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Celebrating 100 years 1912-2012

Boston Multiple Alarms December – January

Date	Box	District	Address	Building Type
12/29	2-2263	D-9	4 Juniper Terrace	2.5 wood frame dwelling
12/31	2-2343	D-4	25 Peterborough St	5 story brick apartment
01/03	3-1663	D-4	34 Worcester Square	4 story brick condo
01/13	3-1877	D-7	5-7 Everett Street	3 story wood frame dwelling
01/21	3-1896	D-7	50-60 Freeport St.	2 story wood/metal mercantile & warehouse
01/21	2-3622	D-8	16 Estella Street	3 story wood frame dwelling
01/24	2-6232	D-1	29 Leyden Street	2.5 wood frame dwelling

2012 Boston Run Totals

The BFD responded to 72,259 and had 40 multiple alarm,

B.F.D. Doing's

The new Haz-Mat unit has been received and is being outfitted. It is a 2012 Spartan chassis with a 42' EVI Haz-Mat/Command body. In addition to the large rig, a smaller rig on a 2012 Ford F-350 chassis with utility style body and it its lettered: Hazardous Materials Operations and is assigned to the Special Operations Command,

Also, placed in service is a mobile maze unit for SCBA training at each fire station. The unit is 2012 International box truck. The interior maze can be configured differently at each station.

The three KME aerial ladders are due for delivery in early March. No assignments have been made as of yet.



Boston Haz-Mat 1 2012 Spartan/EVI 42 foot body. Photo by Member Michael Boyton

METRO FIRE

- Burlington has sent their 2001 Pierce Quantum out for a full re-hab.
- Cambridge Engine 5's quarters 1384 Cambridge Street Inman Square is under going renovations. Engine 5 has re-located to the quarters of Engine 3 at 175 Cambridge Street. Division 1 has re-located to Headquarters at 491 Broadway.
- Chelsea Engine 3 and Ladder 2 house at 883 Broadway "Mill Hill" is closed for renovations. Engine 3 has relocated to Cataldo Ambulance shops on Crescent Ave and Ladder 2 is now quartered with Engine 1 on Sagamore Ave. Mutual aid companies will cover at Engine 1's quarters.
- Lynn Chief of Department Dennis Carmody has retired.
- Watertown Engine 1 has been returned to service after a re-hab.
- Wellesley has placed in service a new 95 foot rear mount aerial tower, designated Tower 2. It is a 2012 Emergency-One Cyclone II.

OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

- Framingham has equipped Ladder Company 3 with a 2012 Pierce Arrow XT quint with a 2,000 gpm pump, 300 gallon tank and a 100 foot rear mount aerial.
- North Reading William Warnock has been appointed Chief of Department
- Minute Man Trucks of Walpole now is a Road Rescue dealer, in addition to being the Pierce Dealership.

BUS TRIP

As listed in the General Order, the Board of Directors is studying the feasibility of conducting a bus trip as a culmination to our Centennial celebration.

The plan put forth calls for the Box 52 Association to visit the Quaboag Valley area around Palmer, Massachusetts. The trip will be held either Saturday June 15th or the following Saturday of June 22nd and will take place rain or shine.

For the buffs who are railfans, Palmer is home to a very active rail line for CSX, Amtrak and the New England Central all run through the Center of Palmer.



Photo by Member Michael Boyton

The trip will visit the Communities of Warren, Southbridge, Monson, Charlton and all three Palmer Fire Districts. A lunch stop is being planned at the Steaming Tender, which is the old Palmer railroad station and sits trackside at the 'diamond' of CSX and NECRR.



Westbound CSX manifest freight led by AC44CW # 574 at Palmer. Photo courtesy of RRPicture Archives.net Oalf Jungas photo June 2012

Before the Board commits to operating this trip and all the work entailed, it has been decided that a straight 'yes' or 'no' vote will be taken by the members present at the February meeting. If passed, then the trip is on. If not then the Board will shelf the bus trip for another year and go back to operating a trip every other year.

Please attend the meeting and vote on this matter.

SHERRY BILTMORE FIRE

Fifty years ago on March 29th, 1963 fire tore through the Sherry Biltmore Hotel located at 146-150 Massachusetts Avenue. The night of the fire the hotel was near capacity. Some time after 3 AM a fire started in an un-occupied room on the sixth floor. No call to the fire department was received from the hotel. The first alarm was sounded by a Boston Police Officer on patrol, who radioed for the fire department at 0400 hours. Fire Alarm transmitted box 2321 St. Mary's & Mountford Streets. Responding first due from their quarters a few short blocks away were Engine 33 and Ladder 15. The officer of Ladder 15 reported at Working Fire at 0402 and requested an additional ladder truck. The second alarm was transmitted at 0404 hrs, followed by the 3rd alarm at 0405, 4th alarm at 0411 hrs. and a fifth alarm at 0413 hrs. There were numerous special calls for additional companies and ambulances. At the height of the blaze 22 engine companies and 10 ladder companies were operating.

Four persons lost their lives and scores were rescued over ladders by the BFD. In fact. This fire has since gone down in history as the best and most extensive laddering job ever done by the Boston Fire Department.



First due Engine 33 ran with this 1948 Mack 750 gpm as its pump. Photo by Member William Cahill, collection of Member Frank San Severino



Ladder 17 crew responded with their 1956 Seagrave 100 ft tiller. Photo by Member Frank San Severino