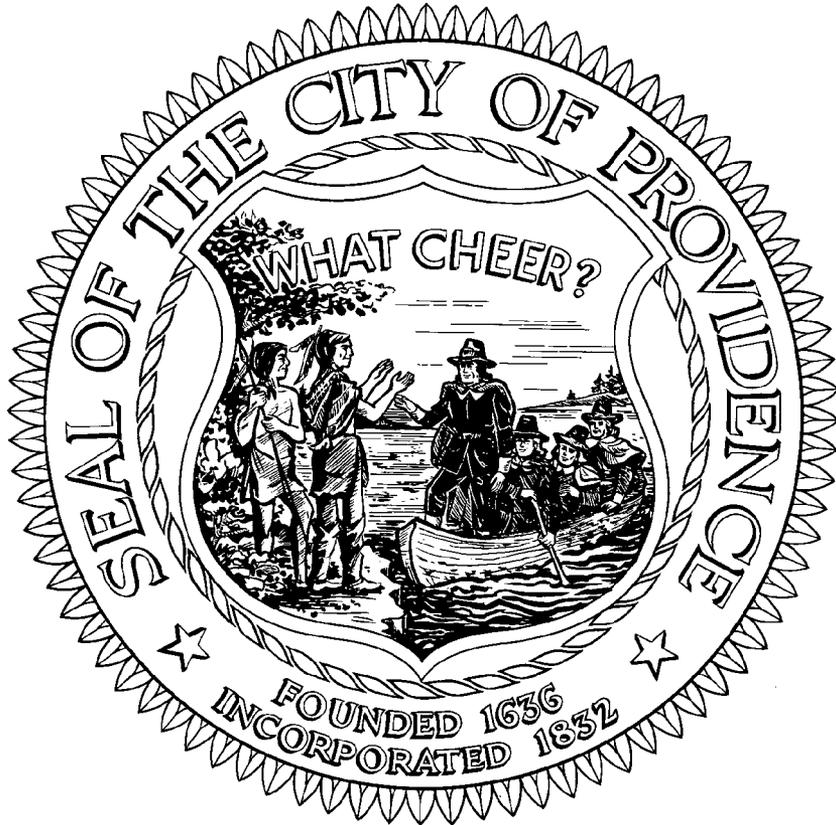


**PROVIDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT --- 1962**



IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 7 1963

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

*Deverett Whelan*  
CLERK



THE HONORABLE WALTER H. REYNOLDS  
Mayor of Providence



FRANCIS A. LENNON  
Commissioner of Public Safety



LEWIS A. MARSHALL  
Chief of Department

LEWIS A. MARSHALL  
CHIEF OF  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



FRANCIS A. LENNON  
COMMISSIONER  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CITY OF PROVIDENCE - FIRE DEPARTMENT  
209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

The Honorable Commissioner of Public Safety  
209 Fountain St.  
Providence, R.I.

Sir:

It is my privilege to submit for the twelfth time, for your approval, the annual report of the Providence Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1962.

The report of the Fire Department for 1962 is again a good one. In 1961, the United States Chamber of Commerce through its National Fire Safety Council adjudged the City of Providence as having the best fire safety program in the United States.

On January 22nd., the City of Providence was notified that we had won the Grand Award among all United States communities in the 1962 National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention contest. To all groups who have so consistently supported the Fire Department in its fire prevention work and its programs, I extend my deep and sincere appreciation.

To Mayor Reynolds, and you Commissioner Lennon, and the honorable members of City Government, my sincere thanks for the support and cooperation in providing us with the necessary apparatus and equipment that is needed for efficient fire extinguishment.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis A. Marshall  
Chief of Department

# OPERATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The fire losses in the United States for 1962, will be over one and one half billion dollars with an estimated per capita loss of approximately \$9.00.

Fire losses in the City of Providence for 1962 amounted to \$1,100,186. or a per capita loss of \$5.30. Providence fire losses are therefore approximately 38% less than the National Fire Loss.

During the year 1962 there were eight two alarm fires in which the loss in dollars insurance paid amounted to \$177,789.60. There were no so-called three alarm fires in the City of Providence or has there been one since July 25, 1958.

The annual total of fire deaths in the United States is continuing at a high level in spite of improvements in building construction, more widespread use of automatic sprinklers, more effective fire prevention campaigns and more efficient fire department operation. While all these factors have all had their effect in improving life safety from fire, there have been offsetting factors, particularly the progressing increase in the smoking habit, portable oil heaters, space heaters etc. However, deaths from fire have remained at about 11,000 per year for many years in spite of a tremendous increase in population.

Of the total loss of life from fire, 11,500, it is estimated that 6,400 of the lives lost were in dwellings and that 2200 of the victims were 15 years or less.

It would seem that inadequate planning for fire emergency is frequently responsible for fire deaths. A substantial percentage of the lives lost annually in dwelling fires occurs because families have not taken the time to be sure that each member knows how to escape in case of fire. Escape plans include locating alternate escape routes, arranging for removal of infants and incapacitated persons, training in how to call the fire department, instructing baby sitters, and holding family fire drills. Above all, children should not be left in the home alone. It is most interesting to note, that of the sixty one persons who lost their lives from fire in Providence in the last ten years, fifty nine lost their lives in home fires. It is fair to assume that if some of the planning for fire safety had been done some of the fires that resulted in fire deaths would not have occurred.

In the past two years, the City of Providence has been adjudged, in two National Fire Prevention contests, as having the best year round fire prevention programs. One program sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the other by the National Fire Protection Association.

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, because of our fire prevention program, has again and for the fourth successive year given us a grant of \$2500. to further fire prevention education in our elementary schools.

LOSSES PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

1957 - 1961  
Total .... \$ 4,877,306.

5 yr.  
Average ..... \$ 975,461.

1962 LOSS ... \$ 1,100,186.

1962 NATIONAL

Per Capita Loss .... \$ 9.00 approx.

1962 PROVIDENCE

Per Capita Loss .... \$ 5.30 \*

\* Per Capita Loss in Providence  
for 1962 is approximately 38%  
less than the National figure.

BUILDING FIRES

1952 -- 490  
1953 -- 399  
1954 -- 395  
1955 -- 395  
1956 -- 362  
1957 -- 373  
1958 -- 342  
1959 -- 364  
1960 -- 469  
1961 -- 333  
  
1962 -- 361 \*

FIRES AMOUNTING TO \$2500. or more

1952 --- 82  
1953 --- 77  
1954 --- 70  
1955 --- 76  
1956 --- 120  
1957 --- 103  
1958 --- 94  
1959 --- 76  
1960 --- 87  
1961 --- 65  
  
1962 --- 88

\* Total Building Fires continue to be  
well below the ten year average.

FIRE FATALITIES

1962 ---- 12

1962 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

Box Alarms ..... 1230  
Still Box Alarms ..... 1006  
Still Alarms ..... 2246  
R.I. Electric Protective .. 39  
  
Total Fire Calls ..... 4521  
  
Rescue Calls ..... 8888  
  
TOTAL CALLS .....13,409

MULTIPLE ALARMS

1962

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE BLDG.</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
Feb. 1, 62	11 Wilson Street	Dwelling	\$ 31,600.60
Mar. 4, 62	56-58 Duncan Avenue	Dwelling	1,800.00
May 3, 62	486-488 Broad Street	Mercantile	16,400.00
Sept. 26, 62	77 Willow Street	Mercantile	25,000.00
Oct. 15, 62	132-134 Prairie Ave.	Dwelling	12,500.00
Oct. 28, 62	971 Broad Street	Mercantile	26,239.00
Dec. 30, 62	70 Aldrich Street	Storage	64,250.00
		TOTAL	<u>\$177,789.60</u>

TOTAL 2nd ALARM FIRES

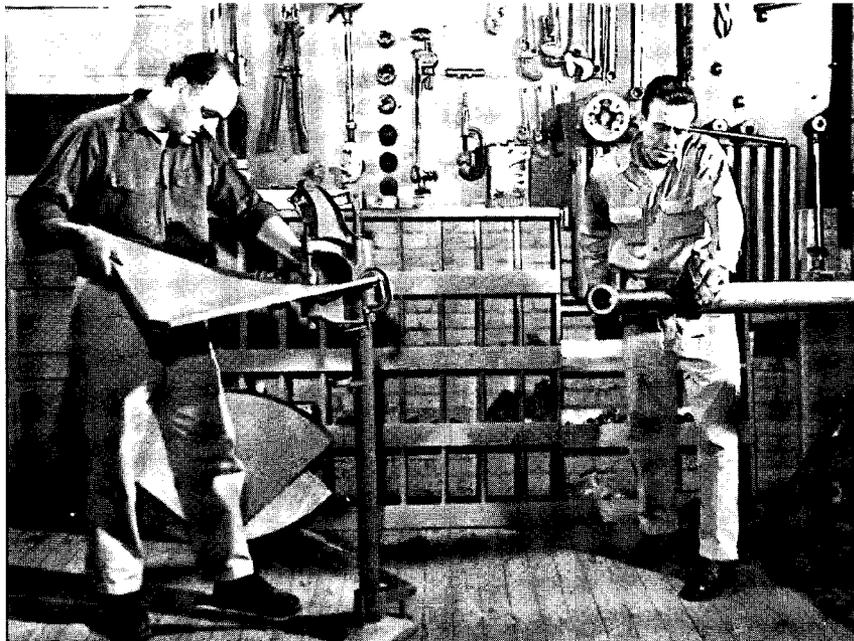
1962 - 7



Statistical Files

# BUILDING REPAIRS

Superintendent  
Michael Sabatino



From: Michael Sabatino, Superintendent of Building Repairs

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report - 1962

Sir:

I hereby submit the operational report of the Department of Building Maintenance and Repairs for the year 1962.

This department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of all Police and Fire Department Buildings throughout the City of Providence. During 1962 as in the past few years there has been a considerable amount of repairing, redecorating and renovating accomplished with the the cooperation of the men of this department. The following is a brief summary of this work.

The exterior of the following Police and Fire buildings were repainted and redecorated: The Division of Training, Messer Street, Broad Street, Humbolt Avenue, North Main Street, Branch Avenue, Brook Street, Admiral Street, Atwells Avenue, the Repair Shop, the Fire Alarm Garage and Fire Alarm Headquarters. Overhead doors at all but two stations were repainted white instead of the customary gray. Flag staffs at all Police and Fire Buildings were repainted. The interior of the following stations were repainted and redecorated: The Division of Training, Messer Street, Hartford Avenue, Atwells Avenue, the second floor of LaSalle Square and Fire Alarm Headquarters including the three new rooms that were made: the radio repair room, a stock room and a generator room.

In the Police Department we repainted Captain Zubiago's Quarters, the Matron's Quarters, the Juvenile Division, Colonel Franklin's Reception Room, all hallways on the second and third floors, Reception Room at the Commissioner's Office, the Reporter's Room and Chief Marshall's Outer Office. The elevators of the Police Department were repainted seven times during the year. We also painted and stenciled one hundred thirteen wooden traffic horses and five new screen doors made by the carpenter shop. All dog kennels were also repainted.

We divided, into three new rooms, part of the Fire Alarm Headquarters Building, applied new doors and locks, applied asphalt tile to the floor of the Radio Room, and also built and fabricated a fire door for the Radio Room. We also built a new storage cabinet for storage of portable loud speakers in the Radio Room. A new overhead door was installed at the Rochambeau Avenue Fire Station. A new roof was applied to the Patio of the Atwells Avenue Fire Station. At Engine 9, Point Street, we tore up the old flooring, replaced it with plywood and applied asphalt tile to same. At the Division of Training we redecorated the Main Office and the Kitchen and finished same with mahogany panelling. Eighty-five hydrant standards were also made and painted by this department. New aluminum windows, were installed on the Fire Alarm Building and a new aluminum door was installed at the Repair Shop. In the Police Department, new asphalt tile was applied to the floor of two elevators and the Matrons Quarters. A new storage cabinet was built for the C-Squad, a gun rack for The Arsenal and new frames were made for the Chief's Quarters, the Journal Reporters' Room and the Storm Control Room. Formica tops were applied to the counters of the Detective Division and the Juvenile Division. A swinging gate was also made and installed for this division. We made and installed ventilators for the motor area of the elevator shaft. A new sign was made, painted and erected at the Police Academy, Chad Brown Street. At Christmas time this department built and erected the stands for the display at City Hall. We also made twenty-four boxes for cement, to be used as Christmas tree stands, and assisted in the decorations of same.

New gasoline pumps were installed at the following fire stations: Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Academy Avenue and Rochambeau Avenue. Ceramic tile was installed in the wash room and shower stalls of the following fire stations: Allens Avenue, Broad Street, Messer Street and Hartford Avenue.

Six thermostatically controlled shower valves were rebuilt and installed at various stations. Three condensate pumps were repacked and greased and trane valves and air valves were replaced at numerous stations. New shut-off valves were replaced at Headquarters for steam control at radiators. Four new sloan valves were installed and eleven were rebuilt for various stations. Seven

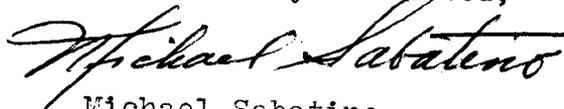
door closures were rebuilt and installed at various Police and Fire Buildings. Two new door closures were installed: one at Admiral Street and the other at Atwells Avenue. Seventeen new pole enclosures were made and installed at various stations. Eight new water closet seats were installed. Eighty-two lites of glass were replaced during the past year. Fourteen "hot water cans" were soldered and repaired. New mattresses, lockers and desk chairs are distributed by this department. One hundred dog license posters were made and exhibited to the public at various locations throughout the city. Sand was picked up and delivered to all Police and Fire Stations. All mechanical repairs to overhead doors are handled by this department. Many urinals were repaired, many traps were cleaned and numerous faucet washers were replaced throughout the city during the past year. Rust-Buster was applied to heating systems and Fusol was added to fuel tanks of all Police and Fire Stations. During the past year many minor repairs have been made to both boilers and oil burners by this department. We also replaced many sash cords at various Police and Fire Stations.

This department also supplies all Police and Fire Stations with supplies for cleaning, deodorizing and disinfecting of toilet bowl 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.

During Fire Prevention Week we render considerable assistance to the Fire Prevention Bureau. We are also called upon to hang banners for various charitable organizations throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Sabatino  
Supt., Building Repairs



# RESCUE

Rescue Squad Responding to Emergency

From: Robert N. Drummond, Lieutenant, Rescue Co. No. 1

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report of Rescue Co. No. 1 for Year Ending December 31, 1962

Sir:

Responses by this company have increased to a monthly average of 256.5 runs. This represents an increase of 7% over our previous year.

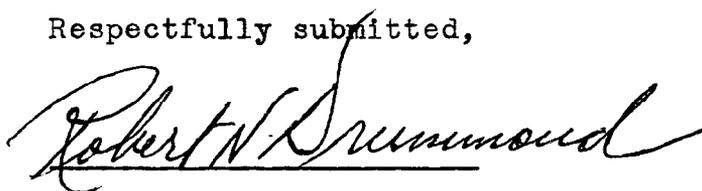
The following is a breakdown of activities for the year of 1962.

Boxes.....	207	Maternity Cases.....	43
Still Alarms.....	2850	Ring Cutter Used.....	10
Special Signals.....	21	Refrigerator Leaks.....	3
Second Alarms.....	1	Scot Air Paks Used.....	5
First Aid Rendered.....	757	Pressure Tourniquet Used.....	5
E & J Machine Used.....	203	Hangings.....	1
D.O.A. ....	128	Generac & Lights Used.....	9
Ambulance (Orderly).....	433	Smoke Ejector & Fan Used.....	5
Ambulance (Doctor).....	324	Elevator Jobs.....	6

Transported (Rescue).....	1677	Oxygen E Cylinders Used.....	137
Refused Aid.....	211	Oxygen E Cylinders Recharged..	504
Auto Accidents.....	232	Scot Air Paks Recharged.....	148
Boat Used.....	4	Hours of Drill.....	50
Drownings.....	1	Gasoline Used.....	2522 Gallons

Rescue 1 answered a total of 3079 calls which accounted for 1040 Hours and 26 Minutes of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



From: Arthur Brodeur, Captain, Rescue Co. No. 2.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual report for the year 1962

Sir: We started the year with a monthly response of 303.1 runs, and ended with a monthly average of 328.1 for a total of 3943 runs.

Following is a breakdown of activities.

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Boxes-----	182	Elevator accidents----	5
Still boxes-----	61	Cave-ins-----	3
Still alarms-----	3698	Hangings-----	1
2nd. alarms-----	2	Maternity cases-----	114
3rd. alarms-----	0	People transported---	2577
First-aid rendered---	2777	Oxygen cylinders used-	136
E.&.J.Machines used--	176	Underwater lights----	2
Revivals-----	167	Generators used-----	5
Fatals-----	9	Electric drills-----	1
Refrigerator leaks---	11	500 Watt flood lights-	6

Ammonia leaks----- 0  
 Drownings----- 3  
 Boat used----- 5  
 Auto accidents----- 361  
 Extra hours of duty-- 17  
 Out of service----- 1514 Hours 44 Minutes.

Smoke ejectors----- 2  
 Electric drills----- 1  
 Hours of drill----- 72  
 Hours of instructions- 90  
 First aid at station-- 60

Respectfully submitted.

*Arthur Brodeur*

From: Manuel Sylvia, Private, Rescue Co. No. 3.

To: The Chief of Department

Subject: Annual Report - 1962

Sir:

The following is a breakdown of activities for year ending December 31, 1962.

Still Boxes..... 75	Auto accidents..... 261.
Boxes..... 94	Elevator accidents..... 2
Stills.....2156	Cave-ins..... 1
Second Alarms..... 1	Hangings..... 1
Third Alarms..... 6	Maternity cases..... 20
E&J Machine used..... 226	Oxygen cylinders used..... 249
Revivals..... 181	Extra hours of duty..... 48
Fatals..... 40	Generator used..... 20
Refrigerator leaks..... 7	Lights(500W)..... 35
Ammonia Leaks..... 0	Smoke Ejector used..... 8
First Aid rendered.....1602	Electric Saw..... 2
Transportation cases.....1135	Electric drill..... 1

Water Rescue.....	3	Hours of Drill.....	70
Drownings.....	2	Hours of instruction.....	15
Boat used.....	7	Hours of service...916 Hrs. 51 mins.	

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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 Private in Charge.

From: John F. McDermott, Jr. Captain, Engine Co. #9.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Salvage Company Operation for the Year 1962.

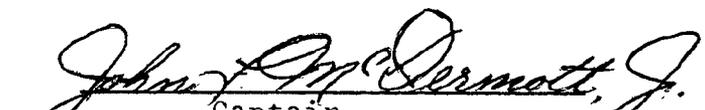
Sir:

The following is a report of the operations of Salvage Co. #1 for the year ending December 31, 1962.

Box Alarms.....	7
Still Box Alarms.....	3
Still Alarms.....	2
Special Signals.....	6
	<u>18</u> TOTAL
Salvage Covers thrown.....	160
Salvage Covers repaired.....	33
Salvage Covers cleaned.....	259
Emergency pumping operations.....	129 hours
Time out of service (other than pumping....)	24 hours 2 min.
Total time out of service.....	153 hours 2 min.

In addition to the services rendered by Salvage Co. #1, all ladder companies, Tender 7 and Tender 9 were also involved in a substantial amount of salvage work.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Captain

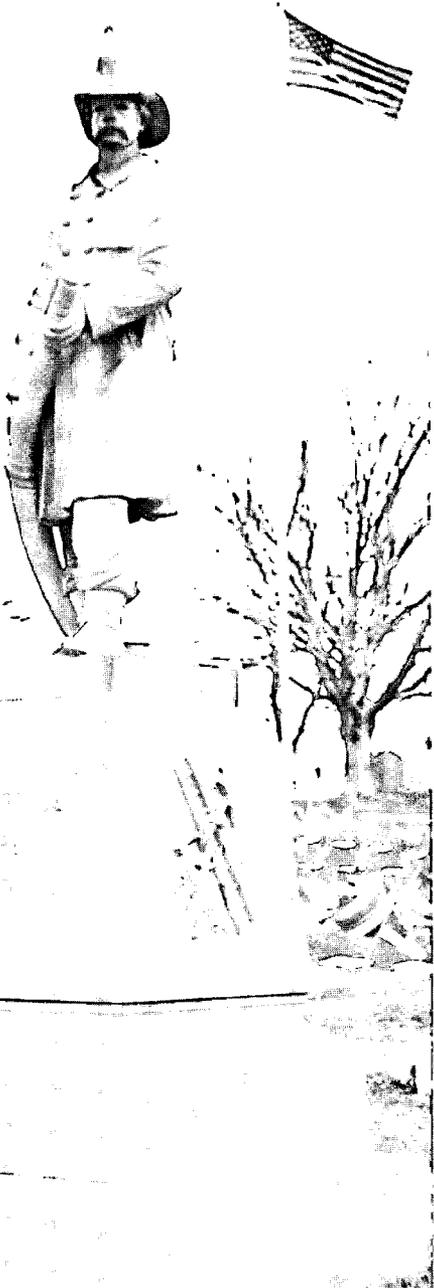
# Last Alarm

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

Private Edwin V. Roberts	B.O.C.	January 31
Private John D. MacNeil	Engine 18	April 28
Private Charles W. Donahue	B.O.C.	September 4
Lieutenant George E. LaPorte	B.F.P.	November 29

## RETIRED MEMBERS

Eugene J. Sullivan	January 8
John F. Turbridy	March 7
Patrick F. Collins	March 18
James F. Mulligan	April 16
John A. Busell	April 26
John M. Weekes	May 3
Bernard J. Mulcahey	June 27
Joseph F. Warnock	July 5
Robert Bucklin	August 5
John J. Earley	August 28
James J. Casserly	November 4
Adelbert F. Regius	November 10
Herschel A. Wilcox	December 25
Edward J. Reid	December 30



CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS

For fires in buildings:

Candle-lamp-torch	16
Careless use of matches	24
Careless smoking	98
Careless smoking in bed	9
Cleaning solvent	2
Defective boiler-furnace	3
Defective chimney	2
Defective electric appliance	3
Defective range oil burner	9
Defective power oil burner	2
Defective portable oil heater	4
Defective space oil heater	6
Defective machinery	2
Defective wiring	11
Food-grease	12
Incendiary	1
Range oil burner-flareback	1
Range oil burner-overflow	4
Space oil heater-overflow	1
Overheated exhaust pipe	2
Overheated boiler-furnace	1
Overheated electric flat	2
Overheated electric motor	5
Overheated stove pipe	6
Rubbish-litter	2
Set by juveniles	37
Short circuit-wires	11
Short circuit-electric motor	1
Short circuit-television	3
Spark from rubbish fire	27
Spontaneous combustion	1
Struck by lightning	1
Suspicious	31
Miscellaneous	9
Undetermined	12

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361 TOTAL

OTHER THAN FOR A FIRE IN A BUILDING

False Alarms (Box)	474	Overheated electric flat	9
False Alarms (Still Box)	96	Overheated electric motor	29
False Alarms (Still)	80	Overheated gas steam radiator	1
Accidental-needless	346	Overheated oven	5
Candle-lamp-torch	5	Overheated stove pipe	2
Careless use of matches	11	Overheated tar kettle	3
Careless smoking	95	Overheated dip tank	1
Careless smoking in bed	27	Rags on pipes, etc.	2
Defective boiler-furnace	36	Set by juveniles	23
Defective chimney	7	Short circuit-wires	53
Defective electric appliance	15	Short circuit-electric motor	20
Defective gas stove	17	Short circuit-television	25
Defective gas heater	12	Soot in chimney	17
Defective range oil burner	43	Spark from motor-machine	1
Defective power oil burner	44	Spark from rubbish fire	1
Defective portable oil heater	1	Spontaneous combustion	1
Defective space oil heater	22	Struck by lightning	2
Defective smoke pipe-flue	2	Suspicious	1
Defective machinery	2	Auto-truck-bus, etc.	501
Defective wiring	6	Boats	2
Dust-lint	10	Bonfires	88
Food-grease	84	Bridges	16
Incindiary	1	Dumps	59
Range oil burner-flareback	10	Fences	11
Range oil burner-overheated	4	Grass-brush-leaves	794
Range oil burner-overflow	21	Junk yards	4
Space oil heater-overflow	17	Lumber yards	1
Power oil burner-overflow	2	Rubbish-litter	811
Power oil burner-flareback	12	Tree-pole	96
Overheated boiler-furnace	11	Oil bomb in street	20
		Miscellaneous	48
		TOTAL	<u>4,160</u>

8,888 Rescue and Emergency Runs

Total building fires	361	
Total other than bldg. fires	4,160	
	<u>4,521</u>	TOTAL ALARMS FOR FIRE
Rescue and emergency runs	8,888	
	<u>13,409</u>	GRAND TOTAL OF ALARMS

Multiple alarms of fire - 2nd. alarms 7

Fatalities caused from fire - 12

RECORD OF ALARMS FOR FIRES IN BUILDINGS

RESIDENTIAL.....	228
NON-RESIDENTIAL.....	17
MERCANTILE.....	48
MANUFACTURING.....	24
STORAGE.....	20
PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	0
MISCELLANEOUS.....	24
	<u>361</u> TOTAL

CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

RESIDENTIAL

Apartments	24
Tenements	151
Dwellings	41
Hotels	1
Rooming & Lodging	11
	<u>228</u>

NON-RESIDENTIAL

Office buildings	3
Theaters	2
Churches	3
Hospitals	0
Institutions	2
Schools	4
Armory	0
Auditorium	1
Halls, etc.	2
Banks	0
	<u>17</u>

MERCANTILE

Retail & wholesale	28
Restaurants	10
Bars & cafes	5
Repair shops	4
Filling stations	0
Public garages	1
	<u>48</u>

MANUFACTURING

Factories	20
Brewery	0
Cannery	0
Bakery	0
Laundry	2
Printing	0
Other Mfg. & processing	2
	<u>24</u>

STORAGE

Warehouses	4
Pier-wharf	0
Grain elevator	0
Storage	16
	<u>20</u>

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Power Plants	0
Pump-transformer Sta.	0
	<u>0</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Detached private garages and barns	18
All other buildings	6
	<u>24</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	122	12 - 1	259
1 - 2	95	1 - 2	276
2 - 3	51	2 - 3	279
3 - 4	50	3 - 4	346
4 - 5	41	4 - 5	355
5 - 6	26	5 - 6	297
6 - 7	41	6 - 7	271
7 - 8	67	7 - 8	283
8 - 9	119	8 - 9	305
9 - 10	149	9 - 10	265
10 - 11	192	10 - 11	220
11 - 12	234	11 - 12	178
			<u>4,521</u> TOTAL

NUMBER OF ALARMS DURING EACH DAY

Sunday	582
Monday	693
Tuesday	574
Wednesday	603
Thursday	652
Friday	690
Saturday	727
	<u>4,521</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, 1962.

Working time of companies at fires - 6,613 hours 43 min.  
 Working time at dumps - 63 hours 53 min.  
 Working time of pumpers at fires - 436 hours 18 min.

HOSE LINES USED

Booster No. of lines used	303	Total feet	36,200
1½" hose " " " "	2,257	" "	350,700
2½" hose " " " "	524	" "	123,250
3" hose " " " "	214	" "	50,150

LADDERS USED

Aerial Ladders - 92 used	Total feet	7,975
Portable Ladders - 1,171 used	" "	25,220

EXTINGUISHERS USED

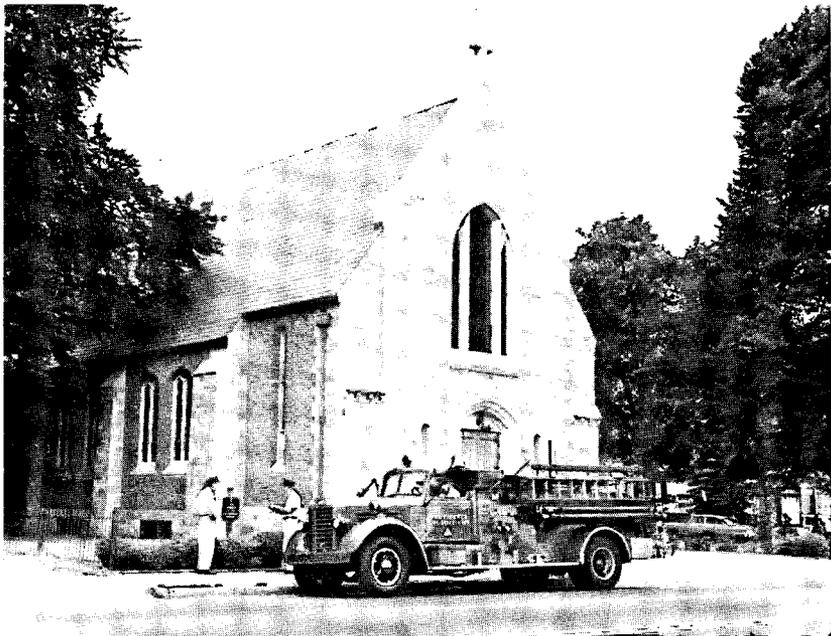
Foam	- 10
Soda and acid	- 3
Pump tanks	- 453
Dry chemical	- 25
Carbon dioxide	- 181
Carbon tectachloride	- 35

OTHER EQUIPMENT USED

Salvage covers	- 587
Bundles of laths	- 88½
Rolls of roofing paper	- 148½
Homelites	- 91
Generators	- 54
Smoke ejector	- 14
Sprinkler heads	- 17

EXTRA HOURS AND LOST TIME

Extra hours of duty performed	6,027 hours 50 min.
Time in attendance at drills	2,413 hours
Time lost by members through sickness	52,888 hours 1 min.
Time lost by members through injuries	74,724 hours
Special time granted	1,413 hours



# FIREFIGHTER

In-Service Inspection



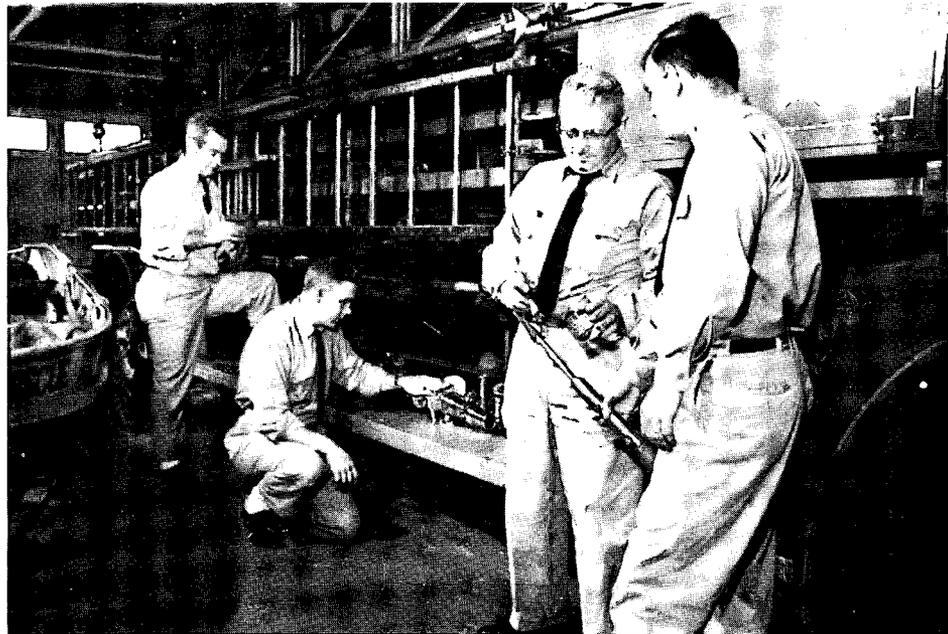
Firefighting



Part of Training Program...  
Extinguishing Actual Oil Fires

# ACTIVITIES

Maintaining Fire Department  
Equipment & Apparatus



Company Drill

Training at Drill Tower



INSPECTIONS

RESIDENTIAL

(dwellings, apartments, rooming houses, etc.) 113,866

NON-RESIDENTIAL

(theaters, churches, hospitals, schools, etc.) 2,314

MERCANTILE

(retail stores, restaurants, repair shops, etc.) 1,963

MANUFACTURING

(factories, bakeries, laundries, etc.) 664

STORAGE

(warehouses, piers, etc.) 141

MISCELLANEOUS

(power plants, pumping stations, etc.) 189

HYDRANTS

36,140

APPROVALS AND PERMITS

Gasoline 1,357

Garages 722

Dangerous chemicals 459

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

The reserve apparatus consists of 14 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**	LaFrance	1250	July - 1942
" " " 2	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 3	LaFrance	750	April - 1953
" " " 4	General	750	December - 1953
" " " 5	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 6	LaFrance	750	June - 1952
" " " 7**	LaFrance	1250	July - 1942
" " " 8	LaFrance	750	April - 1950
" " " 9	LaFrance	1500	December - 1949
" " " 10	LaFrance	1250	November - 1945
" " " 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	Oren	750	September - 1952
" " " 19	Mack	750	December - 1957
" " " 20	Ward LaFrance	750	July - 1960

\*\* New Motors 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*	LaFrance Aerial	October - 1937

\* New tractor 1947

Engine Tender No. 7	G. M. C.	December - 1950
Engine Tender No. 9	Ford C. O. E.	August - 1950
Rescue Co. No. 1	International Harvester	August - 1960
Rescue Co. No. 2	Gerstenslager (1 ton)	August - 1962
Rescue Co. No. 3	Ford C. O. E.	June - 1957
Salvage Co. No. 1	International walk-in van	May - 1961

## RESERVE APPARATUS AND LOCATION

Reserve Engine No. 2	At Engine Co. 2	1925
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	1927
Reserve Engine No. 12	At Engine Co. 12	1926
Reserve Engine No. 14	At Engine Co. 14	1924
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
Reserve #2	At Division of Training	1925
Reserve #1	At Repair Shop	1925
Reserve #2	At Repair Shop	1923
Reserve Ladder #3	At Engine Co. 5	1929
Reserve Ladder #4	At Ladder Co. 4	1950
Reserve Ladder #6	At Engine Co. 18	1927
Reserve Ladder #8	At Engine Co. 19	1925
Reserve Rescue #1	At Rescue Co. 3	1962
Reserve Rescue #2	At Ladder Co. 3	1954
Reserve Foam Wagon	At Engine Co. 18	1952
Reserve Battalion Chief Sedan	At Repair Shop	1956



Testing New Apparatus

stores, theaters, banks, hotels, public buildings, hospitals and post offices were very helpful in informing the general public of the danger of fire and precautions that should be taken to help eliminate same. Using the medium of demonstrations, lectures and films in presenting our fire prevention theme to civic, industry, nurses and other social and fraternal groups proved to be a most valuable and essential effort on the part of this Bureau.

I cannot adequately express our appreciation to the good people of radio, television, and the press for the coverage and allotted time to our fire prevention efforts, not only during our special campaigns but on their year round coverage.

Our special program for this year included the old standbys of Clean-up Week, Fire Prevention Week and a waste paper drive. Additional work for the entire firefighting force was instituted with a pre-fourth of July yard inspection program.

Needless to say our appreciation is extended to the entire firefighting force for their splendid cooperation of the In-Service Inspection year-round program and the home inspections during Clean-Up and Fire Prevention Weeks.

The fire prevention bureau is now enjoying a most amiable relationship with various departments in the city government such as the Department of Building Inspection, Highway Department, and the Detective and Juvenile Divisions of the Police Department. It is cooperation such as we have received from these groups that make our work more complete and effective.

In order that we might improve the fine fire prevention and fire safety educational programs in our schools, we enlisted the services of the Commissioner of Public Safety Francis A. Lennon along with the able assistance of Chief of Department Lewis A. Marshall. Several members of the Fire Prevention Committee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce also rendered their services, to whom we are most grateful. The very presence of these dignitaries at various school functions had a most impressive effect on the children of both the elementary and secondary schools.

The Sears Roebuck Foundation has again allocated a grant of money to the Providence Fire Department, to sponsor our elegant Junior Fire Department program. This program is continually receiving praise and approval as to the methods used in presenting the program to the children. As the Sears Roebuck Foundation

expands their program throughout the country, they have selected Providence as a guide for other cities to follow.

Our own Inspector Warren Kirk, known as supervisor of our entire school program was awarded a plaque from the children of Providence in recognition of his untiring efforts. Mr. Fire Prevention, as he is known to the children is most appreciative of this momento.

We wish to thank the teachers, nuns, and school officials in the Public, Private, and Parochial Schools for their splendid cooperation, which enabled us to have such a successful fire safety program.

In reviewing our efforts of the past year it is with a true sense of appreciation for the efforts and support we received from the members of the Department, the Fire Prevention Committee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, Civic Groups, Industry and other city departments that I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate them for a job well done.

I am still of the opinion that every effort should be made to make the necessary classification to afford additional compensation for those members of the Fire Prevention Bureau who are doing specialized work in an efficient and competent manner.

The following is a complete report of the activities of the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the year ending December 31, 1962.

#### INVESTIGATION

Complaints corrected.....	1,001
Complaints unjustified.....	22
Buildings razed.....	170
Buildings repaired.....	77
Referred to Health Department.....	59
Referred to Building Director.....	87
Referred to Electrical Inspector.....	24
Request of occupants.....	163
Defective chimney-smoke pipe and heating plant.....	15
Fire escapes-panic bolts etc.....	46
Obstructed exits.....	116
Open exposures.....	151
Burning rubbish.....	571
Rubbish condition corrected.....	461

## FIRES

Fires investigated.....	1,334
Suspicious fires.....	53
Referred to Juvenile Division.....	29
Fire Losses investigated.....	418
Court cases.....	5

## PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

Bingos.....	248
Exhibitions.....	13
Carnivals.....	2

## INSPECTIONS

Original inspections.....	3,402
Re-inspections.....	1,021
Theaters.....	181
Convalescent homes.....	17
Nursing homes.....	33
Homes for children.....	37
Hospitals.....	29
Schools.....	288
Orphanages.....	7
Storage of vehicles.....	23
Gasoline applications.....	94
Gasoline tanks.....	65
Storage of fuel oil-bulk.....	19
Dangerous chemical applications.....	94
Fire escapes.....	66

## DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations.....	63
Attendance at demonstrations.....	17,429
Moving picture showings.....	62
Attendance - moving pictures.....	19,706
Lecture-talk.....	79
Attendance at lecture-talk.....	19,513
Conferences attended.....	21
Radio broadcast.....	69
Television broadcast.....	33
Fire drills conducted.....	178
Tape recordings made.....	26

MISCELLANEOUS

No smoking signs issued.....	568
Photographs taken.....	1,931
Extra hours worked.....	402
Pamphlets distributed.....	125,000
Books distributed.....	10,000
Posters distributed.....	16,000
Public displays set up.....	22

Respectfully submitted,

*John E. Butler*

JOHN E. BUTLER  
Chief, Bureau of  
Fire Prevention.

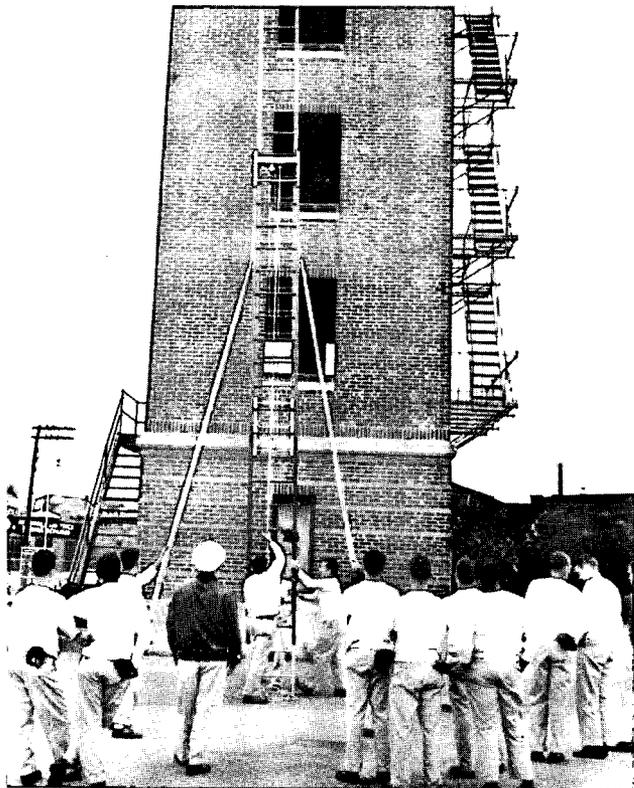


Lecture and Demonstration on Fire Prevention

# DIVISION OF TRAINING

Battalion Chief  
Edmond F. Marnane

Trainees in Class



Ladder Drill for Trainees

Taking Oath of Office



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

**To:** The Chief of Department.

**Subject:** Annual Report of Activities.

**Sir:**

The 21st Training School was in session at the start of the year 1962, with a group of 25 Trainees.

On Sunday January 7 - 1962, Battalion Chief Norman Jones, The Director of Training was placed on the pension rolls.

On Sunday January 14, 1962, Captain E.F. Marnane of the Division of Training was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief and assigned to the Division of Training as the Director.

On Monday January 30 - 1962, the 21st Training School consisting of 25 mem began their advanced training in the department.

On Sunday April 29 - 1962, the 21st Training School was assigned as members of the department, as privates fourth grade.

FOAM INSTRUCTIONS - General Order # 15, set forth a schedule by which all combat units and all platoons reported to the Drill Yard, for instruction in the use of Foam Pipes and Eductor Tubes. Such instruction began on April 9, and terminated on May 2, 1962.

Foam Pipes and Eductor Tubes have been placed on six (6) pieces of Fire Apparatus and are subject to service.

The six (6) pieces of apparatus equipped with Foam Pipes and Eductor Tubes are as follows.

Engine Co. # 9	2 pipes and tubes.
Engine Co. # 11	1 pipe and tube.
Engine Co. # 17	1 pipe and tube.
Engine Co. # 18	1 pipe and tube.
Engine Co. # 19	1 pipe and tube.
Engine Co. # 20	2 pipes and tubes.

Instruction - By the use of a Film titled, "Atomic Weapons" and "Fire Fighting Procedures", was presented on the following dates, April 11 - 1962, April 24, 1962 and April 25, 1962. A question and answer period followed all showings. The film was presented by Captain Winsor of the U.S. Army Fire Department.

Drill Evolutions directive, was replaced in all combat units on Monday May 7, 1962, these were to replace worn issues.

Hydraulic Manuals, these were replaced in all units of the department to replace worn out manuals.

Competitive examination held at Central High School at 7:00 P.M. June 20, 1962 to select members for the 22nd Training School.

Adaptability Test conducted at this division on July 26, 1962, July 31, 1962 and August 1, 1962.

Training School for the 22nd class of Trainee's opened on Tuesday September 4, 1962 with a class of 15 men.

Hose and Pump Test, began on September 17, 1962 and ended on October 3, 1962.

Thirty two (32) pumps were tested at Underwriter's Standards and all Fire Hose in the department was tested at Underwriters specifications. The man power need for this work was provided by the members of the 22nd Training School.

On December 2, 1962 - The Trainee's of the 22nd class completed their basic training and were assigned to advanced training in the combat units of the department.

This division provided class room facilities for the Fire Alarm Maintenance division for instructional purposes on August 13, August 20 and August 28, 1962.

Nozzles - The Grinnell Flame Buster Nozzle and the Rockwood nozzle SG 40 or 48 and used on the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch hose were sleeved by the department of Automotive Repairs and now all the combination  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch nozzles used on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch hose are uniform in their discharge, both in capacity and pattern.

Radiation Detection Equipment - January 1962 all Radiation Detection Equipment was surveyed and any defective equipment was sent to General Service Administration warehouse at Royce, New Jersey. The defective equipment was returned and placed in the department.

In the month of December 1962 the Radiation Detection equipment was again checked for serviceability and any defective equipment was returned to the State Civil Defense headquarters for repair.

This unit attended the Governor's Council on Civil defense held at the State House.

This unit attended ~~the~~ meeting at the Local Civil Defense headquarters.

This unit attended two (2) conferences on Civil Defense conducted by the Chamber of Commerce.

The members of this division provided the man power to stage a demonstration on the extinguishing properties of Dry Powder. This was held at the Melrose grounds of the Narragansett Electric Light company in conjunction with the Ansul company and the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Fire department.

This unit maintained personnel records and other matters routine to the Division of Training and Personnel.

Mimeographed - upon request Report forms as requested by other divisions of the department.

Instructed personnel - requesting assistance with studies pertaining to the Fire Service. This assistance was given to the members on their off duty time.

School for Lieutenants, an announcement dated November 2, 1962, stated the requirements needed to select 10 men to a promotional school for privates to Lieutenants and set the date of qualification as 15 December 1962 at midnight. All applications to be acceptable were to be in the Division of Training by 5:00 P.M. Friday December 21, 1962.

Repairs at this unit consisted of a complete painting of the exterior woodwork and the entire interior of the building. The office and kitchen were paneled to cover over defective plaster work.

A new Mimeograph machine replaced a machine that had been in continuous service since the opening of this division.

LIGHTS - At this time are still a dire need in the Class Room as the present system was designed for sleeping facilities only. The office lights are only four in number and even with the use of 300 watt bulbs the staff must still rely on the morning light to properly work the paper work required of them.

Recommendations - That a new Fiske - Crosby - Forester Hand Book of Fire Protection be obtained and placed in the Library of each Unit of the department as the present Manual is the ninth issue dated 1941 thus giving it an age of 21 years while now there is a new manual just off the presses in August 1962.

It is also hoped that a 16 Millimeter motion picture projector be secured and films pertinent to Fire department Training be obtained for assisting in the Training of members of the department in varied procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Batt. Chief

*Edmond F. Romano*  
Director of Training.

# BUREAU OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL

Battalion Chief  
Francis J. O'Brien

Alerting Companies via Vocal-Alarm



From: Francis J. O'Brien, Chief of Bureau of Operational Control.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report - 1962.

Sir:

The following is the report of activities of the Bureau of Operational Control for the year ending December 31, 1962.

The duties of the members of this division consists of receiving alarms via telephone and fire alarm equipment, the rapid dispatching of proper apparatus and accurate transmission of alarms, the relaying of important messages between various divisions of the department and on many occasions, using their experienced judgment in extreme emergencies because delays or mistakes can be costly and fatal. They also operate the department's extensive two-way radio system and conduct daily routine tests of fire alarm equipment, such as taking circuit readings and entering same in sheets provided. The fire alarm box tests are conducted daily and a record of same is kept on file at this office. In addition to the aforementioned this division takes a very important part in the Civil Defense Warning System in the City of Providence.

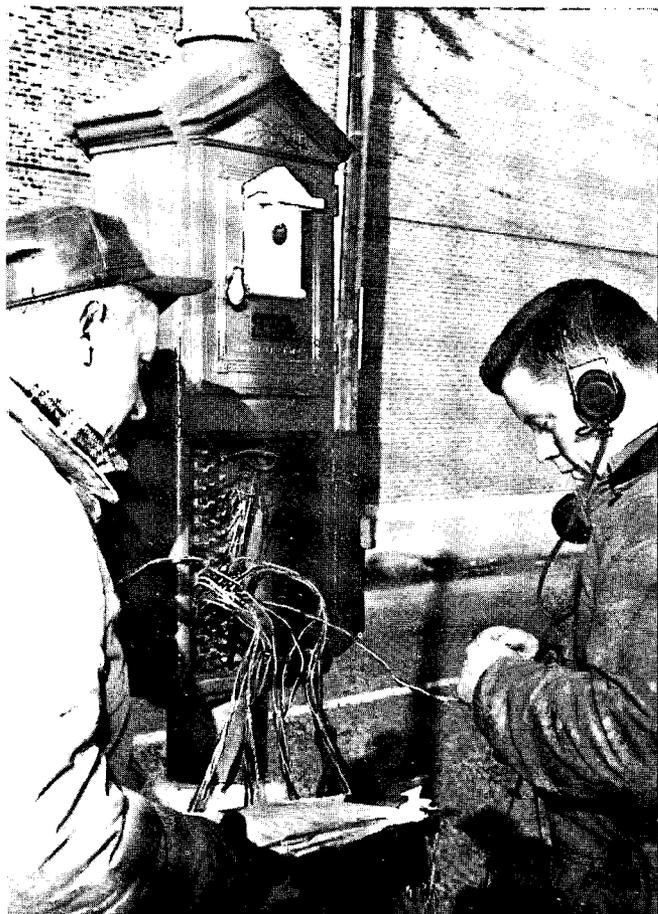
During the past year a grand total of 13,409 alarms and emergency calls (telephone and box) were received and transmitted to the department over the vocalarm, radio and coded systems, in addition to handling all the interdepartmental communications through the fire alarm telephone switchboard. In addition 676 calls were received from persons locked out of their homes and apparatus dispatched to their assistance.

Of the 13,409 calls received (an increase of 999 over 1961) 12,179 were received by telephone (an increase of 948 over 1961). The telephone is a handy way of sending an alarm, but the possibility of mistakes is very great. There is always the chance of mistaken address due to the similarity of sound of names of streets. The human factor is more likely to have an effect upon the speed and accuracy of transmission than any other means. All telephone calls received at this office are recorded on the dictaphone electronic recording machine which automatically records all communications. This recorder is invaluable in solving differences of opinion between the person calling and the operator on duty at the alarm office.

As this division is responsible for the effective and accurate dispatching of department units and personnel, it is my privilege to report the dispatching of department units to alarms of fire and other emergencies during the past year has been very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francis J. O'Brien*  
Battalion Chief.



## FIRE ALARM

Superintendent  
Henry VanWestendorp

Servicing Fire Alarm Boxes

From: Henry van Westendorp, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report - 1962.

Sir:

As the first requirement of the Fire Alarm Division is the proper maintenance of the existing alarm systems so that the reception and the transmission of alarms of fire and all other emergency calls pertaining to the Fire Department can be handled with the greatest dispatch, this work has been in the past year as in other years the first order of business as far as the Fire Alarm Division is concerned. It is my opinion that reception and transmission of these alarms has been handled with an absolute minimum of delay.

When it is considered that the above work requires the attention that must be paid to a system consisting of approximately 85 miles of underground cables as well as 125 miles of single conductor aerial line wire, it is plain to be seen that this is a major project in itself. The underground construction is used in all types of connections and the aerial line wire is used to connect the Fire Alarm Boxes which are in locations where there is no underground ducts available or where the cost would be prohibitive to make this type of installation.

At the present time, the Fire Alarm Box system in this city is composed of the following numbers and types of boxes connected as mentioned.

	Total	Aerial Connected	Underground Connected
Fire Alarm Boxes	948	579	369
Owned by the City	664	401	263
Privately Owned	284	178	106

This represents the following changes that have been made in the Fire Alarm Box distribution during the past year.

	Total	Public	Private
Boxes Removed	12	8	4
New Boxes Installed	10	2	8

Of the number of Privately owned boxes that were installed during the past year, 7 were of the Master Box type which means that they may be operated from remote locations either by hand through manual pull stations, by heat detectors or by the operation of the water in a sprinkler system. There has been a tendency in the past several years to install this type of box on private property as it has been recognized as the most efficient type of connection that is available. This method eliminates the human factor which is very often subject to criticism and it gives the Fire Department by far the most rapid notification of the start of a fire.

It will be noted that during the year, there were removed from service a number of the City Owned Fire Alarm Boxes. This was due in each case to the re-development projects that are now in process in the city. The greater part of the boxes which were removed this year were in the Mashpaug Park area and as this development is advanced, these boxes will be relocated and again put in service in the same general vicinity.

During the year 1962 as during the past several years, this Division has had a considerable amount of added work put upon it due to the relocation and the reconstruction of the new Route #95 and its service roads in the City. This has been the cause of a considerable amount of relocation of both aerial line wire and Underground cables and it is expected that this type of work will be in progress for a number of years to come if the present plans are to be carried out.

The maintenance of the Police Siglan System is also a part of the work of the Fire Alarm Division and this work has been kept up as in previous years. At the present time, this Division is in the process of replacing a number of the older types of Police Call Boxes and for the year 1962, we were allowed the funds for the purchase of 20 of these boxes. This is a very much needed work as a large percentage of the Police Call boxes that are in service at the present time are of a vintage so old that it is no longer possible to purchase replacement parts for them unless they are hand made and it has been found that the prices for this type of work is prohibitive. It is hoped that this Division will be allowed to continue this replacement work for several years to come so that we will have a modern Police Call Box System.

The Fire Department Radio Network is also a part of the responsibility of the Fire Alarm Division and this work has been kept up to date as the value of the radio system has been appreciated for a number of years. At the present time, all of the active pieces of Fire Apparatus is radio equipped and we also have installed radio equipment on 6 Reserve Engines, 4 Reserve Ladder Trucks and 1 Reserve Chief's car. These in addition to all of the radio equipment that we have on the various service trucks and cars in the department gives this Department excellent radio coverage. The value of this network has been demonstrated on a number of occasions and we believe that it has paid for itself several times over in the accurate dispatching of apparatus to the scenes of emergencies. Ever since this Department had had radio equipment, it has been the policy of this Division to keep in operation a preventative maintenance program to anticipate breakdowns before they happen and we believe that this has been the principal reason why we have had so very few outages in the radio service.

During that past year, this Division has completed the work of changing the operation of the Fire Alarm Office from the old Form 3 to the more modern Form 4 type of office. This required the changing of a considerable amount of the wiring within the office and calls for an entirely different type of battery operation. With the type of equipment that we are now using and the manner in which it is being used, we have eliminated about 1500 cells of storage battery and the amount of money saved by the City due to this change will amount to almost \$2,000.00 per year.



From: James A. Cusick, Superintendent Automotive Repairs.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report-1962.

Sir:

The following is a report of the Automotive Repair and Maintenance Division for the year ending December 31, 1962.

During the past year this division operated as in the past, maintaining and repairing all mobile units of the department as well as all portable emergency units and appliances used by the department.

We were in attendance at all multiple alarm fires as well as the annual hose and service tests of all pumping units.

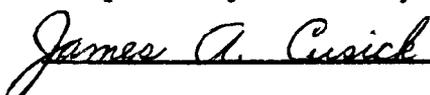
One new Rescue unit was put in service to replace a 1954 unit. A new Panel Truck was purchased and equipped as a Reserve Rescue Unit.

During the past year, because of vacations, sickness and resignations plus the fact that a twenty four schedule is maintained in our division we were faced with a serious manpower shortage which somewhat hampered our Preventive Maintenance Program. However that condition has been remedied and we are now operating on a full roster.

The following is a summary of jobs completed during the past year.

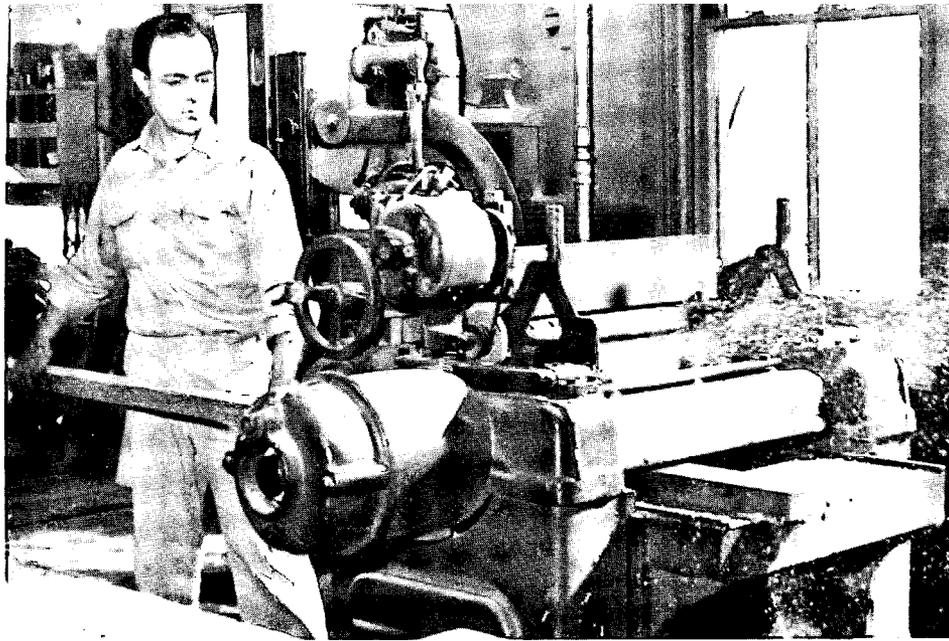
Engines rebuilt	6	Transmissions rebuilt	4
Brakes relined	10	Differentials rebuilt	2
Booster tanks	4	Clutches installed	12
Fire pumps	6	Battery changes	825
Minor repairs	1800	Lubrications	396
Oil changes	400	Inspections	22

Respectfully submitted,

  
Superintendent Automotive Repairs

# CARPENTER SHOP

Battalion Chief  
Eugene L. Hawkins



**From:** Eugene L. Hawkins, Battalion Chief, Carpenter Shop

**To:** The Chief of Department.

**Subject:** Annual Report

**Sir:**

The following is a summary of the work accomplished at the Carpenter Shop during the year ending December 31, 1962.

Approximately 225 feet of new ladders were built. 830 feet of ladders were repaired and one 85' Aerial Ladder was straightened. 1735 feet of ladders were tightened, sanded and given two coats of varnish.

Repaired 35 Windsor type chairs and 17 swivel chairs.

Painted 15 chairs.

Sharpened 52 fire axes.

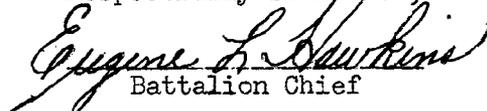
Handles were put in 42 fire axes, 7 sledge hammers, 8 claw hammers, 10 machinist hammers, 8 hammer head picks and 8 squeegees.

The following equipment was made during the year:

- 168 Collapsible Street Horses
- 29 Poles for Plaster Hooks
- 6 Hose Poles
- 2 Handles for Pull-over Rakes
- 8 Creepers
- 8 Rope Rollers
- 3 Electric Cord Rollers
- 3 Battery and Tool Boxes
- 8 Wheel Blocks
- 2 Flag Poles
- 4 Easel type Blackboards

3 Bulletin Boards  
 84 Clip Boards  
 5 Screen Doors  
 24 Screens  
 6 Doors recovered with new screening  
 14 Boxes of various sizes  
 3 Platforms for Electric Plates  
 3 Platforms for Vocal Alarm Desk  
 3 Wooden Saw Horses  
 3 Drawer type Files for Hydrant cards  
 1 2-Drawer Filing Cabinet 22"x29"x30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for Rescue #3  
 29 Cross pieces for Collapsible Street Horses  
 38 Night Sticks  
 7 Typewriting Tables  
 1 2-Drawer Filing Cabinet  
 1 Bookcase for Police Academy  
 1 Cabinet 6'x3'x12" for Traffic Division  
 1 Cabinet 6'6"x48"x12" to hold books and forms for Police Department  
 1 Cabinet 7'x38"x12" to hold teaching aids for Training School  
 2 Cabinets 7'x54"x12" to hold teaching aids for Training School  
 2 Cabinets for new Control Panels in Police Department Radio Room  
 1 Cabinet to hold stencils at Police Academy  
 5 Map Frames 4'x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' for Civilian Defense  
 1 Typewriting Table for Police Academy  
 1 Movie Projector Cabinet for Police Academy  
 4 Easel type Frames to hold Pictorial Posters for Fire Prevention Bureau  
 1 Finished Box 36"x36"x36" for use during Fire Prevention Week  
 1 Patrol Vehicle Board with 190 sliding blocks for Precinct #1  
 1 Board to hold 190 sliding blocks for Precinct #1  
 2 4'x5' Fire Prevention Signs  
 1 Bench for Detective Division  
 1 Battery Box and replaced Running Board on Spare Truck at Engine Co. #2  
 4 Formica Top Tables  
 1 Book Rack and mounted same on wall in Detention Room  
 2 Wall Racks to hold equipment in Boiler Room in Engine Co. #14  
 1 Curtain and Holder was made and mounted on ceiling in hallway for the Bureau of Criminal Identification  
 Built up sides on  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Pickup Truck which is used to carry Foam  
 Installed 206 feet of Shelving in Stock Room at Fire Alarm Headquarters  
 Installed Cabinets and Shelves in new spare Rescue Truck  
 Made and mounted 1 Height Board and 1 Blackboard on wall at Detective Division

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Eugene L. Hawkins  
 Battalion Chief

# DISTRICT CHIEFS

## BATTALION CHIEFS "A" PLATOON



George H. Nowell



James T. Killilea



Richard E. O'Leary



John E. Sullivan

## BATTALION CHIEFS "B" PLATOON



Guido Nutini



Carl F. Fliegner



Frank G. Eldredge



John T. McLaughlin

## BATTALION CHIEFS "C" PLATOON



Edwin A. Fay



James F. Coleman, Jr.



Sylvester F. Shea



Walter F. Hannaway

PERSONNEL

Total Department membership as of December 31, 1962 - 489

Appointments.....25  
Retirements.....10  
Resignations..... 1  
Promotions.....10  
Transfers.....73  
Commendations.....57  
Reprimands..... 4  
Deaths..... 4

SUPERIOR OFFICERS

Lewis A. Marshall, Chief of Department

BATTALION CHIEFS

John E. Butler	George H. Nowell
James F. Coleman, Jr.	Guido Nutini
Frank G. Eldredge	Francis J. O'Brien
Edwin A. Fay	Richard E. O'Leary
Carl F. Fliegner	Edmond F. Marname
Walter F. Hannaway	John T. McLaughlin
Eugene L. Hawkins	Sylvester F. Shea
James T. Killilea	John E. Sullivan

James A. Cusick, Superintendent - Automotive Repair Shop

Henry vanWestendorp, Superintendent - Fire Alarm Telegraph

Michael Sabatino, Superintendent - Building Repairs

Raymond A. Kilduff, Assistant Superintendent - Automotive Repair

Alfred J. Mello, Assistant Superintendent - Fire Alarm

## PERSONNEL

Capt. Lawrence A. Bouchard	Capt. John J. Mohan
Capt. Arthur Brodeur	Capt. Clarence B. McCormick
Capt. James C. Byrne	Capt. John E. McDonald
Capt. George R. Carlson	Capt. John F. McDonald, Jr.
Capt. Joseph A. Carr	Capt. John E. McDermott, Jr.
Capt. Elliot M. Durfee	Capt. John F. McGwinn, Jr.
Capt. Richard B. J. Farmer	Capt. Vincent T. Reardon
Capt. John J. Falvey	Capt. James W. Robertson
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Capt. George A. Gray	Capt. Francis A. Shea
Capt. William P. Kanaczet	Capt. Daniel F. Stafford
Capt. William F. Kelly	Capt. Leonard E. Sweeney
Capt. Thomas M. Kennedy	Capt. James J. Sylvia
Capt. Richard H. Lyons	Capt. George B. Vieweg
Capt. Joseph J. Mainey	Capt. Robert D. Walsh
	Capt. Amos M. Weeden
Lieut. Russell H. Backman	Lieut. George H. Lowe, Jr.
Lieut. Howard W. R. Bucklin	Lieut. William J. Lynch
Lieut. James G. Cahill	Lieut. James E. Maher
Lieut. Arthur J. Choiniere	Lieut. James H. McDermott
Lieut. Charles A. Cornell, Jr.	Lieut. John F. McDermott
Lieut. John J. Creamer	Lieut. John B. McGarry
Lieut. Thomas H. Cronin	Lieut. Mathew McKeon
Lieut. Richard E. Crossman	Lieut. Thomas M. McManus
Lieut. Frank J. Day	Lieut. Joseph H. Mitchell
Lieut. Leo T. Deuso, Sr.	Lieut. Joseph V. Morro
Lieut. Joseph E. Dorsey	Lieut. John J. Mullen
Lieut. Edward T. Downing	Lieut. Robert M. Murray
Lieut. Robert N. Drummond	Lieut. Austin T. Nagle
Lieut. William P. Gardner	Lieut. Charles W. Oatley, Jr.
Lieut. Gastano F. Gaudio	Lieut. William H. O'Connell
Lieut. Donald E. Gibson	Lieut. John J. O'Haire, Jr.
Lieut. Eugene F. Gilchrist	Lieut. Edward T. O'Keefe
Lieut. George C. Griffin	Lieut. John F. Oliver
Lieut. Henry A. Grzych	Lieut. Ettore Patrone
Lieut. Donald P. Hackett	Lieut. Bartholomew E. Quigley
Lieut. Joseph B. Healey	Lieut. Alfred J. Reall
Lieut. Thomas M. Horiagon	Lieut. Richard Rebello
Lieut. Joseph R. Hull	Lieut. James J. Roche
Lieut. Francis X. Jarvis	Lieut. Walter R. Sheridan
Lieut. Raymond T. King	Lieut. Robert A. Sullivan
Lieut. John Lamanna	Lieut. James H. Wall
Lieut. Alfred F. Leach	Lieut. Bernard J. Waters
Lieut. Frank E. Lopes	Lieut. Robert V. Weakley

# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU PERSONNEL

Battalion Chief John E. Butler, In Charge

Gasoline Tank Removal Test



Arson Investigation



From: John E. Butler, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention.

To: The Chief of Department.

Subject: Annual Report - 1962.

Sir:

I hereby submit for your consideration the following report of the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the year ending December 31, 1962.

The change in the personnel of the Fire Prevention Bureau was due to the untimely death of Lieutenant George E. LaPorte. The loss of his invaluable ability and dedicated services will leave a great void, not only in the Fire Prevention Bureau, but in the over-all fire department as well.

The present roster of the Fire Prevention Bureau is as follows:

Battalion Chief John E. Butler  
Lieutenant Joseph H. Mitchell  
Lieutenant Joseph B. Healey - detailed  
Inspector Warren R. Kirk  
Inspector William H. Martin  
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

I am pleased to report that the efforts of the Providence Fire Department in the field of Fire Prevention have proven successful beyond our fondest expectations. In January of 1962, The National Fire Protection Association rated our Fire Safety program as the best of all cities in our population group, and 3rd of all cities, regardless of population category, in the entire United States and Canada.

In April of 1962, The National Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. rated our efforts in the field of Fire Safety as the best of all cities in the entire nation. It was very gratifying to be selected to participate, as a delegate from the City of Providence, in the ceremonies in Washington, D. C., wherein the City of

Providence was the recipient of this Grand Award.

At this writing, I am very pleased to report that on Tuesday, January 22nd of this year we were officially notified by the National Fire Protection Association that, through our efforts in the field of Fire Prevention during 1962, we have been selected to receive the Grand Award of all participating cities in the United States and Canada.

It is my opinion, that the efforts of the personnel of this Bureau and the citizens of Providence played a great part in bringing these awards to our city.

In addition to the normal facets of promoting fire safety as utilized in the past, we have incorporated beauty as epitomized in the selection of a "Miss Fire Prevention" and "Miss Clean-Up". These young ladies were among our featured participants in parades, luncheons, and all media of contact with the public such as press, radio and television. A singing group, comprised solely of Providence firemen and known as the "Harmonizers", has been organized and accomplished a great deal in focusing attention to our efforts for "selling" fire prevention to the public and in furthering and cementing our excellent relations with the public. Fire Prevention floats were utilized in our parades, along with well known local personalities from radio and television, and were very well received by the public.

We had the Scanomatic sign on the Peoples Saving Bank working overtime. The gasoline station operators were very cooperative in distributing literature pertinent to the handling and storage of gasoline. Our billboard poster campaign took on an added significance with a new poster. The New England Telephone Company graciously consented to again distribute thousands of pieces of literature through their mail listings. The Fire Prevention Committee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce worked overtime in the preparation of our civic, industrial, and mercantile programs, in addition to other special fire prevention campaigns. The United States Postal Division here in Providence has set up a special cancellation stamp with a fire prevention message, to be used during Fire Prevention Week. Our hospitals, hotels, and nursing homes have been working in close association with the Fire Prevention Bureau.

I feel that the operations outlined above in conjunction with the distribution of literature and the fire prevention displays in