

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alarms Answered - 1992

Month	Still Alarms	Emergencies (Counted w/Stills)	Desk Boxes	Street Boxes	E.S.S. Boxes	Monthly Totals	Medcu Calls
January	214	57	42	43	29	330	586
February	191	38	31	51	25	298	477
March	193	49	33	62	23	311	507
April	208	56	35	38	21	306	537
May	210	58	33	41	19	305	554
June	266	72	44	44	16	371	598
July	288	69	27	52	24	391	619
August	245	58	35	45	23	348	606
September	245	64	35	48	29	354	579
October	234	81	26	53	19	338	532
November	203	85	33	41	21	298	554
December	239	80	53	49	24	366	623
TOTAL =	2,736	765	427	567	273	4,019	6,772

"All-Hands"	21	Total Fire & Medcu = 10,791	
2-Alarm Fires	11		
3-Alarm Fires	4		
Special Calls	11	False Alarms	190
Out of City	16	Fire Deaths	4

<u>Fire Companies - Runs</u>		<u>Island Volunteer Companies</u>	
Engine 1	609	Engine 12 - Peak's Is.	
Engine 3 Quint	806	Engine 13 - Great Diamond Is.	
Engine 4	1,318	Engine 14 - Long Is.	
Engine 5	1,103	Engine 15 - Cliff Is.	
Engine 6	1,141		
E-7 Fireboat	192		
Engine 8 Quint	459	<u>Medcu A.L.S. Units</u>	<u>Runs</u>
Engine 9	531	Medcu No. 3	3,034
Engine 11	559	Medcu No. 4	1,956
Ladder 1	1,023	Medcu No. 5	1,565
Ladder 6	1,320		
Rescue 1	1,502		
Air Rescue	124		

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 1992

	<u>STILLS</u>	<u>S/BOX</u>	<u>D/BOX</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>OOT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FALSE</u>	<u>EMERGENCY</u>
JAN.	214	43	42	29	2	330	10	57
FEB.	191	51	31	25	0	298	14	38
MAR.	193	62	33	23	0	311	12	49
APR.	208	38	35	21	4	306	13	56
MAY	210	41	33	19	2	305	14	58
JUNE	266	44	44	16	1	371	20	72
JULY	288	52	27	24	0	391	26	69
AUG.	245	45	35	23	0	348	18	58
SEPT.	245	48	35	29	0	354	12	64
OCT.	234	53	26	19	6	338	18	81
NOV.	203	41	33	21	0	298	18	85
DEC.	239	49	53	24	1	366	15	80
TOTALS:	2736	567	427	273	16	4019	190	765

<u>ALL HANDS</u>	<u>2 ND ALARMS</u>	<u>3 RD ALARMS</u>	<u>SPEC. CALLS</u>	<u>EVCS BOXES</u>
21	11	4	11	1316

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Thomas named Portland fire chief

● If confirmed by the City Council, he would be the youngest fire chief in Portland's history.

By ALAN CLENDENNING
Staff Writer

Joseph E. Thomas Jr., an 18-year veteran of the Portland Fire Department, was named chief on Friday by City Manager Robert B. Ganley and is expected to be confirmed on Monday by the City Council.

Thomas, a 40-year-old deputy chief, is thought to be the youngest fire chief in Portland's history. He was among three finalists interviewed in the past month out of a

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field of about 70 people who applied in the summer and fall.

"I'm really excited. It's one of those things that's always a goal for a firefighter," Thomas said on Friday.

Thomas replaces Carleton E. Winslow Jr., whose resignation became effective at the end of the year. Winslow, also a career Portland firefighter, said in June that he

was leaving after two years on the job to build his accounting business and possibly return to college.

Ganley said Thomas came out ahead of the other finalists — one from the Portland Fire Department's ranks and one from out of state — because of his academic credentials and his familiarity with the department.

"He's somebody I've known for

five years. I've worked with him in different capacities and I feel comfortable with him," Ganley said.

The City Council usually approves personnel appointments made by the city manager.

Thomas, who joined the department at age 21 in 1973 as a firefighter, will be paid approximately \$54,000 a year, the lowest step in the chief's pay range, Ganley said.

Ganley said he wants Thomas to make changes in training, fire prevention and community relations — but without spending more money.

"I don't think there's any problems, but I think the focus has been on fire suppression and I want to see us put more of our resources



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into fire prevention and public relations," Ganley said.

Thomas said he would work toward getting firefighters to hold education classes at schools near their stations and to serve as information centers for individual neighborhoods. The goal, he said, is to counter public perceptions that firefighters hang around the station until an emergency happens.

"We need to do anything we can to make citizens know what's going

on in the daily routine of a firefighter so they know what bang they're getting for their buck," Thomas said. Additionally, concerns about storm water drainage and access to the Stroudwater River still need to be worked out, she said.

Greene said board members hope to resolve the issues so the entire project can be presented at a planning board public hearing in February or March.

Funding for fire safety is likely to remain stagnant this year because of the city's financial troubles, but Ganley said he did not anticipate any staff cuts in the department, which has about 230 employees.

About 12 positions were cut earlier this year.

"There may be some small adjustments, but I don't see any big hits coming," Ganley said.

Thomas said he has received the message to keep funding level, and said he may try to add services or extra training by applying for federal or state grants so the local tax rate isn't affected.

Thomas received college degrees — both bachelor's and master's — in the late 1970s and in 1980 while working full time for the department. He was promoted from firefighter to lieutenant in 1979, to captain in 1982 and became a

deputy chief in 1982.

He applied for the chief's position in 1989, but didn't get it. Thomas said he was disappointed but realized that Winslow, a friend, had more experience.

Thomas also resigned on Friday from his post as educational coordinator for a state fire training program that operates through Southern Maine Technical College.

The Munjoy Hill native, who graduated from Portland High School and lives in Westbrook, said he has never applied for a chief's job in any other place.

"My total loyalty and interest stays right here," Thomas said.

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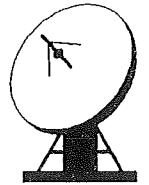
COMPANY E-7 FIREBOAT

YEAR 1992

MONTH	BELL	STILL	TOTAL	BELL TIME	STILL TIME	TOTAL TIME	# LINES	M ILES N.	H OSE 8"	H OSE 2.5"	H OSE 1.5"	T OTAL H OSE	P UMP T IME	D IESEL	O IL	S COOT T ANK	I N S P ECT
JAN	9	12	21	2:18	17:06	19:24	1	57	1000'	0	0	1000'	4 HRS				
FEB	5	10	15	:58	18:25	19:23	1	76	0	450'	0	450'	1 HR				
MAR	2	7	9	:17	7:23	7:40	0	29	0	0	0	0	0				
APR	1	11	12	1:06	9:45	10:51	0	48	0	0	0	0	0				
MAY	3	11	14	:51	11:51	12:42	1	74	0	0	100'	100'	20 MIN				
JUN	0	15	15	0	16:22	16:22	0	99	0	0	0	0	0				
JUL	2	21	23	:36	27:43	28:19	0	158	0	0	0	0	0				
AUG	3	23	26	1:23	21:54	23:17	0	128	0	0	0	0	0				
SEP	3	16	19	1:02	14:26	15:28	0	87	0	0	0	0	0				
OCT	0	10	10	0	10:32	10:32	0	43	0	0	0	0	0				
NOV	3	17	20	1:48	13:36	15:24	1	91	0	0	100'	100'	1 HR				
DEC	2	7	9	:36	6:39	7:15	0	39	0	0	0	0	0				
TOTAL	33	159	192	10:55	175:42	186:37	4	929	1000'	450'	200'	1650'	6HR/20MIN				

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