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### Publication News

With the date of the Annual Convention being a moving target, publishing Turn Out 12 to 15 weeks before the convention defies setting a firm publication schedule. This Winter/Spring 2022 issue accommodates the convention in June. Thanks to all who submit articles by deadline.

While a number of regular contributors did not submit for this issue, many stepped up when we requested assistance in compiling the Special Feature on club participation at memorial ceremonies. Thank you for your timely response.

2022 forecasts to welcome new clubs, new members, and new ideas for buffing, service, and community. As pandemic restrictions wane, the long-awaited joint convention with SPAMFAA approaches. Looking forward to Woburn.

### Cover

Residential house fire in Springfield, MA on a frigid night January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Photo by John Deforest. Other photos in Region 1 report.

### Back Cover

Steamer at Philadelphia Fireman's Hall

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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.

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### Submission deadline

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## **Executive Office**



September 11, 2021

International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

Annual Executive Board Meeting

Subject: IFBA President's Report

Dear Fellow Fire Buffs,

Unfortunately this year the IFBA 2021 Ottawa/Gatineau Convention Committee had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Convention. I want to thank everyone on the Convention Committee for their hard work and commitment especially during uncertain times related to Covid 19. With numerous government and local restrictions as well as border closures it was the appropriate decision to make. On the positive side, all the hard work will not be in vain we have bid for Ottawa/Gatineau in 2025.

I have not been able to travel to various in-person IFBA events this year due to provincial lockdowns and the border closure however I have tried to attend virtual meetings and offer assistance as much as I could. I would also like to commend the IFBA Executive, Committees and Member Clubs for persevering these past 18 months. It shows the true dedication that our members have to the fire service.

It has been an honor to serve the IFBA as President again and I look forward to continuing to serve on various committees in the future. Hope to see everyone in Woburn, MA next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Franz Wignall

2021 IFBA President

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
VIDEO CONFERENCE  
September 12, 2021 7 p.m. E.D.S.T.  
DRAFT AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Chairman Schaetzle welcome of guests.

President's Report	Carolyn Wignall
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Treasurer's Report	Paul Schaetzle
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**Reports of Committees**

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Resource	Ira Cohen
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Turn Out Magazine	Steve Garnett
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## Convention Reports

Ottawa 2021

Joint SPAAMFAA 2022

Milwaukee 2023

Richmond 2024

Ottawa 2025

Future Conventions???????

Elections

Declaration of an Emergency due to the Pandemic and moving the Annual Business meeting to November 13, 2021 at noon EDT to be held by video conference.

Election of Vice President at Large.

Election of Director of Publicity.

### Other Matters

### Good and welfare

### Adjournment

#### TRANSACTIONS THROUGH 8/8/2021

### INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

#### Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

<b>Revenue</b>		
Dividends	\$462.67	
Dues	\$4,790.00	
Donations	\$260.00	
Interest Income	\$2.79	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$182.70	
Unrealized Gains	\$1,305.16	<b>\$7,003.32</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising	\$0.00	
Awards	\$0.00	
Bank Fees	\$22.82	
Donations	\$0.00	
Information Technology	\$0.00	
Insurance	\$975.82	
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$60.00	
Postal Expenses	\$43.15	
Professional Fees & Dues	\$0.00	
Stationery / Printing	\$0.00	
Telephone	\$0.00	
Turn Out Magazine	\$0.00	<b><u>(\$1,101.79)</u></b>
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease)</b>		<b><u><u>\$5,901.53</u></u></b>



**2022**  
**Convention**  
**Woburn, MA**



# IFBA-SPAAMFAA

Convention Woburn, MA

June 22-25, 2022





The Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association and the International Fire Buffs Association invite you to Woburn, Massachusetts for the Summer, 2022 convention. This event will be the first of its kind and will be a joint convention between SPAAMFAA and IFBA. We have a full selection of tours and seminars that will interest both antique apparatus enthusiasts and fire buffs alike. On Saturday there will be a fire apparatus show that features a parade, vendors and a hand-tub muster. Apparatus trophies will be awarded for a variety of categories. Saturday night will feature a cocktail hour and joint banquet at the host hotel.

The Crowne Plaza Boston Woburn is our host hotel. The hotel is located at 15 Middlesex Canal Park Rd, Woburn, MA 01801. The hotel offers a sports bar attached to the main lobby. All of the conference rooms are also in the same building as the hotel guest rooms. There is also an indoor swimming pool. The rate will be 119.00 per night with breakfast included. This rate is good from 6/20 to 6/27. The hotel can be booked by calling 781-935-8760 or clicking the link [here](#). Please use code MAF to get this rate. It is imperative that this code is used so we can meet our quota for booked rooms. If booking online select "group rates" and enter the code.





The Shriners Auditorium at 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington is the site of the apparatus show, flea market and hand-tub muster. There will be a shuttle bringing participants back and forth between the venues. The travel time is approximately ten minutes. There is ample parking for a large number of apparatus as the property has multiple parking lots.





**Air Transportation:** Boston-Logan International Airport is the closest airport to the event and is located approximately thirty minutes from the hotel. There is a Logan Shuttle to the Anderson Transportation Center in Woburn. The hotel operates a local shuttle but it has been suspended due to Covid. They hope that it will be back by June and be available to meet guests at Anderson for this event.

**Fire Apparatus:** The fee to register fire apparatus is twenty dollars. The registration includes a dash plaque. A large portion of this money goes toward the Shriners Transportation Fund as a donation for hosting the show. Please pre-register so we can plan accordingly. SPAAMFAA safety rules will be in effect and proof of insurance is required. Apparatus will park behind the hotel in a separate lot. There will be overnight security.

**Merchandise:** We are offering full color convention t-shirts for \$20. We will also be offering challenge coins for \$10 that will feature the SPAAMFAA and IFBA logos. Extra show dash plaques will be available for \$5 at the MAFAA table on a first come first serve basis.



**Tour #1 – Thursday - Fire Museums.** The busses will depart the hotel promptly at 08:30 and head for the Brockton Fire Museum. Attendees will be able to tour the museum at their own pace. Additionally the Brockton Fire Department will be present with several pieces of fire apparatus. The busses will then travel to the Bare Cove Fire Museum in Hingham where attendees will be able to see both the museum and the apparatus annex building. The busses will then head to Boston where participants will be able to get their own lunch at historic Quincy Market. From there buses will travel to the Boston Fire Museum before returning to the hotel at 15:00.

**Tour #2 – Thursday – Merrimack Valley Fire Departments.** The busses will depart the hotel promptly at 08:30 and head north to the Merrimack Valley. Stops at several area departments will feature photo opportunities of apparatus from the "mill cities". The busses will also stop at the Lawrence Firefighters Union "Reliefs Inn" where participants will be provided lunch. Busses will return to the hotel at 15:00.

**Tour #3 – Friday - Battle Roads Fire Departments.** Busses will depart the hotel promptly at 08:30 and head west to fire stations in Lexington, Bedford, Concord and Acton. This area known as the "Battle Road" was the birthplace of the American Revolution. Lexington has a small museum that houses their 1911 American LaFrance. There is also a possibility that their hand-tub will be on display. Participants will have ample opportunities to photograph in service apparatus from these departments and the opportunity to get lunch on their own at one of the several restaurants in historic Concord Center. Busses will return to the hotel for 15:00.

**Tour #4 – Friday - Merrimack Premium Outlets.** Busses will depart at 08:30 and head north to the Merrimack Premium Outlets in New Hampshire. Patrons will be free to shop and dine at their own leisure before leaving the outlets at 14:00 to return to the hotel.

**Explore on your own – Massachusetts** is a historic state with lots to offer. There is plenty of things to do in the area. Local members will be more than willing to assist you with ideas. Stop by the registration desk for information or ask one of the local members.

**Evening Seminars –** We have an interesting variety of seminar topics for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Topics will include apparatus specs and purchasing, apparatus restoration, fire photography, history of leather fire helmets, apparatus history and rehab/canteen operations.

**Cookout -** There will be a cookout in the apparatus area on Friday evening catered by the hotel for a cost of \$15 per person. This will be a great opportunity for members to socialize and share their fire apparatus as well as for spectators to check out the attending rigs.

**Muster and Flea Market –** Saturday there will be an apparatus parade from a local school to the show site located at the Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington. There will be a fire memorabilia flea market along with an old fashioned hand-tub muster. There will possibly be an opportunity to pump using a Draft Commander pump testing trailer. Apparatus awards will be presented for a variety of categories. Shuttles will be available to bring patrons back and forth between the hotel and show site. Directions to the staging area and parade route will be provided to apparatus drivers.

**Banquet –** We wrap up the convention Saturday evening at the Crowne Plaza with a joint cocktail hour with cash bar followed by a banquet. All dinners are \$50 per person. There will be beef, chicken and vegetarian options.

## Schedule

### Wednesday, June 22nd

07:00 - 09:00 - Registration Desk Open  
09:00 - 17:00 - SPAAMFAA Board Meeting (Luncheon Break 11:30-13:00)  
11:30 - 13:00 - IFBA Board Luncheon  
13:00 - 16:00 - IFBA Board Meeting  
16:00 - 20:00 - Registration Desk Open  
17:00 - 18:00 - Opening Ceremony  
19:00 - 22:00 - Hospitality Open  
20:00 - 21:00 - Lt. James O'Brien (Boston Fire Department Retired) Apparatus Design Presentation

### Thursday, June 23rd

07:00 - 09:00 - Registration Desk Open  
08:30 - 15:00 - Bus Trip to Merrimack Valley Fire Departments  
08:30 - 15:00 - Bus Trip to Brockton, Bare Cove and Boston Fire Museums  
16:00 - 17:00 - Massachusetts Fireground Photos with Kevin White  
16:00 - 17:00 - History Of The Leather Fire Helmet with Jason Marsella of Rekindled Lids  
19:00 - 22:00 - Hospitality Open  
19:00 - 22:00 - IFBA General Membership Meeting  
20:00 - 22:00 - Guest Speaker Andy Swift of Firefly Restorations

### Friday, June 24th

07:00 - 09:00 - Registration Desk Open  
08:30 - 15:00 - Bus Trip to Battle Roads Area Fire Departments  
08:30 - 15:00 - Bus Trip to Merrimack Shopping Outlets  
15:00 - 17:00 - Registration Desk Open  
16:00 - 17:00 - History of Maxim Fire Apparatus by Howie Smith  
16:00 - 17:00 - Vintage Metro Boston Fire Videos with Jay Pozarck  
17:00 - 19:00 - Cookout in Apparatus Area  
19:00 - 22:00 - Hospitality Open  
19:30 - 21:00 - SPAAMFAA Chapter Presidents Meeting and Membership Meeting  
19:00 - 20:00 - Boston Sparks Association Tour of Rehab Apparatus  
20:00 - 22:00 - Boston Sparks Association Rehab Presentation

### Saturday, June 25th

07:00 - Flea Market Setup Opens  
08:00 - Apparatus Lineup and Photos (Coffee Provided by Rehab Five)  
10:00 - 10:30 - Apparatus Parade  
10:30 - 15:00 - Apparatus Muster and Flea Market  
12:00 - 14:00 - Handtub Muster  
14:30 - 15:00 - Apparatus Awards  
16:00 - 18:00 - Hospitality Open  
18:00 - 19:00 - Joint Cocktail Hour  
19:00 - 22:00 - Joint Banquet  
22:00 - 23:00 - Hospitality Open

**2022 IFBA/SPAAMFAA NATIONAL CONVENTION & MUSTER**  
**JUNE 22-25, 2022**  
**CROWNE PLAZA BOSTON WOBURN**  
**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

*Checks should be Made out to Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus  
Association (MAFAA) with a memo: 2022 Joint Convention*

*No refunds after May 31, 2022.*

*Hotel Can be booked by calling 781 935 8760*

**Please use Group Code MAF so we meet our quota and you get your low rate**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred name for conference badge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (\_\_\_\_)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPAAMFAA Chapter Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apparatus Registration:** number of pieces registering \_\_\_\_\_ @20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Use additional pages if necessary.
- SPAAMFAA Safety guidelines in effect at the muster.
- Proof of insurance required.

**Apparatus year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Specify:**      ☐ Pumper                      ☐ Aerial                      ☐ Rescue  
                 ☐ Support Vehicle      ☐ Hand Pumper              ☐ Steamer  
                 ☐ Other – Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish to pump at the muster      ☐ Static display only  
☐ Privately owned                      ☐ Department owned  
☐ Original                                  ☐ Restored  
☐ Centrifugal pump      ☐ Rotary Pump      ☐ Piston Pump  
☐ Hand drawn              ☐ Horse drawn      ☐ Motorized

☐ Driven to the convention \_\_\_\_\_ miles, OR  
☐ Trailered to the convention \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

**Convention Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide names of additional persons in your party here:**

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**Flea Market Vendor spaces 20' x 20'** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**IFBA**  
**Committee**  
**Reports**



## 2021 Report from **Director of Publicity**

Several IFBA clubs (in particular Second Alarmers in Philadelphia, Box 55 in Nashville, and the Richmond Flying Squad) have recently received favorable publicity through local media outlets. The best opportunities for publicity seem to be on the local level at the time of major fires or incidents where canteens or rehab units are present. See the link below for the story about the Richmond Flying Squad. Clubs should try to take advantage of these opportunities and also use them, where appropriate, for fund raising efforts.

We have not received any reports of negative publicity that required attention. We continue to participate with the National Fire Heritage Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The NFHC is currently in the process of digitizing its collection of several thousand items of written fire materials and making them available on line through a website [pastperfect-online.com](http://pastperfect-online.com). There are already several fire museums whose collections are available through this website.

As I always do, I will reach reach out to national fire service publications to promote our 2022 convention in the Boston area.

<https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/how-this-group-of-volunteers-is-helping-firefighters-its-my-way-of-giving-back>

Stuart M. Nathan

Exec VP Banks,

The report of the **Constitution & By-Laws Committee** is as follows:

1. Wrote new policy regarding Harassment.
2. Wrote a addition to the Constitution & By-Laws regarding Article VIII: Meetings. This would allow a Club to request to hold a convention at a time other than what is allowed under Article VIII, with the Executive Board approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Ahrens

Chairman  
Constitution & By-Laws

**INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**HARASSMENT-BULLYING-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

IFBA is committed to establish a policy to provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination, bullying and harassment. This policy only applies to the Officers, Executive Board and all committee members appointed by the IFBA Executive Board, Chairman of the Board and/or the Executive Vice-President. It is strongly recommended that each member group write a policy on “Harassment-Bullying-Discrimination” which is adopted and distributed to each group members.

IFBA will:

1. Ensure that the environment at all IFBA sponsored functions is free of harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment, and harassment based on an individual’s age, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, military or veterans status, sex, disability, marital status, financial status, familial status, domestic violence status and any other basis protected by applicable state, federal and local law. For purposes of this policy, harassment is defined as any verbal, non-verbal and/or physical conduct that is intended to threaten, intimidate, harass or coerce another individual.
2. Sexual Harassment:  
It is unlawful to harass a person because of that person’s sex. Harassment can include “sexual harassment” or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature.
3. Conduct Unbecoming:  
In this definition, “volunteer” refers to any member on the official roster of the IFBA. This includes active, inactive, or lifetime members. As a member of this organization, one is considered to have a duty to avoid dishonesty, unfair dealing, indecency, lawlessness, injustice, or cruelty, “unbecoming” as any conduct that is unattractive, unsuitable, or detracting from one’s character or reputation, creating an unfavorable impression. Members of this organization will be held to similar standards. Any behavior or actions that compromise the character of the member are subject to this rule, as well as any behaviors that disgraced or dishonored the member’s personal position. Although members are not expected to have unrealistically high moral standards, there is a personal standard beyond which a member cannot fail without significantly compromising their position with this organization.
4. If a member hears or sees another member violating this policy, that member is encouraged to assist other members in adhering to this policy. Even if the individual is not offended by the remark, the person making the remark should be advised of this policy in such a way that the accused person will understand that his remarks or actions could be offensive and should cease prior to more serious actions having to be taken.

## COMPLAINT RESOLUTION:

All complaints under this policy will be referred to the Executive Vice-President of IFBA for investigation and action if appropriate. If the Executive Vice-President or a Board Member is the member being accused, the complaint shall then move to the Board of Directors for investigation and appropriate action. The accused person(s) shall be allowed a hearing by the Executive Vice-President should it be requested. Violations of this policy will be considered misconduct. Any member found to have engaged in discrimination, bullying, harassment, including sexual harassment, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the IFBA Board or any committee. IFBA will attempt to keep confidential, to the extent reasonable possible, complaints of discrimination and harassment, the information received in such complaints and the privacy of the individuals involved in such complaints. IFBA however, reserves the right to disclose information as reasonably necessary to investigate and remedy a complaint.

## **I.F.B.A. Constitution & By-Laws** **Proposed Change to Article VIII-Meetings**

### **ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

Regular meetings shall be held annually hosted by an Active Member Group of the IFBA or other organization, between March One (1) and November Thirtieth (30). Such meetings shall be known as the Annual Meeting and be a part of the Annual Convention. The exact place, date and time of the Annual Convention and Meeting shall be set by the Host Group(s) of the Annual Convention. All IFBA Active and Associate Members shall be given no less than six(6) months advance formal notice of the Annual Convention and Meeting along with convention publicity information by the Host Group(s).

The IFBA Executive Vice-President shall notify all Active Member Groups and Associate Members of the place, date and time of the Annual Meeting at least sixty (60) days prior to its scheduled time.

(Amended 1970, 2001, 2016 & 2019)

#### **Proposed Addition:**

Any change to the Annual Convention and Meeting dates requirement shall be approved by the Executive Board. This request must be submitted to the Executive Board thirty (30) days prior to an Executive Board Meeting, in writing. This request must state the reason (s) for the change.



## IFBA PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

To the IFBA Executive Board,

The Past President's Committee has, the last couple years, been charged by Chairman Paul Schaetzle to work on the following items.

1. Strategic Planning
2. Realignment of Regions
3. Viability of Memorial Fund
4. Charitable Projects
5. Review of Region Vice-President's Handbook

While I would be content to report progress in these areas, reality is, that with the past year's chaos very little has been accomplished. There have been no additional comments in areas 1-4. The information we came up with is (or will be shortly) posted on the 'shared drive' on the IFBA email site.

Each member on the committee was asked to read through and see if any improvements/and or changes were needed to the Regional Vice President's Handbook. There were no additional comments about it, so I believe we are in agreement that all is well with respect to that.

As President (2018-2019), I asked members of the Board to write out their job description so that anyone replacing them would be able to easily transition and carry out their new responsibilities. A handful of members completed that request. I am not sure if that has been followed through with, but I would like to suggest that the Past President's Committee take over that task and help encourage others to write down their job description. We then would be able to compile them into a document available online for all future officers/committee members to view.

Despite telling a couple members it was time for me to step down, I have changed my mind and would like to stay on to complete the job description document.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Mokros  
Past President Committee Chairperson



Office of the Vice President at Large

Joseph P. Sullivan

September 4, 2021

### **Report of the Vice President at Large for the Board Meeting of September 12, 2021**

The Report is presented in bullet format with points expanded on as appropriate. The order is by no means one of priority or chronology.

- Buffed Baltimore, Atlanta, Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago and Pittsburgh with Buffs from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Florida, and the District of Columbia,
- Handled hundreds of phone calls and emails.
- Corresponded with just about all Board Members
- Attended meetings of local clubs in Region 3
- Met with several Associate Members in Region 3
- Attended all virtual Board Meetings
- Submitted appropriate reports.
- Requested to attend Regional Meetings.
  - o Region 1 and 7 pending, though invitations have been received.
  - o Region 3 and 6 attended in person
  - o Region 5 was scheduled, and I planned to attend. It was postponed and I cancelled my trip. No invitation to the eventual virtual meeting
  - o Region 9 attended virtually
  - o Region 10, no invitation
  - o Region 11. I was at the FFA meeting, but was given details of the meeting the next morning
- Met on several occasions with Region 3 VP Korb
  - o Visited old Engine 17 in Richmond that the Flying Squad has recently taken possession of.
  - o Began very early planning for the 2024 convention.
  - o Discussed several Region 3 IFBA applicants
- Developed and submitted a position paper on the benefits of being a member of the IFBA at the request of the EVP.
  - o A PowerPoint presentation is in production, members of the Board may be receiving a draft prior to the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Developed a comprehensive evaluation of the current committees and their functionality at the request of the EVP
- Requested to attend, at least virtually, as many committee meeting as possible. Only got responses from the C/BL and Convention Committees.
- Presented a proposed "Board Meeting Etiquette" paper to the EVP.

- Developed and submitted a Job Description for the Vice President at Large Position.
- Attended virtual club meetings in Atlanta, Boston, Providence and with the NYCFires.net group. Will attend as many local meetings as possible when an invitation is received
- Committee Work
  - R and R Team Lead
    - A full report has been submitted.
    - Assisted with retention issues.
    - Continued aggressive recruitment.
  - C/BL
    - At the request of the Chair I have reviewed and commented on proposed changes
  - Convention
    - Stepped back from active involvement with the 2022 to allow local principals latitude in preparing for the convention.
    - Met with VP Korb as previously noted.
    - If requested will attend preliminary hotel visits in Richmond with Vice President Korb. It is believed Vice President McDonald and EVP Banks may participate in these visits.
- Designed and submitted an ad for the Philadelphia Second Alarmers 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ad Book. The ad features dates and location of future IFBA Conventions
- Working to try keep as many IFBA members as possible aware of events surrounding the PSA event of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - VP Korb has researched lodging and meeting opportunities
  - Some members in Region 3 have developed a prototype agenda for the weekend
  - The goal is to let anyone attending the events, know who else is in town, where they are staying and what their plans on for the purposes Fun and Fellowship while Fire Buffing. There is no intent to schedule or plan any sort of formal meeting, but to simply communicate with those attending so if they wish, they can arrange to meet up with other buffs.
- Plans for balance of 2021-2022 term.
  - Attend Regional, Committee and Club meetings as practical.
  - Attend Philadelphia Second Alarmers 100 Anniversary event on October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Buff in Providence and maybe Boston
  - Attend the Annual Meeting in November
  - Work with principles of the 2022 and 2024 conventions
  - Begin plans for buffing opportunities in 2022
  - Assist new Regional Vice Presidents as needed.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph P. Sullivan  
Vice President at Large

## 2021 Report on **Congressional Fire Services Institute**

The 2021 CFSI dinner was again postponed until further notice due to the pandemic. CFSI did hold a virtual symposium in April in lieu of the dinner. The National Advisory Committee meeting was held on May 19, 2021 through teleconferencing. There was one resolution passed expressing the need for the federal government to equip first responders with the necessary tools to deal with emerging technologies such as electric vehicles

Chief Billy Goldfeder was awarded the CFSI Fire Service Leadership Award for his 48 years of commitment to firefighter safety and survival. CFSI has selected the Fairfax County, Virginia Fire and Rescue Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department for the Senator Paul Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award for their efforts on behalf of firefighter health and safety. The Thornton, Colorado Fire Department was selected for the CFSI Excellence in Fire Service based EMS Award.

CFSI also distributed a video message from the leaders of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus on remembering 9/11.

## 2021 Report from **Henry N. “Hank” Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Committee**

There was no presentation this year inasmuch as there was no convention. It has been our feeling that this presentation is far more meaningful if it is presented at the closing banquet so the recipient can receive the recognition he or she deserves.

The challenge for all of us is to provide more nominations to the Committee. We know there are plenty of potential deserving recipients, but in past years we have received relatively few nominations. We need to redouble our efforts to encourage more nominations.

Our Region 3 meeting was held on June 19th hosted by the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association.

Steve Korb was re-elected as the Region 3 Vice President.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Korb

## **2022 Convention Committee**

Happy New Year and greetings from New England and Region 1. Plans for the 2022 Convention are moving forward. The convention will be held in Woburn, MA from June 22 to June 25. The Convention Hotel is the Crowne Plaza Boston-Woburn and we have secured a room rate of \$129/night. The convention host is Region 1 of the IFBA and is a joint convention with our friends at SPAAMFA. The hotel is located near the junction of I-95 and I-93 and is a half hour's ride to Boston, Worcester, New Hampshire, the Merrimack Valley mill cities and the Massachusetts sea coast. All great areas to spark!

This is a joint convention and as such will have a bit of a different feel to it. The planners have tried to truly make it a joint convention, and not just two conventions occurring at the same place and time. We have tried to combine as many events as possible, including day trips, opening ceremonies, and the banquet. We also had to consider that the different groups have slightly different interests. As such, there is a need to accommodate both groups' board meeting, general membership meetings, and some events are required to occur on certain days according to By-Laws. To do this, there was a need to be creative with the scheduling. Rest assured, all events will happen.

There are two bus trips scheduled for each day. Having two different groups together, it was decided to offer two trips because of the different interests of each group. There will most likely be a cut off date for registrations to guarantee that you get to go on your desired trip. Trips are in the final planning stages but look for traditional bus trips to geographic areas to photograph fire apparatus, a trip to fire museums, and maybe some local history trips.

The committee is also planning after dinner activities. Several different conferences, slide shows, and presentations are being planned for each night. There will also be a hospitality room in the hotel. The area is loaded with the usual chain restaurants. There is a restaurant/pub in the hotel, and they have agreed to open for breakfast each morning.

The final day of the convention, Saturday, will be a large fire apparatus parade, both old and new. There will be a firematic flea market on site and also an old-fashioned hand tub muster. Shuttle busses will be available to and from the hotel.

Final convention pricing is being put together now and should be released soon. Stand by for further details and we hope to see you in Woburn in June.





## Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.



Charter Member

### 2023 IFBA CONVENTION REPORT

September 12, 2021

300 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53214

IFBA Members of the Executive Board,

I would like to take this moment to briefly outline the work that has been started for the International Fire Buff Associates (IFBA) 2023 Convention to be hosted by The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club. This will be the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IFBA Convention and this will be the seventh one we will be hosting, all of them quite successful. As always, those in the IFBA have already started talking about coming back to Milwaukee to 'explore'.

During our June 11, 2019 business meeting, I was nominated and elected as Chairperson for this convention. For those of you that do not know, my experience within the IFBA is rather extensive and I appreciate the opportunity to use my skills and knowledge of the IFBA and previous conventions to help plan the hosting of the 2023 one. I have attended every IFBA Convention/Annual Business meeting since 2000 and almost as many Regional meetings both within our Region and others. I served as Region 6 Vice President for two terms, served the one-year President's term of the IFBA (2017-2018/Racine Host), and currently serve as Chairperson of the Past President's Committee. These experiences though do not make me the 'do all, know all' person to run the convention. I am happy to report that there are thirteen other Milwaukee Fire Bell Club Members that are eagerly helping with planning.

The planning team has already started working with preliminary items including sponsorship, transportation, venues to visit, speakers, side trips, publicity, logistics to best suit those that want to see fire vehicles, etc.

As of today, we do not have a firm date set, but are looking at Summer of 2023. To prevent schedule conflicts, I have looked at both Religious Holiday Celebration dates and SPAAMFAA's planned events. With the addition of numerous hotels in the Downtown Milwaukee area, we are hoping to secure one in that area. It will make getting to some of our planned events easier. This also will allow those of you attending a wide variety of site-seeing opportunities with easy transportation.

What are some plans? Sorry, not going to share those. We need to let all of you focus on next year's IFBA Convention, to be held jointly with SPAAMFAA. See you there.

Thank you,

Vickie Mokros  
2023 IFBA Convention Chairperson



# Fire Buff of the Year



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

The IFBA presents the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Award, the most prestigious honor a fire buff can receive, at our Annual Convention. The Award recognizes service to the IFBA, to a local fire buff club, to a local fire department, or to the fire service in general.

The “Fire Buff of the Year” Award, as it was originally known, was established in 1967 in St. Louis to honor a person who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguish a fire buff. In 1976 the Award was re-named to honor its first recipient, Henry N, “Hank” Wilwers, a Chicago fire dispatcher and well-known fire buff.

Our Fire Buff of the Year Committee encourages your nominations and solicits all regional vice presidents and member groups to submit recommended awardees. Nominations must be sent to the Executive Vice President who will forward them to the Committee. The Committee protects the confidentiality of the nominees, and the identity of the honoree is not revealed until the banquet at the Annual Convention.

To help those who wish to make a nomination, we have developed a list of items that will be considered. They are not listed in order of importance and are not mandatory; they are meant to be illustrative of the types of information that will be considered.

1. Description of service to the IFBA
2. Description of service to local fire buff club
3. Description of service to local fire department(s)
4. Any biographical information of interest about the nominee (e.g. any family connections to fire buffing or the fire service)
5. Any relevant awards previously received
6. Letters of support from local buff club
7. Letters of support from fire officials (e.g. chief officers, union officials, etc.)
8. Letters of support from other interested persons

There are many IFBA members who are qualified to join the previous honorees who have been recognized for their achievements. We need you to step up and submit qualified applicants.

Stuart M. Nathan, Chairman  
Tom Pelaia  
Ed McMichael



## REGION 1

Boston Sparks Assn. - 1938

Att. Secretary  
344 Congress St.  
Boston MA 02210-1204  
[info@bostonsparks.com](mailto:info@bostonsparks.com)

Box 52 Assn. - 1912 (inc 1918)

c/o William H. Wilderman  
P. O. Box 848  
Medford MA 02155-0009  
[bwilderman@firefire.com](mailto:bwilderman@firefire.com)

Box 61, Inc. - 1966

c/o Carleton Winslow  
257 Auburn St.  
Portland ME 04103  
[carletonwinslow@yahoo.com](mailto:carletonwinslow@yahoo.com)

Connecticut Fire Photographers Assn - 1975

PO Box 1181  
Hartford CT 06143-1181  
[stretchinandlovinit@gmail.com](mailto:stretchinandlovinit@gmail.com)

Essex County Fire Wardens - 1938

c/o Norman Stone  
170 County Rd.  
Ipswich MA 01938-2721  
[Box343@hotmail.com](mailto:Box343@hotmail.com)

Providence Citywide Fire Network - 1994

54 Coral Rd.  
N. Attleboro MA 02760  
[Pcfu51@comcast.net](mailto:Pcfu51@comcast.net)

Southern Maine Fire Notification Assn.

c/o Carleton Winslow  
257 Auburn St.  
Portland ME 04103  
[carletonwinslow@yahoo.com](mailto:carletonwinslow@yahoo.com)

Special Signal Fire Assn. - 1968

PO Box 25009  
Providence RI 02905  
[pfdcanteen@yahoo.com](mailto:pfdcanteen@yahoo.com)

The Leather Helmet Society - 1992

31 Lavista Street  
Manchester NH 03103  
[wayne@wdperkins.com](mailto:wayne@wdperkins.com)  
[srq5102@yahoo.com](mailto:srq5102@yahoo.com)



Happy New Year from the Connecticut Fire Photographers, we hope 2022 bring a better year. Our members have been busy in 2021, we started in person meetings for most of the year, during in July the CFPA supported the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Silver City Firefest, it was well attended by, visitors, apparatus and venders. It was nice to see everyone getting out for a change. We hope this year's event will be even better.

Incidents have been rising as the year went on, with people getting back to somewhat normal, this also brings an increase in activity in fire and other incidents. Members that enjoy fire apparatus photography have been getting more access to station, all around the country again, they have been bring us great shots for new and old rigs from a good selection of states. As we write this at least one member is heading to California, odds are high he has a well-planned out trip, for apparatus shoots. You can view some of them on our CFPA Multimedia pages, Web site Ctfirephoto.org, Twitter: @ctfirephoto, Facebook: CTFirePhotographersAssociation Instagram: CTFirephotographers for more info on the club and membership see our website.



The club has been adding more class-based presentation along with the meeting, when possible. For how to plan on visiting other cities for buffing, types of buildings and terms used on the fire ground, to apparatus photos. Along with other classes, we plan on adding more this year.

Our Membership still holds strong with over 100 members, with more joining every month. If you have an interest please reach out. [www.ctfirephoto.org](http://www.ctfirephoto.org) or any member.

The clubs' members have been fortunate this year with being published in many different magazine, local papers. From cover shots to safety journals and news worth events. Club members photography supports, with media for a lot of local fire departments newsletters, training programs, end of year reports, budget request and public information with social media sites.

The 12th Annual Silver City Fire Fest, co-sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Photographers, Meriden Firefighters Benevolent Society and the Southern Connecticut Antique Fire Apparatus Collectors will be held on Saturday July 16th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Comfort Inn, 900 east main Street, in Meriden, CT. For more information contact Mike Quinn @ [M1968Q@aol.com](mailto:M1968Q@aol.com). (203) 213-3056 We hope you can attend.



Officer and Board of Directors for the 2022 year are.

#### **Officers**

Glenn Duda, President  
Michael Quinn, Vice President  
Jon Tenca, Social Media Director  
Cheryl Regan, Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Board Of Directors**

Robert Ladd  
Kevin Czarzasty  
Linda Akerman

### **Member Photos**



Chicago IL, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> this 2-11 was around 330am at 500 W 26th Street. Fire was in a 3 sty ordinary building about 100x150. First in companies attempted an interior attack but had trouble finding the seat of the fire. They ended up transitioning to an exterior attack and went defensive. At the height of the fire, 5 handlines, multiple portable ground monitors, Squad 1, AT8, TL5, and TL10 were used to try to get a handle on it. I arrived about 45 min into the job. Here are some shots, the full gallery will be on my website. Still Companies were Engines 8 & 29, Trucks 4 & 8

**Joshua Boyajian**



Rochester, NY two alarm, dwelling fire Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2022      **Jon Tenca**



Pasco County FLA, Residential house fire      **Scott LaPrade**





FDNY Queens Box 5750: 219-10 133rd Ave. (12/30/21)

In the early hours of Thursday December 30th, 2021, firefighters responded to 219-10 133rd Ave for a fire in a private house. Upon arrival units found heavy smoke pushing from the first floor of a 2.5 story vacant off of 219th St. in the Laurelton section of Queens. Fire crews made an initial interior attack, but after several minutes, fire officials removed all personnel from the building after holes were discovered when crews conducted searches of the 1st and 2nd floors. 2 tower ladders were set up to knock down the bulk of the heavy fire before firefighters were allowed to reenter the property to knock down hot spots. **Chris Clarke, First Due Photography**



Engine-6, New Haven Fire Department **Doc Johnson**





The Terryville Fire Department, in the Town of Plymouth, Connecticut still maintains two of their antiques. On the left is a 1929 Buffalo, that was in private hands in New York for a number of years, and then returned and went through an in-house restoration. On the right, is a 1935 White/Buffalo, that has always been in possession of the department. They are both housed in the old Terryville Fire Station on North Main Street, and are shown during a town street event in October, 2021

**Mark A. Redman Photo**



A private dwelling fire in the town of Wallingford, CT

**Joseph Ciscone**



On Sunday, 01/02/22 at 00:50 Hartford Fire was dispatched to a reported building fire in the area of Albany Avenue and Green Street. Soon after initial dispatch, fire alarm advised they were taking multiple calls on the vacant strip mall at 284 Albany Avenue. First arriving Engine 2 called off a vacant 1 story commercial attached with heavy smoke showing. They advised that the fire appeared well advanced and the tower ladder will be flowing water upon landing. Companies were faced with a deep-seated fire throughout a vacant strip mall with multiple access challenges requiring prolonged forced entry. Firefighters initially had a good handle on the fire, but due to a large volume of fire in multiple void spaces companies were forced into a defensive position. First alarm companies worked for over 4 hours before the fire was put under control. The fire was held to one alarm. **Maurice Delage**



Freeport Fire Department (Nassau County, New York)  
 Antique Steamer "Jumbo"  
 1906 Nott Steamer - Horse Drawn  
 1916 American LaFrance – Motorized  
**Daniel Gonska**





Point Breeze Volunteers "Big Jack" - Queens, NY

Scott Berliner



Norwich Ct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm in a Private Dwelling.

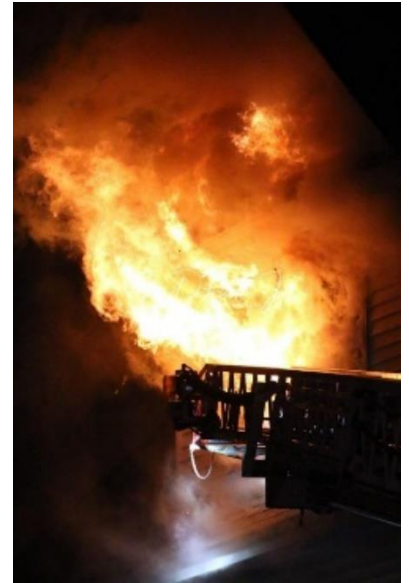
Robert Ladd



## Springfield Fire

John Deforest

On Monday Jan 3rd just before 11:30pm Springfield firefighters were dispatched to 71-73 Prospect Street in the city's north end for a structure fire. Engine 7 was 1st to arrive to report heavy fire on the C side of the large 2 family 2.5 wood framed home. Within minutes Engine 7 Captain Eddie Sanchez requested a 2nd alarm due to the heavy fire conditions and an exposure building. Crews would battle defense for a solid 45 mins before bringing the visible fire under control. 2 ladder pipes and multiple 2.5 big lines attacked the large home. It took crews a total of almost 90 mins before recall as placed at the scene by the Commissioner of the department. Frigid temperatures played a role as the street, gear, apparatus, and firefighters would be covered in ice. The fire is under investigation at this time by the Arson and Bomb Squad. 8 people were displaced from the fire and 1 firefighter was transported to the hospital







# The 5A



Newsletter of the Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club of Manchester, N.H.

IFBA Region 1 Member

Winter 2022 Issue

The Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club had its Annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 5th at Ollie's Restaurant in Goffstown, N.H. with 18 members & guests in attendance. A great time was had by all! It was the first time that some members had seen others from the club in almost two years!

A Special tip of the Leather Helmet to Chief Vinny Toland, a Founding Member of the LHS and Secretary/Treasurer since our inception in 1992. Vinny has stepped down from his position which was recently filled by LHS member Sage Quimby at our October 2021 meeting. Thank you Vinny for your dedication to the membership all these years and to Sage for taking on this important position.

Shown below are photos taken by LHS members at the party, fire scenes and apparatus during this past year. We are back in the swing of things with in-person meetings since June 2021 and going on some great buff trips around New England, with more planned in the coming weeks and months.

IFBA Brothers and Sisters throughout the United States and Canada. We look forward to seeing you in our neck-of-the-woods this June at the first-ever joint IFBA/SPAAMFAA Convention in Woburn, Massachusetts. A fun time to finally get together here in New England - Region 1!











We do have a lot of fun together! Here's looking forward to more adventures in 2022 and beyond...

Photo credits: Dave Morin, Bob Fitz, Jr., John Rafferty, Dylan Conway, Charlie Tentas. Thank you.



## Hartford CT Fire Ground Action

Jim Peruta



1/2/21 284 Albany Ave



12/19/21 55-57 Westland ST





8/7/21 Park Terrace



9/3/21 104 Edgewood ST



9/3/21 Edgewood ST



11/2/21 266 Vine ST



12/15/21 424 New Britain Ave



12/28/21 10 Mannz ST



## REGION 3

Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn. - 1938  
115 Glenmont Ave., Ferndale  
Glen Burnie MD 21061  
alarmers11@verizon.net  
alarmers8@verizon.net

Box 234 Assn., Inc. - 1936  
22 Walker Ave.  
Baltimore MD 21208  
kjakobson@verizon.net  
cel356@bcvfa.org  
pvfc3251@verizon.net

Box 414 Assn., Inc. - 1949  
414 North Baltimore MD 21202  
Rkatzenberg1014@msn.com  
Labelguy414@gmail.com  
sfreund@yahoo.com

Metro Richmond Flying Squad, Inc. - 2017  
Att: Steven Korb  
6806 Park Ave.  
Richmond VA 23226  
Stevskorb804@gmail.com

S.H.C. Assn. - 1949  
c/o Guy Cephas  
203 N. Carey St., 1st Fl.  
Baltimore MD 21223

Friendship Fire Assn. - 1940  
Engine 3, D.C.F.D.  
439 New Jersey Ave. NW  
Washington DC 20001  
mdewalt50@aol.com  
ffadcssecretary@aol.com

Greater Springfield Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.  
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Springfield VA 22150  
Canteen22@aol.com  
jjjackson@aol.com

Old Dominion Historical Fire Society - 1984  
PO Box 4196  
Chester VA 23831  
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tom-herman@att.net  
odhfwwebchief@gmail.com

# BOX 414 Association, Inc.

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BALTIMORE, MD 21202  
410-727-2414



By **Stuart M. Nathan**

Just when we thought we had turned the corner on the pandemic, we all became way too familiar with the Greek alphabet. The new variant has had a significant impact on the fire service in these parts, as local departments are having a difficult time keeping up with the workload due to staffing shortages and increased wait times for EMS units at hospitals. We hope that all stay safe as we weather the latest round of COVID.

We were able to fit in our annual Oldtimers Day in September. It's a great opportunity for retired members of the Department to come to our Club Quarters, swap war stories, and get to see some of the Department's newer apparatus. It's also a good time for our photographer friends as we have visits from both modern and some antique pieces.

The last year has not been particularly busy with multiple alarm fires, but the Department remains very active as you can see below from the run totals for last fiscal year. As mentioned in last issue of Turnout, we had one fifth alarm on a windy day when fire damaged about a dozen row homes in southwest Baltimore as the fire jumped from street to street over a three block area. Then in August there was a four alarm fire in a block of row homes in the same general area as the earlier fifth alarm. The number of multiple alarm fires has remained fairly consistent at between 20 and 30 each year over the past several years.

We continue to staff our support unit and coffee wagon as needed during any particularly hot and humid days during the summer and now during the below freezing days of winter. The Department allows us to keep a crew in the Oldtown station overnight to respond on any fires during these extreme weather conditions.



## Baltimore

Franklin Street

1 Alarm

12/31/2021



### MUSEUM UPDATE

We are sad to report that Bob Brown, former President of Box 414 and long-time Curator of the Baltimore City Fire Museum in historic old 6 Engine House passed away in November. For many years, Bob was truly the heart and soul of the Museum. He led a group of volunteers who would come down to the Museum every Wednesday to upgrade our collection of memorabilia. Bob was also active with the Chesapeake Model Fire Engineers and worked as part of the host committee at Firehouse Expo when it was in Baltimore. Bob was a retired Baltimore City Police Officer, fittingly finishing his career as a detective on the arson squad. His two sons, Mike and Brian, are both members of the Baltimore City Fire Department. Bob was a great friend, tremendous supporter of the fire service, and will be greatly missed.

Everyone stay safe as we battle through the COVID-19 health emergency, and we hope to see our fellow buffs soon. If you have a chance, please visit our new website at [box414assoc.com](http://box414assoc.com). We are also active on Facebook, which includes photos from many recent fires.



## HOLIDAY TRAIN GARDEN

For over sixty years the Department has sponsored a holiday train garden at the quarters of Engine 45 in Northwest Baltimore. The Garden typically draws large crowds from all over the City. While there were no visitors last year due to the pandemic, the Garden opened again this year with the usual display that occupies one entire bay of the firehouse. As has been the custom for many years, the Garden includes a model of both our canteen and our Chevrolet Suburban response vehicle. Our thanks to the members of Engine 45 for including us in their display.

### RUN TOTALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

<u>Engines</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
Engine 13	5346	564	183
Engine 33	5225	502	129
Engine 14	5081	494	158
Engine 6	4726	572	159
Engine 29	4469	312	64

<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
Truck 5	5145	368	108
Truck 16	4969	406	132
Truck 1	4550	432	126
Truck 27	3522	229	50
Truck 10	3151	482	172

<u>Chiefs</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
BC 3	1194	1017	276
BC 2	1137	968	233
BC 6	1059	892	274

<u>Other Units</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
Rescue 1	3557	313	100
Hazmat 1	157	14	6
Fireboat 1	37	7	1
FRes Boat 1	74	6	1
FRes Boat 2	66	2	0

<u>Medics</u>	<u>Runs</u>
Medic 15	7167
Medic 21	6823
Medic 1	6740
Medic 16	6663
Medic 4	6547

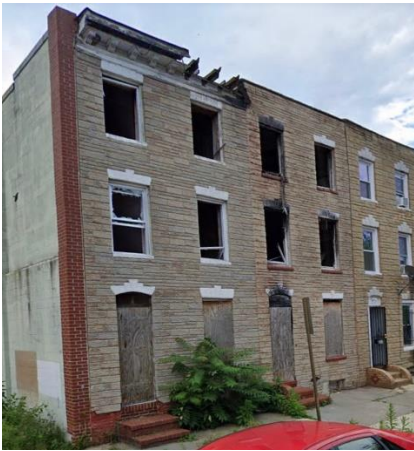
Total Suppression Calls: 164,173  
 Total EMS Calls: 183,880  
 Total Box Alarms: 2167  
 Working Fires: 92  
 Multiple Alarms: 27  
 24 2nds, 2 3rds, 1 5th

Note: Engine 8 led all Engines with 616 boxes and 201 fires.

Our thanks to Capt. Paul Novak Jr., Fire Communications Bureau for compiling these statistics.

## South Stricker Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm  
01/24/2022



Before



After



Engine 14



Engine 55 Truck 23





Photos Howard Meile III, Joseph Sullivan

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## 'The hero send-off that they deserve'

From Conway Street to Timonium, 'a sea of blue' as thousands attend memorial and procession for three firefighters killed in January blaze



At left, a line of firefighters stand on Conway Street for fallen firefighters Lt. Paul Butrim, Lt. Kelsey Sadler and firefighter/paramedic Kenny Lacayo. ULYSSES MUÑOZ/BALTIMORE SUN

Below, hundreds of firefighters salute as the procession makes its way to a cemetery. KENNETH K. LAM/BALTIMORE SUN



Firefighters render a salute as the procession makes its way to Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium. JERRY JACKSON/BALTIMORE SUN

By Christine Condon and Lilly Price

**O**n their way to a rowhouse fire just before dawn Jan. 24, Baltimore firefighters Lt. Paul Butrim, Kenny Lacayo and Lt. Kelsey Sadler received the dispatch: Someone was trapped inside the building.

"They were told that somebody — some resident of West Baltimore that they had never met — was in danger of dying," said Edward Kelly, general president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, during the firefighters' funeral service Wednesday. "And they decided that somebody was worth dying for."

All three firefighters died when that vacant rowhouse in Southwest Baltimore's Mount Clare neighborhood collapsed with them inside. One other firefighter, John McMaster, was rescued quickly and hospitalized for several days with injuries he sustained during the blaze.

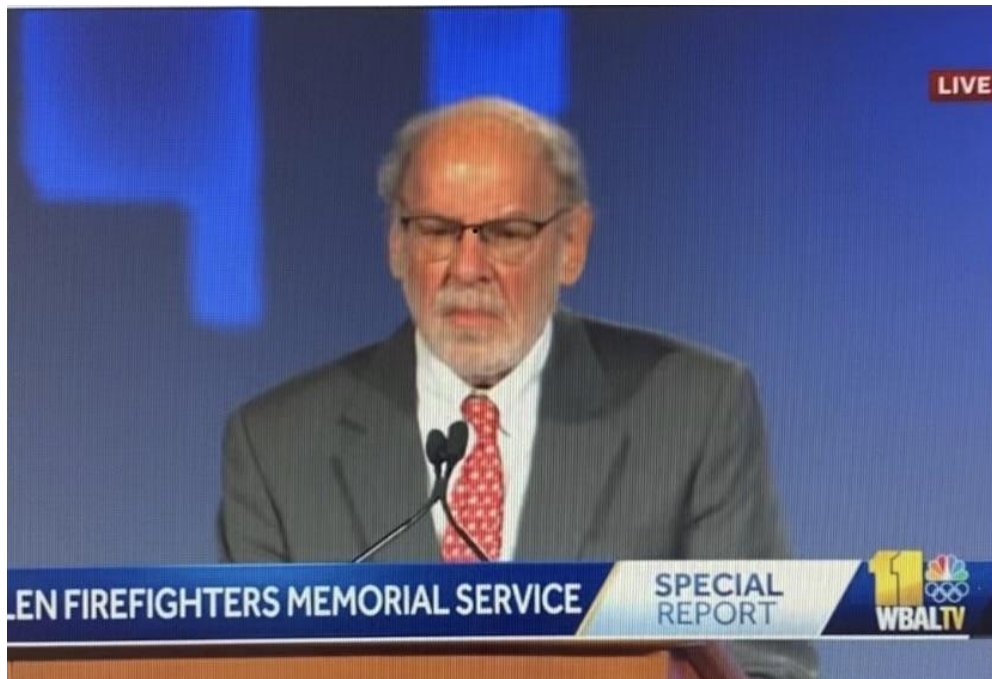
Turn to Funeral, Page 2

"Just after 6 a.m. last Monday in the dark and the searing cold, when the call came in, Paul, Kelsey, Kenny — who were on shift that day — did what they had always done, what they were trained to do, what they loved to do. They said: 'Send me!'"

Gov. Larry Hogan, speaking to the assembled crowd at the Baltimore Convention Center

Tragedy struck the Baltimore City Fire Department early on the morning of January 24<sup>th</sup> when, without warning, a fully involved three story row house suddenly collapsed with four members inside. Sadly three members perished in the largest loss of life suffered by the Department in over 60 years.

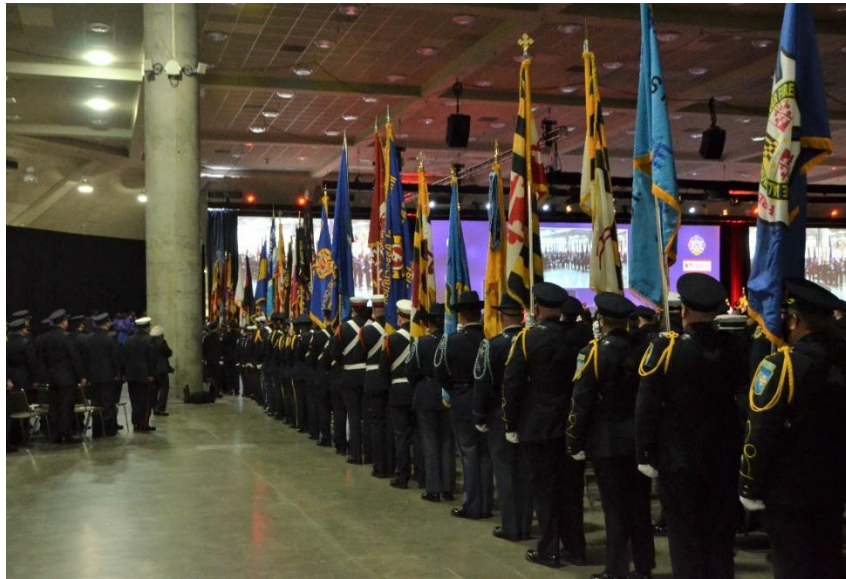




Master of Ceremonies, Commissioner Stuart Nathan



Maryland Governor Larry Hogan







Convention Center







Color Guard







Bringing the caskets to the caissons















Procession







Delaney Valley Memorial Gardens



Fallen Heroes Garden





Last Respects





Photo Credits: Roger Katzenberg, Howard Meile III, Stuart Nathan, Joseph Sullivan



## REGION 5

Box 4 Fire Buff Assn., Inc. - 1963  
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Dallas TX 75218  
Ksd573@aol.com

Firefighting Historical Society, Inc. - 1974  
c/o Chris Mickal  
143 40th St.  
New Orleans LA 70124  
firelinephotos@aol.com

Fort Worth Red Helmets, Inc. - 1971  
PO Box 17484  
Fort Worth TX 76102

Greater Houston Fire Battalion - 1992  
P. O. Box 697  
Bellaire TX 77402  
tmcfire@aol.com

Signal 51 Group - 1968  
PO Box 7512  
Bossier City LA 71171-5712  
Signal51group@suddenlink.net

## **Minutes from IFBA Region 5 Annual Business Meeting, June 5, 2021**

IFBA Region 5 Vice President Tom McDonald called the above meeting to order via "Google Meet" at 10:05 AM on Sat., June 5, 2021 (see May 21 announcement for it below) with the following persons announcing "present" upon the roll call then taken:

**Dale Aymond (Box 4, Dallas)**

**Wally Banks (delegate: Box 4, Dallas & IFBA EVP)**

**Thomas Brock (Box 4, Dallas)**

**Tom McDonald (Greater Houston Fire Battalion & IFBA Region 5 VP)**

**Larry Palmer (Box 4, Dallas)**

**Ken Paradowski (delegate: Greater Houston Fire Battalion)**

**Russell Teutsch (delegate: Signal 51, Shreveport)**

McDonald asked if Bob Woody, the regional recording secretary, was present, and no one responded. He said he would then take the meeting's minutes and follow the agenda previously distributed by email.

### **IFBA EVP Report**

Wally Banks was given the floor to report on IFBA business of interest to the region. He said the border between the US and Canada was still closed making planning for the proposed September IFBA Convention still at issue and that the planning group in Canada had not yet decided whether or not the convention would be held in person. There was no date yet on when such a decision would occur. Updates will be provided when known.

Banks noted an in-person Region 3 meeting was upcoming June 19, and he said he would pass on to attendees on this meeting details from Region 3 VP Joe Sullivan. He discussed the proposed IFBA Joint Convention with SPAAMFAA slated for 2022, also with some planning issues still to be resolved.

### **Club Reports**

DALLAS BOX 4 report by Banks

He noted the passing of long-time member Bill Manning over the preceding year. He said the club had still been active in responding to rehab calls during the pandemic.



#### SHREVEPORT SIGNAL 51 report by Teutsch

He noted that responses were still being made, and that the club had been fortunate lately by receiving some healthy donations to support it financially.

#### HOUSTON GHFB report by Paradowski

He noted opening of a new HFD Station 55 on Cullen & Orem (just south of its former location). This will likely be site of first or second meeting of the club when meetings resume as no meetings have been held since late 2019.

NEW ORLEANS FHS no report, no delegate on meeting (although Banks did recount the May 14-16 weekend there attended by several from the region and elsewhere)

#### **Election of Region 5 VP for 2021-22 Term**

McDonald said voting would be open only to regional club delegates (3 of whom were in attendance). Delegate Banks (Box 4) nominated Tom McDonald for re-election to the position; Teutsch seconded the motion. As there were no other nominations, Banks amended his motion to name McDonald to the position by acclamation to which Teutsch seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Other regional business, notices or events**

McDonald called for the above. Bob Woody (Signal 51, Shreveport) announced that he was present for the meeting. McDonald advised Woody that he had been taking meeting minutes. Woody acknowledged and requested the contact information for the IFBA Chairman and President, both of which McDonald said would be provided in the form of their emails which are in the "cc" line above (and which are there, as well as that of the IFBA's secretary, due to their ex-officio status).

#### **Adjournment**

With no other business brought before the group, the meeting adjourned at 11:20.

- Recorded by McDonald

# Crescent City Blazes

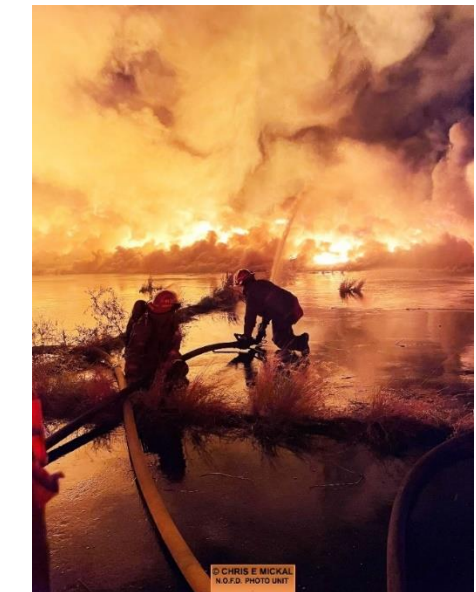
## *New Orleans Area Fires*

Courtesy of Chris Mickal  
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NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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## REGION 6

5-11 Club, Inc. - 1953  
PO Box 8511  
Chicago IL 60680  
[webmaster@5-11clubchicago.org](mailto:webmaster@5-11clubchicago.org)

Box 15 Club, Inc. - 1947  
Att: Brett Barber  
PO Box 23  
Columbus OH 43216  
[board@box15.org](mailto:board@box15.org)

Box 42 Associates - 1942  
PO Box 1810  
Royal Oak MI 48068-1810  
[Box42det@gmail.com](mailto:Box42det@gmail.com)

Box 8 Club of St. Louis - 1941  
Att: Larry Quick  
3222 St. Joachim  
St. Ann, MO 63074  
[lquick@charter.net](mailto:lquick@charter.net)

Extra Alarm Assn. of the Twin Cities - 1974  
4340 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. South  
Minneapolis MN 55407  
[jtdegenhardt@comcast.net](mailto:jtdegenhardt@comcast.net)

Indianapolis Fire Buffs - 1962  
2205 E. 58<sup>th</sup> St.  
Indianapolis IN 46220  
[president@indianapolisfirebuffs.org](mailto:president@indianapolisfirebuffs.org)

Metro Emergency Support Services - 1994  
Att: Ms. Debra Francisco  
1234 S. Route 12 #4  
Fox Lake IL 60020

Metropolitan Fire Associates, Inc. - 1969  
P.O. Box 725  
South Bend IN 46624-0725  
[mrzepnic@southbendin.gov](mailto:mrzepnic@southbendin.gov)

Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc - 1947.  
300 S. 84<sup>th</sup> St.  
Milwaukee WI 53214  
[Bob342892@msn.com](mailto:Bob342892@msn.com)

Milwaukee Fire Historical Society - 1981  
1615 W. Oklahoma Ave.  
Milwaukee WI 53215-4539  
[rlesch4@wi.rr.com](mailto:rlesch4@wi.rr.com)  
[milwfiremuseum@gmail.com](mailto:milwfiremuseum@gmail.com)

Moline Second Alarmers - 1952  
1630 8th Ave.  
Moline IL 61265  
[d.coopman@mchsi.com](mailto:d.coopman@mchsi.com)

Racine Fire Bells, Inc. - 1948  
PO Box 081042  
Racine WI 53408  
[racinefirebellclub@gmail.com](mailto:racinefirebellclub@gmail.com)

West Licking Firefighters Assn. - 2020  
PO Box 1120  
428 Jefferson St.  
Pataskala OH 43062

Western Reserve Fire Museum (WRFBA) 1972  
310 Carnegie  
Cleveland OH 44115  
[nelsonp@wrfmc.com](mailto:nelsonp@wrfmc.com)



## Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, Inc.



Charter Member

The Milwaukee Fire Department's professional skills have created an environment which requires very little rehab from the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club. We automatically respond to third alarm fires, but have had none in Milwaukee for 2021. This is not to say that Milwaukee Fire Department wasn't busy. They had a total of 101,066 service calls from January 1-December 19, 2021. This is 10,000 more than the previous year.

With the temperatures now dropping, we will be expecting more responses due to cold-weather protocol. (As I finish this article the snow is falling as are the temps!)

Our services were needed in June for a multi-unit apartment fire in the Village of Hales Corners. Hales Corners is in Milwaukee County and located Southwest of Downtown Milwaukee. Two communities outside of Milwaukee County requested our assistance, but both of those requests were cancelled in route. Kudos to both of those communities, Germantown and Menomonee Falls, for efficient work in fire suppression.

The Milwaukee Fire Bell Club did participate in a number of PR events throughout the year. In August, five members and our Rehab 1 vehicle participated in St. Francis Night Out. This event is part of the National Night Out where community members get a chance to interact with first responders and learn about ways to make their community safer.



Those of you from Nashville will remember this vehicle. It's now Rehab 1.

Some of our members were on hand during Milwaukee's 9-11 Remembrance held at the Deer District. (Home of the Milwaukee Bucks) The weather cooperated and the ceremony was held outside.



The Village of Richfield held their annual safety day event on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Six of our members were there along with Rehab 1. Hundreds of community members showed up for this event and enjoyed free food, a bouncy fire truck for children, fire safety activities, aerial ladder displays, antique fire equipment, and Flight for Life.



Serving food at Richfield Fire Safety Days.



A future firefighter learning one task.

More pictures from Richfield Safety Days.



Members Jim Miller and Chuck Liedtke



Flight for Life at Richfield Safety Days



Milwaukee Fire Department Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the MFD Headquarters. This ceremony recognizes all MFD personal that have died in the line of duty since its inception in 1875. A bell was tolled as each name was read. The MFBC served coffee and cake afterwards.



Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Aaron Lipski speaks to the assemble attendees.

Every year, the Milwaukee Fire Department presents awards to fire department personal and community members for meritorious service. The author of this article had hoped that four MFD personal that helped her at an accident scene, plus a retired member that arrived on scene first, would have been recognized, but they didn't make the cut---thankfully the accident wasn't that serious, but they certainly were deserving. The MFBC again helped by serving refreshments after the program.



Member Vickie Mokros identifies all the different types of cupcakes to someone eager to try them

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Greendale Fire Department held an open house. Like other open houses, this event attracted members from the community who were able to learn more about first responders and their equipment.



Children love looking at fire trucks and checking out all the gadgets.

Members from the club were on scene at the Milwaukee Fire Department's Recruit Burn November 17<sup>th</sup>. Pictures below, by member Robert Domrois, show the recruits in their final tests.



The headquarters for the Milwaukee Fire Department were renamed on November 30<sup>th</sup>, to recognize the lead architect of the building, Alonzo Robinson. He was the first registered State of Wisconsin and City of Milwaukee African American architect. Family members were present for this honor and received a ride in the original Engine 2 apparatus from the time the station was built in 1962





One final activity that the Milwaukee Fire Bell club participated in was our Kringle Project. We deliver a Racine Kringle (Wisconsin's State Pastry) and a package of Berres' Brothers Coffee to each station, for each shift, in Milwaukee County. That's over 200 Kringle and packs of coffee. Bill and Vickie Mokros take care of ordering the Kringle at a store near them (purchased by the club), and Tanya and Robert Ristic used their 'magic' to get the coffee from Berres Brothers as a donation. Needless to say, those of us delivering have a great time sharing a small token of appreciation, and those receiving are happy for the treats. Below are a few pictures from our project.



Let the sorting begin!



Bob Heindl is ready to deliver!



Happy Recipients!



"Thanks"





"Which one do we keep for us?"



"We really appreciate this. Thank you MFBC!"



Happy faces in all the stations we visited. There were eleven MFBC members that played "Kringles-Klaus" and delivered all of the Kringle and packages of coffee.



"Selfies are great!"

Written by Vickie Mokros with additional information provided by Robert Ristic and Bill Mokros. Recruit Burn pictures by Robert Domrois. Additional pictures by Chuck Liedtke, Bill Mokros and Vickie Mokros. January 1, 2022

## Indianapolis Fire Department Honors Jerry Traub

[Indianapolis Fire Buffs](#) is at [The Indiana Roof Ballroom](#).

January 28, 2022 · [Indianapolis, IN](#) ·

Tonight, the Indianapolis Fire Buffs was honored to attend Indianapolis Fire Departments 30th annual Recognition Banquet. Our very own Jerry Traub was awarded for his 50 years of service to the Indianapolis Fire Buffs and the Indianapolis Fire Department. We are blessed to have such a public servant on our team. Congratulations Jerry. Thank you for all you do.





## REGION 7

Box 15 Club of Los Angeles - 1949  
c/o Charles Steele  
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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  
Bowersbsall17@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



# HALL OF FLAME VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

National Historical Fire Foundation



The largest fire museum in the world is doing well despite the issues due to COVID 19 . In 2021 The museum's increased attendance has driven a surge in the Museum Memberships. Donations come from our Membership that financially supports our operations and continued growth of apparatus and artifacts to our collection.

Our volunteer organization has experienced an increase in membership as well. We will close out 2021 with 46 members vs. 28 at the start of 2020.

Our volunteer meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. Starting with dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by our business meeting.

We also have scheduled work details on one Saturday a month. The volunteers do a variety of assignments based on their experience and knowledge. IE; apparatus maintenance and restoration, carpentry for new displays, rotation of apparatus on display within the museum, general maintenance on the museum two buildings.



### *The Volunteer Organization's Mission:*

To Provide volunteers who will enhance the Museum's programs by complementing, expanding, and supplementing the work of the Museum staff.

Work with the Museum staff and the volunteer officers to determine the needs for volunteer placement and design volunteer jobs to meet the existing as well as the changing programs of the Museum.

Help create and promote in the community and the local fire departments an understanding of the Museum and all its facets.

Assist in the education of the citizens of the community in proper methods of fire prevention, safety, and the historical significance of the Fire Service in America.

Promote fellowship amongst the members of the Volunteer Organization and their family members.

### *Volunteer Member Profile: JOE HINKLE*

One of the most popular exhibits at the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is our collection of patches. Starting on the west wall of Gallery IV and spanning onto the east wall of Gallery III, with plenty of room to grow, the collection features thousands of fire service arm patches from all over the world; every continent, even Antarctica, is represented. Visitors can search the database to find which panel their hometown is in, or they can simply browse the panels and enjoy the various colorful, strange, and whimsical designs of the patches.



For many years, the Hall of Flame's patch collection has been the work of one of our most senior and valued volunteers, Joe Hinkle.

"Years ago, there were five or six of us that did it, but then there were some mistakes, so I took it on," explains Hinkle. "It was something I thought I could do." Hinkle adds a new patch panel every year or so while snow birding here in the Valley during the winter months from his native Ohio. He paints the panel, then carefully lays out the hundreds of patches that are donated to the museum over the course of the year. "You have to check 'em all," he says. "If they're new, or if we have them but it's a different new design, then they go in. But if we already have them then they go in duplicates."

The patch collection is only one of the roles that Hinkle ably performs here at the Hall of Flame, where he's volunteered since 1996.

"My daughter moved out here in '84, I think it was, and we came out to visit" he recalls. "That was my first time at the Museum." It wasn't his last. After he and his wife Marge began spending their winters here, he became a regular visitor to the Hall of Flame.

"My wife and daughter said, you're going down there so much, you might as well volunteer." Since then, Hinkle's participated in everything from sweeping floors to guiding tours but is perhaps most familiar greeting our guests and answering their questions, in his distinctive, friendly way, about the exhibits.

The Hall of Flame's Curator of Education at the time shared a bit of background with Hinkle: they were both from Williams County, Ohio.

"I was born in the country outside Montpelier, Ohio," says Hinkle, "but I grew up in the town of Edon. Three weeks after I graduated, I went to work at the local machine shop; made parts for Ford Motor." He married in February of the following year, and it was a family connection that led him to the fire service.

"I started in November of '66 in Edgerton, Ohio," he says. "My father-in-law was on that department. Like most fire departments back then, you had to know somebody to get on." Hinkle stayed with Edgerton's paid on-call department for 25 years.

His most memorable calls, he says, included "an accident where my neighbor was killed." He also remembers when "in '88, we had three Amish kids killed in a fire. That was the first call my son was on."

His son Doug spent a year with the Edgerton Department before spending thirty years with the fire department of Montgomery County, Maryland, where, Hinkle proudly notes, he's now a Battalion Chief. Maybe someday we'll get Doug to continue to carry on the family traditions, and volunteer here at the Hall of Flame Museum.

### **The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Fire Disasters in American History:**

October of this year marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of two of the worst fire disasters in American history. One of them is an iconic episode in our nation's lore; the other is far less remembered, although a new display at the Hall of Flame seeks to redress this.

The Great Chicago Fire began on October 8, 1871. Legend has long held that it was caused by "Mrs. O'Leary's Cow" kicking over a lantern while being milked in a barn at 137 DeKoven Street. The story, which catered to anti-immigrant sentiment toward the Irish prevalent in Chicago at the time, originated in the Chicago Republican and was repeated in many other sources. Catherine O'Leary always denied the story, and more than twenty years later the writer of the original article, Michael Ahern, admitted that he made it up, but by then it had entered the category of myth, and is still well known.



Whatever the cause of the fire, it burned through October 10, destroying more than three square miles, and killing about 300 people. The Chicago Fire Department at the time consisted of fewer than 200 firefighters, but firefighters from all over the upper Midwest poured into the city to help; a small Rumsey pumper from the village of Centerville Township, Wisconsin, now on display in Gallery I of the Hall of Flame, was brought to Chicago by train, joining the effort on the last day.



Many historians now believe that, in a sense, the Great Chicago Fire probably saved more lives than it took, in the long run. Prior to the disaster, Chicago was built largely of wood; even the sidewalks and roads were made of wood. In response to the fire, the city was rebuilt according to new codes which required more stone and brick in construction, as well as wider roads, alleys, etc. Other cities around the country and eventually around the world were then built up along this model, gradually making big citywide fires a thing of the past.

During the same week in October of 1871 as the Great Chicago Fire, multiple severe wildfires burned throughout the upper Midwest-Great Lakes region. The largest and deadliest of these was the Peshtigo Fire, which burned more than a million acres in northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and killed between 1,000 and 3,000 people.

The fire is believed to have started when flames from prescribed burns were fed by winds from a cold front, resulting in a firestorm (although some historians have theorized that falling debris from Belia's Comet could have caused Peshtigo and other fires of the time, including the Chicago Fire). About a dozen small communities were destroyed, including the town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin. Some residents took refuge from the flames in the waters of the Peshtigo River, which resulted in many deaths by drowning and hypothermia.

From the start, the Peshtigo Fire was overshadowed in the media by the more high-profile disaster in Chicago. Even so, Peshtigo's death toll was several times that of the Chicago Fire's; in terms of fatalities, it's the worst wildfire disaster in recorded history. A new pictorial exhibit in the Hall of Flame's Wildland Gallery, titled "PESHTIGO—THE FORGOTTEN FIRE" AND using images from periodicals of the time, seeks to improve our understanding of this disaster.

### *The Vajen-Bader Smoke Protector - Garret Morgan:*

Alongside the Hall of Flame's display devoted to the breathing hood designed by Garret Morgan is a new exhibit, added in 2021, displaying another early self-contained breathing apparatus: The Vajen-Bader Smoke Protector.

This dramatic-looking mask was a pioneering attempt to allow firefighters to breathe in a smoke-filled environment. Produced by the Indianapolis, Indiana-based company starting in the mid-1890s, it was a lined chamois leather hood with fire-resistant mica eye pieces and ear diaphragms; some also incorporated a whistle for communication. The device was equipped with a small canister of compressed air on the back, allowing the user to breathe, and providing air in the hood's interior that was significantly cooler than the surrounding atmosphere in a fire.



The mask represented a business and design collaboration between Willis C. Vajen (1851-1900), an Indianapolis hardware dealer and inventor, and William Bader, a German immigrant and piano manufacturer, reportedly with input from Chicago Fire Chief Denis Swenie. Hand-made at the Vajen-Bader facility on the second floor of a former Indianapolis public library at the corner of Ohio and Meridian Streets, the Smoke Protector was sold into the early 1900s. Like most early attempts at self-contained breathing apparatus, it was cumbersome and provided only a few minutes' worth of air; at \$100 per unit, it was also expensive. Nonetheless it successfully sold both nationally and internationally and was one of the more respected of the early smoke masks.



The Museum's Executive Director Chuck Montgomery and NHFF Board Member Bert Getz

### *Trucks and Treats:*

October of 2020, the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting was faced, like the rest of the world, with restrictions due to the COVID pandemic. But we still wanted to provide some Halloween fun for our visitors.



Our solution? “Trucks and Treats,” a socially distanced trick or treat event in which our staff and volunteers sat up in our vintage fire trucks and slid treats down plastic tubes in the waiting bags of costumed kids. We did it our parking lot, to increase the safety factor and to enjoy the fine fall weather here in the Valley, on the Saturday prior to Halloween. It was a hit with guests and Hall of Flame folks alike, so we decided to try it again at Easter. This time we moved the event inside, and it worked just as well. So, we decided to keep it indoor for Halloween Eve, October 30, 2021, and turn our Gallery II into a fog-enshrouded domain of uncanny mystery. And free candy.

The gallery was taped off with ominous-looking caution tape, and theatrical fog was pumped in to give the proper eerie atmosphere. Macabre skull lights were strung up to add the spooky feel. Young visitors dressed in costumes ranging from superheroes to dinosaurs to unicorns to ninjas to fairy princesses to a banana to the Stay-Puft

Marshmallow Man were routed up and down the aisles past fire trucks from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century—including, appropriately enough, our beautiful ‘30s-era Ahrens Fox pumper from Sleepy Hollow, New York, home of Washington Irving’s Headless Horseman.

Perched on these old rigs were volunteers armed with bags of “fun size” candy and long, transparent plastic tubes to slide them down.

This year those giving out goodies on the trucks included, along with our usual loyal volunteers and staffers, Museum President George Getz, and his wife Dyan, as well as other representatives from the Globe Corporation (parent company of the Hall of Flame). There were signs that the volunteers had at least as much fun as the kids, and in some cases may have consumed as much candy.





### *Aerial Ladders:*

During the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, as buildings got taller, firefighting got harder. Rescuing people trapped in upper floors of tall buildings on fire is still a challenge, but in the days before fire escapes and sprinkler systems it was far more difficult.

The iconic “life net” canvasses into which people could jump, invented in Ohio in the 1860s, were dangerous, both for the jumpers and for the firefighters. Ladders were a more realistic option, but tall ladders were difficult to transport and unwieldy to deploy. Various new designs intended to improve ladder performance were attempted in the later 1800s; the “Babcock aerial,” developed during the 1880s, was the most successful of them.

The large Babcock aerial in Gallery I of the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is believed to be the only specimen of its kind to survive intact. Built in 1886 by the Chicago Fire Extinguisher Company, it probably first belonged to the Chicago Fire Department.

In 1894 it was purchased by the fire department of Benton Harbor, Michigan, probably in response to a tragic factory fire which occurred in July of that year, and which had taken the lives of eleven Benton Harbor firefighters. The disaster was blamed, in part, on insufficient ladders, so the Babcock, a larger wagon than a community of that size really required, probably represents an overreaction on the part of the town, determined never to find itself ill-equipped again. In 1927, the rig was purchased from Benton Harbor by the fire department of Alpena, Michigan, who converted it from horse-drawn to truck-drawn.

The Hall of Flame's Babcock is notable not only for its rarity and history but also as a masterpiece of restoration. Hall of Flame restorer Don Hale had to re-construct the wheels, axles, and the entire front end to bring the piece to its current condition. It makes a majestic sight.



### *Hall of Flame Hosted Blood Drive:*

November 9, 2021, marked the second annual First Responders Unite Blood Drive here at the Hall of Flame Museum. The local blood service took over Gallery III—including piping in an excellent playlist of ‘eighties pop music that took some of us back to our

college years—and collected pints from Hall of Flame staff, volunteers and visitors most of the day.

The event was considered a major success by Vitalant, and the Hall of Flame was proud to host it. But there was one aspect of the day that we found disappointing: police officers out-donated firefighters by an irritatingly large margin. In the longstanding and ongoing rivalry between police and firefighters, the police won this round; the Hall of Flame fully intends to capture the title next year, however.



Executive Director Chuck Montgomery donating blood



The Police beat the Fire on donations

## Fiesta Bowl Parade:

Our last event of the year was on December 18<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix. We had two pieces of apparatus in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fiesta Bowl Parade. The parade was started to welcome and honor the college football teams that qualified to play in the Fiesta Bowl game. This year, Oklahoma will complete against Notre Dame on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Several volunteer members and guest of the museum rode the trucks.



Rock Roll Hall of Fame inductee Alice Cooper and the Fiesta Bowl founders served as the Parade's Grand Marshals. Some of the most notable marshals in recent past. Include: Randy Johnson, Missy Franklin, The Families of the 19 Fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots, Kirk Gibson, Kurt Warner, Jerry Rice Cal Ripken, Jr.





Fiesta Bowl Parade December 18, 2021

***Valley of the Sun Apparatus Update:***

Photos by Chis Radoian, Phoenix  
Fire Communications Supervisor



Phoenix L9 and L20 - 2021 E-One Typhoon 100ft ft HR rma.





Salt River L293 and L294 - 2021 Pierce Velocity PUC 1500gpm 275gwt 25gft 100ft rmt.



Phoenix E26 E35 E48 E50 E960 2021 Rosenbauer Commander 1500gpm 500gwt 40gft



Phoenix E9 E17 E18 E25 E30 2020 Pierce Impel 1500gpm 500gwt 40gft



Chandler E283 E286 E288 2020 Rosenbauer Commander 1500gpm 500gwt 30gfta 30gftb



Florence BR542 2019 International CV515 / 2020 Skeeter 250gpm 500gwt 20gft

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## REGION 9

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## IFBA Region 9 Meeting

August 11, 2021

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID, the meeting was held on ZOOM.

Clubs attending were:

Bayonne Fire Canteen

Bell & Siren Club

Teaneck Box 54

Fire Bell Club of NYC

Gong Club

Philadelphia Second Alarmers

The only Club not represented was SPAAMFAA.

We were honored to have several IFBA Officers attending including Executive Vice-President Wally Banks, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer Paul Schaetzle, and Vice-President at Large Joe Sullivan.

Each club gave a brief overview of recent activities:

Gong Club- There have been several Mutual Aid runs to assist Box 54. There is still the ongoing issue of the fate of their quarters, & recently without any warning, the road in front of their quarters was dug up, making it impossible for their canteen to respond; Bayonne provided coverage. 2022 Calendars are available. They are planning a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Nov.20. On Oct. 2, along with the Bell & Siren Club, they will be serving at the annual Deputy Chief's seminar.

Bell and Siren Club- Only 35 runs to date. Will be participating with the Gong Club at the Deputy Chief's seminar and are also hoping to go to Emmitsburg to the National Firefighters Memorial ceremonies October 2-3.

Fire Bell Club—has been holding Zoom meetings

Box 54- Has some manpower issues. They are hoping to get a few new members soon to augment their club and help in their responses.

Bayonne Fire Canteen- Nothing new; progress

Second Alarmers- Hoping for a big turnout to their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at their quarters on Oct. 9. Plan is for the "formal program" to start around Noon with dignitaries making speeches & then an open house for the balance of the day. There will not be any anniversary dinner. The Club is responding on all working fires, police calls and other special requests for a total of over 400 responses to date, but there have only been 10 Multiples.

Executive VP Banks spoke on the importance of:

Sending in articles for TurnOut

Sending in nominations for Fire Buff of the Year

Submitting any names for the Necrology report

Submitting names of Club's Delegate and Alternate to the IFBA Annual Meeting

There was a discussion of possible new Clubs. Efforts will try to be made to bring back the Signal 22 Club from Trenton. They left the IFBA several years ago after many of the old time IFBA members passed away or moved away, and the new leadership saw no value in IFBA membership.

Another former IFBA Club, The Antique Fire Association of New Jersey, which is a local SPAAMFFA affiliate, is now also running a canteen for Morris, Sussex and Warren counties. They have been providing this service for about a year & might be interested in rejoining the IFBA so they can be involved in our canteen mutual aid operations.

There are also canteen clubs in Lambertville and Cherry Hill and efforts will be made to try to reach out to them for possible future membership.

Suggestion was made to try to schedule a driver training course for all the canteen drivers.

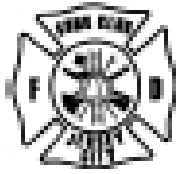
It would also be valuable to have a meeting of the four canteen clubs to review procedures.

The Gong Club, seconded by the Bell & Siren Club nominated Ira Cohen to serve as Region #9 Vice-President. He was unanimously elected to serve his fifth, and final term.

Report submitted by:

Ira Cohen

Region #9 VP



# GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

by Paul Schaezle

## BLOCKED!

Continuing construction work on Bay St., Newark Ave. and Erie St. resulted in Car 26 being blocked in quarters due to a trench dug across the apron and heavy equipment staged on the street. Access would be blocked from Tuesday, June 15 until Friday, June 18, 2021. Two members loaded their personal vehicles with coolers of bottled water and our next due mutual aid partner, the Bayonne Fire Canteen, was placed on notice. The first 2 days of the blockage were quiet, but Murphy's Law struck on Thursday evening with Jersey City's second 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm of 2021!

Fire Dispatch started receiving calls shortly before 22:00 hours reporting a building fire at 124 Neptune Ave., a large 3 story frame tenement in the City's Greenville section. As Box 804 was being transmitted, dispatchers relayed information to the responding units that they now had a report of people trapped. Eng. Co. 13, Capt. Dominick Vallo, reported a working fire; the third consecutive month that Capt. Vallo arrived first due at a major incident! Eng. 13 pulled past the building to give first due Lad. 8 the front and, conveniently a hydrant was right there. Inconveniently, that hydrant was BLOCKED!

Batt. 2, Batt. Chief William Raleigh, arrived shortly thereafter and assumed command.

B. C. Raleigh, who just celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> year on the job, calmly reported. "We have two 3-story class 5 multiple dwellings. We have fire in 2 buildings. Transmit a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm." Fire was now roaring up the sides of 2 similar, detached structures separated by a 4' alley. Atypical of the standard Jersey City 25' lot width, each building measured approximately 40' x 60'.

Res. Co. 1, Capt. Michael Davis, entered #122 Neptune and reported they needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> line. "We have fire on all floors!" Batt. 2, B. C. Raleigh, next reported, "We have fire in 122 and 124 Neptune. We have a 2 ½' between both buildings; still conducting primary searches". Deputy Chief Joseph Menendez arrived at 22:06, assumed command and made an immediate request for Public Service Electric & Gas; "We have downed power lines in front of the building; we need PSE&G ASAP".

Companies reported on searches in progress on various floors. Eng. Co. 19 and Res. Co. 1 reported they were knocking down fire in their locations but Res. 1 stated they were looking across the alley and could see heavy fire on the third floor of the other building. D. C. Menendez replied that there's a lot of fire in the cockloft and assigned Sqd. Co. 4 to attack that fire. Capt. Guido Salandra of Sqd. 4 eagerly acknowledged, "Sqd. 4 is on it!"



D. C. Menendez next radioed Fire Dispatch, "Here's an update. We have 2 buildings; the main fire building has heavy fire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and cockloft. Give me a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm and have them respond on Ocean Ave. I want the whole 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm on Ocean."

All hands were heavily engaged. The fire was going hot and heavy as was the radio traffic with numerous units reporting on conditions in their sectors. D. C. Menendez wisely reminded all units to maintain radio discipline; "Take a breath; you're stepping on each other"! Sqd. 4, Lad. 12 and Lad. 8 conducted roof operations on #122.

With the usual concentration of overhead wires, typical of Jersey City, only Lad. Co. 8's aerial could make the roof. Conditions deteriorated and the fire threatened to impinge on the aerial, the primary escape route for the companies working on the roof.

Res. 1 reported that the fire was rolling across the cockloft. Sqd. 4 reported heavy fire was venting through the roof; they had a line and requested permission to hit some of the fire with that line. Lad. Co. 4 gave the all clear from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and Sqd. 4 attacked the fire from above, but to little avail.

Sqd. 4 reported that there were a dozen men working on the roof. With heavy fire venting from the southwest portion of the roof and fire seething in the cockloft, D. C. Menendez pulled the plug on the roof operations, "Cease roof operations! Everyone off the roof ASAP. Everyone off the roof! OFF THE ROOF!" The 12 firefighters safely climbed down Lad. 8's aerial while a handline from the street kept the fire venting out the cockloft at bay!



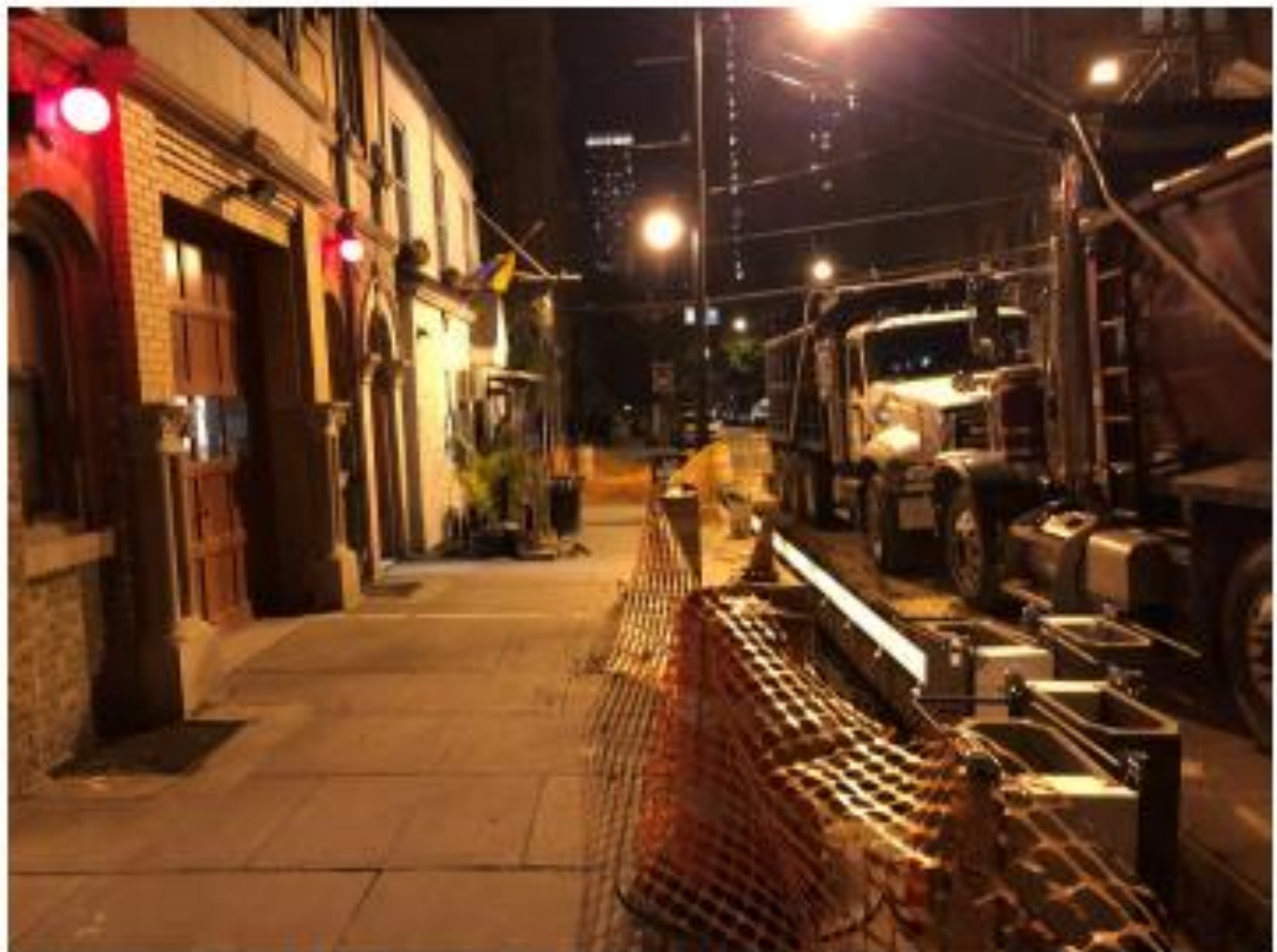
6/17/21 4-4 804 124 Neptune Ave., Jersey City  
"Off the roof" ... and with good reason!  
(Warren Zapp Photo)



Fire Dispatch transmitted the evacuation alert tones and D. C. Menendez ordered an accountability roll call. If that wasn't enough excitement, he next transmitted a 4<sup>th</sup> alarm! Batt. 1, B. C. Joseph Altomonte, asked for fresh bodies in #124. D. C. Menendez ordered all 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm companies to stage on Ocean Ave. and the manpower to report to the Command Post. Lad. Co. 12 and Car 3, Chief of Dept. Steven McGill, both reported heavy fire out the rear of the exposure building, #122. D. C. Menendez assigned 3 engine companies and 2 ladder companies to attack that problem. Eng. 18 reported they were hitting the rear apartment

and Lad. 11 advised most of the fire had been knocked down and not to open any outside lines. Although there was still heavy fire in the cockloft, Batt. 1 eventually reported they were making headway.

Although both buildings were heavily damaged, the fire did not extend beyond the 2 buildings involved upon arrival. Incredibly, despite 2 fully occupied tenements and the large complement of companies on scene, not a single injury was reported! Fire was placed under control at 23:19 hours.



Bay St. Blockade! No getting out of quarters with these obstacles!  
(H. J. Haines photo)

Despite the Bay St. blockade, rehab / canteen operations were provided without missing a beat. One member responded immediately with a cooler of bottled water. Upon transmission of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm, member Jimmy Fay responded with an additional cooler and more water. Meanwhile Club Deputy Chief Pat Spellman had Fire Dispatch activate the mutual aid process for the Bayonne Fire Canteen. An easy run for them; the fire was located a mere 6 blocks north of the Bayonne City Line! The IFBA Region 9 mutual aid system worked without a hitch. Our thanks to the Bayonne Fire Canteen for filling in!

#### Response:

21:56 Box 804 Eng. Co. 13-19-22-8 Lad. Co. 8-4  
Res. Co. 1 MSU Batt. 2 Div. 1  
21:59 WF 804 Eng. Co. 1 Lad. Co. 11 Batt. 4 Car  
14  
22:00 2-2 804 Eng. Co. 17-9-2-Sqd. 4 Lad. Co. 12  
Car 3-26  
22:11 3-3 804 Eng. Co. 15-7-5 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 1  
OEM 3  
22:37 4-4 804 Eng. Co. 10-18-14 Lad. Co. 7 Batt.  
3

## DOUBLE TROUBLE...TWICE!

As the year 2021 draws to a close, the record books will show 2 runs that had Car 26 in operation for 9 hours! Both incidents required encore performances as well!

A warm, lazy summer afternoon was interrupted by a fire in an industrial building on Jersey City's west side. Acrilex Plastics, located at 230 Culver Ave., is one of the east coast's largest stocking distributor and premier suppliers of acrylic sheets, rods and tubes. A fire erupted in the plant, a large 1 and 2 story collection of masonry buildings near Route 440. Box 741 was transmitted at 15:31 hours on Monday, August 23, 2021. Ladder Co. 11, Capt. Kevin Phillips, reported heavy smoke pushing out of roll up doors. The Field Training Officer, Batt. Chief Thomas Conforti, arrived, reported a Working Fire and special called the Haz Mat Unit. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief William Raleigh, reported that companies were forcing entry from both the Culver Ave. and the Pollock Ave. (rear) sides of the complex. Deputy Chief Paul Drennan assumed command, special called another battalion chief as a safety officer, and then transmitted a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm at 15:46. Companies made good progress and the fire was placed under control at 16:16 hours.





8/23/21 2-2 741 230 Culver Ave., Jersey City  
Daytime... Round 1 (Pat Spellman Photo)

But there would be more to this story! Box 741 was again transmitted at 02:22 hours on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Batt. 2, Batt. Chief Raleigh, was first to arrive and reported a Working Fire, however, this time on the Pollock Ave. side of the factory. B. C. Raleigh special called the Haz Mat Unit and stated that the main body of fire is in the rear of the building. At 02:25 Batt. Chief Raleigh reported "The roof is involved; give me a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm!"

Eng. Co. 17 reported that they were taking the same position as the afternoon. Ladder Co. 8 was forcing entry on Culver Ave.

Batt. 2 ordered Engine 17 to use extreme caution; there is heavy fire in the rear of the building and the roof structure is involved. Batt. Chief Raleigh then reported that the roof is involved; one line stretched from Culver Ave. and one line stretched from Pollock Ave. The Field Training Officer, Batt. Chief Thomas Conforti, reported heavy smoke from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on the Culver Ave. side and companies were forcing entry. Ladder Co. 4 set up their tower in the rear, at the dead end of Pollock Ave. Batt. Chief Conforti, the FTO, recommended a second FAST truck on the Culver Ave. side; Lad. Co. 2 was assigned. Eng. Co. 19 reported



they had a 2 ½ operating in the front. Lad. Co. 8 had cut the doors and were now going to the roof. Batt. 2 ordered all companies to back out and keep off the roof.

Deputy Chief Drennan assumed command at 02:35 hours and announced this would be a strictly exterior operation. Companies on Culver Ave. said they could make a push but Batt. Chief Conforti confirmed that that side would be an exterior, defensive operation. Batt. 2 next reported that 2 exterior lines in

operation and 2 ladder pipes set up. Meanwhile, on the Culver Ave. side, the FTO reported using a 2 ½ from the exterior. Lad. Co. 8's ladder pipe was set up and possibly Lad. Co. 9 as well. D. C. Casella asked the FTO if he had room for Ladder Tower 6. Batt. Chief Conforti replied "Yeah; we can make room for them! Lad. Co. 6 was special called at 02:42 and was directed to approach from Route 440.



8/24/21 2-2 741 230 Culver Ave., Jersey City  
Nighttime... Round 2 (Pat Spellman Photo)

Lad. Co. 3 was special called, followed by 2 additional engine companies. Eventually 4 ladder pipes and both towers operated master streams. By 03:30 the bulk of the

fire was knocked down but exterior operations continued well into the morning. With the fire being fought on 2 fronts, the Bayonne Fire Canteen was special called at

04:50 by Gong Club Deputy Chief Patrick Spellman. Car 26 would operate for 9 hours at this incident.

Responses to both incidents:

8/23/21

15:31 Box 741 Eng. Co. 17-8-22-13 Lad. Co. 11-8  
Res. Co. 1 MSU Batt. 2 FTO Div. 1

15:38 WF 741 Eng. Co. 19 Lad. Co. 4 Batt. 4

15:40 S/C 741 Haz Mat 1- 2 (staffed by Eng. Co.  
14, Lad. Co. 7)

15:46 2-2 741 Eng. Co. 9-15-Sqd. 4 Lad. Co. 9

Car 3-4-26

16:16 Fire under control

8/24/21

02:15 Box 741 Eng. Co. 17-19-8-22 Lad. Co. 11-8  
Res. Co. 1 MSU Batt. 2 FTO Div. 1

02:19 WF 741 Eng. Co. 13 Lad. Co. 4 Batt. 4

02:20 S/C 741 Haz Mat 1- 2 (staffed by Eng. Co.  
14, Lad. Co. 7)

02:25 2-2 741 Eng. Co. 9-15-Sqd. 4 Lad. Co. 9

Car 3-26

02:28 S/C 741 Lad. Co. 2

02:42 S/C 741 Lad. Co. 6

03:00 S/C 741 Eng. Co. 7-18 Lad. Co. 3

04:50 S/ C 741 Bayonne Fire Cantessa

The second 9-hour stand for Car 26 would come just before Christmas in the City of Hoboken. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, Hoboken would fight several major fires each year; often several in one month! However, with Hoboken being one of the trendiest cities in the country, major fire incidents have, fortunately, plummeted. It had been 3 years since a major fire had occurred in Hoboken, but the battle that began in the early morning of December 20, 2021 more than made up for the quite period!

At approximately 00:20 on Monday, December 20, 2021, Hoboken companies responded to 38 Jackson St. in the City's Southwest quadrant. Long an industrial

center, like many other areas, the factories had given way to a mixture of residential units, small businesses and art galleries.

This address had been part of the R. B Davis Company Factory, known for its chocolate flavored drink mix, Cocomalt, and its brand of puddings, My-T-Fine Pudding. A large neon sign advertising these products was a landmark for decades. The plant operated from the 1920's until 1970.

Ladder Co. 2 arrived first, with Capt. Frank Daliani reporting a Working Fire. Fire was in a 3 story building on Jackson St. A center courtyard in the rear of the building connected to a 3 -story heavy timber mill construction building at 49 Harrison St. and a 5-story masonry building at 51 Harrison St. that actually fronted on Observer Hwy. It appeared some sort of explosion had occurred as debris was strewn around the area. Hoboken's "Uptown Companies", Eng. Co. 1 and Lad. Co. 1 responded, bringing the entire department to the scene. The fire appeared to be concentrated in the rear inner courtyard area, making access difficult.

With all Hoboken companies now engaged, mutual aid was needed to cover the city.

Jersey City and North Hudson each sent 2 engines and 1 ladder to cover at Eng. 2 and Eng. 1's quarters respectively. Eng. Co. 2 and Lad. Co. 2's historic firehouse on "The Island" at Observer Highway and Newark St. was a short 2 blocks east of the fire. Jersey City Battalion 1, Batt. Chief Howard Simone, wandered over to the scene from the relocation assignment to observe the situation.

Hoboken Batt. Chief Mario Fini had command of the incident and asked Batt.



Chief Simone for a FAST truck. Lad. Co. 6 was special called to the fire. The situation deteriorated and it became apparent that the fire had extended to the buildings on Harrison St. The remaining Jersey City companies at the relocation assignment,

Eng. Co. 6 and Eng. Co. 5 were called to the scene, along with another FAST truck, Lad. Co. 12, making this incident a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm. Eng. Co. 15 and Lad. Co. 9 were also special called to the fire.



12/20/21 3-3 38 Jackson St.; 49 Harrison St., Hoboken  
North Hudson Lad. 3 operating their tower on Harrison St.  
(Adolph Panburg photo)

Lad. Co. 6 set up their tower and would operate their master stream into the Jackson St. side. North Hudson Lad. Co. 3 was special called for use of their tower on the Harrison St. side. North Hudson Eng. Co. 9-4 Lad. Co. 4 and Batt. 2 also responded to the fire. Tower ladder master streams were now operating on 2 different streets attacking the fire. Companies searched for better access to the inner courtyard through yards off Newark St., but a variety of obstacles blocked their path.

Flames intermittently leapt from the inner courtyard but on both streetscapes only moderate to heavy smoke was visible. The two towers worked for hours and handlines were also used to hit the fire from adjacent portions of the building. Mutual aid companies would not be released until dawn. Hoboken units remained on the scene through the day. Car 26 made an all night stand, returning to quarters at 10:47, just 2 minutes shy of the 9 hour mark.

Although Hoboken units remained on the scene through the day, the fire was persistent



and hidden pockets of fire flared up again. Smoke began billowing from the complex once again. The remaining Hoboken companies were summoned back to the scene and a full assignment from Jersey City responded to the fire at 15:20. Companies then made a gruesome discovery; two bodies in the Jackson St. structure, described as a male and female in their 60's. The Hudson County Prosecutor and other agencies responded to deal with that situation while firefighters continued to battle the fire. Jersey City companies operated for over 2 hours before being released.

This fire would not give up! On Tuesday evening, December 21, 2021, smoke conditions worsened. Hoboken companies were now tackling fire in the 5-story masonry building that fronts on Observer Highway. As the night wore on, smoke blanketed the Downtown section of Jersey City. During the course of the night, 7 boxes were transmitted by Jersey City for smoke at various addresses. All were traced to smoke from the Hoboken fire.



12/23/21 3-3 38 Jackson St.; 49 Harrison St., Hoboken  
Jersey City Lad. Co. 2 on Observer Hwy.  
(Ron Jeffers photo)

Daylight did not improve the situation. A column of grey, black smoke was visible throughout the area. All Hoboken companies were now engaged and at 09:23, Wednesday, December 23, 2021, a full 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm assignment from Jersey City again responded to the fire, including Chief of

Dept. Steven McGill and Car 26. Master streams were operated from Observer Highway, with the fire finally darkening down by Noon. This run evolved into a 6-hour operation for Car 26. The crew of 3 treated the troops to our always popular beef stew for lunch!



12/23/21 3-3 38 Jackson St.; 49 Harrison St., Hoboken  
Hoboken Companies on Jackson St.  
(Ron Jeffers photo)



12/23/21 3-3 38 Jackson St.; 49 Harrison St., Hoboken  
Beef stew from Car 26 is always a hit!  
(Ron Jeffers photo)



## ANNIVERSARIES OF NOTE!

2021 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jersey City Fire Department. The remaining volunteer companies went out of service and the paid career department commenced operation at 9:00 AM on June 6, 1871. To mark this auspicious milestone, the Department published a history / yearbook that is sure to become a collector's item. A monthly series of articles on significant historic fires was promulgated by General Order throughout the year. The celebration was capped off with a parade on October 3, 2021 which ended at Liberty State Park. The event was sandwiched between the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Carlos Negron Memorial Run and

the FDJC Family Day Picnic. A record crowd attended the picnic, joined by the parade participants. The FDNY's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Ladder took the prize for Best in Show!

Although the Gong Club hit the 70 year mark in 2020, the anniversary plans were scuttled by Covid-19! One year to the day later, the Gong Club marked the event with a gala dinner at the Chandelier in Bayonne. Some 50 guests celebrated the milestone. Members Richard Berry, William Ladell and Kenneth Sikora received plaques designating them as Life Members for 25 years of service to the organization.



Life Members Ken Sikora and Bill Ladell  
at the (delayed!) 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 11/20/21  
(Larry Cureton photo)



## Philadelphia Second Alarmers 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – October 9, 2021



Regional Vice President Ira Cohen presents a commemorative banner from IFBA to Chief Greg Masi.





## REGION 10

Assn. des Pompiers Auxiliaires de la Monteregie  
200 Rue Josee  
Rougemont, Quebec  
CANADA J0L 1M0

Assn. Pompier Aux Lanaudiere - 2008  
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Assomption, Quebec  
CANADA J5W 3L7  
[Patricktrudel.apal@outlook.com](mailto:Patricktrudel.apal@outlook.com)

Box 43 Association - 1950  
PO Box 30102  
Upper James PO  
Hamilton, Ontario  
CANADA L9B 0E4  
[Box43chief@gmail.com](mailto:Box43chief@gmail.com)

Box 690 Fire Dept. Canteen Assn. - 1995  
c/o Gary Dinkel  
15 Muskoka Ct.  
Kitchener, Ontario  
CANADA N2B 3M2  
[corhealth@rogers.com](mailto:corhealth@rogers.com)

Appel -99 Quebec - 1989  
Att: Richard Gauvin  
140 Rue St. Jean #307  
Quebec City, Quebec  
CANADA G1R 1N7  
[info@clubappel99.ca](mailto:info@clubappel99.ca)

Pompiers Auxiliaires de Montreal - 1944  
5100 Boul. St. Laurent  
Montreal, Quebec  
CANADA H2T 1R8  
[museedespompiers@videotron.ca](mailto:museedespompiers@videotron.ca)

Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Assn. - 1975  
3442 Nadine Crescent  
Mississauga, Ontario  
CANADA L5A 3L3  
[gtmaal1975@gmail.com](mailto:gtmaal1975@gmail.com)

The Ontario Fire Buff Assoc., Inc. - 1972  
PO Box 56, Don Mills  
Don Mills, Ontario  
CANADA M3C 2R6  
[firebuffs@ofba.ca](mailto:firebuffs@ofba.ca)

UCMU Monteregie - 2001  
82 de l'Amandier  
St. Constant, Quebec  
CANADA J5A 2P6  
[Denis.seguin@ucmu.com](mailto:Denis.seguin@ucmu.com)





## INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFFS ASSOCIATES REGION 10

Region 10 held a virtual meeting on August 16, 2021, at 19:30.

### **MEMBER CLUBS PRESENT:**

MONTREAL: President Steve Garnett, Captain Tracey Brighten

GTMAA: President Carolyn Wignall

ONTARIO FIRE BUFFS: President Bob Rupert

CLUB APPEL 99: Member Denis Choquette

APAM: President Eugene Zalensy

UCMU: President Danis Seguin

### **AGENDA:**

Introduction

Region 10 VP nomination and elections

Necrology report

General discussion

Questions/concerns

### **REGION 10 VP NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS:**

Election of Region 10 Vice President for the 2021-2022 term. Motion made by Bob Rupert and seconded by Eugene Zalensy to nominate Steve Garnett for Region 10 Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NECROLOGY REPORT:**

Ontario Fire Buff Associates reported the passing of member David Dwyer.

No other clubs reported the loss of any member(s).

### **DELEGATE and ALTERNATE:**

MONTREAL: Delegate will be Tracey Brighten

GTMAA: Delegate will be Mike McNulty

ONTARIO FIRE BUFFS: Delegate will be Bob Rupert

CLUB APPEL 99: Delegate will be Denis Choquette and Alternate will be Andre Savard

APAM: Delegate will be Eugene Zalensy

UCMU: Delegate will be Danis Seguin

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

VP Garnett suggested Region 10 members have an in-person meeting in the Kingston, Ontario area in 2022 and make it a weekend of fire buffing.

Regional meetings are for all members and not just the President of each club/association.

Eugene Zalensy asked each group how they get funding as the APAM is struggling financially. They held their first fundraiser in over a year, and it was a great success.

Bob Rupert: The OFBA will be holding a dinner in celebration of the association's 50th Anniversary on Saturday, November 6, 2021. All members of the IFBA are welcome to join.

The OFBA will be holding two photo tours.

- August 28, 2021, of Peterborough area fire departments
- October 2, 2021, of Toronto Pearson Airport Fire

Members present asked to use Zoom for virtual meeting instead of Google Meets next time we need to meet virtually.

Meeting adjourned at 20:10.

Respectfully yours,



Steve Garnett  
International Fire Buff Associates  
Vice-President Region 10  
514-978-1330



Rehab 1330 supporting river operations.



## REGION 11

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Madison TN 37116  
Rick.short@box55.org  
Thomas.bilbrey@box55.org

Metropolitan Fire Assn. of Atlanta, GA - 1970  
PO Box 80607  
Atlanta GA 30366-0607  
info@metrofire.org

South Florida Rehab - 2011  
& Emergency Support Team  
1722 Sheridan St. #197  
Hollywood FL 33020  
Darren.wells@southfloridarest.org

Wilson Co. Emergency Rehab Assn. - 2013  
P. O. Box 23  
Gladeville TN 37071  
Wema603@gmail.com



## **Report of Region 11**

Vice President Williams

Thank you for setting up and attending the Region 11 meeting on Wednesday, 25 August 2021. Due to distances and Covid this was a virtual meeting with members from the Wilson County Emergency Services Rehab, Nashville Box 55 and Metropolitan Fire Association - Atlanta represented by Regional VP Dave Williams.

Others invited to attend but we received no response included the South Florida Rehab and Emergency Support Team, Inc / Canteen..based in Broward County Florida and the rehab group in the St. Augustine Florida area.

General discussion was conducted on activities of the three attending clubs.

Discussion was also held on the need for VISITING FIREMAN or equivalent listing as we feel there are many many buffs out there that IFBA clubs do not know about nor do they know about IFBA and what we bring to the table in both information on fire buffing and the fun at the IFBA conventions. .

Thomas Bilbrey of the Box 55 club will assume the position of Region 11 VP.

Respectively submitted

Dave Williams, CFPS

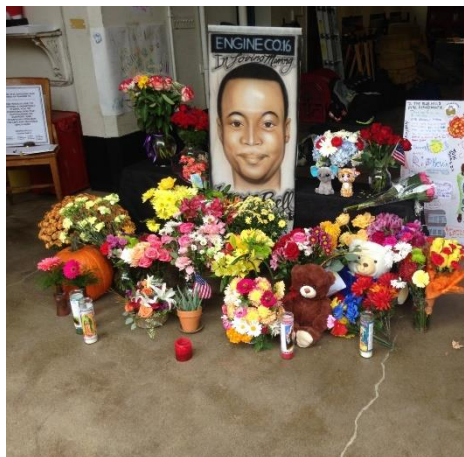
Region 11 VP.



# **SPECIAL FEATURE**



# In Service to the Mourning





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As one can imagine, this was a massive logistical undertaking with a separate branch of the incident management team assigned specifically to rehab operations. Prior to the service, firefighters assembled in the various parking lots around our downtown baseball and football stadiums, and canteens were strategically located throughout these staging areas.

It was an extraordinary day in so many ways, and we appreciate the support from so many as we in Baltimore grieve the loss of these heroes.



Friendship Fire Association & Metro Richmond Flying Squad – SN



Friendship Fire Association – SN





Metro Richmond Flying Squad - JS



Car 415 in procession to Cemetery (Photo by Mike Hugg)





## Dallas Box 4

In September of 2021, Box 4 served at the LODD funeral for Dallas Fire Rescue Officer David Leos. FRO Leos lost his life after a brave fight with COVID-19. As per Box 4 and DFR protocol, both of our rehab units are positioned at Restland Cemetery adjacent to the Garden of Honor where the burial will take place. Box 4 works closely with the DFR EMS division to serve plenty of cold water and light snacks if necessary.



## MILWAUKEE FIRE BELL CLUB

### LODD Responses

The Milwaukee Fire Department has had three line of duty deaths since 2019 and the Milwaukee Police Department has also had three since 2018. The Fire Bell Club provided our services at the funerals for two of the Police Officers. (We only participate when requested.) At those funerals, our rehab rigs were staged in close proximity to the police officers and their vehicles that were going to be in the procession. We provided bottled water, Gatorade, and an assortment of snack items like granola bars, cookies, donuts, etc. The Fire Bell Club has also been present providing the same type of services at the funerals of club members.



# *Philadelphia Second Alarmers*

When the Philadelphia 2nd Alarmers are involved in a LODD involving either a police officer or firefighter the departments always invite us to the LODD funeral planning meeting with other agencies.

We are tasked with the following.

Provide hospitality from our vehicles outside the venue.

In addition the 2nd Alarmers also provide the following inside the funeral home or church the following.

Hospitality Room for the Honor Guard

Hospitality Room for the Families

Hospitality Room for the V.I.P.s. (Commissioners, Mayor, City Council)

We also send one truck in the motorcade to the cemetery.





## **No Call is Routine**

On the evening of Sunday October 17, 2021, the Montreal fire department (SIM) received and responded to a call around 7pm for a boat in distress. The vessel was reported to be drifting upstream of the Lachine rapids on the St. Lawrence River. Two people were on board.

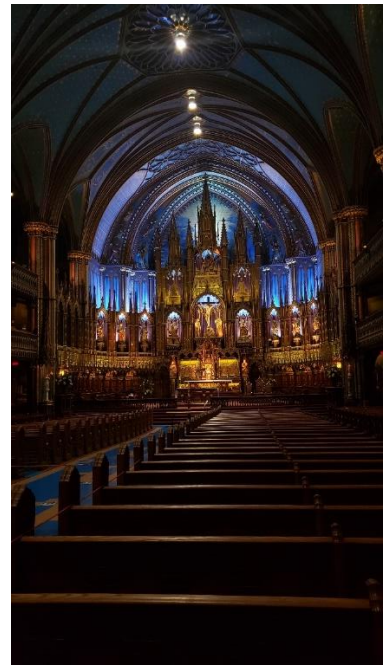
An officer and three firefighters responded in a Hammerhead boat, in what started out as a rescue operation. At around 7:30 pm, the rescue boat itself capsized after it was violently hit by waves and all SIM members were thrown into the water. Pierre Lacroix was one of the firefighters that night who fell into the water and went missing for 12 hours until his body was found. He was an accomplished firefighter for the last 30 years, Pierre specialized in marine rescue (10 years), and was a first responder. He was regarded with esteem and respect given his experience, knowledge, team spirit and the calling to always be of assistance.

Upon hearing of the incident, President Garnett jumped into his car and headed towards the scene. Upon arrival, he offered the services of the Montreal Auxiliary (PAM) canteen unit and the incident commander agreed. A plan was quickly put into place and PAM were rushed to the scene. Montreal Auxiliary remained on scene serving coffee, hot chocolate, hot soup and nourishments until Pierre was retrieved.

As firefighters were lining the streets to pay their respects, the Montreal Auxiliary were busy behind the scenes. Performing multiple tasks including, driving vehicles in the funeral procession and greeting, seating dignitaries in the Basilica. For as busy as the Montreal Auxiliary were, we still had time to mourn the loss of our brother.

May he rest in peace.







## FFA Canteen at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service 2021



The members pictured in this shot are, from Left to right, Chris Oliphant, Charlie Lewis, Michael Ide.



FFA Member Mike Ide restocking Serving Tables.  
Pictures courtesy of DC Fire and EMS.

# 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

972-722-7100

For many years the Bayonne Fire Canteen, the Bell & Siren Club, the Teaneck Box 54 Club, and the Gong Club, the 4 canteen clubs in IFBA Region #9, have supported one another with a Club Mutual Aid agreement. It established a procedure and protocol for the clubs to rely on one another when additional help was needed at large fires, multiple incidents occurring simultaneously, large training exercises and funerals.

Our local fire and police departments know that if they suffer a LODD they can call on the local buff club for canteen support. Usually if it is a LODD, the amount of expected mourners dictates more than one club being called.

Tragically during December 2019, Jersey City Detective Joseph Seals was shot and killed along with 4 civilians. He was a 15 year veteran of the Jersey City Police Department, and a large turnout was expected for his funeral. As the "host club," the Gong Club knew that they could use additional assets, and they requested mutual aid from both the Bayonne Fire Canteen and the Bell & Siren Club, with Box 54 providing stand-by coverage for the area in case multiple alarm came in.

As can be seen in the 3 photos, the three canteens lined up on Bergen Ave. in Jersey City & provided service to hundreds of police and fire personnel. This is just another example of the excellent working relationships clubs have and the value of IFBA membership.

The Bell & Siren Club responds several times a year to smaller funerals of firefighters. Generally it is just for the funeral where Headquarters #17, the canteen, sets up outside the church or funeral home, and provides hot drinks (coffee, tea, chocolate), Gatorade, cake or donuts, etc. The Club never self dispatches, but responds if requested by the fire or police chiefs, or the family.





# **Cooperation & Coordination in Baltimore**

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Baltimore Box 414 – SN



Anne Arundel Alarmers – JS





Mero Richmond Flying Squad – SN



Baltimore Box 234 Association & Metro Richmond Flying Squad - SN





Friendship Fire Association – JS



White Marsh - Canteens loading supplies before heading to staging areas - SN

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# **Fire EMS Mutual Aid**

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In an unprecedented move, the Baltimore City Fire Department placed every single piece of apparatus out of service so that all members could attend the Memorial Service. Every station was filled with out-of-town companies from all over Maryland and Washington, D.C. There were several fires during the day which required a herculean effort starting with the dispatchers ensuring appropriate responses to the collaborative efforts from the firefighters from the many different departments involved.

<i>MUTUAL AID UNIT</i>	<i>MUTUAL AID LOCATION</i>	<i>BCFD STATION</i>	<i>RUN TOTAL</i>
Allegheny County Engine 12	Cumberland	\$53	5
Allegheny County Medic 371	Lavale Vol.	\$50	6
Allegheny County Ambo 398	Cresaptown	\$42	8
Allegheny County Ambo 350	Tri-Town EMS	\$40	5
Annapolis City Engine 351		\$30	1
Annapolis City Engine 371		\$05	2
Annapolis City Truck 39		\$04	5
Annapolis City Medic 48		\$43	9
Anne Arundel County Engine 26	South Glen Burnie	\$46	8
Anne Arundel County Engine 51	Waugh Chapel	\$T5	1
Anne Arundel County Engine 311	Brooklyn	\$55	5
Anne Arundel County Engine 331	Glen Burnie	\$57	2
Anne Arundel County Truck 29	Jessup	\$35	1
Anne Arundel County Truck 31	Brooklyn	\$46	3
Anne Arundel County Rescue 4	Severn	\$40	5
Anne Arundel County Medic 33B	Glen Burnie	\$31	10
Anne Arundel County Ambo 129	Earleigh Heights	\$13	5
Anne Arundel County Medic 209	Lake Shore	\$23	8
Anne Arundel County Ambo 219	Harmans Dorsey	\$35	3
Anne Arundel County FIB860		\$06	2
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Anne Arundel County EMS1		\$46	6
Anne Arundel County EMS2		\$40	9
Anne Arundel County Safety 3		\$06	0
Anne Arundel County AFC-OPS		\$41	1
Baltimore County BC 22		\$23	1
Baltimore County Engine 1	Towson	\$27	2
Baltimore County Engine 12	Middle River	\$51	3
Baltimore County Engine 13	Westview	\$13	15
Baltimore County Engine 413	Reisterstown	\$23	10
Baltimore County Medic 16	Golden Ring	\$35	3
Baltimore County Medic 375	English Consul	\$26	9
Baltimore County Ambo 285	Rosedale	\$06	3
Baltimore County EMS 4		\$T5	4
Baltimore County Marine Unit 219	Bowleys Quarters	\$FB	0
Baltimore County SO4		\$06	1
Baltimore County AF11		XX	2



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BWI Quint 43	BWI Airport	F.A	5
BWI Tower 43		S06	10
BWI Medic 43		S05	6
BWI Medic 44		S20	5
Calvert County 10 (EMS/Officer)		S36	1
Calvert County Ambo 49	Prince Frederick	F.A	8
Calvert County Engine 34	Solomons	ST20	2
Calvert County Truck 5	Dunkirk	S23	7
Calvert County E61	Hungtingtown	S35	0
Calvert County Engine 22	Prince Frederick	S41	5
Caroline County Tower 300	Denton	S26	7
Caroline County Medic 16		F.A	5
Carroll County Tower 3	Westminster	S23	9
Carroll County Engine 63	Pleasant Valley Vol	S02	10
Carroll County Engine 21	Hampstead	S21	8
Carroll County Engine 131	Gamber	S56	0
Carroll County Ambo 99	Reese	Conv. Cnt	2
Carroll County Ambo 49	Manchester	F.A	9
Cecil County Rescue1	Cecilton Vol.	S04	1
Charles County Engine 1010	Bel Alton Vol.	S44	5
Charles County Engine 1004	Nanjemoy Vol.	F.A	2
Charles County Truck 1001	Laplata	S20	8
Charles County Medic 1016		Conv. Cnt	4
D.C. Engine 6		S08	4
D.C. Engine 9		S33	1
D.C. Engine 14		S14	4
D.C. Engine 27		S52	1
D.C. Truck 4		ST5	4
D.C. Truck 9		S08	3
D.C. Rescue Squad 2		S23	3
D.C. Medic 14		S06	6
D.C. Medic 24		S08	8
D.C. Ambo 6		S55	2
D.C. Ambo 9		S23	6
D.C. Ambo 14		S06	4
D.C. Ambo 27		S08	7
D.C. Battalion Chief 8		S08	3
D.C. Battalion Chief 9		S06	3
D.C. Safety Officer		S06	1

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Dorchester Medic 102		S44	3
Frederick County Engine 7-2	Middletown	S20	7
Frederick County Engine 1-5-2	New Market	S29	7
Frederick County Truck 5	Brunswick	S40	6
Frederick County Ambo 2-3-8	Urbana	S42	5
Frederick County Ambo 7-8	Middletown	S40	2
Frederick County Ambo 1-5-9	New Market	S46	7
Frederick County M3-18		S40	14
Frederick County BC 901		S40	1
Harford County Engine 112	Level Vol.	S50	4
Harford County Engine 214	Aberdeen	S45	2
Harford County Engine 912	Darlington Vol.	Stadium	0
Harford County Quint 3	Belair	F.A	10
Harford County Medic 3-2	Belair	S29	9
Harford County Medic 10-1	Norrisville	S42	9
Howard County Engine 11	Elkridge	S43	6
Howard County Engine 21	Ellicott City	S36	6
Howard County Truck 6	Savage	S30	0
Howard County Truck 7	Banneker	S13	14
Howard County Paramedic 25	Ellicott City	S23	6
Howard County Ambulance 66	Savage	S31	4
Howard County Ambulance 86	Ellicott City	T5	7
Howard County EMS110		E23	6
Howard County BC11		E26	1
Howard County Water Rescue 11	Scaggsville	SFB	0
Montgomery County Engine 715	Burtonsville	S42	5
Montgomery County Engine 723		S26	1
Montgomery County Truck 734		E27	9
Montgomery County Medic 710	Cabin John	E54	9
Montgomery County MEDIC 750		T5	1
NDW Navy Yard Engine 42	Naval Yard DC	S45	5
NDW Bethesda Medic 750B		ST5	3
Ocean City Engine 712		S54	0
Ocean City EMS 1		S43	5

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Prince Georges Co. Engine 833		Kentland	S06		7
Prince Georges Co. Engine 862			S23		7
Prince Georges County Truck 814		Berwyn Heights	S55		1
Prince Georges County Truck 825		Clinton Vol.	ST20		5
Prince Georges County Ambo 899			E45		6
Prince Georges County Ambo 899B			S06		6
Prince Georges County Ambo 853			S42		4
Prince Georges County Ambo 858			Conv. Cnt		1
Prince Georges County PA 853B			ST20		12
Prince Georges County PA 853C			S13		7
Prince Georges County PA 853D			S30		6
Prince Georges County EMS800B			S05		2
Prince Georges County BC800			S42		3
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St. Marys County Truck 3		Bay District	S21		5
Queen Anne's County Engine 12		Kent Island	F.A		0
Queen Anne's County Truck 2		Grasonville	S54		5
Washington Co. Engine 10-02		Funkstown	S31		10
Washington Co. Rescue Engine 1-1		Sharpsburg	S47		1
Washington Co. Quint 27		Longmeadow	S05		8
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# **TIMELY TOPICS**

# The Importance of Rehab

By Steve Garnett

The health of firefighters should be a key issue for all rehab groups. In performing their tasks, firefighters will exert extreme physical effort and in doing so, they will burn energy and become dehydrated.

Working as a team with the logistics officer in establishing the rehab area is a vital part of operations. Your mission directly affects the health of the firefighters and the chiefs of your respective departments. Several factors influence the decisions and actions in the optimization of the rest/rehab area. One of the most important factors is, the environment must be appropriate. Depending on the location of the intervention, you must assess the needs with a direct relation to physical, environmental and meteorological conditions. You must also make appropriate choices in the selection of your equipment to be used on the site and where you will install them. All this is to be evaluated while respecting the REHAB zone established by the chief in command.

We must act immediately to help you replenish the nutrients necessary to recover and return you to the energy level required to continue your work. With the help of a nutritionist, we have selected foods that will maximize your rehabilitation. The primary objective is to rehydrate you. Water is an excellent source, but it is incomplete. Gatorade remains the best recipe for rehydration as it provides electrolyte replacement and promotes water retention. Food is also distributed with a focus on its nutritional value and ease of digestion.

The verification of vital signs is very important. Monitoring of vitals is done over three recovery periods of 10 minutes each. In the first instance, we will check your pulse. If it is high, we will come back to you 10 minutes later. If at that time there is no recovery, we perform more advanced procedures including the verification of blood pressure, temperature and breathing. Should there be no improvement after 30 minutes of rest, this would indicate imminent health risks ranging from heat stroke to a possible cardio-respiratory arrest. Bearing this in mind, you will be transferred to a hospital centre for an assessment and medical care.

There are considerable health risks to firefighters which also apply to chiefs. Simple exposure to the sun or a high outside temperature will push the body to use all possible energy to counter the effects of heat which could lead to the same results. Each fire department has its own procedures and since we are volunteers, it can be difficult to adapt perfectly to the directives.



## The 5R of rehabilitation

Relief - Remove firefighter from exposure

Rest - Getting the body to rest physically and mentally.

Recovery - Hydrate, refreshments, vital signs return to normal.

Rehabilitation - medical follow-up or care by paramedics.

Return to work - when the body has recovered and is in good physical shape.

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) guidelines assist in analyzing if the services we currently offer meet the standards. These are the procedures that are in place to better evaluate your needs and keep you safe:

- (1) Relief of climatic conditions
- (2) Rest and recovery 20min
- (3) Cooling (both active and passive) or warming
- (4) Rehydration (fluid replacement)
- (5) Calorie and electrolyte replacement
- (6) Medical surveillance
- (7) Member Responsibility
- (8) Release

I am proud to say that we currently have everything we need to respond to these elements! The stress and distress caused by exertion and exposure to heat are not necessarily felt in the moment; they can often occur several hours after the event. A stop at the canteen rehab/rest area, sharing your discomfort with us and going through the medical check could save your life.

Everything starts with prevention and remember that you need to work closely with your firefighters to ensure that their rehab takes place properly.

## **Late firefighter's mom raises funds for new food, comfort truck**

By Jacqueline Tempera Globe Correspondent, September 27, 2015

BOSTON — While Boston firefighters fought a wind-whipped fire in the Back Bay in March 2014, a group of fire buffs were parked a few blocks away, fighting a battle of their own: keeping ice off their dwindling food and coffee supplies.

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Small things like a hot coffee, a cool towel, or a sugary snack help sustain the energy it takes teams to knock down a blaze, said Tom Leone, a volunteer with the Boston Sparks Association. So when the ice on that March evening threatened to take over their supplies, he said he felt hopeless.



Kathy Crosby-Bell — mother of Firefighter Michael Kennedy, who died in the 2014 Back Bay fire — spoke at the dedication of a support vehicle for the Boston Sparks Association near the Boston Fire Museum. Keith Bedford/Globe Staff

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On Sunday, he stood beside a brand-new, bright red canteen and rehab truck that he said will make all the difference. The support truck, purchased through funds raised by Kennedy's mother, is like "going from a Volkswagen to Rolls Royce," joked Paul Boudreau, the president of the Boston Sparks Association.

"When they're in there, there's no time to grieve, there's no time to react," said Leone, who stood by as Kennedy and Walsh's bodies were removed from the charred brownstone. "They have to keep going. And we help them do that."

A far cry from the 1996 ambulance, the new truck has canteens for coffee, a hot dog cooker, a microwave, and cabinets stuffed with chocolate chip cookies. On the sides are fans, mist machines, and hundreds of towels. Instead of relying on local restaurants or pizza delivery to fuel firefighters, now volunteers can do their own cooking and reheating, Boudreau said.

"I'm so proud today," Boudreau said as he showed off deep basins to hold soup. "This is the warmest feeling."

Kathy Crosby-Bell, Kennedy's mother, said she needed a project to focus her energy on after her son died.



Crosby-Bell posed with the vehicle.Keith Bedford/Globe Staff

"I needed something, or else I knew I'd just curl into a ball and cry," she said. And that's how the Last Call Foundation, a charity developed in Kennedy's honor, was born, she said. The foundation helps with funding, education, and research on safety in the Boston firefighting community.

After her son died, Crosby-Bell said she began to learn more about his profession. She heard firefighters often emerge from burning buildings with body temperatures of up to 105 degrees, with little food or water available to drink.

Her son's mantra was, "go hard or go home," Crosby-Bell said, so she vowed to make a difference in the firefighting community.

"This project is really taking Michael's spirit and turning it into something tangible," she said, as she stood in front of the new truck Sunday, her eyes tearing up. "He would've loved this."



During Sunday's emotional dedication ceremony, members of the Fire Department, and families of the deceased spoke about the important work of firefighters. Standing before a group of about 100 people gathered to see the new truck outside the Boston Fire Museum on Congress Street, Crosby-Bell said she hopes the truck can "represent something good that came out of the horror on Beacon Street."

"Heroes are often defined by the manner of their death," she said. "But all firefighters risk their lives every day to keep us safe. They are all heroes."

Etched into the side of the truck is a shamrock with Kennedy's name above it. This serves as a reminder of his continuously upbeat personality, contagious laugh, and warm smile, according to Bourdeau.

"I take comfort in the fact that Ed and Mike are always with us," he said. "No matter what, they are looking down on us, and helping us provide comfort and TLC to these men and women so they can go home to their families at shift's end."

Sparks senior member Neal Miller also attended the event. Keith Bedford/Globe Staff

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Boston Sparks respond in a rescue-type vehicle to provide decon/rehab services to firefighters and first responders. They provide individual disposal towels, for example, to members as they exit a fire building for immediate removal of soot/grime etc. They provide these services with directions by the incident commander. They also provide cold drinks, hot drinks, sandwiches and provide additional support as required (e.g. warming tents). The vehicle responds to working fires, major alarms, extended operations, crime scenes and major emergencies in Boston and surrounding cities was funds raised by FF Mike Kennedy's mom (FF Mike Kennedy - LODD - BFD L 15). The Sparks do a great job.



The rig was purchased through funds raised by fallen firefighter Michael Kennedy's mother; she said she needed a project to focus her energy on after her son died.

## **FIND YOUR HAPPY PLACE**

Steve Garnett

What a year it has been. Intense is the word I would give 2021. We have made it, but not without a few scars, some pain, frustration and occasionally some pure exhaustion. I hope however, you were able to find some joy – some joy in spending more time with the people you care about, connecting remotely with people you haven't seen in a while, focusing on family, yourself and your own well being.

2021 saw us into our second year of COVID restrictions, however, we were able for a while to come back together. Thanks to the vaccine program, the PAM had been able to allow some of our more experienced members return to their passion and join us at the fire scene. We were able to gather on Monday and Friday evenings to work on the antique vehicles, and connect as a group, and offer support to one another through the trying times. As 2021 moved along, we found that support of that the membership needed grow. When we were able to reconnect, many of us spoke about the sense of isolation, the loss of loved ones both personally and professionally. We found ourselves needing the support of others.

We hear every day in the news that so many are battling with issues, and I must remind myself of the immense collective stress we're under, and the importance of showing kindness to myself, and towards others. Taking good care of ourselves physically and mentally is so important right now. If you are struggling, I hope you know you aren't alone. Anxiety and depression are the most prevalent symptoms a lot of people are suffering from. You have a family, friends, co-workers to help you through it, and remember it is easier to go through it with friends than to face it alone. Maybe try something new, set a new goal, join a new group, walk more, take up jogging, read that book you have been meaning to get to, the options are endless even though right now it feels like we have no options. It's been a rough year for all of us, and I just wanted to acknowledge that.

Please stay connected, seek the support you might need, and if ever in doubt, never forget we are here for you. I also want to acknowledge the very real struggles so many of us are facing due to the events of the world, the pandemic, and the real struggles of simply living and the changes we are forced to make.

We have all had the full pendulum from fatigue, high anxiety, great sadness, to joy and rediscovery. We need to remind ourselves to not judge, show a little grace, show some empathy and simply to be kind.

We all need an antidote ! A remedy that you can turn to when things are not going so well and will bring you to your happy place....my medicine is putting on my headphones and listening to some great music ! What makes you happy ??

# Return of the Hartford Hook:

## Hartford firefighter reproduces old-school fire hooks and donates them to city's fire department

By [Rebecca Lurye](#)  
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From left, retired Hartford deputy fire chief Leigh Shapiro and firefighter Ashley Shapiro, his son, stand with Hartford Fire Chief Rodney Barco outside the South Green fire station on Monday, Nov. 8. Barco holds a modern Hartford hook produced by the Shapiros' company, Capital City Fire Helmet, while Ashley Shapiro holds a hook with an original head, made as many as 80 years ago by fire department machinists. (Rebecca Lurye)

HARTFORD — More than a decade ago, Hartford Fire Department rookie Ashley Shapiro was sitting in the South Green fire station waiting for the next call when his captain dropped a rusty, sickle-shaped blade on his desk.

“I hear you like this tool,” Tom Dalton told Shapiro, a history buff who had recently arrived at Engine Company 1 Ladder 6. “Here’s the head. Play around with it.”



Dalton had brought Shapiro an original Hartford hook, forged as early as the 1920s in the department's original machine shop behind their Main Street fire station. It had been a decade or two since Hartford firefighters had carried the tool, though it was once so widely used a stone carving of the hook embellishes the bay doors of the century-old fire house.

Now, Shapiro is bringing back a modern version of the capital city's unique fire hook. On Monday, the 14-year veteran gave the fire department six new Hartford hooks produced by his company, Capital City Fire Helmets, which crafts and restores custom, retro fire helmets.

The Hartford hook had always featured heavily in the stories Shapiro's father told him when the elder firefighter came home from his shifts smelling of smoke. The tool was especially useful for pulling apart plaster walls and punching through tin ceilings in search of pockets of flames, and firefighters felt pride in using something designed and hand-built by an earlier generation of Hartford Fire Department machinists.

Today, a black and white photo from the 1980s, now hanging in Engine Company 1, shows a mustached Leigh Shapiro standing with the half-moon hook in hand.



Leigh Shapiro, far left, holds a Hartford hook - used for tearing through walls and ceilings to find pockets of fire - in a photo from the 1980s that hangs on a wall in Hartford's South Green fire station, Engine Company 1 Ladder 6. (Hartford Fire Department)

When Ashley Shapiro first reported for work himself at Engine Company 1, he immediately looked for a Hartford hook, but all he found were the two-pronged variety developed in New York in the 1940s.

It was a blow to Shapiro, who was already lamenting the plain helmet he was issued, which Shapiro thought was inferior in look, feel and fit to the leather one his father had once worn.

But his nostalgia was encouraged by his captain, Dalton, who brought Shapiro the weathered, steel head of an original Hartford hook. Shapiro bought a new wooden handle, bolted the thing together and brought it on his next call, where he was promptly told off for carrying equipment that nobody else recognized.

The rookie wasn't deterred.

"I got yelled at for trying to use it, but I didn't care," he said Monday. "I kept using it. It worked."



Ashley Shapiro, a Hartford firefighter of 14 years, holds an original Hartford hook head that he bolted to a new handle. His company, Capital City Fire Helmet, is now producing a modern version of the old fire hooks, which were built by fire department machinists but felt out of use a few decades ago. (Rebecca Lurye)

In 2010, Shapiro started Capital City Fire Helmets to recreate old-school helmets for buyers who shared his preference for all things old-school. For help, he brought on his father, who retired as a deputy chief after 28 years with the department, and retired deputy chief Richard Driscoll, who served 26 years.

This year, they produced their new Hartford hooks, which also feature finger grooves and a metal cap that allows the end of the handle to be used as a battering ram.

"It's a very effective tool," Hartford Fire Chief Rodney Barco said Monday as he accepted the donation from the Shapiros and Driscoll.

"We have historians among us but these gentlemen took it a step beyond," Barco said. "They have brought back the Hartford hook."

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