

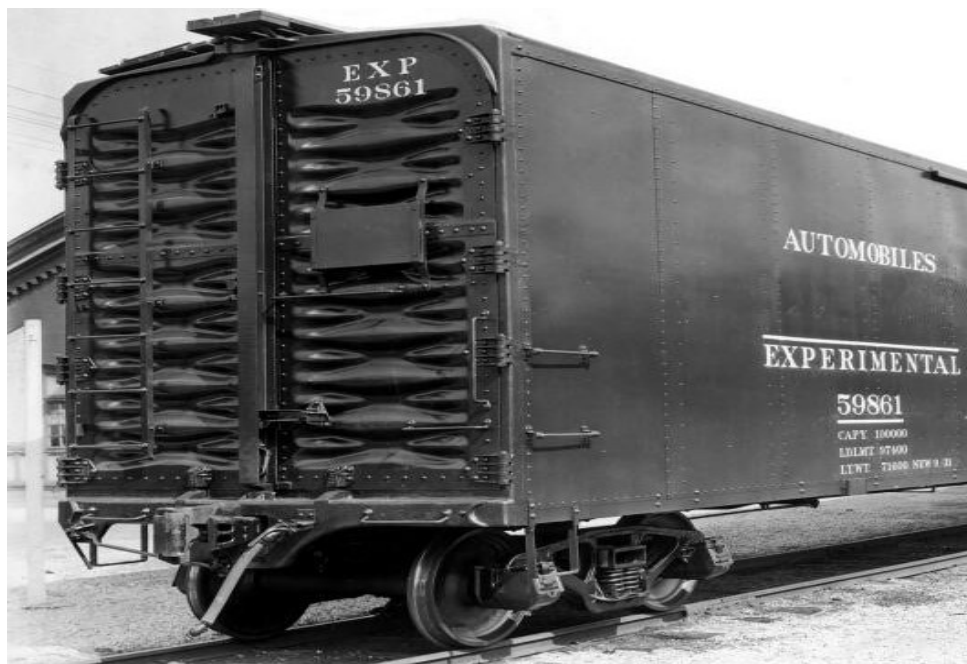
AMERICAN La FRANCE and the PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

As we all know the famed American La France Fire Apparatus plant was located in Elmira, New York. The plant was served by both The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Erie Railroad.

After meetings with the Pennsylvania Railroad a new box car built to transport ALF apparatus to customers around the County. This new all steel box car was built by the PRR's Hollidaysburg, PA. Car Shops, just outside of Altona. The box car was made of steel and was designated X30 and carried PRR road number 59861. The car was 70 feet 6 inches long and had an interior height of 10 feet. It could handle a tiller aerial with ease. The A end of the car was equipped with swing doors to allow for loading and unloading of apparatus. The car made its debut in September of 1931, the car was survived into the Penn Central era of the late 1960's.



Photo courtesy of Youngstown Fire Forums



'A' end of the car with swing doors. Photo collection of Bill Lane



Youngstown, Ohio 1944 JOX American La France aerial being delivered. Photo courtesy of Youngstown Fire Forum.



Milwaukee, WI unloading a new ALF 700 series tiller circa 1955. Photo courtesy of Youngstown Fire Forum.

SALEM 4th ALARM 10-12 LYNDE STREET
Saturday November 24th, 2018
All photos by Member Peter Aloisi
Response and Time Line by Member Jeff Brown

A four alarm fire in a 12 unit wood frame OMD on Thanksgiving weekend destroyed the building and injured one firefighter. No civilians were injured.



Box 41

05:41 E-1, E-2, **TL-2** and C-6

05:45 Working Fire Salem E-4, E-5

05:55 2-41 **L-1**, Beverly Engine 5

06:20 3-41 Marblehead E-2, Peabody E-1

07:05 4-41 Swampscott E-21, Danvers E-2, **Lynn L-4**

Covering Headquarters: Lynn E-7, Lynnfield E-1 and **Wenham Ladder 405**



FDNY Renumbers Squad Companies **Information supplied by Member Peter Aloisi**

Sunday night December 9 starts the final tour of E-154. At 0900 hours, Eng.154 is officially disbanded as Squad 8 will move in. E-154 was organized Nov.1st 1905 as E-204. Jan.1st, 1913, they became FDNY Eng 154. In 1975, E-154 was closed during the budget crisis of NYC, reopened in July 1981. According to Jack Leach, Squad 8 is a 2014 Seagrave rescue pumper formerly E-165 which was a Haz Tac Pumper, Squad 8's second section is a 2018 Ferrara HazMat Technician Unit. Engine 154 will be disbanded and its 2010 Seagrave will be reassigned to Engine 165. Expected date for all this to happen is December 10th. Squad 1 will remain and all other Squad Companies will be re-numbered 2 – 7.



Engine 154 2010 Seagrave . Photo courtesy of NYC Fire Wire.



Second Piece of Squad 8 in Staten Island. 2018 Ferrara Haz Mat Tech Support Unit.
Photo by Member Peter Aloisi



Squad 8 2014 Seagrave, photo by member Peter Aloisi.

Nahant Diver Recovery October 20, 2018

By Box 52 Member & Chief of Department Michael Feinberg

At approximately 1030 hours the Nahant Fire Department received a report of a missing diver from the US Coast Guard. In very dangerous seas the duty crew launched the rescue boat and assisted the USCG with the search. NFD was assisted by the USCG, Massachusetts State Police marine unit and dive team, Massachusetts Environmental Police, Swampscott Fire and the Beverly Fire Department dive team. Shortly before noon the Beverly dive team recovered the body of the diver and he was transported by the USCG to Seaport Landing in Lynn for the State Police and medical examiner to conduct their investigation. (Water conditions were not conducive to bringing the diver back to the Nahant Town Wharf, which was the command center).



USCG Helo assisting in the search. Photo courtesy of Bryne Connell

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FIRE WAKEFIELD, MA
October 23, 2018
Information submitted by Members David Parr and Michael Sullivan



First Baptist Church, photo courtesy of the First Baptist Church



Photo of rainbow over the church on October 23rd
Hours before being struck by lightning strike.
Photo courtesy of Member David Parr.

A lightning strike destroyed the historic First Baptist Church in Wakefield Center on October 23rd, 2018. A heavy line of thunder storms had rolled through the area. The church was built in 1872 of wood in true New England fashion. Like many Cities and Towns in Massachusetts the church had become a landmark in downtown Wakefield.

On Tuesday October 23rd, lines of showers had moved through Middlesex County during the day. Several hours prior to the fire a rainbow had appeared over the church. As we all know rainbows bring luck. But in this case it was the forerunner of a tragic end to the 146 year old structure.

The church steeple was struck by a lightning bolt just about 1900 hours. This dumped master box 3413 and the Wakefield Fire Department's first alarm assignment rolled out the door. Much like the Arlington First Parish Church fire of March 1975. The battle was already lost. The void spaces and dried wood fueled an intense fire. Companies attempted to advance lines into the steeple in an effort to cut off the fire, when it suddenly raced up the entire 180 foot length of the steeple. Car 2 Capt. Pronco wasted no time leaning on the hook and ordered a second alarm at 1901 and the third alarm soon followed at 1905 hours.

As multiple alarm companies were arriving getting set to go to work, the fire was busy burning through the maze of void spaces and within a few short minutes the entire roof was involved and the fire dropping into the church itself.

The fire blazed out of control for nearly four hours and was sending flying brands in all directions, luckily these did not ignite any other fires. Wakefield DPW reported that at the height of the fire with engine companies using fifteen hydrants water flow used on the fire was several million gallons.

The next day as a fire detail remained on the scene, a crane was brought in to raze what was left on this majestic and historic structure.

Box 3413 First Baptist Church 1 Common Street & 8 Lafayette Street

Time	Box	Engines	Ladders	Other	Cover
1900	3413	1, 5 (running as E-2)	1	Car 2	
1901	2-3413	Read. E3, Melrose E4(running as E2), Stoneham E-2	No. Reading L-1	Car 1	Saugus E-1 Woburn E-2 Lynnfield E-1 & L-1
1905	3-3413	Saugus E-1, Woburn E-2, Lynnfield E-1	Lynnfield L-1		Malden E-1 & L-3 No. Reading E-2
1927	4-3413	Malden E-1, No. Reading E-2, Middleton E-2	Malden Ladder 3		Winchester E-2 Wilmington E-4 Burlington Twr. 1
1934	5-3413	Winchester E-2 Wilmington E-4, Peabody E-7	Burlington Twr. 1		Revere E-4 & L-2 Lynn E-7
2019	6-3413	Revere E-4 Lynn E-7 Danvers E-3	Revere L-2		Everett E-2 & L-1 Lexington E-1
2043	7-3413	Everett E-2 Lexington E-1 Salem E-4	Everett L-1		Medford E-6 & L-2 Massport E-2

Assigned to staging: Veteran's Field – North Avenue
Lynn E-7, Lexington E-1, Everett E-2, Salem E-4, **Everett L-1**



Photo courtesy of Wicked Local



Aerial photo courtesy of NECN

Three fire photos courtesy of Damian Drella





When morning broke on the 24th of October, this was all that remained of this historic structure. Several firefighters suffered minor injuries. Damage was estimated to be at least a million dollars.

Allout was transmitted at 0345 Wednesday October 24, 2018.



Photo courtesy of NBC Boston

NEZ
NORTH
E + CHURCH
TREET

Lafayette St

Wakefield Town Hall

Lafayette St

CHURCH
2 1/2
STORY
OFFICES
CLASSES
MAIN
CHURCH
100' TO
190' TO STEEPLE

STEEPLE

STO E2
COMMON
IS

WAKE E1
L-1

CMD
POST

Main St

Wakefield Un-Common
Antiques & Collectibles

Liberty Oil

Crescent St

Zuzu's Cafe & Catering

Unitarian Universalist
Church of Wakefield

Firebrand Conci

Salvatore's

Wakefield Eye Associates

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Main St

NEZ
SWE E-1

War Monument
and Rockery

Artichokes

REV E3

REVERE L-2
L-1
L-3

Yale Ave

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Yale Ave

STAGING AREA - VETERANS FIELD
NORTH AVENUE

Yale Ave

AT
MAY 15
2018



APPARATUS UPDATE
By Member Michael Boynton
All photos by the Author

Santa's sleigh may be getting ready to roll at the end of the month, but his Elves have already delivered a handful of new rigs since early in the fall. Here is an update in our area since the last Line Box:

METROFIRE

Brookline Engine 6 – 2018 KME Severe Service 1500/500



Massport Engines 3 & 5 – 2018 Oshkosh Striker 4500 8X8 1950/4500/540 AFF/450 Dry Chem/460 Halotron.



Engine 4 - 2018 Oshkosh Striker 4500 8X8 1950/4500/640 AFF/450 Dry Chem/460 Halotron/65 foot Snozle Boom.

Massport former Engine 5 has under gone extensive rehab at Pierce and has returned and has been assigned as Engine 2. The rig is a 2005 Pierce 1250/1000/125 foam/Medford Engines 4 and 5 – 2018 Seagrave Marauder II 1500/750



Revere Ladder 2 – 2018 KME Severe Service 101' TDA

MASSACHUSETTS APPARATUS UPDATES



Agawam Engines 1 & 2 – 2018 Pierce Enforcer PUC 1500/750/30B



Canton Engine 4 – 2018 E-One Typhoon eMAX 1500/755/25A



Chicopee Tower 1 – 2018 Pierce Arrow XT 2000/300 100' RMA



Fall River Rescue 1 – 2018 Spartan/EVI 20' Walk-In Heavy Rescue



Marlborough Engines 1 & 3 – 2018 Pierce Impel 1500/750/30A/50B



Marlborough Rescue 1 – 2018 Pierce Impel Walk-Around Heavy Rescue



Natick Engine 3 – 2018 E-One Typhoon 1500/985/45B



Springfield Truck 2 – 2018 Pierce Velocity Ascendant 107' RMA



Sudbury Ladder 1 – 2018 KME Severe Service 1500/500 103' RMA



Tisbury Engine 622 – 2018 International/KME 4x4 1500/1000/30A



Townsend Tanker 1 – 2018 HME Ahrens Fox 1500/2660/30A



Wilbraham Ladder 1 – 2018 Pierce Impel Ascendant 2000/500/15F 107' RMA



Worcester Engine 2– 2018 E-One Cyclone 1500/500/30B

FDNY BATTLES 5TH ALARM FIRE IN SUNNYSIDE QUEENS WITH A MASSIVE BACKDRAFT

Thursday December 13th, 2018

FDNY units in the 14th Division in Queens faced what appeared to be a routine fire in a row of tax payers. First arriving Ladder Companies 163 responding on box 7289 for 42-05 Queens Blvd near 45th Street. Fire started in a restaurant and quickly engulfed the entire block. As companies were working and making entry into the stores a violent Backdraft occurred which caused the collapse of the rear of the building. All firefighters were accounted for and operations switched to a defensive mode.

FDNY Buff Joseph Ramos was filming from the elevated station and caught the backdraft on video. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERGQs3cUHe8>

Seven firefighters and five civilians suffered minor injuries.



Both photos courtesy of NY Daily News



Photo courtesy of James Van Bramer

Time	Box	Engines	Ladders	Chiefs	Special
0216	7298	325, 259, 292, 263	163, 128, 116 (FAST)	B-45, 46 Div. 14	R-4, Sq. 288, RAC-4
0220	10-75 B.O L163				
0222	Sp. Call 2 Twrs		115, 136		
0238	2-7298 Div 14	238, 258, 260, 324 w/Sat. 4	117, 106	B-49, 28, 35. Safety, Rescue, Field Comm Batt Car 4D	Field Comm RAC-3 TAC-1 CTU RM-1
0257	3-7298 Div. 14	312, 307, 262, 206,35 (Comm)		B-8, 33	MSU
0314	4-7298 Car 4D	291, 229, 289, 271	154, 140, S/C 146, 138, 124 (FAST)	Car 9 Car 4 Car 4A, B-57	
0542	5-7298 Car 4A	242/221, 237, 216, 316	17/117, 135,50, 144, S/C 150 (FAST)		RAC-1