



**BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND  
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

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*Celebrating the sesquicentennial of the sounding of Box 52 November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1872*

**General Order # 1,075**

**September, 2022**

**DATE: Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**LOCATION: FEMA USAR MA-Task Force 1 HQ Beverly**

**TIME: 1800 Barbeque  
1900 Meeting**

**PROGRAM: "9 Alarm Salisbury Beach Fire" by Member and  
Salisbury Fire Capt. Andrew Murphy**

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING SITE**

Take 128 north towards Gloucester to exit 20 (Route 1A North). After you go under 128 take the first **LEFT** at the light on to Conant St. Go approx. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> mile and take a **RIGHT** on to Rte. 97 North at the lights, Take 97 north for about 1 mile. On the left will be a sign for Beverly Airport (L.P. Henderson Rd.). Turn **LEFT** onto Henderson Rd. The first driveway on your **RIGHT** will go through a gate into the former Army NIKE Base. Go straight through the gate to the rear of the Base. Training site is next to the new large building with the American Flag.

### **Ham and Bean Supper**

72 members and guests enjoyed the Ham & Bean Supper at the quarters of Erie No. 4. Guest speaker James Regan presented a show of present day Chicago fire operations. A total of 83 tickets were sold.

### **September Meeting**

The October meeting starts the 110<sup>th</sup> year of the Box 52 Association. It is also special that in November we celebrate the sounding of Box 52 on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Boston Fire. Did you notice that this G.O is number 1075? Looks like another banner year for our Association.

Once again in September, we return as guests to the quarters of Massachusetts USAR Task Force 1 in Beverly where the evening will start with a barbeque and then guest speaker and member Andrew Murphy will present a program on the Salisbury 9<sup>th</sup> alarm fire on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 where he was the OIC. The fire timeline was covered in the last issue of the Line Box.

### **Good and Welfare**

Condolences to the following members who suffered the loss of loved ones over the summer:

James Belliveau on the passing of his mother Dolores.

David Frizzell on the passing of his mother Linda.

Robert MacKendrick on the passing of his father Harlan.

Wayne Perkins on the passing of his brother Bruce.

William D. Wilderman on the passing of his brother Charles.

Rick Conway on the passing of his mother Joanne.

David Traiforos on the passing of his mother Virginia.

Life member Willian Burns, Jr. who passed away.

May all their souls rest in eternal peace.

### **Annual Dues**

Treasurer Wilderman advises that the annual dues bills have been sent out either with this GO or separately if you receive the GO by email. Dues are \$ 35.00 per year. Any member having difficulty is asked to contact the Treasurer or any member of the Board of Directors.

### **By Law Changes**

With this month's G.O., members will be receiving several proposed changes to the By Laws. A discussion and vote on the proposals will take place at the October meeting.

### **New Boston Fire Commissioner**

Deputy Fire Chief Paul Burke was named Chief/Fire Commissioner by Mayor Wu. Burke replaced retiring Commissioner Jack Dempsey. Commissioner Burke is a 32 year veteran of the BFD, and was Deputy Chief for Fleet & Facilities. Box 52 wishes Commissioner Burke much success leading the BFD.

### **LINE BOX**

The Line Box will be publishing three issues before January. The regular October and December issues along with a special issue on the Great Boston Fire for the anniversary banquet. Anyone wishing to do a story is asked to contact the editor. Our 4<sup>th</sup> issue had several articles written by members and was a great success. A reminder several of you have received an email inquiry for specific Department information for a specialized article to appear in the December issue.

We are always looking for story ideas from the membership.

### **Reminders**

- September 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Task Force 1 in Beverly. 1800 hrs BBQ, meeting 1900 hrs.
- Annual Dues bills being sent out, cost \$ 35.00
- By Laws changes will be distributed to all member and voted on in October.

By Order of the President  
Richard Conway

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