



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

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND  
EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

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**September 2025**

**DATE: Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**NOTE EARLIER START TIME!**

**LOCATION: FEMA Task Force 1 Facility**  
**LP Henderson Road**  
**Beverly, MA.**

**TIME: 1800 hours-Barbecue**

**1900 hours-Meeting**

**PROGRAM:** Our Guest Speaker will be Firefighter/EMT Paul Penachio who is a veteran member of the Task Force and currently serves as the Task Force Safety Officer. Paul will talk about the Task Force's history and operations including past and recent deployments from the World Trade Center to the North Carolina floods.

**NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ONLY**

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING SITE:**

Take 128 north towards Gloucester to exit 45B (Route 1A North). After you go under 128 take the first LEFT at the light on to Conant St. Go approx. 1/3rd mile and take 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 large new building with the American Flag. From 128 South take exit 45B onto Rt 1A north. Turn left at the first light onto Conant St and follow the direction above.

## **May Meeting**

59 members and guests joined us in person at Erie 4 in Georgetown for our annual Ham and Bean Supper. Once again Director aka Chef Frank Barry and crew served a great meal. Guest speaker Ben Jennell, Assistant Fire Chief of the West Newbury Fire Dept, and a District Fire Warden gave a presentation of the unusually busy late season wildfire season last fall.

## **Good and Welfare**

Our condolences to the family of Exempt Member Gerald Bourgeois who passed away in June. Gerry was fifth in seniority in the Association. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Association VP Jim Cullen who was appointed as Chief of the Revere FD last month.

Also, a speedy recovery to Task Force-1's Jim Hill who has served as our host for the past several visits to the MATF-1 facility.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers for the 2025-2026 year. There is currently a director's position open with Director John Rafferty having completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term. The floor will be open for nominations at that time.

## **LINE BOX**

Frank San Severino and staff are hard at work on the next edition of our award- winning newsletter. The next edition is scheduled for mid-October. This starts the 22<sup>nd</sup> year!

## **Reminders**

- Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> \*\* At the FEMA MATF-1 Beverly MA. Hot dogs and hamburgers at 18:00 and the meeting at 19:00 hrs.
- Annual Dues bills are being sent out. Dues are \$55.00 and payable on October 1<sup>st</sup> .

President Kass and the Officers of the Box 52 Association want to thank the members for another great year! We look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

By order of the President  
Michael Kass

Jeff Brown  
Secretary