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Engine 14



Tower Ladder 3 & Rescue 1

Engine 17 & Ladder 7



Ladder 15



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*It Still Takes Firefighters to Do the Work!*

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## Thanks to All

January 9, 2010

To All,

On behalf of the members of Engine 37, Ladder 26 and ex-District 5, on the one year anniversary of his death, we would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers and cards or did anything to ease the pain of losing Lieutenant Kevin Kelley. Your outpouring of support to his family and his fire family will never be forgotten.

For Huntington Avenue

Thanks,

Steve Mortlock,

Ladder 26



# *E-Board Has Been Working Hard to Provide Tools and Resources to Do Our Job and Stay Safe*

**H**appy and healthy New Year to you and your family! The Local 718 Executive Board has been working hard these past several months to make sure our members have the tools and resources to do their job and stay safe. Let's start with the Maintenance Division Agreement.

For the first time since the contract agreement in 2001, almost nine years ago, Local 718 and the Menino Administration successfully negotiated an agreement of substance. Good faith bargaining is the only true way to successfully manage human beings, working people who deserve to be treated fairly and respectfully. Highlights of the agreement are:

1. The Maintenance Division will be civilianized with certified Emergency Vehicle Technicians, and managers in both fleet and facility maintenance.
2. Members assigned to Maintenance were transferred to companies or assignments which they agreed to.
3. All Incident Command Technicians were written into the contract, including those assigned to Deputies; previously only 1/2 of the I.C.T.'s assigned to District Chiefs were in the contract, a significant safety improvement.
4. All sick leave grievances were settled (approximately 200); member's records were expunged of sick leave related discipline and made whole for money lost; any members who have used more than 180 hours of undocumented sick leave in calendar year 2009 will have their records expunged and be made whole in January of 2011, provided they use less than 180 hours of undocumented sick leave in 2010; if they do use more than 180 hours in 2010, their grievance will be arbitrated in January 2011.
5. Several grievances related to the Motor Squad were also settled.

Our goal is to make our job safer, and we hope that bringing in certified mechanics and investing in and maintaining our fleet of apparatus will do that. By writing our Incident Command Technicians into the contract, we secured these important fire ground positions which the city had taken away several times over the years and Local 718 had to fight to get the positions reinstated. Settling the grievances not only protected our contract, but also eliminated a substantial drain on the Local's finances. It is a good deal for Local 718.

- **Contract:** The final arbitration hearings were held on February 2, 4 and 5. Now we have until

March 24th to submit our Post Hearing briefs. We then have until April 5th to submit Reply briefs. Then we wait for the arbitrators decision which should be by mid-May.

- **Acting Out of Grade:** The city has unilaterally implemented acting out of grade off the civil service list, in clear violation of our contract, creating a lot of problems including overtime eligibility, vacancy coverage procedure (actors vs. rank for rank / senior men); if you feel you have been aggrieved contact your steward or Executive Board Rep. to file a grievance.
- **Fire Alarm Office:** The city has hired the same consultants NYC hired to study the consolidation of dispatching emergency services. We do not have any details other than it is being looked at. We do know that "consolidation" of dispatching in NYC has been horrendous, resulting in unnecessary deaths.
- **EMS:** The department is filing a complaint on a haz-mat incident in District 7 where BEMS donned level B suits made entry, and did not notify BFD for 30 minutes; The department is working thru CAD system to prevent changes on nature codes without our input, also working on the cancellation policy.
- **Safer Grant:** The city chose not to apply for the SAFER Grant; the Department is trying to get funding for a class.
- **Board of Inquiry:** The B.O.I. report on Ladder 26's accident is being finalized.
- **H1N1:** Members are reminded that if potentially exposed to a patient with H1N1 flu to put an exposure paper in.
- **C-11:** Members injured on duty are reminded to take an ambulance.

Congratulations to our new **Senator Scott Brown**. Scott was a good vote for firefighter issues on Beacon Hill, and hopefully we can build a strong relationship with him in the U.S. Senate.

- Residency documentation was due Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>
- The Department is sending out copies of the new Ethics Law enacted by the state legislature, which we, as public employees, are mandated under the law to sign off that we have received and read the law. The Department. is in the process of setting up online training for the law. We will keep you updated on this.



**Boston Bruins Coach Claude Julian (3rd from left) poses with some of Boston's Bravest.**



**Members of the Boston Fire Department were asked to be part of the openings festivities and the NHL's New Year's Day Winter Classic Hockey game held at Fenway Park. The BFD Honor Guard led about 20 members onto the field. They also were able to stay and watch the game, which the Boston Bruins won.**





### Apologize to No One

The final arbitration meeting was on February 5<sup>th</sup>. **Post hearing briefs** are due by March 24<sup>th</sup> with **Reply briefs** due by April 5<sup>th</sup>. When all is said and done, we will have the decision mid-May. Our consultants were worth every penny spent. I wish all of you could have been in the room to see them offer testimony supporting our position. In the end, we can only hope the arbitrator is fair. The union has made a strong case.

There has been some criticism about the union settling the sick leave grievances. What everyone needs to remember is that the contract has no specific language as to how many days one can be out sick. Should we have let the city ignore the contract they agreed to and let the discipline stand. Where would it have ended? Some have said they got rewarded for calling in sick. They did not. They got a settlement for a violation of the contract we work under.

Finally, as we begin this new year, let us hope the year from hell is over. We have been persecuted in the media as a whole for the sins of a few. We have never claimed to be anything but men

and women who chose an admirable profession to work in. We are not heroes but we are hard working firefighters who care about people. I have yet to see a call come in for a building fire and not have every firefighter give 100% to save lives and property. Some of our members have had problems. No more and no less than any other occupation in the country. It is not easy listening to millionaire talk show hosts demean what we do and what we earn. We know the truth. There is nothing wrong with working long hours to earn a decent wage and provide for our families. There is nothing wrong with studying for hundreds of hours to take a promotion exam to get ahead.

I do not apologize to anyone for being a firefighter and trying to support my family. All of us should remember what we do matters. We help people in their darkest hours and that is something special.



Ladder 4 rolls through the snow.

### Steve "Gus" Langone Retirement Party

Family, Friends and Co-Workers are hosting a retirement party for Steve "Gus" Langone in April.

**Florian Hall Lounge 55 Hallet St. Dorchester**

**Saturday, April 10, 2010 • from 7:00 pm to Midnight**

**Tickets: \$40.00 includes a Buffet Dinner & Entertainment**

Tickets may be purchased from:

**Debbi Langone** (Steve's wife)  
617-938-0069

**Greg LaVallee** (Steve's Stepson)  
at Tower Ladder 3 617-439-8922

**Engine 50 firehouse** by calling  
617-242-9309 and ask for Fitzy, Derek  
Melendy, Daniel Smith or Keith Fleming

**No Tickets Sold at the Door**

# *IAFF's Vincent J. Bollon Steps Down after 21 Years As General Secretary-Treasurer*



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS®

HAROLD A. SCHAITBERGER  
General President

VINCENT J. BOLLON  
General Secretary-Treasurer

December 15, 2009

To My Brother and Sister Fire Fighters and IAFF Members:

In 1988, I retired from the love of my working life, the Fire Department of New York. For 32 years I gave my all — my guts, my heart and yes, my knees — and I gave it at 110 percent. I spent 20 years on 31 Truck in the South Bronx, housed with Engine 82 in what we called “La Casa Grande.” As the South Bronx burned, we put out fire after fire, tour after tour. And as a fire fighter I gave 110 percent.

I left the Bronx in 1977 when I was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned to Ladder 26 in Harlem, quartered with Engine 58 as “The Fire Factory.” Similar to the fire activities in the Bronx, we were doing over 6,000 runs annually. And as a fire officer I gave 110 percent.

From my first day on the job, I was a proud member of this IAFF. I served as a Company Delegate, then on the Executive Board as the Financial Recording Secretary of Local 94, the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York. After being promoted, I became a Battalion Delegate and then was elected to the Executive Board of Local 854, the New York Uniformed Fire Officers Association, as a Lieutenant’s Representative, and within one year I was elected President. And as a local union official, I gave 110 percent.

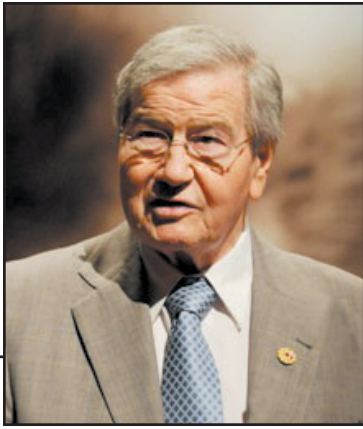
During this time, I was the First Vice-Chairman of the largest fire fighter pension fund in the United States and Canada, then over \$2 billion, I chaired the annuity trust fund for my local and worked to increase it from \$6 million in 1978 to \$36 million when I left 10 years later. And for the sound and prudent financial management of my union member’s money, I gave 110 percent.

We worked for our members tirelessly, during labor strife, layoffs and even a short-lived strike, increasing their pay, benefits and retirement. We worked to improve our member’s life and medical insurance, as well as the continued and improved benefits for our retirees and widows. And I gave 110 percent.

We drafted and worked to implement legislation that directly affected our member’s lives, including changes in the New York State Toxic Tort Law which gave injured fire fighters the right to sue for their injuries and exposures. We aggressively and passionately lobbied for the passage of fire fighter occupational health and safety legislation, including the New York State Right-to-Know Law, the New York State Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the New York State Fire Gas Toxicity Legislation. We also drafted and fought hard for the New York State First Line Supervisors Program, which provided training, at the expense of the State of New York, for newly promoted first line supervisors for ALL paid fire departments in the state. Each of these legislative successes remains in effect for fire fighters today, and it was our union that won these legislative battles. And I gave 110 percent.

During my presidency of Local 854, we were the first in the state to be awarded funds to develop a safety and health office within our local, which allowed us to hire professional health and safety personnel, conduct seminars and send bi-monthly health and safety newsletters to each of our union members. When the IAFF asked, I proudly represented them on numerous NFPA committees, addressing fire fighter health and safety, incident command, infectious diseases and safety officers. I was a charter member on the NFPA 1500 committee and assisted in drafting the first edition of that standard – 26 years ago! I am on the Board of Directors of the NFPA to ensure that issues affecting the IAFF are addressed in their standards. And I gave 110 percent.

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Of course, my proudest union moment came in 1988 when I was elected as this great union's General Secretary-Treasurer. I accepted the challenge to serve as the IAFF's financial officer leaving my beloved city and retiring from the only job I ever wanted to have, a union fire fighter.

During my 21 years as your General Secretary-Treasurer, I partnered with our General President and the IAFF Executive Board to take our union's finances and administration to a place we never dreamed of just a few years before. We implemented new programs, updated processes and provided tools to the affiliates to assist with membership and accounting issues. We have worked diligently to grow our membership, not just in finances and numbers, but also in influence, especially within the North American labor movement. We have spent your union dues money wisely and our membership is getting the most for their per capita dollar particularly in this tough economic time. And despite some difficult financial years, we continued to significantly increase our level of services to our members. And I gave 110 percent.

The lowest moment in my life was of course, September 11, 2001. I walked Ground Zero with General President Harold Schaitberger, talking to our members and digging to find our comrades. As I read list after list of the names of the fallen Brothers - many my dearest and closest friends - as I sat and worked with the executive boards of Local 94 and 854, I knew we as a union needed to rise where we never had been before - and we did. It became the proudest time in my career. We came to the plate and provided for our New York locals, our members and the families of the living and the lost. We gave our all and I gave 110 percent.

It has now come the time in my cherished union career, as one of your principal officers, to retire. After 32 years of climbing ladders, humping tools and crawling through smoke-filled hallways and over the thousands of parapets, combined with over 50 years of union work as a fire fighter representing fire fighters, this body of mine just can't give anymore.

I won't allow myself to hold onto such a critically important office just to maintain the position when I know I can no longer give that 110 percent, and so I am now regrettably ready to turn over these reigns and leave a job that I love for the second time.

But I am not going far away. I have assured Harold and our Executive Board that I will work with them and our next General Secretary-Treasurer to assure a smooth transition. I will continue to serve and counsel our great union, whenever and wherever the call arises.

And I will spend my time - time that I have often missed over the past 50 years - with my wife, Linda, as well as my children, Janice, Suzanne, Chrissy, Kathy, and my six grandchildren,

It has been a great ride. May God bless each and every one of you - my brothers, my sisters, my fire fighters, my friends!

Fraternally,

Vincent J. Bollon  
General Secretary-Treasurer



## ***Fire in South Boston***

Three alarms were struck for 707-709 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street on January 11, 2010 at 7:30 am.

Two firefighters were injured battling the fire to the four apartment house.



**Deputy Chief Richard DiBenedetto, the Incident Commander and the Safety Chief, District Chief Mike Feely.**



**Lt. Kevin Jordan, Engine 3**

**Firefighter  
Tyrone Marshall,  
Engine 17**

Photos by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7

## Recording Secretary's Report

Ralph Dowling, FAO



### Stepping Into a New Decade

As we move into 2010, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe new year. Last January, we lost Brother **Kevin Kelley** in a tragic accident. Killed by a series of unfortunate events, yet, he saved others by his leadership and quick thinking on that frigid January afternoon. The blame game continues in that accident but we all know who's at fault. Local 718 has been aggressively pursuing apparatus upgrades for several years, but our requests fell on deaf ears. The tragedy on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 will now play out in the courts. Rest in peace, Kevin.

In July 2009, brownouts began the unscientific closing of fire companies throughout the city. How anyone did not get killed or seriously injured was a stroke of luck for the city. The leadership of Local 718 along with its members fought these misguided efforts to demoralize our great union. The citizens of Boston just as quickly put pressure on the City Council and Mayor's office to stop the brownouts. As a result, our combined efforts kept ALL neighborhood firehouses open.

Local 718 members were very involved with our endorsed candidate for Mayor, **Mike Flaherty**. The membership came out strong and stepped up to the plate for Mike. At numerous stand outs, literature drop's and rallies, Local 718 put this race in first gear. We were known as the fourth candidate for mayor. We

gave it a good battle, but it was not to be. Thanks to all for your help.

During this very active past year, it was clear that the notification system we have in place at Local 718 works. All the planning and requests for contact information paid off. E-mail blasts and text messages to our members made for a quick and immediate response from our members to areas where we needed you most. We were and are organized and it showed.

This year I am sure will be just as busy at Local 718. The city will continue to try to demoralize our members. They are trying to split our members by lying to the press about issues with Local 718. The city will try to dismantle this great department using the scare tactic of the "financial crisis" of our economy. Downsize, consolidate are buzzwords that make for a good soundbite, but do they understand the implications? Vindictiveness, such a strong word, but sad to say, appropriate.

If you are not already receiving e-mail updates or text messages go to [www.local718.org](http://www.local718.org). Log in and if you have not signed up yet do so by clicking on sign-up. That will bring you to New User Registration. Fill in the information requested and within 24 hours you will be part of the Local 718 network. I look forward to serving you all in 2010.



Lt. Paul Finn of Engine 8 and his crew. Paul in February, 2010 started his 41<sup>st</sup> year as a Boston firefighter.

Photos by  
Bill Noonan,  
FIU, K-7

Deputy Chief Steve Dunbar and his long-time right-hand man, Firefighter Dan Robishaw, at Dan's last fire in December before retiring after 40 years of service to the people of Boston.



# Extinguish Poor Diet Habits and Make Your Cholesterol Cringe!

by Kate Scarlata, RD, LDN,  
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**K**eeping firefighters healthy is a part of my job. As a registered dietitian, working in Boston, I have been fortunate to provide nutritional counseling to many of Boston's finest firefighters. Bad habits are catching up with our local heroes. Recent screenings at Boston firehouses reveals 80% of our local firefighters have high blood pressure. For those who *also* have elevated serum cholesterol, a heart attack or stroke is almost inevitable. Yet, a few lifestyle changes can change the odds in favor of keeping a healthy heart.

More than 1,357,000 Americans die of cardiovascular diseases each year, which amounts to one death every 37 seconds. Firefighters are no exception. In fact, acute coronary syndromes occur every three weeks in a Boston firefighter. With simple lifestyle and nutrition modifications, firefighters can feel healthier while reducing their risk of heart disease and stroke. Diet changes that result in reducing serum cholesterol levels by just 10% can reduce the number of heart attacks and stroke by 30%!

Keeping your cholesterol in check requires adding a few key lifestyle *allies* while minimizing heart health *adversaries*. Giving up all of your favorite foods is not necessary, but changing up some of your bad habits will give your body the nutritional "shock and awe" it needs for better health. Commander **Harlan Kenneth Pullman** is the military theorist responsible for the "shock and awe" strategy. His theory involved rapid dominance. You are in charge; it's time to make swift changes to keep your heart ticking and make your cholesterol cringe.

## Lifestyle and Nutrition Tips for Cholesterol Health

Your allies:

- **Exercise** – most firehouses have exercise equipment waiting for you to use it. Get moving! Exercise increases the good cholesterol, HDL, lowering risk of heart disease. Exercise helps manage weight and minimize stress.
- Douse your diet with **soluble fiber**. Add soluble fiber to EVERY meal. Soluble fiber can lower cholesterol levels; shoot for 10-12 grams of this type of fiber per day. Soluble fiber binds cholesterol in the gut and removes it from circulation. Some tasty examples include:
  - Pears – 3 grams soluble fiber
  - Apple – 2 grams soluble fiber
  - Black beans (1/2 cup) – 3 grams soluble fiber
  - Lima beans (1/2 cup) – 3 grams soluble fiber
  - Oatmeal – 1-3 grams soluble fiber
  - Kashi TLC crunchy granola bars Honey Toasted 7 grain – 3 grams soluble fiber
  - Trader Joe's Twigs, Flakes and Cluster – 5 grams soluble fiber.
- Add more **plant sterols/stanols**- Plant sterols and stanols can reduce the "bad" LDL cholesterol. Many manufacturers have added plant sterols/stanols to their foods marketing them as heart healthy. Although shown to reduce the bad cholesterol, the evidence for lowering risk of heart disease from these types of "food products" remains unclear. At this time, choose foods *naturally* rich in plant sterols/stanols in their unadulterated form such as: sesame seeds, olive oil, peanuts, wheat germ, carrots, bananas, and soybean oil.



- Get your **Calcium**. Known mostly for its bone health benefits, adequate calcium in the diet is linked with its positive effect on blood pressure and weight control. Calcium may even modestly reduce cholesterol levels. Great sources of calcium for heart health include: low fat milk, yogurt and cottage cheese, string cheese, reduced fat cheeses, broccoli, spinach, canned salmon, and sardines.
- Moderate **alcohol** – no more than one drink per day for women; two drinks per day for men may increase good cholesterol, however, too much alcohol can be detrimental to our health – so go easy.
- **Garlic** offers some cholesterol lowering effect. Add minced garlic to all of your favorite dishes.
- Fish – fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, mackerel are rich in **omega 3 fatty acids**, which have been linked with lowered risk of heart disease. Try to have two fish meals per week (may, I add, not fried!)
- **Nuts** –rich in magnesium promote normal blood pressure. Choose unsalted nuts and limit to not more than 1.5 cups per week, as nuts are very rich in nutrition, but also high in calories!

Your adversaries:

**Saturated Fats:** These artery clogging fats are found in butter, cream, whole milk, milk chocolate, ice cream, beef, cheese, pastries to name a few. Saturated fats raise the LDL cholesterol, the artery clogging one. Limit beef to once a week while choosing more grilled chicken, sautéed shrimp, fresh fish, ground turkey, pork tenderloin or other lean and healthy protein sources. Cook with oil versus butter, try milk in coffee instead of cream, and eat a small dish of ice cream, not a half gallon cut in half! (I hear this is a common practice in many firehouses!)

**Trans fats:** These fats are the most dangerous of all dietary fats. They raise the artery clogging LDL cholesterol, while lowering the heart healthy, HDL cholesterol, setting us all up for heart disease! Any form of partially hydrogenated fats – read your ingredient lists – are trans fats. Most have been removed from your favorite foods—but may be lurking in some. The American Heart Association suggests that 1-2% Calories or less should come from trans fats. For most people that translates to a mere 1-2 grams per day. Food manufacturers however, can label the food trans fat free if it contains a 0.5 grams or less. If you eat more than the serving size, say four cookies instead of two you could be well over your daily limit! Do you best to avoid any foods that contain partially hydrogenated fats.

Keeping your heart healthy is up to you; small changes truly make a difference. If nutrition changes seem daunting, make an appointment with a registered dietitian to plan a healthy eating plan designed for you and your lifestyle. And remember, firefighters know that safety does not happen by accident, and the same goes for good health.

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**Firefighters were called to a drydock on the South Boston waterfront for a fire at a ship under repair on May 31, 2009. Special challenges were presented to firefighters to extinguish the fire.**

– Photos by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7



## Retirements in 2009

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



**The Vendome Firefighters Memorial covered in snow.**

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 Div.*  
 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 Div.*  
 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 Otilio 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 Div.*  
 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 Div.*  
 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 Div.*  
 Appointed 2/20/91 ..... Retired 6/30/09  
 Fire Fighter William J. Boyle, *Engine 8*  
 Appointed 7/9/97 ..... Retired 6/30/09  
 Captain Edward J. Callahan, *Engine 2*  
 Appointed 8/12/70 ..... Retired 8/31/09  
 Fire Fighter William M. Manning, *Engine 32*  
 Appointed 3/19/75 ..... Retired 8/31/09  
 District Chief Michael J. Gaurent, *District 4*  
 Appointed 6/23/76 ..... Retired 8/31/09  
 Fire Fighter James E. France, *Engine 39*  
 Appointed 12/30/70 ..... Retired 9/30/09  
 Captain Paul E. Alfieri, *Engine 8*  
 Appointed 8/20/86 ..... Retired 9/30/09  
 District Chief Gerard F. Lucas, *District 9*  
 Appointed 10/30/74 ..... Retired 10/9/09  
 Captain Edward J. Coan, *Ladder 1*  
 Appointed 12/6/78 ..... Retired 10/9/09  
 Lieutenant James E. Foley, *Engine 3*  
 Appointed 12/6/78 ..... Retired 10/9/09  
 Fire Fighter Robert Little, *Engine 50*  
 Appointed 3/20/74 ..... Retired 10/31/09  
 Fire Fighter John Sheehan, *Engine 16*  
 Appointed 7/26/72 ..... Retired 11/30/09  
 Fire Fighter Daniel F. Robishaw, *Engine 10*  
*Aide to the Deputy*  
 Appointed 12/24/69 ..... Retired 12/31/09  
 Firefighter Kenneth W. Reddick,  
*Fire Investigation Unit*  
 Appointed 8/31/77 ..... Retired 12/31/09



Boston Firefighters recently participated in two movies being made in Boston. For Ben Affleck's movie, "*The Town*," Boston Firefighters did four days of shooting various scenes, putting out vehicle fires. For the Tom Cruise/Cameron Diaz movie "*Knight & Day*," firefighters spent the day at an old firehouse, shooting two scenes with Cameron Diaz. Pictured here are: Billy Meyer, HQ; Mike McKinnes, TL-10, Cameron Diaz; an unidentified actor; Greg Williams and Pat Dasey, both of E-28.



Two alarms were struck at 33 Dickinson Street in Brighton.

– Photo by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7



### ***Fire in East Boston***

**Firefighters respond to Princeton Street in East Boston on January 9, 2010 for a fire in a three-decker. Four alarms were ordered for the occupied home that left 12 displaced.**

**All photos by Steve MacDonald, PIO**



**Chief of Department Ron Keating and Local 718 President Ed Kelly along with District 6 Chief Ron Marston.**



**Firefighters Joe Hughes and John Smith of Rescue 1. Together, over 75 years of service to the people of Boston.**



**Ladder 26 makes up a 40 foot ladder to the top floor.**

## Obituaries in 2009

Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley,  
**Ladder 26 \*Line of Duty\*** ..... January 9  
 Fire Fighter Robert F. Bowen,  
*Aide to Division 1* ..... January 11  
 Lieutenant Robert E. Alexander,  
*Fire Investigation Unit* ..... January 18  
 Fire Fighter Edward E. Gurnon,  
*Engine 55* ..... January 19  
 Fire Fighter John J. McCarthy,  
*Ladder 21* ..... January 28  
 Fire Fighter Henry Daise,  
*Engine 30* ..... February 1  
 Fire Fighter Francis J. Dowling,  
*Engine 49* ..... February 13  
 Lieutenant William G. Carpenter,  
*Engine 36* ..... February 14  
 Fire Fighter Frank J. Gemellaro,  
*Ladder 9* ..... February 22  
 Fire Fighter Jean J. Dunham,  
*Engine 51* ..... March 10  
 Fire Fighter William R. Burke,  
*Engine 7* ..... March 11  
 Fire Fighter Paul J. Mullen,  
*Ladder 9* ..... March 13  
 Fire Fighter Angelo A. Attardo,  
*Engine 2* ..... March 13  
 Fire Fighter Kevin Golden,  
*Engine 2* ..... March 16  
 Fire Fighter Frank F. Bichelwicz,  
*Engine 51* ..... March 16  
 Fire Fighter Garrett J. Murphy,  
*Marine Unit* ..... March 22  
 Fire Lieutenant James H. Clark,  
*Engine 4* ..... March 22  
 Fire Fighter Donald R. Flynn,  
*Ladder 24* ..... March 25  
 Fire Fighter James E. Lay, Jr.,  
*Fire Prevention* ..... April 4

Fire Fighter John R. Mullen,  
*Engine 4* ..... April 4  
 Fire Fighter Alfred R. Sears,  
*Engine 3* ..... April 7  
 Fire Fighter Robert L. LaRose,  
*Ladder 13* ..... April 7  
 Fire Fighter Thomas J. Higgins, Jr.,  
*Ladder 4* ..... April 11  
 Fire Fighter Joseph I. McGrath,  
*Ladder 10* ..... May 2  
 Fire Fighter Edward J. Kenney,  
*Ladder 12* ..... May 5  
 Fire Fighter Louis Crifo,  
*Fire Prevention* ..... May 6  
 Fire Fighter Louis G. Paulino,  
*Engine 28* ..... May 23  
 Fire Fighter Raymond F. Brundage, Jr.,  
*Engine 9* ..... May 28  
 Fire Fighter John E. Gordon,  
*Fire Prevention* ..... May 29  
 Inside Wireman George E. Turner,  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... June 8  
 Fire Lieutenant John J. Creedon,  
*Fire Investigation Unit* ..... June 18  
 Superintendent John E. Fagan,  
*Maintenance Division* ..... June 21  
 Captain William R. Tehan,  
*Ladder 15* ..... June 26  
 Fire Fighter Edward J. Kelly,  
*Engine 9* ..... July 11  
 Captain Terence A. Koen,  
*Engine 33* ..... July 18  
 Fire Fighter Charles Nichols,  
*Ladder 6* ..... August 3  
 Fire Lieutenant Frederick J. Barrett, Jr.,  
*Engine 49* ..... August 7  
 Captain Charles C. MacDonald,  
*Engine 48* ..... August 11

Fire Fighter Edward J. Sullivan,  
*Ladder 1* ..... August 16  
 Commissioner / Chief of Department  
 George H. Paul ..... September 9  
 District Chief Nicholas P. Keenan,  
*District 10* ..... September 11  
 Fire Fighter John F. Repta,  
*Fire Prevention Division* ..... September 15  
 District Chief John F. Nogueira,  
*District 12* ..... September 17  
 Fire Fighter John J. Dever,  
*Ladder 1* ..... September 21  
 Fire Fighter Ernest M. Taro,  
*Marine Unit* ..... September 24  
 Fire Fighter Francis R. Kenney,  
*Ladder 28* ..... October 9  
 Fire Fighter Mark G. Callahan,  
*Fire Investigation Unit* ..... October 22  
 Principal Fire Alarm Operator Henry W. Murphy,  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... November 14  
 Fire Fighter John J. O'Leary,  
*Engine 36* ..... November 19  
 Fire Fighter Edward J. MacDonald,  
*Ladder 17* ..... November 28  
 Lieutenant George V. Walker,  
*Marine Unit* ..... December 7  
 District Chief Andrew J. McElaney,  
*HQ Division* ..... December 10  
 Fire Fighter Orlando J. Giampaolo,  
*Ladder 28* ..... December 11  
 Fire Fighter Joseph F. McDonnell,  
*Marine Unit* ..... December 17  
 Fire Fighter William G. Feeney,  
*Engine 5* ..... December 28  
 Fire Fighter Joseph M. Greenwood,  
*Engine 55* ..... December 29



Some retirees gather at Engine 16 recently to catch up.

– Photo by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7

# Company Runs 1998-2009

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Engine Company Runs</b>												
E-2	1369	1276	1230	1267	1259	1156	1333	1064	1067	1091	1087	1018
E-3	1883	1967	2235	2237	2038	2212	2039	2138	2263	2348	2368	2417
E-4	3157	3060	3468	3222	3287	2898	2994	2777	2711	2771	2838	2640
E-5	1707	1438	1870	1855	1709	1573	1593	1614	1599	1651	1733	1658
E-7	3475	3426	3724	3633	3427	3513	3313	3111	3085	3097	3128	2934
E-8	1293	1080	1436	1442	1380	1359	1215	1127	1199	1270	1272	1237
E-9	1074	1100	1184	1226	1069	1022	927	850	807	885	795	861
E-10	3340	3358	3753	3469	3170	2915	2706	2587	2505	2600	2549	2297
E-14	3300	3200	3412	3446	3346	3337	2912	2696	2529	2788	2614	2785
E-16	2054	1955	2253	2281	2035	1997	1860	1805	1826	1707	1869	1845
E-17	2683	2613	2706	2643	2574	2319	2034	1787	1837	1805	1867	1847
E-18	2584	2651	2744	2693	2462	2287	2189	1895	1572	1930	2087	1876
E-20	1129	1220	1446	1294	1147	1193	1091	1030	1158	1069	1057	1109
E-21	3763	3712	3863	3921	3826	3677	3410	3236	3215	3379	3357	3497
E-22	2428	2436	2625	2674	2505	2482	2262	2393	2404	2363	2350	2476
E-24	3471	3597	3489	3781	3492	3162	2840	2601	2617	2535	2908	2766
E-28	2365	2416	2433	2490	2293	2276	2219	2154	2042	2051	1972	1884
E-29	2220	2183	2186	2164	2000	2024	1962	1807	1797	1751	1889	1741
E-30	1583	1608	1608	1701	1603	1500	1471	1502	1371	1224	1468	1359
E-32	819	895	1004	897	956	840	717	792	736	810	754	728
E-33	<b>3948</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>4139</b>	4118	<b>4031</b>	3850	3815	<b>3780</b>	<b>3582</b>	3476	3473	3431
E-37	3808	3767	4072	<b>4270</b>	3861	<b>3920</b>	<b>3923</b>	3622	3522	<b>3683</b>	<b>3613</b>	<b>3546</b>
E-39	2697	2864	2756	2795	2494	2275	2135	1954	2012	2175	2077	2014
E-41	3015	3122	3127	3179	2913	3044	2827	2646	2586	2683	2773	2740
E-42	2707	2494	2755	2874	2634	2491	2187	1935	2078	2222	2317	2301
E-48	1733	1748	1660	1799	1752	1743	1466	1378	1370	1298	1475	1495
E-49	549	576	596	598	553	529	517	545	577	604	620	595
E-50	1286	1340	1437	1442	1418	1460	1329	1199	1166	1205	1210	1268
E-51	946	907	929	995	899	878	876	826	837	899	910	765
E-52	2709	2733	2787	2783	2582	2374	2169	1951	1991	2048	2053	2061
E-53	2612	2632	2579	2671	2707	2507	2255	2132	2129	2098	2141	2271
E-55	963	1046	1113	1144	1045	1079	1028	908	971	1016	1057	985
E-56	941	1224	1109	1075	1027	903	981	800	810	906	831	798

**Bold is top engine**

## Ladder Company Runs

L-1	1015	1154	1272	1150	1207	1256	1036	1129	1303	1407	1301	1226
L-2	1188	1195	1456	1420	1378	1348	1243	1376	1282	1331	1240	1285
Tower Unit	2107	2107	2125	2293	Towers 3 and 10 put into service							
TL-3					1947	2044	2002	1981	2012	2202	1937	1825
L-4	3088	2857	3646	3558	3525	3696	3418	3537	3449	3701	3547	3607
L-6	2596	2608	3127	2986	2736	2874	2714	2631	2477	2655	2759	2537
L-7	3024	3020	3281	3127	3070	3016	2745	2825	2799	2848	2721	2645
L-9	1121	1197	1313	1197	1235	1255	1096	1152	1122	1234	1137	1097
L-10	2108	2206	2482	2530	became Tower-Ladder 10							
TL-10					2740	2440	2349	2469	2527	2531	2238	2210
L-11	1880	1874	1976	1971	1906	2036	1942	1999	2037	2130	2041	1890
L-14	2522	2535	2844	2792	2625	2862	2563	2626	2652	2767	2759	2619
L-15	3429	<b>3601</b>	3866	3807	3717	3833	3594	<b>3948</b>	3781	3810	3683	3585
L-16	2109	2063	2250	2313	2332	2361	2155	2333	2271	2306	2319	2344
L-17	3374	3370	3915	3742	3564	3935	3725	3779	became Tower-Ladder 17			
TL-17									3873	<b>3966</b>	<b>3826</b>	<b>3678</b>
L-18	2120	2248	2460	2368	2380	2404	2226	2319	2580	2564	2480	2269
L-19	935	844	940	924	953	930	994	1027	1101	1191	1133	1072
L-21	993	1007	1179	1194	1051	1034	979	1042	989	1127	1094	1014
L-23	2782	2854	3070	3141	2988	3094	2714	2819	2963	3021	2999	2900
L-24	2305	2193	2697	2472	2502	2489	2459	2703	2708	2834	2830	2581
L-25	1258	1277	1474	1460	1430	1531	1468	1524	1581	1490	1594	1510
L-26	<b>3444</b>	3395	<b>3950</b>	<b>4119</b>	<b>3777</b>	<b>4049</b>	<b>3921</b>	3875	<b>3934</b>	<b>3947</b>	<b>3771</b>	<b>3624</b>
L-28	1333	1352	1510	1494	1507	1714	1456	1522	1632	1672	1697	1741
L-29	2277	2302	2724	2642	2428	2516	2268	2258	2464	2356	2234	2238
Rescue 1	2089	2033	2240	2160	1978	1780	1399	1516	1627	1799	1692	1692
Rescue 2	2382	2155	2353	2342	2249	2315	1681	1740	1825	2222	2166	2196

**Bold is top ladder** *Bold italic is top responder in the city*

Information  
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Systems

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Chiefs and Special Unit Responses (Chief's Numbers are Incidents per Division/District)</b>												
Div 1	28,444	28,901	33,694	33,290	32,098	32,367	30,923	31,906	32,905	32,831	32,445	32,920
Div 2	33,480	33,502	38,970	40,011	37,913	38,667	35,960	35,993	36,789	36,495	36,239	33,581
Dist 1	3163	3141	3913	3949	3603	3481	3334	3436	3417	3528	3557	3480
Dist 3	7873	7757	9418	9210	9092	8865	8437	8931	8894	9277	8617	8155
Dist 4	7383	7870	9075	8880	8694	9197	8643	9015	9222	8935	9001	10,591
Dist 5	7972	7947	9508	9726	9270	9663	9308	9372	9248	9207	8828	*4232
Dist 6	4919	4976	5535	5417	5241	5193	5012	5045	5407	5368	5039	4819
Dist 7	6883	6874	7719	7904	7553	7514	6690	6482	6664	6738	6760	8225
Dist 8	5405	5498	6678	6691	6149	6302	6002	5835	5930	5759	5908	6603
Dist 9	5421	5335	6252	6572	6014	6051	5561	5620	6011	6240	5847	6821
Dist 10	3464	3604	4086	4299	4057	4234	4029	4132	4230	4027	4246	*2046
Dist 11	5106	5157	5753	5834	5468	5631	5497	5479	5677	5723	5914	5571
Dist 12	4335	4246	4727	4819	4870	4903	4370	4552	4561	4524	4484	5495
Brush 48	17	4	11	18	14	3	8	14	10	6	9	7
Brush 55	16	2	27	34	13	7	4	12	10	7	8	3
W-12												
Air Supply	73	65	71	80	61	35	32	24	37	66	59	49
W-25												
Rehab Unit	607	600	599	563	515	472	504	387	339	486	486	497
H-1												
Safety Chief	536	516	572	544	1259	249	232	264	291	334	305	431
H-2												
Special Unit	510	460	460	469	417	210	194	184	207	183	146	142
H-3												
Haz Mat	67	48	76	43	56	38	35	30	43	72	65	109
Z-1 Chief												101
Brigade												
- Long Isl.	135	170	241	275	238	212	273	325	262	298	256	280
Marine Unit	219	395	446	400	410	305	304	213	150	200	170	139

\* - deactivated 7/1/09

## Incidents/Multiples/Fatalities 1975-2009

Year	Incidents	Multiple Alarms	Working Fires	Fatalities
2009	69,435	51	N/A	0
2008	71,474	54	N/A	4
2007	71,630	62	stopped 3/7/07 4	11
2006	71,242	22	23	2
2005	71,021	16	21	4
2004	70,473	25	18	3
2003	74,666	30	23	4
2002	75,542	44	25	11
2001	78,826	42	21	8
2000	77,573	41	27	4
1999	74,206	36	21	2
1998	71,961	45	38	10
1997	70,105	42	40	9
1996	62,115	61	60	9
1995	59,826	49	29	8
1994	54,835	65	39	9
1993	47,607	56	41	7
1992	46,563	50	34	11
1991	44,586	68	41	9
1990	45,380	62	43	14
1989	46,265	56	41	18
1988	49,969	60	60	18
1987	50,870	73	43	13
1986	49,300	91	55	17
1985	48,983	92	54	18
1984	43,497	84	58	14
1983	40,568	121	63	27
1982	44,484	177	81	20
1981	50,010	167	108	26
1980	53,717	139	113	17
1979	55,307	108	100	24
1978	58,655	140	135	24
1977	58,151	151	168	28
1976	57,616	183	189	30
1975	63,775	191	226	42

NOTE: In 1980, the Boston Fire Department went from a 5-alarm response system to 9-alarm response system.

## Commissioner's Unit Citation Awarded to Engine 16



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Engine 16

The Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend the members of Engine Company 16 for their actions on November 12, 2009. On that date Box 3495 was struck for a building fire at 83 Evans St., District 8, with reports of a person trapped inside. Upon arrival Engine Co. 16 reported heavy fire showing from the basement windows, with fire extending rapidly up the interior stairwell. **Fire Fighter Brian Martinage** and **Fire Fighter Michael Sweeney** immediately advanced the attack line down the driveway knocking down the fire emanating from the windows and up the exterior. They then entered the basement via a three foot drop and continued the attack under extreme fire conditions.

As other occupants confirmed that someone was still inside, **Fire Lieutenant Michael Sameski** and **Fire Fighter Robert Dillon Jr.** attempted to enter the building, but intense heat and thick smoke drove them back. They then re-entered the front door and proceeded again down the hallway ten to fifteen feet past the open door to the basement from which the heat and smoke was rising.

Searching through zero visibility **Fire Lieutenant Sameski** located the victim and with the assistance of **Fire Fighter Dillon** removed the victim to the outside. **Pump Operator Fire Fighter Michael Ahern** came to the aid of the victim and along with **Lieutenant Sameski** determined that she was not breathing and had no pulse. They immediately initiated CPR for two or three minutes until the arrival of Boston EMS. **Fire Lieutenant Sameski** then went to the basement and **Fire Fighter Ahern** continued to operate numerous attack lines off of Engine 16's pumper.

Because of their initiative and teamwork under chaotic conditions, the victim was saved from more serious injuries or possible death. Therefore the Commissioner's Unit Citation is hereby awarded to:

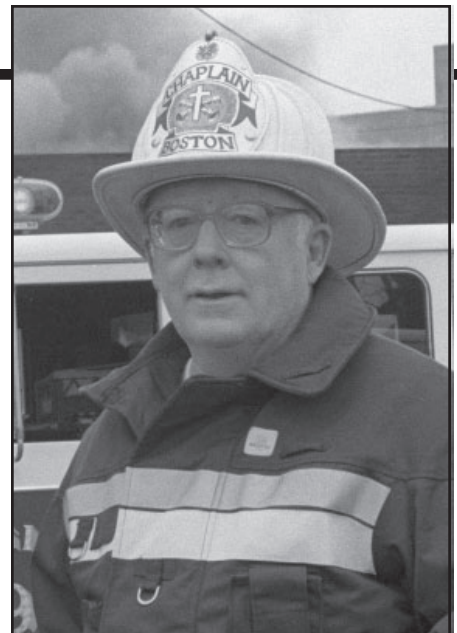
### ENGINE COMPANY 16

**Fire Lieutenant Michael Sameski**  
**Fire Fighter Michael Ahern**  
**Fire Fighter Brian Martinage**  
**Fire Fighter Robert Dillon Jr.**  
**Fire Fighter Michael Sweeney**

## Assistant Chaplain Father Daniel H. Hegerty

~ Rest in Peace ~  
January 13, 2010

While a priest for 47 years,  
Father Dan served the Boston Fire Department  
for 35 years as a Chaplain.  
His father was District Chief  
Daniel Hegerty and his brother Bill was a  
firefighter for 37 years on Rescue 2.



# 1st Annual New England Walk for Burn Awareness



Join the I.A.F.F. Burn Foundation and Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston for a walk at Castle Island to raise money for burn survivors!

Sunday, May 23, 2010  
 Registration - 9 a.m.  
 Walk - 10 a.m.

Registration Information: [www.active.com/donate/iaffburnshriners](http://www.active.com/donate/iaffburnshriners)

Each year in the U.S. more than 500,000 people suffer burn injuries. Fire and burn injuries are the second leading cause of accidental death in children ages one to four, and the third leading cause of injury and death for those ages one to eighteen. Join us for a walk around Castle Island to unite burn survivors, their families, firefighters, and supporters.



For more information, contact:  
 Melissa Hurley Sullivan  
 781.799.4406  
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 for Children™

**About the I.A.F.F. Burn Foundation:** The I.A.F.F. Burn Foundation is dedicated to burn prevention and education, burn research and improving the quality of life for burn survivors. Created in 1982, the Burn Foundation is one of the largest sources for burn research grants and the sponsor of the annual IAFF Burn Foundation's International Burn Camp, held each fall in Washington, DC.

**About Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston:** Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston is a 30-bed pediatric burn hospital, research and teaching center. Children up to age 18 with burn injuries are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment without financial obligation to patients or their families. The Boston hospital is one of 22 hospitals operated by Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international health care system dedicated to providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs.

**Proceeds from the walk will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston, I.A.F.F. Burn Foundation and the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation.**

## CELEBRATE Red Cross Month by donating blood



1-800-RED CROSS  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

### William Celeste Memorial Blood Drive

Sponsored by  
 Boston Firefighters Local 718

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Florian Hall  
 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester

For an appointment, please call  
 1-800-RED CROSS  
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### Treasurer's Report

Nick DiMarino, TL-10

### Dues & Dental Info

I am writing to let you know how much you paid for your dental and union dues in 2009.

Union Dues ..... \$741.42  
 Dental – Family ..... \$1,365.00  
 Dental – Single ..... \$546.00

This is for the entire year. If you have any questions please feel to contact me at the Union Hall, at 617-288-2100.

The open enrollment for the dental plan will start May 21, 2010 and end June 18, 2010. This is the only time you are allowed to drop or add members to the dental plan.

#### Change of Address

It is very important that we have the most up-to-date addresses for our members. If you have moved, please send me the form on the right. I will make sure that your address is updated for the *Digest* and for the *IAFF Magazine*.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

**Have you recently moved?  
 Update your address with  
 the Union and the IAFF.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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