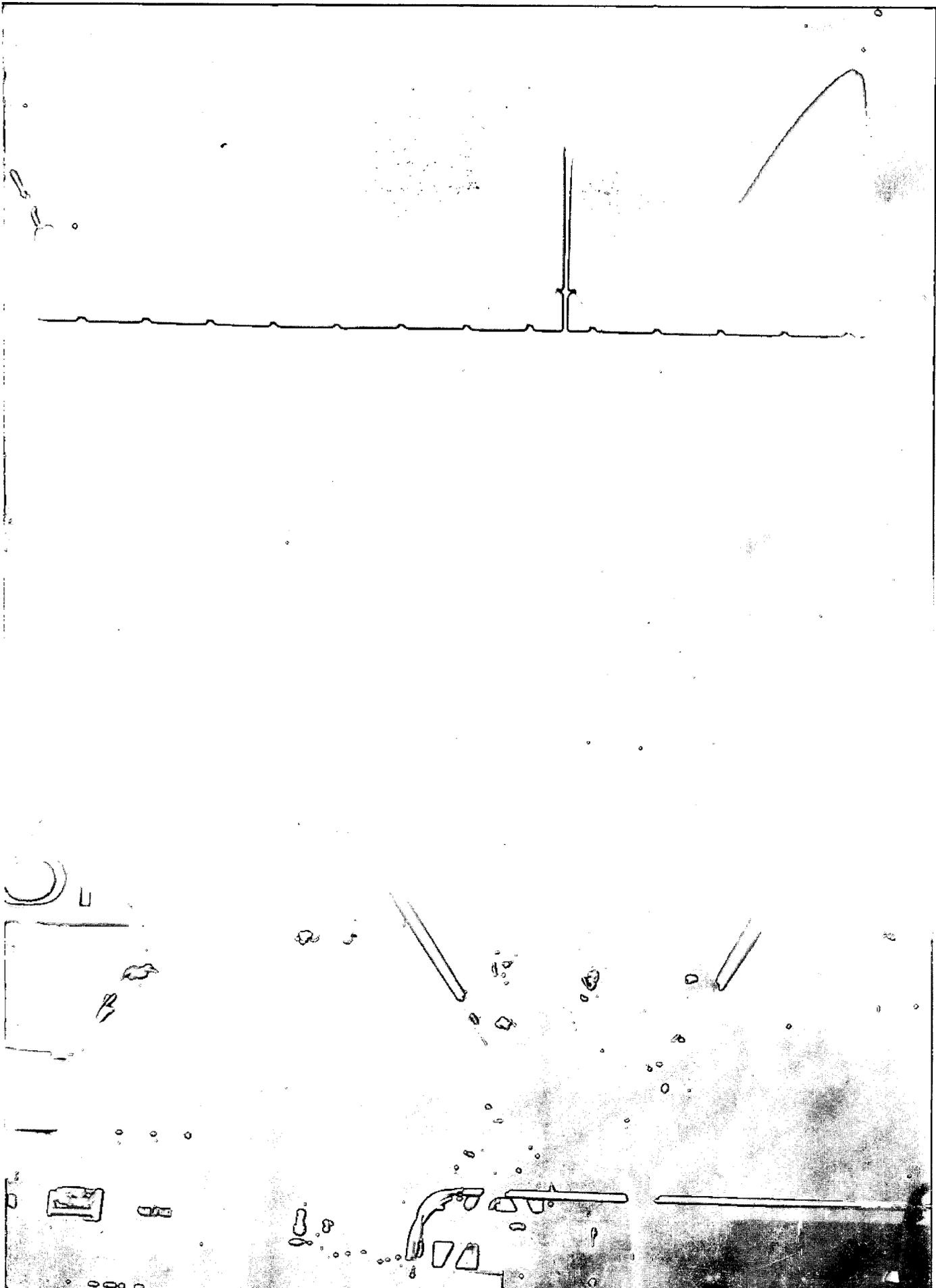
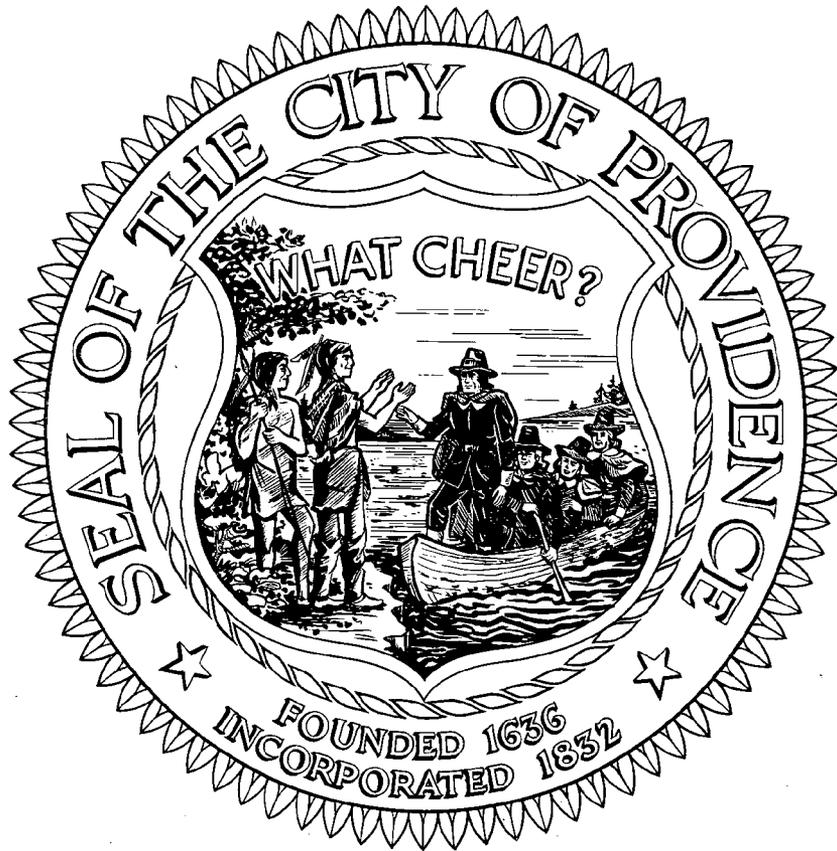


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1965





IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 7 - 1966

READ:
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Vincent Vespia
CLERK



THE HONORABLE JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, Jr.
Mayor of Providence



HARRY GOLDSTEIN
Commissioner of Public Safety



LEWIS A. MARSHALL
Chief of Department

LEWIS A. MARSHALL
CHIEF OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT



HARRY GOLDSTEIN
COMMISSIONER
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

The Honorable Commissioner of Public Safety
209 Fountain Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

It is my privilege and pleasure to submit for your approval the Annual Report of the Providence Fire Department.

In my opinion there were two outstanding events affecting the Fire Department in 1965.

First was a survey of Fire Protection by engineers of the American Insurance Association. This survey was conducted during June and July of 1965. At the time of this survey Providence was a 2-A city, the highest classification to be had. There are no so called first class cities. At the conclusion of the survey and based on the report of the American Insurance Association the city maintained its 2-A classification but in addition eliminated some deficiencies particularly in the Fire Department.

Secondly the Providence Fire Department in a contest for the best year round Fire Prevention program conducted by the National Fire Protection Association again was adjudged one of the top entries. Providence won second place in its population class, and placed ninth in the United States. There were 231 municipalities participating and the aforementioned positions indicate that Providence was in consideration for top honors right to the final selection.

The fire losses in the City of Providence were higher than in 1964. The largest single fire loss that occurred in 1965 was the fire in the Foremost Rubber Co. on West Exchange St.

Because we are surrounding ourselves with more combustible and flammable materials, fire control must be achieved by a combination of measures. Among these are reducing the combustible features of buildings, providing structural cut-offs and built-in fire protection devices.

Virtually all fire services recognize prevention of fires as an important part of their duties and maintain a bureau charged with this function.

Fire Prevention activities generally include public education, training industry for self protection, supervision of safety of public assembly, participation in revision of laws and fire regulations, and investigation of fires.

Intense fire prevention work by fire fighting units doing inspection work while under radio control has reduced certain hazards.

In this country some 12,000 people lost their lives by reason of fire.

The property loss by fire in 1965 in this country totaled \$1,760,000,000 just about an all time high. This amounted to about \$9.77 per capita.

The fire losses in Providence are slightly higher than 1964. However, our per capita loss is \$6.30 or 36% per capita lower than the National loss.

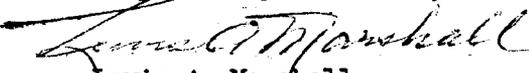
We shall continue to maintain the high standards of efficiency and effective operation to minimize loss of life and property damage by reason of fire.

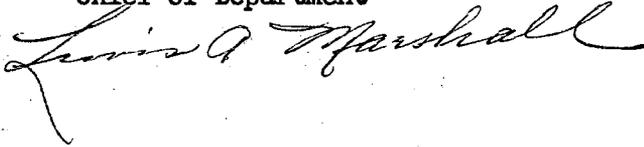
I extend my deep and sincere appreciation to all citizens and groups who, through 1965 have assisted and supported the work of this department.

To Mayor Doorley, and you Commissioner Goldstein, and the honorable members of the City Government my sincere thanks for the support and cooperation you have shown in providing us with the modern tools of firefighting required to fight fire efficiently and effectively.

I also commend the officers and men of the Providence Fire Department for their loyal and dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Respectfully submitted,


Lewis A. Marshall
Chief of Department



OPERATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT

National fire losses for 1965 totaled \$1,760,000,000. This figure indicates a sharp increase over the national losses for the previous year and has approached the all time high set in 1963 when fire destruction in the United States amounted to over \$1,788,000,000. Based on the 1965 figure the national per capita loss amounted to \$9.77.

In the United States during 1965, loss of life by fire increased to approximately 12,000 people.

Losses by fire in the City of Providence for the year 1965 totaled \$1,234,982.64 with a per capita loss of \$6.30. This loss represents an increase over the previous year, but continues to be below the national average. Per capita loss for the City of Providence is 36% less than the national figure.

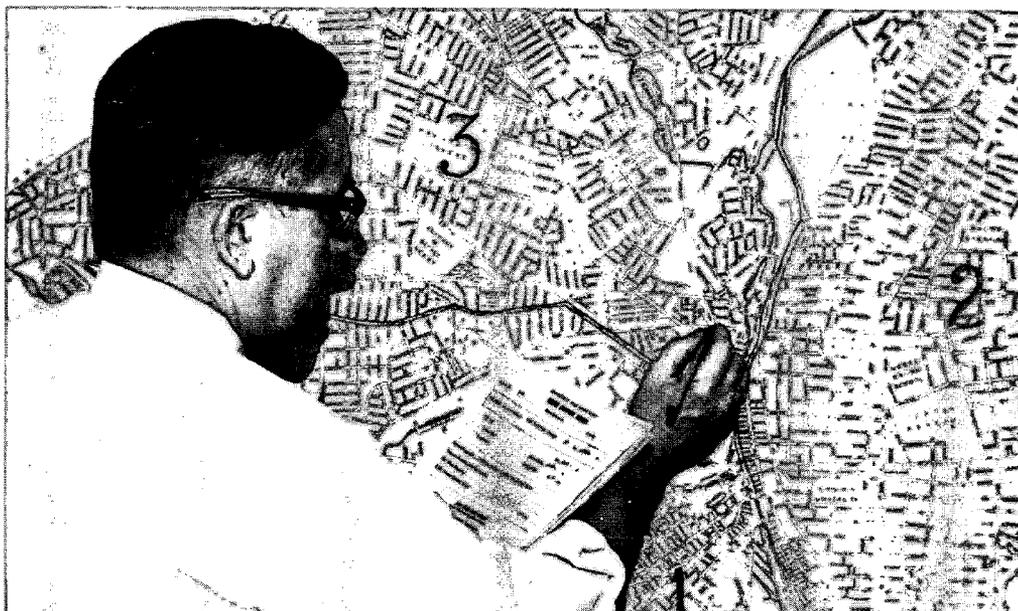
An increase in the number of lives lost by fire is also reflected in the City of Providence where in 1965 ten persons lost their lives in fires. Of this number, three were young children.

During 1965, the City of Providence experienced thirteen multiple alarm fires. Two of these multiple alarm fires occurred on the same afternoon and required a state of emergency to be declared in the fire department, thus continued adequate protection was afforded the city.

The number of building fires during 1965 indicates a slight increase over the previous year. Building fires amounting to \$2500. or more also indicate a slight increase. The increase in this category may be attributed to vacant building fires whereby more than \$2500. losses were paid.

Overall fire department response during 1965 increased approximately 11% over the previous year. The largest segment of this overall increase is in the total number of fire calls and the remainder is in increased rescue calls.

Statistical
Research



1965 FIRE LOSS

\$1,234,982.64

1964 FIRE LOSS

\$1,127,655.83

1965 NATIONAL

Per Capita Loss .. \$9.77

1965 PROVIDENCE

Per Capita Loss .. \$6.30*

* Per Capita Loss in the City of Providence for 1965 is approximately 36% less than the National figure.

BUILDING FIRES

1965 --- 419

1964 --- 416

FIRES AMOUNTING TO \$2500. or more

1965 --- 115

1964 --- 109

FIRE FATALITIES

1965 -- 10

1964 -- 7

1965 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

Box Alarms	2136
Still Box Alarms	1224
Still Alarms	2832
R.I.Electric Protective	<u>71</u>
Total Fire Calls	6263
Rescue Calls	<u>10,322</u>
TOTAL CALLS	16,585

MULTIPLE ALARMS

1965

2nd. alarm fires

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE BLDG.</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
Jan. 16	90-92 Transit Street	Dwelling	\$ 10,266.67
Mar. 26	388-390 Atwells Avenue	Mercantile	9,350.00
Apr. 8	161-175 Manton Avenue	Dwelling	8,400.00
May 30	27-29 Hammond Street	Dwelling	1,430.00
June 12	176-178 $\frac{1}{2}$ Prairie Avenue	Dwelling	30,150.00
July 15	266-275 Plainfield Street	Mercantile	8,130.65
July 27	322-328 Washington Street	Rooming House	2,764.84
Aug. 19	Roger William Park	Barn	
Oct. 12	4-6 Pearl St & 117 Dudley St.	Dwelling	6,500.00
Oct. 18	245 West Exchange Street	Manufacturing	62,222.26
Oct. 18	268 Atwells Avenue	Dwelling	32,400.00
Oct. 30	407 Pine Street	Dwelling	3,500.00
Nov. 26	246 Dean Street	Cafe	22,500.00

Fatalities caused from fire - 10

CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS
for fires in buildings

Candle-lamp-torch	15
Careless use of matches	24
Careless smoking	106
Careless smoking in bed	16
Cleaning solvent	5
Defective boiler-furnace	2
Defective chimney	5
Defective electric appliance	8
Defective gas stove	3
Defective range oil burner	3
Defective power oil burner	1
Defective portable oil heater	1
Defective space oil heater	7
Defective wiring	4
Dust-lint	2
Food-grease	8
Incendiary	1
Range oil burner-overflow	2
Space oil heater-overflow	2
Overheated boiler-furnace	1
Overheated oven	1
Set by juveniles	68
Short circuit-wires	7
Short circuit-television	1
Spark from chimney	1
Spark from motor-machine	2
Spark from rubbish fire	33
Spontaneous combustion	2
Struck by lightning	7
Suspicious	24
Miscellaneous	24
Undetermined	33
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	419 Total

OTHER THAN FOR A FIRE IN A BUILDING

False Alarms (Box)	1054	Overheated exhaust pipe	3
False Alarms (Still Box)	169	Overheated boiler-furnace	9
False Alarms (Still)	97	Overheated electric flat	2
Accidental-needless	467	Overheated electric motor	26
Candle-lamp-torch	7	Overheated oven	5
Careless use of matches	9	Overheated tar kettle	3
Careless smoking	66	Overturnd portable oil heater	1
Careless smoking in bed	29	Rags on pipes, etc.	4
Cleaning solvent	5	Rubbish-litter	2
Defective boiler-furnace	25	Set by juveniles	23
Defective chimney	3	Short circuit-wires	27
Defective electric appliance	76	Short circuit-electric motor	6
Defective gas stove	12	Short circuit-television	13
Defective gas heater	5	Soot in chimney	15
Defective range oil burner	33	Spark from chimney	1
Defective power oil burner	68	Spontaneous combustion	2
Defective portable oil heater	1	Struck by lightning	8
Defective space oil heater	18	Suspicious	1
Defective smoke pipe-flue	2	Auto-truck-bus, etc.	729
Defective machinery	1	Boat	2
Defective wiring	2	Bonfires	89
Dust-lint	3	Bridges	8
Explosion	1	Dumps	57
Food-grease	84	Fences	23
Hot ashes	1	Grass-brush-leaves	1383
Range oil burner-flareback	5	Junk yard	10
Range oil burner-overflow	25	Lumber yard	5
Space oil heater-overflow	5	Rubbish-litter	909
Power oil burner-overflow	3	Tree-pole	80
Power oil burner-flareback	7	Oil bomb in street	26
		Miscellaneous	89
		TOTAL	<u>5,844</u>

10,322 Rescue and Emergency Runs

Total building fires	419	
Total other than bldg. fires	5,844	
	<u>6,263</u>	TOTAL ALARMS FOR FIRE
Rescue and emergency runs	10,322	
	<u>16,585</u>	GRAND TOTAL OF ALARMS

RECORD OF ALARMS FOR FIRES IN BUILDINGS

RESIDENTIAL.....	274
NON-RESIDENTIAL.....	16
MERCANTILE.....	52
MANUFACTURING.....	32
STORAGE.....	18
PUBLIC UTILITIES....	0
MISCELLANEOUS.....	27
	<u>419</u> TOTAL

CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	
Apartments	21	Factories	24
Tenements	194	Breweries	0
Dwellings	45	Canneries	0
Hotels	0	Bakeries	0
Rooming & Lodging	14	Laundries	3
	<u>274</u>	Printing	0
		Other mfg. & processing	5
			<u>32</u>
<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>STORAGE</u>	
Office buildings	3	Warehouses	5
Theaters	0	Piers-Wharfs	0
Churches	4	Grain elevators	0
Hospitals	1	Storage	13
Institutions	3		<u>18</u>
Schools	3		
Armories	0	<u>PUBLIC UTILITIES</u>	
Auditoriums	0	Power Plants	0
Halls, etc.	2	Pump-transformer sta.	0
Banks	0		<u>0</u>
	<u>16</u>		
<u>MERCANTILE</u>		<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Retail & Wholesale	32	Detached private	
Restaurants	8	garages and barns	19
Bars & Cafes	6	All other buildings	8
Repair shops	2		<u>27</u>
Filling stations	1		
Public garages	3		
	<u>52</u>		

NUMBER OF ALARMS DURING EACH HOUR

<u>HOUR</u> <u>A.M.</u>	<u>ALARMS</u>	<u>HOUR</u> <u>P.M.</u>	<u>ALARMS</u>
12 - 1	157	12 - 1	341
1 - 2	159	1 - 2	339
2 - 3	60	2 - 3	366
3 - 4	61	3 - 4	430
4 - 5	30	4 - 5	452
5 - 6	46	5 - 6	413
6 - 7	55	6 - 7	410
7 - 8	92	7 - 8	471
8 - 9	113	8 - 9	535
9 - 10	167	9 - 10	510
10 - 11	217	10 - 11	360
11 - 12	252	11 - 12	227
			<u>6,263</u> TOTAL

NUMBER OF ALARMS DURING EACH DAY

Sunday	908
Monday	825
Tuesday	851
Wednesday	873
Thursday	832
Friday	912
Saturday	1,062
	<u>6,263</u> TOTAL

The following is the statistical summary of the activities of the fire fighting force of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1965.

Working time of companies at fires - 8,581 hours 11 min.
 Working time at dumps - 35 hours 18 min.
 Working time of pumpers at fires - 841 hours 18 min.

HOSE LINES USED

Booster No. of lines used	458	Total feet	81,570
1½" hose " " " "	2,920	" "	407,750
2½" hose " " " "	475	" "	101,800
3" hose " " " "	366	" "	82,350

LADDERS USED

Aerial ladders	168 used	Total feet	12,842
Portable ladders -	1,131 used	" "	22,776

EXTINGUISHERS USED

Foam	-	7
Soda and acid	-	0
Pump tanks	-	427
Dry chemical	-	62
Carbon dioxide	-	213
Carbon tetrachloride	-	0

OTHER EQUIPMENT

Salvage covers	-	316
Bundles of laths	-	69
Rolls - roofing paper	-	109½
Homelites	-	62
Generators	-	30
Smoke ejector	-	4
Scott Air-Pac	-	16
Survivair	-	28
Sprinkler heads		59

EXTRA HOURS AND LOST TIME

Extra hours of duty performed	4,093 hours 30 min.
Time in attendance at drills	2,274 hours 48 min.
Time lost by members through sickness	56,234 hours
Time lost by members through injuries	67,245 hours 20 min.
Time lost through family sickness	6,842 hours
Special time granted	3,536 hours 30 min.

INSPECTIONS

RESIDENTIAL

(dwellings, apartments, rooming houses, etc.) 99,421

NON-RESIDENTIAL

(theaters, churches, hospitals, schools, etc.) 1,949

MERCANTILE

(retail stores, restaurants, repair shops, etc.) 879

MANUFACTURING

(factories, bakeries, laundries, etc.) 322

STORAGE

(warehouses, piers, etc.) 117

MISCELLANEOUS

(power plants, pumping stations, etc.) 97

HYDRANTS

37,838

APPROVALS AND PERMITS

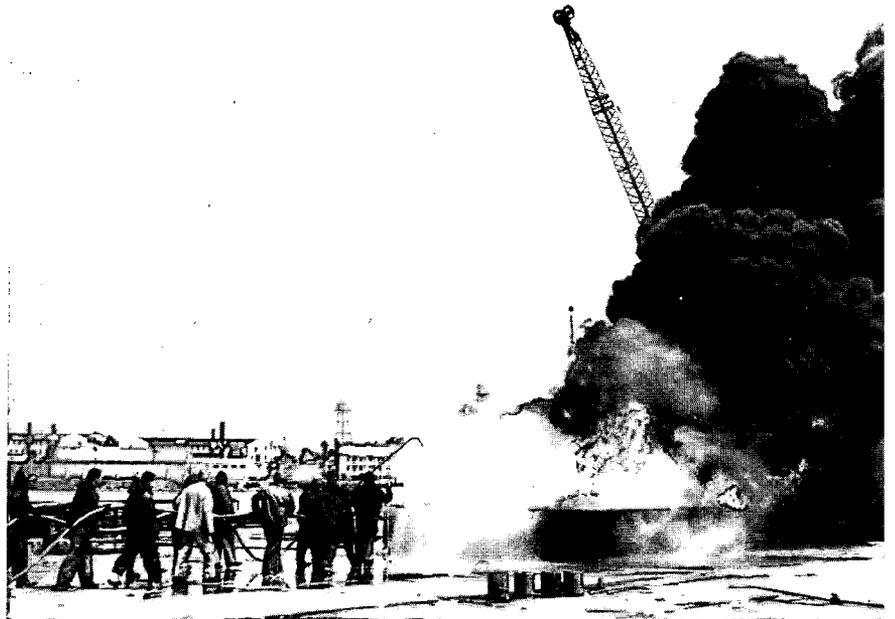
Gasoline	350
Garages	163
Dangerous chemicals	131



FIREFIGHTER

Firefighting

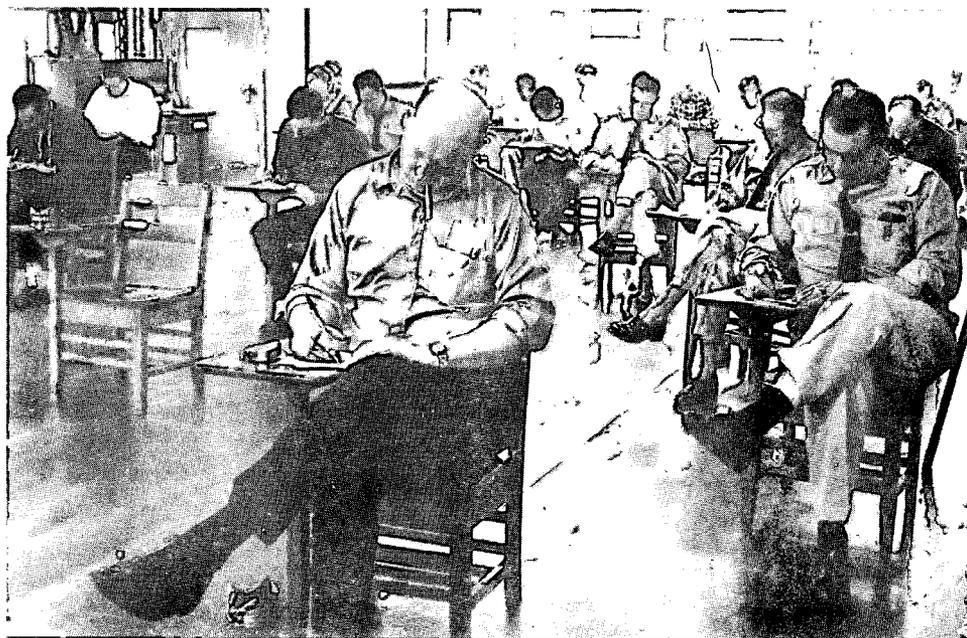
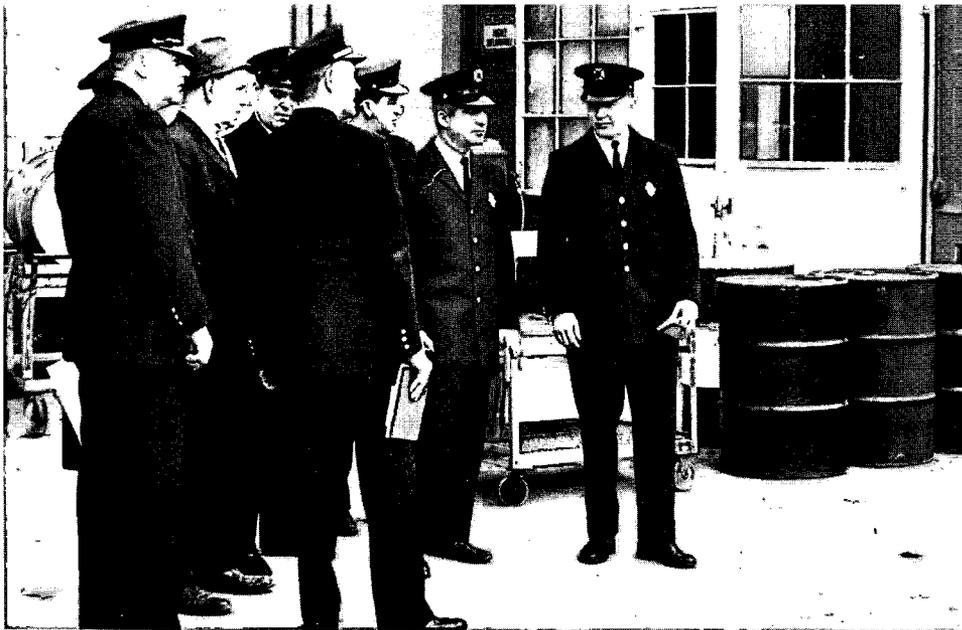
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Fighting Oil Fires



Company Drill

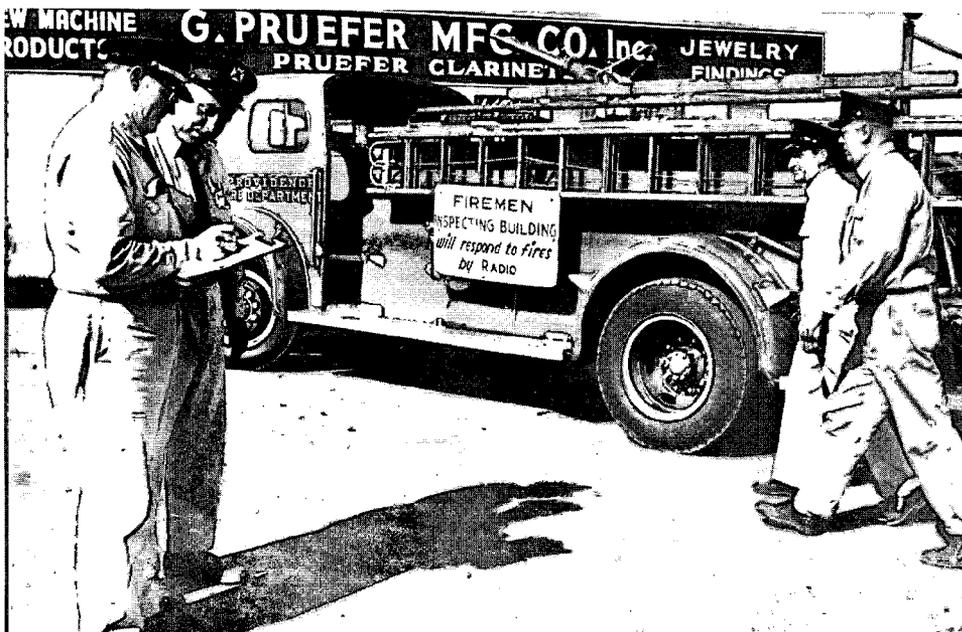
ACTIVITIES

Industrial Inspection



Promotional Examination

In-Service Inspection



The inservice apparatus consists of 18 pumpers, 2 combination foamite, 8 ladder trucks, 2 engine tenders, 3 rescue trucks and 1 salvage truck.

The reserve apparatus consists of 11 triple combination pumpers, 4 ladder trucks, 2 rescue trucks and 1 foam wagon.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>G.P.M.</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Engine Co. No. 1	Ward-LaFrance	1000	November - 1963
" " " 2	LaFrance	750	April - 1952
" " " 3	LaFrance	750	April - 1953
" " " 4	General	750	December - 1953
" " " 5	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 6	LaFrance	750	June - 1952
" " " 7*	LaFrance	1250	November - 1945
" " " 8	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 9	LaFrance	1500	December - 1949
" " " 10	Oren	750	September - 1952
" " " 11	Ward-LaFrance	750	April - 1954
" " " 12	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 13	General	750	December - 1953
" " " 14	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 17	Mack	750	December - 1957
" " " 18	Seagrave	1000	April - 1965
" " " 19	Mack	750	December - 1957
" " " 20	Ward-LaFrance	750	July - 1960

* New motor installed in 1953

Ladder Co. No. 1	LaFrance Aerial	June - 1942
" " " 2	LaFrance Aerial	October - 1945
" " " 3	LaFrance Aerial	February - 1950
" " " 4	LaFrance Aerial	July - 1956
" " " 5	LaFrance Aerial	March - 1946
" " " 6	Seagrave Aerial	September - 1954
" " " 9	LaFrance Aerial	December - 1951
" " " 10	Maxim Aerial	January - 1963

Engine Tender No. 7	G. M. C.	December - 1943
Engine Tender No. 9	Ford C. O. E.	August - 1950

Rescue Co. No. 1	Chevrolet panel (1 ton)	June - 1962
Rescue Co. No. 2	Gerstenslager (1 ton)	August - 1962
Rescue Co. No. 3	Chevrolet panel (1 ton)	February - 1965
Salvage Co. No. 1	International walk-in van	May - 1961

RESERVE APPARATUS AND LOCATION

Reserve Engine No. 2*	At Engine Co. 2	1942
Reserve Engine No. 3	At Engine Co. 3	1927
Reserve Engine No. 4	At Engine Co. 4	1927
Reserve Engine No. 5	At Engine Co. 5	1927
Reserve Engine No. 6*	At Engine Co. 6	1942
Reserve Engine No. 12	At Engine Co. 12	1926
Reserve Engine No. 14	At Engine Co. 14	1927
Reserve Engine No. 17	At Engine Co. 17	1927
Reserve Engine No. 19	At Engine Co. 19	1953
Reserve Engine No. 20	At Engine Co. 20	1953
Reserve #1	At Division of Training	1925

* New motor installed 1953

Reserve Ladder #3	At Engine Co. 5	1929
Reserve Ladder #4*	At Ladder Co. 4	1927
Reserve Ladder #6	At Engine Co. 18	1927
Reserve Ladder #8**	At Engine Co. 19	1937

* New tractor - 1950

** New tractor - 1947

Reserve Rescue #1	At Rescue Co. 3	1957
Reserve Rescue #2	At Ladder Co. 3	1960
Reserve Foam Wagon	At Engine Co. 18	1952
Reserve Batt. Chief Sedan	At Repair Shop	1961

New Foam Apparatus .



DISTRICT CHIEFS

BATTALION CHIEFS "A" PLATOON



VINCENT T. REARDON



EDWIN A. FAY



JOHN L. ROONEY



JAMES F. COLEMAN, Jr

BATTALION CHIEFS "B" PLATOON



GUIDO NUTINI



CARL F. FLIEGNER



ARTHUR BRODEUR



JOHN T. McLAUGHLIN

BATTALION CHIEFS "C" PLATOON



JOHN F. McDONALD



GEORGE H. NOWELL



SYLVESTER F. SHEA



WALTER F. HANNAWAY

PERSONNEL

Total Department membership as of December 31, 1965 - 479

Appointments.....12
Retirements.....13
Resignations..... 6
Promotions.....14
Transfers.....73
Commendations..... 0
Reprimands..... 0
Deaths..... 4

SUPERIOR OFFICERS

Lewis A. Marshall, Chief of Department

BATTALION CHIEFS

Arthur Brodeur	Guido Nutini
James F. Coleman, Jr.	Edmond F. Marnane
Edwin A. Fay	John F. McDonald
Carl F. Fliegner	John T. McLaughlin
Walter F. Hannaway	Vincent T. Reardon
James T. Killilea	John L. Rooney
George H. Nowell	Sylvester F. Shea

James A. Cusick, Superintendent - Automotive Repair Shop

Alfred J. Mello, Superintendent - Fire Alarm Telegraph

Batt. Chief Michael Sabatino, Superintendent - Building Repairs

Raymond A. Kilduff, Assistant Superintendent - Automotive Repairs

William R. McVey, Assistant Superintendent - Fire Alarm

PERSONNEL

Capt. Lawrence A. Bouchard
Capt. James C. Byrne
Capt. Joseph A. Carr
Capt. Elliot M. Durfee
Capt. Richard B. J. Farmer
Capt. John J. Falvey
Capt. Charles J. Gilchrist
Capt. George A. Gray
Capt. Henry A. Grzych
Capt. Donald P. Hackett
Capt. William P. Kanaczet
Capt. William F. Kelly
Capt. Thomas M. Kennedy
Capt. Richard H. Lyons
Capt. Joseph J. Mainey

Lieut. Russell H. Backman
Lieut. Eugene C. Balcom
Lieut. Robert A. Bergeron
Lieut. Howard W. R. Bucklin
Lieut. James G. Cahill
Lieut. Richard J. Casey
Lieut. Arthur J. Choiniere
Lieut. Frederick C. Clancy
Lieut. Charles A. Cornell, Jr.
Lieut. John J. Creamer
Lieut. Thomas H. Cronin
Lieut. Richard E. Crossman
Lieut. Donald V. Dacey
Lieut. Frank J. Day
Lieut. Edward T. Downing
Lieut. Robert N. Drummond
Lieut. William P. Gardner
Lieut. Gastano F. Gaudioso
Lieut. Donald E. Gibson
Lieut. Eugene F. Gilchrist
Lieut. George C. Griffin
Lieut. Joseph B. Healey
Lieut. Thomas M. Horiagon
Lieut. Joseph R. Hull
Lieut. Francis X. Jarvis
Lieut. Raymond T. King
Lieut. John Lamanna
Lieut. Alfred F. Leach

Capt. John J. Mohan
Capt. Clarence B. McCormick
Capt. John E. McDonald
Capt. John F. McDermott, Jr.
Capt. John B. McGarry
Capt. John F. McGwinn
Capt. Robert M. Murray
Capt. Edward T. O'Keefe
Capt. John F. Oliver
Capt. James W. Robertson
Capt. Robert A. Sullivan
Capt. Leonard E. Sweeney
Capt. James J. Sylvia
Capt. George B. Vieweg
Capt. Robert D. Walsh
Capt. Robert V. Weakley

Lieut. Frank E. Lopes
Lieut. George H. Lowe, Jr.
Lieut. William J. Lynch
Lieut. James E. Maher
Lieut. James J. Marley
Lieut. James J. McAllister
Lieut. Owen P. McGurn
Lieut. Mathew McKeon
Lieut. Joseph H. Mitchell
Lieut. Michael F. Moise
Lieut. Joseph V. Morro
Lieut. John J. Mullen
Lieut. Austin T. Nagle
Lieut. Edward F. Nagle
Lieut. Charles W. Oatley, Jr.
Lieut. William H. O'Connell
Lieut. Emanuel E. Patrone
Lieut. Ettore Patrone
Lieut. Eugene S. Patrone
Lieut. Robert R. Poudrier
Lieut. Bartholomew E. Quigley
Lieut. Alfred J. Reall
Lieut. Richard Rebello
Lieut. James J. Roche
Lieut. Anthony V. Sauro
Lieut. Walter R. Sheridan
Lieut. James H. Wall
Lieut. Bernard J. Waters

From: James T. Killilea, Battalion Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention.

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report - 1965.

Sir:

I herewith submit for your consideration and approval the following report of the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the year ending December 31, 1965.

There have been three changes in the personnel of the Bureau during 1965. Through retirement, the Bureau of Fire Prevention lost the services of Battalion Chief John E. Butler and Inspector William H. Martin. I was transferred from the firefighting force to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Butler. The roster of the Fire Prevention Bureau, at the present time is as follows:

Battalion Chief James T. Killilea
Captain John F. McGwinn (detailed from E-11)
Lieutenant Joseph B. Healey
Lieutenant Joseph H. Mitchell
Inspector Warren R. Kirk
Inspector Frederick J. O'Brien
Inspector Anthony R. Costa
Inspector Louis Gorodetsky
Inspector William H. Maher
Inspector Earl H. Goodison
Inspector Salvatore F. Santoro
Inspector Joseph R. Jansen
Inspector David J. Gibbons
Inspector Edgar H. Holloway (detailed from L-5)

With the retirement of Battalion Chief John E. Butler, the Bureau lost the services of one of the best Fire Prevention Chiefs that the City of Providence has ever had. His ability was recognized not only on a local level, but nationally as well. His efforts, and indeed those of the entire fire department, can best be evaluated in the national recognition afforded Providence in the field of fire safety. In January of 1966, the National Fire Protection Association voted our fire safety program second in class in all cities of our population category, and ninth of all cities, regardless of class, in the entire United States and Canada.

Our In-Service inspection program, conducted throughout the entire year, is one of our most important functions in Fire Prevention. It enables the members of the department to reach the public on a

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU PERSONNEL
Battalion Chief James T. Killilea

Arson Investigation



Fire Extinguisher Demonstration



personal basis and to explain to them the danger of fire and how it can be prevented by their cooperation.

During the year the Bureau set up displays in banks, theater lobbies, public buildings and stores. It also presented many demonstrations, games, lectures and films to various organizations. The Clean-up Week program had the full cooperation of our citizens. They cleaned out their cellars, attics and garages of material that had accumulated, placed them on the sidewalks, and through the cooperation of the sanitation and highway departments was picked up and taken away.

The pre-Fourth of July inspections by members of the department effectively reduced the number of bonfires that might otherwise have occurred. The Bureau inspectors during the Christmas holidays were kept busy in the various department stores, inspecting for rubbish and new flammable materials that seem to appear on the market at this particular time of the year. They received excellent cooperation from most of the owners and managers.

The Bureau is very grateful to the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for their generous grant which permits us to carry out our Junior Fire Department program, conducted under the supervision of Inspector Warren R. Kirk. It is recognized as one of the finest programs in the country and has been utilized as a pilot program by many cities throughout the country.

The Fire Safety Committee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce is one of our larger "arteries" in our fire prevention program. One would certainly be remiss if their immeasurable contribution to our fire-safety program were not acknowledged. Their active participation, professional counsel and monetary contributions have proven a tremendous contribution to the acknowledged effectiveness of our program here in Providence.

The Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off Luncheon was held in the North Main Street fire station. Contributing to the success of the occasion were Mayor Doorley and Commissioner Goldstein, and many dignitaries representing, in addition to the Chamber of Commerce, an excellent cross-section of business and industry.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Departments of Building Inspection, Health, Electrical, Air Pollution and Minimum Housing, for their continued cooperation; and to our press, radio and television media for the excellent coverage afforded us throughout the year. Last, but certainly not least, my

sincere appreciation to Chief Marshall, the officers and men of the Providence Fire Department for their unselfish cooperation.

The following is a complete report of the activities of the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the year ending December 31, 65.

INVESTIGATION

Complaints corrected.....	686
Complaints unjustified.....	36
Buildings razed.....	84
Buildings repaired.....	54
Referred to Health Department.....	8
Referred to Building Director.....	55
Referred to Electrical Inspector.....	4
Request of occupants.....	42
Defective chimney - smoke pipe and heating plant.....	6
Fire escapes - panic bolts etc.....	64
Obstructed exits.....	126
Open exposures.....	264
Burning rubbish.....	338
Rubbish conditions corrected.....	354

FIRES

Fires investigated.....	1608
suspicious fires.....	41
Referred to Juvenile Division.....	16
Fire losses investigated.....	384
Court cases.....	3

PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

Bingos.....	185
Exhibitions.....	23
Carnivals.....	6

INSPECTIONS

Original inspections.....	1876
Re-inspections.....	923
Theaters.....	114
Convalescent homes.....	15
Nursing homes.....	22
Homes for children.....	124
Hospitals.....	55
Schools.....	110
Orphanages.....	5

Storage of vehicles.....	59
Gasoline applications.....	27
Gasoline tanks.....	76
Storage of fuel oil - bulk.....	12
Dangerous chemical applications.....	151
Fire escapes.....	73

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations.....	96
Attendance at demonstrations.....	33,400
Moving picture showings.....	93
Attendance - moving pictures.....	35,300
Lecture - talk.....	71
Lecture - attendance at.....	24,450
Conferences attended.....	14
Radio broadcast.....	55
Television broadcast.....	40
Fire drills conducted.....	216
Tape recordings made.....	23

MISCELLANEOUS

No smoking signs issued.....	528
Photographs taken.....	2,738
Extra hours worked.....	295½
Pamphlets distributed.....	111,600
Books distributed.....	18,200
Posters distributed.....	3,303
Public displays set up.....	23

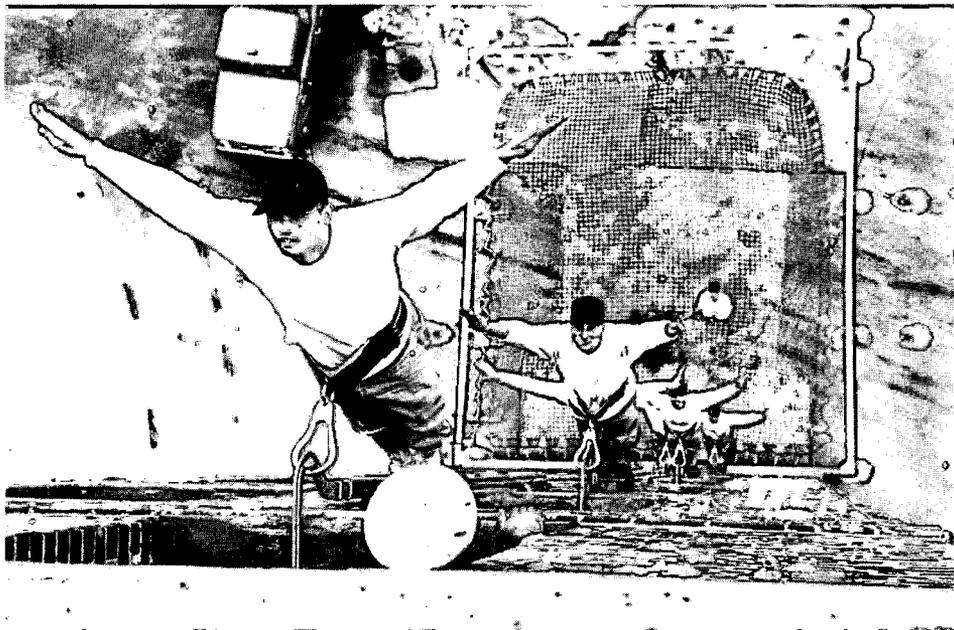
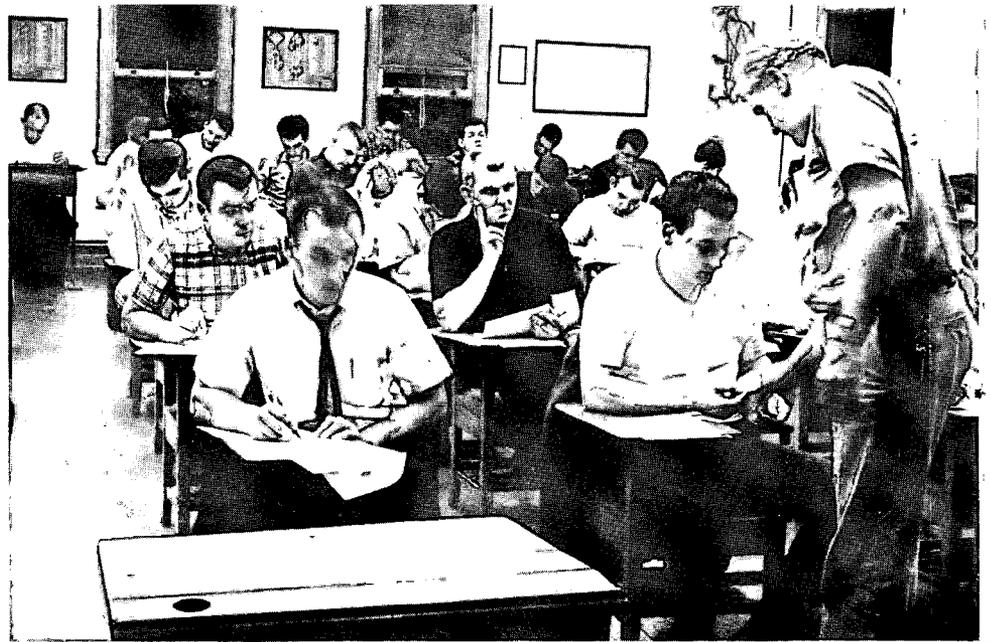
Respectfully submitted,

James T. Hillier

DIVISION OF TRAINING

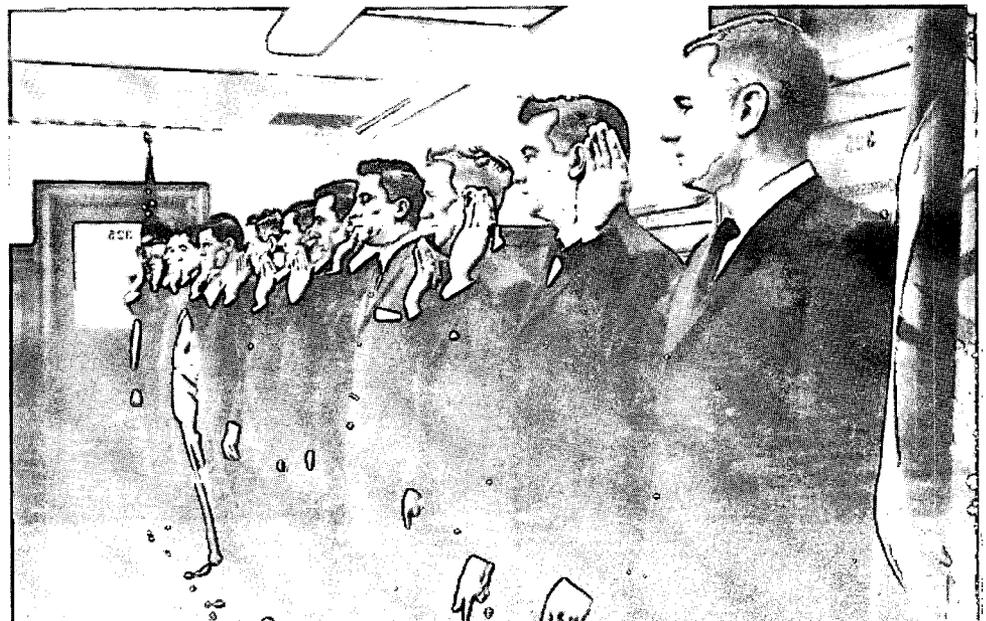
Battalion Chief
Edmond F. Marnane

Entrance Exams



Pompier Ladder Drill
for Trainees

Permanent Appointments
to Department



From: Batt. Chief Edmond F. Marnane, Director, Division of Training.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report of Activities.

Sir:

The Division of Training opened the year 1965 with the Twenty-fourth (24) Trainee School in the advanced Training Program with twelve Trainee's participating.

An Announcement dated January 4th 1965 establishing the date and time of a competitive examination for Privates to be qualified for a Promotional School was circulated throughout the department.

A competitive examination for Privates was held at Central High School on the evening of Tuesday, January 19, 1965 at seven (7) o'clock.

A Total of 120 privates filed for the examination. Nineteen (19) applicants failed to report for the competitive examination leaving a total of 101 contestants in an active status.

During the weeks of February 7th and February 14th, adaptability tests were given to the top ten (10) contestants by Mr. Charles A. Devine Jr. These tests were conducted at the Quarters of the Training Division.

On Tuesday February 16th the members of the 24th Trainees School were sworn in, as members of the Fire Department fourth class. The effective date to be, Tuesday, February 16th, 1965 at 8:00 A.M. The entire class of 12 men were duly sworn in.

On February 18th, the staff of this Division conducted a short course for the members of the Providence Police Training School in relation to the handling of Nuclear Accidents in transportation. This course was conducted at the Police Academy.

On Thursday, March 3rd, an announcement was delivered throughout the department that Engine company #1, was equipped with one (1) RP - 6 Foam Pipe and three (3) five gallon containers of 3% mechanical Foam concentrate.

On Friday, March 5th, this Division met with Mr. Frank Farrell of the Local Civil Defense Authority and set up a program for the Units of the Fire Department to participate in a Radiation reporting exercise.

On the evening of March 10th, all seventeen (17) Units of the Fire Department participated in a Radiation Reporting Drill, whereby, all Units reported, pre-arraigned readings to the Local Civil Defense Headquarters.

On Monday, March the 15th, a Private's Promotional School convened with (10) men in attendance. This school was scheduled for a period of two (2) weeks, whereby the members were detached from their services.

On Friday, the 19th of March a Physical examination was given to the ten (10) contestants to the Promotional School, by the Department Surgeon and the Deputy Surgeon. This examination was conducted at the Quarters of the Training Division.

On Thursday, March 25th, a Rotating Beacon Light was put in place on the roof of the Station Wagon, assigned for use to the Division of Training. This work was done by the members of the Department of Automotive Repairs.

On Saturday, March 27th, the Private's Promotional School, closed out with the conducting of examinations to establish the competitive order of Finish to a Lieutenancy.

On Wednesday, March 31st an announcement was delivered throughout the department, which established a Qualification date for a Lieutenant's Promotional School.

On Monday, April 5th, the staff of this Division, presented a Lecture and Demonstration, at the Henry Barnard School, for the benefit of Fire Protection and Prevention workers, from throughout the State, the subject, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Their Care and Use.

On Thursday, April 8th, General Order #17, series of 1965, was distributed, wherein the order of finish of the Private's Promotional School was set forth.

On Thursday, April 8th, the last of the POWDERED or CHEMICAL FOAM was completely surveyed, as of this date, the only Chemical Foam to be had in the Department, will be in the Portable $2\frac{1}{2}$ gallon extinguishers only.

On Friday, April 9th, an announcement setting the date for the qualifying competitive examination was presented to the membership of the department.

On Monday, April 19th, thirty-three (33) Lieutenants competed for appointment to the Promotional School. Two (2) applicants failed to take the competitive examination, which was conducted at the Division Quarters.

During the week of April 25th, adaptability examinations were given by Mr. Charles A. Devine Jr. to seven (7) men seeking to qualify to the Lieutenants Promotional School. On Monday, May 10th, The Promotional School for Lieutenants convened at the Division Quarters with seven (7) men in attendance. The School sessions were scheduled for a duration of two (2) weeks.

On Thursday, May 13th, a Physical examination was given to the seven (7) members of the Lieutenant's Promotional School by the Department Surgeon at the Division Quarters.

On Saturday, May 22nd, a competitive examination to determine the order of finish for, and to the rank of Captain was held for the attendants of the Lieutenant's Promotional School was conducted at the Division of Training.

On Friday, May 28th, General Order #26, series of 1965 was published, whereby the order of finish of the Lieutenant's Promotional School was established within the department.

On Wednesday, June 23rd and Thursday June 24th, the staff of this Division, joined with the members of the AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION in the testing of Fire Department Pumping Units as selected by Mister William Peck of the Association. Seven (7) Pumping Units were tested on the 23rd and Six (6) Pumping Units were tested on the 24th.

On Thursday, July 8th, a competitive examination was conducted at the Division of Training Quarters for the selection of applicants to the 25th. Training School. A total of forty six (46) notifications were mailed out and thirty two (32) contestants appeared for the competitive examination. Thirteen men failed to appear for the examination and one (1) man withdrew from competition due to financial requirements.

On Tuesday, July 13th, the staff of this Division again worked with the members of the American Insurance Association in testing Fire Department Pumps at the Drill Yard. On this day five (5) Pumping Units were tested.

On Friday, July 23rd, twenty-two (22) men were given Physical examinations by the Department Surgeons, such examinations were conducted at the Division of Training Quarters.

During the week of July 25th. adaptability tests were conducted by Mister Charles A. Devine Jr. for twenty-two (22) prospective Trainees. These tests were rendered at the Quarters of the Division of Training.

On Monday, September 13th, the Twenty-fifth School of Trainee's convened at the Division of Training Quarters with sixteen (16) men in attendance.

On Wednesday, September the 15th, the First drop-out of the 25th. Training School occurred at the 8:00 A.M. roll call.

On Friday, September 17th, the Second drop-out of the 25th. Training School occurred at the 8:00 A.M. roll call.

On Thursday, September the 23rd, the second (2) week of the Training School, the third drop-out took place at the 8:00 A.M. roll call, this event now reduced the Trainee's Unit to thirteen (13) men.

On Friday, September 24th, General Order #39, series was issued, which set the schedule for the Annual Fire Pump and Hose Test for the department.

On Friday, September 24th, there was also an announcement to the Department that, complete Sets of American Insurance Association, SPECIAL INTERESTS BULLETINS, were added to the Library of the Division of Training, and that these Bulletins were available to the membership of the department for their use for a period of seven (7) days per issue.

During the week of September 26th and the week of October 3rd, the entire Hose inventory of the Department and all Pumping Units were tested at the Drill Yard under specifications set forth by the American Insurance Association. The man power needed to perform these tests were provided by the membership of the 25th Training School.

Here listed are the results of the Hose Test for the year of 1965.

Hose tested -- Three inch with 2½ inch couplings	474 sections	
Two and one half inch hose	744 sections	
One and one half inch hose	530 sections	
Total number of sections	1748 sections	
Defective 3 inch hose	Defective 2½ inch hose	Defective 1½ inch hose
Burst 6 sections	Burst 37 sections	Burst 11
Porous 6 sections	Porous 6	Porous 14
Defective Couplings 2 sections	Defective Couplings 4	Defective Couplings 6

On Wednesday, October 6th, the members of the 25th Training School and the Staff presented a Fire Fighting and Fire Protection and Fire Prevention Demonstration at the grounds of the Gorham Corporation, 333 Adelaide Avenue, this demonstration was under the sponsorship of the Gorham corporation and the General Equipment Corporation of Boston, Massachusetts and the Bliss-Rockwood Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.

On Thursday, November 13th, the staff of this Division appeared before the Providence Police Training Unit to lecture on Radiological accidents in Transportation and define the responsibilities of the Police department membership, when such accidents occur in their patrol.

On Monday, December 13th, the 25th Training opened the advanced stage of in company service Training. The membership of thirteen (13) Trainees were assigned to six (6) Units of the department.

The Trainee Group has been equipped with Ladder Straps as part of the equipment issued to them through the Division of Training.

The membership of the 25th Training School has been equipped with a new Fire Helmet. This helmet replaces the Aluminum helmet. This new helmet is a Poly-Carbon material.

On Wednesday, December 15th, The Division of Training received as new equipment, A Scott Air Pak - Model II, with Voice Pak.

On Tuesday, December 21st, The Division of Training received as new equipment, A Surviv-Air Breathing Unit, with Voice Pac.

The addition of these two (2) Masks, allow for the use of same for Instruction and demonstrations, as well as the personal use of the staff of the Training Division.

The membership of the 25th Training School responded to a total of fifty-five (55) alarms for Fire. The Trainees of the School under the supervision and direction of the Staff membership operated as a company Unit in night time operations. The Trainee Unit also responded to all Multiple Alarms for Fire during the entire duration of the Training Program.

The membership of the Training School Staff responded to all Multiple Alarms of Fire during the entire year in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

A NEW CHAIN LINK FENCE has been installed along the entire inside property line of the Division property. The height of the fence is five (5) foot.

The side walk around the Division quarters has been repaired and the approach ramp to the station has also been placed in good repair.

Records of the Personnel in the Department have been maintained by this Division. Forms in use in the department have been provided by this Division, using the Duplicating Machine assigned to the use of this Division.

The Training Tower located on Dexter street is at a point where it should be surveyed for the pointing of the Brickwork and the Steel work should be repaired, scraped and painted in order to protect the steel from the weather and to protect the people who are using the tower from probable injury.

The use of the Drill Tower for Training Purposes is becoming more involved due to the antagonism created by the use of water in the Drill Tower evolutions. It appears that the investigators from the American Insurance Association approve of the Training Techniques used by the Department but the Tenants in the area do not approve.

In order to properly execute the full use of the Drill Tower and Drill Yard, some serious consideration must be given to the relocating of the Training Facilities used in the outdoors training program. The Ladder Storage Shed located in the Drill Tower Yard should have some repair work done upon it, such as the replacement of the roofing material and the aligning of the building itself.

Respectfully submitted,

Batt. Chief


Director of Training.



FIRE ALARM

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report - - 1965

Sir: One of the first duties of this division as in the past, is that of maintaining the existing Fire Alarm System in the best possible working order so that the receipt and transmission of Alarms of Fire can be handled with the minimum ease of dispatch.

The outside plant of the Fire Alarm System consists of approximately ninety-five (95) miles of Cable, and one hundred and forty (140) miles of single conductor aerial wire. It is plainly seen that a system of this magnitude requires the constant supervision and maintenance of the men in this division. In order to maintain a system, and keep it free from breakdown this division has a constant replacement program for our underground cable and aerial wires.

At the present time there are in service the following Fire Alarm Boxes in the city of Providence:

City Owned Street Boxes (Public)	684
Private Boxes	305
TOTAL - - -	<u>989</u>

This represents an increase of ten (10) new boxes installed during the past year. I would like to mention at this time that any Company Officer may at any time request, through the Chief of the Department, additional boxes in his respective district. All of these requests will be carefully evaluated. Every fire alarm box in the system is tested at least once a month, and proper records are kept of these tests.

With the completion of Interstate Route #95 through the city in the past year, this division was forced to spend considerable time re-vamping our aerial and underground circuits in this area. The cable through the Classical-Central area was relocated, and a new aerial cable was installed in the new plat at Roger Williams Park with the installation of three (3) new Fire Boxes and one (1) new Police Box.

Another service of this division is the electrical maintenance of all Fire and Police Buildings in the city. Many small electrical installations have been done by this division as well as the installation of new lighting in some of the rooms of the Police and Fire Headquarters building.

It is the responsibility of this division to maintain the Police Telegraph System, which at the present contains a total of one hundred and sixty seven (167) Call Boxes. Last year twenty (20) of the old type of Police Boxes were replaced, leaving a balance of twenty (20) more to be replaced. It is hoped that with the installation of ten (10) new type boxes this year and an additional ten next year that the entire system will be completed.

The Radio network of the department today consists of two (2) Base Stations, and eighty eight (88) mobile units. In the past year a great deal of time was spent by the Radio Engineer in maintaining this system. We are in the process of replacing units that are up to 14 years old with new transistorized units. Several pieces of apparatus on the Department are now equipped with the new type of electronic sirens, this division is responsible for the installation and the maintenance of these units.

In the past year a new Automatic Door Timer was installed in the quarters of Engine 14. This timer has proven to be very reliable. At the present time the equipment is on order to install new timers in all of the new stations in the Department. These timers will be equipped with an audible and visual indicator when the unit is in cycle.

At the present time this division is conferring with the State Department of Public Works regarding the installation of emergency communications equipment on Routes #95 and #195. It is hoped that the Federal Government will provide these facilities and that they will be connected directly to the Local Fire Alarm Offices.

The most important item confronting this division and the Department is the replacement of the Central Office equipment at this Headquarters. Over the years it was anticipated that the building and its equipment would be condemned under the rail-road relocation plan.

The equipment in the Fire Alarm Headquarters Building was installed in the year 1919 with some modifications over the years. It has now reached a point where it is imperative that we replace this obsolete equipment because of its high cost of maintenance, its age and the inability to purchase replacement parts.

It is my opinion that all of the work done by the members of this Division has been satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,


ALFRED J. MELZO
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

From: Alfred J. Mello, Superintendent of Fire Alarm

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report - Bureau of Operations and Control

Sir: The principal duty of the Bureau of Operations and Control is the accurate interpretation of all emergency calls and the dispatching of the proper apparatus. Beside the receiving of calls and the dispatching of apparatus, the members of the Bureau of Operations and Control are required to test all Fire Alarm Circuits and instruments three (3) times during each 24 hour period.

The following is a break-down of all types of Alarms received in the year 1965 compared with the previous year:

	Box Alarms-	Still Boxes-	Still Alarms-	R.I.E.P. Alarms-	Rescue calls-	Lockouts
<u>1965</u>	2136	1224	2832	71	10,322	957
<u>1964</u>	1502	1150	2502	30	9,668	904

Again, as in the past, there has been a general increase in all types of Alarms. It might be well to mention at this time that for each call received by the Bureau for reporting of a fire or other emergency, we sometimes receive as many as eight or ten calls for the same incident.

One of the type of calls that the Bureau receives that in my opinion is getting out of hand is the Lockout. Many of the calls received for lockouts are repeat calls from the parties involved. Approximately 1% of the lockout calls that we handle are of an emergency nature. I believe that some means should be established in the Department to curb some of these nuisance calls.

Besides the 17,542 Alarms and Emergency calls, the Bureau handled all of the inter-departmental calls on the Department switchboard.

It is the duty of the members of the Bureau of Control to record and to maintain records of all Alarms and Tests made by the Fire Alarm Personnel, Insurance Companies and Private Testing Companies.

During the past year a Chief Dispatcher has been placed in direct charge of the operations of the Bureau and a fifth platoon has been added to the Bureau there-by shortening the work week of the men. These changes were made possible by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Department.

It is my considered opinion that all calls and emergencies were handled with courtesy and utmost efficiency by the members of the Bureau.

Respectfully Submitted,


ALFRED J. MELLO, SUPERINTENDENT

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

From: Michael Sabatino, Battalion Chief of Building Repairs

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report - 1965

Sir:

I hereby submit the operational report of the Department of Building Maintenance and Repairs for the year 1965.

This department is responsible for the maintenance, repairs and furnishings of all Police and Fire Department Buildings throughout the City of Providence. With the cooperation of the men of this department, there has been a considerable amount of repairing, redecorating and renovating accomplished during the year 1965.

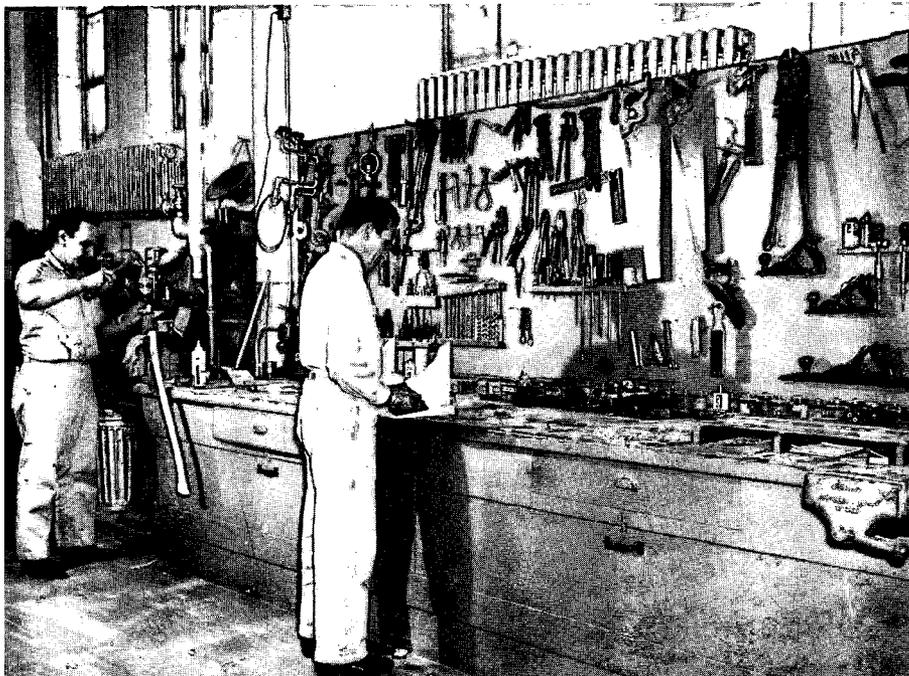
Painting was done at the following Fire Stations: Broad Street, Allens Avenue, Hartford Avenue, Rochambeau Avenue, Messer Street, Franklin Street, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Academy Avenue, Repair Shop and Fire Alarm Building, Kinsley Avenue, Juvenile Division and elevators at Police Headquarters.

Sloan Valves were rebuilt and installed. Numerous Trane Valves and Air Valves were replaced at various stations. New partitions were also erected for the newly added rooms at Juvenile Division. Partitions were also erected in the Planning Board Division and in the "C Squad". In addition, a large counter was made for the "C Squad". Twenty-six swivel desk chairs were repaired and painted for the Police Department. Entrance doors were rebuilt and new door closures installed at Headquarters. At Headquarters, Ladder 1, a new window was installed in the wall. Additional work at this station, which included the application of new acoustical ceiling tile and the installation of a newly constructed desk, was initiated and completed. All boilers were cleaned, oil burners were adjusted and Fusol was added to all fuel tanks. Several thermostatically controlled valves were rebuilt and installed. During this past year, many urinals were repaired, many traps were cleaned and numerous faucet washers were replaced throughout the city. In addition, a great number of boiler leaks and water leaks were repaired at the various stations. All overhead doors were oiled and greased. New kitchen quarters were constructed for the Automotive Division at the Repair Shop, Dexter Street. A considerable amount of formica work was accomplished at the City Hall. Desk tops, counter tops, shelves and bookcases were built at the Carpenter Shop and then transferred for their installation at the designated places in the City Hall. Seven new dog kennels were made at Roger Williams Park for the Canine Dog Corp. New tankless hot water heaters were installed at the following Fire Stations: Allens Avenue, Hartford Avenue, Broad Street, Messer Street Humbolt Avenue.

At both the Rochambeau Avenue Fire Station and the Division of Training, Reservoir Avenue, new wire link fencing was installed. In addition, the application of new cement sidewalks and ramp to the walks at the Division of Training, Reservoir Avenue was accomplished. Wiring was replaced and new electrical fixtures were installed at the Repair Shop, Dexter Street.

During this past year, the following work has been initiated and completed at the Carpenter Shop:

200 wooden police horses were made, painted and stenciled for the Police Department.
100 Dog License poster boards.
Seventy-two ladderstraps were repaired.
one 17 ft. hose rack was made for Ladder 10, Point Street.
Three boxes were made to carry hot water.
Two wooden desks were repaired.
Two metal office desks were repaired.
Ten creepers were repaired and repainted.
Sixty hydrant standard markers were made, painted and assembled.
Applied acoustical tile to Superintendent's office, Fire Alarm Building.
Six hand light boxes.
Two screen doors were repaired.
Eight new plaster boards were made.
Four wheat light boxes.
Six gate valve boxes.
Twenty-four "night sticks".
Twenty-four "riot sticks."
Sixty-two picture frames with glass.
Four map frames.
Four gas mask boxes.
Thirty-six clip boards.
Eight window screens repaired.
Four typewriter tables were made.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Maintenance

Two typewriter tables were repaired and painted.
Sixty axes were sharpened.
1,120 ft. of new ladder was sanded and varnished.
210 ft. of new ladders were made.
Forty-four Windsor Chair were repaired and refinished for various stations.
New line for two life preservers.
Four boxes for Survive Air Masks.
Two boxes for Scott Air Packs.
Three collapsible hurdles for the Canine Corp.
Rope was replaced on 750 ft. of ladders.
Two new cabinets were built for the Police Department.
Two Podiums were made for Counsel Chambers, City Hall.
New compartments were made for Rescue No. 1 and No. 3.
A new life-saving platform was rebuilt and put into service at Rescue No. 3.
Twenty-two sliding pole enclosures were made and installed.
Eighteen door closures were repaired.
Sixty-eight lights of glass were installed at various stations.

New handles were applied to the following:

Sixteen hammers
Five picks
Ten shovels
Eight pullover racks
Eight squeegees
Three sledge hammers
Sixty axes

This department also supplies all Police and Fire Stations with supplies for cleaning, deodorizing and disinfecting of toilet bowls and urinals. We also supply padlocks for gas tanks, and paint brushes and paint for the painting of hydrant markers.

All lawns were top-dressed, fertilized and reseeded, including the Police Pistol Range in Scituate. All lawn equipment is maintained and distributed by this department. Mattresses, lockers, new desks and swival desk chairs are distributed by this department.

During Fire Prevention Week, we render considerable assistance to the Fire Prevention Bureau. We are also called upon to hange banners for various charitable organizations throughout the year and also to install and remove Christmas decorations at the entrance to City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael E. Sabatino,
Battalion Chief of Building Repairs

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS

From: James A. Cusick, Superintendent Automotive Repairs

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report-1965

Sir: I hereby submit for your consideration the report of operations of the Automotive Repair and Maintenance Division for the year ending December 31, 1965.

Our performance over this period has been the maintaining and repairing all mobile units of this department, also all portable units such as pumps, generators, Etc. The servicing and repairs of various articles of fire fighting equipment and tools has been accomplished in our machine shop. Minor body repairs, painting, welding and brazing are done by repair shop mechanics. Apparatus lubrications and inspections are done both in the repair shop and in company quarters.

Members of our staff and supervisors have been in attendance at all multiple alarms of fire and other emergencies, also at all pumping service tests and acceptance tests of new equipment. A twenty four hour schedule is maintained for these operations.

During the past year work was completed on the conversion of a panel truck into a Rescue Unit. This unit was placed in service as Rescue 3. A new one thousand gallon per minute Seagrave combination pumper with separate foam system was received, equipped, tested and placed in service as Engine 18.

Revolving red warning lights have been purchased and installed on all first line apparatus and some reserve apparatus. Additional red warning lights have been installed on the rear of many units and shall be installed on all others as they become available. Warning buzzers from rear to front have been installed on most units and will continue to be installed until all are so equipped.

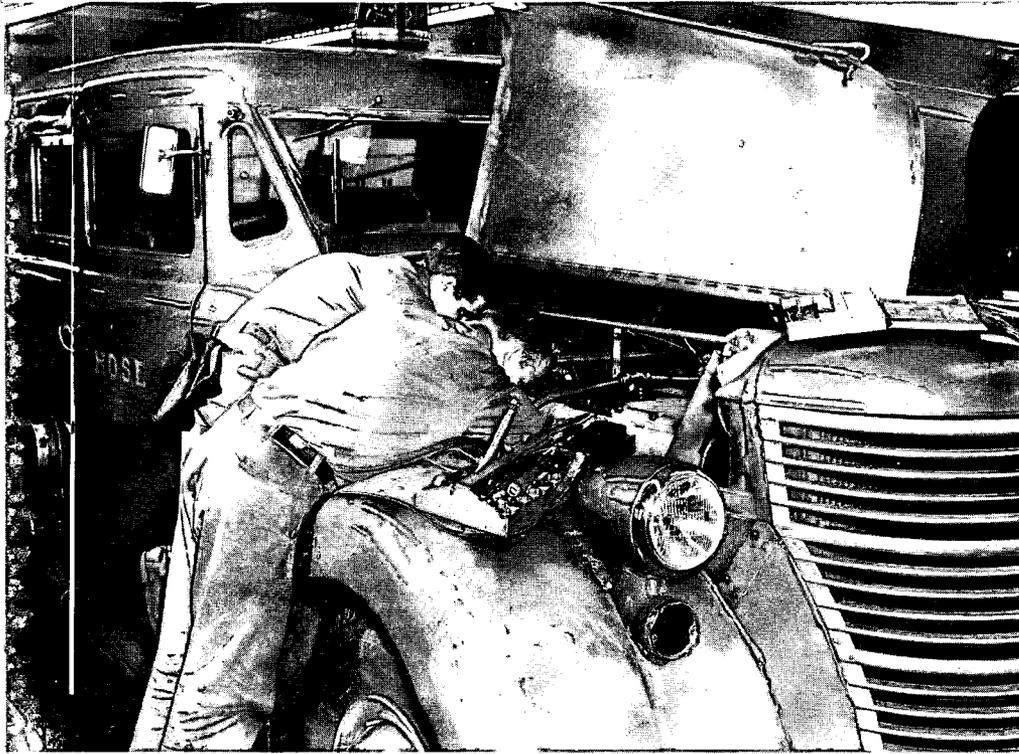
I should like to take this opportunity to recommend replacement of a twelve hundred and fifty gallon per minute pumper in service as Engine 7 which is over twenty years of age and also the replacement of a one hundred foot aerial ladder truck in service as Ladder 1 which is over twenty three years old. In my estimation these units are too old for first line service but would make very good reserve apparatus.

I should also like at this time to call attention to the fact that our fleet of reserve apparatus consists mostly of units that range in age from 20 years to 38 years. These units are obsolete insofar as obtaining parts or materials for servicing and repairs. It has been necessary during the past year to dispose of two pumpers and salvage parts to maintain and repair other like units.

This reserve fleet has proven it's value on several occasions, such as times when we have had more than one multiple alarm of fire in the same period, also at floods, July 4th emergencies Etc.

Respectfully submitted,


Superintendent Automotive Repairs



AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS

Tuning-up
Apparatus

RESCUE

Grappling Operation
Rescue



RESCUE

From: Robert M. Keegan, Private, Rescue Company No. 1

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report of Rescue Co. No. 1 for the Year Ended December 31, 1965

Sir:

Responses by this Company in 1965 totaled 3,543 runs which is a 4% increase over 1964 and shows a 28.9% increase over the past five years.

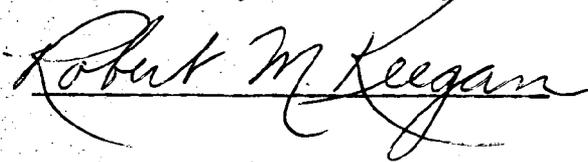
Boxes	175	Maternity Cases	29
Still Boxes	104	Refused Aid	246
Still Alarms	3232	Gas Leaks	5
2nd Alarms	2	Refrigerator Leaks	2
Special Signals	30	Elevator Accidents	2
Total Runs	3543	Ammonia Leaks	2
Transported	1794	Smoke Ejector Used	12
First Aid Rendered	479	Porta-Power Used	1
E & J Machine Used	84	Lights Used	2
D.O.A.	147	Boat Used	6
Auto Accidents	312	Drownings	2
Hours of Drill	50	*Oxygen "K" Cylinders Used	24

Gasoline Used 3020 Gals.

Service Time 1112 Hrs. 37 Min.

*Includes oxygen issued to Rescue Co. 2 and Rescue Co. 3.

Respectfully submitted,



From: James E. Mahoney, Private, Rescue Co. No. 2.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual report of activities of company for the year ending December 31, 1965.

Sir: Total runs for the year 4586, an increase of 195, over 1964,

Boxes-----	229	Maternity cases-----	55
Still Boxes-----	98	People transported-----	2934
Still alarms-----	4227	Oxygen cylinder used-----	110
Special signals-----	27	Generac-----	2
2nd alarms-----	5	Lights-----	4
3rd alarms-----	0	Electric Drill-----	0
First aid rendered-----	3328	Electric Saw-----	0
E. & J. Machines-----	138	Auto accidents-----	346
Revivals-----	138	Elevator accidents-----	6
Fatals-----	0	Cave ins-----	0
Refrigerator leaks-----	5	Hangings-----	0
Ammonia leaks-----	0	Kwik Kut-----	1
Drownings-----	0	Hours of drill-----	72
Water rescues-----	0	Hours of instruction-----	20
Boat used -----	0	Extra Hours of Duty-----	85 Hrs 32 Min.
Porta power-----	2	Total runs-----	4586
Out of service-----	1751 Hrs 30 Min.		

Respectfully submitted

James E. Mahoney

From: Donald W. Gregson, Private, Rescue Co. # 3

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report.

Sir: The following is a breakdown of activities for Rescue Co. 3 for the year ending December 31, 1965.

Box alarms-----	205	Auto accidents-----	285
Still box alarms-----	54	Elevator accidents-----	2
Still alarms-----	2580	Maternity cases-----	18
Special signals-----	10	Oxygen cylinders used-----	146
2nd. alarms-----	2	Extra hrs. of duty-----	16
3rd. alarms-----	0	Generator used-----	6
E. & J. machine used-----	170	Lights (500-W)-----	13
Revivals-----	109	Smoke ejector used-----	5
Fatals-----	61	Hours of drill-----	63
Refrigerator leaks-----	17	Gas leaks-----	3
Water rescues-----	1	Ammonia leaks-----	1
Boat used-----	4	Multiple alarms-----	58 hrs. 39 mins.
First aid rendered-----	1765	Total alarms-----	2845
Transportation-----	1639	Increase from 1964-----	327

Total time out of service--1042 hrs. 45 mins.

Respectfully submitted

Donald W. Gregson
Private

From: James G. Sylvia, Captain, Engine Co. No. 5

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report -- Air Supply Station

Sir: In January, twenty-six more Surviv-Air units were added to the fifty-eight Scott-Air and twenty-six Surviv-Air units already in use in the Department. The Division of Training now has one Surviv-Air and one Scott-Air unit, making a total of one-hundred and twelve thirty-minute breathing units in the Department.

The State Department of Health has periodically tested the breathing air used to fill all tanks and reported no contamination of any kind.

During the past year, the following services have been provided by the Air Supply Station:

1. Scott-Air Tanks refilled.....115.
2. Surviv-Air Tanks refilled.....115.
3. Dry-Powder Extinguishers refilled.....23.
4. Fire-Alarm Tanks refilled.....4.
5. Repairs to Units made.....35.
6. Scott-Air Tanks completely renewed,
including painting.....3.



Respectfully submitted,

James G. Sylvia
James G. Sylvia, Captain
Engine Company No. 5

Air Tank
Maintenance

From: James W. Robertson, Captain, Ladder Co. No. 3.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Salvage Cover Stations (Annual Report)

Sir:

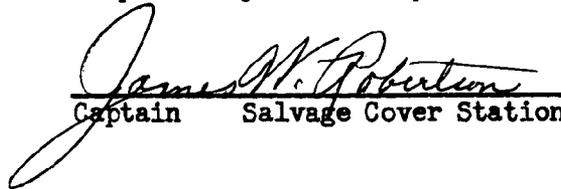
Since November 19, 1965 the procedure in handling the Salvage Cover replacements has been changed. Company designations and numbers stencilled on the Salvage Covers is not required for Salvage Cover replacements.

Officers or Acting Officers calling for replacements should designate the type of Salvage Covers they wish to replace, such as Inside Salvage Covers or Outside Roof Covers, this is necessary for the Salvage Cover Station to keep you supplied with the proper type of Salvage Covers.

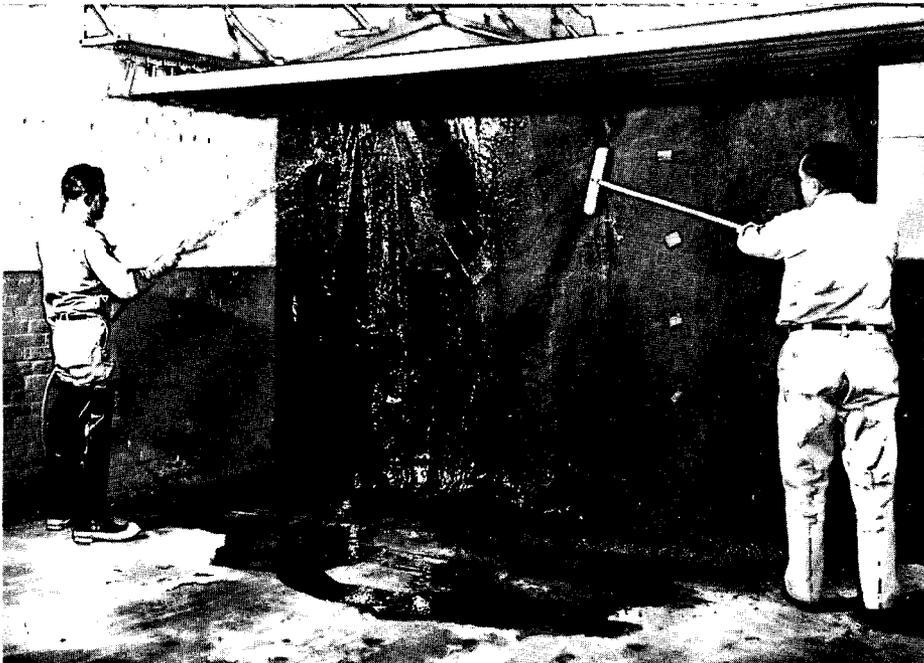
The following is a breakdown of Salvage Covers handled by this station during the year ending December 31, 1965.

Salvage Covers in stock to be loaned	33
Salvage Covers loaned to companies	254
Salvage Covers cleaned	276
Salvage Covers Patched	64
Patches used (3" X 4") or better	220

Respectfully submitted,


Captain Salvage Cover Station.

Cover Maintenance



From: John F. Mc Dermott, Jr., Captain, Engine Co. No. 9

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Salvage Company Operations for 1965.

Sir:

The following is a report of the operations of Salvage Co. No. 1 for the year ended 31 December 1965:

Emergency Details -----	6
Still Alarms -----	0
Special Signals -----	<u>4</u>
Total Runs	10
Salvage Covers Thrown -----	53
Salvage Covers Cleaned -----	12

Emergency Pumping Operations -----	9 hrs. 45 min.
Time Out of Service (other than pumping) -----	<u>16 hrs. 13 min.</u>
Total Time Out of Service -----	25 hrs. 58 min.

The year 1965 has produced a further reduction in responses to alarms and in the salvage cover service of the Salvage Company. This is due to the fact that the ladder companies, by using salvage covers assigned to them more effectively, have reduced the need for the Salvage Company at building fires encountered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,


Captain

Last Alarm

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Batt. Chief John E. Sullivan	District 4	February 6
Edouard J. E. Sylvestre	B. O. C.	April 2
George H. Darling	Fire Alarm	August 26
Alfred E. Millard, Jr.	Ladder 9	November 5

RETIRED MEMBERS

Arthur N. Greenup	January 17
Thomas H. Holloway	January 18
Herbert D. Randall	January 23
Joseph P. Little	February 1
Matthew A. DiMaio	May 6
Henry F. Trainor, Sr.	May 11
Earl J. Smith	June 23
Mark E. McGwin	June 28
William J. Gill	July 1
Maurice A. O'Conner	July 21
Joseph A. King	July 21
Frederick L. Payne	September 16
George Borden	October 11
Raymond G. Connor	November 24
James J. Crofton	December 20
John J. Hanley	December 21
Thomas F. Shea	December 22
J. Arthur Trudeau	December 29

