

BOX 52 ASSOCIATION



THE LINE BOX

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Welcome to the spring edition of the Line Box. Have a few surprises for you, hope you enjoy this issue!

New Lynnfield Engine to be dedicated to Past President Alan Macdonald. Attached is the flyer for the event. Looking for a large turnout of Box 52 Members. Please make sure you RSVP!

The bus trip to the Pioneer Valley was a great success, other than the sun took the day off. Check out the webpage that Webmaster John Galla put together. Surf over to <http://www.box52.org/2017bustrip/bustrip2017.html>

There was one little problem, Athol went on a run and the entire duty shift left. Member Michael Boynton with help from President Parr came up with a great substitute and we made an un-scheduled stop in Gardner.

The trip was a great time, lots of laughs, some neat apparatus, including a CF Mack! And for the railfans Norfolk Southern Train # 28N an auto rack train from Chicago to Ayer joined us! You can be sure that your committee is already tossing around ideas for our next visit to a "metropolitan area". Stay tuned!



Gill, MA 1980 Ford/Moody 1000/1000



Shutesbury Engine 1 2015 KME Panther 1250/2000/40 gals foam.

METRO-FIRE MULTIPLES

By Member Joe Hourihan

ALARM	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
ARLINGTON										0
BELMONT	1									1
BOSTON	34	16	10	3	2					65
BRAINTREE	2									2
BROOKLINE	3	1								4
BURLINGTON										0
CAMBRIDGE	1								1	2
CHELSEA	4	1	3							8
DEDHAM	5									5
EVERETT	3	1								4
LEXINGTON										0
LYNN	2	2								4
MALDEN		1								1
MEDFORD	2									2
MELROSE										0
MILTON	1									1
NEEDHAM		1								1
NEWTON	1	2								3
QUINCY	5									5
RANDOLPH										0
READING	1									1
REVERE	1	1								2
SAUGUS	1	2								3
SOMERVILLE	1	1								2
STONEHAM	4									4
WAKEFIELD	1	1								2
WALTHAM	3	2								5
WATERTOWN	3									3
WELLESLEY										0
WESTON	3	1								4
WEYMOUTH	2	1								3
WINCHESTER	2									2
WINTHROP	1									1
WOBURN	2	1								3
TOTAL	89	35	13	3	2	0	0	0	1	143
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	

	METRO FIRE	DISTRICT # 13	2016
TOTAL	METRO	BOSTON	TOATL
JANUARY	6	10	16
FEBRUARY	9	3	12
MARCH	7	3	10
APRIL	14	8	22
MAY	6	4	10
JUNE	8	7	15
JULY	6	6	12
AUGUST	2	6	08
SEPTEMBER	5	5	10
OCTOBER	3	2	05
NOVEMBER	5	4	09
DECEMBER	7	7	14
TOTAL	78	65	143
2013	86	44	130
2014	100	40	140
2015	100	47	147
2016	78	65	143

WALTHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Rescue Squad Apparatus

All photos by Member Mark Roche

The turbulent 1960's had turned into the 1970's fire departments across the Metro areas were still dealing with anti-war protests, civil unrest, bombings. Against this back drop the fire service was facing new challenges in firefighting and the increasing use of hazardous materials. By 1970 the Waltham Fire Department was operating with 8 Engine Companies and 2 Ladder Companies, with no real rescue equipment. Chief Edward Cloonan needed to equip his Department with a rescue. After making a study the senior officers of the WFD decided to replace Engine Co. 6 with a Squad Company. Specifications were developed and American La France of Elmira, NY won the bid. Upon delivery the pump stocked with equipment and trainings Began. When the day came to put the Squad in-service, the orders came down, Engine Company 6 was de-activated and Engine-Squad 6 placed in-service.



Squad 6 1973 American La France 1000/500

By 1984, the ALF was a tired piece. The rig was sent out to Emergency-One to be rehabbed. It was returned to service and was operated till the wheels were ready to fall off!

After twenty-three years of service, Squad 6 was at the end. The WFD needed a fully equipped rescue company to face ever evolving challenges. The specs were drawn up, bids were opened and the winner to build the new Rescue 6 was Emergency-One. This new rig featured a Cyclone II chassis and a full rescue body. In 1996, once again the orders went out Squad 6 is de-activated and Rescue Company 6 is activated.



Rescue Company 6 1996 E-One Rescue 250/200

By 2015 Rescue 6 was tired, very tired. She had served the citizens well. Company members started to write specs for a new rig. For the third time the specs went in and the bids opened. This time the winner was Seagrave and in January of 2017 a new heavy rescue arrived. This one had a surprise it came in lettered for Rescue 1! Again the orders went out Rescue 6 is de-activated and Rescue Company 1 is activated.



Rescue Company 1 2016 Seagrave

CENNTENIAL OF BOSTON RESCUE Co. 1
June 15, 1917

General Order No. 38 dated June 14, 1917 announced the organization of Rescue Company 1.

The order read as follows and is copied here from General Order 38.

1. Rescue Co. No. 1 will be organized and established at the quarters of Engine Co. 25 and Ladder Co. No. 8 Fort Hill Square, in District 3, at 10A.M. Friday June 15, 1917.
2. The company will be equipped with an American La France motor driven car, carrying six Draeger smoke and gas helmets, pulmotor, elevator rescue outfit, oxygen and acetylene outfitted for cutting bars, metal etc. 60-gallon chemical tank and hose, axes, extinguishers, life line, jimmy, etc. The apparatus, without men, weighs 7,790 pounds.
3. This company is organized particularly to perform rescue work and to fight fire in inaccessible places, but will also perform other special work which may be assigned to it.
4. The following transfers are hereby ordered to take effect at 10 A.M., Friday June 15, 1917, in connection with the establishment of the company:

Lieut. Daniel J. Hurley	From Eng.26/35 to Rescue 1
Arthur D. Gramer	From Engine 25 to Rescue 1
Thomas A. Dean	From Eng.26/35 to Rescue 1
William A. Cheswell	From Engine 8 to Rescue 1
Joseph F. McKendrew	From Chem. 7 to Rescue 1
5. At all fires where the services of the Rescue Company are required and the company is not assigned to respond on the first alarm, the commanding officer at said fire will notify the Fire Alarm Office, who will immediately dispatch the said company.

Peter F. McDonough
Chief of Department

The newly formed Company responded to 150 boxes on the first alarm, 310 boxes on the second alarm and 48 boxes on the third alarm.

Rescue 1 served the City and the BFD faithfully for 37 when during the re-organization of the Department it was de-activated on Tuesday November 9, 1954 at 8:00 A.M.

Department General Order No. 69 dated November 8, 1954 was filled with nearly a page and a half of instructions and transfers of personnel. Many found new homes on the newly formed Engine-Squads, the rest made their way to some of the busiest engine and ladders companies in the City. It is interesting to see that seven members were transferred to Engine 7. If you remember your BFD history.....When Rescue 1 was deactivated much of the equipment was placed on Engine 7's wagon. The order read that "The hose wagon of Engine Company 7 shall be fitted out from the equipment of Rescue Company 1 and shall take the rescue assignments of Rescue Company 1. Engine 7 shall have at all times one officer and six men."

The order further stated that "The seven members detailed from Rescue Co. 1 to Engine Co. 7 shall be placed on seven different groups. The hose wagon shall be manned by two

members detailed from Rescue Co. 1 and one member of Engine Co. 7 when responding for rescue work. The pumper of Engine Company 7 and the four remaining shall be available to answer an alarm of fire in the event that an alarm is sounded when the hose wagon is out."

"In the event that the hose wagon of Engine Company 7 is absent for any reason, the Fire Alarm Headquarters shall assign the nearest Engine Squad Company or Rescue 3 to cover a rescue assignment. Engine Company 7 shall answer all alarms under its present assignment with such of its apparatus as may be in quarters."

On January 1, 1955 Rescue Company 3 lost its numeric designation and become the Rescue Company.

On October 25, 1972 the Rescue Company was designated as Rescue Company 1. On the same day in Division 2, Rescue Co. 2 was established. The Rescue-Pumper Unit (RPU) was deactivated and all personnel transferred to Rescue Company 2 quartered at 36 Washington Street Grove Hall.

In less than ten years the BFD realized that Rescue 1 could not cover the City effectively and Rescue Company 2 was established and went in service on Friday December 10, 1926 at 0800. Below is the except from BFD General Order 84 dated December 9, 1926



Rescue 1 1947 Mack/Lacey body. One of 3 delivered. Collection of Member F. San Severino

**From the Box 52 Archives
June 1958 Newsletter**

Tools Carried in Rescue Company

1	Two Way Radio		
1	5000 watt Fairbanks-Morse Generator	1	H&H Inhalator, Complete
2	200 Ft. Cable Reels	7	Oxygen "D" Bottles
3	Lengths 3 Wire Cable	1	Oxygen "H" Bottle
4	500 Watt Flood Lights	3	Compressed Air Bottles
1	Four-way Outlet Box	4	Compressed Air Tanks
6	Masks, M.S.A Demand Type – Case and Bottles	1	Asbestos Suit
4	Masks, Chemox Self-generating, 3 canisters per case	3	Rubber Suits w/Headpieces
1	Mask, Scott Air-Pak & Bottle with spare 25' hose	2	Pr. Rubber Wading Boots
10	Masks, All-Service Complete	2	Pr. Canvas Wading Boots
1	Davis & Roots, Fresh Air – 75 ft hose	1 1 3 1 1 1 3	Elevator Kit in Canvas Bag Includes: 4 Lb. Hammer 1 1/8 th Cold Chisels 12" Wescott Wrench 14" Heller Wrench Bit Brace with Bits Rods (for Elevator doors)
1	Light, Wheat – Officers Type	1	Set Open-End Wrenches (9)
5	Light, Wheat – Private's Type	1 1 2 2 5 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 4 2	Kit, Refrigeration Includes: Hammer, Ball Peen Screwdrivers Wrenches, "RF" Bonny Refrigeration Wrenches, T-Refrigeration Wrenches, Extensions, T-Refrigeration Wrench, 4" Open End, Adjustable Wrench, Stillson 6" Wrench, Stillson 8" Wrench, Stillson 10" Pliers, 6" Diagonal Pliers, 6", Gas Set Allen Wrenches, Small Wrenches, Open End Refrigerator Straps
1	Kit, First Aid with Holder	1	Electric Saw, Skil, Floor 8", 3 Assorted blades
2	Lines, Life – 150' -1 ½ "	1	Electric Hacksaw, Skil, Model #43, Drill
1	Line, Signal – 100' – ¾ "	1	Cutter, O'Brien Rotary Stanley Drill 1 ¼ Chuck
1	Net, Rope, Life	1	Drill, Black & Decker, Electric ¾" Chuck
1	Meter, Explosion – MSA Model 2	1	2" bit, Wood, 14"

	w/hose		
1	Tester, Voltage M.T.A. 550 Volts	1	2" Bit, Wood, 30" Ext.
2	Jacks, Simplex #22 10 ton w/bars	1	1 ¾ Bit, Wood, 10"
1	Jack, Simplex 25 ton (Loan from MTA)	1	1 1/8", Bit, Cement, Carbide Tip
1	Jack, Norton 15 ton (Loan from MTA)	1	Cutter, Voleske Bar, ¾"
2	Jacks, Shallow with bars	1	Cutter, Wire, Porter, Non-Insulated
1	Jack, Push-Pull	3	Pairs, Glovers, Rubber
1	Jack, Hydraulic, Blackhawk, 12 Ton	7	Wedges, Elevator 24"x4"x4"
1	Jack, Porter-Ferguson , 12 Ton, Hydro Method and kit	12	Blocks, Wood, Assorted
1	Smoke Ejector, 24" Electric, Super-Vac	3	Flexicots, Canvas
1	Bar - Halligan	1	Canvas Sack with 2 Blankets
1	Bar - Kelly	2	Stretchers, Collapsible
2	Bars – Crow 4"	1	Stretcher, Stokes Type, Wire Basket
1	Set Tire Chains	1	Life Gun. Coston, Complete
1	Jack, Truck	1	Set Saws, Cross-cut and Tree
1	Spanner, Hose	1	Set Saws, Imperial, 4 blades
1	Wrench, Lug Type	2	Saws, Compass
1	Extinguisher, 15lb., CO2	2	Chair Straps
1	Extinguisher, Foam, 2 ½ Gallon	2	Wood Splints
1	Extinguisher, 15lb, Dry Powder	2	Metal Traction Splints
2	Axes, Fire	1	Body Drag
1	Resuscitator, E&J Fox Model	1	Safety Harness
1	Resuscitator, E&J Liteport	2	Sets Goggles, Plastic Safety
1	Resuscitator, Stubby 44 cu. Ft. & Micro Mask, etc	1	Oxygen-Acetylene-Cutting Outfit Airco (Large)
1	Resuscitator, Emerson, Portable	1	Blanket, Asbestos
1	Oxygen-Acetylene- Cutting Outfit Kero-Test, Portable	1	Blanket Asbestos (In Strips)

A tad more equipment in 1958, than when established in 1917!



Rescue Co. 1 1964 B-Mack/Gerstanslager. Photo by Member F. San Severino



Rescue Co. 1 2015 KME Severe Service. Photo by M. Boynton



APPARATUS UPDATES

By Michael Boynton, all photos by the author

Mike has sent along a photo report for this issue, so let's show case the rigs!



Ashland Engine 1 2017 E-One "Typhoon" 1500/750/30 Class A foam



Attleboro Engine 1 2017 Pierce "Enforcer" 1500/750/ 20 A/30 B foam. This Engine is first due into your editors house.



Barre Engine 1 2002 E-One "Typhoon" 1250/500. Former M.F.A. Engine 5, purchased in 2016



Bolton Rosenbauer "Commander" equipped with four-wheel drive 1500/750/30 Class A foam



Boston Engine Co. 16 2017 E-One "Typhoon" 1250/560/30 Class A foam



Boxborough Engine 64 2016 KME "Severe Service" 1500/1000/30 Class B foam



Douglas Engine 3 2017 KME "Panther" 1500/1000/ 25 Class A foam



Fall River Engine Co. 9 2017 Ferrera "Igniter" 1500/700/75 Class A foam



Hadley Engine 4 2016 Pierce "Arrow XT" P.U.C 1500/750/20 Class A foam



Lynnfield Engine 1 2017 E-One "Typhoon" 1500/750/30 Class B foam.
On Friday June9th this rig will be dedicated to LFD Lt. and Past President Alan Macdonald!



Mansfield Squad 3 2016 Ford F-550 four-wheel drive/Fire-1 220/400



Methuen Ladder 1 2017 KME "Severe Service" 95 foot RMA Tower



North Brookfield Engine 1 2017 Ferrara "Cinder" 1500/1500/10 Class A foam



Norwell Engine 3 2017 Smeal "Sirius" 1500/750



Princeton Rescue 1 1991 GMC "Kodiak"/Supervac. Former Brookville Fire Company of East Brunswick, N.J. In-service 2016



Randolph T.S.U. 1995 Ford F-550 four-wheel drive. Former Fire Alarm Truck, rescue body added



Shrewsbury Engine 2 2017 KME "Predator" 1500/750/ 25 Class A/ 30 Class B foam



Southborough Engine 23 2016 E-One "Typhoon" 1500/980/ 20 Class A/30 Class B foam



Wenham Engine 3 2016 Sutphen "Shield" 1500/750/ 30 Class B Foam



Williamsburg Engine 1 2017 E-One "Typhoon" 1250/1030/30 Class A foam



Worcester Airport Engine 61 2016 Rosenbauer "Panther" 1800/3000/400 AFFF/500 lbs. dry chemical/460 of Halotron/54 foot Stinger boom

Apparatus Parades and Musters Summer/Fall 2017

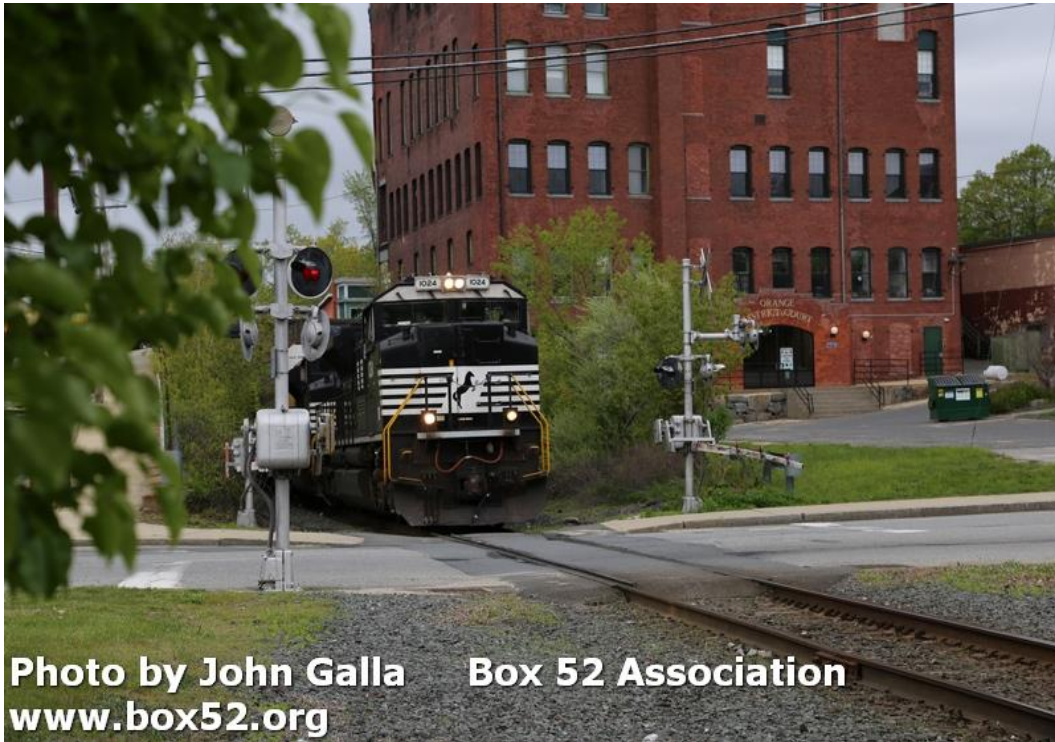
Massachusetts

June 10	Lynnfield Muster
June 18	Berkley Muster and Parade: Line up Berkley station 2 4 Grove St. Parade at 1100 hrs
June 24	Newbury Handtub Muster 31 Low St 1200-1500
June 25	Fall River 9 th Annual Muster across from Battleship Cove
August 5	Salem Willows Hand Tub Muster 173 Fort Ave 1200-1500 hrs
Aug. 19	Winchendon Hand tub Muster at Legion Post 295 School St.

Out of State

June 10	Croton-on-Hudson 125 th Anniv. Parade 1300 hrs. More info: www.crotonfd.org /content/125
June 11	Baltic Fire Engine Co. No. 1 Sprague Conn 150 th Anniv. Parade 1100 hrs
June 11	Great River Long Island NY 3 rd annual EPIC fire apparatus shoot
June 17	Hudson Valley Convention Parade at 1300 hrs. www.westglensfallsfire.com
July 22	Meriden Conn 8 th Annual Silver City Fire Fest 900 E. Main St
Sept. 9	Milford Conn 46 th annual Engine 260 Muster Eisenhower Park 121 North St 1000-1700 hrs.
Sept. 9	Maine State FF's Convention Parade 1000 hrs

You Never Know What You Will See On Our Bus Trips!



For the Rail Fans. Norfolk Southern Train 28N heads east to Ayer with a solid train of auto-racks.
Timed perfectly for our Orange Stop!



Bus Trip Commander all decked out with the famed Box 52 whistle. New this year was the stop watch and Pith helmet!