



THE LINE BOX

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BOX 52 TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL!

Friday November 16th, 2012 at Florian Hall 55 Hallet Street Dorchester
Box 52 Centennial banquet. Guest speaker former Commisssioner Paul Christian. Tickets are \$ 40.00 per person are available from Tres. William Wilderman. Tables will seat 8, so why not bring along friends and family!

Boston Multiple Alarms May – August

Date	Box	District	Address	Building Type
05/07	2-1754	D-7	21-23 Dean Street	3 story wood frame dwelling
05/24	2-12-7113	D-6	1 Courthouse Way Mokely Federal Court	10 story high rise
06/22	2-7317	D-6	191 K Street	3 story wood frame dwelling
07/23	2-2581	D-12	440-444 Hyde Park Ave.	2.5 story wood frame dwelling
07/23	2-12-751	D-6	27 Dry Dock Ave.	8 story concrete, multi industrial usage
08/08	2-2392	D-9	808 Parker Street	3.5 story wood frame dwelling
08/13	2-1712	D-7	35 Norfolk Ave.	2 story ordinary vacant commercial bldg
08/16	5-3483	D-8	5 Fairmount Street	3 story wood frame dwelling
08/30	2-1491	D-4	25-27 Tyler Street	3.5 story ordinary mercantile

B.F.D NEWS

- Three KME 'Severe Service' pumpers have been delivered and are assigned to Engine Companies 7, 52 and 53.
- Dive Team Unit J-20 has had Rescue 2 1987 E-One rescue body remounted on to a sedan style 2012 International chassis.
- A heavy duty 5th wheel style trailer has been delivered and is now carrying many tools and equipment used in technical rescue incidents. It is pulled by a 2012 Ford F-550 pick up truck.



Dive Team 'J-20', photo taken at the Box 52 Open House. Photo by Dominic San Severino



A study in verticals. What is a fire in Boston with out their famed ladder work? Here 4 Ladder Companies and a Tower hard at work at the 5th alarm on Fairmount Street on August 16th.

Photo by Member William Noonan



One of three new KME 'Severe Service' pumps recently put in service. Photo by Waiting List Candidate Michael Boynton.

METRO-FIRE DOIN'S

- Both Lexington and Medford have received SAFER Grants to hire six and eight firefighters respectively.
- Lynn has taken delivery of a 2012 International/Horton ambulance for Rescue 1 and is equipped Advanced Life Support (ALS) level care.
- Saugus has taken delivery of a Pierce XT 1250 pump with a 1000 gallon tank for Engine 1.
- Waltham has purchased Salem's old Pierce TDA aerial for use as a spare. It will be designated as Ladder 3.
- Watertown has placed Engine 3's 1994 E-One pump out of service pending the delivery of their new apparatus. Presently they are operating with a spare.
- Weymouth has sold former Engine 5's 1994 KME 1250 gpm pump to a Department in New Jersey.

OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

- Billerica has placed a 2012 E-One RMA in service with Ladder 1.
- Hull Engine 3 is now running with a 2012 E-One Typhoon pump.
- On July 12 Lowell Engine 11's 2010 Pierce Arrow caught fire and the motor and wiring suffered heavy damage. Cause of the fire is unknown.
- Sharon has re-acquired its 1923 Steward City Service Ladder that served as Ladder 1 from 1923-1957, when it was then sold to Dunstable where it served til 1966. It was then bought by a private collector and fully restored.
- D.F.S. has placed Re-Hab 7 in-service using a 2011 Freightliner chassis with body work by Farber Specialty Vehicles..



Saugus Engine 1, photo by Member Michael Worley



Quincy Ladder 5 is heavily engaged during a recent 4 'bagga' on Quincy Ave . Photo by Member Michael Worley.

City of Cambridge Fire Boat "Patrick H. Raymond"

Cambridge fire has recently put its first Fire Boat in-service. The craft is a 2012 Viking Welding and Fabrication vessel. It is 30 feet long and has a two foot draft, It is equipped with a 1500 gpm Hale pump and has a 35 gallon foam tank.

It was placed in-service on July 2, 2012 and is named the "Patrick H. Raymond" a former Chief of the CFD. Chief Raymond was the first Afro-American Fire Chief in the Nation. He joined the CFD in the early 1850's and was assigned to "Hydrant Engine No. 4" He was appointed Chief Engineer on Jan. 5th, 1871 and retired on April 17th, 1879.

During his tenure, he was able to increase the annual budget three fold. He established two new companies and built four news stations: Portland Street, Western Avenue, Inman and Brattle Squares.

He served for many years as the Corresponding Secretary of the National Association of Fire Engineers.

Chief Raymond died on July 28th, 1894.

Information supplied by Member Edward Morrissey

BOX 52 BUS TRIP JUNE 2012

The day dawned rainy, but by lunch time it was clearing off. Over 40 members and guests toured the facilities of the B.F.D.



On Tremont Street at 22's House. Photo by Member William Wilderman



The required Group shot in front of Rescue Company 1.



In keeping with Box 52 Bus Trip tradition, you just never know what you will see. Engine 39's old steamer with a Christie Front drive! Photo by Member William Wilderman.

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH

Box 52 members, buffs, firefighters and families all made the trek to Florian Hall on Sunday August 26th. Vendors were on hand selling just about anything firematic. BFD rotated Companies in for photos during the four hour event. The big hit of the day was the Member Display Area where several of our Members displayed prized parts of their own unique collections. As you entered this room it was dominated by the Box 52 telegraph fire alarm box for all to see. Weather was great, as was the camaraderie!



No doubt who was running the show! Photo by Member William Wilderman.



Another view of the display area. Photo by Member William Wilderman.



Old friends play catch up. Photo by Member Frank San Severino

FROM THE EDITOR

As we celebrate our Centennial year, I can only wonder what the founding 14 members would think if they saw how far we have come from those humble beginnings.

As I set to work on this copy of the LINE BOX, I surprised myself when I saw that this year marks the ninth year that it has been produced. As with anything in the Fire Service, it is a true team effort.

First off I need to thank the Board of Directors, both past and present who have given me a lot of latitude for content. Co-Editors Members Mark Roche and John Galla who follow up on any item I need checked out. My editor who uses his sharp eye and equally sharp red pencil Member William Wilderman, he also plays a key role in the monthly publishing of the General Order. Our Webmaster Member John Galla who does yeoman work in getting the GO and LINE BOX up on the web site and can always figure out what I am talking about when changes are needed on the website (www.box52.org)

To the photographers that I beg photos from for every issue, a big thank you to Members William Noonan, Peter Aloisi, Michael Worley, Douglas Boudrow, Steven Walsh and Waiting List Member Michael Boynton.

The biggest thank you is to you the members of the Box 52 Association who have told us how much they enjoy the work that we present. Here's to another one hundred years Box 52!



MASS PORT Marine 31 American-United out and about in the harbor on a late, lazy August summer afternoon. Photo by Member Frank San Severino



Former Malden Ladder 3, now serves as Truck 1 in Monessen, PA. near Pittsburgh.. Photo via the Youngstown Fire Forums, credit to original photographer.

