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and social standing of the members of the Boston Fire Department  
in keeping with the dignity of their heroic calling.



Photo by Bill Noonan, FIU-K7

*Remember Our Military Veterans  
Serving in Harm's Way!*

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**TWITTER @BostonFire**

*Both of these sites do a good job of following  
incidents and from time to time post photos from  
the scene as they are unfolding.*



## ***Past President Ed Kelly Expresses his Thanks to Boston Firefighters Local 718***



Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as your President for the past 5-1/2 years. During that tenure we were faced with some of the most challenging times we have ever had, but never once did our Union turn on each other. We proved that we are not just a Union, but a Family. We put our lives and the well being of our loved ones in each others hands. Our fight to ensure the sacrifices we make and the hardships our families endure were recognized and that we were treated fairly at the bargaining table was epic. Our critics expected us to fold on each other, of course they never had any respect for who we are or what we do; they never risked their life for a stranger, or bet their life on their fellow firefighters to do the same. Be proud to be a Local 718 member.

I would like to thank in particular the members of the Executive Board, Bargaining Team, and Death & Welfare who bore the brunt of the work for our membership. I would also like to single out the friends I worked with every day, and who dedicated their lives to improving ours; my Brother Sean Kelly, Mike Mullane, Larry Curran, Richie Paris, Bobby McCarthy, Peter Gailunas, Joe Finn, Mikey Walsh, Ralph Dowling, Steve MacDonald, Bobby Kilduff Jr., and Neil Mullane for their hard work, our attorneys Dave Wanger and Paul Hynes and the late Bobby Kilduff, who is sorely missed. Thanks Boys for the hard work, honesty, loyalty, and friendship. These men and those that came before them are the reason we have a great job.

I would also like to thank Pat Damagella for keeping us in line in the union office and for her over 40 years of service to Local 718. The person I am most grateful to is my wife Katy, who during my tenure as President, married me, gave birth to our two children, and put up with me and the Union without complaint. Thank you and I love you.

God bless, be safe, and see you at the big one!

Edzo



## ***President's Report: Rich Paris, R-2***

### ***We Need to Stay Strong and Be Involved!***

I would first like to thank **Edzo Kelly** for giving me the opportunity to serve the men and women of the Local 718 as President. Being involved in the Union since 1992, I know that we the E-Board have a big job in front of us. We have some issues coming up, the biggest issues being Health Care & Pensions. I cannot do this fight by myself. I will need the members to stay strong and be involved. We have done it in the past and we can do it in the future!

Congratulations to Edzo for being named the new Interim President of the PFFM. I know he will do a great job for the state; look what he did for our Local! Good luck Edzo and thank you.

**Bob McCarthy** has retired after 23 years of service in the PFFM as President. We have a lot to be grateful to Bob for. Thank you, Bob, for your hard work and dedication to us at Local 718, and our brother and sister firefighters in the PFFM. Don't be a stranger. Enjoy your retirement. You deserve it!

To the Graduates of the 2011 Class, congratulations FFOP's and welcome to Local 718. It was great seeing all your eager faces on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to do your job and do it well. Be proud to be a Boston Firefighter.

Good luck to **Larry Curran** on his retirement. Larry did a lot of "behind the scenes" work for us at Local 718 as Legislative Rep and as a member of the Bargaining Team. He will be missed here at the office, but I know he is only a phone call away. Good luck and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

**Dr. Mike Hamrock** is leaving on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We hate to see him leave. While he was here he was extremely instrumental in the health of our firefighters. Mike started many programs for us, one of them being the Well Fitness Program. He recommended body scans and suggested what our doctors should be looking for during a physical. In 1999, we had 12 active members die; nine from heart conditions and three from cancer. Dr. Mike stepped in and those numbers have gone down. I just hope and pray that those numbers

don't start rising. Good luck Dr. Hamrock, we wish you well. We'll be thinking of you, as I know you'll be thinking of the health & well being of all the firefighters of the City of Boston.

Thank you to all of the members of Local 718 and especially your families who stood by and supported the leadership and bargaining team during the ups and downs of the contract negotiations. It's quite amazing how people do not realize how we stick together as a team from beginning to end. From the firefighter up the ranks to the deputy, we are one. We know what it takes to fight and remain strong!

During this summer's IAFF Convention, our brother and sister members from the USA and Canada came up to us and congratulated us on a great fight. They asked how did we do it? My answer was simple: it begins from the top, putting a good team together, and making sure your members stay strong and supportive. Does it cost money? Of course it does. But you do your due diligence, you do your research and you hire the right people. I compare it to sending our troops overseas. You give them the guns, but you also need to buy the ammunition to put in the guns. This was our war and victory depending on us investing in a top-notch bargaining team to fight our fight.

People ask what the IAFF and the PFFM do for us? Honestly, if it wasn't for the research and resources and support the IAFF and the PFFM gave us through this ordeal, it would have cost us much more.

In closing, there are far too many people to thank in this small space. Instead of naming names, I would like to end with a special thank you to the Executive Board, our bargaining team and most of all our **FAMILIES**, who have stood by us during this long process. Stay tuned for information on a Friendship Party we will be having this year at Florian Hall.

Stay safe. Stay involved.



**Local 718 President Rich Paris and Legislative Agent Mike O'Reilly present a picture to IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger during the 50<sup>th</sup> IAFF Convention thanking him for all his support during our contract battle with the city.**





## ***Vice President's Report: Nick DiMarino, TL-10***

### ***Outstanding Job During the Bargaining Process***

I just want to take this opportunity to thank Local 718's bargaining team for an outstanding job during the Arbitration process. I also want to thank you the membership for your support during this difficult time as well, because without your support the outcome would have been completely different.

To **Rich Paris**, our new President, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you as your Vice President. I know that you have nothing but the best interest of our membership not only in keeping our members safe, but also the citizens of Boston safe.

I'd also like to thank the membership for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Vice President. You should feel comfortable contacting me at any time.

### **Contract Negotiations**

I know that my priority as your Vice President is to ensure that our contract is not violated by the Department or the City. A simple reminder to our members that a grievance is a violation of our contract as well as any past practice violated by the Department or the City. If you feel that there is a violation of the contract you are reminded to contact your House Steward who will in turn notify your Executive Board Representative. The E-Board Rep. will contact President Paris or myself who will file the necessary paperwork for the violation and start the clock ticking for a remedy.

It has been a long four years for our contract negotiations

and like you our members, financially it has been a difficult time for the Local as well. We have all survived and because of the efforts of our bargaining team things have gotten better. With the membership's approval we did whatever we could to make sure that all our financial obligations were met, and I am happy to report that all financial obligations have been met to date.

### **Dues Assessment**

Prior to becoming Vice President, I served as Local 718's Treasurer, when a dues assessment was voted on in June. This assessment will help this Local tremendously now and in the future. We can make this Local union even stronger and a force to be reckoned with. We will be able to put money aside for our next round of negotiations and not deplete our general fund. This will allow the Executive Board to breathe a sigh of relief and help us focus on the next contract. It will also allow us to focus on ways to make this Local more effective with communication and keeping our members informed.

If you have any questions about this assessment and where the money is going, please feel free to contact me. I will discuss all of the financials with you. This is your money and you deserve to know where every penny is going and how it will help this Local as well as you the membership.



**The front of Rescue 2**



## ***We Owe Larry Curran A Huge Debt of Gratitude for his Years of Service to Local 718***



As most of you all know **Larry Curran** has retired after serving this local proudly as Legislative Agent for almost two decades, Larry has also served on the City of Boston Retirement Board for more than a decade, and has served and continues to serve as the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) coordinator for the International Association of Firefighters. Larry has fought courageously and tirelessly against the constant attack on labor up on Beacon Hill. We will miss Larry tremendously and owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his service, dedication, sacrifice and commitment to Local 718, and we wish him well in his retirement.

I now have the honor and privilege to serve this great Local as your Legislative Agent and continue to fight off that constant attack on Labor on Beacon Hill. I can assure you that I will serve this Local with the honor, dignity, loyalty and respect as my predecessor has done before me.

Now to the legislative front. Governor **Deval Patrick** had vetoed two line items from the 2011 budget stripping a total of \$2.3 million dollars from the Boston Fire Dept. Hazardous Materials response team and other monies allocated for the Boston Fire Dept. Training Academy. This is not taxpayer money this is money that comes from the Insurance Industry. We lobbied both the House of Representatives and the State Senate and both branches voted to override the Governor's veto and restore the \$2.3 million dollars back in the budget.

*Senate Bill 2570, An Act Establishing the Fire Prevention Regulations Appeals Board.* We were successful in killing the House version of this Bill, which would consist of the already 14 member board of Fire Prevention Regulations which is the board that writes the fire prevention codes. The intent of this Bill would be to take the appeals of fire prevention code violations out of District or Superior Court and adjudicate them before an appeals board.

*House Bill 4463, An Act to Retrain Disabled Firefighters.* This Bill has been engrossed by both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the Governor. This Bill stipulates that when a firefighter is separated from his/her position due to a disability for more than five years, and comes out of retirement (voluntarily or involuntarily) he/she will be classified as a "conditional employee" during the period of retraining required as a pre-condition of reinstatement to their position, and that no employee shall increase their average rate of pay for pension purposes prior to the successful completion of the retraining program and reinstatement to their position as a permanent employee.

*House Bill 4120, An Act Designating a certain intersection on Turtle Pond Parkway in the Hyde Park district of the city of Boston as Paul P. Loring Square.* The intersection in front of 306 Turtle Pond Parkway in Hyde Park will be dedicated in memory of the late **Paul P. Loring** formally of Tower Ladder 17.

Nationally, the US Senate voted 61-38 and the US House voted 247-161 to clear the way for an estimated \$655-million dollars in emergency aid to Massachusetts which was quickly signed by President Obama. This includes approximately \$450-million dollars in one time federal Medicaid funding and \$205-million in education funding. Senator Kerry

said the funds will, "save more than 2,400 jobs in Bay State schools" and "keep cops and firefighters on the job."

Election Day was a tremendous victory for Massachusetts labor! Some of labor's more notable victories were returning Governor **Deval Patrick** and Lt. Governor **Tim Murray** to the corner office, and sending new Congressman **Bill Keating** to Washington. Locally, our victories included the re-elections of Congressman **Stephen Lynch**, and Senators **Jack Hart** and **Steven Tolman**, and the elections of Senator **Michael Rush** and Representative **Nick Collins**. We were also very successful with the ballot questions. One of our only losses on the day came from Question 1, the ballot initiative to repeal the tax on alcohol. As part of our campaign strategy this fall, we worked in conjunction with the PFFM and launched a "get out the vote" where we provided transportation across the state for voters to the polls on election day. Firefighters from across the state drove 400+ voters to their respective polling locations, with more than half of those voters being driven by Local 718 members. On behalf of the Executive Board, thank you to all members who volunteered on election day.

Now that the contract/arbitration battle is behind us and the raise in our checks and retro is in our pockets, the war is just beginning. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the state Supreme Court issued a decision in the Boston Housing Authority v. National Conference of Fireman and Oilers, Local 3, which invalidates contract extension provisions known as "evergreen clauses" which appear quite often in public employee collective bargaining agreements. An evergreen clause is designed to maintain the status quo in labor relations and provide for a continuing code of conduct while parties negotiate a new bargaining agreement. The Massachusetts Public Employee Collective Bargaining law, M.G.L. c. 150E sec. 7 (a), limits the term of a CBA to no more than three years, and that evergreen clauses which extend the contract beyond three years violates the law and are thus void. We have filed legislation with language that if engrossed by both the House and Senate will rectify this issue.

Another huge battle we will face on Beacon Hill will be with health care. The Mayor has filed a Home Rule Petition on Health Care which outlines his version of the GIC, and the Governor has also filed legislation that would ultimately put all public employees in the state GIC. We are strategizing with our attorneys and other public employee unions to come up with a solution that will have the least impact on our members and their families. As this legislative session moves forward and more information becomes available we will pass it along to our members in order to keep you informed. Now is not the time to be complacent; labor is under attack and now more than ever we need to stay strong and united. We may also need to reach out and contact our "friends" in elected office to help us defend our position in our constant battle to protect our pensions, wages, health care, and our right to collective bargaining.

As a Union we need to be more politically active; now is the time to get to know your legislators as we'll need to reach out to them as well to help us win this war. Stay active and stay safe.





Paul Vinard and Dennis McNally of R-2 with 40 year veteran Steve Nawoichik, E-21.

*Photo by Scott LaPrade*



Boston Firefighters Local 718 stood with New York Firefighters and First Responders to urge the U.S. Senate to pass the Zadroga Act for 9/11 responders.



## **Recording Secretary's Report: Ralph Dowling, FAO**

### ***Local 718 Will Remain a Strong, Labor Union in the City of Boston***



I hope all members had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Now that winter is here and the political season is past, as the Recording Secretary it's usually not my place to speak of political action, but I would be remorse if I didn't mention how politics played out in Local 718 securing a contract earlier this summer. Local 718 has always been a strong, and we remain a strong, labor union in the City of Boston. We need to continue to support our friends in office and those that are seeking elected offices. We can't remain idle now that the contract has been signed. There are still elements in the city that want to see us fail. They will try to dismantle the fire department piece by piece, division by division, and believe me they are trying. When you see a candidate endorsed by Boston Firefighters Local 718, please remember it's for our family and the security of our jobs. Although some candidates may have some social programs that may differ from your ideas, we sometimes have to put that on the back burner and think about the job, the union and our brother/sister members.

With the new residency requirements in the contract, members who have been on the job ten years can move outside the city. If you have moved, or are in the process of moving, please notify me of your address change by e-mail at [Ralph@local718.org](mailto:Ralph@local718.org). I'm in the process of establishing a distribution list of all house stewards. With this new distribution list, I'll be able to e-mail house steward's postings,

announcements, or any other documents that Local 718 wants posted in the firehouses. The old system of making copies down the office and having them delivered through the messenger bag sometimes didn't make it to every firehouse; it's frustrating to me, and most importantly the members. I hope this new distribution process will expedite important information getting to our members both through Internet use and postings of the flyers. I realized that all of the members of Local 718 don't have e-mail accounts, so it's imperative that house stewards print out the information and post it in the firehouse.

For up-to-the-minute information on union issues, our website, [www.local718.org](http://www.local718.org), is your best source. If you would like to sign up for our web distribution list, click on "click here to sign-up" located at the top right-hand corner of the page. You'll be able to sign up for emails and text messages. Text messages allow us to distribute time sensitive information immediately to our members on 10-15's, political standouts and special events.

Input from membership is critical and very important Local 718. Make sure you get fire union information from us and not a third-party source. Never hesitate to contact anyone at the Local 718 office, or by e-mailing me, to clarify any information you have heard or to get information to the officers of Local 718. Stay safe.

## ***Boston Orders a New Fire Boat***

The City of Boston is purchasing a new state of the art fireboat with Chemical, Biological and Radiological emergency response capability for the Boston Fire Department. This new vessel will replace the current fireboat "FIREFIGHTER" which has been in service since 1972 and does not have the capabilities needed for a modern emergency response fireboat.

The new fireboat will be a high speed aluminum vessel with a maximum speed of 35 knots (approximately 40 MPH) and will be capable of pumping 12,000 gallons of water per minute. It will be 69 feet long, and will be built by Metalcraft Marine, Inc. of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Metalcraft Marine specializes in designing and building high speed custom aluminum work boats. It has recently built fireboats for Seattle WA, Tampa, FL, Miami, FL, Jacksonville, FL and the State of Rhode Island. The City received two grants from the Department of Homeland Security for \$2 million towards the construction of this



vessel with the remaining \$2.2 million funded by the city through the Fire Department's capital plan.

The vessel will be named "**JOHN STANHOPE DAMRELL**" after the former Chief Engineer (what the Chief of Department was called back then) of the Boston Fire Department who battled Boston's Great Fire of 1872 and who later became Boston's first Inspector of Buildings during the 1880's. Damrell was instrumental in bringing great improvements to the fire service as well as being instrumental in creating modern building codes at the national level. The City expects to take delivery of this vessel in the summer of 2011.







## **President Kelly,**

Thank you for your years of  
service for Local 718.

We are a better Local because of your  
leadership and unfailing commitment.

Together we faced challenges, defeat and victory,  
but through it all you never wavered and always  
kept the interests of Local 718 front and center.

As you catch up on missed family time and  
settle back into life on Ladder 17,  
remember the lives you affected along the way.

We are forever grateful for your leadership.

To the Kelly Family, thank you for  
giving us your husband, father and brother.  
With Ed's leadership, victories were achieved  
that will ultimately shape and guide  
Local 718 for years to come.

**Rich Paris,** President

**Nick DiMarino,** Vice President

**Peter Gailunas,** Treasurer

**Ralph Dowling,** Recording Secretary

**Mike O'Reilly,** Legislative Representative

**Steve MacDonald,** Legislative Representative  
and the **membership of Local 718**





The Grove Hall gang with Bill Noonan



## ***An Appreciation for Bill Noonan***

By Steve MacDonald

**T**he Boston Fire Department is about to lose a firefighter who has given close to 40 years of service to this great city, **Bill Noonan**. State law says Bill must retire at the end of March and we will not see anyone the likes of Bill again on this job.

For many years, Bill has served as the Chief Photographer of the Boston Fire Department assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit. Bill has taken over 100,000 photographs documenting this department and its rich history. From its fires and rescues to its retirements and funerals, Bill Noonan has been there. His specialty was the group photos of companies taken inside burnt out buildings, some of which follow on the next few pages.

Bill was also a staunch supporter of Local 718 and the IAFF. You never had to question Bill about where he stood when it came to the many battles our union has had.

As you look through this *Digest*, Bill's photos are throughout. The beautiful cover photo is just one example of Bill's dedication. Bill, a Vietnam War veteran, was off duty but came to the ceremony honoring our veterans.

Bill is the published author of four books; *Smoke Showin'* in 1984, *Jakes Under Fire* in 1997, *Wooden Sticks and Iron Men* in 2000 and *Flames & Faces* in 2005 and co-author of several more.

We don't always get a chance to say it, but on behalf of everyone Bill, **THANK YOU!**



Bill Noonan, Matt Stone of the  
*Boston Herald* and the legendary  
Bill Brett of the *Boston Globe*  
*Photo by Justin Ide*



Classmates Chief Ron Marston  
and Bill Noonan







Engine 4 and Ladder 24

Engine 37 and Ladder 26



Engine 3

Engine 8







Engine 20

Engine 50



Engine 21

Photos by  
Bill Noonan,  
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Deputy Chief Richard DiBenedetto  
with 40 Year Veterans John Smith  
and Ed Loder



Ladder 26







Grove Hall  
Engine 24 and Ladder 23



District Chiefs John Howard, D-12 and  
Bill Goglia, D-8



Ladder 1

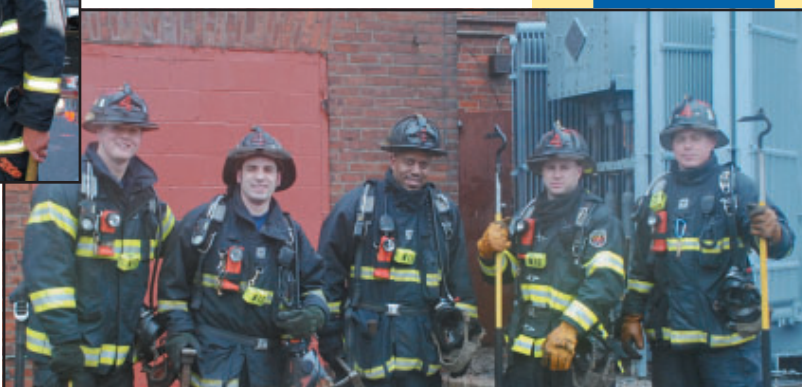
Ladder 15







Ladder 24



Ladder 4

Ladder 6



Ladder 7



Ladder 9



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Ladder 15 at Fenway Park

Tower Ladder 10



Paul Hynes and Ralph Pirelli

Broadway  
Engine 7 and Tower Ladder 17







**Captain Jim Flaherty, L-7 and Captain Paul McLellan, L-23.** These two 40 year veterans retired on January 31, 2011. Great careers and always assigned to the busiest fire duty houses in Boston.



**W-12 and TAC COM**



**Ladder 6 with District 8 Chief Bill Goglia**

**Engine 52, Ladder 29 with District 8 Chief Doug Smith**



**Photos by Bill Noonan, FIU, K-7**





The Foleys – Joe, E-21 and Joe E-42



The McCanns – David, L-4 and Tom, E-39

## ***Fathers and Sons***



The Linnells –  
Sean, Captain's Pool  
and Bob, E-7



The Holliens –  
Fred, L-6 and Fred, FIU

Photos by  
Bill Noonan,  
FIU, K-7

The Martins –  
Bob, E-7 and John, L-4







## ***Boston Fire Department Promotes Fourteen in 2010***

On March 4, 2010, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant were Firefighter Jeffrey Clark of Engine 14, Firefighter Stephen Montoya of Ladder 15 and Firefighter David Bergdoll of Rescue 2.

Photo above (l-r): Lt. David Bergdoll, Lt. Steve Montoya and Lt. Jeff Clark along with Chief of Operations Andy O'Halloran, Commissioner Rod Fraser, Chief of Department Ron Keating and Local 718 President Ed Kelly.

### **Promotions in 2010**

#### **Captain**

James P. Greene, *Ladder 15* ..... September 15  
Sean B. Linnell, *Engine 22* ..... September 15  
Mark J. O'Brien, *Ladder 23* ..... September 15

#### **Lieutenant**

Jeffrey Clark, *Engine 14* ..... March 4  
Stephen M. Montoya, *Ladder 15* ..... March 4  
David J. Bergdoll, *Rescue 2* ..... March 4  
Gregory Kelly, *Tower Ladder 10* ..... July 9  
Emmett Reed, *Ladder 18* ..... July 9  
James E. Cahill, *Tower Ladder 17* ..... July 9  
Robert T. Smith, *Engine 14* ..... September 15  
Paul V. Hoban, *Ladder 18* ..... September 15  
John C. DuBeau, *Tower Ladder 17* ..... September 15  
Erik C. Then, *Ladder 2* ..... September 15

#### **Principal Fire Alarm Operator**

Stephen F. Keeley ..... June 28

On September 15, 2010, promoted to the rank of Captain were Lt. James Greene of Ladder 15, Lt. Sean Linnell of Engine 22 and Lt. Mark O'Brien of Ladder 23. Joining the officer ranks and promoted to Lieutenant were Firefighter Robert Smith of Engine 14, Firefighter Paul Hobin of Ladder 18, Firefighter John DuBeau of Tower Ladder 17 and Firefighter Erik Then of Ladder 2.

Photo right (l-r):  
Lt. John DuBeau, Lt. Robert Smith,  
Commissioner Roderick Fraser,  
Captain Mark O'Brien, Lt. Paul Hobin,  
Local 718 President Ed Kelly,  
Captain Sean Linnell, Lt. Erik Then,  
Captain James Greene and  
Chief of Department Ron Keating.



On July 9, 2010, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant were Firefighter Greg Kelly of Tower Ladder 10 and Firefighter James Cahill of Tower Ladder 17. Firefighter Emmett Reed of Ladder 18 was not able to be present and took his oath of office a week later.

Photo above (l-r):  
Commissioner Fraser, Lt. Cahill, Lt. Kelly, Chief of Department Ron Keating and Boston Firefighters Local 718 President Ed Kelly.







**Rescue 2 Firefighter  
Gerry Miller's last firehouse  
meal with a few friends**



**Lieutenant Bill Scannell  
of Engine 14  
celebrates his  
impending retirement**



**Fort Hill Reunion**



**Engine 3, Ladder 3 and Aerial Tower 1  
members reunite at Florian Hall**



## **Retirements in 2010**

Fire Fighter Bradley Andrews, *Ladder 11*  
Appointed 6/23/76 ..... Retired 1/31/10

Fire Fighter James Walker, *Ladder 14*  
Appointed 10/20/76 ..... Retired 1/31/10

Fire Fighter Lorenzo B. Mathis,  
*Fire Prevention Division*  
Appointed 1/18/78 ..... Retired 1/31/10

Lieutenant Richard Cook,  
*Fleet Maintenance Division*  
Appointed 9/5/79 ..... Retired 1/31/10

Fire Fighter James W. Rodgers,  
*Fire Investigation Unit*  
Appointed 11/11/98 ..... Retired 1/31/10

Fire Fighter Thomas J. McDuff, *Marine Unit*  
Appointed 3/20/74 ..... Retired 2/28/10

Lieutenant Paul R. Finn, *Engine 8*  
Appointed 2/19/69 ..... Retired 3/31/10

Fire Fighter Edmund M. Street, *Ladder 18*  
Appointed 10/30/74 ..... Retired 3/31/10

Fire Fighter Edward J. Sullivan, *Engine 50*  
Appointed 10/31/04 ..... Retired 4/30/10

Fire Fighter Stephen T. Langone, *Engine 50*  
Appointed 2/19/69 ..... Retired 5/31/10

Lieutenant Charles V. Doherty, *Marine Unit*  
Appointed 9/27/72 ..... Retired 5/31/10

Fire Fighter Larry L. McLaughlin, *Rescue 2*  
Appointed 9/27/72 ..... Retired 5/31/10

Fire Fighter Hipolito Gonzalez, *Special Unit*  
Appointed 5/17/78 ..... Retired 5/31/10

Fire Fighter Marc W. Porter, *Ladder 18*  
Appointed 5/12/93 ..... Retired 6/11/10

Principal Fire Alarm Operator  
Walter P. Freiwald, *Fire Alarm Division*  
Appointed 7/14/71 ..... Retired 6/18/10

Fire Fighter Donald P. Maloney, *Engine 2*  
Appointed 1/6/97 ..... Retired 6/18/10

District Chief Michael C. Liotta, *Safety Division*  
Appointed 5/17/72 ..... Retired 6/30/10

Fire Fighter Gerald A. Miller, *Rescue 2*  
Appointed 5/17/10 ..... Retired 6/30/10

Lieutenant Joseph M. Welch, Jr., *Engine 55*  
Appointed 9/27/72 ..... Retired 6/30/10

Lieutenant Lawrence R. Curran, *Engine 16*  
Appointed 7/23/75 ..... Retired 6/30/10

General Foreman Joseph G. Lawler,  
*Fire Alarm Construction*  
Appointed 9/17/75 ..... Retired 7/9/10

Fire Fighter Roger N. Denn, *Engine 39*  
Appointed 9/17/75 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Fire Fighter Tommie Campbell, *Engine 30*  
Appointed 1/18/78 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Fire Fighter Joseph P. Cardoza,  
*Fleet Maintenance Division*  
Appointed 1/18/78 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Fire Fighter Ralph C. Pirelli, *Engine 10*  
Appointed 5/17/78 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Lieutenant William T. Scannell, *Engine 14*  
Appointed 12/6/78 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Deputy Chief Peter A. Laizza,  
*Fleet Maintenance Division*  
Appointed 9/5/79 ..... Retired 7/31/10

Lieutenant Paul J. Murphy,  
*Emergency Planning & Preparedness Division*  
Appointed 9/5/79 ..... Retired 7/31/10

District Chief Paul R. O'Brien, *District 8*  
Appointed 7/26/72 ..... Retired 8/20/10

Fire Fighter John E. Stewart, *Engine 41*  
Appointed 8/31/77 ..... Retired 8/31/10

Captain Francis X. Walsh,  
*Fire Prevention Division*  
Appointed 2/6/80 ..... Retired 8/31/10

Fire Fighter Yuji Hairston, *Engine 29*  
Appointed 8/14/85 ..... Retired 9/17/10

Fire Fighter John O'Neill, *Ladder 29*  
Appointed 10/28/87 ..... Retired 9/24/10

Fire Fighter Gerard J. Crowley, *Marine Unit*  
Appointed 12/24/69 ..... Retired 9/30/10

Captain Thomas Ford, *Engine 49*  
Appointed 10/30/74 ..... Retired 9/30/10

Fire Fighter Paul S. Arathuzik, *Rescue 1*  
Appointed 12/8/82 ..... Retired 10/8/10

Fire Fighter Elliot Coleman, *Ladder 25*  
Appointed 12/8/82 ..... Retired 10/15/10

Fire Fighter Walter J. Godino, *Engine 55*  
Appointed 7/13/94 ..... Retired 10/15/10

Fire Fighter James Odom, *Ladder 19*  
Appointed 9/5/79 ..... Retired 10/21/10

Lieutenant William Kenneally, *Ladder 6*  
Appointed 12/8/82 ..... Retired 10/31/10

Fire Fighter Joseph Johnson, *Engine 55*  
Appointed 9/27/78 ..... Retired 10/31/10

Fire Fighter Stephen F. Irving, *Engine 7*  
Appointed 6/14/89 ..... Retired 11/30/10

# *New Apparatus for 2010*



Engine 21



Engine 24



Ladder 6



Rescue 2



Ladder 24



Engine 37

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Bill Noonan, FIU, K-7





Engine 42



Engine 14



Diveboat



Ladder 4



Ladder 15



Ladder 25 Rehab

July 13, 2010

Dear Commissioner Fraser:

Being in the corporate world for 25+ years, I know all too well that you tend to hear from people when they have a problem or complaint. Today it brings me great pleasure to call your attention to a positive gesture and an act of kindness made by the crew of Engine 37.

I have a very innocent and sweet son, Bryce, who has special needs. He is fascinated with fire trucks, fire stations, police cars, ambulances, etc. Looking at the vehicles and visiting fire stations is one of the simple things in his life that brings great pleasure.

Unfortunately, Bryce recently required emergency surgery which required a three-week stay at Children's Hospital in Boston. This was a very unpleasant and painful time. One of my co-workers took it upon himself to try to arrange a 'visit' from the local fire fighters to help cheer him up. The Firefighters from Northboro, MA also called the Union to try to arrange a visit from the local station.

Captain Arty Johnson and the crew from Engine 37 agreed to pay a visit to Bryce. Well, not only did they visit Bryce in the hospital, but also brought their truck along for the ride. Bryce's face lit up when then entered the room in full gear. After a visit in the room (along with several gifts), they asked Bryce if he would like to see the truck. Bryce was beaming at this point. Into the wheelchair he went and actually beat the crew downstairs to the truck. This was truly a moment that made him feel very special. This act of kindness brought happiness to a very dark and painful time.

I would like to give a special thanks to Captain Arty Johnson, Larry McLaughlin, Mark Bunnigan, and Sean Donnelly for taking time out of their busy schedule to visit Bryce. I am very grateful for their kindness and good deed. You have an A+ team and should feel proud of how well they represent your organization and city.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Bryce

## ***Children's Hospital Patient and his Mother Say Thanks to Engine 37***

June 2010

Dear Captain Johnson and Firefighters Larry, Mark & Sean,

Thank you for coming to visit me at Children's Hospital. I was so surprised and happy to see you. My Mom told me you have one of the busiest stations in the country and couldn't believe you were able to take the time to visit me. I was so happy you brought your fire truck. It was so cool.

Thank you for turning on the lights and letting me climb in the truck. Thank you for my Boston Firefighter t-shirts. I love them and will wear them all summer. You guys are the best!!!!

Thanks again for making me feel so special. I can't wait to make it to your fire station for a visit.

Love,  
Bryce





# New Rescue Dive Boat Put in Service by BFD

The Boston Fire Department has put into service a new Rescue Dive Boat for use in Boston Harbor and the waterways of the City.

The boat is a specialized 30' RIBCRAFT 9.0 dive boat. RIBCRAFT®, the United States manufacturer of professional grade rigid inflatable boats (RIB) for fire departments, law enforcement, safety professionals and military agencies is based in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

The mission specific RIB was delivered to the Boston Fire Department's Rescue Dive Team for search and rescue operations. Given the large active harbor with considerable commercial and recreational traffic, countless wharves and marinas, and many harbor islands and recreational areas within the city's jurisdiction, the new boat will provide the department with improved response times and enhanced on-water coverage.

"This boat is specifically designed to support the Dive Team when responding to on-water rescue situations. It's speed and maneuverability is unparalleled and will greatly enhance our response capability" Boston Fire Commissioner Roderick Fraser stated. "We were very happy to have it built locally by RIBCRAFT USA."

Designed and built specifically for the Boston Fire Department, the 30' professional grade RIBCRAFT 9.0 is capable of supporting ten divers plus crew. It features a partially enclosed pilothouse with extended aluminum top, a drop down canvas enclosure for all weather protection, a large open aft deck, integrated dive ladder with platform, and secure storage for over 12 dive tanks. The vessel is intended to support the department's dive operations year round. With durability, reliability, and safety as one of the fire departments primary requirements, the RIB features a reinforced vinyl ester hull and a heavy duty Hypalon tube with multiple air chambers, pressure relief valves, high profile rubstrake, and tube reinforcing. It is equipped with twin 225HP Evinrude E-TEC outboard engines capable of reaching speeds in excess of 50 mph.

Divemaster / Marine Pilot-Firefighter **Steve Murphy**, who heads up the Rescue Dive Team states, "We were able to be part of the design process. Our divers have years of experience and used it to have a boat built to meet our needs. With water incidents, minutes count. This boat will allow us to arrive on scene in a quick and safe manner."

The boat was funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and cost \$214,000.00.

The boat will be referred to as **MARINE UNIT 3** and will be docked at Burroughs Wharf in the North End. It is named the **Captain John F. Kenney**. The late Captain Kenney was a 29-year veteran of the Boston Fire Department and a member of the Rescue Dive Team. He died at the age of 48 after a long battle with cancer.

## About the Boston Fire Rescue Dive Team

The Boston Fire Rescue Dive Team is the only Rescue Dive Team in Boston Harbor that is manned 24 hours a day. It is made up of 20 firefighters from the neighborhood firehouses of the city. They have extensive experience with dive operations and must pass a rigorous test to be considered for the team. Some have military diving experience. Boston Fire always has several divers on duty and can respond quickly to an incident. Each diver carries their gear in their vehicles when off duty. They have also trained with the US Coast Guard for deployment from their helicopters if needed. The team has also responded to incidents outside of Boston and Massachusetts when requested.

## About RIBCRAFT

Headquartered in Marblehead, Massachusetts, RIBCRAFT designs and builds safe, durable, performance oriented rigid inflatable boats (RIBs) that fulfill the most demanding professional and recreational applications. A leading manufacturer of professional grade RIBs and inflatables for safety professionals, military agencies, yacht clubs, and tour operators throughout the world, RIBCRAFT offers vessels starting at 14' capable of fulfilling most any mission. [www.ribcraftusa.com](http://www.ribcraftusa.com)



The Captain John F. Kenney



The Boston Fire Rescue Dive Team





## ***Boston Bruins Visit Firehouse***

Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask and defenseman Mark Stuart stopped by Engine 33 and Ladder 15 to thank firefighters for their work raising funds for MDA. Firehouse MDA coordinator Dennis Kane of Engine 33 accepted a signed Bruins jersey for the firehouse. The Bruins stayed for an hour talking to firefighters, trying on their bunker gear and getting a firsthand look at the equipment.







## ***BFD Celebrates Marines Week***

When the USMC had their “Marine Week” in Boston in June, 2010, the department dispatched engine companies several times for standby duty during take-offs and landings.





***Boston Fire Department  
Chief John A. Martin Fire Academy - Moon Island  
Recruit Training Program Graduates  
September 20, 2010 to January 25, 2011***

**Group 1**



**Group 1**

Bryan E. Snell, *Ladder 9*  
Michael P. Dunnigan, *Engine 42*  
Joseph P. Finn, *Engine 53*  
Jonathan Healy, *Engine 4*  
Bryan O'Connor, *Ladder 26*  
Shawn M. Brown, *Engine 28*  
Joseph M. Gendrolis, Jr., *Engine 56*  
Daniel Kenneally, *Engine 14*  
Sean Milliken, *Ladder 1*  
Michael P. McGonagle, *Ladder 24*  
Michael Souza, *Engine 16*  
Kevin G. Toland, *Ladder 21*  
Chad LeBlanc, *Chelsea Fire Department*

**Group 2**



**Group 2**

Daniel Foley, *Ladder 6*  
Ryan M. Hackney, *Ladder 24*  
Timothy E. Cahill, *Engine 52*  
Paul R. Blaikie, *Engine 50*  
Michael J. Campanale, *Engine 4*  
Jean Joseph, *Engine 56*  
Daniel F. Corey, *Ladder 24*  
Jose A. Pina, *Ladder 11*  
Brian R. Sullivan, *Ladder 29*  
Christopher B. Saunders, *Ladder 6*  
David M. Komejko, *Engine 53*  
Gregory L. Stack, *Ladder 16*  
Clinton Clarke, *Ladder 11*

**Group 3**



**Group 3**

Brett R. Hardy, *Tower Ladder 3*  
Patrick J. Moran, *Engine 8*  
James J. Coveney, *Engine 52*  
Ryan J. Ross, *Engine 8*  
John Sciara, *Tower Ladder 10*  
Jamie Arroyo, *Ladder 21*  
Gabriel J. Clark, *Engine 56*  
James K. Plourde, *Engine 28*  
Theron S. Houlder, *Ladder 7*  
Scott Murphy, *Ladder 16*  
Thomas P. Taylor, *Engine 29*  
Rahsheik Glenn, *Ladder 14*

**Group 4**



**Group 4**

Joseph R. Vinard, *Ladder 29*  
Travis J. Dery, *Engine 29*  
Nicholas I. Ciesinski, *Ladder 11*  
Sean M. Connelly, *Tower Ladder 3*  
Daniel Roche, *Tower Ladder 3*  
Gary E. Doyle, *Ladder 26*  
Christopher McCarron, *Engine 4*  
Richard P. Widener, *Ladder 25*  
Richard E. Berger, Jr., *Ladder 21*  
Keith Espinola, *Engine 29*  
Keeghan O'Brien, *Engine 29*  
Eric M. Evans, *Ladder 21*  
James P. Reidy, *Ladder 11*

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MacDonald,  
PIO**





**District 3 Chief Ron Harrington,  
Local 718 President Rich Paris, Ed Kelly, TL-17  
and Deputy Chief Richard DiBenedetto**

**A local day care visits with  
Engine 14 and Ladder 4**



**Engine 21, the busiest engine in 2010,  
dedicates its new pumper with its alumni**







## ***Fire on South Street***

Heavy fire on arrival for firefighters on July 13, 2010 responding to a rooming house at 133 South Street in Jamaica Plain. Four alarms were quickly ordered. Temperatures were 90 degrees for firefighters during the intense battle. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.00.







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Ed Kelly, TL-17, Lieutenant General  
John F. Kelly, USMC (no relation)  
and Greg Kelly, TL-10



Vice Commander  
Dan Magoon,  
E-21



## ***Boston Firefighters Veterans Legion Partners with Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes for 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Event***

**L**ast summer, the Boston Firefighters Military Veterans Legion (MilVets) was established to serve as a voice and resource for veterans who are also firefighters. In just a few short months they have close to 100 members!

On December 2, 2010, the MilVets partnered with the Massachusetts Iraq & Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund to raise funds to build a moving and permanent Memorial for Massachusetts service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice while deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Massachusetts' native, Lieutenant General John F. Kelly, USMC, was the keynote speaker. The event was a resounding success with more than 1,000 Gold Star families, Veterans, fire and police officers attending.

The MilVets mission is to provide advocacy to military veterans and to give charitable assistance to friends and members of Local 718. We will strive to increase the camaraderie among Boston firefighters and to build an even stronger relationship with the communities we serve

through professionalism, dedication, and willingness to help. Our goals will be fundraising, partnering with other Veteran and State Advocate Groups, and helping Local 718 members navigate through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Boston Firefighters Military Veteran Legion was proud to join the Massachusetts Iraq & Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund and will be working with them hand in hand to make the permanent Memorial in Boston a reality. To learn more, visit [massfallenheroes.org](http://massfallenheroes.org).

### **Officers:**

Commander: FLT Greg Kelly, TL 10, Group 1  
Vice Commander: FF Dan Magoon, Engine 21, Group 3  
Treasurer: FF Kevin Minor, Engine 21, Group 3  
Adjutant: FF Todd Joyce, Engine 8, Group 1

### **Donate!**

Donations can be sent to the Boston Firefighters Credit Union and should be made payable to the *Boston Fire Fighters Veterans Outreach Partnership*.



## *Three Alarms on Page Street*



Three alarms were ordered for 5 Page Street in Dorchester on January 4, 2011. This evening rush hour fire started on an enclosed back porch from an electrical short circuit. Damage was estimated at \$400,000.00.



After the fire was knocked down, a group photo was taken. (L-R) District 8 Chief Mike Hocking (RIT), Safety Chief Greg Mackin, District 7 Chief Eric Pettaway (Operations), Incident Commander Deputy Chief John Hasson, District 12 Chief John Howard (2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm) and District 9 Chief Steve Rushton (Accountability).

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## ***Gas Explosion in Readville***

A natural gas explosion leveled a home at 17 Danny Road in Readville on November 3, 2010. A second alarm was ordered as there was extensive damage throughout the neighborhood. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.00. There were no injuries.



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# Blaze on Neponset Avenue



Firefighters responded to 61 Neponset Avenue in Hyde Park at 9:18 pm on January 6, 2011. A fire in the basement of this 2-family home quickly extended throughout the building. Three alarms were ordered and fire crews battled not only the fire, but 10 degree temperatures. Multiple deck guns were used. Cause was bags of clothing placed on top of the boiler. Damage estimated at \$400,000.00.



Sometimes firefighters do seem larger than life when they are coming to help.



Boston Sparks Association member Tom Leone mans the hot coffee as A-10 responded to this and several other incidents recently. This great organization is always there for us.

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## ***Fire on Norfolk Avenue***



On August 21, 2010 at 10:27 PM, Box 1712 was struck for a building fire at 57 Norfolk Avenue in Roxbury. Companies called off "Heavy Fire Showing" and in the next ten minutes nine alarms were ordered. In all, over 30 fire companies and 150 firefighters battled this large warehouse fire. The All Out was ordered at 4:28 PM the next day. Dollar loss estimated at \$750,000.00 and the cause was the illegal discharge of fireworks on the roof.





Tower Ladder 3 and Tower Ladder 17 work their guns during the long stand.



Moments after the Incident Commander ordered no one to enter the building, a partial collapse.

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# What's Cooking at the Firehouse?

## Healthier Eating Leads to Fit Firefighters

by Kate Scarlata, RD, LDN,  
BFD Medical Examiner's Office

**T**he firehouse of Engine Company 8, Ladder 1 is situated on Hanover Street at the corner of Charter Street in the North End, amongst narrow streets and restaurants, an area well known for its tight-knit Italian community. And what do Italians do to show their appreciation of a job well done? Being married into an Italian family, I can tell you; they bear gifts of great tasting food. A firehouse is an integral part of every community, and at Engine 8, Ladder 1, you will likely never leave your call of duty on an empty stomach.

Of course, there are firehouses and hungry firefighters all over the city of Boston. Mealtime at the firehouse is more than just eating food. And feeding a large hungry crowd nightly can be a big task. Jim, one of my BFD clients tells me, "Nutrition is not the major consideration when it comes to dinner, but there is always enough food for everyone to eat and be full. When danger is part of your life, why worry about tomorrow? It's fairly common to find three 2-liter bottles of soda and ice cream at every evening meal." Jim notes, "Most of us get plenty of sugar." Another firefighter affirms that mealtime at the firehouse is not over the top without regard to health, in fact, he adds, "in the old days; it was beef, beef and more beef, today you see a whole lot more chicken. Most meals are healthy; we always have salad and vegetables. Where we go wrong is the volume. We cook large amounts and then eat large quantities."

As firefighters work to keep our community safe, how can the medical community in turn, help keep our firefighters safe from poor health and chronic disease? As a nutritionist that consults with many Boston firefighters, it's my hope that small changes in meal preparation, food choices and eating habits at the firehouse will translate to healthier firefighters. It is amazing how subtle changes in the diet can accomplish positive health outcomes. One firefighter told me after great success losing weight and lowering his blood pressure, "You just need to lead us to water and we'll drink." So here is my attempt to lead you to water...

Let's start with a quick lunchtime scenario, from what I hear; the sub shops near the firehouses have no shortage of business! Unfortunately, fast food shops often fall short on good nutrition. Consider bringing a healthy lunch from home versus grabbing an Italian sub on the run. A turkey sandwich has 300 calories while a small Italian sub often contains 600-800 calories. Of course, an occasional sub sandwich is a nice treat, but regular trips to the sub shop are not very artery friendly.

Here is a sample lunch menu from one of the firehouses: ham and cheese on the grill with butter, tomato soup, potato chips, and milk. All items on this menu add up to a big sodium overload! This meal tops off at 2,300 milligrams sodium; that's over the daily limit in just one meal! You

might as well shake a salt-shaker directly into your mouth! In Boston, on any given tour, eight out of ten firefighters have hypertension. That makes this salt-rich lunch a job hazard.

Simple tweaks to this menu can keep your blood pressure safer. For starters consider substituting the ham with sliced tomato, and purchase one of the lower sodium varieties of tomato soup such as Campbell's Healthy Request Soups, which have 50% less sodium. Since 20 potato chips contain 150 calories, 10 grams of fat and 180 milligrams of sodium, why not eliminate them altogether? And since it is hard to stop at just 20 chips, you likely save even more calories and salt!

For dinnertime meal planning at the firehouse, consider trying some of my menu *tweaks and swaps* in the chart below for better health. The menus provided on the next page are actual dinners that have been served at a Boston firehouse recently.

A few more tips for healthier eating at the firehouse:

- Fill a basket of fruit and leave it on the table each and every day.
- Opt for *one or occasionally two* carbohydrate rich food choices per meal such as: bread, peas, corn, potato, pasta or rice. Fill up with low carbohydrate vegetables such as salad, carrots, broccoli, green beans, peppers and onions, zucchini, summer squash, bell peppers, mushrooms, onions or spinach.
- Consider fruit oriented desserts such as: fruit salad, strawberry shortcake, angel cake with blueberries, berry or apple crisp, or purchase more heart friendly brownie mixes such as the No Pudge brand. Do without the jarred/canned frosting which contain the dangerous heart clogging trans fats.
- Bring a box of kashi granola bars, roasted unsalted almonds and fruit for midday snacks.
- Consider eliminating dessert-at least occasionally! Put the extra money into the main entrée like fresh fish, shrimp, or lean steak.
- Cook what you need, not extras. If there are 14 guys, cook up 14 potatoes, not a 10 lb. bag!
- Choose whole grain breads, rice and pasta over white at least occasionally.
- Drink more water, less soda. Regular soda has 10 teaspoon equivalents of sugar and is sweetened with high fructose corn syrup which can contribute to a fatty liver.
- 4 to 6 ounces of meat per person is enough, purchase accordingly.

Good nutrition starts with small changes. Do your fellow firefighter a favor and encourage healthy foods and reasonable portions to be served at the firehouse.





Sample Firehouse Dinner	What's Good?	Menu Tweak and Swaps
Meatloaf Mashed potato (made with 1 pound of butter) Canned peas Canned corn Salad Frosted Cake with canned frosting 1 or 2 % milk	Overall nice balanced meal! Lots of vegetables, which makes it nutrient rich.	Use 90% lean beef or mix in some ground chicken breast.  Roast the potatoes.  A pound of butter has 3,240 calories while 1/2 cup oil in the roasted potatoes has 963 calories.  Choose frozen vegetables over canned or use no added salt canned vegetables. A cup of canned Green Giant corn has 500 milligrams of sodium vs. 15 milligrams in the <i>no added salt</i> frozen or canned variety. <i>Always check the ingredients listed and choose the vegetables that do not contain added salt!</i>  Choose one to two carbohydrate-rich vegetable choices per meal. Corn, peas, potatoes, and winter squash are all starchy vegetables. (These have 3x as many calories as lower carbohydrate-rich vegetables)  Substitute low carb. veggies such as: carrots, broccoli, green beans, zucchini, and summer squash to name a few.  Canned frosting has <b>trans fats</b> , which are the unhealthiest of all dietary fats. Instead try No Pudge Brownies, Angel Cake, fudgsicles, or sherbet!
Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Carrots Green Beans Brownies 1% milk	Again, nice job with the vegetables. Lots of color at this meal making it a healthier one. Beef is a good source of iron.	Choose lean cuts or trim excess fat off of roast beef.  Make mashed potatoes with 1 or 2 sticks of butter and add in some College Inn light chicken broth for flavor without the fat. Use red skin potatoes and mash skins into mixture this will add fiber and other healthy nutrients.  Choose no added salt frozen green beans and carrots. No Pudge brownies or substitute angel cake with strawberries and a bit of whipcream – no fake ingredients here!!
Spaghetti with meatballs and sausage Garlic Bread Salad Milk Brownies		Try to substitute regular sausage with chicken sausage to save a bunch of fat calories. Consider mixing in some whole-wheat pasta for fiber.  Don't overdue the butter on the garlic bread, it tastes good, yes, but loads on the fat and calories.  Salad – go easy on the dressing. Choose Italian or Vinaigrette vs. creamy dressings.
Fish baked with bread crumbs and butter Broccoli Corn Mashed potatoes Garlic bread Ice cream	Fish is a great choice, good for your brain and heart!	This meal is a carbohydrate overload: bread crumbs, corn, potatoes and bread all very rich in carbohydrates. To create more balance to this meal, delete the garlic bread. For portion control on the dessert, try fudgsicles or ice cream sandwiches versus scooping out more ice cream than you need.
Baked Chicken Roasted potatoes Carrots Salad Cake with frosting	Overall good meal with baked (not fried –Yeah!) chicken and lots of veggies.	Consider purchasing a few sweet potatoes and chopping them up with the white potato. Sweet potatoes are rich in Vitamin A and lutein, which are key for a healthy immune system and eye health.  Instead of trans fat filled frosting, what about apple or berry crisp? Fruit seems lacking at dinner and this is a sweet way to enjoy it.

## ***Obituaries in 2010***

Lieutenant Gaetano A. Albanese  
*Engine 10* ..... January 3

Fire Fighter Jerry DiPrizio  
*Engine 9* ..... January 11

Assistant Chaplain Father Daniel P. Hegarty  
 ..... January 13

Senior Fire Alarm Operator Francis J. Whalen  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... January 15

Fire Fighter John J. Mahoney, Jr.  
*Fire Prevention Division* ..... January 18

Fire Fighter John A. Feeney, Jr.  
*Engine 22* ..... January 21

District Chief William F. Roache  
*Headquarters Division* ..... January 28

Captain Charles M. Rozanski  
*Marine Unit* ..... January 28

Fire Fighter Joseph A. Cutcliffe, Jr.  
*Ladder 16* ..... January 30

Fire Fighter Walter F. Almeida  
*Ladder 2* ..... February 9

District Chief Leo J. McElaney  
*District 10* ..... March 1

Working Foreman Joseph W. Donovan  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... March 15

Fire Fighter William C. Kuzmich  
*Engine 21* ..... March 19

**Fire Fighter Dave F. Galloway**  
***Tower Ladder 3* ..... April 2**

Fire Fighter Quindino F. Landolphi  
*Engine 49* ..... April 8

Fire Fighter Peter Leo Corcoran  
*Engine 21* ..... April 12

Fire Fighter Paul R. Murray  
*Engine 53* ..... April 15

Asst. Superintendent of Fire Alarm Construction Philip Virgilio  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... April 15

Fire Fighter Ronald A. Budd  
*Engine 55* ..... April 20

Senior Fire Alarm Operator  
 Charles J. Hanlon  
*Special Projects* ..... May 4

Fire Fighter Robert D. Clarke  
*Engine 50* ..... May 15

Fire Fighter Joseph E. Gavin  
*Ladder 24* ..... May 24

Lieutenant Edward J. Hurley  
*Engine 8* ..... May 24

Fire Fighter Edward H. Maloney  
*Engine 54* ..... June 1

Reverend Daniel L. Reason  
*Protestant Chaplain* ..... June 13

Fire Fighter Vincent A. Falcone  
*Ladder 25* ..... June 18

Principal Fire Alarm Operator William V. Higgins  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... July 1

Fire Fighter William J. Blackstone  
*Ladder 1* ..... July 13

Captain Wilfred R. Powell  
*Ladder 22* ..... July 18

Lieutenant Walter E. Stearns  
*Ladder 9* ..... July 20

Fire Fighter Arthur W. Bunker  
*Training Division* ..... July 29

Fire Fighter Charles F. McGee  
*Ladder 16* ..... August 5

Lieutenant Paul L. Saulnier  
*Headquarters Division* ..... August 7

Fire Fighter Joseph H. Hardiman  
*Training Division* ..... August 16

**Fire Fighter Daniel E. Moore**  
***Maintenance Division* ..... August 26**

Lieutenant Leon G. Crispo  
*Rescue 1* ..... August 28

Deputy Chief James M. Finn  
*Headquarters Division* ..... September 1

Lieutenant Robert E. Felton  
*Engine 24* ..... September 2

Fire Fighter Nicholas A. Mazza  
*Ladder 31* ..... September 6

Lieutenant John P. McLaughlin  
*Headquarters Division* ..... September 15

Fire Fighter Walter F. Whelan  
*Headquarters Division* ..... September 16

Lieutenant Robert A. Doyle  
*Engine 18* ..... October 7

Fire Fighter John T. O'Halloran  
*Engine 36* ..... October 8

Fire Fighter William F. Wright  
*Engine 20* ..... October 13

Fire Fighter Robert P. Hoban  
*Ladder 24* ..... October 14

Fire Fighter James F. Reilly  
*Engine 21* ..... October 30

Fire Fighter Paul V. Blake  
*W-12* ..... October 31

Lieutenant Robert J. Corbo  
*Engine 39* ..... November 22

Captain Richard G. Erwin  
*Ladder 10* ..... November 23

Lieutenant Walter V. O'Brien  
*Ladder 10* ..... November 27

Captain Thomas J. Quinn  
*Engine 53* ..... December 9

Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm Charles E. McCarthy  
*Fire Alarm Division* ..... December 13

Captain James F. McMahon  
*Engine 55* ..... December 14

Fire Fighter Mack Brown  
*Engine 16* ..... December 22

Fire Fighter Fred I. Smith  
*Engine 49* ..... December 27

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 that will include a scenic two mile walk  
 along the water around  
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 Awards for top individual fundraiser  
 and team  
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 Past Local 718 President Ed Kelly and current Local 718 President  
 Rich Paris enjoy a cool refreshment at last year's Burn Walk.

## Some Staffing Statistics 2000-2011

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fire Suppression Force as of January 1st.</u>	<u>Graduated from the Academy in...</u>	<u>Retired in...</u>
2011	1,430	one class 50	8
2010	1,423	0	40
2009	1,508	0	85
2008	1,557	two classes 92	67
2007	1,491	one class 47	30
2006	1,461	two classes 94	55
2005	1,462	two classes 80	47
2004	1,475	one class 8	36
2003	1,567	one class 56	89
2002	1,542	one class 26	50
2001	1,577	two classes 79	56
2000	1,577	one class 23	63

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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 Update your address with  
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Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Boston Firefighters Local 718**  
**c/o Treasurer**  
**55 Hallet Street**  
**Dorchester, MA 02124**

# Company Runs 1998-2010

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Engine Company Runs</b>													
E-2	1369	1276	1230	1267	1259	1156	1333	1064	1067	1091	1087	1018	1031
E-3	1883	1967	2235	2237	2038	2212	2039	2138	2263	2348	2368	2417	2407
E-4	3157	3060	3468	3222	3287	2898	2994	2777	2711	2771	2838	2640	2676
E-5	1707	1438	1870	1855	1709	1573	1593	1614	1599	1651	1733	1658	1703
E-7	3475	3426	3724	3633	3427	3513	3313	3111	3085	3097	3128	2934	2870
E-8	1293	1080	1436	1442	1380	1359	1215	1127	1199	1270	1272	1237	1163
E-9	1074	1100	1184	1226	1069	1022	927	850	807	885	795	861	890
E-10	3340	3358	3753	3469	3170	2915	2706	2587	2505	2600	2549	2297	2267
E-14	3300	3200	3412	3446	3346	3337	2912	2696	2529	2788	2614	2785	2832
E-16	2054	1955	2253	2281	2035	1997	1860	1805	1826	1707	1869	1845	1997
E-17	2683	2613	2706	2643	2574	2319	2034	1787	1837	1805	1867	1847	1869
E-18	2584	2651	2744	2693	2462	2287	2189	1895	1572	1930	2087	1876	2018
E-20	1129	1220	1446	1294	1147	1193	1091	1030	1158	1069	1057	1109	1131
E-21	3763	3712	3863	3921	3826	3677	3410	3236	3215	3379	3357	3497	<b>3533</b>
E-22	2428	2436	2625	2674	2505	2482	2262	2393	2404	2363	2350	2476	2585
E-24	3471	3597	3489	3781	3492	3162	2840	2601	2617	2535	2908	2766	2836
E-28	2365	2416	2433	2490	2293	2276	2219	2154	2042	2051	1972	1884	1999
E-29	2220	2183	2186	2164	2000	2024	1962	1807	1797	1751	1889	1741	1894
E-30	1583	1608	1608	1701	1603	1500	1471	1502	1371	1224	1468	1359	1357
E-32	819	895	1004	897	956	840	717	792	736	810	754	728	741
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	3349
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>	3299
E-39	2697	2864	2756	2795	2494	2275	2135	1954	2012	2175	2077	2014	2019
E-41	3015	3122	3127	3179	2913	3044	2827	2646	2586	2683	2773	2740	2618
E-42	2707	2494	2755	2874	2634	2491	2187	1935	2078	2222	2317	2301	2402
E-48	1733	1748	1660	1799	1752	1743	1466	1378	1370	1298	1475	1495	1473
E-49	549	576	596	598	553	529	517	545	577	604	620	595	653
E-50	1286	1340	1437	1442	1418	1460	1329	1199	1166	1205	1210	1268	1226
E-51	946	907	929	995	899	878	876	826	837	899	910	765	731
E-52	2709	2733	2787	2783	2582	2374	2169	1951	1991	2048	2053	2061	2109
E-53	2612	2632	2579	2671	2707	2507	2255	2132	2129	2098	2141	2271	2315
E-55	963	1046	1113	1144	1045	1079	1028	908	971	1016	1057	985	1037
E-56	941	1224	1109	1075	1027	903	981	800	810	906	831	798	795

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## Ladder Company Runs

L-1	1015	1154	1272	1150	1207	1256	1036	1129	1303	1407	1301	1226	1251
L-2	1188	1195	1456	1420	1378	1348	1243	1376	1282	1331	1240	1285	1327
Tower Unit	2107	2107	2125	2293	Towers 3 and 10 put into service								
TL-3					1947	2044	2002	1981	2012	2202	1937	1825	1606
L-4	3088	2857	3646	3558	3525	3696	3418	3537	3449	3701	3547	3607	3590
L-6	2596	2608	3127	2986	2736	2874	2714	2631	2477	2655	2759	2537	2606
L-7	3024	3020	3281	3127	3070	3016	2745	2825	2799	2848	2721	2645	2612
L-9	1121	1197	1313	1197	1235	1255	1096	1152	1122	1234	1137	1097	1129
L-10	2108	2206	2482	2530	became Tower-Ladder 10								
TL-10					2740	2440	2349	2469	2527	2531	2238	2210	2240
L-11	1880	1874	1976	1971	1906	2036	1942	1999	2037	2130	2041	1890	2054
L-14	2522	2535	2844	2792	2625	2862	2563	2626	2652	2767	2759	2619	2553
L-15	3429	<b>3601</b>	3866	3807	3717	3833	3594	<b>3948</b>	3781	3810	3683	3585	<b>3607</b>
L-16	2109	2063	2250	2313	2332	2361	2155	2333	2271	2306	2319	2344	2356
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>	<b>3682</b>
L-18	2120	2248	2460	2368	2380	2404	2226	2319	2580	2564	2480	2269	2292
L-19	935	844	940	924	953	930	994	1027	1101	1191	1133	1072	1090
L-21	993	1007	1179	1194	1051	1034	979	1042	989	1127	1094	1014	1012
L-23	2782	2854	3070	3141	2988	3094	2714	2819	2963	3021	2999	2900	2998
L-24	2305	2193	2697	2472	2502	2489	2459	2703	2708	2834	2830	2581	2578
L-25	1258	1277	1474	1460	1430	1531	1468	1524	1581	1490	1594	1510	1596
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>	3602
L-28	1333	1352	1510	1494	1507	1714	1456	1522	1632	1672	1697	1741	1678
L-29	2277	2302	2724	2642	2428	2516	2268	2258	2464	2356	2234	2238	2390
Rescue 1	2089	2033	2240	2160	1978	1780	1399	1516	1627	1799	1692	1692	1548
Rescue 2	2382	2155	2353	2342	2249	2315	1681	1740	1825	2222	2166	2196	2042

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	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Chiefs and Special Unit Responses (Chief's Numbers are Incidents per Division/District)</b>													
Division 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	34,731
Division 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	32,499
District 1	3163	3141	3913	3949	3603	3481	3334	3436	3417	3528	3557	3480	3506
District 3	7873	7757	9418	9210	9092	8865	8437	8931	8894	9277	8617	8155	8144
District 4	7383	7870	9075	8880	8694	9197	8643	9015	9222	8935	9001	10,591	12,452
District 5	7972	7947	9508	9726	9270	9663	9308	9372	9248	9207	8828	*4232	
District 6	4919	4976	5535	5417	5241	5193	5012	5045	5407	5368	5039	4819	4984
District 7	6883	6874	7719	7904	7553	7514	6690	6482	6664	6738	6760	8225	9968
District 8	5405	5498	6678	6691	6149	6302	6002	5835	5930	5759	5908	6603	7634
District 9	5421	5335	6252	6572	6014	6051	5561	5620	6011	6240	5847	6821	8323
District 10	3464	3604	4086	4299	4057	4234	4029	4132	4230	4027	4246	*2046	
District 11	5106	5157	5753	5834	5468	5631	5497	5479	5677	5723	5914	5571	5645
District 12	4335	4246	4727	4819	4870	4903	4370	4552	4561	4524	4484	5495	6584
Brush 48	17	4	11	18	14	3	8	14	10	6	9	7	4
Brush 55	16	2	27	34	13	7	4	12	10	7	8	3	13
W-12													
Air Supply	73	65	71	80	61	35	32	24	37	66	59	49	60
W-25													
Rehab Unit	607	600	599	563	515	472	504	387	339	486	486	497	517
H-1													
Safety Chief	536	516	572	544	1259	249	232	264	291	334	305	431	409
H-2													
Special Unit	510	460	460	469	417	210	194	184	207	183	146	142	163
H-3													
Haz Mat	67	48	76	43	56	38	35	30	43	72	65	109	92
Z-1 Chief												101	**128
Brigade													
– Long Isl.	135	170	241	275	238	212	273	325	262	298	256	280	214
Marine Unit	219	395	446	400	410	305	304	213	150	200	170	139	162
Field Command Post													114
Tactical Command Post													150

\* – deactivated 7/1/09 \*\* – deactivated 7/1/10

## Incidents/Multiples/Fatalities 1975-2010

Year	Incidents	Multiple Alarms	Working Fires	Fatalities
2010	70,557	52	N/A	2
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.

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A morning four-alarm fire on December 28, 2010 at 34 Church Street in Bay Village caused an estimated \$750,000.00 in damage.

Large snow banks and narrow streets were just some of the obstacles firefighters faced. This fire traveled from the basement to the upper floors.

Photo by  
Steve MacDonald, PIO