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Once again, the dedicated and talented members of the many IFBA clubs have timely shared and contributed articles, photographs and features that display the many facets and activities of the fire buffing community. It is a privilege to work with people of talent and dedication.

Plans are to publish a Winter and a Summer issue in 2023 prior to the Milwaukee convention which is scheduled for August. The 2022 Woburn Convention committee has also indicated that they would like to do a convention issue this Fall.

Thank you for submitting the many articles and photographs and thank you for the many kind and supportive comments. It is your magazine.

Cover

Front - 1903 American Automatic 65' spring assisted water tower served Hartford, CT, Only water tower in Connecticut. Photo - Lucy Crossman, CT Firemen's Historical Society.

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

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Submission Policy

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

Authors are strongly encouraged to submit articles electronically by email to turnout@ifba.org. Flash drive and written submissions by snail mail work too.

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

Text files (.txt) also work.

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

Photos in .jpg format are preferred.

Please identify the author and photographer.

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

Submitted articles and photos become the property of IFBA.

Submission deadline

Winter 2023 issue - deadline December 31, 2022; publication scheduled for latter January 2023



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Woburn, Massachusetts



Executive Vice President Report

Dear Friends:

I regret to inform you that this is my final report to you as Executive Vice President, I must resign/retire due to a nerve disease and old age. We all have the Apostle Paul's "thorn in the flesh," this is mine and my medication has the pain in control, I am more fortunate than many others.

Let me remind you of my promises to you in August of 2018 when I applied for the Executive Vice President position.

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

MISSION FIRST. Nothing is more important than mission success.

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

FELLOWSHIP. We are a fraternal organization.

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

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

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

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

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

I wanted to improve two-way communication between the Executive Office and everyone. I promptly returned all phone calls, texts, mail, and email.

Turn Out appeared to be near death, I asked for volunteers for the Turn Out Committee. We were fortunate to have Steve Garnett, Iggy Kapalczynski, Mike DeWalt, and Bob Bowers volunteer. To say that they were successful is an understatement. Give this committee the volunteers and resources that they need.

Information Technology Committee with Ian Duke, Thomas Bilbrey, Cody Daniels, Bill Mokros, and Connie Spellman are wizards and magicians. They have provided:

- A wonderful G-Mail system for communication within our club at no cost.
- A video conference system Google Meet at no cost.
- A merchandise store to buy IFBA brands.

Covid 19 came along, and we had the IT committee providing us alternative communication methods for use by the IFBA, committees, and member clubs all at no cost. There is no excuse for not meeting with these tools available to us.

- Thomas and Ian are available to tutor you on setting up an effective email for your use.
- They are available to help you use Google Meet as a speaker and as a user.

We created the Recruitment and Retention Committee to grow our club. Joe Sullivan, Chris Oliphant, Dave Williams, and Ken Beliveau are using arduous work to add clubs and associate members to the IFBA. They are finding buffs out in the bushes that do not belong to the IFBA. I just received an application last week from a canteen club in St. Louis County, Missouri. It is tough to make the IFBA die if we are adding clubs and members.

Our History Committee consisting of Iggy Kapalczynski, Steve Garnett, Ken Beliveau, Chris Kelley, and Bill Mokros are digitizing our history. If you send your personal memorabilia to them, they will digitize it, return your treasure to you along with a digital copy. I am about to send the Executive Office files to my successor via this fine group, all clubs and individuals are welcome to join in.

We have committees who have not met in a year or more. How do I recruit new members for these groups when no activity occurs? Too many of these groups are waiting for a burning bush, we need committee leaders to engage their resources for use by clubs and conventions. With Google Meet any of our groups can meet without leaving your house.

I do not believe that I am the only person ageing in the IFBA. We need youth to keep our hobby alive, some clubs have gotten the message, others have not, the IFBA needs to recruit and engage our youth in enjoying our hobby.

FBOY is suffering from apathy, our submitters believe that a letter nominating a worthy recipient is sufficient, it is not. We have numerous worthy people in our club, I mentioned some in the report, there are others in the IFBA. It takes demanding work to promote a FBOY award. I propose that the Executive Board get in the game and ask their region to submit a viable candidate, or in the alternative the Board should submit a candidate.

I hope I followed through on my campaign promises good luck to my successor.

FUN

FELLOWSHIP

FIRE BUFFING

Keep the hobby alive.

Best wishes,

/s/ Wally Banks



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I started my Buffing time with my father and brother in 1963 in Little Rock, AR. Eventually landing in Simsbury, CT, I became a Firefighter with the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company in 1974.

In 1979, I was hired as a firefighter in East Hartford, retiring in 2014 with 35 years of service. I am the Fire Marshal and Emergency Manager in East Granby.

I was a member of the Central Connecticut Fire Buffs. I am currently a member of the Fire Photographers. In 1983, I became a member of the Connecticut Fire Photographers, serving on the board of directors from 1993-1995 and 2003-2005. I was Vice President from 1995-1997 and President from 1998-2000 and 2005-2013, 11 years as President. In the IFBA, I have been the Region 1 Vice President from 2008-2013 and 2018-2022. In 2007, I was on the Committee for the Cambridge Convention and in 2015, I was President and the lead for the Hartford Convention. In 2018, I was awarded the Fire Buff of the Year.

I am also a railroading buff and a member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America. I enjoy discovering family genealogy with my son Andrew.

As I move into the new position as Chairman of the Board, I will continue the work done by the first Chairman Paul Schaetzle and work with the committees to bring more clubs into our group and have the great conventions that we all enjoy attending.

Kenneth F. Beliveau



Office of the Vice President at Large Joseph P. Sullivan

When long standing EVP Bill Mokoros notified the Board, he was stepping aside, Wally Banks expressed his interest in the position. At the Board Meeting in Racine in 2018 Wally was resoundingly appoint EVP by the Board. Wally took the position with the goal of “Making Buffing Great Again” under the mantra of Fun, Fellowship and Fire Buffing.

The accomplishments of Wally are many, but let me state a few:

Information Technology. Wally “set the stallions free” to bring the IFBA into the 21st Century. IT has created a comprehensive e-mail system, started a dynamic Facebook page and most recently established a program of virtual meetings, available to all clubs at no charge to the club. The virtual meetings proved invaluable during the Covid crisis.

Constitution and By-laws. He charged the C/BL committee to do a complete re-work of the documents for the first time in close to 50 years. The documents were completely reviewed, changes made and presented to the membership in 2019 where they were well received and overwhelmingly accepted.

Recruitment and Retention. Carrying on the initiative established by President Vickie Mokoros, Wally actively participated and motivated this committee to seek and encourage, rather than restrict, membership of both organizations and individuals. This included the development of recruitment tools and streamlining the application process.

New Horizons. One of the defining moments of Wally’s tenure was his landmark meeting with Frank Tremel the President of SPAAMFAA. This “Summit” paved the way for the incredibly successful joint IFBA/SPAAMFAA Convention in Woburn, Mass. In June of 2022.

The 2 highest priorities for Wally were TURN OUT and continued conventions.

Early in Wally’s tenure the IFBA was suddenly and unexpectedly told the previous editors/publishers of TURNOUT would no longer be involved. Wally set out to find a new team to keep TURN OUT alive. With new co-editors and tremendous oversight team, TURN OUT is more extensive and every bit as good as ever.

Although the conventions in 2019 and 2020 were derailed by Covid there is absolutely no question that that the 2019 in Montreal and the Joint 2022 Convention in Woburn were unprecedented in their successful programs and attendance.

Wally’s success as EVP can be traced to his willingness to let the Officers and Members take the lead to solve problems and reach new horizons. His legacy will be defined by his ability to open lines of communication and to cascade information to the entire organization.

WALLY BANKS

THANK YOU

INTERNATIONAL FIRE BUFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
REGION 6 VICE PRESIDENT
DENNIS AHRENS

July 31, 2022

I wanted to write this letter to say a very special "THANK YOU" to Wally Banks who has stepped down as Executive Vice President. This took effect after Steve Garnett was voted in by the Executive Board of the IFBA, at the joint National Convention held in Woburn, Mass.

Wally has developed some health issues which forced Wally to make this decision. Most IFBA members do not know what an outstanding job Wally did during the pandemic. Being the Exec. VP is a hard enough job but then to try and run this organization during COVID was extremely difficult.

Wally moved this association into the present-day era. This was a task Wally accomplished with flying colors. He has moved this Association forward by leaps and bounds. He pushed the Officers and Board of Directors to do their jobs.

I will certainly miss Wally and his leadership. I wish him the best and that he resolves his health issues.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ahrens

IFBA Region 6 VP



IFBA

Executive Board

MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairman of the Board



Kenneth F. Beliveau

Fire buff since 1963,
Firefighter - Simsbury, East Hartford,
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Member - Central Connecticut Fire Buffs, Boston Sparks,
Box 52, Providence Citywide, Leather Helmet Society,
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2022, Cambridge Convention Committee 2007,
Fire Buff of the Year 2018

President



Bob Ristic

Member - Milwaukee Fire Bell Club

First Vice President



Dennis Ahrens

I was active in the fire service since 1969. I was a firefighter and moved my way up the ranks and retired as Chief. I have been active in the 5-11 Club in Chicago for +26 years. I am presently completing my 10th year as President.

I presently serve as IFBA Region 6 Vice President and the 1st Vice President. It is an honor to serve the members of the IFBA.

Second Vice President



Vickie Mokros

IFBA 2nd Vice President
Member - Milwaukee Fire Bell Club
Chairperson 2023 IFBA Convention Planning Team
IFBA Past President, Region 6 Vice President,
Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee.
Milwaukee, the place to be in '23!

Immediate Past President



Rick Conway

I am a retired captain from the Nashua, NH Fire Dept. I currently serve as the IFBA immediate past president. I am President of Box 52 Association and have been a member for almost 35 years. I've held the position of Director, Vice President, and Secretary. I am a member of the Leather Helmet Society and currently serve on the Board of Directors. I was a member of the now defunct IFBA club known as the Middlesex County Fire Wardens and the Box 41 Associates, where I was Vice President. I own an antique fire engine and hold membership in SPAAMFAA. I am a Director for the Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association and am a member of the Amoskeag Reserve Engine Company in New Hampshire. I enjoy many aspects of fire buffing, but most notably old firehouses and fire company histories

Executive Vice President



Steve Garnett

Currently Executive Vice President of the IFBA. I have held the position of region 10 VP, was President in 2018-2019, recipient of the Henry N Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year in 2019. I joined the Montreal Auxiliary in 1997, was nominated President in 2004 and I am the Director of the Montreal Fire Museum.

Treasurer



Paul Schaetzle

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Gong Club, Inc. 1972 - present

Secretary



Gerry Mahoney (L)

I'm currently the Secretary of the IFBA and served as President from 2006-2007. The first club I joined was the Boston Sparks in 1978. Last week they bestowed Life Membership upon me. I'm also a Life Member of the Box 52 Association. I was truly honored to receive the IFBA Fire Buff of The Year Award in New Orleans, LA in 2016. On August 17, 2022, I retired as the Chief of the Cambridge, MA Fire Department after 39+ years of service.

As I always say the best thing about Fire Buffing is the friendships! Many of my closest friends I've met through fire buffing!

Vice President Region 1



Mike Quinn

I have been interested in fire engines for my entire life, and in 1996 I began photographing apparatus in earnest. I joined the Connecticut Fire Photographers Association in March 2009. In early 2010, my thought was to create an event that captured the best elements of a model muster with an existing photo show to create an event that would appeal to all of the fire buffing community. Thus, the Silver City Fire Fest was born. The CFPA co-hosts this popular show with the Meriden Firefighters Benevolent Society and the Southern Connecticut Antique Fire Apparatus Collectors.

I was elected CFPA Vice President in December, 2011, Since then the club has grown to 120 members due in large part to the overall quality of our organization and our strong internet and social media presence. New ideas are encouraged.

I was Treasurer for the 2015 IFBA convention that CFPA hosted here in Hartford, CT. I am also in my fourth year as a member of the IFBA By-Laws Committee. I am also a member of the Southern Connecticut Fire Apparatus Collectors, the Crown Firecoach Enthusiasts and the Box 52 Club of Boston. In addition to these clubs, I also have worked as a model consultant for Code 3 Collectibles and Fire Replicas and spent several days in Los Angeles photographing LA City Fire's rigs for upcoming Fire Replicas releases.

Professionally I am a practicing attorney and a State Representative in the Connecticut legislature.

Vice President Region 3



Steve Korb

My name is Steve Korb, and I am the Founder of the Metro Richmond Flying Squad and current Chief since 2017. I have been a member of the IFBA since 2018 and currently serving my second term as the Region 3 Vice President. My fire service experience began at the age of 16 and I have spent my time on both the career and volunteer side of the fire service.

I am currently retired from the career fire service which allows me time to spend with both the IFBA and Metro Richmond Flying Squad.

Vice President Region 5



Tom McDonald

IFBA Vice President Region 5
Houston Fire Museum
Houston Fire Department retired

Vice President Region 6



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Vice President Region 7



Bob Bowers

IFBA Vice President Region 7
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Hall of Flame

Vice President Region 9



Conni Spellman

Gong Club Chief
Member GTMAA
IFBA Vice President Region 9
Chair of the Newsletter/website award committee

Vice President Region 10



Carolyn Wignall

Currently I am serving as IFBA Region 10 Vice-President. I have been going to IFBA Conventions/Events since I was only a few months old, attending with my parents Keith and Mary Franz. That is where I got my interest in the fire service. I am currently President of the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association (GTMAA), a Director of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates (OFBA), Treasurer of the Toronto Fire Historical Society, as well as a member of SPAAMFAA, the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club and the Toronto Fire Pipes & Drums. I am Past President of the IFBA (2012-2013) in which I was President 50 years after my father, Keith was President and also (2020-2021).

Vice President Region 11



Dave Williams

I have been a member of the Metropolitan Fire Association in Atlanta Georgia since 1972, only two years after the club formed. I am currently the editor of their monthly newsletter HOT NEWS, holding that duty since 1973. Currently, I serve as the Region 11 Vice President. Eleven covers the southeastern portion of the United States.

Vice President at Large



Joe Sullivan

After 5 years as the Region 3 Vice President, I am serving a second term as Vice President at Large. I have been a member of IFBA since 1969 when I joined the Special Signal Fire Association in Providence. Over the years I have been a member of the Boston Sparks, MFA of Atlanta, ODHFS, SPAAMFAA and I currently am honored to serve as the President of the Friendship Fire Association of Washington, D.C.

In 2012 I retired as a Captain from Loudoun County (VA) Fire and Rescue. This has allowed me more time to devote to the IFBA and my retirement "job" as a Loss Prevention Consultant for multiple firms.

Director of Publicity



STUART M. NATHAN

Director of Publicity, Chair of the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Committee

As with so many of us, I began as a fire buff when my father first took me to the neighborhood fire station. Following in his footsteps, I too have been President of Box 414 in Baltimore, President of the IFBA, and recipient of the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Award.

I have joined the IFBA Club in every city in which I have resided including Box 22 in New Haven, the Fire Bell Club of New York, and Box 414. I have served as a civilian Commissioner for the Baltimore City Fire Department and am the IFBA representative on the Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Committee.

Although I am too old to remember this far back, I attended my first IFBA Convention in 1958 in Baltimore.



IFBA

Annual Meeting Minutes



IFBA Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday June 22, 2022
Woburn, MA

Secretary read the slate of Officers for election for the year 2022-2023.

Convention Issues:

T-Shirt order partially delayed. Orders will be fulfilled.

Bus trips are sold out.

Motion to Suspend reading of minutes, second, approved.

Motion to suspend reading of President's minutes, second approved.

Chairman's report accepted.

EVP report deferred to Business meeting

Motion to accept Financial Report, second, approved.

Regional Vice-President Reports

Region 1 Submitted

Region 3 Steve Korb commented on Baltimore LODD Funeral

Region 5 Tom McDonald

Region 6 Dennis Ahrens, miscellaneous regional items

Region 7 Bob Bowers

Region 9 Submitted

Region 10 Submitted

Region 11 Tom Bilbrey 3 active clubs, Nashville trying to recruit surrounding counties.

VP at Large Joe Sullivan, report submitted, commented on Baltimore LODD Funeral

Motion made, seconded, passed to accept.

By-Laws Committee Dennis Ahrens

Proposal on Article VIII to delete dates of March 1st to November 30th.

Proposal on a Harassment-Bullying-Discrimination Policy was discussed.

Past-Presidents Committee

Submitted

Finance Committee

Deferred until Treasurer Schaetzle arrives.

Recruitment and Retention Joseph Sullivan. Mentioned three potential new clubs.

Membership Committee Chris Oliphant

Application completed from First Responder Canteen, St. Louis, MO. Discussion on contacting Box 8 to see if there's any conflict.

Application from the Old School Fire Photography Club of Connecticut.

Application for Associate Membership from John Hooper, Wichita, KS

All three applicants voted into membership.

Resource Committee

Turn-Out deadline July 31, 2022

CFSI/Publicity Report at Business Meeting

Fire & Life Safety, all is in order

History, Iggy scanning tremendous amount of materials, club newsletters etc.

Fire Buff of The Year, a presentation will be made at the banquet.

Newsletter/Website

Miscellaneous other committee statements.

Future Conventions

2023 Milwaukee, WI August 14-17, 2023, \$149.00 per night. DoubleTree by Hilton
Board Meeting April 23, 2023.

2024 Richmond, VA

2025 Ottawa, CN (probably September)

Old Business

New Business

Suggestion by Ira Cohen to investigate Grant Writing opportunities for member clubs.

Recess

To allow for power point presentation by Recruitment & Retention Committee.



IFBA BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY June 23, 2022
WOBURN, MA

Meeting called to order by President Conway at 7:05pm

Roll Call of Delegates, Alternates and Regional Vice-Presidents by Secretary Mahoney

President's Report by Rick Conway

Executive Vice-President's Report by Wally Banks

Treasurers Report

Motion to accept Consent Agenda Passed.

By-Laws Committee Dennis Ahrens.

Election of Officers

President	Bob Ristic	Regional VP	
Secretary	Gerry Mahoney	Region 1	
Treasurer	Paul Schaetzle	Region 3	Steve Korb

Secretary Directed to cast one ballot for slate of officers.

Club Anniversary Certificates

Special Signal Fire Association	Metropolitan Fire Association of Atlanta
Ontario Fire Buffs	Extra Fire Alarm Assoc. of the Twin Cities
Fort Worth Red Helmets	Milwaukee Fire Bell Club
Western Reserve Fire Museum	Box 15 Club, Inc.

Future Conventions

2023 Milwaukee, WI

August 14-17, 2023, DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown \$149.00 per night.

Executive Board Meeting August 13, 2023

IFBA Milwaukee 2023 Convention Facebook Page

Spring Board Meeting April 23, 2023

2024 Richmond, VA

International Fire Buffs Convention 2024 Facebook Page

2025 Ottawa, CN

Details to follow

Turn Out Magazine

Ignatius Kapalczynski is still looking for all older IFBA related content to preserve the history of the organization.

Motion to adjourn 8:15pm



IFBA
Committee
Reports

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Since being elected President of the IFBA in November 2021, I have spent most of my time focusing on collaborating with the local SPAAMFA club, MAFAA, on producing a joint convention. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for MAFAA.

We had a rough outline of convention activities at the end of 2021. The SPAAMFA winter meeting in February 2022 became our target to get the convention outline in place. There were many people who promised assistance but did not follow through with things that they were asked to do. By the time February rolled around it was the core group of seven or eight individuals who were doing the work.

Once the events were planned, it became a matter of coordinating with fire departments to visit, arranging seminar presenters, and working with the hotel on arranging meeting space.

I communicated with many senior members of the IFBA executive board on a regular basis, including EVP Wally Banks, and VP at Large Joe Sullivan. I also attended the Spring Board meeting (virtual) and several smaller virtual meetings with key board members when I needed guidance on procedures. The MAFAA board met every other week and then finally weekly as the date drew close. I have attended regular meetings of clubs in Region 1 to talk up the convention.

The past month I have had almost daily conversations with EVP Banks. MAFAA president Doug Boudrow and I speak about 8 or 9 times a day. Second VP Charlie Tentas has been my rock and sounding board. We speak several times a day and he always been able to keep me grounded on why we are putting together a convention.

This past eight months has proven that putting on a joint convention with SPAAMFA can be successful. There are some things that I would do differently if I was to do this again, but my involvement began well into the planning stages. Rather than upset the apple cart and risk not having a convention, it was best to just go along with the process. I believe when I compile the final report, I will be able to offer many suggestions for additions and changes to add to the Joint Convention pamphlet.

All the while I have continued my duties as President of Box 52, planning the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Great Boston Fire. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Leather Helmet Society and Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association. I continue to attend regular meetings of many clubs and work on the restoration of my antique fire engine.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Conway, President



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

106 BOYD AVE.
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07304

June 20, 2022

To the Officers and Delegates of
the International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

Re: 2021-22 Review

After 2 years of Covid canceled meetings, it is a pleasure to meet in person once again. It is fitting that after a 2-year hiatus, the resumption of a real convention is a ground breaking event; the first joint IFBA / SPAAMFAA gathering! Hopefully this will be the first of many more joint efforts. Many people in both organizations laid the ground work for this meeting. The "heavy-lifting" for the meeting was performed by the good people of Massachusetts. Be sure to thank them for their efforts!

The pandemic presented many challenges to everyday life, to our member groups and to the IFBA as a whole. I am pleased to report that the clubs and the IFBA rose to those challenges! Despite the many burdens, many of the groups continue their vital missions of serving their fire fighters. No in-person meetings? No problem! The framework for the IFBA e-mail and Google Meet system had been laid by the IT Committee in 2019. Executive Board meetings, Annual Business Meetings, regional meetings and even member club meetings adapted to a virtual format. In fact, many meetings are continuing in this format, allowing for more participation. People who otherwise may not have been able to join in a meeting or event can now do so. Once again, the IFBA provides that "common ground" to foster our avocation!

As we head into a new fiscal year, the IFBA will need to continue to meet the challenges that come our way. I have often said the real work of the IFBA is performed by the committees and the regional vice presidents. Active, engaged working committees are the key to the success of any organization, from the smallest non-profit corporation to the giant multi-national conglomerates.

This past year we have been fortunate to benefit from strong work by several committees. Again, special praise goes to the Recruitment and Retention Committee and the Constitution and By-laws Committee. New clubs continue to join, thankfully reversing the negative effects of groups that have disbanded or parted company with the IFBA. We have much to learn from the new groups and they have much to learn from our veteran members. Again, the IFBA's common ground is in action!

The great strides made by the TURN OUT editors are worthy of our praise also. I never thought I would say that a TURN OUT edition is too large, but the latest editions are like books! If you see Messrs. Kapalczynski or DeWalt during the convention, please express your appreciation to them!

The coming year will bring much change to the IFBA leadership. Our Executive Vice President, Mr. Banks, has decided to step down. His enthusiasm and work ethic will never be equaled! Please join me in saluting Wally for an outstanding job! We can only hope that his successor, whomever is appointed, can follow in his footsteps!

Our Constitution and By-laws prescribe term limits for the Board Chairperson. Thus, the time has come to close Chapter 1 of this position. Our incoming Chairperson, Ken Beliveau, has the skills, experience and the passion to lead the IFBA to new heights! Please wish him well and join him in the task of moving the IFBA forward!



Paul Schaetzle,
Board Chair,
International Fire
Buff Associates, Inc.



**PAST PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORT
JUNE 2022**

Board and IFBA Members:

The Past President's Advisory Committee's ongoing projects are developed and assigned to us by the Chairman of the Board. In the past three years we have concentrated on the following items that Paul Schaetzle asked us to review:

1. Study the realignment of the IFBA and recommend changes.
2. Study the viability of a Memorial Fund.
3. Study Charitable projects worthy of the IFBA.
4. Strategic Planning
5. Review the Regional Vice President's Handbook.

I am certain that the members of this committee agree with me when I say that we eagerly await the directions that will be given by our new Chairman, Ken Beliveau, and we are certain he will follow the legacy that Paul Schaetzle has established as the first Chairman of the board of the IFBA.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chairperson of this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie E. Mokros

2022 Report from Henry N. “Hank” Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Committee

There will be a presentation this year at the banquet.

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 re-double our efforts to both encourage more nominations and provide more detailed support for the nominations. Please refer to the last issue of Turnout for a detailed description of what the Committee considers when reviewing the nominations.

Stuart M. Nathan
Tom Pelaia
Ed McMichael

2022 Report from Director of Publicity

Once again certain IFBA clubs have been especially successful in generating publicity for their activities. I will feature in this report the Richmond Flying Squad, and its photogenic leader Steve Korb, as it moved into its new quarters. See the link below for recent news coverage by a local Richmond TV station.

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. 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. There are already several fire museums whose collections are available through this website. I am also working with Iggy Kapalczynski on digitizing club newsletters and programs from past IFBA conventions.

<https://youtu.be/debDvJG0uJA>

Stuart M. Nathan



Retention and Recruitment

Engaging our Future

To: Chairman, President, EVP and Board of Directors

Ref: Report of the Retention and Recruitment Committee

Prepared: June 14, 2022

Team Members: Executive Vice President Wally Banks, Vice President at Large Joseph Sullivan, Regional Vice Presidents Ken Beliveau and Dave Williams, Application Coordinator Chris Oliphant.

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

- Brochure
 - o Chairman Schaetzle has taken the lead in producing the brochures and having them available as needed. Brochures will be available to the upcoming joint event. This will be an excellent recruiting opportunity. Anyone needing brochures should contact VP Sullivan.
 - A budget item for funds to professionally print the brochures has been submitted.
- Inquiries have been received and processed as follows:
 - o Region 1 - 2- Party was directed and contacted the SSFA. There is also a club in Conn, preparing to make an application.
 - o Region 3 -1- The Regional VP is working with a group in Petersburg, Va.
 - o Region 5 -1- There is a potential Associate Member planning on attending the joint event, the Regional Vice President has been advised of this. This person is apparently working on forming a club in (mid) Kansas
 - o Region 6 -1- The Regional VP is working with a group from St. Louis County that is extremely interested in joining.
 - o Region 7 -0--

- Region 9 -2- NYCFires.net has been voted into membership. This group has about 2,000 members, and meets virtually for the most part. They run a very professional and informative webpage that any IFBA member can join for free.
 - The current and elect Regional Vice President are diligently working on a couple of clubs in the Northern New Jersey area.
 - In the past week a buff in Hershey Pa. has requested and been sent an application for Associate Membership.
- Region 10 -0-, although there have been efforts by the Regional VP to increase the number of clubs in Canada. There is a gentleman in Victoria, BC who has shown some interest in joining. The coordination in getting any Regional VP intouch with this person will take some ingenuity when travel conditions improve
- Region 11 -1- From a party in Arkansas. Application sent and the party indicated he will be attending the Convention
- Still trying to contact groups in Florida
 - When an inquiry is received the inquiring party is contacted and information is forwarded to the Regional VP for follow-up and action.
 - Regional Vice Presidents may get requests and handle them expeditiously without the involvement of the R and R Team. This is perfectly acceptable and in fact preferable. It is requested that the R and R Team be advised of application that are distributed, for tracking purposes.
- Most of the effort of the Committee has been toward developing a PowerPoint Presentation answering the question "Why Belong to the IFBA?"
 - This is a tedious process that has been on-going since July 2021
 - Several virtual meetings have been held and excellent contributions have been made by Ira Cohen, Connie Spellman and Iggy, as well as the Committee members.
 - As of this date , this project has stalled at about the 80% point. Several people who have promised information have not delivered. We may have to proceed without that information.
 - Iggy and Thomas Bilbery have committed to work on the graphics, this should be a quick and exciting portion of the project.
 - The PowerPoint may be presented at the Annual Board meeting if resources are available to make that happen

Regional Vice Presidents can meet electronically to "interview" perspective members

Challenges/Opportunities:

- Several members of the National Fire Heritage Center have inquired and/or applied for membership in the IFBA. We are continuing to work with and assist these potential IFBA members.
- Aggressively work with groups in Missouri and New Jersey that have expressed interest in IFBA membership. VP Cohen and VP (elect) Spellman are conducting due diligence with the group in New Jersey. VP Ahrens was brought up to speed regarding the group in Missouri as past VP Ristic was unable to move forward with this group.
- VP Ahrens has had several discussions with a Rehab group in northern St. Louis County. As of now this group has no plans to serve the City of St. Louis and appears not to be in any conflict with the Box 8 Club
- The President of the Bell and Siren Club in Newark has taken it upon himself to recruit new members in South Jersey.
- Make an introduction to the buff from Kansas that will be attending the joint event. The Region 5 VP should be prepared to assist this buff with his application and any advice regarding the formation of a club in the area,

- GOALS

- Continue To recruit with the Committee standing ready to assist in any way.
- Browse the electronic media for persons and organizations that fit the profile of a "Fire Buff"
- Encourage the Regional Vice Presidents to look for new members in their geographic area.
- Maintain the application as appropriate and verify that the most recent changes are effective, efficient, and included in the application. Application Coordinator Oliphant has suggested that in concert with the IT committee we provide an updated application on the Web Site and the application be such that the applicant can type their information into the report. Currently the R and R does not have access to modify the application. It was understood that VP Bilbrey will be working on this.
- Attempt to garner additional participation from some of the more active buff clubs, which do not participate much with the IFBA. Examples are the Philadelphia Second Alarmers, Fire Bell Club of New York and the South Florida group.
- Attend the virtual NYC Fires Kitchen Round Table events and cultivate the partnership with this website to promote the IFBA.
- Finish and publish the updated "Code of Fire Buffing." The changes have been agreed to, it is recommended that either the Executive Office and/or IT Team publish the latest edition.

- Complete the PowerPoint presentation answering the question “Why Belong to the IFBA”
 - Drafts have been sent out to the R and R Committee and selected members
 - Corrections have been made and the current rendition may be available to the Board at the June meeting.
 - At this point the input of the Board is imperative, as I have pretty much reached the ceiling of my skills and knowledge regarding completion of the project.

A (not so impartial) report has recommended some structural changes to the R and R Committee. These changes could make the Committee more effective and efficient.

With the anticipated changes in the administration of the IFBA, members interested in becoming a Team Member on the R and R Team, please contact the Executive Vice President. We welcome enthusiastic newcomers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Sullivan
Vice President at Large/ R and R Chair



Office of the Vice President at Large
Joseph P. Sullivan

June 14, 2022

Report of the Vice President at Large for the Board Meeting at the Historic Joint SPAAMFAA/IFBA
Convention Woburn, Mass. June 2022

The Report is presented in bullet format with points expanded on as appropriate. The order is by no means one of priority or chronology and reflects the efforts of the VP@Large of the IFBA

- Buffed Baltimore, Atlanta, Jersey City, Newark, New York City, Cleveland, Richmond, Orlando, Chicago and Pittsburgh with Buffs from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Florida, and the District of Columbia,
- Managed hundreds of phone calls and emails.
- Corresponded with 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.
- Attended Regional Meeting as possible. Including the Region 3 Meeting of June 11, 2022

- Met on several occasions with Region 3 VP Korb
 - o Attended the Grand Opening of the new quarters of the Richmond Flying Squad .
 - o Began 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. (See report of R and R Team)
- Developed a comprehensive evaluation of the current committees and their functionality at the request of the EVP
- 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
 - o 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
 - Prepared historic overview of the conception of the joint event to President Conway.
 - 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 100th Anniversary Ad Book. The ad features dates and location of future IFBA Conventions.
- Prepared ads for the 2022 joint event Ad Book
- Attended, along with about 100, IFBA members, the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Philadelphia Second Alarmers
- Attended Winter Meeting of SPAAMFAA. Made presentations at their Board and General Membership meetings.
- Met with legendary buffs Schaetzle, Liddle and Cohen while working in New York/New Jersey area.
- Plans for next term if re-appointed.
 - Attend Regional, Committee and Club meetings as practical.
 - Attend the joint event in Woburn, Mass. June 22nd to 26th
 - Buff , including Kansas City, St. Louis, and Papeete
 - Entertain visiting Fire Buffs
 - Work with principles 2024 conventions
 - Begin plans for buffing opportunities in 2023, including the Spring board and Convention in Milwaukee
 - Assist new Regional Vice Presidents as needed.
 - Attended the SPAAMFAA event in Providence

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph P. Sullivan

Vice President at Large

History Committee Report

The History Committee has embarked on preserving the written documentary history of the IFBA. The project started as an effort to recover and digitize a complete set of Turn Out magazine since 1956. It has expanded to include convention program books, separate convention issues and area buffing guides.

Response to this project has led to include digitizing of club newsletters. Clubs have dug out their archives and loaned them to Turn Out for digitizing. Loaned issues are returned along with digital copies.

We continue to reach out to clubs known to have produced newsletters and we have had some success in recovering newsletters from former clubs that no longer exist. The ability to review the old writings of clubs from previous generations has revealed a sense of the dedication and commitment of previous generations to the hobby and to the IFBA and can be an inspirational connection to the membership of today.

The historical content of many newsletters is unmatched. We ask that clubs and members search their archives (attics, basements, closets, bookshelves) and please share (loan) any such discoveries so that they may be digitized and preserved. The goal is to make them accessible via the website for everyone.

Thanks to the many people and clubs that have already responded.

Turn Out Report

Turn Out continues to have excellent participation from the many member clubs. Unaffiliated associate members are also regular contributors. Having evolved into a fully digital, Internet accessible publication, the editors have been able to more than double the amount of content in each issue. The participation and contributions of many long-standing club editors and numerous individual contributors are invaluable.

The publication schedule remains at two issues per year. The submission deadlines, however, vary to accommodate the needs of the convention host club and its convention date (a moving target) to include vital convention information in a timely manner. Deadline for the next issue was moved to July 31st to allow convention related stories and photos. Publication of a separate Convention issue is a decision of the host club.

While the most recent issue was on hold for the convention committee, the feature article about the remarkable Region 3 mutual aid cooperation for the Baltimore firefighters memorial ceremonies was prepared and included. Significant events do not occur on a magazine publication schedule. Contributors are encouraged to submit articles as events occur and articles are written. The editor will bring all submissions together at publication time.

A publication error in the Necrology reports was researched and corrected.

Occasionally, submitted articles have accidentally 'disappeared' during formatting. Now that we are aware that it can happen, we are alert to it. All submissions are acknowledged.

We have managed to rebuild much of the Turn Out archive. We are still missing pre-1970 issues. Please check those old boxes in the attic or buried deep in the closet and hopefully we can restore a complete set. All issues are in the process of being digitized for posting on the website.

Thanks to all who support Turn Out. To those who have not sent an article or a photo, give it a try. Turn Out exists to share your work and activities for all.



Fire Buff of the Year

IFBA PRESENTS
HENRY N. WILWERS
FIRE BUFF OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO
PAUL BOUDREAU

The Fire Buff of the Year Award, as it was first known, was established in 1967 to honor the individual who best exemplifies the qualities that mark a fire buff's contributions in the interest of the IFBA, local buff clubs, and the avocation of fire buffing. In April 1976, the name of the award was changed to honor its first recipient, Henry N. "Hank" Wilwers, a Chicago fire dispatcher and nationally known fire buff.

The hallmark of this award is service – service to the IFBA, service to local buff clubs, to local fire departments, and to the fire service community in general. Being that service is the key attribute in receiving this award, I think you will all agree that this year's honoree has distinguished himself in that regard.

The individual we are recognizing this year began his fire buffing in the 1970's. He joined his local club in 1985 and has been a member ever since. He served as President of his club for several years and returned for a second stint twelve years ago and has served in that role since that time. He also coordinates the operation of his Club's museum.



Some years ago, a local newspaper article described him as a sparky, part of an age old fraternity of fire chasers, someone who has been to more than 300 fires in a mere two year stretch and possibly thousands in his lifetime. But he doesn't go just to watch the firefighters battle these blazes. He spends countless hours coordinating the operation of the canteen units for his Club and going on calls with the canteen unit at all hours of the day and night.

This is a canteen operation that has expanded its fleet in recent years and increased its operations throughout the metropolitan area. In fact, it is continuing to expand the territory it covers even now. He has handled canteen duties at large events of national significance.

We are honored tonight to present the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Award for 2022 to Paul Boudreau of the Boston Sparks.



International Fire Buff Associates, Inc.

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

April 7, 2022

IFBA Member Groups
IFBA Associate Members

**Subject: Request for Nominations for the Wilwers FBOY Award
Request for Nominations for Kaminski Scholarship
Notice of 2023 Annual Meeting of the IFBA**

Dear Fellow Buff:

Pursuant to the IFBA By-Laws Article 8, I am soliciting candidates for the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year award for 2023, which must be received in the IFBA Executive Office by April 30, 2023. The requirements of the nomination require the submission of the nomination in writing with a resume stating the reason for the person's nomination.

You may either send the nomination by attachment to an email to IFBA Executive Office address shown below, or by government mail or delivery service which must arrive at the IFBA Executive Office by April 30, 2023. I will submit all nominations to the Fire Buff of the Year Committee for their confidential handling of the nominations and the award.

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

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

You may tell your first-time attendee that they can write a letter to the Executive Office detailing their desire to earn the scholarship, their buffing experience, their reasons to attend the convention, and what they hope to receive from their overall convention attendance experience. Please have the first-time attendee send the letter to the Executive Office address below either by attachment to an email or by government mail or delivery service by April 30, 2023. I will submit all letters received to the Executive Board for review and action.

I would like to give you official notice of the IFBA 2023 Annual Meeting to be held on or after 7 p.m. CDST, August 14, 2023, in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin with the 2023 IFBA Convention.

I hope to see all of you at the Milwaukee 2023 IFBA Convention scheduled for August 14th through 17th 2023.

Remember to encourage Fun, Fellowship, Fire Buffing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wally Banks

Executive Vice President Emeritus
E-Mail: executiveoffice@ifba.org



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.

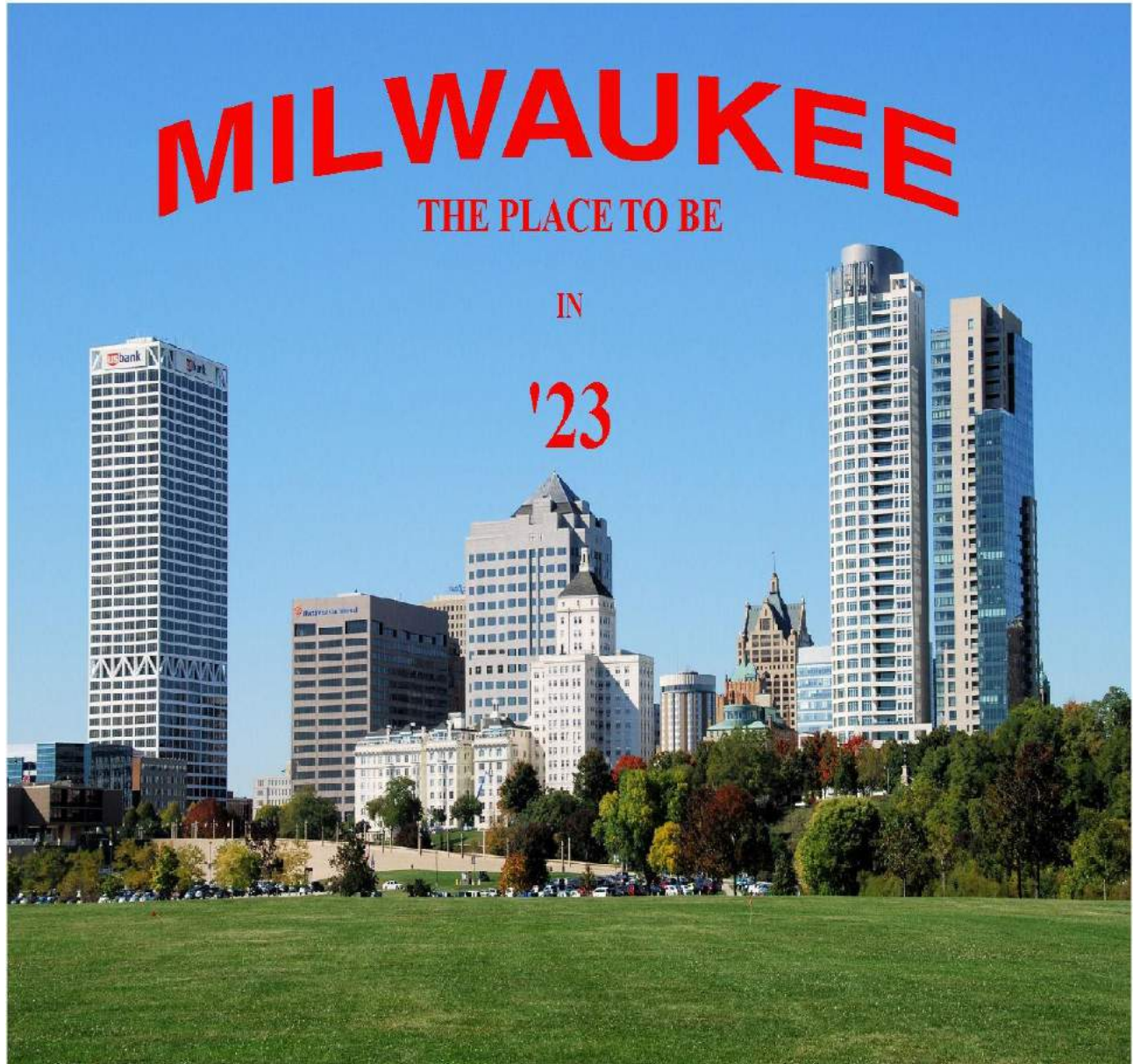
Stuart M. Nathan, Chairman
Tom Pelaia
Ed McMichael



2023 Milwaukee Convention Info

365 DAYS AND COUNTING

(As of August 13, 2022)



MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

AUGUST 14-17, 2023

WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?

If you have ever planned a convention, you know that the main goal is to make plans that will attract and appeal to members of your organization. That is no different when planning a convention for the IFBA. The planning team for the 2023 IFBA Convention, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been hard at work making sure that we reach that goal.

We are committed to providing a wide range of activities that not only promote the local fire departments, but also showcase venues in the greater Milwaukee area. We also realize that attendees like to have 'down time' to kick back and relax, to buff with others, or to go out and explore the many activities the city has to offer, so we are building free time into the schedule. Even though we have plans 'locked in stone', we still are deciding 'what to do?' so that the schedule appeals to everyone.

To help you plan your trip to Milwaukee next August, we have two sites you can go to that will be regularly updated. The sites are:

<https://ifba2023convention.com>

ifba 2023 milwaukee convention (facebook)

The sites listed above will include all information about the hotel, including the registration code which will be available in September, rates (\$149 per night including three days prior and three days after convention), lists of activities occurring in Milwaukee and the surrounding areas, daily schedules for the convention, online registration forms, ad book forms, and any other pertinent information.

MILWAUKEE, THE PLACE TO BE IN 2023



REGION 1

Boston Sparks Assn. - 1938

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Boston MA 02210-1204
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Box 52 Assn. - 1912 (inc 1918)

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P. O. Box 848
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bwilderman@firefire.com

Box 61, Inc. - 1966

c/o Carleton Winslow
257 Auburn St.
Portland ME 04103
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Connecticut Fire Photographers Assn - 1975

PO Box 1181
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Essex County Fire Wardens - 1938

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The Leather Helmet Society - 1992

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Southern Maine Fire Notification Assn.

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Special Signal Fire Assn. - 1968

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June 18, 2022

Report of Region 1 for the IFBA Convention

This is my last Report as the Region 1 VP as my 5-year term has expired.

Region Update

A Region 1 Meeting on Thursday June 12 the following clubs were in attendance. Box 61, Southern Maine Notification, Box 52, Leather Helmet Society, and Connecticut Fire Photographers

Club Updates and Reports

Of the 9 clubs in Region 1 there are 5 clubs that are very active, Box 52, Boston Sparks, The Leather Helmet Society, Providence Citywide and Connecticut Fire Photographers. The other clubs Box 61 Portland, Essex County Fire Wardens, and Southern Maine Fire Notification Association are still in operation, but I have had very little contact with them. Special Signal of Rhode Island is still running their canteen.

A new club, Old School Fire Photographers, has submitted an application for the IFBA. They are based out of the Greater Hartford CT and Greater Springfield MA area.

Listed below are updates on each of the Region 1 Clubs. There are 9 clubs in Region 1

Boston Sparks

Now having in-person meetings again. Prior to this their meetings had been virtual. The canteen, A-10, is busy going to calls. As a member I attend the meetings that fit into my schedule.

Box 52

Now having in-person meetings. Their meeting before now were also virtual. Guest speakers are arranged for each meeting that bring history of the greater Boston Area. As a member I attend most of the virtual meetings as my schedule allows.

Essex County Fire Wardens

I have had very little contact with this group and have not heard of any meetings

Providence Citywide

They continue to use their radio system. They are having virtual meetings quarterly. Unfortunately, I have not been able to attend but am staying in contact with them.

Special Signal Fire Association

Special Signal continues to run their canteen. I have not heard of any meetings.

Leather Helmet Society

In-person meetings have been taking place. I am a member. I am kept updated on events and meetings by the e-mails and phone conversations.

Box 61

At this time Box 61 is not having any meetings.

Southern Maine Fire Notification Association

They have not had a meeting in three years

Connecticut Fire Photographers Association

They have been having virtual meeting and just started back with in-person meetings. Their biggest event The Silver City Fire Fest is held in July with model displays, apparatus available for photos, and photo displays. Membership has grown to over 100 members in the U.S.

Region 1 Meeting Report from June 16, 2022

All clubs in attendance were updated on the process of how-to self-nominate for the newsletter award, how to enter someone for fire buff of the year and to report the deaths of a member for the necrology report.

Nominations for Region 1 VP were requested at the meeting. Due to me reaching my five years as the current Region 1 VP I have timed out. No nominations were received and there was no volunteer from those in attendance. No Vice President was elected at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth F. Beliveau

IFBA Region 1 Vice President



The 5A



Newsletter of the Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club of Manchester, N.H.
 IFBA Region 1 Member, Celebrating our 30th Year
 Summer 2022 Issue

The Leather Helmet Society Fire Buff Club is having our next meeting Wednesday August 17th @ 1700 hrs. The Cookout/Meeting will be held at President Wayne Perkins home @ 116 Melendy Road in Milford, N.H. We will be celebrating the 30th year of the LHS as well as conducting our regularly scheduled meeting.

Please RSVP to Pres. Perkins directly by August 8, 2022 if you plan on attending. A head count is necessary for the purchase of provisions. Contact for Wayne is: cell# 603-321-9742, call or text him.
 Food will be ready between 1730 and 1800 hrs.

The first-ever joint *IFBA/SPAMFAA Convention in Woburn, Mass.* was a great success w/400 attendees IFBA President and LHS Board of Director Rick Conway & MAFAA President Doug Boudrow conducted an excellent action-packed event. Field trips, informative sessions/meetings, fire parade and muster.

Shown below are photos taken by LHS members at fire scenes and apparatus during the past few months. If you take any good photos of fire scenes/apparatus send them to Charlie T., cm10tas@comcast.net so I can use them in future 5A Newsletters. Thank you.









A Can Job!

Bars are on both sides of the hall!

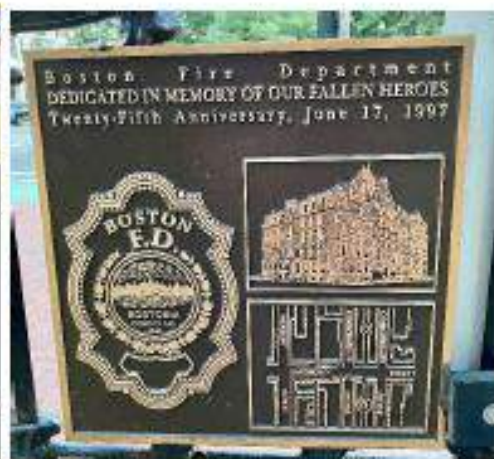
See you at the next big fire!!

Fire in the duct work at One Congress Street in downtown Boston on July 30, 2022. The Convention Men were buffing in the city, and we were at the scene. Box 1322.





Also paid a solemn visit to the Hotel Vendome Fire Memorial in downtown Boston on the Commonwealth Ave. Mall at Dartmouth Street. Nine firefighters lost their lives there on June 17, 1972. May They Rest in Eternal Peace.



May all firefighters have a Safe Tour of Duty 24/7/365 throughout the world.

Photo Credits: Bob Fitz, Jr., Rick Conway, Dylan Conway, Dave Morin, Charlie Tentas and miscellaneous others.



Old School Fire Photographers

Established 4/28/2021

Newly accepted into the IFBA at the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Association is known as the “Old School Fire Photographers.” The Original 12 members are known as the “The Dirty Dozen”.

Association Goals - To promote fire scene photography and fellowship of the members. Preserve and protect the history and traditions of the fire and emergency services by sharing and exchanging mutual interests and experiences.





Photos – Pat Dooley

Hartford CT Area Fire Action

Jim and Nick Peruta photos



1/2/22 Working Fire 284 Albany Ave Hartford CT



1/11/22 2nd Alarm 212 Clark ST New Britain CT



3/18/22 2nd Alarm Park & Heath St's Hartford CT



4/17/22 2nd Alarm 862 Asylum ST Hartford CT



4/18/22 2nd Alarm 126 Adams ST Hartford CT



7/31/22 Working Fire 868 Park ST Hartford CT

Photos – Jim & Nick Peruta

Woburn Convention Memories

(Pending Convention Issue)





REGION 3

Anne Arundel Alarmers Assn. - 5/8/1958
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Box 234 Assn., Inc. - 1956
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pvfr3251@verizon.net

Box 414 Assn., Inc. - 1949
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Rkstzenberg1014@msn.com
Labeiguy414@gmail.com
sfreund@yahoo.com

Metro Richmond Flying Squad, Inc. - 2017
Att: Steven Korb
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S.H.C. Assn. - 1949
c/o Guy Cephas
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Friendship Fire Assn. - 1940
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Greater Springfield Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.
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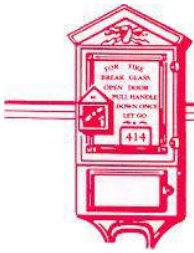
Old Dominion Historical Fire Society - 1984
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BOX 414 Association, Inc.

FIRE – POLICE

MEMBER OF IFBA

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By **Stuart M. Nathan**

As the heat of the summer has descended upon us, we have been busy responding to working fires as well as other calls where a cold drink and some ice are a welcome sight. We respond with Car 415, our rapid response vehicle, and are able to get to the scene quickly so members can stay hydrated. July has seen responses virtually every day as the heat and humidity remain oppressive in this area.

Box 414 is proud to announce that our esteemed Recording Secretary, Alex Katzenberg, has been named by Mayor Brandon Scott to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board is the civilian body that provides advice and guidance to the Chief of the Fire Department. As many know, the Katzenberg family has been synonymous with fire buffing in Baltimore for over 90 years.

With our election of officers in May, Shaun Freund continues as President of 414. He has embarked on an ambitious agenda of making improvements to our quarters, emphasizing recruitment and retention, and building a new website. We wish him well as we begin our 74th year since 414 was incorporated.

ANNUAL FIREBOAT PICNIC

In what has become an annual tradition, skipped only during the pandemic, the members of Box 414 visit the crew of Fireboat 1 for a picnic at their quarters adjoining historic Fort McHenry. Then, weather permitting, we are treated to a cruise on the boat. Fortunately June 20, 2022 was a beautiful evening in Baltimore, and the forty attendees at the picnic had a wonderful time cruising around our Inner Harbor. We were even treated to a view of the smoke showing from a working fire several miles north of the harbor. Our thanks to the Captain and crew of Fireboat 1 for hosting this event.

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS OF SERVICE BY D.C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

On May 14th, the D.C. Fire Department celebrated its 150th anniversary with a large parade along Constitution Avenue. Owing to our history of collaboration with D.C.,

the Baltimore City Fire Department sent a contingent of apparatus to appear in the parade. Most notable were Engine 14's new Seagrave pumper which had not yet been placed in service and Truck 23. The significance of these two companies is that they were the companies that lost members during the tragic collapse that occurred earlier this year. In fact, DC Engine 14 filled in at Baltimore City Engine 14 while all our members attended the Memorial Service for our fallen sister and brothers.

RUN TOTALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

<u>Engines</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
Engine 13	5614	592	151	Truck 1	5323	443	127
Engine 33	5333	529	122	Truck 5	5186	387	105
Engine 6	5185	585	138	Truck 16	4911	383	108
Engine 14	5050	494	152	Truck 27	3792	209	49
Engine 23	4975	529	125	Truck 10	3587	486	155

<u>Chiefs</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>Other Units</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Fires</u>
BC 2	1209	1060	241	Rescue 1	3437	426	115
BC 3	1122	958	240	Hazmat 1	162	13	3
BC 6	1119	930	239	Fireboat 1	41	12	3

<u>Medics</u>	<u>Runs</u>						
Medic 15	6413			FRes Boat 1	59	6	2
Medic 16	6409			FRes Boat 2	84	5	1
Medic 4	6313			Airflex 1	346		
Medic 21	6303			Airflex 2	307		
Medic 1	6221						

Total Suppression Calls: 178,660

Total EMS Calls: 166,109

Total Box Alarms: 2193

Working Fires: 90

Multiple Alarms: 37 (27 in FY21)

31 2nds, 3 3rds, 3 4ths

Note: Engine 8 led all engines with 165 fires, Truck 10 led all trucks with 155 fires

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

IFBA CONVENTION UPDATE

A special thank you to the Joint IFBA/SPAAMFAA convention committee for a great time at the Woburn, MA convention. A special tip of the helmet to Rick Conway and Charlie Tentas from Box 52 in Boston and Doug Boudrow from the Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association for hosting the largest convention we have had in many years. The Convention featured several trips to local fire stations and museums, a number of interesting seminars, and a tremendous parade to help cap off the weekend. The IFBA honored Paul Boudreau of the Boston Sparks with the Henry N. Wilwers Fire Buff of the Year Award. Paul has been a guiding light in operating the canteen and rehab service in the Boston area.

Box 414 attendees included Mark and Karen Platek, Stuart Nathan, and Ed Schwartz, even though Ed may have been claiming that he was really a SPAAMFAA member.

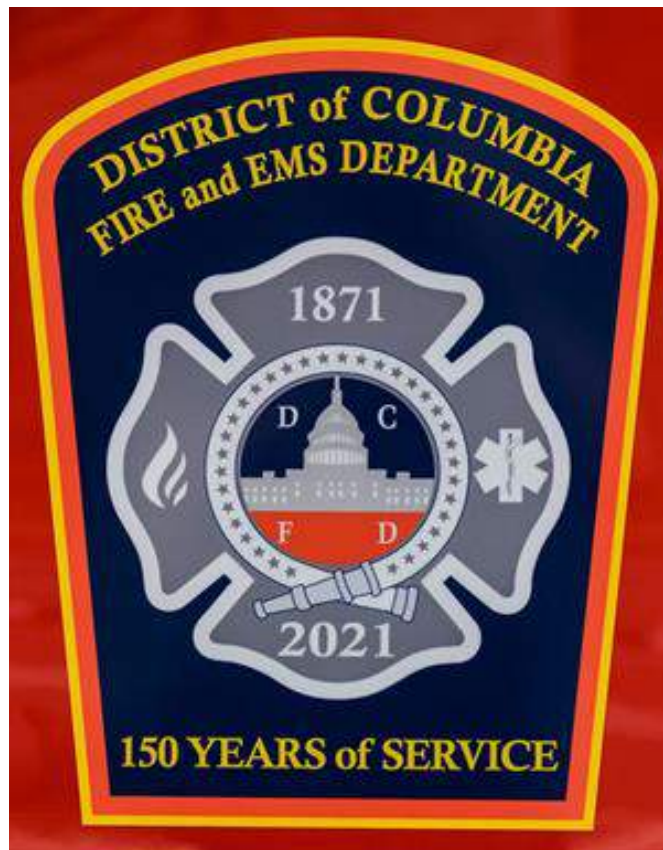
Next year's convention is in Milwaukee from August 14-17, 2023, and the convention hotel (Doubletree by Hilton) is centrally located in the heart of the city. The schedule will include the usual fire buffing activities as well as a trip to the Harley-Davidson Museum and Fire Bell Farm.

We hope to see you in Milwaukee.





Photos – Stuart Nathan



Celebration **150**
SATURDAY MAY 14TH, 2022
PARADE AND APPARATUS MUSTER

Parade Information
Starts - 1100 Hours
Constitution Avenue, NW, between 7th Street and 14th Street, NW

Apparatus Muster Information
Starts - Immediately Following the Parade till 1500 hours
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 12th Street and 14th Street, NW



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Photos – Stanley Jaworski













REGION 5

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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
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Signal51group@suddenlink.net

Region 5 Report - May 21, 2022

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Subject: Minutes of Region 5 Annual Meeting Tele-conference 5/21/22

The Annual Meeting of Region 5 of the IFBA was held via Google Meets on Sat, May 21, 2022. Four region clubs were represented. Voting for Dallas' Box 4 Club was Wally Banks, for Shreveport's Signal 51 was Johnny Moore, for New Orleans' Firefighting Historical Society was Chris Mickal, and for Greater Houston Fire Battalion was Tom McDonald. Russell Teutsch and Brian Pfister also were on the conference.

McDonald called the meeting to order at 11 AM CT (the appointed time), thanked Banks for setting up the meeting on Google, took roll, then asked Banks to update the group about IFBA's upcoming Annual Conference slated for June 21-25 in Woburn, Mass., part of a first-ever joint conference with SPAAMFAA. Banks gave a rundown of the tours and other plans for the conference, then said the host hotel, a Crown Plaza, was already sold out. McDonald mentioned that nearby Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn facilities were potentially available for those who might still wish to attend.

McDonald called for nominations for an IFBA Region 5 VP to serve for the approximately annual term from the end of IFBA's June conference to the end of its conference in 2023 (slated for Milwaukee). Banks nominated McDonald. There were no other nominations. Banks called for McDonald to be selected by acclamation, and that was done unanimously (the candidate not voting for himself, of course).

McDonald then asked for region club reports. Banks reported for Dallas, Moore for Shreveport, and McDonald for Houston. Mickal and Pfister both updated the group on activities in New Orleans. A potential "social-only" meeting for the region (no business meeting) was discussed. Pfister said New Orleans might be interested in hosting one in November 2022. He said he would follow-up with clubs as that month approached. He also said there would be a Firehouse Magazine EMS Expo in New Orleans in September.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM. Minutes were recorded by McDonald. Please feel free to distribute among each club's members, especially notifying them about the rapidly approaching joint conference of IFBA and SPAAMFAA in June in Mass.

Crescent City Blazes

New Orleans Area Fires

Courtesy of Chris Mickal
DISTRICT CHIEF
NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT
www.FIRELINEPHOTOS.com



04/23/2022 3300 Carrollton Ave. 3- ALARMS



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Box42det@gmail.com

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

Moline Second Alarmers - 1952
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Racine Fire Bells, Inc. - 1948
PO Box 081042
Racine WI 53408
racinefirebellclub@gmail.com

West Licking Firefighters Assn. - 2020
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Pataskala OH 43062

Western Reserve Fire Museum (WRFBA) 1972
310 Carnegie
Cleveland OH 44115
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REGION 6 VICE-PRESIDENT LOG

12-20-2021	E-Mailed questionnaire to each IFBA Region 6 Club. Information needed was all Officers information, club meeting dates and any other pertinent Information.
1-16-2022	Attended the Installation of Officers and Board to the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club. Gave brief speech.
2-11-2022	Attended the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club fund raiser.
2-23/26-2022	Attended the SPAAMFAA Winter Convention in Kissimmee, FL to promote attendance at the 1 st . Joint National Convention of IFBA & SPAAMFAA to be held in Woburn, Mass in June 2022.
4-9-2022	Chaired the IFBA Region 6 Virtual Meeting.
4-23-2022	Attended the IFBA Exec. Board Zoom Meeting
4-29-2022	Had conversation with Daniel Cunningham, St. Louis First Responder Canteen about joining IFBA. I informed him about the Box 8 Club and Daniel stated that they cover the surrounding counties. He is going to try and reach out to Larry Quick about working together possibly.

I have not been able to attend Region 6 Club Meetings because of COVID, personal medical issues and many clubs are just now getting back into meeting in-person.

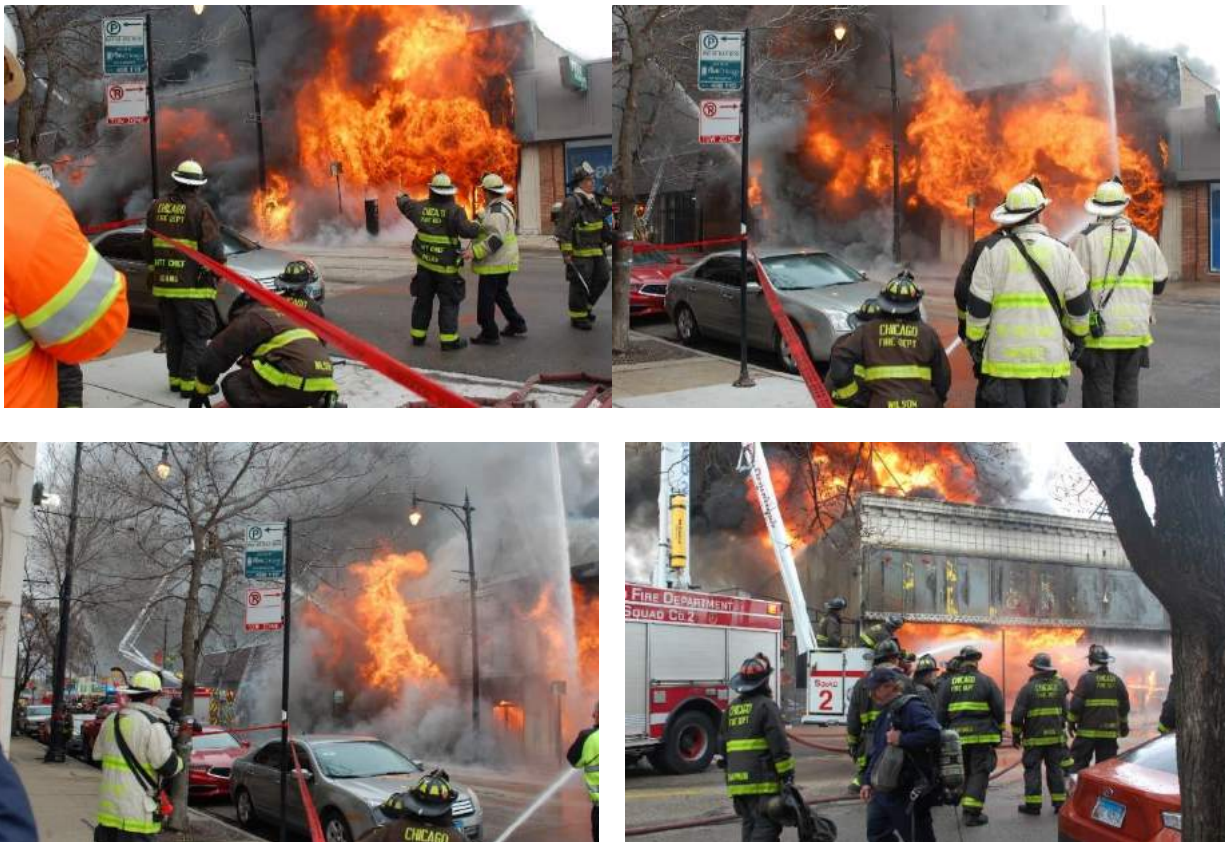
Dennis Ahrens
IFBA Region 6 VP



By Mike Penchar

This will be the first time I will be composing this article without the assistance of my co-author, Chuck Bleck. As you may know, Chuck has experienced some health issues and is now residing with his sister in the Milwaukee area. I call Chuck every few weeks and am happy to report he is doing well. I would like to thank Chuck for all his input over the years. Chuck, you will be missed.

Fire activity in Chicago, once again, has been rather slow. As of the writing of this article in late July, Chicago has experienced nine 2-11's (2nd Alarm) and five 3-11's (3rd Alarm). One of the more spectacular fires occurred on March 22 on the City's north side. The CFD responded to a one-story trussed roof 75' x 150' furniture store. The original call came in around noon and rose to a 3-11 by one o'clock. A partial collapse occurred early in the event prompting all CFD personnel to evacuate the structure and continue to fight the fire from the outside.



3-11 at north side furniture store (Photos by Mike Penchar)

On the apparatus scene, the CFD continues to receive new rigs from E-One. Nine new Cyclone II X pumpers with 1500 GPM pumps, 500 gallon booster tanks, and 30 gallon foam tanks have been received and placed into service. Engines 8, 16, 19, 68, 89, 92, 95, 97 and the Training Academy have received these new rigs. Four new aerials from E-One have also been received and placed into service at Truck 20, 34 and 37. As of this writing, Truck 25's new rig is not in service but is expected to be shortly. The CFD also received several 2021 Ford Police Interceptors. These new "Buggies" are painted solid red and have been assigned to numerous Battalion and District chiefs.



Engine 89's new E-One pumper (Photo by Mike Penchar)



Training academy's new E-One pumper (Photo by Mike Penchar)

The 5-11 Club continues to provide services to the CFD, CPD and some close-in suburbs upon request. Currently we operate two canteens, Unit 401 on the north side; Unit 403 on the south side; Unit 405, a citywide supply rig; and Unit 404, our Porta-Potty rig which was recently put into service. So far this year, the 5-11 Club canteens have responded to 23 requests for service. These include 11 extra alarm fires, 6 SWAT incidents, 4 special duty requests and 2 suburban responses. Like with all of the other clubs, COVID has put a damper on much of our activities. We have not had a muster in two years nor a Christmas party with our fire museum friends. Let's hope we can all get together in the near future. Sadly, I'm sorry to report the passing of long time 5-11 Club member, Roz Dinoff. Roz and Chuck Bleck were fixtures at many IFBA conventions. Roz passed away in September of 2021.



Unit 404 Porta-Potty rig (Photos by Mike Penchar)

Please visit our website, www.5-11clubchicago.org, for the latest news about our 5-11 Club activities and a growing photo gallery. The 5-11 Club now has a Twitter page. The link for the site can be found on the 5-11 Club's home page. We look forward to hearing from you. Also, it would be appreciated if you currently shop at Amazon, please use Amazon Smile, select the 5-11 Club as beneficiary, and continue your regular shopping as you normally would on this site. A portion of the sales will support the 5-11 Club of Chicago. In closing, the officers and members of the 5-11 Club would like to thank IFBA Executive Vice-President Wally Banks for his years of service to the IFBA.



Tower 21 setting up at 311 on north Nashville (Photo by Steve Redick)



BOX 15 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

"Serving Columbus and Central Ohio Since 1947"

Box 15 | 300 NORTH 4TH STREET COLUMBUS, OHIO



Box 15 Inc. 2021 Annual Report

President's Message

Greetings and welcome to 2022, our 75th year of serving Central Ohio Firefighters. 2021 was a very busy year for all of us as we saw an increase in incidents by 42% from 2020. The largest increase was in supporting training events that may have been put on hold from the COVID year. We also supported the Firehouse EXPO which made it's Columbus debut in 2021 and will return this year.

The heat was a factor again last summer as our volunteers spent 40 on duty shifts so we could respond immediately to provide cooling devices and fluids to help prevent heat exhaustion to the firefighters.

Through generous donations and grants we were able to purchase our first brand new truck. The new truck is a smaller utility version and carries all the equipment and supplies we need to provide rehab for the first responders. Getting a new truck also will help cut down on the costly repairs of our 20-year-old trucks.

On August 14 we officially put the truck in-service with a dedication, blessing and a push in at Station 1. Many of our donors, the Columbus Fire Pipes and Drums, and Firefighters joined the members of Box 15 for the event. Two days later it took it's first 2nd alarm in on the Southeast side. We were able to donate our old Rehab 1 to Seneca County CERT team who provides rehab to the First Responders in Northern Ohio.

Last year a local business "Campbell Restoration" started the Annual Box 15 Golf Outing event to help us get funds for supplies and equipment. We are looking forward to the event again this year.

Our team of dedicated volunteers staffed our trucks for over 3,100 hours. This commitment shows our appreciation to all the firefighters and first responders that serve our communities. I greatly appreciate and thank our active members for their service and dedication.

Please review our statistics, the numbers which reflect the volume of products we dispensed. We are very fortunate to have generous businesses and personal donations that provide us with water, sports drinks, and equipment. The financial donations help us with the cost of other supplies and maintenance of our trucks. In October we were able to order a new cab and chassis for our oldest Rehab truck to replace our oldest truck, Rehab 3, which is a 25-year-old vehicle. The new truck is expected to be in service by fall of 2022.

We are very proud to say all donations, grants we receive, or funds raised during apparel sales, goes back to our first responders. Again, Thank You to those who support us, Box 15 and our mission.

In closing I would like to recognize Brett Barber; Brett has been with Box 15 for 27 years, over 1/3 of our 75 years. Brett has retired from active membership and moved to Lifetime member. Thank you, my friend and mentor.

Joe O'Brien

Box 15 President

Mission Statement

Box 15 is dedicated to providing Canteen and Firefighter Rehab Services, to support, as best we can, in every practical way, the work of our "first line of defense against the ravages of fire - the men and women of the fire service".

Meetings

Box 15 meets on the last Tuesday of each month except December. Our meetings are held at various area fire stations provided that Covid restrictions are not in place. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and include administrative and training activities.

Compliance

Box 15 operates under the guidelines set forth in NFPA-1584 "Standard on Rehabilitation Process". We provide service to 40+ fire departments and rely on the local EMS protocols in place to make sure the firefighters are adequately served to meet department standards. We concentrate our efforts on hydration, core temperature stabilization, nutrition, rest, skin as well as PPE (turnout gear) decontamination.

Monthly Activities

2021 was a record year for Box 15 in many ways. From a 45% increase in our run/activity response (221 for the year), service hours, personnel served and hot weather standbys. In addition, thanks to the support of our community, we placed into service our first brand new response vehicle. There are a few changes in this report as we have replaced weather conditions with time in service. As we did last year, we have included cold weather (CWS) and hot weather (HWS) standbys.



January

Our work in the new year began on January 2 at 2:30am with a 2 Alarm Fire. The first of 3 multiple alarm responses for the month.

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
1/2/20	458 West 3rd	2 Alarm - Fire	5:58	60
1/10/21	2650 Kenny Rd	1 Alarm - Fire	2:11	42
1/11/21	3715 Old Millersport Road Pleasant Township	2 Alarm - Fire	3:56	40
1/17/21	3834 Morse Road	1 Alarm - Fire	4:39	60
1/28/21	845 Markison Ave	2 Alarm - Fire	9:55	64
1/28/21	3639 Parsons Ave.	Training	7:30	40
1/29/21	134 Medcliffe Street Withall	Training	8:00	35
7 Runs			42:09	341



Saving Our Own Training



East 3rd Street



Markison Ave, 2nd Alarm



Morse Road



February

The cold weather finally arrived but did not last long. February was the only month where cold weather standbys were required. Training events, along with a few fires kept us busy during the month.

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
2/5/21	815 Shanahan Rd Lewis Center	1 Alarm - Fire	2:54	40
2/7/21	6843 Darby Blvd Pleasant Twp Grove City	1 Alarm - Fire	3:53	40
2/7/21	Station 33	CWS	12:00	
2/8/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	7:30	60
2/10/21	5281 Locust Hill Lane	1 Alarm - Fire	4:03	40
2/11/21	4242 Hoover Road Grove City	Training	9:45	40
2/12/21	4242 Hoover Road Grove City	Training	8:23	40
2/13/21	4242 Hoover Road Grove City	Training	9:20	48
2/16/21	Station 33	CWS	12:00	
2/17/21	221 Ashbourne Bexley	1 Alarm - Fire	2:14	30
2/19/21	Station 33	CWS	12:00	
2/20/21	3033 Glenshaw Ave.	1 Alarm - Fire	1:59	35
2/23/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	7:30	25
2/23/21	1559 McKinley Ave.	1 Alarm - Fire	2:45	50
2/24/21	3639 Parsons	Training	4:00	25
2/25/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	4:07	27
2/26/21	5790 Coral Creek Drive	1 Alarm - Fire	2:38	30
17 Runs			106:13	722



Coral Creek Drive



March

This month was quiet, relatively speaking when compared to the next 6. We assisted the police at the scene of a major accident on the interstate that kept us in service for over 4 hours.

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
3/1/21	8013 Worthington Lake Drive	1 Alarm - Fire	1:48	30
3/1/21	431 Marion Rd	1 Alarm - Fire	2:06	45
3/5/21	1568 Georgesville Rd, Columbus	Supply Pick-Up	2:15	0
3/5/21	I 270 Northbound at Nee-Bixby Bridge	Police Run	4:42	35
3/6/21	2140 Advance Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	1:59	22
3/10/21	Ohio Fire Academy	Training	3:50	25
3/11/21	2932 Bilco Road	2 Alarm - Fire	2:17	60
3/12/21	8995 East Main	Training	7:00	42
3/19/21	2045 Leonard Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	1:43	45
3/24/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	6:44	43
10 Runs			34:24	347



*Upper Left: Marion Road Fire
Middle: MSC Supply Pickup
Bottom Left: Ohio Fire Academy*



April

The month began with the Majestic Paint Factory explosion (left) and fire that lit up the night sky for several hours. Box 15 assisted at the scene twice. Sadly, the fire ended with the recovery of an employee who died during the explosion. The remainder of the month was spent supporting Columbus Fire with Rescue Technician training.

Date	Location	Turn Type	Service Time	Personnel
4/8/21	1020 Leonard Ave	2 Alarm - Fire	5:04	150
4/8/21	1920 Leonard Ave	2 Alarm - Fire	4:00	30
4/10/21	300 N 4th Ave	Rig Changeover	7:34	0
4/14/21	3675 Parsons	Training	8:50	40
4/15/21	3350 S Champion	Training	7:50	40
4/15/21	2486 S High St	1 Alarm - Fire	1:50	32
4/17/21	197 Woodcliff Dr Whitehall, OH	Training	8:48	80
4/18/21	8847 Lake Ridge Dr.	1 Alarm - Fire	1:26	46
4/18/21	Medcliff Training Area - Whitehall	Training	10:08	80
4/19/21	3350 S. Champion	Training	7:35	32
4/20/21	3350 S. Champion	Training	8:25	32
4/21/21	3350 S Champion	Training	6:58	35
4/22/21	3350 S Champion	Training	7:15	30
4/23/21	3350 S. Champion Ave	Training	8:04	32
4/27/21	3350 S. Champion Ave	Training	8:00	34
4/28/21	3350 S. Champion Ave	Training	7:55	32
4/29/21	3350 S. Champion Ave	Training	5:35	18
4/30/21	3350 S Champion	Training	5:50	24
18 Runs			121:07	767





May

After a few fires, the month gave us a preview to a very warm summer requiring many Hot Weather Standby (HWS) days. On such days we have crew in station on standby to respond to any working fire in the area. While many of these fires do not have many personnel, as compared to one with multiple alarms, they do take a

toll on the firefighters due to Mother Nature's heat and humidity. Our primary goal on such days is hydration.

Box 15 also conducted in-service training for the City of Westerville on Rehabilitation (Photo Above)

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
5/12/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	7:45	75
5/15/21	431 Dennison Ct Bloom Township	1 Alarm - Fire	2:24	32
5/17/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	7:25	39
5/20/21	3900 Bluebird Westerville	1 Alarm - Fire	1:01	34
5/20/21	3030 Greenvale Dr	1 Alarm - Fire	1:45	42
5/21/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
5/21/21	6300 Bent Grass Blvd, Canal Winchester, OH 4	Civic Event	11:03	100
5/22/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	0
5/22/21	418 S Central ave	1 Alarm - Fire	1:10	16
5/23/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
5/24/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
5/25/21	485 Chilcote Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	1:52	40
5/25/21	9090 Lyra Drive	1 Alarm - Fire	2:00	55
5/25/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
5/28/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	4:30	33
15 Runs			75:55	465



Worthington Working Fire – 86-degree heat index.



Ohio Fire Academy Live Burn Exercises

June

The number of days requiring Box 15 personnel continues to increase. During a few of the Hot Weather Standbys, crews responded to several working fires. On one day, the HWS crew responded to 2 working fires.

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
6/2/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	7:40	40
6/3/21	3333 Kioka Ave	Training	7:28	45
6/5/21	Station 1	HWS	6:00	0
6/6/21	Station 1	HWS	6:00	0
6/11/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	7:50	40
6/12/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	0
6/12/21	1717 South Third St	1 Alarm - Fire	2:25	45
6/12/21	2717 McGuffey Rd	1 Alarm - Fire	1:32	30
6/12/21	Alkire Rd / Gardner Rd	Water Incident	4:48	50
6/13/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/14/21	Home Rd and Green Meadows, Delaware	Training	4:45	45
6/18/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/19/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	0
6/20/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/22/21	400 W Main St, Westerville, OH 43081	Training	2:00	30
6/23/21	400 W Main St, Westerville, OH 43081	Training	2:00	30
6/24/21	400 W Main St, Westerville, OH 43081	Training	2:00	30
6/26/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/27/21	1264 Freshman Drive	1 Alarm - Fire	1:06	10
6/27/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/28/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
6/28/21	2617 Fern Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	2:00	40
6/29/21	3638 Parsons Ave	Training	4:30	30
6/29/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	0
24 Runs			125:04	465

July

The month of July was our busiest. Along with 11 HWS days and 7 working fire responses, we responded to 5 multiple alarm fires. Hours in service increased to over 181 hours.



Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
7/2/21	125 South Knox, Westerville	1 Alarm - Fire	4:01	47
7/2/21	810 East Cooke	2 Alarm - Fire	3:06	70
7/4/21	6312 BUSCH BLVD	2 Alarm - Fire	4:12	75
7/4/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/5/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/6/21	3638 Parsons Ave	Training	2:45	32
7/6/21	3638 Parsons Ave	Training	3:38	35
7/6/21	412 East 20th Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	2:34	55
7/6/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/7/21	I 71 Northbound lanes south of 161	Auto accident	2:03	45
7/6/21	1079 5TH AVE	1 Alarm - Fire	0:31	0
7/7/21	3638 Parsons Ave	Training	7:00	35
7/6/21	557 Blincomb Dr	1 Alarm - Fire	2:45	35
7/7/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/8/21	3638 Parsons Ave	Training	9:05	36
7/9/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/7/21	2675 Morse Rd	Gas Leak	1:40	6
7/9/21	195 McNaughten	Training	7:25	38
7/12/21	3900 Chagrin Dr. Columbus OH	Civic Event	18:00	
7/13/21	3900 Chagrin Dr. Columbus, OH	Civic Event	5:00	0
7/15/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/15/21	2472 Hardesty Dr S	1 Alarm - Fire	2:05	30
7/15/21	5876 Yorkland Ct.	1 Alarm - Fire	1:54	42
7/18/21	7210 Ameride Northern Rd NW	2 Alarm - Fire	3:55	60
7/20/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/20/21	1482 Cliff Ct.	2 Alarm - Fire	3:08	68
7/23/21	875 Dearborn Drive Columbus	Civic Event	3:50	0
7/24/21	6960 Duffy Rd Delaware	Training	7:35	40
7/26/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/26/21	765 Breathitt	1 Alarm - Fire	2:06	22
7/26/21	6636 Longshore Street Dublin	2 Alarm - Fire	4:20	70
7/27/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/28/21	5355 Alkira Rd	Training	1:21	0
7/27/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
7/28/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	
35 Runs			181:07	841



July Business Meeting and a 2 Alarm Blaze in Dublin





August

August was a historic and proud month for Box 15. We dedicated our first "NEW" truck "Rehab 1" in 74 years. The truck is a Ford F350 with a Reading Aluminum Spacemaster Service body. The dedication took place on August 14 at Columbus Station 1&9.

The month was a busy one with responses to 10 working fires, 10 training events, 10 HWS days and 2 multiple alarm fires. As it turns out, the new Rehab 1 made its first response on August 16 to a 2-alarm fire at a Red Roof Inn. The truck design and equipment performed as expected even in the very heavy rain during the event.



Last Run with Old Rehab 1 with Madison Township Fire Department, followed by first run in New Rehab 1 to Brice Road on a 2-Alarm Hotel Fire. Below are various pictures from the pushing-in and dedication ceremony.



Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
8/4/21	7383 Long Road	1 Alarm - Fire	3:32	48
8/4/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	7:46	60
8/8/21	2708 Lackey Old State Rd	Civic Event	3:15	0
8/7/21	867 Reynolds Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	2:34	30
8/8/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	
8/9/21	8895 E Main Reynoldsburg	Training	8:37	45
8/9/21	241 Knowlton St Pickerington	1 Alarm - Fire	3:30	22
8/9/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
8/10/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	
8/11/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
8/11/21	8895 E Main	Training	6:40	36
8/11/21	153E. Columbus Lithopolis Fairfield Co	1 Alarm - Fire	3:05	45
8/12/21	Station 33	HWS	8:00	
8/13/21	Station 33	HWS	8:00	
8/14/21	2691 Eastman ave	1 Alarm - Fire	0:42	15
8/14/21	300 N. Fourth St	Civic Event	8:00	40
8/16/21	2448 Bice Road	2 Alarm - Fire	2:59	62
8/19/21	8895 East Main Reynoldsburg	Training	5:00	24
8/19/21	8895 E Main Reynoldsburg	Training	5:51	28
8/20/21	8895 E Main street	Training	5:00	30
8/20/21	2324 Northwest Blvd Upper Arlington	1 Alarm - Fire	2:21	45
8/21/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	6:45	120
8/21/21	4890 Aspen Pine Blvd.	2 Alarm - Fire	3:20	70
8/22/21	400 Lazelle	Training	1:28	16
8/22/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
8/23/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
8/23/21	I 270 WB at mile marker 24	1 Alarm - Fire	0:47	19
8/26/21	3158 Gims Rd.	1 Alarm - Fire	1:58	15
8/26/21	Market & main st	Gas Leak	2:46	25
8/28/21	700 schlack road	Training	8:35	200
8/28/21	Station 33	HWS	8:00	
8/28/21	2000 Norton rd	Training	5:45	14
8/28/21	8185 Stoneway Dr N	1 Alarm - Fire	1:25	10
8/29/21	Station 1	HWS	7:00	
34 Runs			175:40	1619



Clockwise from Bottom Left: Live burns exercises at the Ohio Fire Academy, Upper Arlington Working Fire, Recruit Training Burns, Madison Township Training Event, and Violet Township Working Fire



September

Firehouse Expo came to Columbus for the first time. Box 15 was asked to provide services at multiple training events in several locations. Our members did a great job supporting the events as well as manning a booth at the show. The month finally cooled down as far as temperatures are concerned, and few fire responses were required.



Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
9/1/21	8895 E Main Reynoldsburg	Training	5:55	37
9/2/21	8895 E Main Reynoldsburg	Training	7:45	43
9/3/21	3639 Parsons	Training	6:00	23
9/4/21	6294 Breunig Dr	1 Alarm - Fire	2:20	35
9/5/21	201 Opportunity Way Pickerington, OH 43147	Civic Event	4:00	18
9/8/21	888 East Dublin Granville Road	2 Alarm - Fire	3:00	70
9/9/21	3639 Parsons	Rehab work per	5:30	4
9/10/21	875 N Dearborn	Civic Event	1:14	10
9/11/21	2015 Recreation Trail, Obetz, OH 43207	911 Stair climb	6:05	310
9/11/21	70.5 Cherry Sunbury OH	Civic Event	2:45	44
9/12/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
9/13/21	8895 E Main and 3639 Parsons	Training	6:15	60
9/13/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
9/14/21	3639 Parsons	Training	9:20	80
9/14/21	8895 E Main St Reynoldsburg	Training	10:13	150
9/14/21	Station 33	HWS	7:00	
9/15/21	3639 Parsons	Training	8:35	28
9/15/21	8895 E Main St Reynoldsburg	Training	9:24	155
9/16/21	400 N High	Civic Event	8:00	
9/17/21	400 N. High	Civic Event	8:00	
9/18/21	3675 Parsons Ave	Training	6:30	75
9/18/21	400 North High	Civic Event	8:00	
9/17/21	400 W Nationwide Blvd	911 Stair climb	4:00	100
9/22/21	Ohio Fire Academy	Training	7:15	45
9/25/21	8895 E Main St	Civic Event	6:30	0
25 Runs			157:36	1287





October

After a very busy summer, October brought some welcome relief from fires and standby days.

Box 15 spend 4.5 hours at a Gas Leak in Orange Township during one of our longer, non-training events (Photo Left)

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
10/1/21	3900 Westerville Rd, Columbus, OH 43224	Civic Event	2:37	0
10/3/21	123 Inah Ave	Civic Event	4:57	100
10/8/21	Africa Road and Worthington Road Orange Tow	Gas Leak	4:26	22
10/16/21	3839 Parsons Ave	Training	6:15	100
10/19/21	3839 Parsons	Training	6:50	40
10/20/21	228 McNaughton	Training	8:00	42
10/27/21	1555 Zuber Road	Training	8:46	33
10/28/21	1555 Zuber rd Grove city oh	Training	9:37	39
10/29/21	1555 Zuber Road	Training	8:40	38
10/31/21	3760 Ridge Mill Dr	2 Alarm - Fire	3:03	60
10 Runs			63:11	474



Seneca County Receiving the Old Rehab 1



Jackson Township Live Burns



Genoa Township Donation



Saving Our Own

November

Fire response activity picked back up in November. Members responded to 5 working fires, 3 second alarm fires and 1 third alarm fire.

Four Box 15 members were honored to receive the "Public Safety Award of Excellence" from the Columbus Division of Fire for their service to the Division as well as surrounding departments. Brett Barber received a "Lifetime Achievement Award".



Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
11/2/21	3487 E. Fulton	1 Alarm - Fire	2:45	55
11/5/21	8327 Hanawalt Rd, Westerville	Training	6:23	25
11/5/21	Nationwide st	Civic Event	6:26	20
11/6/21	4638 Tamarack Blvd	3 Alarm - Fire	4:06	80
11/6/21	11970 Stockwell Road Sunbury	Training	6:56	40
11/6/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	6:15	75
11/17/21	703 E Kossuth St	1 Alarm - Fire	1:02	30
11/17/21	3639 Parsons Ave	Training	7:15	40
11/19/21	4857 Kingshill Drive	2 Alarm - Fire	3:30	64
11/23/21	Ohio Fire Academy	Training	5:15	40
11/23/21	7189 Anne Court Reynoldsburg	1 Alarm - Fire	3:27	40
11/26/21	LORETTA AVE/CLEVELAND AVE	2 Alarm - Fire	2:44	40
11/27/21	4810 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW	1 Alarm - Fire	2:45	30
11/28/21	845 E. Markison	2 Alarm - Fire	2:16	75
11/30/21	575 Harmon ave	1 Alarm - Fire	0:48	25
15 Runs			61:53	679



East Fulton(L) Anne Ct, Truro Township (Right)





December

We closed out the year with a few working fires and training events. After a record setting year, it was good to see things slow down. But as always, we are prepared for 2022.

Date	Location	Trun Type	Service Time	Personnel
12/1/21	8895 E Main	Training	8:50	28
12/2/21	4420 Trabue Road	Training	10:45	64
12/3/21	8895 E. Main	Training	8:15	45
12/11/21	300 N 4th	Civic Event	8:30	30
12/13/21	2555 Osceola	1 Alarm - Fire	0:39	30
12/17/21	8895 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Training	5:37	30
12/17/21	6418 Grassland Ct Genoa Twp	1 Alarm - Fire	2:26	25
12/16/21	3859 Main Street Hilliard ohio	1 Alarm - Fire	1:37	20
12/19/21	218 N. Guilford Ave	1 Alarm - Fire	2:49	40
12/23/21	4676 Nugent Drive, Upper Arlington	1 Alarm - Fire	2:16	44
12/23/21	Nationwide children's hospital	Civic Event	4:04	0
11 Runs			49:48	356



Columbus Live Burns

Vital Statistics 2021

Responses by Fire Department:

Columbus Fire – 120	West Licking – 3	Truro Twp – 2	Concord Twp - 1
Basil Joint - 1	Upper Arlington – 3	BST&G – 2	Pleasant Twp
Westerville – 6	Pleasant Twp – 3	Bloom Twp – 2	Fairfield County - 1
Berlin Twp - 1	Orange Twp – 3	Col. Police – 2	Hamilton Twp - 1
Jackson Twp – 6	Violet Twp – 3	Norwich Twp – 1	Franklin Twp - 1
Madison Twp – 4	Firehouse Expo – 3	Worthington – 1	Prairie Twp - 1
Liberty Twp - 1	Washington Twp – 2	Plain Twp - 1	Genoa Twp – 1

Box 15 Utilization

Runs 221	Ice Bags 644	Coffee Pots 250	Granola Bars 1817
Man Hours 3118	Miles 5159	Decon Shower 8	Hot Choc 87
Personnel Serviced 7763	Water Bottles 15,014	Decon Wipes 2156	
Service Time 1194 Hrs.	Sport Drinks 4433	Rehab Towels 704	

Financial Performance & Funding Sources

Our primary source of funding, over the years, have been the sales of apparel – mostly Columbus Fire. We were able to also sell this apparel at the Firehouse Expo which helped boost sales this year. In 2021 we were very fortunate to receive donations from many individuals, groups, and businesses. These donations helped us to purchase our new truck and supplies.

Income & Expense Statement

Date Range: Jan 01, 2021, to Dec 31, 2021

Income

Donations Received \$67,007.80
Grant Donations \$10,000.00
Interest Income \$367.59
Membership Dues \$290.00
Product Sales \$52,102.59
Total Income \$129,767.98

Cost of Goods Sold

Charge Card Service Charges \$1,574.28
Purchases – Resale Items \$27,019.25
Total Cost of Goods Sold \$28,593.53*

Operating Expenses

Administrative Misc. \$221.00
Sponsorship Promotion \$125.00
Apparatus Purchase \$63,825.00

Background Checks \$85.00
Consumable Supplies Expense \$1,009.38
Fuel \$20.55
Licenses & Insurance \$4,070.00
Meals - Awards \$430.40
Postage & Office Supplies \$71.54
Professional Org. Dues \$150.00
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 6,677.66
Tools & Equipment \$688.95
Verizon \$604.32
Web Domain Hosting \$639.81
Total Operating Expenses \$78,818.61

Net Profit

As a percentage of Total Income \$22,355.84 (17.23%)

*Invoices planned to arrive 1st qtr. 2022





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Brett Barber Lifetime Achievement Award

After 26 years of dedicated services to Box 15 Brett Barber is retiring from active membership. In those 26 years Brett has done an outstanding job and held all board positions over those years.

Brett Barber has been involved in the fire service for 60 years. In 1960 he started as a firefighter in Whitehall. Today Brett is a now a lifetime member of Box 15.

Brett had been very instrumental working to secure surplus medic/ambulance units to be used as Rehab trucks for Box 15. He would spend countless hours working to convert the boxes from medic units to fully functional canteens.

Brett also worked on understanding the NFPA 1584 and working with Columbus and other county fire departments on the importance of Rehab and making sure that Box 15 had the tools to set up Rehab areas. He created training materials and presentations so that Box 15 could teach rehab to different departments.

Paying it forward to other departments: Brett would help other groups in Ohio and outside of Ohio with start-up information on how to apply for 501C3 status as well as how to obtain vehicles and equipment for those groups to perform Rehab in their areas.

Brett also worked with the National Firefighter Cancer Foundation to better understand what Box 15 and others could do to help mitigate the risks to firefighters at the scene. Box 15 started with wipes that firefighters could use to clean their hands, faces, and necks. This program has now expanded to the capabilities of gross decontamination at the fire scene or training events.

Brett worked to set up an apparel store to help raise funds for Box 15, over the years of this was and still remains the stable way Box 15 raises funds to purchase the products they dispense at fire and training events. Brett's leadership and mentoring with Box 15 members over the years has made the organization one of the best nationwide.

Brett also authors the Box 15 Annual report and is currently working on the Box 15 75th anniversary history book.

Brett's undying dedication to the men and women of the fire service is 2nd to none, no matter when Box 15 would be requested Brett always answered the call with a smile on his face.

We know Brett will continue to be around as he becomes a life member of Box 15, Congratulations Brett on Retirement.

Havermann and Parlett Awards

The “Max Haverman Outstanding Columbus Firefighter Award” keeps alive the memory of our founder. This award was introduced in 1985. This is the 36th year for the Haverman Award to be presented.

Mark Maddox’s journey here at Columbus Fire has impacted many – from new recruits to senior firefighters. His personality and leadership skills have gained the respect of the masses at all ranks. His ability to accomplish goals, stay focused, remain motivated and achieve at a high level is right on point for an award winner. Mark has incredible leadership qualities that enrich the lives of everyone he knows. It really shows with his volunteer hours and support of organizations such as the Columbus Firefighters Foundation.

The “Larry Parlett Outstanding County Firefighter Award” is open to all Central Ohio firefighters who are not employed by the Columbus Division of Fire. The award is to honor the memory of long-term Box 15 president Parlett. This award was introduced in 2004.

Jeff McIntyre and Mindy Gabriel both were presented the award this year. Jeff has guided and influenced new members, as well as working with the officers in growing that small fire department. He leads, guides and encourages firefighters to be active, not only within the department, but within the community. Mindy was recognized for her outstanding efforts throughout the pandemic, particularly with the vaccination clinics. Chief Gabriel has established herself as a leader not only within her community, but also within the entire fire service community of Central Ohio. Monday stepped up and took on the task of coordinating Central Ohio Firefighters participation in the Franklin County Public Health Department’s COVID vaccination clinic.



Apparatus & Equipment

We made our first ever purchase of a new support truck in 2021, and placed an order for a new cab and chassis for a remount of RSU 3, which should be completed in the 3rd qtr. Of 2022.

The new unit – our first-ever, “brand-new” truck was placed in service in August as RSU-1 (Rehab 1) and is stationed downtown at Columbus Fire Station #1. The truck is a utility body style truck that holds all the equipment we carried on the larger medic units.

We also received a Task Force Tips “Decon-Pak”, donated by Atlantic Emergency Solutions. We now have three “Decon-Paks” that can be used to do gross decontamination at fire or training events.



RSU-1 (aka Rehab 1)
2021 Ford/Reading - Responds from
Columbus Fire Station #1

Equipment on-board:

- 1 ea. 2000-watt portable generator w/8-hour fuel capacity
- 3 ea. 38-quart capacity ice chest
- Keurig Coffee maker
- 70,000-BTU Infrared Kerosene Heater (Wintertime)
- Gear & skin decontamination (FIFO) kit
- “TFT Decon-Pak” decontamination shower
- Hazardous Materials Pre-hydration Kit
- 2 ea. Collapsible serving tables
- 1 ea. 25' heavy duty (12/3) electrical extension cord
- 10 gallon/18” misting unit – 5-hour capacity (2 in summer)
- 10'x10' collapsible tent w/removable side walls
- Fluid (electrolyte) replacement mixes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & condiments
- Energy (granola) bars (2-3 boxes of 98)
- 200 bottle eater serving capacity
- 6 ea. Folding Chairs
- 2 ea. 6' Folding bench
- Assorted towels & blankets (36-48 towels)
- MARCS IP Radios – direct communications to all fire departments that we serve



RSU-2 (aka Rehab 2)
 Rehab 2008
 Freightliner/Horton -
 Responds from Columbus Fire
 Station #33

Equipment on-board:

- 14'x8' Power awning
- 2 ea. 2,200-watt generator w/8 hour fuel capacity
- 40 Gallon liquid capacity (bulk water container)
- 2 ea. 45-quart capacity ice chest
- 50' Potable water hose
- High capacity Commercial "pour over" coffee maker
- 4 coffee pots

- 2-burner hot plate
- 70,000 BTU Infrared Kerosene Heater (Winter)
- Gear & skin decontamination (FIFO) kit
- "First Wash" decontamination shower
- TFT "Decon-Pak" portable wash/rinse detergent dispenser
- Hazardous Materials Pre-hydration Kit
- 2 ea. Collapsible serving tables
- 2 ea. 100' heavy duty (12/3) electrical extension cord reel pails
- 1 ea. 50' 14/3 electrical extension cord reel
- Portable lighting (clamp lights)
- 10 gallon/18" misting unit - 5-hour capacity (2 during summer)
- 2 ea. 20" cooling fan
- 2 ea. 10'x10" collapsible tents w/removable side walls
- Fluid (electrolyte) replacement mixes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & condiments + granola bars
- Energy (granola) bars (2-3 boxes of 98)
- 7 ea. Folding Chairs
- 2 ea. 6' Folding benches
- 200 cup serving capacity
- Assorted towels & blankets (24-36 towels)
- MARCS IP Radios - direct communications to all fire departments that we serve



RSU-3 (aka Rehab 3)
1997 Ford/Horton - Responds from
Columbus Fire Training Academy

Equipment on-board:

- 3,000 watt generator w/8 hour fuel capacity
- 1,000 watt generator w/8 hour fuel capacity
- 40 Gallon liquid capacity (bulk water container)
- 1 ea. 40-quart capacity ice chest
- 1 ea. 120-quart capacity ice chest
- 50' Potable water hose
- Bunn Model VP17-3, High-Capacity Brewing Unit
- 4 ea. Coffee pots (to serve coffee & hot water)
- 2-burner electric hotplate
- 70,000 BTU Infrared Kerosene Heater
- Hazardous Materials Pre-hydration Kit (Igloo Playmate)
- 2 ea. Collapsible serving tables
- 1 ea. 100' heavy duty (12/3) electrical extension cord reel pails
- 1 ea. 50' heavy duty electrical extension cord reel
- Portable lighting (clamp lights)
- 10 gallon/18" misting unit – 5-hour capacity
- 2 ea. 20" cooling box fans
- 10'x20' collapsible tent w/removable side walls
- Fluid (electrolyte) replacement mixes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & condiments
- Energy (granola) bars (2-3 boxes of 98)
- 6 ea. Folding Chairs
- 200 cup serving capacity
- Assorted towels & blankets (24-36 towels)
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HALL OF FLAME VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting



National Historical Fire Foundation

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.

Our volunteer organization has experienced an increase in membership. We have added six new members year to year.

The Hall of Flame Volunteer Organization's members voted at their June Business meeting to donate from their funds to the museum. The donation was used to convert the Shop, roll up door to motorized by American Garage Door Company.

The Museum Management Thanks the HOF Volunteers

At the June meeting it was announced that for the second year, the Museum is scheduled to provide field trips to every second-grade class in the Cartwright School District, a Phoenix elementary school in the West Valley; Monday - Thursday mornings from mid-September through November. The students will visit the museum for a fun and informative fire safety education program and a tour of the Hall of Flame by Museum staff and volunteers. A volunteer coverage schedule will be formed.

Volunteer Member Profile: Ian Seivwright



As with so many of the Hall of Flame's volunteers, Ian Seivwright's passion for firefighting started in childhood.

Ian was born in Cohoes, New York, near the city of Troy, but his family moved to the town of Western Springs, Illinois, 13 miles southwest of Chicago, when he was 5 years old. The family would often take summer trips to visit family in Schenectady, New York.

"My Uncle Gene, who was my favorite uncle, was a career firefighter," recalls Seivwright. "He retired as the Chief of Schenectady Fire. But at the time he was Captain of the station across the street from his house, so I would tag along when he would go on calls."

A photo survives of Seivwright, diminutive in the middle of a bunch of grownups, staring up in fascination as the Western Springs firefighters battled a house fire around 1950. That sealed his aspiration. He puts it simply: "It got in my blood."

He was soon responding to fire calls in Western Springs on his bike. "At that time you had to be twenty-one to be a firefighter," he says, but by the time he was a teenager in 1960, he and some friends had worked on so many Western Springs calls that "...a special meeting of the village board was held, and they gave us a special dispensation to become official members of the Fire Department."

After studies at Elmhurst College and service in the U.S. Navy as a Communications Officer for the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet in the '60s, Seivwright returned to Western Springs, working for decades as a safety engineer at People's Gas, the Chicago-area gas utility. He remained a part-time member of the Western Springs FD through it all.

"By day I was fire and safety in Chicago, and by night I was fire and safety in Western Springs," he notes.

He was frustrated by the limitations of medical treatment in the fire service those years. "We're watching Johnny and Roy [on TV's *Emergency!*] save people on TV, and we have people dying in the ambulance," he remembers. "I'd go home and lay in bed at night and couldn't sleep because I knew we could do more."

As part of the effort to do better, Seivwright was the town's first EMT, and he became the first paramedic in 1979. He soon saw results.

"On Thanksgiving 1979, we had a call for a full cardiac arrest; a 72-year-old lady had collapsed at the table," Seivwright remembers. We successfully resuscitated her and by the time we got her to the hospital she was awake and breathing. She lived another twenty years. Her son was so impressed he joined the fire department."

Seivwright was also an innovator in his day job, eventually becoming Director of Corporate Safety for People's Gas and a founding member of the Northeast Illinois Industrial Mutual Aid Association. He was a founder of a new firefighting training ground, based on a similar facility at Texas A & M University, which was used to train Peoples Gas refinery firefighters and most municipal fire departments in the Chicago area.

The high-level training was necessary for the area's industrial firefighters: "We had some *huge* fires. The most devastating was the Union Oil Fire in Romeoville, Illinois in 1984. Horrendous fire. It was a 'process unit' fire, and they are very unpredictable. It killed 17, 11 of which were Union Refinery firefighters. I never thought I was going to go home."

But he did make it home. Seivwright retired from Peoples Energy in 2003, and after that he moved to a career position with Western Springs and retired as Deputy Chief in 2010 with 50 years of service. Seivwright and his wife Nancy eventually followed his brother-in-law, the late Larry Taggart, a longtime Hall of Flame volunteer, to the Valley. Seivwright first visited the museum in 2009, then joined in 2010. He is now the Secretary of our volunteer organization, and one of our most prominent members.

“My heart and soul have been in the fire service since I was seven years old,” says Seivwright. “Coming here to the Hall of Flame gives me an opportunity to keep my soul in the fire service. And that means a lot.”

Museum Donations:



John Madson and his friend took a long trip down from the northwest to bring us this perfect 1929 Ford Model T Fire Chief's Truck. This incredible jewel once served in Yakima, Washington, and years later was restored by John's incredibly talented father.



We have enjoyed a lot of generosity here at the Hall of Flame Museum of firefighting in recent months. It has come not just from monetary gifts, grateful as we are for them, but also in donation of services, materials, and highly skilled labor.

For instance: In January, volunteer Norbe Purall donated his time and electrical expertise (and his wife Bonnie donated his absence) to install red lights that rotate when you push and hold down a button on the dashboard of our 1951 cab forward American LaFrance pumper in Gallery II, the one truck in our collection available for boarding. Brian Emmel of emergency lighting firm Federal Signal coordinated the donation of the rotating lights for this project. It adds to the fun of playing on this truck.



The recently acquired 1951 cab forward American LaFrance, as well as our 1948 Mack from Pierre, South Dakota, received a spiffing up from expert detailer Eloy Martinez. Eloy is currently working on a 1926 Ford Model T Chief's car from Yakima, Washington which was recently donated to the museum and is being prepared for display.

Hall of Flame volunteers Bob Bombiadi and Jim Goode demonstrated their formidable ingenuity in wiring the former front desk from Thunderbird Fire and Safety Equipment Corporation with similar lights that flash. The handsome piece, which now resides in our kids' play area, was donated by former Thunderbird Fire owner Fred Nachman (see "Thunderbird Fire & Safety Equipment Corp. Fire" for more details).

Along with the building and the kids' attractions, the trucks on exhibit also got some upgrades. Chris Dockter with the tire division of Sunstate Equipment on Washington Street contributed both material and labor to our 1955 aerial ladder truck from Baldwin, New York, and other rigs that are used outside the museum.

The Hall of Flame's volunteers also got some donor love. They received a major donation from John Balzic of MJ Trophies in Glendale; more than 100 shirts were provided for the museum's volunteer organization, with accompanying embroidery. Without contributions of this sort, it would be difficult for the Hall of Flame Museum to maintain our public programs, or the level of experience that we try to give every visit.

Thunderbird Fire & Safety Equipment Corp. Fire Donation: Many Phoenix-area firefighters and emergency workers remember doing business at the old Thunderbird Fire and Safety Equipment Corporation building. Located on Roeser Rd in Phoenix, it is distinctive because the side of the concrete building had a giant mural on it, painted by noted artist Richard Haas, resembling an old-fashioned fire station.

The building was as intriguing inside as outside. Walking into the reception area, visitors to Thunderbird would encounter a one-of-a-kind reception desk made from the cab of an E-One (and a Pierce front bumper); the owner, Paradise Valley resident and longtime Valley businessperson Fred Nachman, commissioned the unique desk around 1985.



Fred has now donated this singular piece of Phoenix's fire history to the Hall of Flame Museum. This past February the desk was transported to the museum, carefully unloaded, then painstakingly reassembled by Hall of Flame docent Bob Bombiadi. After a brief period on display in Gallery 3, the desk has been moved into the play area at the rear of Gallery 4, where, newly equipped with improved seating, it is already being "driven" by young visitors to imaginary fires

1937 Aerial Pirsch

We are always excited here at the Hall of Flame when we meet people who remember our exhibits from before they became museum pieces. In recent months we had two different visitors to the Museum who offered us first-hand memories of our beautiful 1937 Pirsch "All-Power" Aerial, now on display in Gallery 4.

One was a gentleman named David, who came to the Hall of Flame on a senior tour from La Siena retirement community. A native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, David remembered seeing this ladder truck, built right there in Kenosha by Pirsch, many times on the street as a youth. And well might the rig jog his memory; the hydraulic aerial, which carries an 85-foot-long ladder, is one of very few trucks in our museum still wearing her original paint and decorations, having remained in such beautiful condition over the decades that restoration was deemed necessary. Not long after David's visit, Keith Gumbinger visited us, also from Kenosha.



A visit by Garret Morgan Great Granddaughter:

We were honored a few weeks ago to have a wonderful visit from Gabrielle Gueye, great granddaughter of Garrett A Morgan. She is also a proud graduate of the famous Thunderbird School of International Management at ASU. She stayed hours after a wonderful tour from Mark, our Curator of Education:



She will be returning with her mother Sandra in early February for the SPAAMFAA conference, of which the Hall of Flame will be the host partner site.

The Vajen-Bader Smoke Protector - Garret Morgan: (article from last issue)

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.



Valley of the Sun Apparatus Update: **Photos by Chis Radoian, Phoenix Fire Communications Supervisor**



Phoenix Tender 49 - 2021 Peterbilt 348 built by Interstate Truck Bodies. Darley 500gpm pump and 4000-gallon water tank



Rural Metro - Tender 826 - 2021 International M2-106 4x4 built by Truck Works. 500gpm pump and 2100-gallon water tank



Salt River - Scene Support 294 - 2022 E-One Typhoon - rehab area, cascade and compressor unit, toilet and wash area, awnings, slide down rear stairs for roof top access to storage, light tower



Queen Creek - E412 - 2022 Pierce Velocity PUC 1500gpm 500gwt 25gft Husky12



Prescott - E71 - 2021 Rosenbauer Commander 1500gpm 500gwt 20gfta 20gftb



Phoenix E17 - 2020 Pierce Impel 1500gpm 500gwt 40ft Husky



Fort McDowell - E402 - 2021 Pierce Enforcer 1500gpm 750gwt 30ft Husky 3 Hercules CAF



2023 Winter National Convention

The Board of Trustees in partnership with the Hall of Flame would like to invite you and your family to join us in 2023 for the SPAAMFAA Winter National Convention. We will be traveling to sunny Phoenix Arizona where you will be able to tour the world's largest fire museum.

This opportunity will allow you three days to tour the museum, attend the membership meeting, and gather with family & friends for a Saturday night banquet.

Plan to come early or stay a little longer. There are many great adventures for your family to explore.

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THE TACOMA FIRE BUFF BATTALION

By Michael Grubiak, Ed.D.

The Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion recently celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding.

At a special event held November 19, 2021, over fifty people attended a ceremony that praised the 35 years of dedicated service by our group in providing Tacoma firefighters water, sports drinks, coffee, snacks, and protection from extreme weather at fire scenes and other emergency incidents.

Toryono Green, Chief of the Tacoma Fire Department in his keynote address told the fire buffs that their service was, “invaluable.” Continuing his remarks he said, “It’s one of the most refreshing things to look up when you are coming out of a building that has been on fire and see the fire buff support vehicle and know there are people waiting for you who got up that evening to take care of you.”

Kris Hampton, Vice President of Local 31 of the International Association of Firefighters, thanked the fire buffs on behalf of all the Tacoma firefighters for taking care of them in all kinds of weather, keeping them warm, dry, and well hydrated and nourished. He emphasized that the fire buffs volunteer time out of their lives to provide this service out of the goodwill of their hearts.

Local 31 continued this sentiment on their social media by posting, “The love for the Tacoma Fire Department is real in this special group of volunteers. The buffs answer the call in the middle of the night and in the rain, cold, snow, and wind out of their love for the fire service. We are incredibly grateful for their service and friendship.”

At this event, The Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion announced plans to add an awning to its response vehicle to protect firefighters from rain, snow, and sun when rotating out from active firefighting. At the ceremony, they kicked off a capital campaign to fundraise sufficient dollars to add the awning soon. The adding of the awning will dramatically increase the level of protection of firefighters from harsh weather conditions during extended field operations. People wishing to contribute to the “Add an Awning” fund can contact the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion by email at Tacomafirebuffs@Outlook.com.

For the period January through November 2021, the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion responded to 69 events alongside the Tacoma Fire Department.



Fire Buffing has a long and proud history in America, dating back to when members of the founding fathers participated. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were known to assist firefighters on the scene in New York and Philadelphia, respectively. The tradition of civilians supporting the efforts of firefighters and preserving the history, culture, and traditions of the firefighting service made its way to the City of Tacoma in 1986, with the formation of the currently named Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion.

Ralph Decker, Michelle Decker, Dick Mackey, Bob Wendt, and Paul Petrinovich were friends who often met at Tacoma's famed Cloverleaf Pizza for food, beer, and laughs. Ralph and Dick often shared stories of having visited other cities to view their fire apparatus and see them in operation. It was during these visits that Ralph and Dick witnessed organized fire buff organizations providing water, food, and protection from the elements to firefighters during extended operations. The seeds of Tacoma's own volunteer fire buff organization having been planted, they now germinated.

Ralph Decker convened the inaugural meeting of The Tacoma Pierce County Fire Buff Battalion (TPCFBB) at his home on the evening of November 23, 1986. Michelle, Dick, Bob, and Paul were the other charter members in attendance helping to shape the organization's future. With the approval of Tacoma Fire Department officials, the newly minted Tacoma Pierce County Fire Buff Battalion members worked out of the trunks of their cars providing, water, sports drinks, coffee, cookies, and other snacks to take care of Tacoma firefighters on an around the clock basis. During this period, a few new members were added while others left. It was a small but mighty group of dedicated buffs who committed themselves to the mission of greeting firefighters with a bottle of cold water and a thank you as they exited burning buildings.

Members met on the third Saturday of each month, a tradition that is still observed today. Sometimes meetings were held at the home of a member, other times at the Tacoma Fire Department Training Center. Perhaps in honor of the pizza and beer of the gestation years, various restaurants around town provided a venue for combined Saturday night dinners and business meetings. Eventually, after the building of the new Station 8, the Buffs settled in to meeting at its conference room, where we still meet today. We were home.



In the early years, Ralph Decker, the president of the TPCFBB at the time, wished to upgrade fire scene services by acquiring a dedicated rig. His vision was realized when on December 20, 1994, the Chief of the Department, Richard (Dick) Moore with the approval of the Tacoma City Council acquired a retired Tacoma Fire Department Medic Unit to serve as an officially recognized Rehab response unit

With the assistance of Tacoma Fire Garage members working after hours, and the donation of equipment from private citizens, the new rehab rig was soon outfitted with a two-

burner stove, a small refrigerator, a microwave, a new paint job with Fire Buff Battalion lettering and insignia, yellow safety lights, and a mobile radio. The original call sign for the unit was *Canteen 1*, which eventually was changed to *Rehab 1*. Ralph and Michelle built an addition to their home and housed Rehab 1 for fifteen years along with supporting supplies and equipment. This rig faithfully served the fire buffs and Tacoma firefighters until 2014 when it finally was decommissioned due to replacement vehicle parts being difficult to obtain.



A private party donated to the organization a 2004 Chevy service van, which replaced the original Rehab 1. The van was garaged for most of its remaining life at the home of Cat and Bob Urbon who served for many years as the organization's president and secretary. By the end of 2019, it became clear that the organization needed a larger unit to carry the supplies and equipment needed to provide full service at fire scenes.

Dan Wolfe, the president of the fire buff organization during this time, worked for over two years in negotiating the purchase of



another retired Tacoma Fire

Department medic rig from the City of Tacoma. In early 2021, the organization took possession of a gorgeous 2011 GMC NorthStar built rig with the capacity and functionality to provide upgraded service to the Tacoma firefighters. The rig has found its new home, docked in the rear of Station 8, where it is centrally located to respond to all areas of Tacoma quickly and efficiently. Shortly after its acquisition, the new rig received its current designator and call sign, *Support 1*.

Stepping back into history, on February 2, 1994, another milestone was attained. The Tacoma Pierce County Fire Buff Battalion became a Washington State non-profit corporation (UBI 601 525 763). Shortly thereafter, the TPCFBB filed for and was granted 501(c)3 status with the IRS (EIN 94-3209672). On March 26, 2021, the name of the organization was officially changed to the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion (TFBB), in recognition of its founding vision and current mission to support, value, appreciate, and celebrate the brave men and women of the Tacoma Fire Department.

It was at the 1995 IFBA convention at the Fire House Expo in Baltimore that the Tacoma Buffs met their most long distant member, Maria Crichlow who lived in the Bronx, New York City. She became a member of the organization in 1996. In July of 1999, the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion was honored to host the IFBA international convention. One hundred and thirty members from across Canada and the United States and even a member from France were treated to a spectacular welcome from the City of Tacoma, Local 31 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, the Tacoma Fire Department, and the firefighters of the City of Destiny. The following year, at the 2000 IFBA convention in St. Louis, Ralph Decker received its most prestigious award: Fire Buff of the Year.

Currently the TFBB has fourteen members and is actively recruiting more volunteer responders. *Support 1* is supported by several privately owned vehicles that have been fully or partially outfitted to carry supplies and equipment to emergency incidents. This gives the buffs the ability to respond more quickly and to staff multiple simultaneous events. The Tacoma Fire Department has issued our organization Fire Department radios and cell phone hosted digital technology to provide immediate communications to respond safely and efficiently.

None of this would be possible without our lifelong partnership with Local 31 and the Tacoma Fire Department. The Tacoma Professional Fire Firefighters Local 31 continues to support the TFBB through contributions made via voluntary payroll deductions by Tacoma firefighters. The money is used for insurance and upkeep for the Support Unit, for equipment, and for food supplies. Some supplies and equipment are also subsidized by the Tacoma Fire Department. The Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion is actively seeking donations from the community. Our Fire Buff Battalion has modernized with the help and support of its many partners, but its backbone has always been the sacrifice of its volunteer members who selflessly give of their time at all hours of the day and night and in all kinds of weather. History is often made by ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

(Editor Note – This article was submitted for the Winter/Spring 2022 issue of Turn Out. Our apologies to the Tacoma Fire Buff Battalion for the omission.)



REGION 9

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Fire Bell Club of New York, Inc. - 1939
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Gong Club, Inc. - 12/10/1950
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NYCFire.net - 2007
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Second Alarmers Assoc., Inc. - 1921
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SPAAMFAA - 1967
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Subject: Region 9 meeting minutes June 4, 2022

Meeting called to order 10:11

Salute to the Flag and moment of silence.

Ira Cohen welcomed everyone and thanked the Gong Club for hosting.

Conni Spellman welcomed everyone to the sneak peak of the Gong Club's new quarters.

Clubs in attendance: Bell and Siren, Bayonne Fire Canteen, Gong Club. Guests: NYCFirenet, Antique fir Assoc., Passaic Emergency Services Canteen, as well as Ken Beliveau and Iggy Kapalczyński of Region 1.

Discussion of upcoming IFBA convention in Woburn Mass.

Report from Bayonne Fire Canteen: Keeping up with regular fire calls and have served at 3 or 4 funerals since January

Report from Gong Club: The biggest thing is the move to Summit Ave. Trying to get everything in place and will have an open house when settled.

Report from Philadelphia 2nd Alarmers: Ira spoke to Chief Greg Masi. Their club had 2 drills that day and were unable to attend meeting. Currently they have 2 vehicles out of service due to being unable to get parts.

Bell & Siren: Year started slow for fire calls, but has picked up recently. Maplewood and So Orange FDs are merging, becoming South Essex FD. Fire headquarters in East Orange being demolished, Bell and Siren will continue to operate out of East Orange.

NYCFirenet: This is a web based club, to join the IFBA at the convention. They have 4,000 members who share info on their website. Their meetings are held on zoom, there are no dues to belong.

Antique Fire Assoc of NJ: one of 4 chapters of SPAAMFA in NJ. Run canteen service in Morris, Warren, and Sussex counties. Run on donations, not affiliated with any particular FD. They are dispatched thru the county. Have about 18 runs. Will be having their muster Oct. 8 at the Fireman's home in Boonton.

Passaic Emergency Services Canteen: They run canteen services throughout Passaic County. Interested in working with the other clubs. They have an inflatable tent for use with rehab and offered to share with other canteens if needed.

Fire Bell Club: Paul Schaetzle reported they are having their annual dinner next week at the Marina Del Rey.

Paul Schaetzle gave the treasurer's report. Noted his Chairman of the Board term is up, he will be succeeded by Ken Beliveau. He also noted that Wally Banks is stepping down.

Iggy discussed Turnout magazine and the need for clubs to send in articles.

Conni Spellman discussed the Website/Newsletter award. Noted that the guidelines are under the Notes tab on the IFBA Facebook page. This is a self-nominated award so more submissions are needed.

Ira Cohen discussed Fire Buff of the Year. A way to recognize one of our own. Would like to see more nominations. Given annually at the banquet. Criteria for this award is also listed on the Facebook page and in Turnout.

Ira opened the floor for any other discussion.

Pat Spellman noted the need for a quad club meeting for Region 9. Probably after the summer.

Tom Peleia noted Paul Schaetzle received an award from the JCFD Exempts at their annual memorial service.

Region 9 VP: Ira's term is up, opened the floor for nominations. Conni Spellman was nominated by Bill Chwalyk of Bayonne Fire Canteen, 2nd by Pat Spellman of the Gong Club. No other nominations, accepted by members present.

Ira thanked everyone for coming, invited them to stay for lunch.

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am.

Ira

The Bell and Siren Club, Inc.

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Newark Fire
Headquarters
973-733-7400

Submitted by Ira Cohen

At our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party December 14, held at Iberia Restaurant in Newark, the following Officers of the Bell & Siren Club for 2022 were sworn in:

President- Tom Pelaia	Chairman Executive Committee- Frank Sapienza
Vice-Pres.- Al Renzulli	Member Exec. Com.,- 2021-22- Leon White
Treasurer- Nancy Renzulli	Member Exec. Com.,- 2021-22- George Ottley
Secretary- Ira Cohen	Member Exec. Com.,- 2022-23- Spencer Palmer
	Member Exec. Com.,- 2022-23- Joe Bray

Besides Club members, guests included Newark FD Chief Jackson, Acting East Orange Chief Davis, Irvington Chief Gary, South Orange Chief Sullivan, West Caldwell Chief Luker, Montclair Chief Herrmann, and Livingston Chief Mullin. Also joining in the festivities were firefighters from the towns we serve, as well as some of our fellow buffs from the Gong Club and the Fire Bell Club of New York.

Just as food was being served, Newark transmitted a Second Alarm for a house fire, with exposure problems, on Highland Ave. An additional Signal 9 (2 Engines and 1 Ladder) was also requested and Club members Joe Bray and Leon White left the party to take our Rig to the fire.

During 2021, The Bell and Siren Club responded to 48 calls:

Newark	Second Alarms	25
	Third Alarms	1
	Other	8
East Orange	Second Alarms	7
Orange	Third Alarm	1
Bloomfield	Memorial Day Parade	1
South Orange	Social Meeting	1
Other Calls		4

Included in the above is a run the Gong Club made in October to a Newark multiple on Peshine Ave. Our Rig was out of service due to mechanical issues, and Pat Spellman responded with Car 26 and was met at the scene by Club members Leon White and Ira Cohen.

For many years, the 4 IFBA Canteen Clubs in Northern New Jersey—Teaneck Box 54, Bayonne Fire Canteen, Jersey City Gong Club, and The Bell & Siren Club—have benefited from a Mutual Aid agreement establishing protocols for the clubs to help one another. The three main reasons for activation are:

1. If a club has an incident that requires an additional canteen(s)
2. If a club has a second job
3. If a club's canteen is out of service

Usually mutual aid is only activated a couple of times a year, but it is comforting to know that clubs can rely on one another if needed. That is certainly one of the strengths of the IFBA.

The new year started slowly with only 6 runs the first three months of 2022. However, once the calendar turned to April, activity heated up dramatically, bringing back memories of the 1970's and the "good old days."

Around 02:15 on April 11, East Orange units were dispatched to a working house fire at 53 Hawthorne Ave. A Second Alarm was transmitted upon arrival for the fully involved structure. Because of the heavy volume of fire, it was impossible for the first due companies to enter the house to search for any victims, and later a 76 year old man was found deceased.



April 11, 2022 2 Alarm East Orange NJ, 53 Hawthorne Ave

The City of Orange is an urban suburb of Newark, slightly larger than two square miles with a population of about 30,000. It is served by a career fire department staffing 3 engines and a ladder. Often when Orange has a job, they have to call for mutual aid to assist at the scene and/or cover their headquarters. The Bell & Siren Club does not have any formal agreement with Orange, but we will respond if requested.



A week later on April 18 the City of Orange requested the services of Headquarters #17 at a multi-alarm fire at 551 Lincoln Ave. While the original fire building was vacant there were reports of squatters living in the building, and they might have caused the fire.



April 18, 2022 Multiple Alarm, Orange NJ, 551 Lincoln Ave.

Later that day East Orange transmitted an alarm for a working fire at 94 Steuben St., St. Luke of Christ Church. While a Second Alarm was struck, there was minimal exposure damage and Headquarters #17 was only on the scene for an hour.

The next day, April 19 we again had two runs. The first was to a Third in Newark involving several taxpayers and adjacent houses at 706-708 Springfield Ave. Many master streams and ladder pipes were used and our Rig was on the scene for over 3 hours serving the firefighters.

A few hours later Headquarters #17 was back in Orange at a massive mutual aid fire at 235 Main St. The fire started in one of the oldest buildings in town, a four-story brick structure with a distinctive tower that once housed a Masonic Lodge and several stores. We were on the scene for 5 ½ hours serving not only the weary Orange firefighters but also the other departments that came on mutual aid.



April 19, 2022 5 Alarm Orange NJ, 235 Main St.

Two days later Newark got in on the action when at 11:00 Newark transmitted Box 3574 for a smoke condition at 388-392 Lincoln Ave in the city's North Ward. Arriving units reported a fire on Division 2 of a 2 ½-frame house. The fire was extending to the exposures and in short order a Second and then a Third Alarm were struck.

Deputy 1 reported that multiple lines were stretched including 3 in the B exposure, 3 in the main fire building and 3 in exposure D. The fire was running the walls and was also in the cocklofts of the exposures and it was several hours before the fire was declared under control at 12:40. 21 Adults and 8 children had to be relocated, but fortunately, there were no serious injuries. Headquarters #17 remained on the scene for over 5 hours serving the 100 firefighters who responded.

West Orange is a 12 sq. mile suburban community of 45,000 that has a career department operating 4 engines and 1 ladder company, as well as EMS. On Sunday morning April 24, first due Engine 3 responded to 54 Hart Drive for a fire in an attached townhouse. They reported the fire involved the deck in the rear of the second floor and it was also spreading up the walls to the roof.



April 24, 2022 Multiple Alarm West Orange, NJ 54 Hart Dr.

Command ordered a Second Alarm bringing all West Orange companies to the scene and he also requested Essex County Mutual Aid be activated for both additional resources to the fire, as well as for station coverage. The blaze eventually consumed 5 townhouses in the 30 unit complex. While the property loss was significant, fortunately there were only minor injuries to the residents and a few firefighters. Once again, Headquarters #17 provided hours of service to all the first responders.

The icing on the cake to this string of major fires was a huge “block party” back in Orange. Just before 01:00 in the early morning hours of May 3, companies were sent to reports of an apartment house fire at 43 Park Ave. This was a three story 82 unit apartment complex with heavy fire venting out of the end of the large three story “U” shaped structure.

The initial fire involved several units, and while efforts were made for an interior attack, conditions deteriorated forcing the firefighters to withdraw to commence exterior operations with deck guns and ladder pipes. However, these efforts were not that successful and the fire continued to spread down Park Ave. consuming more apartments. Eventually the fire was knocked down enough to allow entry back into the building so the firefighters could resume interior operations.

About 150 residents were displaced, but at least there were no serious injuries. The fire went to five alarms with most of the Essex County departments and a few from Union County either working at the fire, or providing station coverage. It was not until well after sunrise that the fire was finally placed under control and Headquarters #17 was on the scene throughout providing canteen and rehab services.

The Bell & Siren Club has a special relationship with the South Orange Fire Department. Like many towns, South Orange formed an auxiliary fire department during World War II and after the War ended, its rolls gradually decreased. In the late 1950's, to bulk up the auxiliary membership, South Orange turned to the Bell and Siren Club and solicited our members to join the South Orange Auxiliary Fire Department. Residency requirements were waived and many Club members answered the request.

The Auxiliary developed into an integral part of the department. Members were provided with full turn-out gear, Plectron alerting radios, and insurance coverage. A spare engine was "given" to the auxiliary for training, and monthly drills were held. This arrangement lasted into the 1970's when once again lack of manpower caused the end of the South Orange Auxiliary Fire Department.

However, the camaraderie that was formed many years ago continues to today. Every year in June the Club goes to SO Fire Headquarters & provides supper. Sometimes it is an outdoor Bar-B-Q or President Tom Pelaia puts on his chef's hat and cooks a meal. We visited the South

Orange Fire Department for the final time on June 30, and presented Chief Sullivan with a small speaking trumpet as a token of the Club's appreciation for all his help and support through the years.

For the last five years or so, discussions have been held between South Orange and the neighboring town of Maplewood to merge their fire departments. Both are similar largely residential suburban towns with small departments. South Orange operates one engine (sometimes two) and a ladder out of headquarters and Maplewood runs an engine, a squad-engine and a ladder from two stations. Maplewood also provides the basic EMS for their town while South Orange uses a paid service during the day and relies on a volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Squad for evening and weekend coverage.

The prime movers in advocating this merger were the local politicians, not the firefighters. The politicos were finally successful in their quest and on July 1, 2022 the two departments morphed into the new South Essex Fire Department. SO Chief Sullivan will share duties with Maplewood Chief Alvarez until the new year when Chief Sullivan is expected to retire.



June 30, 2022 Bell & Siren Club President Tom Pelaia presents South Orange Chief of Department Daniel Sullivan with a speaker's trumpet

Once all the bugs are worked out, the plans call for 1 Chief of Department, 1 Administrative Deputy Chief, 4 Deputies (one for each tour) and a total minimum firefighting force of 14 operating 3 engines and 2 ladders out of the existing 3 stations. On reports of a structure or a working fire, all companies will respond and if additional resources are needed, help will be dispatched through the Essex County Mutual Aid Fire protocols.

On Saturday June 4, Region #9 held a meeting at the new quarters of the Jersey City Gong Club at 666 Summit Ave. The meeting was chaired by Region #9 Vice-President Ira Cohen and aside from routine business, a new IFBA club—NYCFire.net--- was welcomed and representatives of two other clubs, the Antique Fire Association of New Jersey and Passaic County Emergency Services and Canteen were also present. Hopefully they will apply for IFBA membership as they respectively provide canteen service to Morris County/Western Jersey and Passaic County. Since Cohen was finishing 5 years as Region #9 Vice-President and was precluded from running again, Gong Club Chief Conni Spellman was elected as the new VP.

We all wish her well and know she will do a good job representing Region #9.



GONG CLUB, INC.

JERSEY CITY, NJ

By Ron Jeffers and Paul Schaetzle

TEXTBOOK TACTICS TURN THE TIDE!

"While all multiple-dwelling fires entail labor-intensive and time-sensitive operations, fires in row frame multiple dwellings are especially challenging. The fast-moving conflagration hazard present at these buildings can tax even the most

experienced firefighters". These were the opening lines in an article by Salvatore Ancona of the Nassau County (NY) Fire Service Academy posted on the Fire Engineering website on February 16, 2021. Almost a year to the day later, the Jersey City Fire Department would meet that challenge head on!



2/11/22 4-4 628 155-63 Van Horne St., Jersey City
All hands heavily engaged! (Jack Cole Photo)

An uncharacteristically mild day for mid-February, Friday, February 11, 2022 was sunny with the temperature topping out at a relatively balmy 54°. Certainly, a welcome

change from near blizzard conditions that swept through the area just 2 weeks earlier! However, shortly after 4 PM, things got too hot on Van Horne St. in Jersey City's

Lafayette section. Numerous calls were received reporting a fire at 163 Van Horne St. Police arrived in the block to find a fire in an occupied building and, along with a neighbor, brought an elderly resident to safety.

Box 628 was transmitted at 16:04. First due Engine Co. 10, under the command of Capt. Chris Fodera, reported that they were "approaching the scene; make it a Working

Fire". Upon arrival, Capt. Fodera radioed "Eng. 10; 3 story wood frame attached on both sides; fire extending to both exposures. Gimme a 2nd Alarm!". The fire was actually on the north end of a row of 9 similar attached dwellings. Batt. 1, Batt. Chief Sean Verdi, arrived on the heels of Eng. 10 and assumed command. Two minutes later, Batt. Chief Verdi reported, "Batt. 1; 3 story frame; fire extending to exposures Bravo, Bravo 1 and Bravo 2. Transmit a 3rd Alarm!"

Batt. 4, Batt. Chief Kenneth Simone, the 2nd Alarm chief, reported from the rear that "the whole side is ripping!". Batt. 1 reported 1 line in operation in the fire building and the first exposure; Lad. 4 is putting up the bucket. Batt. 4 advised that "we need the roof opened" to which Lad. 4 replied that they had multiple holes opened. Deputy Chief William McClintock arrived at 16:14 and assumed command, assigning Batt. 1 to the interior of the fire building. He then asked Lad. 4 for an assessment of the roof at the furthest building, 155 Van Horne. Lad. 4 replied they had 1 hole cut and were cutting another hole. The one hole opened had no fire. Not liking what he was seeing, Deputy Chief McClintock transmitted a 4th Alarm at 16:22.

Batt. 4 needed a company in the rear of the main fire building; Eng. 19 was assigned. Deputy Chief McClintock gave a progress report, "I have 5 3 story frame buildings attached to similar buildings. Heavy fire in 163 and 161; no fire in 159 or 157." Batt. 4 cautioned Eng. 19 not to put the line in the windows; "we have guys working in there". Eng. 19, Capt. Robert McCann, acknowledged but noted the "B/C corner was going good". Batt. 4 replied "We're working on it."

The command post was set up in front of the B5 exposure. Deputy Chief McClintock advised all companies that "161 is a 'Collier's Mansion' and to operate with caution." Batt. 1 reported heavy fire in the cockloft of that building and they were working a line on it now. Eng. 15, Capt. John Saitta, reported "The cockloft of #159 is fully involved. We need a second line." Eng. 1 was assigned. Deputy Chief McClintock ordered Lad. 4 to check the cockloft of #155 and emphatically stated "I don't want it extending past there!" Lad. 4 reported that they were working on a trench now and had 3 saws working on the roof. Batt. 1 asked for another company in #155. Eng. 6 was assigned. Lad. Co. 11, Capt. Kevin Child, reported they were doing a trench cut. Deputy Chief McClintock replied, "That is correct; we don't need it to go further down the street".

Deputy Chief McClintock next reported, "We have 2 lines in each building. Truck companies opening up. Trench cut being done in #155 to stop further extension of fire. All hands are working." Batt. 4 cautioned the companies in the main fire building that the "cockloft was ripping!" Batt. 3, Batt. Chief Richard Gorman,

reported from #157 that primary searches of floors 1 and 2 were negative. They have fire in the cockloft and were opening up.

The tide turned at that point. Eng. 15 reported the fire was darkening down in the cocklofts of 159 and 161. Primary searches in #163 and #161 were completed and negative. Eng. 9 asked for a company with hooks to #155; Lad. 2 was assigned. Lad. 4 reported no visible fire in the cockloft of #157. At 17:01 Deputy Chief McClintock placed the fire under control, a few minutes shy of the one-hour mark.

Five buildings were heavily damaged, but the remaining 4 in the row were saved! The elderly man from the original fire building was transported to the Burn Center with burn injuries. One battalion chief was transported to the Jersey City Medical

Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Group B of the FDJC was more than up to the test; a text book solution to a monstrous problem!

Car 26 with a crew of 3 operated for 4 hours. With the warmer weather, 144 bottles of water and 2 gallons of Gatorade surpassed the usual winter weather staples of coffee and hot chocolate.

Response:

16:04 Box 628 Eng. Co. 10-Sqd. 4-8-2 Lad. Co. 4-2
Res. Co. 1 Batt. 1 Div. 1

16:08 WF 628 Eng. Co. 9-22 Lad. Co. 11 MSU
Batt. 2 Field Training Officer

16:10 2-2 628 Eng. Co. 5-1-17 Lad. Co. 9 Batt. 4
Car 3-26

16:12 3-3 628 Eng. Co. 19-6-13 Lad. Co. 8 Batt. 3
OEM Rehab

16:22 4-4 628 Eng. Co. 15-7 Lad. Co. 3



3/7/22 4-4 1308-16 9th St. North Bergen
Eng. Co. 1 advancing the first of many lines used that afternoon!
(Ron Jeffers Photo)

MARCH MADNESS!

It seemed as if the entire world turned its attention to Jersey City's small Jesuit college, St. Peter's University, as their men's basketball team made an historic run into the Elite 8 of the 2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament. It seemed as if half of the population of New Jersey traveled to Philadelphia to cheer on the hometown heroes as they advanced into the penultimate round of the tournament before falling to North Carolina; one game short of the Final Four, an unprecedented feat!

However, in early March, fire fighters throughout Hudson County had their own brand of March Madness! As late afternoon turned into evening on Monday, March 7, 2022, North Hudson Fire Control transmitted an Alarm for 1316 9th St., North Bergen, shortly after 17:00 hours. The location is a row of attached 2-story frame row dwellings, one block from the quarters of Eng. Co. 1, near the famous Coach House Diner, a spot well known to visiting buffs!

Eng. Co. 1 arrived quickly and found the 2nd floor of one of the dwellings fully involved. There was no doubt a lot of help would be needed quickly so the company officer struck a 2nd Alarm. Fire was already extending via a common **cockloft** to a total of 6 homes in the row. Battalion 1, Batt. Chief Al Salvesen transmitted a 3rd Alarm upon his arrival. A huge, menacing column of black smoke filled the evening sky!

Hudson County streets are crowded almost any time of day, but this fire struck at the height of rush hour, complicating matters further. However, rush hour traffic would seem to be the least of the fire fighters' problems! The fire advanced rapidly and a

rear wall of the original structure was starting to collapse. Deputy Chief Marc Frano wasted no time in transmitting a 4th Alarm.

Meanwhile in Jersey City, companies were responding to a flurry of alarms including a gas leak at the Main Post Office, a full assignment to 316 9th St., which turned out to be a mistaken caller reporting the North Bergen fire at 1316 9th St. A mutual aid assignment of Eng. Co. 7-11 Lad. Co. 7 and Batt. 3 was en route to cover in North Hudson and an automatic alarm at the Hudson County Offices at 257 Cornelison Ave. filled the air with sirens from every direction.

Lad. Co. 8 was assigned to Box 547 at the County Office complex, a run they would never normally take from their quarters in the Greenville section of the city. As they were making this unusually long run, Capt. Michael Mandriotta radioed that they see a large column of smoke and they were diverting to investigate. No, it was nowhere near the North Bergen inferno; Lad. Co. 8 discovered 2 attached dwellings at 14-16 Manning Ave. heavily involved with people on a front porch roof screaming for help! Box 654 was transmitted at 17:24, followed by the Working Fire assignment 2 minutes later. Ladder Co. 8 removed the trapped occupants while waiting for engine companies to arrive. A 2nd Alarm was transmitted at 17:31 followed by a 3rd Alarm at 17:40. There were now 2 towering columns of heavy, black smoke filling the evening skies above Hudson County!

Jersey City units relocating to North Hudson were ordered back to Jersey City, making a U-turn from their original assignment.

Those companies normally would comprise the 4th Alarm assignment in North Hudson. Hoboken and Kearny companies filled out the 4th Alarm in North Bergen.

Both jobs were labor intensive with numerous handlines and a ladder pipe operating in North Bergen while Jersey City companies attacked their fire with 3 2 ½" handlines from the street and Ladder 4's tower. Access was hampered as Manning Ave is a narrow, cobblestoned street with an

aging factory complex occupying the west side of the street opposite the fire buildings.

With 2 major fires burning simultaneously, normal mutual aid responses within the County could not be filled. Task forces from Essex County covered in North Hudson while several companies from Union County relocated to vacant Jersey City firehouses. Both fires were under control by 21:00 and units started to take up.



3/7/22 3-3 654 14-16 Manning Ave., Jersey City
Big lines darken down heavy fire (Ben Stevens Photo)

But wait; there's more! Jersey City transmitted Box 107 at 21:45 for a fire at 155 Grand St., a middle building in a row of historic brownstones opposite St. Peter's Prep in the Paulus Hook section of Downtown Jersey City. Eng. Co. 2 is quartered in an historic firehouse diagonally across from this address and arrived instantly. They discovered heavy fire in the

cockloft and roof of the 4-story building. Deputy Chief Paul Drennan transmitted a 2nd Alarm for this fire. Units made relatively quick work of this fire, but the assignment was anything but normal. Elizabeth Tower Ladder 3 was along side Jersey City Eng. 17 in front of Eng. Co. 2's quarters.

Certainly, a night to remember! Car 26 operated at both Jersey City fires but requested the Bayonne Fire Canteen to cover the North Hudson 4th Alarm. Our thanks go

to our southern neighbors for serving the units in North Bergen.



3/7/22 2-2 107 155 Grand St., Jersey City
Third fire of the night brought a rare sight, Elizabeth Lad. 3 and Jersey City Eng. 17
in front of Eng. Co. 2's quarters at 160 Grand St.! (Tom Halloran Photo)

Remember, it's only Monday night; plenty of time for more madness! Wednesday morning was a cold, dreary day with occasional snow. North Hudson companies again had their hands full; this time with a day time fire on the Union City – Weehawken border. Units were dispatched shortly before Noon to 3801 Park Ave., Union City, a large 3-story frame multiple dwelling at the northwest corner of 38th St. and Park Ave., another busy thoroughfare a few blocks north of the Lincoln Tunnel.

Captain Markus Rehfeld of Eng. Co. 5 arrived on scene, reported fire showing from the basement area and ordered a 2nd Alarm.

Fire churned from the basement to all floors of the large building. Fortunately, the only exposure was a dwelling to the north separate by an alley from the fire building. A 3rd Alarm was transmitted as conditions deteriorated.

A heavy blanket of smoke covered the southern end of Union City and into the Heights section of Jersey City. The dank, moisture laden skies kept the smoke close to the ground, resulting in numerous alarms throughout the area for smoke and the evacuation of 2 nearby public schools. Fire fighters were making no headway. Units

were withdrawn from the interior and dug in for a long haul exterior operation.

2 ladder pipes, a tower ladder and a deck pipe were deployed. Deputy Chief Anthony Venezia transmitted a 4th Alarm, bring Jersey City companies to the fight. Smoke billowed from the structure for hours. A partial collapse occurred, showering cars parked along 38th St. with debris. The battle

was waged for nearly 9 hours before the fire was declared under control.

Car 26 operated for 5 ½ hours at this incident. A crew of 3 served up 5 gallons of coffee, 8 gallons of hot chocolate and 5 gallons of the ever-popular beef stew to fire fighters, combatting not only the fire but bone chilling cold also.



3/9/22 4-4 3801 Park Ave., Union City
North Hudson companies waged all out war for hours on a cold, dreary and snowy day.
(Adolph Paasburg Photo)

MARCH SADNESS!

The final chapter of that week was the end of an era; the relocation of the Gong Club quarters after 63 years at 244 Bay St.! The

Club was given use of the 1st floor of the historic Fire Headquarters on Christmas Day, 1958. The building had served as the headquarters of the Jersey City Fire Department from before its formation as a

career department in 1871 until 1933. The City of Jersey City had announced plans nearly 2 years ago to sell the property, along with some other FDJC facilities.

Faced with the daunting task of having to find a new home, a fortuitous turn of events resulted in the Club leasing most of the 1st floor of another historic firehouse, the former quarters of Eng. Co. 7 at 666 Summit Ave. in The Heights section of the City. That building was purchased by the Jersey City Firemen Federal Credit Union on March 31, 2010; the same day that the IFBA Treasurer's Office was acquired by its current owner.

The Credit Union has maintained its office on the 2nd floor of this firehouse since its founding in 1950; even while it was an active firehouse. Eng. Co. 7 moved to new quarters 3 blocks north at 715 Summit Ave. on November 1, 1997. The 1st floor had been leased to a private ambulance company, who vacated the space in August 2021. A deal was struck and the Gong Club executed a lease with the Credit Union exactly 24 years to the day that Eng. Co. 7 moved out!

Members designed the space to meet the needs for the operation of Car 26 and suitable quarters. A new kitchen was outfitted, an additional sink and hot water heater installed on the apparatus floor. A supply closet was built on the apparatus floor and a new ice machine (generously donated by retired Batt. Chief & Mrs. Alfred Lullo) was installed as well.

Moving day was Friday, March 11, 2022. 16 off duty members of the Jersey City Fire Department made the shape that morning, along with the Department "rack" truck. The move was completed in less than 4 hours! Members are continuing to tweak the new quarters, but operations have continued without missing a beat. The Club has already hosted the neighborhood Boy Scout troop, a class of Jersey City Public School students enrolled in a police / fire course and an IFBA Region 9 meeting on June 4, 2022. Ironically the first run from the new quarters came at 02:59 on April 7, 2022; 2nd Alarm Box 151, 143 Railroad Ave.; one block from the old quarters!



3/11/22 Moving Day!

16 off duty FDJC members pitched in to move all equipment and supplies out of 244 Bay St. in 4 hours! (Warren Zapp Photo)

TWO UNPRECEDENTED, MOMENTOUS EVENTS!

The Jersey City Fire Department has received a Verisk Company ISO Class 1 rating. The Department celebrated with a ceremony at the quarters of Batt. 3, Eng. Co. 7-18 and Lad. Co. 3 on May 4, 2022. Kevin Kuntz, Vice President and Chief Engineer for ISO, presented the Class 1 Certificate to Chief of Dept. Steven McGill. Mr. Kuntz stated "We evaluate almost 39,000 fire protection areas across the country and just over 450 have achieved this Class 1 classification," Kuntz said. "It has special meaning to us because the ISO is a Verisk Company and our headquarters actually are in Jersey City. Our colleagues come to work knowing we're well protected."

Chief McGill said the department follows the standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the American Waterworks Association. The

Jersey City Fire Department has close to 700 uniformed members, protecting a growing city where the population is believed to soon reach 300,000. There are more than 200 high-rise buildings in the city, with many more on the drawing boards.

Retired FDJC Deputy Chief Robert Cobb was a guest speaker. After his retirement, he went to work for the ISO and became National Director of Community Hazard and Mitigation. After McGill was sworn in as Chief of Department, he contacted the Chief Cobb for advice. "He was on a mission," Cobb said. He "made it happen." "Everybody was doing more of something."

It took some 3 years to accomplish, but now Chief McGill is the proud leader of an ISO Class 1 fire department! Class 1 logos have been printed and are proudly displayed on all fire apparatus and firehouse doors.



5/4/22 ISO Class One!

(l to r) BC Joseph Vallo, DC Robert Dalv, DC Henry DiGuilio, Chief of Dept. Steven McGill, ISO VP Kevin Kuntz, DC Stephan Drennan, BC Gary Byrne and BC Bryan Schoch (Ron Jeffers Photo)

With the population approaching 300,000, some 240 high rise buildings and many more either under construction or planned, the Jersey City Fire Department has organized two additional full-time companies to its roster. The openings came with a ceremony at Fire Headquarters on June 30, 2022.

The new units are Engine Co. 1 and Squad Co. 1. Eng. Co. 1 was re-opened in January, 2021, as a part-time unit that saw duty when shift manpower was sufficient. This was on a trial-basis, and the company was open more than it was closed. Eng. Co. 1 is quartered with Eng. Co. 5 and Lad. Co. 2 at 355 Newark Ave., in the Downtown section.



6/30/22 Squad Co. 1 Jersey City
2006 Spartan Advantage/Rescue 1 refurbished in 2022 Rescue 1/PL Custom/Lembo
(Ron Jeffers Photo)

Squad 1, a 2006 Spartan/Rescue 1 vehicle, was originally obtained through an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant, and it operated as a mass care response unit. The apparatus was modified by Rescue 1/PL Custom and it is now described as a "multi-task" unit.

A torque box area was assembled to carry a full ladder company complement of ground ladders. In addition, the rig carries a full

complement of rescue tools and mass care equipment.

Squad 1's new equipment was on display at the ceremony. It has the latest battery-operated tools rather than the standard gas-powered equipment, including power saws and exhaust fans. Part of Squad 1's duties will be the Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) at working fires citywide.

Squad 1, located at the quarters of Eng. Co. 6 and Lad. Co. 6, also Downtown, was described as the "tenth ladder (squad) company." According to General Order 22-24, it shall respond to alarms in former Truck Co. 1's original district. Truck Co. 1 had been disbanded on March 22, 1991 with Eng. Co. 1 and two other line companies.

Other duties include being deployed as a UASI medical care response unit.

General Order 22-25, also issued on July 1, 2022 realigned companies assigned to the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions with the addition of the two new units.

The more things change...



666 Summit Ave., 1952; original home of the Gong Club

The more they stay the same!



666 Summit Ave. 2022; new home of the Gong Club



NYCFire.net



On behalf of *NYCFire.net* a special 'THANK YOU' goes out to the IFBA for permitting us to join.

Did you hear the news? There is a new fire group in the New York City area that is totally different than most of the other organizations within the IFBA. They don't provide canteen or rehab service, nor are they directly affiliated with any one fire department, but they have strong ties with FDNY. A lot of NYCFire.net members have or continue to serve within the department. Recently the membership has broken the four thousand mark with worldwide associate participation.

So, what do they really do? The group has opened the paths of communications for many.

You can enter their 'quarters' from the comfort of your easy chair via computer or mobile device. They are totally different but they maintain a 24-hour-a-day open door policy even for visitors.

Welcome to NYCFire.net

NYCFire.net has been around prior to 9-11 as a path to exchange information about the fire service especially in the NYC area. Their 'quarters' received a major overhaul and word started to spread as the internet grew, its popularity increased along with the website. Since our quarters are located on the internet, we offer open access on an international level. Please feel free to stop in anytime! One can find information about ongoing incidents, historical information, as well as general information. At any given time, you can find fifty to several hundred persons onboard the site reading any of the over 71,000 threads. According to Retired FDNY Captain John Bendick, "The site is member driven. The members have posted over 236-thousand messages for others to read, sharing their wealth of knowledge, information, and furthestmost of all, friendship."

Over the years members have toured various fire departments, exchanged greetings and developed comradeship over some outstanding meals even if the food came from a fast-food chain. 'If a job hit, we cleared out of the restaurant making sure no one was left behind' commented Willy, a retired Connecticut Fire Captain, who acts as the social coordinator. The guys would try to stay at a nearby hotel for a few days, making the logistics easier for all. Visits to various fire houses, communications centers, and other department facilities was also the norm like many other buff organizations."

As the group faced the potential pandemic of Covid 19, gatherings were cancelled. Members spent additional time on the website and the site's usage increased. With the development of the Zoom platform, a small group of members started gathering from the safety of their homes. Thoughts and ideas were exchanged, developed, and expanded.

The group has started conducting monthly Zoom meetings with extremely experienced lecturers covering subjects such as "Line of Duty Deaths", "Inside look at FDNY's EMS System", "Beyond the 5th Alarm, FDNY's Borough Calls and Simultaneous Calls" and updated information concerning "Lithium-Ion Batteries". The group's planning staff was given a special presentation regarding the use of 'Hot Spots' besides the Nations 'First Net Cellphone System'. This keeps members up to date with the fire service, like they are still on the job.

During the monthly get-together, after a short formal session, members remain online to gather around the 'kitchen-table'. We try to keep the gatherings down to two hours, but once the members start talking about different fires, houses, companies, or even rigs, talks have lasted into the wee hours of the morning. NYCFire.net has reunited former classmates, co-workers, and friends during these assemblies without anyone facing travel expenses or headaches.

You are welcome to visit anytime. The door is always open at **NYCFire.net**



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International Fire Buff Associates

Region 10 Report

APRIL 2022

Montreal Auxiliary:

So far, we have had a busy start to the year. With almost 40 calls under our belt and our busy time is only just beginning.

Museum renovations are finished and now the task of replacing all the artifacts back into place awaits us. This will also give us the opportunity to catalogue and identify all the artifacts with-in the museum.....something which has never been done ! We have acquired a 1927 Seagrave from a museum in Ottawa, Ontario which makes a great addition to our collection.

Ontario Fire Buffs Association:

President Bob Rupert has nothing to report at this time.

Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association:

President Carolyn Wignall has nothing to report except that they have just made a challenge coin and they hope to have some available at the Woburn convention. Pre-orders can be made by contacting Carolyn and the cost is \$10.00 Canadian dollars (\$8.00 USD).

Pompiers Auxiliaires de la Monteregie:

President Zalesny has nothing to report.

Box 43:

No response from President Ken Buchanan to the email that I sent.

UCMU:

No response from President Danis Seguin to the email that I sent.

Appel 99:

Formerly known as "Club Appel 99" have officially changed their name to Appel 99 Québec. Their President is Andre Savard and the email address is : clubappel99@gmail.com

President Savard has nothing more to report at this time.

This completes my report on activities within region 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Garnett

Region 10 VP



Ontario Fire Buff Associates

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Hello from Southern Ontario. The following members were elected by acclamation in the fall of 2021 to be our Executive Board for the years 2022 – 2023.

President – Bob Rupert

Vice-president – Rick Loiselle

Secretary – Greg Brown

Treasurer – Jim Stronach

Membership – Robert Herscovitch

Director and Editor – Des Brett

Director – Carolyn Wignall

Director – Mike Johansen

As you all know the last 2 plus years have seen a lot of ups and downs in what activities any of our clubs have been able to carry out. 2020 was a write off for the Ontario Fire Buff Associates after the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency in mid March requiring almost everything to shut down, including visits to fire stations, because of the pandemic. With the ebb and flow of the times we managed to get one photo tour completed in August of 2021 when 5 members ventured to Peterborough County where we photographed 31 pieces of apparatus from 3 fire services; Cavan-Monaghan, Peterborough and North Kawartha.



Cavan-Monaghan Pumper 1 - 2017 Freightliner M2 106 / [Fort Garry](#) 1050/800/25F S#M0781



Peterborough Pumper 1 - 2018 Spartan Metro Star MFD / [Carl Thibault](#) 1250/1000 S#2748



North Kawartha Rescue 2 - 2020 Ford F-550 / Rosenbauer 840/250/15F J#394320

Then the Omicron variant of the virus appeared in the fall causing us to cancel our 2021 AGM and Fire Services Collectibles Show for the 2nd year and to postpone our 50th Anniversary banquet to April of 2022 after the vaccines against the virus finally arrived in late 2021. 42 people attended the banquet on April 23 at which Toronto Fire Chief Matt Pegg delivered a most entertaining talk on his experience as General Manager of Emergency Operations for the city during the pandemic and what the future holds for the Toronto Fire Service.

With almost all Covid restrictions being lifted by late March we have been able to get back to a somewhat normal buffing schedule. To date we have had successful photo tours of the Kingston Fire and Rescue Service in May and of the Brantford Fire Department and one Brant County Station in June. Plans to visit the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service in July, the Hamilton Fire Department in August and departments in Lambton County in September are in the process of being organized. Our Annual General Business meeting and Fire Services Collectibles Show will be held on November 5 at the Toronto Fire Academy (see the attached flyer) and a number of our members planned on attending the IFBA Convention in Woburn.



Kingston Pump 271 - 2019 Spartan ERV Metro Star MFD 1500/500/40F SO#218062-02



Kingston Aerial 271 - 1992 Pemfab Imperial T964 / Almonte 55' CET boom 1050/500



Brantford [Aerial 933](#) - 2021 Spartan Metro Star LFD / [Smeal](#) / 75' 1500/500/30F S#12270



Brant County [Unit 341](#) - 2020 Spartan Metro Star MFD / Dependable 1250/840/25F S#52981

All photos by the author and all pump, water and foam capacities are in Imperial Gallons.

Until next time stay safe and have a wonderful summer and fall.

Fire Chief (Ret) Bob Rupert

President, Ontario Fire Buff Associates



The Ontario Fire Buff Associates
31st Annual
FIRE SERVICE COLLECTIBLES
SHOW & SALE

PLUS!
TORONTO FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS DISPLAY & BBQ

Toronto Fire Services – Training Academy
(895 Eastern Ave. at Knox Ave., M4L 1A2)

Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 11:30 am to 3 pm
FREE ADMISSION – PUBLIC WELCOME

If you are looking to add to your firematic collection or purchase a Christmas gift for that special someone, or you have anything of a firematic nature that you wish to sell, such as books, photos or slides, toys, diecast or plastic models, patches, pins, or other fire memorabilia, please join us.

Sales tables are readily available at no charge. For further information, please call
Robert Herscovitch at (416) 497-8968.

Directions to the Toronto Fire Academy

From the East: West on Kingston Rd., continue onto Eastern Ave. and turn left on Knox Ave. The academy is on the right. The entrance to show and parking is at the rear of the building.

From the West: Exit the Gardiner Expressway at Jarvis St and follow Lakeshore Blvd. east to Leslie St. Turn left and go north one block to Eastern Ave. Turn right on Eastern and turn right on Knox Ave.

From the North: South on the Don Valley Parkway to Lakeshore Blvd. Turn left onto Lakeshore Blvd. and follow above directions to Leslie St and Eastern Ave.

Covid 19 Notice: Please visit our website: www.ofba.ca for up to date information on the Show.



New addition:

In June of this year The Montreal Auxiliary acquired a 1927 Seagrave pumper. From 1927 to 1939 the pump was at station 25. In 1939 it was moved to station 27, where it remained until 1956.



Its last move was to station 36 until it was allocated as a reserve truck in 1958. Its lustrous carrier came to an end 1960 when it was officially taken out of service. Eric Sprenger found the Seagrave in a scrapyard, and after purchasing it, completely restored it to its original state. In 1980, Mr. Sprenger sold the vehicle to the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa. As part of its

collection development and rationalization program, they had to deaccession multiple vehicles from across Canada. We were very fortunate to be the recipient of this gem which fit in perfectly with our fleet of antique trucks.

Woburn, Mass:



A quick trip down memory lane, and we remember back to 2019 when the PAM hosted the annual IFBA (International Fire Buff Associates) convention, which helped celebrate the PAM's 75th anniversary.

After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID lock downs, we were able to meet again this year in Woburn, Massachusetts on the outskirts of beautiful Boston. This year marked a historical event: it was the first ever joint IFBA and SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America) convention. Hosted by the associations of the IFBA region 1 and the Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association.



Spanning four days and with over 350 registered members, we were able to reconnect with old friends and create new friendships. The groups toured local fire museums and visited different fire houses in the area. There were informative seminars in the evenings, covering topics ranging from antique restorations, history lectures, photography and a moving seminar about fire ground rehab. In between the various organised activities, convention-goers were able to take trips into Boston to visit Quincy Market, a ball game at the infamous Fenway Park; the U.S.S. Constitution amongst other attractions.



The last day of the convention brought us a parade of over 85 new and antique fire apparatus which included forest fire services, local canteens, rehab vehicles and beautifully restored trucks from private collections. At the end of the parade route, there was a fire-muster including a flea market where one could find all sorts of fire-related treasures. The competition between the 100-year-old hand pumps was certainly a sight to see!



During the closing ceremony that evening, the Canadian delegation witnessed the swearing-in of a new IFBA Executive Vice-President (EVP) Mr. Steve Garnett. Steve, know that your members are proud of you, and we know that the IFBA is in good hands. Steer that ship as you have steered the PAM, and all will be well. Slainté, my friend!



It just goes to show... you never know what will happen at a convention! The Canadian crew hope to see you at the 2023 convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for some malarkey and shenanigans !!

BACK HOME:

Since returning from the IFBA-SPAMFA convention in June, the PAM have settled back into our regular routine. Monday evenings are still allocated for the maintenance and preservation of our antique fleet at our location on Bellechasse street. We regularly have about 8 members who come to do everything from washing and polishing the trucks to complete overhauls and rebuilding of our fleet of 20 antique trucks ranging in age from 1883 to 1990. As our museum is still under



regular routine. Monday evenings are still allocated for the maintenance and preservation of our antique fleet at our location on Bellechasse street. We regularly have about 8 members who come to do everything from washing and polishing the trucks to complete overhauls and rebuilding of our fleet of 20 antique trucks ranging in age from 1883 to 1990. As our museum is still under

renovation, we have taken to congregating at Bellechase for our weekly Friday night dinners and meeting. We are anticipating being able to be back to our beloved station 30 within the next two months.

As the summer months advance, we find ourselves busier than ever with our services being requested by the Montreal Fire Service. A few years ago, we had worked with the fire department to assure that in extreme weather conditions (high or low temperatures) the fire fighters would have immediate access to the rehabilitation services that we offer. As the temperatures here in Montreal have been hitting record highs of 30+ degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit), with a humidex reaching 40+ degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit), we are staffing the canteen with 2 to 3 members everyday ready to respond to all working fires or natural gas leaks. The days are long and the nights are hot, but when the call comes in, we are ready to roll at a moments notice !

I wish everyone a very happy and safe summer.





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IFBA

BACK in the DAYS



A Brief History

In October, 1974 St. Catharines, Ontario Fire Captain and OFBA member Doug Slack published the first issue of the "Booster Line" or, as the Masthead read, "Notes about the Niagara Chapter of the OFBA". Prior to this those members of the OFBA who lived in the Niagara Region had been meeting regularly to discuss what was happening within the region and to share stories and photos of apparatus. With the newsletter being published on a regular basis this was the beginning of what would eventually be the formation of another buff club in Southern Ontario. Meetings began to be held on a regular schedule from September through June and trips were organized to visit fire departments within the region and across the border into the Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Rochester, NY areas. These club organized trips continued until the demise of the club in 2012.

At the February, 1976 meeting of the group first steps were taken to form an official buff club with John Kennedy taking on the interim duties of President and Bob Rupert those of Secretary while committees were to be formed at the next meeting to look at membership, dues structure, etc. Fifteen people met at Welland's King St. fire hall on March 22, 1976 where the club officially came into existence, to be known as the **Regional Niagara Fire Buffs Association** with John being confirmed as President and Bob as Secretary-Treasurer. Membership dues were set at \$5. per year which included the subscription to the Booster Line. Non-member subscriptions, of which there were many, remained at \$3. per year. Membership in the club was limited to 30 people and prospective members had to be of good character and have two references from fellow buffs or members of the emergency services.

Doug stepped down from editing and publishing the Booster Line in December, 1982 after 8 years and the task was taken over by John Dybus who stepped down at the end of 1983. Bob Rupert assumed the position of editor beginning with the January, 1984 issue and held the position until December of 2011, a span of 28 years, but could not have accomplished what he did without the help and cooperation of a number of members and their wives who faithfully created the masters and ran off copies on the Gestetner machine then collated and mailed out the copies in the early days, then, after computerization of the editing process, stuffed envelopes and did the mailing in the later years. The Booster Line eventually came to report on fires and fire department activities across the province and western New York in addition to local (Niagara) news. Editing of the newsletter was then assumed by Bill Middleton who carried on until the end of publication in November of 2013.

In one of the most important decisions ever made by the RNFBA a committee was struck at the January, 1987 meeting to look into providing a canteen service for the St. Catharines Fire Department. However, negotiations with the department failed to come to an agreement and the offer was withdrawn. After many discussions, in June of 1989 the RNFBA created a Fire Department Support Unit and signed an agreement with the town of Niagara on the Lake Fire Service to provide a canteen service for its firefighters. This initiative was spearheaded by Dave Battersby and supported by then Niagara on the Lake Fire Chief Gerry Whittaker. The unit answered its first call on July 16 of that year.

Subsequently the RNFBA Fire Support Unit signed agreements with all 12 fire services in the Niagara Region plus the Niagara Regional Police and the Region of Niagara Community Services as follows: 1989 - Niagara on the Lake and Lincoln; 1991 - St. Catharines and Niagara Falls; 1992 - Thorold; 1993 - Pelham; 1994 - Grimsby and Port Colborne; 1996 - Welland; 2000 - Fort Erie; 2001 - Wainfleet; 2006 - West Lincoln; 2008 - Niagara Regional Police; 2009 - Niagara Region Community Services.

In September, 1990 the club was incorporated with the Province of Ontario resulting in a name change to: **Regional Niagara Fire Buff Associates** and, on December 1, members of the Support Unit travelled to Mississauga, Ontario to take delivery of our first Support Unit vehicle after purchasing it from the Mississauga Firefighters Association and the Lakeshore Fire Buffs. The 1968 GMC Stepvan, a former delivery truck with the Toronto Star newspaper had its' last run with the Lakeshore Buffs on November 30 to assist Brampton crews at a fatal explosion in a donut shop. After familiarization with the vehicle by the members of the Support Unit it had its' first run on January 18, 1991 to assist Niagara on the Lake crews at a 2 alarm house fire on Simcoe St in the old town. That vehicle answered 68 calls before being replaced in 1994. Initially, the 15 members of the Support Unit were dispatched by St. Catharines Alarm operators on a pyramid call basis; i.e. the alarm operator called one person who called 2 people who then called 2 each and so on. In the early 2000's 15 used Motorola pagers were donated to the club and re-programmed by the Alarm Technician at St. Catharines Fire which meant that all members received a voice message at the same time.

In early 1994 the RNFBA was incorporated as a non-profit organization allowing it to raise monies as a charity for the Support Unit and to issue tax receipts for donations. The Units' next vehicle, a 1975 GMC step van, the former Pelham Rescue 1, went to its first call on September 20, 1994 and answered 380 calls for assistance before being replaced by a former Tillsonburg transit bus in 2004. The 1998 Bluebird was converted by PK Van Bodies of Oshawa and was equipped with a Cummins diesel; Allison auto trans; 25 KW Onan PTO driven generator; 3000 watt Wilburt nightscan light tower; Whelen lighting package; backup camera; side awning; rear serving window; seating for 7; full size fridge, stove & microwave; stainless steel counters; hot & cold water with 50 gal. tank and Bunn coffee maker. The rig responded to its first call on October 5, 2004. At emergency scenes the SU was equipped to serve coffee, hot chocolate, pop, bottled water, granola bars, cookies and when requested could put on a full meal, such as hot dogs, soup, their famous chili, sandwiches or pizzas.

It was also around this time that the Support Unit changed its' name to the Regional Niagara Fire Services Support Unit or FSSU.

In the fall of 2009, the FSSU put a second vehicle in service. The 1999 Chevy Astro Van (ex-Grimsby Car 3) was intended to respond ahead of the FSSU as a 'quick response' vehicle and carried basic items such as water, pop, juice and snacks (granola bars). It could also respond on its own to a second incident when necessary.

In the summer of 2010, members of the FSSU were provided training in CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators after which an AED was provided by the Mikey Network and placed in service with FSU 1. A second AED was provided by the Mikey Network in 2011 and carried on FSU 2. After some lengthy negotiations the FSSU came to an agreement in the spring of 2011 whereby the fire services and other agencies that the FSSU supported would assume the costs of leasing premises at 514 Queenston St., St. Catharines to house the vehicles of the FSSU. The arrangement ended over 20 years of the FSSU being housed in one of the Niagara on the Lake Fire Stations since its inception in 1989.

In November, 2012 the last issue of the Booster Line was published and mailed to members and subscribers with the editor noting that he had been ordered by the newly elected Board of Directors to cease publication. Finances were intimated to be in dire circumstances and within a few weeks the organization ceased to exist, ending 38 years of organized fire buffing and 24 years of providing canteen and rehab services to the fire, police and community services in the Niagara Region. Over those 24 years the FSSU had responded to 843 calls for assistance.



FSSU 1 - 1998 Bluebird Bus



SPECIAL FEATURE



== *A Bond Forged* ==
== *Through The Centuries* ==



Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Kelleher
Director of Training
District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department



A Bond Forged Through The Centuries



The Baltimore City Fire Department and the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department have a long and unique history of providing assistance to each other during times of need. The first documented occurrence of this relationship occurred in 1877, just six-years after the inception of the fully paid fire department in the District of Columbia.

This document provides information, documentation, and photographs of each call for assistance that has been made by these two departments over a period of 145-years. Also provided are other occurrences where these two departments worked to test new apparatus and honor the fallen.

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United States Patent Office Fire - Washington, DC

Baltimore City Fire Department assistance to the District of Columbia Fire Department
Steam Engine Companies 1, 2, and two hose carriages by the train (1st train). Steam Engine Companies 3 and 4 by train (2nd train).

February 7th, 1904

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Engine Companies 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, Fire Marshal Sydney Beiber, and Fire Chief William T. Belt responded by train.

January 16th - 17th, 1928 ("Fisher Night")

Arson Rampage in Downtown Washington, DC

Baltimore City Fire Department assistance to the District of Columbia Fire Department
Engine Companies 6, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 27, 52, 56, and 58 responded via roadway.

September 9th, 2010

Several Working Fires in Baltimore City, MD

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department
Engine Companies 10, 16, Truck Company 13, and Battalion Fire Chief 4 responded

April 28th, 2015

Civil Disturbance in Baltimore City, Maryland

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department

February 2nd, 2022

Line of Duty Death Memorial and Services for Lieutenant Paul Butrim, Lieutenant Kelsey Sadler, and Paramedic Firefighter Kenny Lacayo

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department
Engine Companies 6, 9, 14, 27, Truck Companies 4, 9, Battalion Fire Chief 8, 9, Deputy Fire Chief of Special Ops, Ambulance 6, 9, 14, 27, Medic 14, 27, and Shop Repair Truck responded



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When the DC Firemen responded and began an interior attack, they found the attic alight, and began an exterior attack. Within 10-minutes the entire department was there, including the Navy Yard. Within an hour, all companies repositioned to the intersection of Ninth and F Streets, NW to try and halt a major conflagration. A special request was made to the Baltimore City Fire Department and by mid-afternoon four engines were on the scene. Burning embers started another large fire on G Street, NW, where two of the Baltimore Engines were sent. (Library of Congress)





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WORK OF THE FLAMES.

THE PATENT OFFICE FIRE.

FACTS AND THEORIES.

Loss to the Government and the Public.

DAMAGE BY THE OTHER FIRE.

When our second extra went to press yesterday the fire at the Patent Office building was under control, as also that at Glenn & Osborn's stables, but at each place the firemen continued at work to thoroughly extinguish the flames and prevent their bursting forth again.

THE BALTIMORE FIREMEN.

It was 12:15 o'clock when the Baltimore authorities were asked for assistance, and fifteen minutes afterwards several pieces of apparatus, including Nos. 1 and 2 steam engines and hose carriages, were in the railroad yard, but it was not until 1 o'clock that the train started. On this train, with 1 and 2 companies, were John M. Hennick, chief engineer of the Baltimore fire department; J. Frank Morrison, superintendent police and fire alarm telegraph; Dr. J. M. Wamble, physician of the fire department; Charles T. Holloway, fire inspector; F. H. Plack, assistant fire inspector; Samuel Register, fire commissioner, and others. This train did not reach here until 2:15 o'clock, and on its arrival was received with cheers. (It will be remembered that the train which took our firemen to the great fire in Baltimore a few years since made the run there in 41 minutes.) Notwithstanding the delay, the Baltimoreans arrived just in the nick of time, for the fire on G street, and extending up New Jersey avenue and G street they were soon in active service peering on the fire from the east side, while the Washington and Alexandria firemen attacked the fire in the front.

The second train, with engines 3 and 4 left Camden street depot at 1:15 o'clock and reached here at 2:15, making the run in 51 minutes. These were also soon in service. Their efforts were principally directed to saving the property about Glenn and Osborn's. It was a pleasant sight to see these men working beside the Alexandrians, and to aid in saving the property of our citizens; and when their labors were over, they were highly complimented. To them great credit is due. Mr. Minton, of engine No. 1, of Baltimore, had his arm badly cut while running hose through a rear window at the stable, and he was at once attended by Surgeon Wamble, of the Baltimore department.

THE ALEXANDRIAN.



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WASHINGTON GIVES AID

Engine Companies, Well
Manned, Sent to Baltimore.

CHIEF BELT IN CHARGE

ONE-THIRD OF CAPITAL CITY'S
FIRE FORCE.

The "Laddies" Received With Vociferous
Cheers by Thousands of
Grateful Residents.

Five engine companies from Washington, Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8, and Chief Engineer Wm. T. Belt, Fire Marshal Beiber and over seventy firemen, from this city, are in Baltimore, assisting the fire-fighters of that city and of other cities in their efforts to stay the devastating sweep of the destructive flames. The five engine companies, with their apparatus, represent one-third of the fire-fighting force of the national capital.

A telegram from Fire Chief Horton of Baltimore calling for assistance from Washington, was received by Chief Engineer Belt of the local fire department, at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Commissioner Macfarland, who was at that time attending services at the Church of the Covenant, was communicated with. He immediately left the church and telephoned Chief Belt to do everything possible in the way of aid to the burning city.

Four engine companies were at once made ready and companies 2 and 6 were driven speedily to the Baltimore and Ohio station, where the engines and other apparatus were hastily loaded on to a special train, consisting of an engine, a box car for the horses and four flat cars. At 12:30 the train pulled out on its trip to Baltimore, carrying, besides the fire-fighters and fire-fighting apparatus, Chief Belt, Fire Marshal Beiber, Coroner Neill and twenty firemen. The train made a record-breaking run, and arrived at Camden station in Baltimore thirty-one minutes after it left Washington.

Received With Cheers.

Accounts of the arrival of the Washington firemen in Baltimore are to the effect that they were received with ringing cheers from the thousands of Baltimore people gathered about the railroad station. The Washington forces were greeted by Chief Belt and Marshal Beiber, and all the men from the national capital worked like Trojans and were frequently applauded by the spectators of the awful scene.

Second Appeal for Aid.

A second dispatch from Chief Horton was received by the fire department here an hour after the first train left the city. Chief Horton's second telegram read: "Please rush all apparatus quickly as possible. Fire beyond control." The local authorities did not at once comply with this request, knowing that Chief Belt must have reached the scene of the terrible conflagration, and word from the chief was awaited. Two additional companies, however, were held in readiness, in case a later call was made upon the local fire department.

At 2:55 the following message was received through the police:

"Mr. Yeakle, superintendent of fire alarm telegraph, and I have just been over to fire ground. The two companies from Washington are here and at work. Can't get hold of Chief Horton."

The telegram was signed by J. M. Kreamer, manager of the fire district.

News from the fire-stricken city was anxiously awaited by the District authorities, and Commissioner Macfarland sent the following telegram to Mayor McLane of Baltimore: "National capital deeply sympathizes with Baltimore. Was glad to send fire department assistance. Call upon district government for anything else it can do."

The Third Call.

At about 10:15 o'clock in the evening Commissioner Macfarland received a telegram from Mayor McLane, asking for additional assistance. Engine companies Nos. 2 and 8, under Foreman Carrington, were ordered out, and a second special train conveyed the fire-fighters to Baltimore. With the second detachment from Washington went Chief Mechanic T. M. Robinson, ten horses, twenty-two men and about 4,000 feet of emergency hose.

Commissioner Macfarland was up practically all night, in readiness to comply as far as possible with the requests for assistance from the Baltimore officials.

From 5 o'clock last evening on through the night rumors were circulated here to the effect that some of the Washington firemen had been injured. Mr. Macfarland was very anxious, and sent several telegrams to the fire-stricken city in an attempt to ascertain whether or not any of the Washington men had been injured. He was unable to obtain any answer to his telegrams until 5 o'clock this morning, when President Gail of the board of fire commissioners in Baltimore wired the Commissioner that none of the Washington firemen had been hurt, and that all were working nobly.

Again at 8 o'clock this morning Mr. Macfarland received a dispatch from Mr. Brubst, another fire commissioner of Baltimore, stating, in effect, that none of the Washington firemen had sustained any injuries, and that the work of the local fire-fighters was very effective.

Fifth Company Goes.

In response to a telegram to Commissioner Macfarland at 3 o'clock this morning the fifth engine company, No. 7, with twenty-one men, was loaded on a Baltimore and Ohio train and sent to the fire-stricken city. The twenty-one men were sent to act as extras and relief to the firemen who were already in Baltimore.

Mr. Macfarland arose this morning at 5 o'clock, after retiring at 3:15 o'clock, and has made every attempt to keep in touch with the progress of the fire and with the needs of the stricken city and of the Washington firemen in Baltimore.

Commissioner West has also been paying careful attention to the details, and has proffered to Baltimore any aid he can give through the local police department, of which he has charge.

Commissioner Macfarland states that Washington cannot spare any more men or engines in Baltimore under the circumstances. The two reserve engines have been made ready for use in case of fire here.

Philadelphia, it is stated, has fifty-five engine companies, and has sent to Baltimore ten companies. In comparison with the assistance from Philadelphia it is considered that Washington has responded to Baltimore's appeals in a generous manner.

Chief Engineer Belt, now in Baltimore, has been given authority to draw on the coffee fund for food and coffee, medicine, etc., that may be needed in any emergency for the men who are now fighting the flames in the neighboring city. The District authorities are endeavoring to make every arrangement for the proper care of its fire-fighters while absent from the city.

Proffer of Financial Aid.

Commissioner Macfarland consulted by telephone this morning a number of prominent citizens, members of the Washington Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association, whom he could reach quickly as to what relief could be given if desired to the citizens of Baltimore, and was assured that Washington would act as generously as ever in contributing to any relief fund that the Commissioners might suggest.

Commissioner Macfarland brought the matter before the Commissioners, suggesting that as President Gail of the board, he telegraph Mayor McLane, asking him what, if any, relief was desired from the citizens of the District, and assuring him that now, as always, they would generously respond as soon as they knew what was wanted.

The Commissioners thereupon authorized the sending of the following telegram:

"Robert M. McLane, Mayor of Baltimore: What, if any, relief or assistance do the citizens of Baltimore need from the citizens of the District of Columbia? The people of the national capital, deeply sympathetic and always generous, will gladly respond. Is there anything more that the Commis-



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"Big fire here. Must have help at once."

Chief George Horton
Baltimore City Fire Department



WASHINGTON ENGINE NO 6 IN ACTION.



*B. & O. Flyer and crew
that carried WASH. FIREMEN TO BALTO
in 31 Minutes fastest Run
Ever Made.*



*CHIEF BELT, MARSHALL BIEBER, AND
D.C. FIREMEN WHO WENT TO BALTO.*



*CHIEF BELT BREAKS ALL RECORDS
FROM GREEN STATION TO SCENE
OF FIRE BY BELT.*



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Prompt Help Is Sent From Baltimore.

DEBT OF 1904 QUICKLY REPAID

90 Firemen Rush to Capital at Top Speed.

Baltimore has repaid a 24-year-old debt to the city of Washington. It was a debt greater than any financial obligation—the obligation to serve a neighbor in time of need.

At 10 o'clock this morning 10 companies of the Baltimore Fire Department, including about 90 firemen and officials, swept out of this city on their way back to Baltimore after fighting shoulder to shoulder with Washington's firemen throughout the morning to check the series of incendiary blazes that aroused the city.

It was in 1904 that Washington fire fighters battled for two days beside those of Baltimore to conquer the disastrous fire that swept Baltimore's business district. For 24 years Baltimore remembered the debt and stood ready to repay it when the time came. The call came this morning.

A few minutes after 2 o'clock this morning Fire Chief Watson telephoned succinctly to the Baltimore department, "We need help." Less than 10 minutes later Tenth Battalion Chief George D. Otter's little red car went dashing through the streets and into the darkness on the 40-mile run to the Capital.

ARSON SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER DISASTROUS FIRES ROUSE CITY; 30 INJURED

Wild Ride Over Road.

Behind him were Deputy Chief Lewin H. Burkhardt, Capt. Charles T. Gallion, superintendent of machinery, and P. W. Wilkinson, secretary of the fire board. And behind them, at one-minute intervals, came the 10 companies and an ambulance in charge of Dr. F. H. Ogden, surgeon of the department.

It was a wild ride as the huge fire fighters, with headlights blazing and sirens wide open, went shrieking through the darkness. Cars scurried to the side of the road, lights flared up in houses and curtains were raised as the mighty cavalcade planged past.

The little red cars were far in the lead, skimming over the road at a dizzy pace. Behind them, packed closely together, were the engines, awaying, bounding and lurching from side to side, but keeping up their speed. In the rear, ready for any emergency, was the ambulance.

A few minutes after 3—less than 30 minutes from the time he left his house—Chief Otter drew up at No. 10 engine house. The other officials were close behind him, and not many minutes later the entire force was here. No. 10 engine of Baltimore made the run in exactly 1 hour and 17 minutes.

Burkhardt stationed five of his companies—Nos. 6, 10, 58, 56 and 21—at No. 10 engine house, and from there they were called to the fire at Fourteenth and W streets, where they fought side by side with the District firemen until 8:15 o'clock. Other companies were sent to Nos. 1, 9 and 18 engine houses to take the places of local companies that were out fighting the fires. The other five Baltimore companies were Nos. 14, 1, 20, 27 and 52. All saw active work before the night was over.

Visitors Complete Job.

By 9 o'clock most of the work was done. The Baltimore firemen returned to their local stations for rest, sandwiches and coffee. Burkhardt and Wilkinson went for a tour of inspection. They returned just before 10 and announced that the work had been done without a single accident.

The motors started again. More leisurely this time the detachment drew away from Washington, while in their ears echoed the cheers of Washington firemen for a debt well paid.

List of Fire Alarms Reveals How Blaze Epidemic Swept City

Following is a complete list of the alarms turned in during the fire epidemic last night and today:

10:41 p.m.—Box 191, Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue; Woolworth's, three alarms.

10:54 p.m.—Box 191, second alarm.

11:01 p.m.—Box 191, third alarm.

11:12 p.m.—Local call to No. 11 Engine Company; automobile fire.

12:32 a.m.—Box 152, Tenth and C streets; Produce row, three alarms.

12:37 a.m.—Box 152, second alarm.

12:47 a.m.—Box 152, third alarm.

1:17 a.m.—Box 137, Tenth street and New York avenue; Washington Paper Store.

1:54 a.m.—Box 647, H street, between North Capitol and First street northeast; Pillsbury warehouse; four alarms.

2:02 a.m.—Box 647, third alarm (no second alarm was turned in).

2:08 a.m.—Box 647, fourth alarm.

3:07 a.m.—Box 17, Fourth and Pennsylvania avenue; Hammond Cleaning Works.

3:37 a.m.—Box 664, Eckington place and Q street northeast; McDowell & Sons, warehouse. Three alarms.

3:49 a.m.—Box 664, second alarm.

3:41 a.m.—Box 664, third alarm.

5:11 a.m.—Box 89, Fourteenth and Belmont streets; Lank Woodwork Co. Four alarms.

5:18 a.m.—Box 89, second alarm.

5:28 a.m.—Box 89, third alarm.

5:51 a.m.—Box 89, fourth alarm.

7:29 a.m.—Box 885, Rock Creek Church road and Warder street.

9:24 a.m.—Box 313, Twenty-first and F streets; automobile.

9:27 a.m.—Box 641, North Capitol and I streets; false.

10:15 a.m.—Box 292, Hungarian legation, 1424 Sixteenth street.

11:15 a.m.—Box 133, 205 Tenth street.



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January 16th - 17th, 1928

Arson Rampage in Downtown Washington, DC

Baltimore City Fire Department assistance to the District of Columbia Fire Department
Engine Companies 6, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 27, 52, 56, and 58 responded via roadway

LEAD BALTIMORE'S FIRE FIGHTERS HERE



Left to right: Deputy Chief Lewin H. Burkhart and Battalion Chief George D. Otter, both of the Baltimore Fire Department, who brought apparatus from that city to aid the local fire-fighting forces.

INVITE BALTIMORE FIREMEN TO CITY

Capital Department Will Be
Host to Maryland Compa-
nies on Labor Day.

The shocking carnage of 10 Baltimore fire companies which charged through the night to answer Washington's cry of distress even temporarily less last January, will return on a sharply contrasting peaceful mission Labor day as guests of the Washington firemen to take part in the sixth annual firemen's parade.

The visiting firemen from the neighboring city will be given every honor in appreciation of their aid to the National Capital and their appearance will be one of the outstanding features of a celebration which the apparatus say will be the most picturesque in the history of Fire Department celebrations.

Visit Is Authorized.

Fire Chief George S. Watson received a letter yesterday from August Emrich, chief of the Baltimore Fire Department, announcing that the Board of Fire Commissioners there had authorized the participation of the 10 companies in the Washington parade. F. W. Wilkinson, secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a deputy fire chief, a battalion chief and an ambulance with a nurse in charge will accompany the apparatus, and Chief Emrich also may come.

Groups of volunteer fire companies from Maryland and Virginia communities also have arranged to take part in the celebration.

The parade is to start from the Peace Monument at noon. In addition to the fire apparatus, many merchants and others have signified their intention of entering floats. The paraders will march to the music of their bands.

Following the parade and later the baby parade on the Ellipse at 4:30 o'clock, a special exhibition of fire-fighting will be given on the Ellipse at 6:30 o'clock. A Mardi Gras fest will follow on the Ellipse at 8 o'clock and at 9 o'clock there will be dancing on Bevinchester street, near the Ellipse.

Prizes are to be awarded for various features in connection with the celebration.

Sgt. A. J. Bagnall is marshal for the parade while H. S. F. L. S. A. Barton and W. A. Gee will serve as assistant marshals.



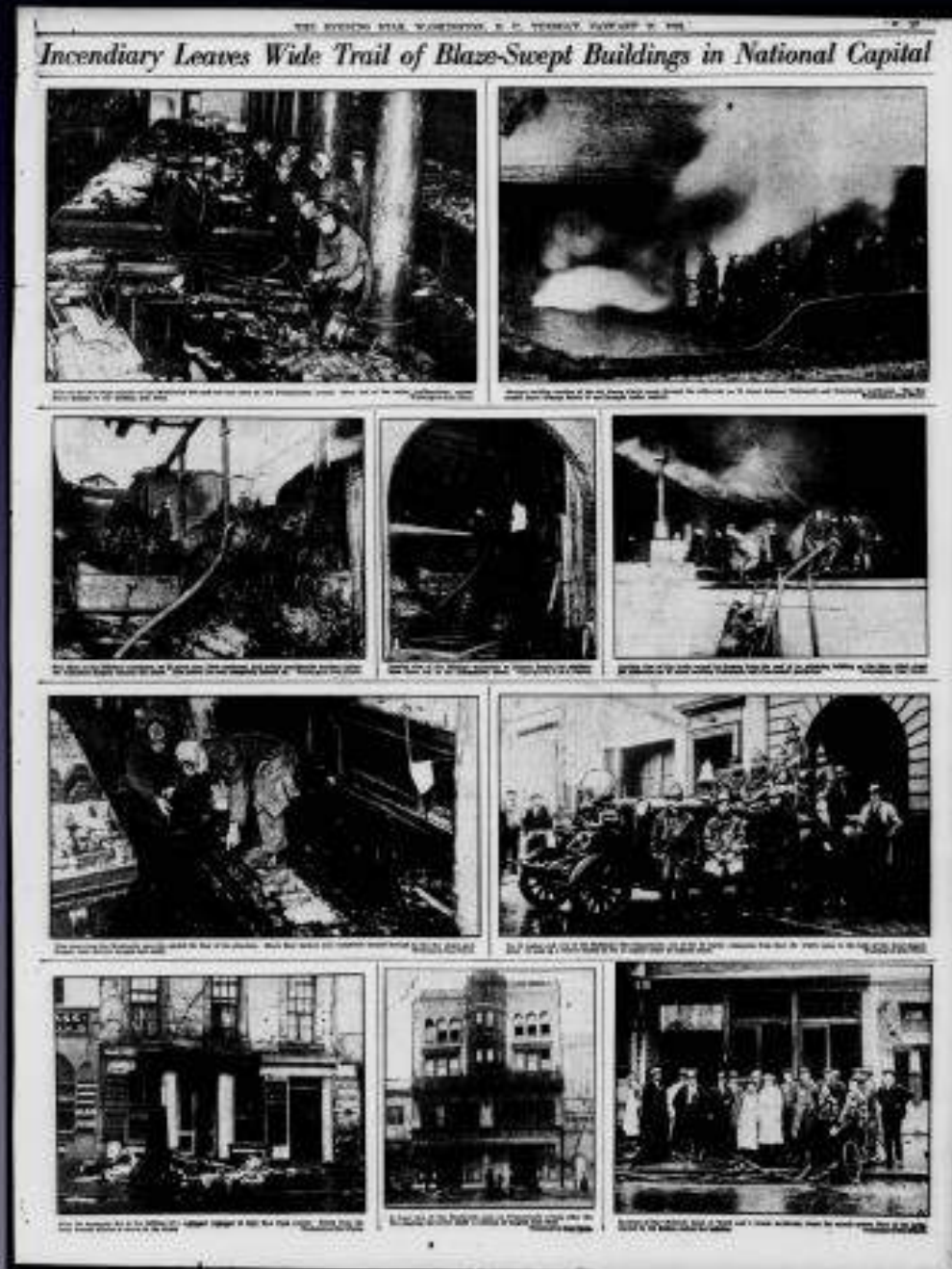
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DCFD ★ Engine Company No. 14 ★ BCFD



January 17th, 1928



No. 14 engine and crew of the Baltimore Fire Department, one of the 14 engine companies from that city which came to the help of the local Department, to look up a reserve engine on No. 14 engine house on Eighth street. Washington Star Photo.

Baltimore City Fire Department Engine Company No. 14 covering District of Columbia Fire Department Engine Company No. 14 during an arson spree in 1928, that effected numerous buildings in the District of Columbia.

February 2nd, 2022



District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department Engine Company No. 14 covering at the Baltimore City Fire Department Engine Company No. 14 during the Line of Duty Death Services for Lieutenant Paul Butrim, Lieutenant Kelsey Sadler and Paramedic Firefighter Kenny Lacayo



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September 9th, 2010

Several Fires in Baltimore City, MD

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department
Engine Companies 10, 16, Truck Company 13, and Battalion Fire Chief 4 responded



Companies from the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department transferred to Baltimore City Fire Department's Steadman Station at 15 South Eutaw Street.



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April 28th, 2015

Civil Disturbance in Baltimore City, Maryland

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department



Companies from the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department at the Baltimore City Fire Department's Old Town Station at 1100 Hillen Street, prior to being deployed.



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February 2nd, 2022

Line of Duty Death Memorial and Services for Lieutenant Paul Butrim, Lieutenant Kelsey Sadler and Paramedic Firefighter Kenny Lacayo

District of Columbia Fire Department assistance to the Baltimore City Fire Department
Engine Companies 6, 9, 14, 27, Truck Companies 4, 9, Battalion Fire Chief 8, 9, Deputy Fire Chief of Special Ops, Ambulance 6, 9, 14, 27, Medic 14, 24, and Shop Repair Truck responded





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June 23rd, 1931

Baltimore City Firemen Killed On Duty Honored

Memorial Stones Dedicated at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC

THE EVENING STAR, WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1931.

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**Memorial Stones Dedicated
in National Cathedral for
Baltimore Trio.**

In the presence of a large delegation from Baltimore, and many persons from this city, memorial stones were laid in Washington Cathedral yesterday and dedicated to the memory of three members of the Baltimore Fire Department who lost their lives while on duty.

The stones were blocks of white Indiana limestone and were set in one of the pillars of the Cathedral's south transept. Chief Engineer August Emrich of the Baltimore Fire Department tapped each with a trowel and dedicated each "to the glory of God and in memory" of the men.

Three Names Inscribed.

The firemen thus commemorated were:

Capt. Harry Jones, aide on the staff of Chief Emrich, who was killed while fighting a fire in a grain elevator on December 27, 1929.

William H. Hunderlmark of Engine Company No. 44, who was killed when the roof of the Baltimore Country Club, Roland Park, collapsed during a fire on January 2, 1931.

John King of Truck Company No. 4, who was killed in an accident while returning from a fire on May 9, 1931.

The names of the three firemen will be inscribed in the Cathedral's "Book of Remembrance," a permanent record which is to be preserved in the sanctuary of the completed edifice. Already it contains the names of many American patriots of past and present.

Delegations Aired.

Dr. John J. McGinty, member of the Baltimore Fire Board; more than 50 members and officers of the Baltimore Fire Department; a delegation from the Washington Fire Department; David J. Price of the Department of Agriculture; members of the firemen's families and others witnessed the exercises.

The memorial service began with the reading of the 132nd Psalm and included special prayers and a brief address by the Rev. John W. Gunmore of the clergy staff of the Cathedral. Other clergymen who participated included Canon Arthur B. Rudd, Canon Edward B. Dunlap, Canon Raymond L. Walvern and the Rev. Robert Lee Lewis.



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January 18th, 1928

District of Columbia Fire Department uses the aide of the Baltimore City Fire Department to justify the need for reserve machines (apparatus)

RESERVE FOR D. C. FIRE FORCE URGED

**Watson to Seek Addition of
8 or 9 Machines to Be
Held in Readiness.**

Preliminary plans for the creation of a reserve force of fire apparatus in order to provide a second line of defense in the event of an emergency such as occurred Monday night, when a series of conflagrations broke out in scattered sections of the District, were started today by Fire Chief George S. Watson.

These fires, Chief Watson explained, revealed the one weakness in Washington's otherwise perfect Fire Department—a lack of effective available reserve apparatus. As a result, appeals for assistance had to be sent to the fire departments of Maryland and Virginia.

While this condition may not arise again for years, the fire chief pointed out that he believed the department should prepare now for any emergency in the future. He said he would place an estimate in the District's 1929-1930 budget for eight or nine pieces of reserve apparatus, which would be kept in condition for service at all times.

The only cost involved in the creation of the proposed second line of defense, Mr. Watson said, would be the expense of the apparatus. The men to man this apparatus would be drawn from the relief lists.

Although the department now has a few pieces of reserve apparatus, Chief Watson pointed out that it is old and obsolete, and is not usually available as reserve because often it has to fill in the regular ranks for equipment that has been disabled or is laid up for overhauling.

The Baltimore Fire Department, according to Mr. Watson, has an excellent second line of defense and the 19 companies which came to Washington were the reserves. The Baltimore department, therefore, he said, did not have to put a regular company out of service when it responded to Washington's appeal for aid.



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April 9th, 1913

Ahrens-Fox Engine Test

The District of Columbia Fire Department travels to Baltimore City for testing.

Washington, D. C., has put into service a new Ahrens-Fox motor pumping engine. During the first test, using suction from a cistern with two lines of hose and 1 1/4-inch smooth-bore nozzles, it discharged 785 gallons per minute during one hour's duration, without any indication of particular effort. The second test consisted of two lines siamesed, using respectively a 1 1/2 and a 1 3/4-inch nozzle. With the latter a stream was thrown over 300 feet, delivering 880 gallons a minute. The third test consisted of six-hour endurance pumping, during which time water was forced through 1,000 feet of hose, at no time maintaining less than 210 pounds water pressure. The machine was also given a road test, carrying 1,800 feet of hose and 21 men.

Some of those who made the trip besides Chief Emrich and Mr. Ahrens were President Johns, of the Baltimore fire board; City Collector Jacob W. Hook, Street Cleaning Commissioner Larkins, Chief Black, of the Atlantic City fire department; Chief Tyson, of the Louisville fire department; Captain Robb, of the marine division of the fire department; Superintendent Meushaw, Assistant Superintendent Bletzer and Secretary Pinkney Wilkinson, of the fire department.



Members of the District of Columbia Fire Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department pose in front of Water Tower No. 2's apparatus room door at the firehouse on South Gay Street (Baltimore, Maryland).



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Hoop & Hammer Fire Alarm System



New York's Busiest Fire Company

"Engine Company No. 17, located at 91 Ludlow Street, is the busiest fire company in the world," says New York Times.

During 1924 this company responded to 1,288 alarms on the lower east side of New York—probably the most congested district in the world.

Because of the congestion in this district and the fact that most of the buildings are tenements, Chief Kenlon has mobilized a strong fire force in the district. This force is assisted by a high pressure water system.

Summing it all up, the New York City fire department is the busiest in the world. Engine Company No. 17 is the busiest fire company in New York City, therefore, it seems safe to claim that the American-LaFrance Pumping Car of Engine No. 17 is the busiest piece of apparatus in fire service the world over.

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