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Boston Multiple Alarms May – September 2014

Date	Box	District	Address	Building Type
05/05	2-3745	D-12	60 Fairmont Ave	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
05/11	2-1731	D-7	21 East Cottage St	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
06/04	3-2937	D-12	32-34 LaGrange St	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
06/10	5-2171	D-7	29-33 Wyoming St	4 story ordinary OMD
06/20*	2 nd	D-7	1898 Centre St	1 story mercantile
06/30*	2 nd	D-11	27 Wigglesworth St	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
07/08*	2 nd	D-11	21 Mansfield St	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
07/30*	6 th	D-1	309 Sumner St	3 story wdfr dwelling
08/01*	2 nd	D-9	17 Burr St	2.5 story wdfr dwelling
08/05*	2 nd	D-7	23 Greenville St	3 story brick OMD
08/15*	3 rd	D-1	203 Marion St	3 story wdfr dwelling vacant
08/21*	4 th	D-11	105-107 Murdock St	3 story wdfr dwelling
09/03	9-5136	D-11	8-16 Harvard Terrace	3 story ordinary OMD
09/06	3-3714	D-12	912 River St	1 story vacant warehouse
09/10	5-2931	D-12	423 LaGrange St	2 story vacant warehouse

* On June 17th at 0800 hrs. Fire Alarm ceased transmission of boxes over the radio, this was due to Police, Fire & EMS switching to a new C.A.D system. Transmission of boxes was resumed on August 26th at 0800 hrs

B.F.D News

- On June 17th, 2014 the city of Boston implemented a CAD system for use by all three public safety agencies. Part of this implementation was the stopping of striking box alarm over the radio and circuits along with the elimination of dispatch of companies on BFD Channel 5. Companies were dispatched on Channel 1 with a radio message of: "In District 1 a first alarm assignment for 127 Lexington Street". After two months, and a week, Commissioner Finn in a General Order re-instated the transmission of boxes over circuits and the radio.
- On Monday July 28th Deputy Chief Joseph E. Finn was sworn in as the 42nd Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department at the quarters of Engine Company 20. Commissioner Finn was appointed as a firefighter with the BFD in 1984 and 2001 saw him promoted to Deputy Chief in 2001.



Mayor Walsh gives oath of office to Comm. Finn. Photo Courtesy of Boston Fire Dept.

- On Saturday September 13th the Boston Fire Department switched to 24 hour shifts. Firefighters now work 24 hour shift followed by 48 hours off, another 24 hour shift followed by 96 hours off. This is similar to the shifts that most Metro-Fire Departments are working. The Fire Alarm Operators, also went onto this new schedule to maintain group continuity.
- Ms. Connie Wong has been appointed Deputy Fire Commissioner and will oversee Labor Relations, Human Resources and Legal affairs.
- The five 2003 Pierce Enforcer pumps have returned to service after re-building by Bull Dog Fire Apparatus. See Mike Boynton's article for more information and assignments.
- The Insurance Service Office has given B.F.D. a Class 1 rating.



Comm, Finn in command at the 6 bagga in East Boston on July 30th.

Photo by Member Peter Aloisi

METRO-FIRE NEWS

- Numerous Departments have received Federal Grants for everything from fire prevention to staffing to turnout gear, here's the list: Brookline \$ 98,298, Quincy \$ 85,230, Saugus \$ 57,420, Stoneham \$ 7,708, Watertown was awarded 2 grants, One for \$ 652,000 for four FF salaries and \$ 186,750 for Turn-out gear. Weymouth \$ 140,900, Winchester \$ 44,500 and Woburn \$ 164,074.
- Arlington – The year long renovation of the Center station are progressing on schedule. Ladder 1 is at Highland and Engine 1 has temporary trailer quarters near the Franklin Street and Mass Ave side of the station.
- Everett, reported by Member Paul Calderwood with the delivery of the 2 new pumps the following apparatus will be re-assigned. The 1989 Pierce Engine 1 will be removed from service. The “other” Engine 1 will be assigned as Engine 6 and will be placed in a garage at the Exxon facility on Beecham Street to live out its days. Engine 2 will be re-numbered to Engine 4 and assigned as the Department spare. By the time you read this the new Haz-Mat Squad should be delivered it is much like the Cambridge rig. Also expected shortly is a new Motor Squad truck and a new Command unit.
- Medford has completed renovations to Stations 3, 4 and 6.
- Revere news supplied by Member Frank Barry: With the delivery of the two new pumps, the fleet will be 7 engines and 3 trucks. With 3 engines and 1 truck as spares. Plans are being developed by Chief of Department and Box 52 Member to try and re-open the Point of Pines Station.



Cambridge Deputy Chief and Box 52 Member Ed Morrissey trying to get a better view
Of a recent 9th alarm fire. Photo by Member Peter Aloisi

APPARATUS NEWS – BOX 52

By Michael Boynton

Summer. If you blinked, you missed it. But as fast as it seems to have come and gone, it was very active in the area of fire apparatus news. New trucks, rehabs, and a few “pre-owned” purchases have been popping up all across the Bay State. Since our last visit, 40 new fire apparatus pieces have been delivered here in Massachusetts. It has been a wild pace, and by all accounts, the orders are still coming. In addition to the new trucks, several rehabs have been completed, including the five Boston Pierce rigs that will soon be returned to service following rehab work by Bulldog. The new assignments for those trucks will be to Engines 20, 30, 50, 55 and 56. Boston is also expecting delivery within the next few weeks of their new H-2 Special Unit, a 2014 Ford F-550 built by KME. Beyond that unit, the new Tower Ladder 10, Engine 10 and Rescue 1 have been ordered, as well as an added 109’ RMA ladder, all of which are KME. Once the new Tower 10 is in service, it is anticipated that the current Pierce will be sold to the Town of Rochester, MA.

In the Metro Fire district, several new trucks have arrived, and several others are just weeks away. Brookline (E-3, KME), Burlington (F-1, Firematic), Malden (E1 & L-1, Pierce), Newton (Air Supply, E-One), Quincy (L-5, KME), Wakefield (L-1, Seagrave) and Weymouth (E-3, Pierce) have all been delivered. Medford, Everett, Revere, Brookline, Somerville, Quincy and Belmont are all expecting new apparatus as well. Beyond Metro, the deliveries have been abundant. Most notable among the new units is the arrival of the first of several new DFS HazMat Units. TOMS 11 has been placed in service in Easton now, and is a 2014 Spartan/Farber custom command unit. Below is a listing of the arrivals and changes throughout the State.

DELIVERIES & NEWS METRO FIRE

Boston – Rehab Engines 20, 30, 50, 55 and 56 – 2003 Pierce Enforcers 1250/500 Foam Units (Former Engines 2, 3, 4, 5 & 41) (Bulldog Rehab)
Brookline – NEW Engine 3 – 2014 KME Severe Service 1500/500/30F
Burlington – NEW Forestry 1 – 2014 Ford F-550/Firematic BRAT 4x4 250/400
Malden – NEW Engine 1 – 2014 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/750 AND Ladder 1 – 2014 Pierce Arrow XT 105’ RMA
Newton – NEW Air Supply – 2014 Ford F-550/E-One 4x4
Quincy – NEW Ladder 5 – 2014 KME Predator 109’ RMA
Wakefield – NEW Ladder 1 – 2014 Seagrave Marauder II 100’ RMA
Weymouth – NEW Engine 3 – 2014 Pierce Impel 1500/750/30F

Outside Of Metro Boston

Amherst – NEW Engine 1 – 2014 E-One Typhoon E-Max 1500/750/30F
Bellingham – NEW Engine 2 – 2014 E-One Quest E-Max 1500/760/20A
Beverly – NEW Engines 3 & 5 – 2014 KME Predators 1250/750
Boxford – NEW Engine 2 – 2013 Spartan/Rosenbauer 1500/2500/100F
Canton – NEW Ladder 2 – 2014 E-One Cyclone II 100’ RMA
Carver – Rehab Tanker 1 – 1989 Ford/Maxim 500/2300 (M&R Rehab)
Chicopee – NEW Engine 5 – 2014 E-One Typhoon 1500/780
Dartmouth District 3 – NEW Engine 4 – 2014 Pierce Saber 1500/1000
Easton – NEW Engine 2 – 2014 E-One Typhoon 1500/750/30F
Edgartown – NEW Tanker 233 – 2014 International/KME 1250/2000
Grafton – NEW Rescue 1 – 2014 Pierce Impel Heavy Rescue
Harwich – NEW Engine 64 – 2014 Sutphen Shield 1500/500/30A
Holyoke – NEW Engines 1, 2 and 3 – 2014 KME Predator Panthers 1500/750
Hopkinton – NEW Engine 3 – 2014 International/KME 2250/2700/350F
Leicester – NEW Engine 3 – 2013 Spartan/Toyne 2000/1000/25F (Former Demo Unit)

MA Department of Fire Services – NEW TOMS Unit 11 – 2014 Spartan/Farber
 Manchester-By-The-Sea – “New” Engine 2 – 1998 Pierce Quantum 1500/500/40F
 Medway – NEW Tanker 1 – 2015 International/4-Guys 1000/3000
 Natick – NEW Engine 2 – 2014 E-One Typhoon 1500/1000/30F
 New Bedford – NEW Engines 1 and 7 – 2014 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500
 New Braintree – NEW Engine 2 – 2014 International/E-One E-Max 1500/2500/30F
 North Attleborough – NEW Engine 3 – 2014 Ferrara Cinder 1500/750/20A (First Cinder in MA)
 Paxton – NEW Engine 2 – 2014 KME Predator Panther 1500/975/25
 Plymouth – NEW Rescue 1 – 2014 E-One Cyclone II E-Max 1500/500/30F w/ Command Cab
 Tewksbury – “New” Engines 1 and 2 – 2008 Pierce Velocity PUCs 1500/750/20A/40B
 Upton – “New” Tower 36 – 2000 Pierce Dah 1500/500 85’ RMA
 West Stockbridge – NEW Engine 1 – 2014 Spartan ERV 2000/1000/30F
 West Tisbury – NEW Breaker 731 – 2013 International/V-Tec 300/750/20F
 Worthington – NEW Engine 1 – 2014 International/E-One 4x4 1250/500/20F



Boston E-20's re-habbed 2003 Pierce



Brookline Engine 3



Newton Air Supply



Quincy Ladder 5



Wakefield Ladder 1



Weymouth Engine 3



Mass. DFS TOMS 11



Bellingham Engine 2



Canton Ladder 2



Grafton Rescue 1



Medway Tanker No. 1



North Attleborough Engine 3



Plymouth Rescue 1



Upton Tower 36

50th Anniversary of the Trumbull Street Collapse

Fifty years ago on Thursday October 1st, 1964 the Boston Fire Department responded to a fire at number 36 Trumbull Street in the South End box 1671. Within a mere 23 minutes from the first alarm, 5 Boston Firefighters would make the Supreme Sacrifice and another 18 would be injured.

Number 36 Trumbull Street was a four story brick vacant loft type building located on a very narrow and congested street. At 12:31 AM the Fire Alarm Office received box 1671, Shawmut Avenue and West Brookline Streets. As the box was rec'd in the stations, the House Patrol at Engine 3 on Harrison Ave. hit the station lights and announced "1671 Shawmut & West Newton, both companies first due" motors were already turned over and the overhead doors were up, crews jumped to their positions and roared out onto Harrison Avenue towards Shawmut Ave.

As Ladder 3's 1962 Seagrave tiller swung into Shawmut Ave. Fire was visible from Trumbull Street, Lt. Campbell of Ladder 3 reported fire showing and ordered a Working Fire at 12:36 AM. District Chief McCarthy ordered a second alarm at 12:38 AM. Companies started an aggressive attack on the fire with big lines. Upon the arrival of

Division 1, Deputy Chief Clausen ordered the third alarm at 12:42 AM followed by the fourth alarm at 12:48 AM.

The fourth alarm companies had arrived and were going to work by 12:54 AM. Then, with out any warning the front wall collapsed burying numerous firefighters. Chief Clausen immediately ordered an all out effort to recover the trapped members. The fifth alarm was ordered at 12:54 AM and two minutes later a request for all available ambulances to respond. Assistant Chief Cloughy arrived on scene and was unaware that his son Robert was on of the men killed. 12 firefighters were injured and taken to the hospital by both BPD and BCH ambulances.

What is often over looked at this fire was that Buff Andrew 'Andy' Sheehan of Milton was also killed. Sheehan was 25 years old and lived in Milton. He had started hanging around Engine 3's house some ten years earlier when he was attending Cathedral High School. Sheenhan died with men he so admired. His funeral Mass was attended by many of his BFD friends.

The following Firefighters made the Supreme Sacrifice:

Lt. John Geswell Ladder Company 26 Detailed to Ladder 4

Lt. John McCorkle Engine Company 24

FF. Robert Cloughy Engine Company 3

FF. Francis Murphy Engine Company 24

FF. James Sheedy Ladder Company 4



Headlines of both the old Boston Traveler and the Record American. Both photos from the collection of Member William Noonan.

All photos courtesy of the Boston Globe Archives



2015 Matchbox Emergency Vehicle Models

Mattel the parent company of Matchbox has announced the 2015 list of emergency models in its Heroic Rescue series.

MB860 Ford Explorer
MB867 Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4
MB872 BMW X5
MB762 '78 Dodge Monaco Police
MB771 Ford E-350 Ambulance
MB780 '63 Cadillac Ambulance
MB885 Renault Master Ambulance
MB689 Ford Crown Victoria
MB821 Ford Interceptor

MB911 Toyota Tacoma (Life Guard)
MB933 Dodge Charger Pursuit
MB906 '63 Mack Model B
MB796 Hazard Squad
MB877 International Pumper
MB938 Ford F-350 Superlift Brush Fire Truck
MB755 Pierce Dash
MB801 International Workstar Brush Truck
MB857 Chevy Suburban

2014 Hallmark Fire Truck Ornament

Hallmark has announced that it's 2014 edition in its Fire Brigade series. This year's model is based on a 1971 GMC chassis with a Howe Body and it is the 12th in the series.



Photo courtesy of HALLMARK

For those who keep track, or are just curious about the series, below is the list supplied to Box 52 by Hooked On Hallmark.com

No. 1 2003 1929 Chevy Pump

No. 2 2004 ALF 700 Series Pump

No. 3 2005 1938 Chevy Pump

No. 4 2006 1961 GMC Pump

No. 5 2007 1988 Ford C/Pierce Pump

No. 6 2008 1908 Ford Model T Chemical

No. 7 2009 1965 Chevy Rural Pump

No. 8 2010 1951 Ford Pump

No. 9 2011 1957 Chevy Pump

No. 10 2012 1936 Ford Pump

No. 11 2013 1941 Ford Pump



Howe delivery photo of this '71 rig for Jim Hogg County Texas Rural Fire Protection District