this is that Box 54 is beholden to the city for funds for a new canteen, which they desperately need. It is no surprise that this request is one of the first to be cut from the municipal budget. If they were to try to organize their own canteen fund drive it could result in the town totally severing its relationship with the Club, taking back the trucks, ending some supply funding, etc. Along with the need for members, the replacement of their current canteen remains the Club's biggest challenges.

At our virtual Region #9 meeting held in the Spring, it was a privilege to be nominated to serve another term as Vice President. I would like to thank all the Region #9 Clubs for their support, as well as that from the entire IFBA leadership and Executive Board team.

It has been my pleasure to work with everyone.

Submitted by,

Ira Cohen

Region #9 Vice President

The Bell and Siren Club, Inc.

Organized 1949
Charter Member International Fire Buff Associates

REPLY TO:

Post Office Box 269
Caldwell, New Jersey 07006



EMERGENCY CALL:

Newark Fire
Headquarters

Submitted by Nancy Renzulli and Ira Cohen

As 2020 draws to a close we are all hopeful that 2021 will be a better year, and with the new COVID vaccines we can return to some sense of normalcy.

Fortunately none of our members or their family passed away from the virus. Since many of our active members are "seniors" & in the high risk category, the Club reluctantly decided not to respond to fires during the height of the virus in the spring. From April-June, our Rig, Headquarters #17 was out of service and we missed 7 multiple alarms.

Prior to resuming our responses in July, we established several protocols, including:

- a. No more than two members on the Rig
- b. Temperatures of members to be taken & recorded on our Rig report
- c. Gloves and masks to be worn at all times
- d. No self-service for the firefighters. All drinks & food to be handed out from the Rig
- e. Rig to be cleaned and sanitized upon return

We are pleased that during the time we were out service the firefighters were understanding and we did not receive any complaints.

Unlike many places, Newark and its surrounding communities were spared the riots, burning and looting that occurred during the summer in so many of America's cities. While there were street demonstrations and marches, for the most part they were peaceful resulting in few arrests and no significant arson.

One positive note of the past year is that the UASI grant for the 4 IFBA canteen clubs in Northern New Jersey was finalized. Early in 2019 the Bergen County (NJ) Office of Emergency Management contacted the clubs about participating in an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. The clubs were: Teaneck Box 54; Bayonne Fire Canteen; Jersey City Gong Club; and the Bell & Siren Club.

Region #9 VP Ira Cohen coordinated efforts with Bergen County OEM D/C Matthew Ziemkiewicz and each club submitted a "wish list" of equipment they could use. After much discussion, the clubs each received:

- a. High Visibility Reflective work jackets, with winter liners, for all members
- b. One Honda portable generator
- c. One large pop-up tent with side walls
- d. Two misting fans
- e. Cambro thermos jugs
- f. Portable floodlights
- g. Outdoor Heaters
- h. Unication G5 voice pagers for all Box 54, Bayonne Fire Canteen & the Bell and Siren Club members

It took some time, but several months ago, all items were finally received by the clubs. We are especially happy to have the pagers as Newark switched frequencies to the trunked P25 NJ State System, and this allows all our members to not only monitor Newark's transmissions, but also to have it for the tone alerts for Headquarters #17. Moreover the pagers are programmed so we can monitor many of the surrounding towns that are also on the P25 system, as well as those on the old analog UHF bands.

Normally, Headquarters #17 responds to about 75 runs a year. For whatever reason, multiples in Newark and the surrounding towns were way down in 2020. As the year draws to a close, we will finish with only about 30 runs.

One of the COVID casualties was the cancellation of our annual December Holiday Party. This was the first time in our 71 year history that the Bell & Siren Club did not host a party. Not only are club members and their spouses invited, but we also extend the invitation to the Chiefs & Union heads of the departments we serve; members of the IFBA Executive Board; and representatives of other Region #9 buff clubs. Hopefully the festivities can resume next year.

We are proud to announce the Bell & Siren Club Officers for 2021:

President-	Tom Pelaia	Chair Executive Comm.-	Frank Sapienza
Vice-President-	Nancy Renzulli	Member Exec. Comm.-	Leon White
Treasurer-	Lois Tanis	Member Exec. Comm.-	George Ottley
Secretary-	Ira Cohen	Member Exec. Comm.-	Alli Renzulli
		Member Exec. Comm.-	Joe Bray

Three Region #9 canteens, Gong Club, Bayonne Fire Canteen & Bell and Siren, operating at LOD funeral for Jersey City Det. Joseph Seals, Dec. 2019.

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GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaetzle

FIRST A HEAT WAVE...

A generally accepted definition of a heat wave is “a spell of three or more days on each of which the maximum shade temperature reaches or exceeds 90°F”.

Jersey City’s 2nd Battalion could amend that definition to include three or more multiple alarms with the temperature at or above 90°F!

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 saw a thermometer reading of 88°F at High Noon, which crept up to 91°F by late afternoon. Summer road work was in full swing with a number of streets in Jersey City’s west side closed for repairs. An excavation by a gas crew prompted a number of calls for a gas odor at Harrison Ave. & Kennedy Blvd. and other locations. An automatic alarm at 137 Monticello Ave. added to cacophony of mid-day traffic.

At the height of all this activity, the Fire Dispatch Center began receiving calls for a building fire at 246 Virginia Ave., a large 3 story mixed use occupancy at the northeast corner of West Side Ave. Box 759 was transmitted at 12:28 with an odd assignment; most of the 1st Alarm companies were tied up at the other incidents in the area. First due Eng. Co. 17 had just cleared from Monticello Ave. and responded. Capt. Joseph Dagato reported “smoke showing from the top floor; stretching a line”. As the Working Fire assignment was being

dispatched, Fire Dispatch advised Batt. 2 of reports of an elderly woman in Apt. 7. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Sean O’Connor, assigned the Field Training Officer, Batt. Chief Glenn Youncofski, to interior operations.

Batt. Chief Youncofski reported water on the fire and a primary search of Apt. 7 was underway. Batt. 2A reported the bulkhead was open and he was doing a 360° from the roof. Not liking the conditions observed, Batt. Chief O’Connor transmitted a 2nd Alarm at 12:40 as Deputy Chief Joseph Menendez arrived and assumed command. 2nd Alarm companies were ordered to stage on West Side Ave. and report to the command post.

As the search of Apt. 7 proceeded, fire suddenly roared out of an interior shaft, rolling across the top floor ceiling. Capt. Julio Ortiz, Eng. Co. 19, was now cut off from the interior stairs. Batt. Chief Youncofski, seeing this predicament, transmitted a Mayday! Lad. Co. 6, the FAST truck on the Working Fire assignment, sprang into action. Deputy Chief Menendez transmitted a 3rd Alarm. Res. Co. 1 Roof now reported heavy black smoke from the bulkhead. A ground ladder was hastily raised to the 3rd floor front corner window and Capt. Ortiz scampered down the ladder; problem solved! An accountability roll call was then conducted.



7/28/20 3-3 759 246 Virginia Ave., Jersey City

Corner building; plenty of room for “da trucks”! (Jack Cole Photo)

Persistent reports from an occupant of another person still in the building prompted Car 3, Chief of Dept. Steven McGill, to order another primary and secondary search of the entire structure. Both proved negative. Fire was declared under control at 13:10.

Car 26 responded on the 2nd Alarm, fighting heavy traffic across town. Upon arrival the crew of two deployed the misting fan, 3 wheeled coolers and distributed 70 cold towels in addition to operating from the rig. Heat stressed fire fighters downed some 7 gallons of Gatorade and 216 bottles of water.

Response:

12:28 Box 759 Eng. Co. 17-19-22-8 Lad. Co. 4-9
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO
12:31 WF 759 Eng. Co. 15 Lad. Co. 6 Batt. 1 Car 4-14
12:40 2-2 759 Eng. Co. 10-13-11-18 Lad. Co. 8
Car 3-26
12:43 3-3 759 Eng. Co. 9-7-5 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 3
OEM 1-3

Less than 6 hours later, Battalion 2 companies were back at it again, this time a scant 2 blocks from the 2nd Battalion quarters. Numerous calls were received for a fire across the street from a nursing home at 198 Stevens Ave. Box 877 was transmitted at 18:17 hours. Batt. 2, Batt.

Chief O'Connor arrived first, confronted with heavy fire in the rear of two 2 story dwellings at 197 and 199 Stevens Ave. Batt. Chief O'Connor transmitted a 2nd Alarm upon arrival.

Companies found that a car was alight in the rear yard of 197 Stevens Ave. with the siding and interior of both buildings now involved. Fire fighters swarmed into both buildings, quickly knocking down the interior fire. Access from the rear was challenging; the "street" to the rear, High View Rd., is a narrow, twisting path with 2 90° turns. But, quick work by the battle-weary companies turned the tide! Fire was confined to the two buildings and the vehicle.

The same crew staffed Car 26 for this run, serving thirsty troops another 5 gallons of Gatorade and 138 bottles of water.

Tale of the tape for this run:

18:17 Box 877 Eng. Co. 19-13-22-17-Sq. 4 Lad.
Co. 8-4 Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 FTO
18:20 WF 877 Lad. Co. 11 Batt. 4 Car 14
18:20 2-2 877 Eng. Co. 8-9-15 Lad. Co. 9 Car 3-
26 OEM 3

Wednesday's heat was even worse; the July 29, 2020 high for the day was 93°F. Jersey City Group D fire fighters had a relatively routine day. Night time didn't bring much relief. The temperature was a balmy 80°F at 02:52 when Box 834 was transmitted for a fire at 1716 Kennedy Blvd. This address sits at the northeast corner of Linden Ave. & Kennedy Blvd., a block and a half from Eng. Co. 13's quarters. The building is an oversized brick apartment building on a double lot. The ground floor houses a popular eatery, Vincent's Pizzeria.

Eng Co. 13 arrived quickly with Capt. John Yanick reporting "3 story Class 3 mixed occupancy; heavy smoke showing throughout the building. We're lining in!". Battalion 2, Batt. Chief Peter Giese, was right behind Eng. 13 and reported "Heavy smoke from a pizzeria. Lad. 8 take the front of the building; Ladder Tower 4 take Linden Ave." A mere 2 minutes later, Batt. Chief Giese was back on the radio, "Batt. 2, STRIKE a 2nd Alarm!" He followed with a brief progress report, "One line in operation; stretching a line to the floor above; searches underway".

Deputy Chief Richard Casella took command at 03:08, reporting fire in a corner building, 3 story, Class 3, mixed use; heavy smoke throughout. Fire started in the basement and has spread. Ventilation is underway; all companies engaged. Batt. 2 reported extension to the stairway between the 1st & 2nd floors; fire being knocked down; checking for extension.

Eng. Co. 22, Capt. James Farrell, reported they were "in the basement knocking down a large amount of fire. The majority of the fire was in the basement; making progress". Meanwhile Squad 4 reported fire in the walls on the 2nd floor. Deputy Chief Casella special called another battalion chief; Batt. 1 was assigned.

Batt. 2 reported extension to the left and right apartments, while Res. 1 roof team called for a thermal imaging camera on the roof. There was too much going on here; fire was extending up in several areas. Deputy Chief Casella, at 03:27, radioed "Give me a 3rd Alarm here. Have the 3rd Alarm companies stage at Danforth Ave. & The Boulevard and at Greenville Ave. & The Boulevard".

At 03:41 Deputy Chief Casella reported “Majority of the fire has been knocked down. Companies are engaged in extensive overhauling; checking for extension. Primary search is complete; secondary search starting. Awaiting arrival of the 3rd

Alarm companies. Have Car 26 open up”. Eng. 17 then reported that the stairs from the 1st floor to the basement were gone; burned away and they were putting caution tape up. Batt. 2 reported the only access to the basement was from the Bilco doors.



7/30/20 3-3 834 1716 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City
Command board view! Another corner property makes for ideal truck placement. (Bobby Scollan Photo)

All hands worked for nearly another hour before the fire was under control and companies could start taking up. This fire marked the end of a 32-year career for Batt. Chief John Bowen, Batt. 3. His retirement would take effect at 08:00. For his final tour, his son, Probationary Fire Fighter Jordan Bowen, was assigned to Batt. 3. After the fire was under control, Deputy Chief Casella thanked Chief Bowen for his service over the air. All hands gathered in the middle of the street and gave Batt. Chief Bowen a standing ovation!

Three members operated Car 26, including Club Secretary Bobby Scollan who walked from his home 5 blocks south of the fire. 10 gallons of Gatorade and 160 bottles of water were served. The misting fan was deployed and 50 cold towels distributed to provide some relief from the heat.

Running assignment for this incident:

02:53 Box 834 Eng. Co. 13-19-22-8 Lad. Co. 8-4
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 2 Div. 1 MSU

02:56 WF 834 Sqd. Co. 4 Lad. Co. 11 Batt. 4 Car
14

02:59 2-2 834 Eng. Co. 17-9-15 Lad. Co. 9 Car 3-
26

03:27 3-3 834 Eng. Co. 11-2-18 Lad. Co. 2 Batt.
3 OEM 3

THEN A TROPICAL STORM!

Less than a week later, Tropical Storm Isaias came roaring into the area. Although Hurricane Sandy was 8 years ago, any warnings of tropical storms or hurricanes send New Jersey residents expecting the worst! The storm made landfall in North

Carolina as a Category 1 hurricane but by the time it reached New Jersey on August 4, 2020, the system had been downgraded to a tropical storm. High winds and rain battered the state for the better part of the day, resulting in 2 fatalities and nearly 1,500,000 customers were without power for a portion of the day.

A crew manned Car 26 for the day, but no fires thankfully occurred at the height of the storm. Plenty of downed power lines and trees kept companies throughout Hudson County extremely busy. The storm, however, was short-lived; by 18:00 hours the sun was shining! As the weather turned for the better, North Hudson Fire Control began receiving calls for a building fire at 811 12th St., Union City.

Companies arrived to find heavy fire in the rear of a 3-story frame dwelling on a short block between Summit Ave. and Kennedy Blvd. Fire was extending to a similar detached exposure. 2nd and 3rd Alarms quickly followed and Car 26 was out the door quickly.

The units on the greater alarms swarmed over both buildings and knocked down the fire in short order. Extensive overhauling in both buildings kept the full 3rd Alarm assignment working for some time. The 4 members working Car 26 kept firefighters hydrated with 5 gallons of Gatorade and 120 bottles of water.



8/4/20 3-3 811 12th St., Union City

Car 26 at the ready as companies perform extensive overhauling (Ron Jeffers Photo)

APPARATUS UPGRADES

Other than a fatal 3rd Alarm in a senior citizen high rise at 92 Danforth Ave., Jersey City, on October 16th, fire activity throughout Hudson County has been unusually quiet. This calm gives us an opportunity to recap apparatus improvements in Jersey City and North Hudson.

Pierce delivered 3 XT Model 2000 GPM pumpers, assigned to Engine Companies 5, 11 and 22. Department Chaplain blessed the new rigs at Fire Headquarters on the sweltering hot afternoon of July 6, 2020.

Ten of Jersey City's engine fleet are Pierce products, including Squad Co.4. Their 2007 American LaFrance has been retired. A 2003 Pierce that previously saw duty at Engines 9 and 22 has been re-lettered and assigned permanently to the squad. A new rig is slated for them in the coming year.

Also retired was Ladder Co. 4's 2003 American LaFrance 75' tower. A 2020 Pierce 95' tower is now responding from the 1894 firehouse that they share with Eng. Co. 22. This is Jersey City's 2nd Pierce 95-footer; a 2014 model is assigned to Ladder Co. 6 Downtown.



Three Pierce XT 2000/500 Pumps for Engine Companies 22, 11 and 5 (l – r) were dedicated on July 6, 2020 at Jersey City Fire Headquarters (Ron Jeffers Photo)



Jersey City's second Pierce XT 95' tower is now in service as Ladder Co. 4 (Ron Jeffers Photo)



A pair of 2020 Ferrara rigs has bolstered North Hudson's roster. Both respond from the 43rd St. quarters of Squad Co. 1 and Rescue Co. 1. (Ron Jeffers Photos)

A class of 37 probationary fire fighters were sworn into the Jersey City Fire Department in a brief, chilly outdoor ceremony (COVID-19!) on the steps of City Hall on December 8, 2020. This latest class brings the roster to over 640; the greatest strength the FDJC has had in decades!

The truncated ceremony of December 8, 2020 was just one of innumerable casualties of COVID-19. To say this has been a

challenging year is an understatement. The overlying concern, obviously, is the health and safety of the firefighting force and their families. But many long traditions have fallen victim to the pandemic. Retirement parties, the annual FDJC Family Day Picnic, the Carlos Negrón Memorial Run and the Capt. Mark Lee Christmas Toy Drive Wrapping Party are just a few of the special events that had to be cancelled. All of these functions were special details for Car 26. Such assignments for Car 26 were down by 65% as 2020 drew to a close.



Jersey City's latest recruit class graduated from training and were formally appointed to the Department on December 8, 2020 (Ron Jeffers Photo)

Alas, the Gong Club's 70th Anniversary Banquet, planned for November 21, 2020, also was axed due to the pandemic. The Club had planned to fete its second 50-year member that night, renowned fire photographer Ron Jeffers. Ron's 50-year plaque was presented at the December 2020 business meeting.

The Club was featured in a recent episode of Pin the Q, a podcast production. To view the episode, click www.pintheq.com.

Let's hope for a better 2021 and the chance to re-schedule that celebration and the other events which are part of the fabric of the fire service!



**Ron Jeffers is the Gong Club's 2nd 50-year member; Frank Bohrman was the first.
(Ron Jeffers Photo by Conni Spellman!)**

Turn Out 1970

22.

GONG CLUB, INC.
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

By
Elmer Leiner

The Gong Club will not forget 1970; it has been a very busy year for us.

We responded to a total of 101 multiple alarms of fire. Jersey City had 69 seconds, 17 thirds and three fourths for a total of 89. The other 12 responses were in surrounding communities to which we respond.

The officers for 1970 are Chief, Andy Rhodes; Deputy Chief, A. Passberg; Chief of Finance, Elmer Leiner; Chief of Records, R. Jeffers, and members of the Executive Board are W. Zapp, J. Cullimore and J. Oliver. Warren Zapp and Ben Stevens, both good fire photographers, are official photographers for the Club.

On December 11 we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a fine Cocktail hour and dinner at the Holiday Inn. The date also happened to be charter member Elmer and Mrs. Leiner's 33rd wedding anniversary. Another milestone was reached on this date when Frank Borman, a member of the Club, was sworn in as a member of the Fire Department, the first one. James Carey, a former member, and six-year veteran of the Police Department, was also sworn in.

Henry Haines was Chairman of the dinner and arranged an outstanding program that included Jerry Molloy, the Don Rickles of Hoboken, as principal speaker. Poor Henry and Chief Gibney were the target of many of Jerry's jokes. Retired Chief Charles Stressler, of the New York Fire Department, finished off the very fine evening by showing several reels of film of the New York Fire Department in action.

Leo Mendez, President of the I.F.B.A. and the Delaware Valley Fire Buffs of Philadelphia, was a guest, and our good friend Bill Brennan, Editor of the I.F.B.A.'s "Turn out" and member of Signal 22 Association of Trenton, was also present.

I thought you might like to know that our Chief Andy Rhodes is 77 years young, still an ardent Buff and on many occasions drives the Coffee Wagon to fires.

While convalescing in Greenville Hospital on October 14 a Box hit just a block and a half away at Jackson and Stevens Streets and it went to four alarms. The fire was in a row of frame tenements and several citizens and some firemen were injured. The Coffee Wagon was out picking up returns for a raffle and beat some of the second alarm companies in to the fire. I had to content myself with a view from the window.

Chief Gibney often wonders how Henry Haines beats him into fires on the 2nd alarm. Well, it is because Henry is never without his radio.

Our quarters are still located at 244 Bay St. where the telephone number is 333-9147; we meet the 2nd Friday of each month and visitors are always welcome.

Hope to see you all in Philadelphia in July.

Turn Out 1970

Jersey City - #2

31.

April 21, 1971.

At 8:33 P. M. the Jersey City Fire Alarm office began to receive a series of 'phone calls and boxes for a fire at 116 Ogden Ave; Box 424 was struck at Palisade and Boorean Avenues. First arriving companies found a building at 116 Ogden Avenue heavily involved, with exposures close on either side. The Fire Ticket reads as follows:

8:35 P. M. Box 424 Fire reported at 116 Ogden Avenue. Companies responding, Engine 7 and 14, Truck 3, Rescue 1, Battalion 3 (Ch. Ruoff) and Division 1 (Ch. Cardillo) (ED. NOTE) Engine 18, normally assigned on this Box was relocated in the quarters of Engine 20. This was because of the large brush fires in the Caven Point area. Engine 14 responded to fill a reduced assignment.

8:36 P. M. Engine 7 reports a building fully involved; the assignment is filled out by the dispatchers. Companies responding: Engine 5 and Truck 6 (both are due on the second alarm).

8:37 P.M. 2-2 B/O Battalion 3 fire at 116 Ogden Avenue. Companies responding and their normal response: Engines 6, 15, 17 and Truck 9 (all assigned on the third alarm) and Rescue 2 (second alarm).

8:41 P. M. 3-3 B/O Division 1 - Heavy life hazard with people missing in the building. Ambulances needed for civilians being removed from building. Companies responding: Engines 4 (second alarm) 18 as 20 (relocated) AND I (not assigned on the card) Truck 2 (not assigned on the card) Battalion Chiefs of the first and fourth were special called to bring Scott bottles for a search of the fire building due to heavy smoke and fire.

9:45 P. M. HQTRS. The following relocations completed:

HOBOKEN--Engine 1 to J. C. Engine 4
Engine 3 to J. C. Engine 5
Truck 2 to J. C. Truck 6

BAYONNE--Engine 3 to J. C. Engine 19
Engine 5 to J. C. Engine 19
Truck 3 to J. C. Truck 8

UNION CITY--Engine 1 to J. C. Engine 18
Engine 4 to J. C. Engine 18
Truck 1 to J. C. Truck 3

JERSEY CITY--Engine 9 to Engine 11
Truck 4 to Truck 9

9:53 P. M. Recall. B/O Chief of Department Raymond A. Gibney, 25 men from group (C) to be called back to duty with their respective companies.

Editor's Note: During this time the companies at the scene were engaged in searching the buildings for survivors. Six persons were rescued at the scene during this time but two of these lost their lives in the fire. Spectacular ladder work and truck work kept the death toll from reaching any higher.

1:16 A.M. RETURN. Return Signal sounded B/O of Chief Gibney, indicating the fire extinguished and companies being returned to service.

1:30 A.M. Gong Club Canteen returned to quarters.



PHILADELPHIA RESPONSE TEAM EMBARKS ON IT'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Arriving at the 2900 block of Roberts Avenue in East Falls, you may think you're at a Philadelphia Fire Department station. Red trim around two bay doors that open up to reveal four large, red and white response vehicles with gold lettering. Equipment on the vehicles all stained with the smell of smoke from past fires. These are not Philadelphia Fire Department vehicles, however, and those inside the building are not on-duty Philadelphia Firefighters.

They are on-duty though.

The all-volunteer Second Alarmers Association of Philadelphia is ready at a minute's notice, keeping watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Roberts Avenue for any emergency that may call upon their service. Their service is needed when first-responder operations are prolonged at city events and emergencies, where health and safety of Philadelphia Police and Philadelphia Fire is of concern. Their mission statement is "to provide rest and rehab to the Philadelphia Fire & Police Department", but their actions go beyond that.

Past and Present

The Second Alarmers were born out of an emergency. In 1921, a large fire on the waterfront kept police and fire working long hours on a chilly February night. A group of residents, noticing the effect of the weather on first-responders, jumped in their cars, bought coffee, and returned to the scene. It was this "sense of taking care of those who take care of the public" that created the group. That has remained its core value almost 100 years later.

Having begun as a Canteen Unit and primarily providing food and drink for police and fire, the association has become more intrinsic and inter-woven in emergency response beyond coffee. From the derailment of Amtrak 188, Hurricane Sandy, Pope Francis' visit, and a seven-alarm fire this past August. The Second Alarmers cover over 700 responses a year. In 99 years of service, the Alarmers have made nearly 15,000 "runs" and with the year 2020 ended with 742 runs in just one year's time and has broken all previous records. They now assist with replacing first-responders' clothing, radio batteries, and oxygen-filled breathing cylinders.

Leadership

The man in charge of the Second Alarmers wears two hats, and two titles, literally. At 2900 Roberts Avenue, Gregory Masi is known as Chief, in charge of the all-volunteer organization. However, Philadelphia Police call him Sergeant, as Masi has been with the police department for decades and has since retired from their Communications Division.

Mr. Masi, who has been with the Second Alarmers for two decades, volunteers about 20-30 hours per week into the Second Alarmers. It's a family affair as his wife Marsha volunteers with him, providing "creature comforts" as Masi calls it. "This is my greatest hobby and it's a chance to give back to first responders, to show them the public appreciates what they do", says Masi.

Why Volunteer?

When parents are working long hours and people have multiple jobs, finding extra time during the week to volunteer is at a premium.

It's a sense of service and giving that brought Nicholas Keck to the Second Alarmers years ago. By day, Keck delivers medical supplies to people in need. At the Second Alarmers, he serves as Assistant Chief. Having two young children at home it makes it tough and the running-around constant. But Keck believes he's helping to make a difference.

Mr. Keck responded to the Amtrak 188 derailment in May of 2015. He found himself and his volunteer group called into action.

Keck explained, "The train derailment that night, police and fire were just really grateful towards us. We were able to provide wide lighting to help people get around safely. We had portable generators for the light towers. We took them off our trucks and brought the lighting to the scene. They were just ecstatic that we were able to help them with that so much." The association is also proud to have its first female officer that being a Lieutenant. As Amanda Specos-Perkins been near active 10 years she has actually been involved with the association most of her 30 years as her father Peter Specos is a Life Member who has been with the association for 35 years as well is now currently serving as a Lieutenant and is also a Paramedic with the P.F.D.



How You Can Help?

Chief Masi calls the Second Alarmers "Philadelphia's best kept secret". On October 9th 2021 the association will be having their 100TH celebration at their station with plenty of activities planned. It is also the weekend prior to the INTERSCHUTZ USA CONVENTION that will be held at the downtown Convention Center October 13th-16th 2021.

"Citizens automatically assume that we are part of Philly Fire, when in reality, we are 100% volunteer", says Masi.

The organization is comprised of near 50 volunteers. Over the years, the Second Alarmers have expanded in diversity and have people from all walks of life involved, from an architect to other first responders – something that Masi likes and wants more of.

The Second Alarmers are always looking for more volunteers and appreciate those who bring various skills sets and varied background to the organization.

If you are interested in donating time through volunteering or donating funds, visit their [Facebook](#) page, call (215) 223-1936 or stop in their headquarters at 2900 Roberts Avenue just off the East Falls exit of the Roosevelt Boulevard. If you plan to be in the area during celebration, please stop by and see what the "SA" has to offer.

"This gives you a chance to make an impact, have a warm feeling in your heart, and the ability to say I did a great job and made a difference", Masi says.



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UCMU Monteregie - 2001
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**INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFFS
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STEVE GARNETT
VICE PRESIDENT
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Region 10 Virtual Meeting
Oct. 3, 2020

A virtual meeting via Google Meets was held and called to order by Region 10
VP Steve Garnett at 12:10

In attendance:

Steve Garnett: I.F.B.A. Region 10 Vice President
Carolyn Wignall, President- GTMAA
Bob Ruepert, President –Ontario Fire Buff Ass.
Eugene Zalensky, President - APAM
Mathieu Vincent, Officer- APALL
Rene Bougie, VP- PAM
Tracey Brighten, Captain- PAM
Mike McNaulty, Member GTMAA
Ian Duke, Member- GTMAA
Guy Dupuis, Member- PAM

Agenda:

Introduction
Region 10 VP nomination and elections
Nashville convention up-date and future conventions
General discussion
Questions/concerns
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Region 10 VP nomination and elections:

Election of Region 10 Vice President for 2020-2021 term. Motion made to
nominate Steve Garnett. Carried unanimously

Convention news:

2020- Rick Short regrets to announce that the Nashville convention has been
cancelled due to Covid-19



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2021- Ottawa, Ontario: Region 10 will be hosting next year's convention dependant on the Covid-19 situation. Preliminary agenda has been put together and hotel contract signed.
2022 - Joint IFBA <> SPAAMFAA convention in Boston area (Woburn, MA)
2023 - Milwaukee, WI
2024 - Possibly Richmond, VA

New business:

Steve advised of a potential new Region 10 member, the Bytown Fire Brigade museum in Ottawa. Tentative visit to their facilities are planned during the 2021 convention.

Suggestion from Ken Buchanan (Box 43) that the IFBA could consider issuing Years of Service medals to members. Ideas brought forward from the floor included banners which a member club could hang in quarters or display at meetings.

- *Steve Garnett to investigate and follow-up at next executive meeting.*

Eugene Zalesny advised that APAM was supposed to receive their official certification at the now cancelled 2020 Nashville convention.

- *Steve Garnett to follow-up at executive board meeting*

Discussed IFBA member dues will increase to \$75.00.

APAL are to join forces with another group in their area, which in turn expands their territory.

General Discussion:

Small talk on various subjects.

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Motion to adjourn at 1:28pm.



Report from the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association, Region 10

by Desmond Brett

And that was the year that wasn't, at least with the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association. When the Pandemic restrictions began in March, the two rehab services in Toronto were put on hiatus and have remained so all year. In person meetings were suspended and our monthly gathering has been virtual ever since. Our sister organisation, the Ontario Fire Buffs Associates, also had to suspend photo tours and cancel the annual meeting, events attended by our members, especially the show and sale. In addition, the Annual Firefighter's Toy Drive, which many hours contributed by our membership, was highly restricted this time out. We hope with the new vaccines and the major lockdown underway here that we can keep the infection rate down to manageable levels and resume our activities.

While we may be quiet, Toronto and area emergency services have not. With many people home all the time, and often experimenting with cooking, dwelling fires are up significantly from last year. Most of the professional activities that seem to result in fires are not restricted so vehicle work, construction and home repair such as plumbing and roofing have continued. Dwelling fires have increased while commercial and industrial fires are down as more people work from home and factories and stores close. Major fires were well down from the hectic pace of last year (14 3rd alarms, 5 fourths, 5 fifths) but December turned very busy with a 3rd, a 4th and two 5th alarms bringing the unofficial total to 13 3rds, 3 4ths and 3 5ths. Here is a look at some of the major outbreaks:

On June 4, a row of 2-story brick Victorian houses downtown was being renovated into a condo project and being repaired after the east end units were destroyed in a four alarm fire in April of 2019. Multiple callers reported heavy black smoke from a middle unit and comms added the squad, knowing this was a major outbreak. P.325 had heavy smoke from all floors at the front in 473 and 475, P.333 got to the rear to find heavy fire conditions and big lines were pulled while A.324 (east) and A.312 (west) set up at each end of the alley that runs behind these buildings, and AT.333 was erected in front. Meanwhile, with flames rolling 20' above the buildings and the blaze extending through 471 and threatening 469, these premises were quickly searched and P.315, P.332 and HR.332 endeavoured to cut off the fire. Once the heavy elevated streams were applied, especially from AT.333, the inferno darkened down and the crews were faced with a knock-down drag-out fight with unstable structures (most of the fire building was now collapsed) and hidden pockets of fire throughout the old dwellings. Ground ladders were used to access the back portions, including the 2-story extensions typical of these houses. A collapse zone was set up in front and the tower used to get at areas needing attention. Lots of saws, axes, pike poles and even a water lance were employed in extinguishing what was left. Most of 473 fell in, along with portions of 475, and 471 was heavily damaged but it took just over an hour to achieve knock down.

A fourth alarm at 473 Queen Street East on Tuesday, June 2nd.

South Command

FIR	0915	P325, 333	T333	R325,326		Car 33
Additional	0917			Sq313		
2nd Alarm	0919	P314, 324, 332	A324	P312 (RIT)	HZ332, A/L333	Car 30, 31
Additional	0920			HR332		CMD30
3rd Alarm	0924	P313, 323, 334	A312	REHAB01		Car 32

Additional	0929				Car 2,6
4th Alarm	0946	P227, 322, 331	A315	A/L111	Car 34
Additional	1005				Car 3
Additional	1012				Car 7,9
Under Control	1023				



Aerial 324's 2017 Spartan Gladiator/Smeal 105' aerial operates a master stream from the Beta side of the fire at 473 Queen St. E. Pumper 325's 2010 Spartan Metro Star/Crimson pumps multiple hand lines on Queen St. It has a 2000gpm pump and 500 gallon tank. In the background, Aerial Tower 333 provides another master stream from the bucket. It's a 2005 E-One Cyclone II / Bronto 2050gpm/300gwt/114' tower.





September brought more fires, including this spectacular, fast-moving outbreak in Scarborough that involved most of the roof of a large industrial mall. (Photos by Kevin Hardinge)



A second alarm at 328 Passmore Avenue on Thursday, September 3rd.

East Command

FICI	1353	P211, 242	A213	R241, 243		Car 24
2nd Alarm	1356	P212, 232, 245	A113	Sq232, R115 (RIT)	HZ145,A/L231	Car 21
Additional	1357				Command 10,	Car 20
Additional	1410		A231			Car 23
Additional	1427					Car 10
Additional	1430					Car 7
Additional	1445		A215			
Additional	1500	P234		DE234, REHAB01		

F20087587 - Visible from a long way off, flame and black smoke boiled from the roof of this large, single-story concrete block industrial mall as east-end companies responded to the Armadale neighbourhood. P211 stretched in while A213 set up their ladder pipe. More lines went inside and to the roof but parked vehicles prevented a second ladder pipe being set up. Almost half the roof was burned but extension inside was minimised. The building was being worked on at the time, damage is \$500,000.

On September 24, a fourth alarm in the north-west corner of the city. Flames spread rapidly through vehicles inside this large auto repair and storage facility, involving much of the inside and breaking through the roof as TFS crews arrived. Interior crews tackled the inferno as A411 set up at the D side to provide a master stream. There were around 60 cars inside and the intensity of the blaze soon forced an exterior attack. A142 went in service from the front and AT114 was placed at the rear but the water supply was insufficient to use the tower. At least six lines were deployed in the 90 minute battle, much of the roof collapsed but the front area was saved with losses around \$5 million, overhaul took several hours.

A fourth alarm at 5 Kenhar Drive on Thursday, September 24th.

West Command

FICI	1434	P141, 146	A411	R411, 413		Car 14
2nd Alarm	1438	R412, P415, 442	A142	Sq331,R112 (RIT)	HZ145, A/L421	Car 41
Additional						CMD10
Additional	1447					Car 30
Additional	1455					Car 9
Additional	1459	P135, 145, 331				
Additional	1500					Car 13
Additional	1510		T114			
Bal. of 3 rd	1540	R421, 423	REHAB01, P116			Car 40
Additional	1545		A415			
Additional	1600					Car 11
Bal. of 4 th	1615		HR114			

F20095293 - December was quite busy with the first large fire coming on the 5th, again in the northwest on Frederick Tisdale Blvd. This time flames were tearing through a 3-story townhouse complex being constructed in a difficult to reach community. An interior attack soon became untenable as parts of the building began to collapse. Master streams were quickly brought to bear but it was a challenge to get sufficient water from the residential mains. With two ladder pipes and ground monitors along with several hand lines in use, a five-pumper relay was set up from the 12" supply on the main street several blocks west. A Bronto was added to the arsenal and the blaze was contained to the original six-unit structure.



Fire destroys several sections of the six unit townhouse on Frederick Tisdale. Below, exterior streams having knocked down most of the blaze, overhaul took many more hours. (Photos by Desmond Brett)

After that, on December 10, a hoarding situation in an apartment in a high building at 6250 Bathurst St. challenged north end crews. Flames were rolling 10' out the unit's windows and even the hallway was untenable. Crews on the fire floor located a woman who had escaped to her balcony but already suffered serious injuries. She had to be brought down an aerial ladder to waiting paramedics. Another woman was also treated for serious injuries and several other residents suffered smoke inhalation. Eventually, five alarms were sounded, dozens of stressed tenants assessed and reassured and the \$500,000 fire extinguished. This was accomplished by using a Bronto to cool the outside and prevent extension upstairs while interior crews using 2.5" lines knocked down the flames.



Arrival conditions with a free burning fire on the fifth floor, using the Bronto from the front. (Jeremy Reigber photos)

The last major outbreak occurred on December 27 in the west end of the old city. In this case, the structures were built into the side of a hill with ground level storefronts at 1975, 1977 and 1879 Dundas St. W., which were actually the top floors, with one or two floors for processing and storage below. Heavy fire conditions greeted TFS crews and an exterior attack was mounted using three ladder pipes and a Bronto, as well as numerous lines and monitors. The vacant buildings collapsed and fire crews were hard pressed to access the blaze beneath the remains of the roof. Four alarms were sounded as relays were set up from distant hydrants and personnel were rotated through front-line positions.



In this view from the B side, two ladder pipes pour water on the now collapsed buildings at 1977 Dundas.



No new apparatus have been put in service this year but Toronto did receive this High Capacity Foam Pumper in December. E-One built it on a Freightliner FL112 chassis, it has a 2650gpm pump and 2030 gallon foam tank. Likely in service in the spring after mechanical has checked it over and the crews are trained on it. (Gary Dinkel photo) We are looking forward to a happier, healthier and more social year in 2021, and hope to see you at the IFBA Convention in Ottawa in September.

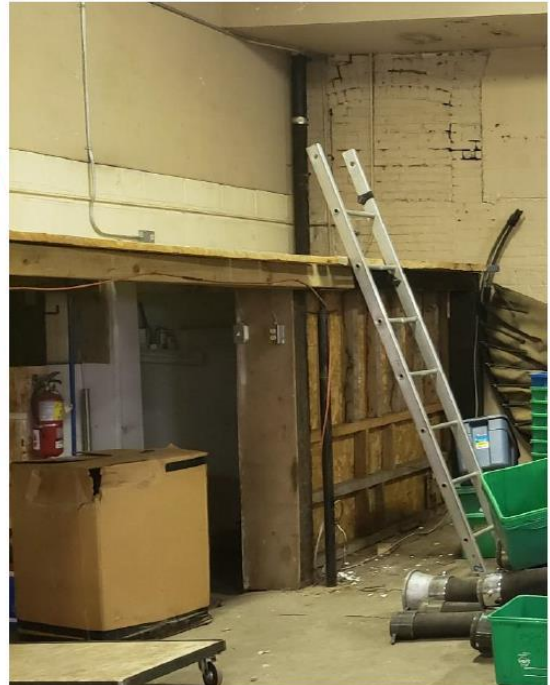


MONTREAL AUXILIARY (PAM)



As I sit here reflecting on the year that was 2020, I find myself smiling and proud of the tasks that the Montreal Auxiliary have accomplished. For as trying as the year has been with COVID-19 lock downs, new safety directives, and isolations, I realize that our year has been busy and productive in a way that only COVID could have given us the opportunity to be.

In January 2020, we started the preparations to temporarily close the fire museum and relocate our rehab vehicles to a new location. At the same time, we were advised that our other building (station 32 in Cote-St-Paul) where we do all the work on our fleet of antique vehicles, would be closing permanently. Advised by the city that we would have to be out of that station no later than the first snow fall (November - December), we opened the doors, looked around and let out a heavy sigh wondering where and how to start and how to juggle both moves at the same time.



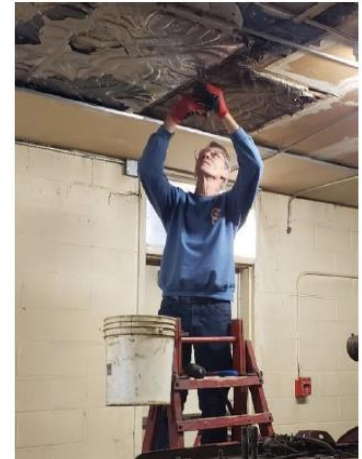


As a group, we pulled together and began the daunting task of sorting through objects that have been accumulating over the last $\frac{3}{4}$ of a century, knowing that we would soon be permanently closing the doors to a beloved building that we had called home for over 40 years. Making ruthless decisions on what was to be moved and what could be recycled, we sent a group upstairs to start boxing equipment into small plastic boxes. Realizing very quickly that tiny plastic boxes were not going to be strong enough to move fire extinguishers, engine parts, sirens, bells, nozzles, etc. we had to come up with another option and fast. Deciding on wooden crates, approximately 2 feet x 4 feet, we set to the task of constructing each of the 40 boxes we estimated would be needed to pack, store, and move the items we would be taking with us.





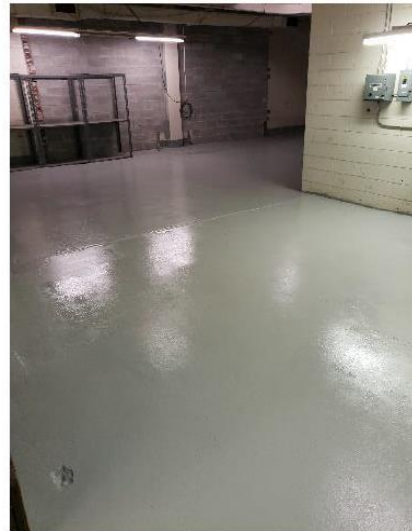
Working at the museum on Friday nights, we had to move everything from the front half to other parts of the museum. All photos had to come off the walls, artifacts had to be stored and everything in the basement needed to be packed and moved out of the building, even the administrative office. As the whole station was scheduled for major renovations, we were also losing the space for our rehab vehicles and our weekly meeting place. After tense negotiations, a section of an old warehouse, located on Bellechase Ave, that is presently occupied by Montreal fire, HUSAR, and training of specialty teams, was to be renovated for our rehab vehicles and equipment. As our new location had never been used for emergency vehicles, we had to work closely with the department and the city to adapt both the inside and outside of the building to be safe and ready to receive our group.

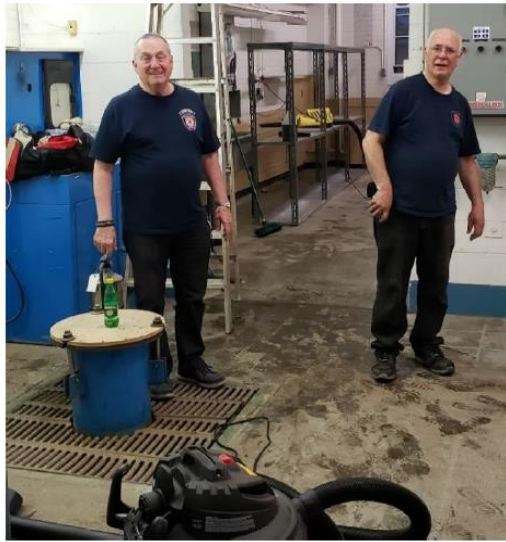


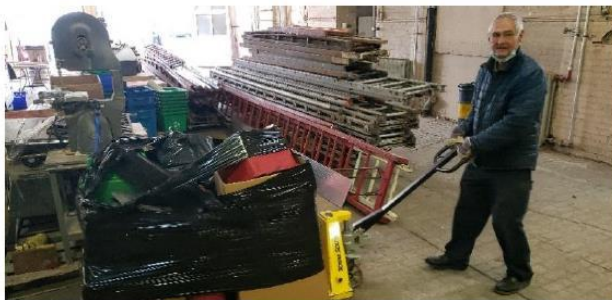
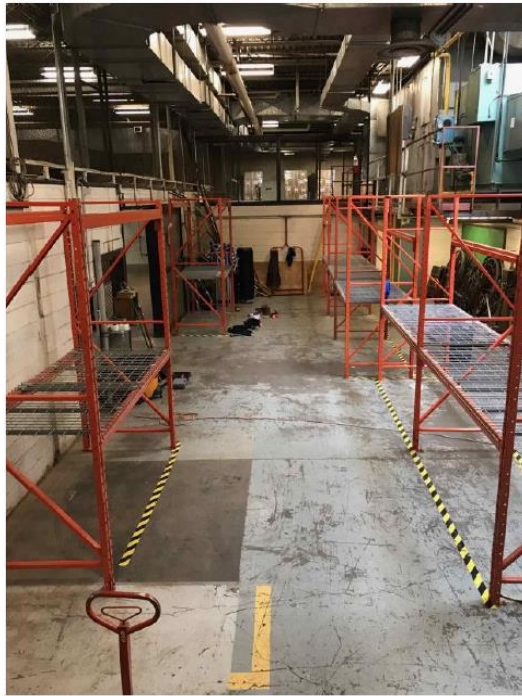
Just as this was starting to come together, we found ourselves entering a lock down associated with the first COVID wave that swept through Montreal. Following the directive issued by the Montreal Fire department, we were forced to establish guidelines and present them to the city. With the new measures approved, we had to abandon our endeavors and rely on zoom meetings to support our

members as we all “enjoyed” forced isolation with our immediate families. Weeks later, as restrictions eased and we were able to resume our work, albeit with limited numbers and younger persons only, we started once again in earnest.

As we packed up one station, we also had to prepare another location for everything that needed to be moved. Cleaning and vacuuming 20 years of dirt and dust, scrubbing, and painting floors, pulling down old walls and putting up new ones, measuring and setting up racking, removing all traces of the previous tenants and making the space our own, there was a lot to be done and we made it happen on time !









Our new repair and restoration facility is now located in the same building that our rehab trucks were moved to. Negotiations were still needed to make sure we had the space required for all our antique vehicles, stock, and activities.

Coordinating the actual move of all the equipment, trucks and horse drawn vehicles, we set about organizing the moving company that was needed to transport everything. As you can imagine, doing this during a global pandemic was no easy task. Keeping physical distance and wearing face masks while minimizing the personnel needed at multiple locations required strict guidelines and timing. My least favorite part of the move came in November as we moved out the very last of the items from 32. All that was left were 2 engines.....yes complete engines and a few wooden and aluminum ladders which we had accumulated over the years ranging from 8 to 36 feet long. The ladders and 2 engines were transported on a low bed truck supplied by the city garage to our new location on Bellechase.

All this was done during a year during which we still responded to over 80 fire calls. Following the new measures that were set into place our group was restricted to only 5 members per call and did not allow members over 70 years of age to respond....they were not happy, but their safety is our priority ! All special events, parades, parties, and educational activities were cancelled. This has been a trying year for everyone, but I am proud of the work my group did, the dedication, and responsibility that each member has shown throughout the year. I would like to take this time and say to the members of the PAM: thank you for not only your tremendously diligent work but also for all the support you have given each other throughout this humungous project, that is what makes our team stronger!

To everyone reading this article, I wish you and your families a healthy, safe, and prosperous new year. Stay safe and see you in Ottawa, Canada for FUN FELLOWSHIP and FIRETRUCKS !!



Closed doors are a test of our faith. Keep moving forward, being our best, living with determination, devotion, and commitment. When we do, we will see amazing changes all around us.

The doors may be closed but the memories we shared here will always be in our hearts.

Toute est à l'ordre !!





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Hello from Southern Ontario where the 2020 fire buffing season never happened except for what individual members did on their own in their respective municipalities. However, we still managed to get our bi-monthly newsletters published on time. In mid March the Province of Ontario brought in strict emergency regulations regarding physical distancing and shuttering of all but essential businesses and services in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. All fire services immediately shut their doors to visitors. This shut down forced us to revise our plans for photo tours in 2020. Our planned tours of the Peterborough area, the city of Hamilton, cities of Kitchener & Waterloo, city of Kingston and the towns of Port Hope, Cobourg and area were all cancelled and will be re-scheduled for 2021. We also had to cancel our annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and our in person 49th Annual General Business meeting normally held on the first Saturday in November.

2021 is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates and we plan to celebrate by co-hosting the 2021 IFBA Convention in Ottawa in September and with a 50th Anniversary Banquet scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2021 in Toronto, Ontario.

The Ontario Fire Buff Associates came into being after 4 Canadian fire apparatus buffs became acquainted with each other at the 1970 SPAAMFAA National Convention in Syracuse. They kept in touch and decided to form a Southern Ontario Chapter of SPAAMFAA which became the Ontario Fire Buffs Association in 1971. The club was renamed the Ontario Fire Buff Associates in 1978 after incorporation.

Objectives of the club were to collect and disseminate knowledge of the Ontario Fire Service, encourage friendship and interchange of ideas among its members, promote and maintain high standards of conduct amongst its members, encourage fire departments or individuals to maintain and restore vintage firefighting apparatus and equipment, preserve all matter relating to the history of the fire service, assist fire departments in the fields of fire prevention, fire department displays, photography or any other way requested, assist in the creation and support of a fire service museum and to publish a bi-monthly newsletter allowing members to keep abreast of fire apparatus related activities across Canada. Our present membership consists of 97 Canadians, 4 Americans and 4 citizens of the United Kingdom. Of the 97 Canadians, 82 live in Ontario, 7 in British Columbia, 2 in Alberta, 1 in Saskatchewan, 4 in Quebec and 1 in Nova Scotia. Some of our members were deeply involved in the establishment of the Canadian Firefighters Museum in Port Hope, Ontario and many of our members are also involved with or helped establish fire rehab and canteen services in their local communities, ie. the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association, Box 43 in Hamilton, Box 690 in the Waterloo Region, PAM and the former Regional Niagara Fire Buff Associates.

ur bi-monthly newsletter, the "Third Alarm" provides news of club activities, apparatus deliveries, new fire stations and photos of new and antique apparatus from around the world submitted by members, subscribers, and Canadian apparatus manufacturers and distributors. Members have the option of receiving the newsletter in hard copy, electronic (digital) copy or both. Annual membership in the OFBA is \$20 with digital copy, \$28. with hard copy or \$35. with both. A one-time \$5. processing fee is charged for new members in addition to their annual dues. The print copy usually runs from 20-22 pages while the digital copy (sent directly to your inbox) averages 36 – 40 pages in full colour. Subscribers receive the digital copy only for \$15. (Cdn funds).

The following was submitted to Turnout for publication in the Fall of 2019 but somehow got lost in the changeover to the new editing team and is reprinted here for your edification.

The OFBA's 2019 buffing season came to an end on Saturday, November 2 as we held our 28th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show in the morning followed by our 48th Annual General Business Meeting and biennial election of officers in the afternoon.

Our Board of Directors for the years 2020-2021 are: President - Bob Rupert; Vice President - Rick Loiselle; Secretary - Greg Brown; Treasurer - Jim Stronach; Membership Secretary - Robert Herscovitch; Director and Third Alarm Editor - Des Brett; Director - Larry Ward and Director - Carolyn Wignall.

Other activities for the year included 5 photo tours from May to September starting with the Town of Whitby Fire and Emergency Services on May 11. 13 members and 2 guests gathered at Whitby Fire and Emergency Services Station 3 at 0930 hrs. on a bright sunny day. Captain Bob Brandon of the Training Division was our host and tour guide as we visited all five of their stations and took in a demonstration of their new Ladder 5, a 2018 Pierce Ascendant 107 ft aerial painted in their new colours of black over red.



Whitby Ladder 35 - 2018 [Pierce](#) Enforcer PUC 107' Ascendant Aerial. 1330 / 400 J#31034

On June 15, 9 members gathered at the Port Colborne Fire Station to begin our tour of the Canal City's Fire and Emergency Services and the remaining stations of our visit to the Haldimand County Fire and Emergency Services which we began in August of 2018. A highlight of our time in Port Colborne was a quick trip to their old Bell St. Station where the Volunteer F/F's Association keeps their restored 1947 Mack LS85 pumper which was sitting outside the hall ready to have its' picture taken. Then it was on to Haldimand Stations 7, 9, 12 and 13 on a partly sunny day. Station 9's (Dunnville) Firefighters also had their 1931 Seagrave sitting outside to have its picture taken. We ended the day at Six Nations Station 1 in Ohswekan where we got shots of their new rescue/pumper (2019 [Spartan ERV](#) Metro Star ELFD).



Port Colborne Antique - 1947 Mack LS85 - 625/200



Dunnville (Haldimand #9) Antique - 1931 Seagrave Suburbanite - 420 igpm

July 13 turned out to be a sunny, hot day as 9 members, 1 guest and "Halli" arrived at Brampton Station 205 for the beginning of a 2 day tour in the Flower City. The on duty crews were expecting us and welcomed us with open arms and complete cooperation in moving the trucks around to ensure that the sun shone on the front left quarter of the apparatus for the best photos. The schedule had us visiting Stations 205, 210, 212 and 206 before lunch and Stations 204, 207, 201, 202 and 208 in the afternoon but just after getting photos of Squad 201a residential fire broke out and a 2nd alarm was sounded emptying the halls we were about to visit. We called it a day and arranged to meet the next morning at Station 203 to begin day 2. Sunday saw 8 members visit Stations 203, 209, 211, 213, 202, 201 (to photograph Pump 201), 208 and a visit to the new mechanical shops to complete the tour.



Brampton Aerial 210 - 2018 E-One Cyclone II - 100' - 1050/235/15F - SO#141768

9 members and 4 guests attended the August 17th photo tour in Oshawa and, even though it was a mostly cloudy and wet day, it was a success thanks to our hosts at Oshawa Fire and Emergency Services. Special thanks were extended to Deputy Chief Todd Wood for making the arrangements and welcoming us on our arrival at Station 5.

10 members and 2 guests attended the September 14 photo tour of 4 fire services in North and Central Wellington County on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. We visited 9 fire stations photographing 40 pieces of apparatus.

In addition, 12 of our members attended the IFBA Convention in Montreal. Thanks, once again, to the members of PAM and the officers and firefighters of SIM for a great convention.

All photos in this article by the author. Pump sizes and liquid capacities of the apparatus are listed in Imperial Gallons.

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



Association des pompiers auxiliaires de la Montérégie (A.P.A.M.)



December 08, 2020

This year was a year I think we all would like to forget. The pandemic hit us all hard and the consequences are even harder. We had to put in extreme measures of prevention and decontamination protocols to be able to maintain our services throughout this serious period. Our fire services were advised of our protocols and supported us 100% and are respecting our limits.

Our annual budget consists of contracts with the 48 fire services and 79 municipalities that they cover and the balance comes from donations, fundraisers and open houses. All our activities and fundraisers for the year were cancelled. Our year was very difficult financially but we will survive. On the intervention side we are down to 61 so far for the year and that is 24 behind last year at this time. We had fewer calls but longer durations per call.

At the end of October we lost one of our founders and past president, Pierrette Meunier. She was a member for 22 years with us. She will be sadly missed.



Here are some photos of some of our calls this year.





On behalf of our members and myself we hope that you all stay healthy and safe during these trying times. We hope to see some of you soon at the next convention!



Everything is going to be alright!

Eugene Zalesny, Director
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From Rick Short:

Christmas Morning Explosion in Nashville

It has been an event filled time since Christmas Morning at 6:30am. We have been on scene and continue to be through this coming Saturday is when they think the forensic work will all be done. We have been feeding about 350 FBI, ATF, Homeland Security, TBI, Highway Patrol, Metro PD and FD 3 meals a day since Christmas day lunch.





METROPOLITAN FIRE ASSOCIATION

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Greetings from Atlanta! There has been little to report in the last six months. A milestone year for fire buffing in Georgia, the Metropolitan Fire Association hit 50-years of existent in June 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions and personal feelings, members of the MFA have been social distancing since February.

Thanks to the IFBA, we have continued to hold monthly meetings virtually with the first one on Tuesday 26 May 2020. Fourteen brave souls fired up their computers and conducted our May meeting which for us is our annual meeting and election of officers. Virtual meetings are a great opportunity and are highly suggested to keep your membership interested and informed of things going on within your club. If your club has not held meetings virtually, contact Wally Banks to have him set up the IFBA Virtual meeting system for your scheduled event.

The MFA newsletter, HOT NEWS continues to be published monthly and is e-mailed to almost 300 fire departments or individuals throughout the United States. If your club produces a newsletter, please add us to your e-mail list at Firebf881@Gmail.com

We also annually produce an Apparatus/Shift calendar which has color photos of local fire apparatus. The first edition was in 1988 and the 34th Edition is available for 2021. Calendars remain only \$5 and are \$9 when mailed.

This full color calendar has a photo of a different fire apparatus from the metropolitan Atlanta area featured on each page. Front and rear covers are fire scenes. The dates are marked for 24 / 24 and 24 / 48 shifts. Many historical fires as well as upcoming fire related events are also shown. Previous years' calendars have had favorable reviews in Fire Apparatus Journal. Alao, if interested we do have previous years calendars for sale as well.

A plastic pocket calendar color coded for the 24/48 shifts is included with the full-sized calendar.

Please visit our web site: www.metrofire.org It has an online ordering process and permits payments by credit card through the PayPal service. The site also provides a printable invoice that can be combined with a check and sent to our PO Box for conventional mail orders.

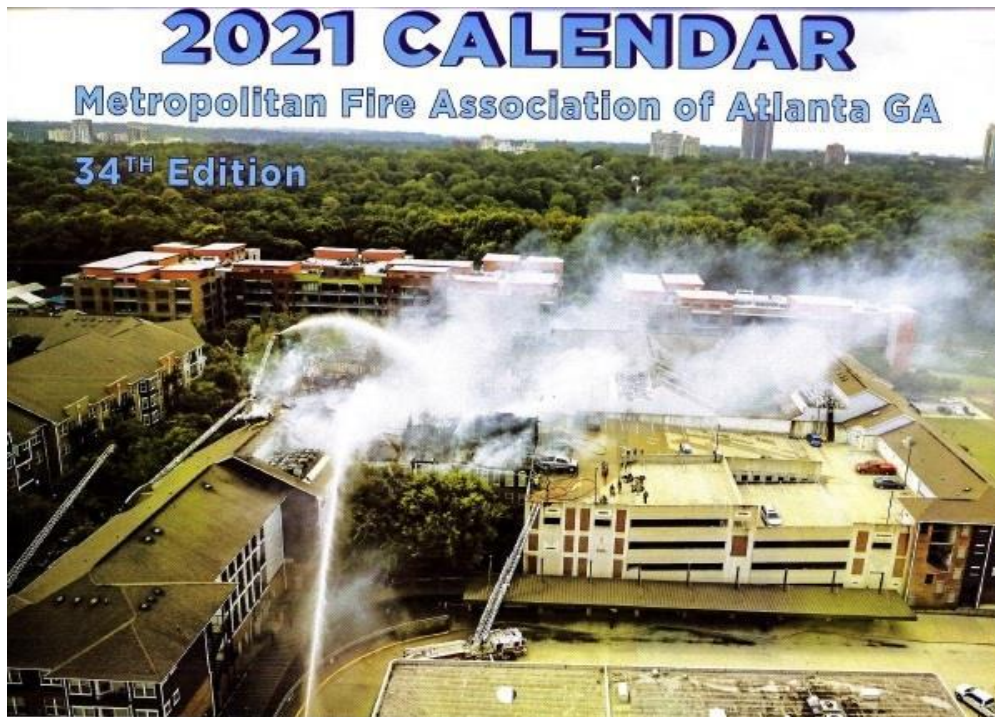
Calendars are still \$5.00/each. What else has stayed the same price for 34 years! Due to increases in postage and supplies our Shipping and Handling fees are calculated individually for each order. This is displayed on the Pay-Pal invoice so you can review your order and handling fees before your complete order. If you prefer to not use the PayPal order method, simply print your invoice and mail it to us.

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The calendar is an annual fund-raising project of the Metropolitan Fire Association of Atlanta, Ga., a member club of the International Fire Buffs Associates. The MFA is also the operator of the Hot News Alert Paging Network, commonly known as HNAN.

Here are this year's cover and the January 2021 Apparatus and sample page.



Three alarm fire in the Buckhead section of Atlanta



(Photo by Dave Organ)

This is Johns Creek Engine 63, a 2018 Pierce Enforcer PUC. It has a 1500 GPM pump with a 500 gallon water tank and a 40 gallon foam tank. Station 63 is located at 3165 Old Alabama Rd in the Newtown community. Housed there are Engine 63, Truck 63, and a transport capable rescue vehicle.

JANUARY

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3	4 1859 Emily Village fire, DeKalb County, GA	5	6 1917 Remount County, GA Fire Department burned 1924 Boys High School fire, Atlanta, GA	7 1958 Mercy Hospital fire - Downtown (41 left dead)	8	9 1977 Cobb County, GA Fire Dept. fire station fire
10	11 1995 Piedmont Park fire, Atlanta, GA	12	13 1985 Rhodes Square House fire, Boynton, IN (120 deaths, including 17 children)	14	15 1996 South Cobb County, GA Fire Dept. burned 1997 Warehouse explosion, Bufile 107 (22 deaths, including 13 firefighters)	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday	19 1885 Atlanta 1000 Warehouse Depot fire, Atlanta, GA	20 1940 Atlanta Terminals Warehouse fire, Atlanta, GA	21 Fire Rescue EAST, Daytona Beach, FL 888-900-5100 www.frea.org	22	23
24	25 1921 Downtown Conflagration, 2 blocks gutted, Atlanta, GA	26	27 1987 Apollo launch pad fire, Cape Kennedy, FL (2 deaths)	28 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle explosion, Cape Kennedy, FL (1 death) 1987 WWI collapse, Chicago, IL (9 deaths, 4 injured)	29	30
31	The MFA needs action photos for the covers of the next edition of our shift calendar. Photos must be horizontal format (turn your phone sideways!) and high resolution (at least 1 mb), with no editing or filtering. In addition to showing a fire in progress, it should include either apparatus or active firefighters, or both. Include the date and time, FD name, address, alarm level, and a short description. We need the photographer's name (which can be withheld if requested), and their email address if someone else submits the photo (permission to use has to be obtained). Submit photos to info@metrofire.org					

Fortunately, the Atlanta area does not experience a lot of multi alarm fires for a metropolitan area approaching 7 million population in a 29-county area. Photos and details of many multi alarm fire are frequently posted on the MFA's FaceBook page.

Sadly, MFA members continue to miss *"The VISITING FIREMAN"* which is no longer published. Via FaceBook and other social media we see posts from "buffs" in Georgia that we did not know about. I am sure other buff clubs also see postings from people who might be potential members that they were unaware of. We find that most of these individuals, including some rehab operations are not aware of nearby existing organized buff clubs or the IFBA. Even if just a pay-for online directory, there remains a real need for the VF "publication"

That's it from Atlanta.... Keep your camera battery charged to document your buffing. Feel free to join us for any of our virtual meetings and let us know through our web site if you are coming through the Atlanta area.

Be safe and stay well!

Dave Williams, CFPS



TIMELY TOPICS



NATIONAL FIRE HERITAGE CENTER

Introduction

The National Fire Heritage Center includes the National Fire Heritage Archives, The National Fire Museum System, and the National Fire Heritage Foundation. These organizations within the Center are 501 (c)3 nonprofit organizations all working to preserve the history of "fire in America". Our preservation efforts not only include firefighting, but also fire prevention, fire protection engineering, fire equipment manufacturing, and any discipline associated with fire protection.

We support researchers, historians, individuals, and organizations interested in fire protection. This includes municipal and rural firefighting, aviation fire fighting, wildland firefighting, firefighting in the military, design and engineering, architecture, fire training and academic programs, rail and utilities, equipment manufacturing, regulations and standards, fire equipment distributors, and any other area of fire protection. Prior to the establishment of the NFHC, there was no centralized, coordinated archival of fire protection in the United States. Much of the written history of "fire in America" is challenging to locate and sadly, much information is permanently lost.

The National Fire Heritage Center is the result of a study done by the U.S. Fire Administration where it identified that a "need to collect, preserve, and provide access to the historical records of the fire service/fire protection disciplines in the United States." In spite of the study, the project never acquired government funding. However, Chief Ronny Coleman of California and several other interested fire protection experts took it upon themselves to create an independent non-profit organization called the National Fire Heritage Center. The organization has expanded from the original mission to protect perishable items, to include three dimensional objects and other important fire protection materials. The Center also is home for the Fire Service Hall of Legends, and the Benjamin Franklin Fire Writer's Award. Today, the National Fire Heritage Center is a vibrant organization supported by private donations and grants. The Archive is growing so rapidly, that the Board of Trustees has been given the task of finding a new home - from which the NFHC will continue to preserve the history the American Fire Service for generations to come.





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