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**General Order # 1,100**

**April 2025**

**DATE: Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**LOCATION: Needham Fire Headquarters  
88 Chestnut Street  
Needham, MA.**

**TIME: 1830 hours-NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME!**

**PROGRAM: Glen Usdin-Professional Photographer,  
Publisher, Author, President of Command Fire Apparatus, and Deputy  
Fire Chief Lancaster, PA. Fire Dept**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING VIA ZOOM: -If Available

<https://zoom.us/j/94315108123?pwd=M2p3SEQ5emRCeWovbENQSkliM1NwQT09>

**Meeting ID: 943 1510 8123 Passcode: 903043**

**April Meeting**

Our guest speaker, Glen Usdin will discuss his extensive career in the fire service and publishing world. His most recent work is titled **Rescue 2 A Century of Service**. A book he put together with retired FDNY firefighter Jim Sandas and current FDNY firefighter Michael Meyer. He published a previous book titled **They Saved New York**. A book he and retired FDNY firefighter Dan Potter put together as a tribute and remembrance from 90 members of the FDNY over 40+ years

## March Meeting

Approximately 44 members and guests joined us in person and on-line. Association Member Charlie Tentas brought several of his hand-made models. Charlie discussed his decades long passion with the fire service and how he crafts his models to look so realistic.

## May Ham and Bean Supper Meeting

The Annual Ham and Bean Supper meeting is coming up on Friday, May 16, 2025 at Erie Station 4 in Georgetown, MA. Tickets are \$15.00 each and available from Treasurer Wilderman. See the attached flyer.

## IFBA Convention

The 2025 Convention will be held in Ottawa, Canada from September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The website including information and registration is up and running. See the attached registration forms. A passport is required to enter Canada.

## Membership

In March the membership voted applicant Tim Marks into the Association, Welcome Tim!

## LINE BOX

Frank SanSeverino and the crew are hard at work on the next edition of our award-winning newsletter. The next edition is scheduled for mid-May. As always Frank is always looking for assistance. This could be in the form of submitting articles or assisting with production. If you would like to be part of the next edition reach out to Frank at [box52boston@hotmail.com](mailto:box52boston@hotmail.com).

## Box 52 Tee Shirts

The third batch of Box 52 Tee-Shirts, Golf Shirts, and Sweat Shirts is in production and may be available at the April meeting. Shirts will be ordered as payment and order forms are received by Treasurer Wilderman. See the attached order form for additional information. Payment must accompany the order form BEFORE the order will be placed with the supplier. We will NOT stock shirts.

## Reminders

Meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> 1830 hrs at Needham Fire Headquarters-**Note earlier start time**

Association apparel order form attached with this General Order.

IFBA Convention Registration forms attached with this General Order.

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By Order of the President  
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