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Dedicated to the advancement of the moral, economic and social standing of the members of the Boston Fire Department in keeping with the dignity of their heroic calling.



Four Alarms were struck for 400 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston at 1:10 am on July 11, 2009. A large fish processing plant, warehouse and retail store had an estimated 2 million dollars in damage.

Photo by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7

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★ **Don't forget that the Boston primary election is September 22.**

★ **We encourage all members and family to make sure to vote.**

★ **Read inside to learn about Local 718's endorsed candidates.**

Boston Firefighters Local 718 Annual Election May 28, 2009

Legislative Representative <i>vote for 1</i>	✓ Larry Curran, HQ 647
Sergeant-at-Arms <i>vote for 3</i>	✓ Steve Mortlock, L-26 454 ✓ Eric Vinitzky, E-39 444 ✓ Nick Santangelo, L-29 482
Trustee – Death & Welfare <i>vote for 3, (three year term)</i>	✓ Paul Bowen, E-8 436 ✓ Eddie Paris, E-18 600 ✓ Eric Desroches, L-16 419
Pension & Welfare Officer <i>vote for 1</i>	Eddie Paris, E-18 344 ✓ Eddie Street, L-18 398
Trustee – Relief Fund <i>vote for 4, (three year term)</i>	✓ John Nee, TL-17 390 ✓ Joe Foley, E-42 532 ✓ Dick Ryan, EMRD 360 ✓ Charles Popp, E-41 400
Delegate – Massachusetts State Labor Council <i>vote for 6</i>	✓ Nick DiMarino, TL-10 543 ✓ John MacDougall, R-2 458 ✓ Gerry Grealish, E-7 408
Delegate – PFFM Convention <i>vote for 6</i>	John Nee, TL-17 276 ✓ Eddie Paris, E-18 535 ✓ Eddie Street, L-18 480 ✓ Bob Kilduff, R-2 492 ✓ Mike O’Reilly, L-29 388 ✓ Sean Kelly, E-22 510 ✓ Paul Keeley, D-12 499
Delegate – Boston Labor Council <i>vote for 15</i>	✓ John MacDougall, R-2 509 ✓ Gerry Grealish, E-7 427 ✓ Skip Askia, TL-3 363
Director – Burn Foundation <i>vote for 3</i>	✓ Nick DiMarino, TL-10 508 Patrick Connolly, TL-10 350 ✓ Billy Ahern, FIU 402 ✓ Scott Malone, D-4 432

✓ elected

Total Vote: 771





We Are Facing The Biggest Battle This Local Has Ever Had

Well here we are, staring down the biggest battle Local 718 has ever had. Everything we have predicted over the last few years has come true: the city closed two districts, lowered the Table of Organization, stopped promoting and browned out companies. Now, Mayor Menino's #1 shill, Sam Tyler, has set the top priority for fiscal 2011 to eliminate the "redundancy in firehouses." As expected, the Menino administration's vendetta against us is in full swing. If the voters of Boston give him a fifth term, the safety of both the public and this membership will be further compromised. The latest move by Menino to ruin our credibility was the so called brown outs.

Although the country and the state are in a tough financial condition, the city happens to be flush with cash. In fact, six months after the market crashed, Wall Street gave Boston its highest credit rating in history. The city actually has over \$800 million in the general fund and had a \$70 million surplus after FY08.

However, on July 1st, with the department budget just replenished, the city decided to begin temporary company closings throughout the city in an effort to reduce overtime due to "excessive absenteeism." Translation is they literally wanted someone to die so Menino could blame some firefighter who was sick for closing the company, and of course leverage that terrible outcome against sick leave language in arbitration. Talk about opposite ends of the moral spectrum; we risk our lives for the people in this city – and Menino/Signori gamble with them.

The city claimed that the economy was driving the company closings. Local 718's response was simple: if it's about the money, we'll do it for nothing. All we asked for in return was the authorization from the Mayor, so that our families would be covered in case we got injured or killed. Of course it was never about the money. The Mayor not only refused to authorize us, but said we would be stealing equipment if we took a rig to a fire.

Local 718 members stepped up all over the city and stood picket lines, handed out informational fliers, and drove the sound truck notifying neighbors that they could not count on their local firehouse in an emergency. The people responded overwhelmingly and flooded the mayor's office with phone calls. As a result, although no official policy change has come down, the city has chosen to fund the overtime to staff the companies – for now. Of course, if the city had maintained the 1,650 uniformed members they had in the late 90's, instead of the 1,430 we have now, this wouldn't be an issue.

What we can expect if Menino gets a fifth term

- Firehouse closings
- Less manpower on duty
- Longer response times
- Same broken apparatus and equipment
- Less training
- Union will have to fight for every line of duty injury (will be you)
- Union will have to fight for every disability retirement claim (could be you)
- Continued contract violations
- If you get sick and run out of time – you're off the payroll

- A stressed Union treasury from having to fight every grievance
- Everytime someone has a problem – it will be breaking news
- More personal vindictiveness, like leaving people who should have been promoted on a list and choosing to pay the acting instead (no savings for the city, just hurting people)
- Low morale
- A more dangerous job

What can we do about it? As we are all well aware by now, Menino has a serious re-election challenge for the first time in his 16 years in office. His opponents include Kevin McCrea, Sam Yoon, and Michael Flaherty. McCrea is South End businessman who would undoubtedly be better than Menino, but has never held for elected office before.

Yoon announced his campaign by vowing to institute the Fincom Report which would reduce the number of District Chiefs from 44 to 28, civilianize maintenance, eliminate the entire fire alarm division – operations and construction. Then, in the wake of Kevin Kelley's death, Yoon told the Globe he considers sending four trained EMT's on a fire truck to a medical call a "duplication of services." He also believes that the street boxes are a waste of money.

Flaherty, who in his 10 years on the City Council including five as Council President, has proven himself as a staunch supporter of firefighters and our families. In 2001, when we picketed the State of the City address, Flaherty marched with us. In 2004, when we were again forced to fight for respect at the bargaining table, and picketed the DNC, Flaherty stood with us. His support for firefighters is in his blood. While serving in the legislature, his Father Michael Sr. wrote the cancer bill and the heart and lung law which has protected thousands of firefighters and their families. Each and every one of us has witnessed firsthand the importance of this legislation to our families when we bury one of our Brothers. **The obvious choice for us is Flaherty.** He will always put public safety before politics, and treat Boston firefighters with the respect we deserve.

In order to win this fight, **You** need to get involved. This is going to require personal sacrifices from all of us. If you are not on duty at the fire house, we need you! We have literature drops every Saturday, standouts during the week, phone banks at the Union Hall, and house sign teams (do you have a sign on your house?). You can donate up to \$500 to Flaherty for Mayor (less than a night tour overtime), and you can vote. **Make sure you are registered.** This membership has to get engaged to be successful. If everyone stays home, we are an E-board of 13 members, but together we are an army of 2,500! We sacrifice our physical well being, and often risk our very lives for the citizens of Boston. All we require now is a sacrifice of some valuable time and talented effort to help secure the future of the firefighters to your left and to your right. Get organized by fire house through your stewards, and encourage your company members to help out.

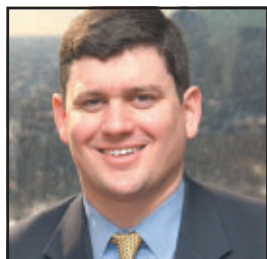
This is our fight, for our future, and our families' future! Step up, like you always have! Without you, there is no Local 718.

Boston Firefighters Local 718 Endorses City Council Candidates

At-Large Council Candidates



Felix Arroyo



John Connolly*



Andrew Kenneally



Steve Murphy*

*Incumbent

District Council Candidates



District 1 / Sal LaMattina*



District 2 / Bill Linehan*



District 3 / Maureen Feeney*



District 4 / Charles Yancey*



District 5 / Rob Consalvo*



District 6 / John Tobin*



District 8 / Mike Ross*



District 9 / Mark Ciommo*

Vice President's Report

Rich Paris, R-2



Don't Take a Bite of Their Apple

Once again, we are in for a “fight for our life.” It is not our first, and it won’t be our last. Well hopefully, it will be our last – when we win this one. We have always won our fight because of YOU – yes, that’s right – our members of Local 718 – of which, I can honestly say, I am proud to represent as Vice President.

Let me begin by saying “Don’t take a bite of their apple.” What the city is trying to do is to have the membership turn on us - Eddie, myself and the members of the E Board and Bargaining Team. What they are trying to say is that we are delaying Arbitration. If so, why didn’t the city ever sit down with us when we have tried so many times? Don’t believe what they are saying in their letter on the negotiations updates that was sent out in the past. Even the articles in the newspapers – do not believe them. Believe me, if they offered us 21% over five years, we would have signed right away. What they are saying is false. I wish we could say what is going on in Arbitration, but we can’t. You have to be patient with us.

Some guys think Arbitration should be over in a day or

so. I wish. But it is just like a murder trial (actually worse). The city is playing games once again and they are trying to turn our members against us, so they can try and get out of it easy. We have been standing strong since I have been a proud member (since 1986), along with my father (since 1950), with Marty Pierce, J.J. Jennings and many others that kept the members strong when they were fighting for our benefits. Let’s make them proud, stay strong, and keep fighting for what we have earned, what we deserve.

We are going to need you to help us keep up the fight for brown outs, contracts and anything else that may come our way. This fight isn’t only for us, it’s also for the citizens of Boston and their safety. Remember – do not take a bite of their apple and do not allow them to make you turn against us.

Thank you for all your support you have given our team. We are all firefighters - all the way up the line. That’s what makes us different from the rest. We are all one.

God bless. Stay safe.



PFFM Endorses Michael Flaherty for Mayor

The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts opened up their 38th annual convention on June 15th in Hyannis by endorsing Boston mayoral candidate, City Councilor Michael Flaherty.

More than 700 firefighters from across the state, along with International Association of Fire Fighters' General President, Harold A. Schaitberger, gave the nod to Councilor Flaherty, as the "right choice to lead Boston forward."





Thanks to Local 718

Dear Mr. President Kelly,

I am writing to express my profound gratitude for the actions of several of your members. My wife has just celebrated her second Mother's Day. It is also the second Mother's Day she has celebrated with my absence. Last year I was away on military orders for training. This year I am deployed as a member of the Joint Special Operations Task Force, Afghanistan.

As you know Mr. President, many of your members have made great sacrifices in serving our nation since September 11, 2001. I believe that the greater burden is put on the shoulders of the wives and children of the deployed firefighter/citizen soldier. In my case this burden was reduced, if even for a moment, by members of E-28, E-42, Rescue-2, TL-10, Dist. 9, and Div. 2, when members showed

up unannounced at my home on the morning of Mother's Day, and presented flowers, cards, and gifts totaling more than \$600 to my wife!

The actions of these members, though insignificant in comparison to the risks they are willing to take and often do take for the citizens of Boston, remind me of the brotherhood that exists among Boston firefighters. Though they expect nothing in return, I thought you would like to know of the generosity and thoughtfulness of your members, to whom I am eternally grateful.

*Fraternally,
Greg Kelly,
TL-10/Local 718*

Recording Secretary's Report

Ralph Dowling, FAO

Unfinished Business

Thanks for sending in the up to date addresses and contact information, it's greatly appreciated. Log into www.bostonfirelocal718.org and sign up for Local 718 e-mail list and you will receive up to the minute news and information. Boston Firefighters Local 718 Family Day was a great success. Thanks to all the cooks from Rescue 2 for feeding over 500 folks and all our members who gave hours of time to make this event a memorable one. Good luck to the newly elected members of the Local 718 May elections.

This year's Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts Convention was held at The Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis from June 14th to June 18th. Local 718 along with 100 other Locals throughout the state voted on important issues regarding the future of the Fire Service and State Legislation covering our issues.

In the near future, Local 718 will put a Safety Training Section on our web site. This section will contain various issues regarding RIT, Flashovers, Communications, Venting, Haz-Mat and other subject geared to keep our members safe. We have the most talented folks on this Department when it comes to fire ground safety.

If you have a concern or idea you would like discussed in this forum, send it via e-mail to Ralph@local718.org and our Safety Committee will review and act on it.

Finally, have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer with your family and friends.



PFFM President Robert McCarthy, Local 718 President Ed Kelly, IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger, former PFFM Secretary-Treasurer and State Senator Ken Donnelly, IAFF 3rd District Vice President A. Michael Mullane and AFL-CIO President Robert Haynes



Local 718 Vice-President Rich Paris congratulates Bill Tobin on his promotion to District Chief

***116th Firefighters Memorial Services
presented by the Charitable Association of the
Boston Fire Department and the Veterans Fireman's Association
Sunday, June 14, 2009***

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**Cardinal Sean O'Malley and the
Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade**



Firefighters Dave Johnson & Jack Kelly

**Retired members never forgetting –
Firefighter John Bull Heaney, Captain John Dobi
and District Chief Paul Cook**



Tower Ladder 10 and Ladder 1 display the American flag





Special thanks to the
Charitable Association
for their help with this event

**116th
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**Local 718 President
Ed Kelly and
Vice-President Rich Paris**



**Boston Fire Department
Acappella Quartet:
Lt. Jim Hoar, L-4;
Deputy Chief Richard
DiBenedetto, Div.1;
District Chief
Mike Ruggere, SOC and
Firefighter Bill Carey, L-4**

Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade



**Captain Artie Johnson, E-37 and
Lieutenant Paul Finn, E-8**



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History of the Firemen's Lot at Forest Hills Cemetery

The Fireman's Lot at Forest Hills Cemetery was founded in 1828, instituted in 1829 by James Boyd and incorporated February 13, 1830.

Each year on the second Sunday in June, memorial services sponsored by the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department are held at the Firemen's Memorial at Forest Hills Cemetery in order to pay tribute to

deceased members so they would be assured of a decent and final resting place and they would not necessarily end up in Pauper's Field.

At one time, the lot was strictly for indigent fire fighters. However, that rule has been rescinded. This Charitable Association was the first of its kind in the country to be originated for the benefit of the fire fighters injured in the line of duty.

In order to protect themselves and their families back in the 1800's in the event of illness, injury or sometimes even death, these early firefighters formed associations. This was necessary because life insurance was not available. Even today every fire department still has a relief association.

James Boyd, founder of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department was the son of Hugh and Mary Patton Boyd, and was born in Newtown, Ireland on November 11, 1793. He married Margaret Curry of Caine Caw, Ireland in 1815 and came to Boston in 1817.

In 1820, he was a manufacturer of leather fire hoses. He also manufactured fire buckets, fireman's caps and general fireman's supplies and also military equipment, knapsacks, etc. The firm was the largest of its' kind in the United States.

James Boyd became a member of the volunteer fire department and was second foreman of Hero #6 and later fireman at Brooks H1. He first suggested and promoted the organization of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department and drew up its constitution and by-laws in 1828.

James Boyd was the fifth president of the board of trustees from May 1838 to January 1839 when he retired. In 1838, the Association passed a resolution of highest esteem and appreciation of his splendid services! He died in Boston in 1855.

The cemetery committee in 1856 looked at grave lots in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge and Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett before they purchased grave lots in Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain, MA. Graves were purchased from the city of Roxbury in the county of Norfolk on December 19, 1857 at a cost of \$3,398.50. The Fireman's lot according to the deed contains 13,594 square feet divided into 249 grave sites. The Fireman's lot holds the remains of 147 members, 15 of which are line of

duty deaths. There is also one father and son combination Jackson L. Stinson Sr. and Jr., 1 New York firefighter was also buried in the cemetery in 1900 and 2 members were cremated.

The first two burials at Forest Hills Cemetery were line of duty deaths; they were Francis F. Cutting, age 25 and John W. Tuttle age 36, both assigned to "Tremont #12". They lost their lives on May 2, 1858 at 133 - 139 Federal Street when they were crushed by falling walls. It was a six story granite warehouse. For some unknown reason the two men were not buried until 25 days later. Elijah Smith at age 41, former Chief Engineer of the



The Boston Firefighters Memorial at Forest Hills Cemetery

Boston Fire Department died in 1856 of typhoid fever. He was disinterred and buried in the Fireman's lot on the same day, May 27, 1858. Another firefighter killed in the line of duty and buried here was Firefighter Edward R. Connolly who was killed March 21, 1986 at box 7413 by a building collapse. Ed was the treasurer of the Charitable Association when he lost his life. The last member to be buried here was Firefighter Warren J. Payne, killed in the line of duty August 29, 2007 at the 4th Alarm Box 281.

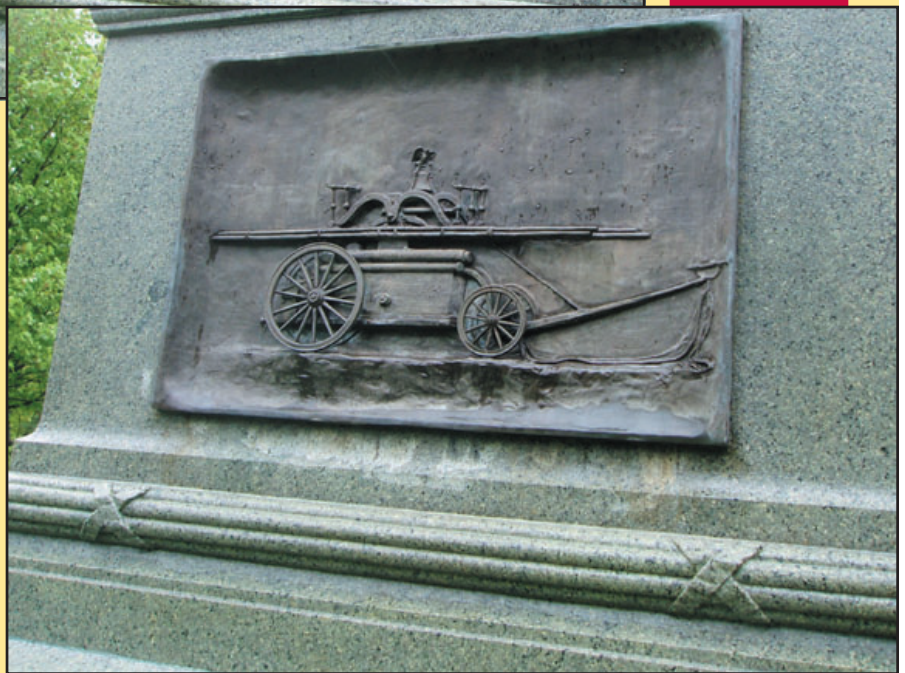
Regarding the Monument

The monument was erected in 1909 in memory of deceased firefighters of the Boston Fire Department. The monument consists of a granite base upon which stands a 9' 3" bronze statue of a firefighter wearing his firefighting apparel. The model for the statue is believed to be a firefighter named Cosgrove. The base of the monument was constructed at Quincy Granite by J.M. White and Sons. The bronze statue was cast at the Spaulding Foundry in Chicopee, MA. We do not have any information concerning the mould.

The overall height of the monument is 26 feet. The bronze figure of the firefighter was designed by John Wilson of Boston. Wilson also designed the four bronze tablets which are attached to the four sides of the granite base. The tablets depict a steamer, a hook and ladder truck, a protective wagon, and an old-time hand tub. Imbedded in the front of the base are the words, "In Memory of Departed Comrades".

The cost of the monument was, base \$3,800.00, bronze statue and four tablets \$6,200.00 for a total of \$10,000.00. The monument was the result of 25 years of unceasing labor on the part of the Charitable Association, Boston Protective Department, subscriptions from fire companies of Boston and Roxbury and friends.

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Monument Dedication

The monument was dedicated on Sunday, June 13, 1909. The *Boston Globe* reported that the veteran and regular firemen gathered in the morning at the rooms of the Barnicoat Association hall located at 380 Tremont Street. The various organizations lined up and with several bands playing dirges the men marched to East Lenox Street where they boarded electric cars for Forest Hills Square.

At Forest Hills Square under the direction of Chief Marshall Captain Edward A. Bennett were the following aides: John A. Collicut, Henry S. Pike, Captain James F. Hutchins, Squire S. Rogers, Major George M. Quinby, George Fitzgibbons, James J. Hughes, John Durham and Lt. John P. Lane. The line of march to the cemetery and the firemen's lot was taken up with Captain Walter McLean as adjutant. The line marched into the cemetery in following order: Boyd's Brass Band, escort of 30 men from the Protective and Fire Departments; Captain McCarthy in command; Charitable Association of Boston Fire Department; 60 men with the President Hoseman Daniel W. Mahoney Engine Company 42 in command, Chief Marshall Captain Edward A. Bennett and staff, Tenean Veteran Association; Peter J. Kelley president, Charlestown Veteran Fireman's Association, Mission Church Drum and Bugle Corps., Roxbury Veteran Association; James A. Mitchell president, Boston Veteran Association; John Taylor president, Barnicoat Association; Walter W. Delano president, Fairbank's Band, Jamaica Plain Veterans; John H. O'Brien president, Star of Jamaica Veterans Association; James E. Knight president.



At the cemetery, the marchers met the carriages which were carrying the dignitaries. In the first carriage was Chief of Department John A. Mullen, Honorable John R. Murphy the orator of the day, Fire Commissioner Samuel Parker and Captain Brown S. Flanders Superintendent of Fire Alarm. In the second carriage was ex-mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Nathaniel H. Taylor, ex-commissioner Wells and Frederick J. Brand Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and acting Mayor. The following carriages carried distinguished guests, city officials and veteran firemen unable to march.

At the Firemen's lot, there was a tent for the speakers and guests and as the bands alternated playing dirges, the firemen and veterans marched within the roped-off enclosure and stood at attention when Chief Marshall Bennett opened the ceremonies. The *Boston Post* in their reporting of the unveiling and dedication ceremonies reported that seven hundred men formed and rode to Forest Hills Square and all marched to the cemetery. The *Post* further reported that the firemen's lot was surrounded by a hollow square of red shirted and blue coated figures. The *Boston Herald* reported that five thousand were in attendance.

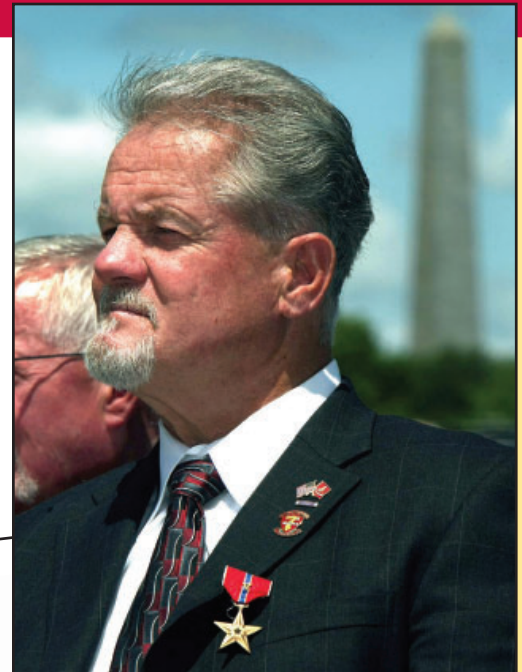
The opening address was made by acting Mayor Frederick J. Brand in which he paid tribute to the bravery of the firemen of Boston, those of today as well as the noble men about whose last resting place the throng had gathered. Mr. Nathaniel Taylor of the *Boston Globe* remarked, "The many noble firemen who served the City of Boston efficiently and honorably did the best they could for the public good. The saving of life was their province. That they did all that was possible for human beings to do in their line of duty is the sincere belief of all our citizens".

"To the departed we say rest in peace. To their living comrades we say your life work is thoroughly appreciated by the City of Boston".

Following Mr. Taylor's remarks, the monument was unveiled by Margaret and Josephine McLean of Ashmont, the young daughters of Fire Captain Walter McLean of Engine Company 46. Fire Captain McLean served as Chairman of the monument committee.

After the Mission Church band played "Departed Comrades", the Honorable John R. Murphy of Charlestown who was the orator of the day spoke as follows. "We have gathered here today to dedicate this memorial in honor of the men of the Boston Fire Department. It is fitting that it should be erected here amidst the graves where sleep so many of the dead who have served our city. It is a memorial of beautiful and simple design, yet noble in its simplicity, symbols of the brave deeds of the men in whose honor it was erected.

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BFD Chief of Operations Paul R. Moore Awarded Bronze Star

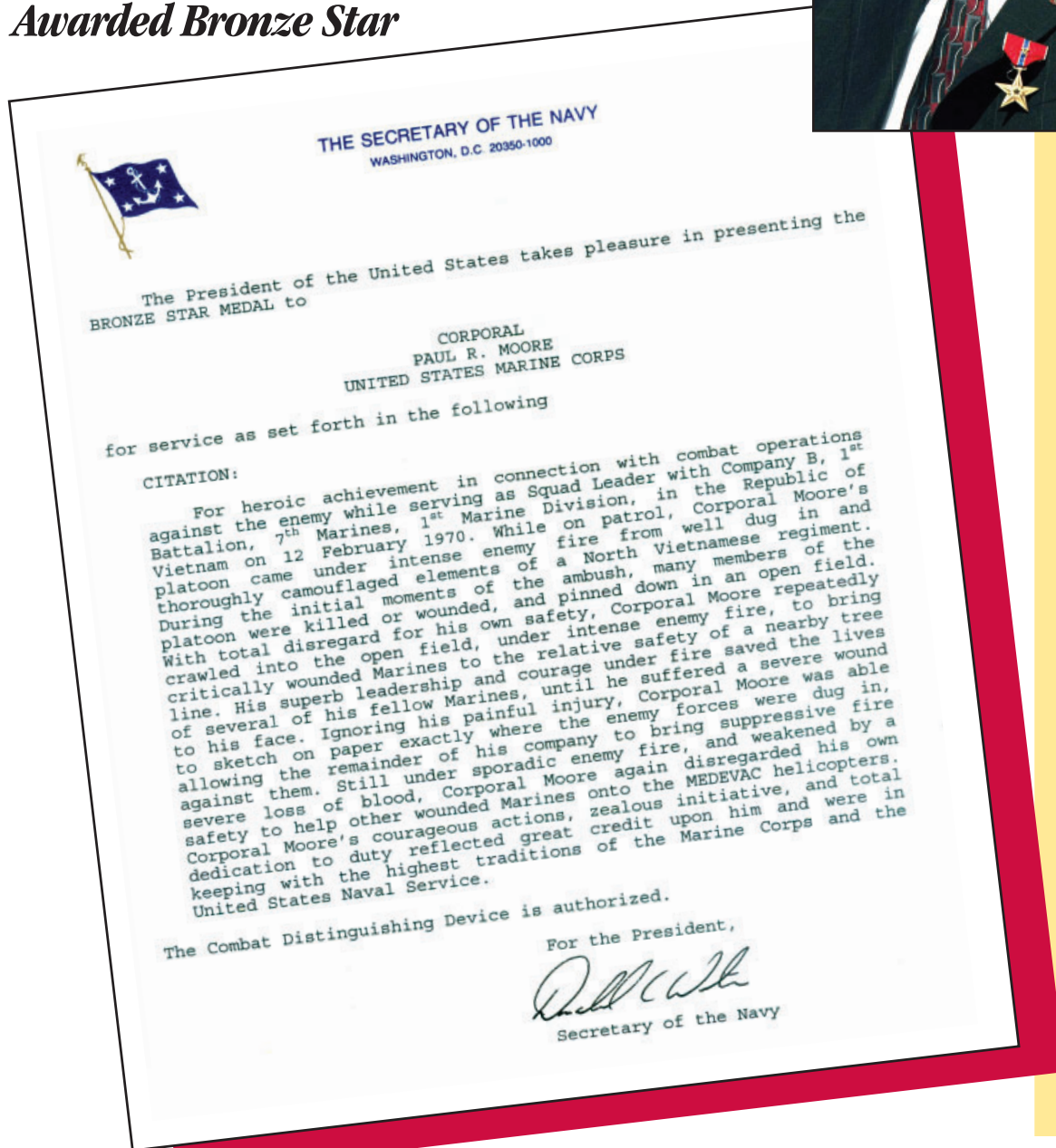
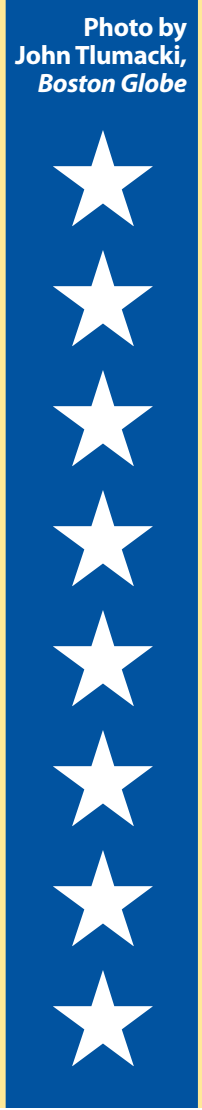


Photo by John Tlumacki, Boston Globe



Pension Reform and Health Insurance

Since the last *Digest*, the legislative committee continues to hold hearings on legislation for this session but we are paying particular attention to issues related to pension reform and health insurance.

HB 104: An Act Strengthening the Commonwealth's Partnership with its Municipalities. This bill filed by Governor Patrick continues the administration's assault on our pension system and their attempts to take control of our money. This latest version continues to politicize our pension system. The pension fund is entrusted to five trustees who oversee the fund and its investments. To involve the city council or boards of selectmen etc. in the management or decision making process is a mistake, and it puts politics ahead of what should be a decision making process free of political considerations. Whether it's the transfer of funds or any other such decision, the sole consideration should be what is in the best interest on the fund and its beneficiaries.

This administration continues to work on ways to gradually dismantle our system and take control of the assets. Don't forget, these assets belong to you, the employees.

This bill also seeks to amend the municipal health insurance law so the state can micromanage the administration of health insurance by cities and towns. **BIG BROTHER** is watching and if you don't measure up to some benchmark yet to be established, the local aid to those cities and towns will be cut by the state. It looks like we have returned to the philosophy of "we know what's best for you" in the corner office.

The so called pension reform bill is currently in conference committee so we await the conference committee report that will then be put before both branches for acceptance or rejection.

Legislative Update

The conference committee on pension reform recently reported out of committee a bill that frankly didn't resemble either the House version or the Senate version. This bill changes the way disability pensions are calculated and will result in great hardship to many disabled fire fighters.

The so called reform bill SB 2079, makes many changes to the system but the one that affects us the most is the change in the way a disability is calculated. The pension used to be figured as 72% of the annual rate of regular compensation up to the date one retires. Under the new law, the pension will be computed as 72% of the members regular compensation for the 12 months preceding the injury.

So they take the date of your injury and go back 12 months to figure the amount you will receive. Considering the fact that many members with career ending injuries can go to therapy for a year or longer before they even think of applying for a disability retirement, their pensions will be computed on a salary that in some cases will be three to four years old.

Members will lose the benefit of any collective bargaining pay raises we get during that time. Members who might be promoted during that time will actually retire at a rank below their permanent rank. This is a disgrace and may very well be illegal.

In 1973, the legislature was considering an increase in the contribution rate for the retirement system. The increase was intended to impact all members of the system. The Supreme Judicial Court issues an advisory opinion that such a change would have to be prospective and any such change would be for new hires only. It is hard to believe that the conference committee

didn't give more consideration to this opinion before they acted in such a punitive manner.

The PFFM and Local 718 have filed suit in both the Federal and State Court systems. Section 25(5) of Chapter 32 creates contractual benefits and is intended to create pension security. Our members certainly have an expectation that if they are injured in the line of duty and have to retire that their pensions would be computed as they have been for the last forty plus years.

The bill also eliminates the ability of one who is acting in a higher grade from having his or her pension computed on the higher salary. Like the regular disability, the computation will be on the 12 months salary prior to the date of injury.

The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) has issued a memo regarding the changes to the retirement boards in the Commonwealth. The issues that impact us the most are as follows:

- PERAC says that the presumptions have no date of injury and therefore the computation will be based on 72% from the last time the member received regular compensation.
- If a member suffers multiple injuries over his or her career and reaches a point where they must retire, the computation will be figure on the salary received for the 12 months prior to the last injury.

We will continue to attempt to correct the inequities in this bill but it might take some time. I would ask each and every member to contact your State Representative and State Senator and ask them to support the changes that will be offered by the PFFM. If you don't know who your Representative or Senator is please call the union office and we will get you their name and numbers.

I'm afraid that this is only the beginning and we will be engaged in a similar battle over health insurance in the near future.

The Governor once again shows his disdain for fire fighters with his veto of funding for our training academy and hazmat training. This money comes from the insurance companies, not the taxpayers but Deval is vetoing this money for the fourth time in three years. Again call your Representative and Senator and ask them to support our request for an override of the veto of \$1.75M by Governor Patrick.

The Legislative Process

We have many new members who might not be familiar with the legislative process, so the following is intended to enlighten our members as to the steps involved in filing a bill and getting it through the legislative process.

The first step in the process is to draft language to create a new law or change an existing law. Then we ask a Representative or Senator to file the bill on our behalf. The petition is filed in the House Clerk or Senate Clerk's Office where it gets a docket number. The clerks then assign the bill a number and they assign it to the appropriate committee for its subject matter (i.e., committee on taxation, education health care, etc.). Each joint committee is made up of six senators and 11 representatives with just a few exceptions.

The committees schedule public hearings for each bill. Any member of the public who has any interest in a bill has the opportunity to appear before the committee and testify in favor of or in opposition to the bill. The members of the committee listen to the testimony and might ask questions of the individual testifying

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before the committee. Usually the committee meets at a later date in “executive session.”

The executive session is open to the public, but the public may not participate in these meetings. The committee has several options. It can report a bill out of committee with a favorable report “ought to pass,” an unfavorable report “ought not to pass,” the committee can report the bill out with changes or they can substitute their version as a new bill. Committees can also put bills into a study where they are to receive further scrutiny before a recommendation is issued by the committee.

Bills must get three readings in each branch. The first reading is when the committee report appears in the Journal of the House or Senate Clerk. Some bills might be referred to another joint committee depending on the subject matter. Following the first reading, bills are referred to the Committee on Ethics and Rules (in the Senate) and to the Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling (in the House). Matters relative to a city or town are automatically placed on the “Orders of the Day” without debate for a reading in both branches.

If a bill affects the finances of the Commonwealth it is referred to the Senate or House Ways and Means Committee following the first reading. If the bill affects funding of health care related programs it is referred to the Committee on Health Care Financing.

Adverse reports (“ought not to pass”) are also referred to the Committee on Ethics and Rules in the Senate or placed without debate in the Orders of the Day for the next session of the House. Acceptance by either branch of an adverse report is considered a final rejection of the matter and the bill is “dead.”

It should be mentioned that an adverse report can be overturned. A member may move to substitute the bill for the report and if the motion to substitute is approved, the matter is given its first reading and follows the same procedure as if reported favorably by the committee.

After a bill has its second reading it is open to debate on amendments and various motions. When debate is concluded, a vote is taken and if the bill receives a favorable vote, it is ordered to a third reading. The bill is then referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. This committee examines the bill as to its legality and constitutionality. They look at it to be sure it doesn’t contradict

existing law. The committee then issues a report and reports the bill for its third reading. The bill is subject to debate and amendment at this stage as well. Following the third reading the vote is taken on “passing the bill to be engrossed.”

The bill then goes through the same process in the other branch of the legislature. If the bill passes in the other branch it is sent to the Legislative Engrossing Division where it is typed on special parchment in accordance with the General Laws.

However if the second legislative branch passes an amended version, the legislation returns to the original branch for a vote on concurrence in the amendment. If concurrence is rejected, a conference committee is established. The conference committee is made up of three members from each branch representing both political parties. The conference committee report goes before both branches for approval. A conference committee report is not subject to amendment. The vote is to either accept or reject the report.

The next step is “to enact” the bill. This is the final step in the process and it must be enacted in the House first followed by the Senate.

Following enactment, the bill goes to the Governor who can sign it into law, allow it to become law without his signature (if the Governor holds a bill for 10 days without taking any action while the legislature is in session, it becomes law without his signature). He may also veto a bill or return it to the legislature with recommended changes. If the legislature has concluded its yearly session and the Governor does not sign a bill within 10 days, it dies (pocket veto). The 10 day period starts the day after the bill is laid on the Governor’s desk and includes Sundays and holidays.

If the Governor exercises his veto power, the legislature has the ability to override the Governor’s veto with a 2/3 vote of both branches. At this point the bill becomes law. The new goes into effect 90 days after the Governor signs it. The 90 days begins the day after the Governor signs it.

Laws considered to be of an emergency nature take effect immediately upon signing if the legislature has voted to attach an “emergency preamble” to the bill. The preamble requires a two-thirds standing vote of the membership. The Governor may also declare an act to be an emergency law and make it effective at once.



The Olive Garden at the South Bay Shopping Center stopped by Engine 14 and Ladder 4 on Memorial Day to provide lunch as a way of saying thanks to their neighborhood firefighters. Engine 21, the Safety Chief and Division 2 were also present.

PFFM Lobbies at the Massachusetts State House



TL-10's
Jorge Rojas
and his son
at the
State House



President Ed Kelly leads the the Local 718 delegation to the IAFF Lobby Day at the Massachusetts State House



Flashover Hazards

By Jay Fleming,
Division 2

I would like to take this opportunity to use several great websites to illustrate how a company officer or chief could develop a training module on a particular topic. For this example I tried to obtain information on Flashovers.

Source One – Near Miss

I started by going to the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Report website.
(<http://www.firefighternearmiss.com>)

The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System is a voluntary, confidential, non-punitive and secure reporting system with the goal of improving fire fighter safety. Submitted reports are reviewed by fire service professionals. Identifying descriptions are removed to protect your identity. The report is then posted on this web site for other fire fighters to use as a learning tool.

National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Report

Report Number: 09-0000300
Report Date: 03/18/2009 1239

Synopsis

FFs narrowly escape flashover.

Demographics

Department type: Combination, Mostly volunteer
Job or rank: Captain
Department shift: Straight days (8 hour)
Age: 25 - 33
Years of fire service experience: 4 - 6
Region: FEMA Region VII
Service Area: Suburban

Event Information

Event type: Fire emergency event: structure fire, vehicle fire, wildland fire, etc.
Event date and time: 03/17/2009 1415
Hours into the shift: 5 - 8
Event participation: Involved in the event
Weather at time of event: Clear and Dry
Do you think this will happen again? Yes
What were the contributing factors?

- Decision Making
- Staffing

What do you believe is the loss potential?

- Life threatening injury
- Lost time injury
- Minor injury

Event Description

Our department was dispatched to a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, light brown smoke and flames were showing from the B side of the structure. Entry was made into the structure via the A side with a 1-3/4 inch handline. One person was at the door feeding hose, a firefighter and I entered with a thermal imager, handline, and set of irons. The house was set up as an apartment style building, with a hallway and entry to the apartment directly to the right upon entry. Entry was forced into the apartment, and no noticeable smoke changes were noted. While progressing further into the living area, the temperature of the room, which was about 350 degrees F, rapidly climbed to approximately 800 degrees. Smoke conditions rapidly darkened, and we proceeded to immediately exit the structure. Heat conditions worsened and I began to feel burning on my arms, legs and neck. I turned around and noticed a wall of orange flame as the room began to flash. The firefighter and I made it to the hallway and rapidly exited the structure. Once outside, I noted that a layer of tar had covered my mask from the smoke, and my helmet had melt marks and bubbling in the paint. My SCBA had slight charring on the regulator, and my gloves had burned partially away.

Lessons Learned

We learned to be prepared. Even in the most routine of structure fires the situation can rapidly change. A RIT team was not in place in this event, and had something happened, we may have been trapped in that room with no outside assistance. Even with automatic mutual aid agreements, we were still short handed on this call. Smoke conditions gave no indication that a flashover was imminent, and when cues did indicate flashover was coming, it happened rapidly. Had we not been paying attention or had “tunnel vision,” we may have been badly burned or worse.

Source Two – NIOSH

I can almost always find a report on the NIOSH website to add to a drill.

Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program

(www.cdc.gov/NIOSH/FIRE/)

Each year, an average of 105 firefighters die in the line of duty. To address this continuing national occupational fatality problem, NIOSH conducts independent investigations of firefighter line of duty deaths. This web page provides access to NIOSH investigation reports and other firefighter safety resources.

1 FF Dies and 2 FFs Injured in a Flashover During a House Fire – Ohio

(<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/pdfs/face200312.pdf>)

Source Three – NIST (The National Institute for Standards and Technology)

This website is often technical but it also contains some excellent information. The photos below show flashovers from NIST experiments both in the laboratory and in the field.



This video series contains video of the Dry Scotch Pine Tree test, a Sofa/Living Room test, and an Open Floor Plan Office Workstation Test.

<http://www.fire.gov/flashover/index.htm>

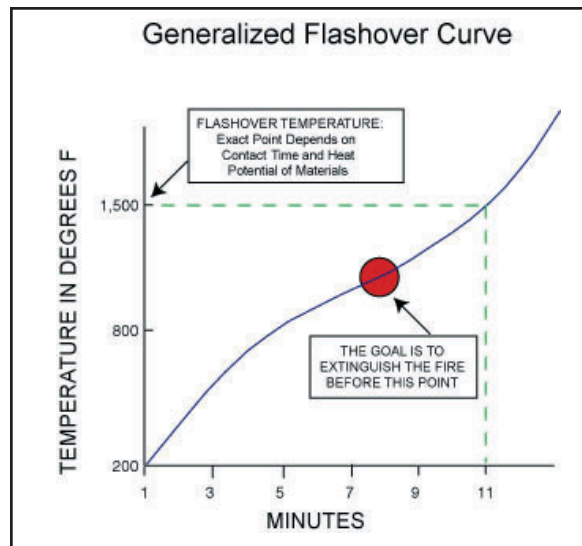
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Flashover Hazards

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Summary

These are just a few of the websites with great information for training about flashovers. It is particularly important to discuss flashover since fires today are growing faster than 20 years ago because of plastic which burns hotter. In addition, our bunker gear often makes it possible for us to go further into a fire without noticing dangerous conditions. As you can see from the diagram below, in a typical fire flashover is likely to occur just about the time we may be arriving at a fire.



A flashover occurs at the stage of a fire at which all surfaces and objects within a space have been heated to their ignition temperature, and flame breaks out almost at once over the surface of all objects in the space. **The temperature is between 932 to 1,112 degrees Fahrenheit, although flashover temperatures can peak at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.**

The first phase of flashover results from the ignition of flammable gases produced by combustion (primarily carbon monoxide) that have accumulated in the upper parts of the fire area. As this is happening, the radiant heat of the original fire is heating nearby combustibles—the walls, furniture, anything in the room—and these also begin giving off flammable gases. This is called “pyrolysis.” In this phase, smoke banks down quickly, reducing visibility dramatically.

The next phase of flashover is the rollover or flaming of these gases near the ceiling. This may appear as small flashes of flame in the dense smoke, or as rollover, a flame front rolling out across the ceiling. The fire has now changed from a steady-state fire to an aggressive, fast moving fire.

The rapid fire development is complete as conditions move into final phase: thermal collapse. Intense radiant heat pours down from all around. You can no longer get under the thermal balance (the stratified layer of heat and smoke). Even in bunker gear this is extremely dangerous. We must try to recognize the warning signs that precede flashover.

Other Websites

Some other websites with information are the following:

<http://www.workingfire.net/misc3.htm> - This is an article by Vincent Dunn.

<http://www.firetactics.com/FLASHOVER.htm> - Several articles by Paul Grimwood.

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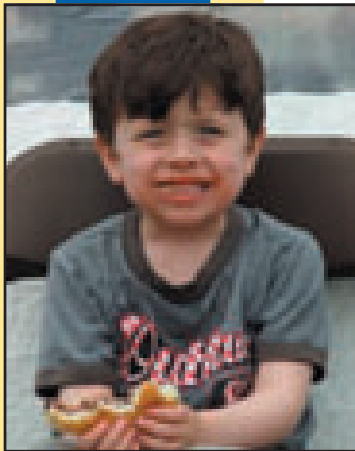
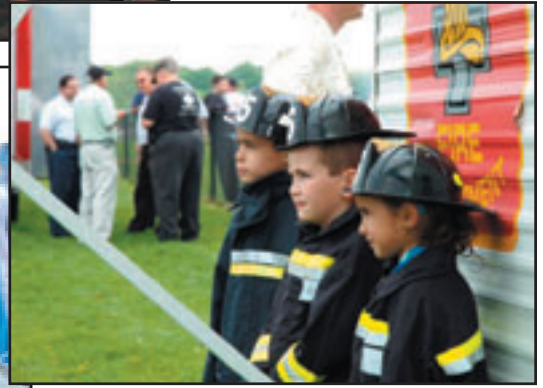
Boston Firefighters Participate in the Discovery Channel's "Time Warp" Series

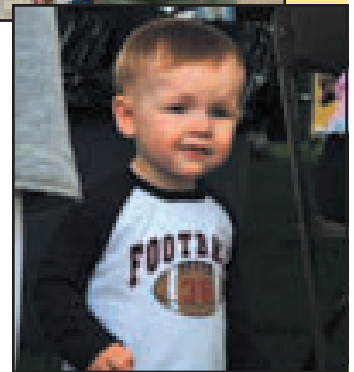
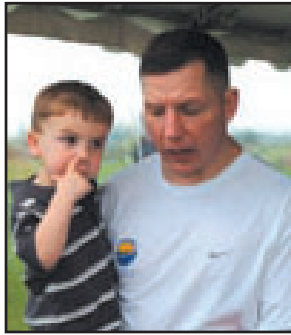
The show airs on
Wednesdays at 8 pm

Photos by Steve MacDonald, PIO



2009 Local 718 Family Day at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester





More Fun at the 2009 Local 718 Family Day



***IAFF
Response
to H1N1
(Swine)
Flu
Outbreak***



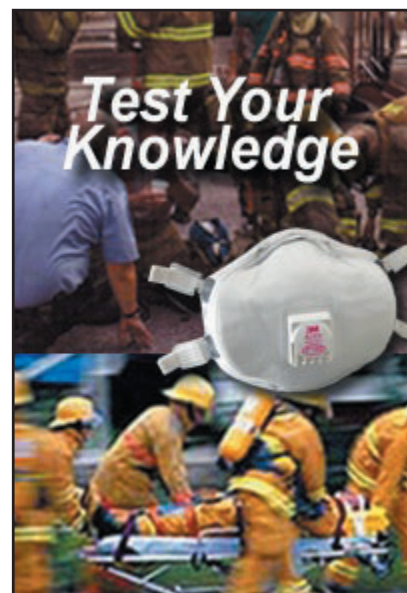
Remember the Basics

Before the Run

- Ensure that you have your PPE readily available (respirators, medical gloves, face/eye protection, gowns or garments)

During the Run

- Assume patients with respiratory symptoms have the flu
- Don your PPE before entering the patient area
- Strictly limit the number of crew members having direct patient contact
- Put a mask on the patient
- Create or promote good ventilation



After the Run

- Properly dispose of/clean exposed PPE
- Sanitize or wash your hands
- Properly clean/disinfect reusable medical equipment
- Decontaminate other equipment and vehicles
- Do not continue to wear contaminated clothing, and do not take any contaminated items, including uniforms, home
- Take care of your physical health (diet, rest)
- If you are exposed, report it

and Finally...

- Do not go to work if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms

After Action Report

Observations, Considerations and Recommendations from Down Below: The Government Center MBTA Trolley Crash

by Lt. Michael Gurnick,
Rescue 1, Group 1

THE INCIDENT: At 1921 hours on May 8, 2009, box 33-1262 was struck for the Government Center MBTA Station for a reported train accident (incident #23868). Rescue 1 was returning from Chinatown at this time and close enough to Government Center to arrive with first due, engine 4 and ladder 24. These companies immediately committed to tunnel operations. The following are some items to consider and discuss around the kitchen table for future such incidents.

OBSERVATION: Is this for real? Size-up is everything. Passengers leaving the station as we entered knew of no accident. MBTA personnel were scarce until we reached the station platform. Boston has had several train crashes across the last 10 or so years. Especially noteworthy was our mutual aide effort to Newton. So the likelihood of such another incident is real and was confirmed once we had entered the tunnel.

CONSIDERATION: Size-up includes time of day and location and what is involved among other facts. We had a passenger trolley crash just after rush hour. Only how many people were hurt was the question, not if people were hurt. Train location was some 75 yards from the platform. Manpower and equipment demands would be high. In-tunnel conditions found light smoke and no fire as we approached the trains.

RECOMMENDATION: First due companies must confirm the incident and conduct operations with life safety being of paramount concern – both our own as well as those injured. Communication must include train location within the tunnel and an EMS update confirming a Mass Casualty Incident. This update starts a response process which ultimately includes activation of Level 1 Trauma Center actions (MGH, Brigham & Women's, Beth Israel, Tufts Medical and Boston Medical would all be notified). It's not the actual MCI number that is important that's important now but the recognition that this incident is an MCI.

OBSERVATION: With fire suppression removed from tactical consideration the incident became an EMS event. The need for extrication due to entrapment was not readily apparent. Triage and treatment for patients immediately began. Resources to accomplish this were identified with all responding companies ordered to bring in C-spine equipment and trauma bags.

CONSIDERATION: Triage means directly questioning all those on the trains. Ask them if they can walk or where they are hurt. Get the "walking wounded" up and moving toward a safe haven which we identified as the station platform. These people were led by our members. Those down or who related an injury demand first medical attention and remained on the trains. From this size-up will come an estimate of those needing to be carried out.

RECOMMENDATION: Identify an EMS triage location to incident command. This directly leads to assigning EMS personnel to an exact location where our mem-

bers can bring patients. Request IC to fill out a back-up technical rescue assignment. Given the wreckage, the need for additional tech rescue companies was not completely out of the question. Start the resources you think you might need.

OBSERVATION: Since the crash site was by definition a "hot zone" only a few EMS personnel were there to assist with triage. Our members provided all EMS care at the site. Companies tended to those injured by generally working in pairs and then having two additional members assist with carrying the patient on a backboard or stokes basket to the station platform. This was done on a "ready" basis. A company officer kept notes of progress on patient care in all train cars and requested additional members to assist as soon as the patient was boarded and ready to go.

CONSIDERATION: This is the labor-intensive part. Four members at a minimum and sometimes six were needed to carry individual patients to triage. This requires the need for greater alarm assignment. Most all members accomplished several "carry-outs" in a span of less than an hour.

RECOMMENDATION: The process of assigning personnel and resources would have benefited from assigning a staging officer to the platform. A single company officer could have been assigned to each train. This officer could update via radio or by a face to face with operations the need for help and operations could then or by a face to face with operations the need for help and operations could then request staging to assign the needed human and equipments resource to that train.

OBSERVATION: Stand down occurred once all trains were yet again searched for other victims or hazards. This was done from last train to first, reported to operations and "make up" began. As much as possible, this was done by company members acting as a unit.

CONSIDERATION: This incident required breaking-up companies so members worked together at a task rather than assigned as a unit. Equipment was generally collected on a company basis and returned or replaced as needed.

RECOMMENDATION: During this time it is critical for company officers to know where all crew members are. This can really only be done visually at the site. Most all companies relocated to surface re-hab as a group. It's natural to return to your apparatus if separated from your crew during this time and perhaps this should be the fall back location for accountability by the company officer prior to reporting to the accountability officer.

The Government Center trolley crash test the response of numerous agencies acting under a defined ICS system where each skill set brought in was used in order to best mitigate their immediate hazard and provide definitive care for those injured. It's a process we apply to all incidents – both large-scale or single-company operations. This system just gives organization to the hard work which every member accomplished at this site and will at future incidents. Stay safe.

Congratulations to the 2009 Scholarship Award Recipients

The Boston Firefighters Local 718 Scholarships

Each year, Boston Firefighters Local 718 gives a competitive exam to award scholarships to the children of members of Local 718. In addition, several organizations and families give scholarships to our children. This year we gave out 21 scholarships with a combined value of \$25,000.00.

The first six scholarships are awarded from Local 718's Death & Welfare Fund. These scholarships are supported by the selling of chances in firehouses each year.

Placing first in this year's exam was **Liam Donovan**, the son of Patricia Donovan of the Fire Investigation Unit.

Finishing second was **Carolyn Curry**, daughter of Greg Curry of L-9.

Third place went to **Brian Stafford**, the son of Barry Stafford of Fire Alarm.

The next recipient was **Paige Stokinger**, the daughter of Ed Stokinger of L-1.

Next we had **Jake Montoya**, the son of Dave Montoya of L-15.

The final Death & Welfare Fund scholarship of \$2,500.00 went to **Joseph Murphy**, the son of Billy Murphy of TL-10.

The Lieutenant Stephen F. Minehan Memorial Scholarship

Lt. Stephen F. Minehan of Ladder 15 was killed in the line of duty on June 24, 1994 while conducting a search for missing firefighters during a 9 alarm fire in Charlestown. His family established a scholarship in his name awarded this year to **Brian Tully**, the son of Brian Tully of E-48.

The District Chief William W. Hayhurst Memorial Scholarship

District Chief William W. Hayhurst was a 20 veteran of the Boston Fire Department whose last assignment was in District 4. On June 1, 2002, Chief Hayhurst died after a long and valiant battle with cancer at the age of 48. In Chief Hayhurst's memory, his family and friends established a scholarship this year awarded to **Kelley Mackin**, the daughter of Greg Mackin of the Safety Chief H-1.

The District Chief John "Mike" Flynn Memorial Scholarship

District Chief Mike Flynn was a 20 year veteran of the Boston Fire Department who died on November 11, 1992 at the age of 47. Mike served his community of Hyde Park in a variety of ways with a special emphasis on youth sports. In his honor, a scholarship was awarded to **Meghan Kilroe**, the daughter of John Kilroe of L-4.

The Captain Julius G. Nemes Memorial Scholarship

Fire Captain Julius G. Nemes was a 35-year veteran of the Boston Fire Department who retired in 1981 and later passed away in 2001 at the age of 77. During his long and distinguished career "Captain Nemo", as he was called, worked in firehouses throughout the city. More importantly, Captain Nemes was a devoted family man with 7 children, 22 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Always stressing education, his family in his honor established a scholarship, this year awarded to **Alexandra Sissons**, the daughter of Christine Dowling of Fire Alarm.

The Firefighter Ralph A. Borden Memorial Scholarships

Ralph Borden was a Boston firefighter for 28 years, working on Engine Company 26 until his retirement in 1972. Upon his death at age 78 in 1993, his family established a scholarship fund in his name. This year's recipients were **Caitlyn Egan**, the daughter of George Egan of E-14 and **Nicholas O'Connor**, the son of Joe O'Connor of L-23.

The Firefighter Charles McNally Memorial Scholarship

This is a scholarship in the memory of Firefighter Charles McNally. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a firefighter for 33 years

servicing his entire career at Ladder 19 in South Boston. In 1965 he was awarded a Roll of Merit for heroic actions during a fire at Marian Manor. He died in 2005 at the age of 85. He also set aside funds upon his death to be used for a scholarship this year awarded to **David Skarbek**, the son of Dave Skarbek of R-1.

The Firefighter Edward R. Connolly Memorial Scholarship of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department

Firefighter Edward R. Connolly of Ladder 17 was killed in the line of duty while working at a 9 alarm fire in South Boston on March 21, 1986. The Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department awarded a scholarship in Eddie's name to **Mark Buchanan**, the son of Mark Buchanan of D-5.

The Firefighter Franklin "Artie" O'Leary Memorial Scholarship

Firefighter Franklin "Artie" O'Leary was a 25 year veteran of the Boston Fire Department before his death on June 17, 1999. During his long and colorful career Artie was twice recognized for bravery and in his honor a scholarship was awarded to **Caitlin Shea**, the daughter of Bart Shea of D-4.

The Lt. Paul Lentini - Firefighter James Gibbons Memorial Scholarships

Lt. Paul Lentini and Firefighter James Gibbons, both of Engine 37, were killed in the line of duty on January 6, 1981 when a floor collapsed during an 8 alarm fire in the Back Bay. In their names scholarships were awarded to **Erin Cahill**, the daughter of Gerry Cahill of E-24 and **Matthew Brittan**, the son of Thomas Brittan of L-7.

The Firefighter Robert Moore Memorial Scholarship of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department

Firefighter Robert Moore served on Ladder 21 until his retirement in 1979. In 2001, at the age of 70, he passed away. During his 23 years of retirement, Bob Moore worked tirelessly in a variety of causes to benefit firefighters. He was one of the leaders of the retirees fundraising efforts to build the Vendome Firefighters Memorial. In his honor, The Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department awarded a scholarship in Bob's name to **Roisin Kirby**, the daughter of Joe Kirby of L-16.

The Warren Kimball Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Warren Kimball was a fire protection pioneer who passed away on December 22, 2002 at the age of 93. Mr. Kimball dedicated his life to the fire service. Fire Chief Magazine called him one of the twenty individuals who most shaped the fire service in the 20th century. While working for the NFPA for 43 years, he authored many textbooks and wrote standards for such subjects as aerial ladders and sprinkler systems. In his honor, his family established a scholarship this year awarded to **Antonio Ciampa**, the son of Joe Ciampa of E-42.

The Firefighter Arthur Ceuvrels - Firefighter Joseph Saniuk Memorial Scholarship

Firefighter Arthur Ceuvrels of Ladder 20 was killed in the line of duty on February 2, 1973 while responding to a fire in South Boston. Firefighter Joe Saniuk of Ladder 13 was killed in the line of duty on June 17, 1972 when the floor collapsed at the Hotel Vendome during a 4 alarm fire. In their honor, a scholarship was awarded to **Thomas Sameski**, the son of Mike Sameski of E-16.

The John J. O'Mara, Jr. Scholarship

John J. O'Mara, Jr. was the son of the late Deputy Chief John O'Mara who was killed at a young age in a tragic accident. In his memory, the O'Mara Family awarded a scholarship to **Taryn Doherty**, the daughter of Paul Doherty of the Fire Brigade.

Retirements Since the Last Digest

Chief of Department Kevin P. MacCurtain Appointed 7/26/72	Retired 1/16/09	Fire Fighter Lawrence O'Donnell, <i>Ladder 19</i> Appointed 9/5/79	Retired 2/28/09
District Chief Cornelius J. Walsh, <i>District 6</i> Appointed 12/24/69	Retired 1/31/09	Fire Fighter John P. Hillery, <i>Engine 55</i> Appointed 2/6/80	Retired 2/28/09
Fire Fighter Walter F. Duggan, <i>Engine 5</i> Appointed 11/11/70	Retired 1/31/09	Lieutenant Judy Hansford, <i>Engine 5</i> Appointed 10/30/85	Retired 2/28/09
District Chief Frederick J. Sullivan, <i>District 9</i> Appointed 5/17/72	Retired 1/31/09	Captain Matthew Delvental, <i>Ladder 14</i> Appointed 12/24/69	Retired 3/31/09
Fire Fighter Harry H. Hirtle, <i>Fire Brigade</i> Appointed 7/26/72	Retired 1/31/09	Lieutenant John D. Teehan, <i>Fire Brigade</i> Appointed 10/30/74	Retired 3/31/09
Lieutenant Gerard L. Jenkins, <i>Ladder 23</i> Appointed 9/27/72	Retired 1/31/09	Fire Fighter Elijah E. Magee, <i>Ladder 28</i> Appointed 8/31/77	Retired 3/31/09
Fire Fighter James F. Gallagher, <i>Ladder 1</i> Appointed 9/5/79	Retired 1/31/09	Deputy Chief Richard J. Mullen, <i>Fire Marshal</i> Appointed 5/12/71	Retired 4/30/09
Fire Fighter Steven Bowen, <i>Fire Prevention Division</i> Appointed 5/12/93	Retired 1/31/09	Captain/Drillmaster Hugh Duffy, <i>Fire Academy</i> Appointed 3/12/75	Retired 4/30/09
Lieutenant Martin Montello, <i>Engine 5</i> Appointed 1/17/68	Retired 2/28/09	Fire Fighter James D. Davidson, <i>Engine 52</i> Appointed 8/31/77	Retired 4/30/09
Fire Fighter James E. Prokop, <i>Ladder 19</i> Appointed 6/3/70	Retired 2/28/09	Fire Fighter Gerard Fowkes, <i>Fire Brigade</i> Appointed 10/20/71	Retired 5/31/09
District Chief William Rice, <i>Fire Investigation Unit</i> Appointed 7/7/71	Retired 2/28/09	Captain Joseph McDonnell, <i>Engine 18</i> Appointed 8/22/73	Retired 5/31/09
Fire Fighter Edward Jackson, <i>Engine 20</i> Appointed 12/22/71	Retired 2/28/09	Captain Edward Kirk, <i>Engine 50</i> Appointed 12/18/74	Retired 5/31/09
Fire Fighter Daniel Patterson, <i>Maintenance Division</i> Appointed 9/27/72	Retired 2/28/09	Fire Fighter Paul Bateman, <i>Ladder 7</i> Appointed 12/18/74	Retired 5/31/09
Fire Fighter Edward Fortey, <i>Fire Prevention Division</i> Appointed 10/30/74	Retired 2/28/09	Fire Fighter Luis Gonzalez, <i>Planning & Preparedness Division</i> Appointed 5/18/77	Retired 5/31/09
Lieutenant Gerard H. Leahy, <i>Engine 39</i> Appointed 12/18/74	Retired 2/28/09	Fire Fighter David Hale, <i>Engine 24</i> Appointed 1/18/78	Retired 5/31/09

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Fire Fighter Richard Gordon, *Tower Ladder 3*
Appointed 2/6/80 Retired 5/31/09

Fire Fighter John T. Magoon, *Training Division*
Appointed 10/31/84 Retired 5/31/09

Fire Fighter John Grant, *Planning & Preparedness Division*
Appointed 1/27/88 Retired 5/31/09

Fire Fighter Ronald Ridings, *Ladder 1*
Appointed 7/13/94 Retired 5/31/09

Lieutenant Robert T. Kavanagh, *Headquarters Division*
Appointed 2/19/69 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Robert H. Lindsey, *Training Division*
Appointed 10/22/69 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter David Wadman, *Ladder 6*
Appointed 12/24/69 Retired 6/30/09

District Chief Arthur E. Perkins, *District 5*
Appointed 8/12/70 Retired 6/30/09

Captain John J. McKenna, *Rescue 2*
Appointed 12/30/70 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Francis A. Baxter, *Rescue 2*
Appointed 3/10/71 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Lawrence A. Woodbury, *Engine 28*
Appointed 7/7/71 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant Kevin P. McDonough, *Fire Prevention Division*
Appointed 10/20/71 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant Kevin P. Cusack, *Headquarters Division*
Appointed 5/17/72 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Lawrence F. Pelosi, *Engine 50*
Appointed 5/17/72 Retired 6/30/09

Captain Maurice J. Mahoney, *Fire Prevention Division*
Appointed 9/27/72 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant Robert F. Moriarty, *Engine 33*
Appointed 9/27/72 Retired 6/30/09

Captain Walter T. McGinn, *Ladder 19*
Appointed 7/17/74 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Joseph P. Hurley, *Marine Unit*
Appointed 12/18/74 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Kirk Johnson, *Engine 16*
Appointed 7/7/1976 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Avelino John Ruberio, *Engine 49*
Appointed 1/19/77 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Otillio Santiago, *Engine 18*
Appointed 8/3/77 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter George Healey, *Engine 5*
Appointed 1/18/78 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Francis Kelly, *Fire Prevention Division*
Appointed 5/17/78 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Robert Munroe, *Engine 24*
Appointed 9/27/78 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Marshall Smith, *Engine 21*
Appointed 9/5/79 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant Patrick J. Brady, *Fire Prevention Division*
Appointed 2/6/80 Retired 6/30/09

Captain Richard Parker, *Headquarters Division*
Appointed 10/19/83 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Joseph R. Cullity, *Ladder 25*
Appointed 10/19/83 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant James A. White, *Engine 55*
Appointed 10/31/84 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter John P. Collins, *Engine 8*
Appointed 10/31/84 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Eugene T. Marsters, *Engine 2*
Appointed 8/20/86 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Val G. Piazza, *Engine 20*
Appointed 9/24/86 Retired 6/30/09

Lieutenant Joseph R. Wilson, *Engine 5*
Appointed 1/27/88 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Edward P. Rose, *Ladder 15*
Appointed 1/27/88 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Scott Martin, *Engine 50*
Appointed 2/22/89 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Kenneth B. Jones, *Engine 39*
Appointed 2/22/89 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter John Walton, *Engine 41*
Appointed 2/20/91 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter Robert D. MacLean, *Engine 39*
Appointed 2/20/91 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter James P. MacDonald, *Training Division*
Appointed 2/20/91 Retired 6/30/09

Fire Fighter William J. Boyle, *Engine 8*
Appointed 7/9/97 Retired 6/30/09

Promotions / Appointments Since the Last Digest

Chief of Department

Ronald W. Keating, *Division 2* March 5, 2009

Deputy Fire Chief

Bernard J. Tully, *District 5* March 20, 2009

District Fire Chief

William A. Tobin, *Engine 22* February 25, 2009

Stephen P. Paschal, *Ladder 6* March 20, 2009

Lieutenant

Scott R. Boyle, *Engine 42* July 17, 2009

Christopher J. McGrath, *Engine 17* July 17, 2009

Joseph M. Briscoe, *Ladder 25* July 17, 2009

James P. McAdams, *Rescue 1* July 17, 2009

Kevin E. Weekes, *Ladder 16* July 17, 2009

Obituaries Since the Last Digest

Fire Fighter Jean J. Dunham, *Engine 51* March 10, 2009

Fire Fighter William R. Burke, *Engine 7* March 11, 2009

Fire Fighter Paul J. Mullen, *Ladder 9* March 13, 2009

Fire Fighter Angelo A. Attardo, *Engine 2* March 13, 2009

Fire Fighter Kevin Golden, *Engine 2* March 16, 2009

Fire Fighter Frank F. Bichelwicz, *Engine 51* March 16, 2009

Fire Fighter Garrett J. Murphy, *Marine Unit* March 22, 2009

Fire Lieutenant James H. Clark, *Engine 4* March 22, 2009

Fire Fighter Donald R. Flynn, *Ladder 24* March 25, 2009

Fire Fighter James E. Lay, Jr., *Fire Prevention* April 4, 2009

Fire Fighter John R. Mullen, *Engine 4* April 4, 2009

Fire Fighter Alfred R. Sears, *Engine 3* April 7, 2009

Fire Fighter Robert L. LaRose, *Ladder 13* April 7, 2009

Fire Fighter Thomas J. Higgins, Jr., *Ladder 4* April 11, 2009

Fire Fighter Joseph I. McGrath, *Ladder 10* May 2, 2009

Fire Fighter Edward J. Kenney, *Ladder 12* May 5, 2009

Fire Fighter Louis Crifo, *Fire Prevention* May 6, 2009

Fire Fighter Louis G. Paulino, *Engine 28* May 23, 2009

Fire Fighter Raymond F. Brundage, Jr., *Engine 9* .. May 28, 2009

Fire Fighter John E. Gordon, *Fire Prevention* May 29, 2009

Inside Wireman George E. Turner,

Fire Alarm Division June 8, 2009

Fire Lieutenant John J. Creedon,

Fire Investigation Unit June 18, 2009

Superintendent John E. Fagan,

Maintenance Division June 21, 2009

Captain William R. Tehan, *Ladder 15* June 26, 2009

Fire Fighter Edward J. Kelly, *Engine 9* July 11, 2009

Captain Terence A. Koen, *Engine 33* July 18, 2009

Fire Fighter Charles Nichols, *Ladder 6* August 3, 2009

Fire Lieutenant Frederick J. Barrett, Jr.,

Engine 49 August 7, 2009



On July 1st, Mayor Thomas Menino approved Commissioner Rod Fraser's decision to close neighborhood firehouses on a daily basis. This is putting the people of Boston at risk and is a dangerous game they are playing. Mayor – we get it. You do not like us but it is disgraceful what you are doing gambling with people's lives.

