

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alarms Answered - 1987

Month	Still Alarms	Emergencies (Counted w/Stills)	Desk Boxes	Street Boxes	E.S.S. Boxes	Monthly Totals	Medcu Calls
January	219	41	49	34	32	335	515
February	208	38	43	42	25	318	487
March	223	29	53	56	18	350	432
April	220	27	44	28	18	310	460
May	261	29	43	42	16	362	496
June	213	32	29	40	24	306	545
July	271	40	28	41	17	359	576
August	253	41	33	51	18	355	575
September	221	38	34	72	22	349	491
October	231	42	35	41	27	334	462
November	223	38	50	32	26	331	514
December	253	41	46	37	39	375	531
TOTAL =	2,796	436	487	516	282	4,086	6,084

"All-Hands"	30	Total Fire & Medcu = 10,170	
2-Alarm Fires	19		
3-Alarm Fires	4		
Special Calls	18	False Alarms	202
Out of City	10	Fire Deaths	1

<u>Fire Companies - Runs</u>		<u>Island Volunteer Companies</u>	
Engine 1	547	Engine 12 - Peak's Is.	
Engine 3 Quint	857	Engine 13 - Great Diamond Is.	
Engine 4	1,487	Engine 14 - Long Is.	
Engine 5	1,042	Engine 15 - Cliff Is.	
Engine 6	1,056		
E-7 Fireboat	153		
Engine 8 Quint	452	<u>Medcu A.L.S. Units</u>	<u>Runs</u>
Engine 9	593	Medcu No. 3	3,694
Engine 11	479	Medcu No. 4	2,437
Ladder 1	942		
Ladder 6	1,347		
Rescue 1	864		
Air Rescue	186		

Central Station rekindles chief's interest in job

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By TED COHEN
Staff Writer

Veteran Fire Chief Joseph E. McDonough apparently has doused a flickering notion to retire and indulge a long-held fantasy of opening an ice cream stand.

McDonough, a veteran of 27 years with the fire department, says the newly completed renovations of the former Central Fire Station have given him a fresh outlook on his job.

"This is a new lease on life here," McDonough said excitedly of the \$100,000 facelift at Central Station, which was shut down eight years ago after city officials decided it was too expensive to heat 24 hours a day when oil prices were high.

But city officials decided last year to reopen the station and make it once again the city's firefighting headquarters, which has been located in the Public Safety Building.

"I love it here," McDonough said of his department's new digs. "I'm happier now than I have been in a long time. I feel so comfortable here. It feels so much like home."

For a few years, whenever rumors of McDonough's possible retirement have surfaced, he has said he would remain chief as long as he had tuition-paying kids in school.

Retirement would mean a pension at half his salary, but it would also allow him to pursue what he has half-seriously said would be the fulfillment of a dream — running an ice cream stand.

But for a couple years anyway, McDonough said, he's here to stay and watch over what may be to him the most fulfilling achievement of his days as chief: Getting Central reopened.

It will house not only his office and those of the deputy chiefs, but the Fire Prevention Bureau, which has been in City Hall.

A Medcu ambulance, pumper and ladder truck will also be housed there.

Though city councilors last year decided to spend \$25,000 to \$50,000 fixing up Central, the costs are nearer \$100,000, City Manager Robert B. Ganley said.

"It's definitely more than we budgeted," Ganley said. "We'll have to eat it in the fire



Staff photo by Merry Farnum

Fire Chief Joseph E. McDonough says Central Fire Station renovations have given him a fresh outlook on his job.

department budget or somewhere in the overall budget."

The cost, Ganley and McDonough said, would have been perhaps \$200,000 had firefighters not done much of the work — tearing down partitions, installing flooring and electrical receptacles.

"We've done miraculous things here," McDonough said. "The firefighters have done 90 percent of the work."

"If we spent \$90,000, if it were not for the firefighters, we would have spent at least double that," the chief added.

"I feel as though if the 60,000 taxpayers had the opportunity to walk through the building, they'd be amazed at the work the firefighters have done," their boss said. "It's a tremendous buy. I couldn't be more pleased. I'm awestruck, what can I tell you?"

As for repaving the front and exterior parking lots at Central, "It had to be paved," the chief said. "I've been in the fire department 27 years and it hasn't been paved."

The station is about a week away from its official opening, which had been set for Nov. 1.

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Statue back among the living

The granite Portland Firemen's Monument that has stood in Evergreen Cemetery since 1910 answered a new call Wednesday.

The huge statue was moved to its new perch on the grounds of the newly refurbished Central Fire Station on Congress Street.

The move coincides with the planned reopening in about a week of Central, which has not been used as a fire station since 1979.

Fire Chief Joseph E. McDonough thought the most appropriate place for the monument was closer to the living firefighters it honors.

After confirming that the monument did not mark the graves of any deceased firefighters and clearing any legal hurdles, the department consummated the move.

It is one of only two known bronze sculptures by renowned 19th-century wood carver Edward Souther Griffin.

The monument, commissioned by the Portland Firemen's Monument Association, was first installed in 1898 off Western Promenade. It was financed through public donations.

The statue, which depicts a Victorian-era fireman atop a pedestal, was dedicated Sept. 5, 1898.

It stood there until 1910, when the death of U.S. Rep. Thomas Brackett Reed of Portland, a former speaker of the U.S. House, precipitated its move to Evergreen Cemetery.

In its place was erected a bronze statue of Reed.



— TED COHEN

The Firemen's Monument is put in place at its new home.

Staff photo by John Patrique

GREATER PORTLAND DIRECTORY—1987

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Headquarters, 109 Middle Street, Tel. 775-6361

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief Engineer—Joseph McDonough

Deputy Chiefs—James F. Robertson, Carleton E. Winslow, Jr.,
Donald E. Brown, Robert A. Tibbetts

Fire Alarm—Public Safety Bldg.

Fire Alarm Supervisor—Samuel Allen, III

Engine 1—134 Congress St., Capt. Richard J. Curran

Engine 3—212 Stevens Av., Capt. Walter B. Olsen

Engine 4—784 Congress St., Capt. Daniel J. Flynn

Engine 5—134 Congress St., Capt. Donald K. Murdoch

Engine 6—784 Congress St., Capt. Ronald W. Thompson

Engine 7—(Fire Boat) Maine State Pier, Capt. Daniel E. O'Brien

Engine 8—Allen Av., Capt. Whalen L. Guimond

Engine 9—1600 Forest Av., Capt. Herbert E. Carlow, Jr.

Engine 11—574 Ocean Av., Capt. Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.

Engine 12—Peaks Island, Lieut. James S. Stanhope, Portland

Police Dept.

Ladder 1—134 Congress St., Capt. Reginald G. Wyman

Ladder 6—784 Congress St., Capt. David A. Brown

Crash Station—1300 Westbrook St., Capt. Edson W. Fletcher

Fire Prevention Bureau—389 Congress St., Lieut. James Collins

Administration Division—109 Middle St.

Training Division —109 Middle St., Capt. Thomas L. Heseltine

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL RUN REPORTS (1980-1989)

COMPANY	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
ENGINE Co. 1 -	959	755	634	549	644	606	708	547	663	709
ENGINE Co. 3 -	997	726	655	*335* (7/14/83, as QUINT-ENG/LAD Co. 3)						
ENG/LAD Co. 3 -				*291*	717	754	863	857	895	883
ENGINE Co. 4 -	1409	1165	1097	1189	1381	1350	1466	1487	1313	1421
ENGINE Co. 5 -	1175	982	897	902	1044	981	628	1042	1162	1241
ENGINE Co. 6 -	008	649	824	767	509	911	1040	1056	1054	1122
ENGINE Co. 7 -	207	128	161	130	136	159	166	153	200	196
ENGINE Co. 8 -	436	351	*301* (6/20/82, as QUINT-ENGINE/LADDER Co. 8)							
ENG/LAD Co. 8 -			* *	390	401	469	445	452	539	606
ENGINE Co. 9 -	585	380	343	388	381	443	535	593	636	647
ENGINE Co. 11 -	575	426	356	394	420	522	506	479	563	620
RESCUE CO. 1 -			(<u>Recommissioned on 12/15/86</u>)				165	864	868	991
LADDER Co. 1 -	1068	1088	1035	873	964	934	895	942	1013	1080
LADDER Co. 3 -	707	744	651	*284* (Decommissioned 7/14/83, QUINT 3)						
LADDER Co. 4 -	*370*			(<u>Decommissioned 1/28/81, QUINT 8 on 6/20/82</u>)						
LADDER Co. 6 -	1123	1043	1074	1049	1107	1189	1268	1347	1292	1378
AIR RESCUE Red-1	127	165	128	158	194	191	184	164	148	169
COMPANY Red-2	119	162	127	161	194	191	182	163	146	173
Red-3	137	163	126	159	200	189	201	181	164	181

*** P.F.D. - ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES ***

Peaks Is. E-12 -										15
Gr. Diamond E-13 -										
Long Is. E-14 -										
Cliff Is. E-15 -										

*** ANNUAL FIRE ALARM STATISTICS ***

STILL ALARMS -							2851		3029	2940
BELL ALARMS -							1224		1367	1443
OUT OF CITY -							0	0	6	1
TOTAL ALARMS -	4740	4638	4662	3535	3657	4122	4075	4086	4397	4390
"ALL-HANDS" -			38	36	38	52	46	30	20	28
TWO-ALARMS -			13	12	14	16	15	19	16	21
THREE-ALARMS -	4		0	3	0	6	4	4	3	3
GENERAL ALARMS -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL CALLS -							8	16	12	9
INCENDIARY -	54	60	29	37	20	15	24	60		
FALSE ALARMS -	695	751	488	442	481	347	331	280	229	210
FIRE DEATHS -	6	5	2	3	2	2	4	1	5	
MEDCU CALLS -	7408	6695	6639	6070	6309	6435	6256	6084	6209	6433

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MONTH	BELL ALARM	STILL ALARM	TOTAL ALARM	BELL TIME	STILL TIME	TOTAL TIME	NO. OF LINES LAID	GEN ELECT			LIGHT			CORDS		SALVAGE COVERS	LADDERS	DRY CHEMICAL	FOAM	CO 2			SCOTT TANKS	INSP.	OXYGEN
								HOSE 3"	HOSE 2 1/2"	HOSE 1 1/2"	HOSE LAID	HOSE WET	PUMP TIME	BOOSTER FEET	TIME						MILES	GRS			
JAN.	58	40	98	21:30	16:54	38:24	0	0	:30	:20	0	0	0	300'	223	0	73'	0	20#	1487	7	2	0		
FEB.	48	35	83	27:18	19:15	46:33	2	100'	:00	:30	100	100	0	100'	187	6	624'	0	0	106.8	4	15	0		
MARCH	54	25	79	21:00	8:13	29:13	0	0	:00	:00	0	0	0	0	169	0	110'	0	20#	99.0	2	1	0		
APRIL	28	20	48	11:15	6:56	18:11	0	0	:60	:00	0	0	0	200'	131	1	200'	0	20#	63.0	0	3	10		
MAY	50	21	71	17:49	7:03	24:52	0	0	:00	:00	0	0	0	0	175	0	216'	0	0	110.0	2	5	9		
JUNE	40	25	65	16:22	8:36	24:58	0	0	:90	:00	0	0	2	250'	158	0	135'	0	0	87.1	0	4	2		
JULY	33	45	78	21:20	18:29	44:59	2	100'	:60	:00	100	100	3	450'	258	0	450'	0	0	105.0	0	9	8		
AUG.	48	38	86	21:35	10:41	32:16	0	0	:00	:00	0	0	0	0	179	0	311'	15#	0	119.0	4	4	3		
SEPT.	59	30	89	24:28	7:47	32:15	0	0	:110	:20	0	0	0	400'	196	0	228'	15#	0	118.7	0	2	6		
OCT.	39	29	68	19:32	11:21	30:53	0	0	:90	:20	0	0	0	350'	154	1	358'	15#	0	81.1	0	12	0		
NOV.	50	32	82	24:39	10:07	34:46	2	100'	:00	:00	100	0	1	100'	156	4	518'	30#	0	96.0	0	14	1		
DEC.	58	37	95	18:52	14:26	33:18	0	0	:00	:00	0	0	0	0	194	1	116'	0	0	104.5	24	2	0		
TOTAL	566	376	942	20:40	130:02	422:42	6	300'	:440	:90	300'	200'	6	2150'	2150	13	3226'	75#	60#	1225.9	113	73	39		