



BOX 42 NEWSLETTER

"Serving the fire community since 1942"



December 2016 - (all images: click twice to enlarge)

MEETING INFORMATION

Normally meetings are held on Saturday late in the month at various fire stations.

The December meeting will be at 1000 hrs on Saturday, December 17th

at [Wayne State University Police Department](#)
[6050 Cass, Detroit](#)

Len Williams' Collection For Sale

Long time member Len Williams has informed us that, in light of his health problems, he is offering his substantial stable of fire apparatus for sale. While a sad move for Len, it's a great opportunity for a collector to begin or add to his collection. This flyer contains the particulars on each piece, accompanied by photos.

Anyone interested can contact Len directly at williams@lwwilliamscpa.com

To view Len's offering flyer [[click here](#)].



Left:

Included in Len's collection is his well known restored DFD Engine 31, now on display at the Michigan Fire Museum at Ypsilanti.

(photo by Mike Rosenblum)

Honoring WSU Officer Collin Rose

The Detroit area public safety community took another hit with the murder of Wayne State Police Officer Collin Rose two days before Thanksgiving. Officer Rose had stopped a suspicious person near Lincoln and Brainard, an area which had been experiencing a number of larcenies from auto. He was shot in the head, and succumbed to the injury the next day.

DeAngelo Davis, 31, was arrested a short time later and was charged with murder. Davis is a convicted felon with prior arrests for assault on an officer.

Officer Rose, an active canine handler and highly respected in the department and the community, was engaged to be married next year. He was the first Wayne State officer to be killed in the line of duty. Over the years, several Box 42 members have worked at or been associated with Wayne State Police, including Vice President Blake Govan who currently works for the department.

On the weekend after the shooting the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Red Wings paid tribute to Officer Rose.

[[Click here to view](#)] (2:00).



PSO Collin Rose

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Meetings Update

In November the club met at Taylor FD Station 2. Our hosts were Lt. Chad Cousino and Sgt. Ron Evina, who filled the members in as to the structure of their department and its challenges. The station is currently running with an Engine leased from the Tecumseh Fire Department. Their regular Engine 2 was struck by a drunk driver in September,



Lt. Chad Cousino



Sgt. Ron Evina

causing over \$150 thousand in damage.

Thanks to Larry Cooper and his wife, Karen, for making the arrangements and providing a nice spread of refreshments.

As if on cue, the meeting wrapped as Engine 2 went out on a run. Members gathered around as the Tecumseh rig rolled out.

To experience the event [\[click here\]](#).

The December meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 17th at Wayne State. Anthony Rzucidlo will do a presentation on 'Interesting and unique emergency vehicles.'

Anthony is also researching the club history for the upcoming 75th anniversary of its founding. If you have any old newsletters, particularly from 1981-86 or 2003-09, please contact him.

Troy FD Steps Up To Help Make-A-Wish

Troy FD's Station 3 garnered some good PR recently by helping the family of eight year old Parker Schueller, who suffers from a number of ailments that prevent him from speaking or walking. The Make-A-Wish Foundation provided the youngster with a swim spa, but the family had no practical way to fill it. Troy FD lent a hand to finish the wish.

The Station 3 personnel posed with the family for a photo.



Shown with the Schueller family are FF Ric Davis, FF John Thomas, Lt. Dan Mahrle, and Asst. Chief Chuck Riesterer behind, and FF Dave Hughson, FF Erjon Lakuriqi, and FF Craig Lanham in front.

Troy FD Announces Promotions

Troy FD Chief Dave Roberts announced eight departmental promotions last month to fill retirement vacancies. Congratulations to all in their new positions.

For specifics from Troy FD [\[click here\]](#).

Engine 30 Hosts Halloween Party

Captain Arn Nowicki and his crew at DFD Engine 30 were a hit with the neighborhood when they hosted a Halloween party for the kids. WJBK news did this story on the event.

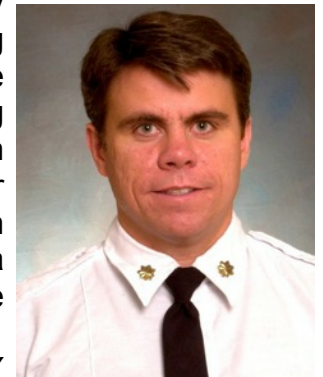
To view the clip [\[click here\]](#).

Chief Fatally Injured in NY Fire

An FDNY battalion chief was killed on September 27th when a brick house in the Bronx exploded. Battalion Chief Michael Fahy was struck by debris while working to evacuate the house, in which a drug lab had just been discovered. Another firefighter, seven police officers, and a Con-Ed worker were also injured.

This clip of FDNY radio traffic from the incident illustrates the remarkable resources that that city has.

To hear the clip (8:00) [\[click here\]](#).



BC Michael Fahy

Coming events

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-8:30
Above and Beyond Public Safety Ceremony
For information [\[click here\]](#)

Saturday, December 17, 10:00
Box 42 regular meeting at
Wayne State Police Headquarters, Detroit
Slide show by Anthony Rzucidlo

Feature: Benjamin Beytekin Video

Benjamin Beytekin, a professional photographer from Leutenbach, Germany, visits the USA from time to time, and spends much of his visits studying the local police and fire departments, shooting stills and videos along the way. Many members met him at the August picnic at Engine 16, or at the Ferndale Lights and Sirens Cruise.

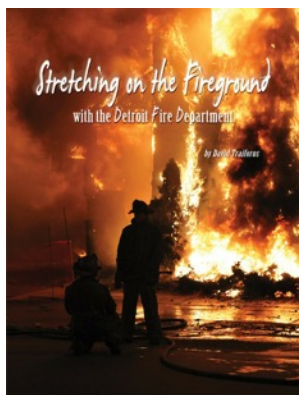
On his most recent visit he took in a worker at Kercheval and Newport in Detroit, and made a nice video of the effort

To view Benjamin's video (7:00)

[\[click here\]](#).

Dave Traiforos' New Book Available

The long awaited new book from member Dave Traiforos, ***Stretching on the Fireground with the Detroit Fire Department***, is now available. Dave had earlier authored ***Every Night Is Devils' Night In***



Detroit, and co-authored ***Detroit Fire Department***, part of the Images of America series, along with Captain Arn Nowicki. For further information and an order form, click the image at left.

Reader Comments

From Ted Main

Please extend our deepest sympathy and concern to the family and to the members of Wayne State Police and also the Members and Families of Box 42. It is truly tragic to see this type of event happen.

Ted and Cathy Main

From Dave Traiforos

Hope this message finds you doing well ... Hope to make a meeting soon and say hello to everyone.

Dave

From Carol A. Rosenblum

Loved the photos in this issue!

From Len Williams

I'm in dialysis right now, and the German video helped fill the time. The article on finding new uses for old fire & police stations was informative and a positive development in Detroit.

Len

And from Nancy Lee

Terrific newsletter! Can't believe you had Dispatch transmission from a day and a half before newsletter published. Great editing on that transmission. As a native Detroit, the German video was very sobering to view. On a lighter note, congratulations to Len Williams on winning the Robinson Award. Well deserved.

Thanks to all for your feedback and contributions.

Looking back ...

August 5, 1945

3142 W. Grand Blvd
Detroit

3 Alarms on

Box 3142, 1740 hrs.

On a more
cheerful note --

**Box 42
wishes all of
our readers a
happy
holiday
season and a
prosperous
new year !**

The Box 42 Newsletter welcomes all ideas for input and features and we would be happy to hear from any interested persons who have job stories, historical information, newspaper clippings, photos, or other material that you would like to share with the Box 42 community. Please send all news and information to the address on the front page.

Editors: Bill and Mike Rosenblum

Five Perish, One Hurt Critically In Detroit Fire

Explosion and Blaze Hits Orphanage and Old People's Home

DETROIT, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Five persons, including seven-year-old twin brothers, lost their lives and another inmate was in a critical condition after a Sunday night explosion and fire at a Detroit orphanage and old people's home.

More than 120 other persons were led or carried to safety by orphanage employes and firemen.

Police identified the dead as: Albert and Alfred Cade, seven; Christine Lenth, 80, Elizabeth Berch, 82, and Ida Albrecht, 85.

Receiving Hospital authorities listed the critically injured as Helen Kreutz, 90 who is suffering from shock and smoke inhalation.

Inspector George W. Smith of the Detroit Fire Department arson squad said the blaze broke out in the basement laundry of the Evangelical Home for Orphans and Old People, which is on West Grand Boulevard.

He quoted one of the boys at the orphanage as saying that several had been playing with matches in the vicinity of a barrel of inflammable liquid.

Mrs. Esther Koch, supervisor of younger boys, told police that she heard an explosion and a few moments later saw the boys, identified as the Cades, rush from the basement with their clothing afire.

Mrs. Kock grabbed one and extinguished the flames, while George Bothe, supervisor of older boys, did the same with the second boy.

By this time, smoke was seeping through the corridors of the institution, creating a minor panic among the children and elderly inmates, many of the latter being bed ridden.

Firemen responding to three alarms joined in the rescue work and then confined the blaze to the basement of the home.

Photos

Engine 53's 1949 Seagrave working on a three alarm fire in a shoe store at 21632 Grand River at Burgess on October 6, 1963. The alarm went out at 1315 hrs on Box 4612.





Detroit Fire dispatch operators - 1933 (Detroit News photo)



Jeff Cherensky, Tony Isaac, Roger Huntington, and Ted Main chill in Ted's back yard, while Walt McCall holds up the garage - 9/7/1985 (from Tony Isaac collection)

Below left and right: A 'working fire in a dwelling' at Sharon & Vernor 6/21/2014 (photos by Dave Traiforos)

