

**PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Alarms Answered - 1995**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Still Alarms</b>	<b>Emergencies (Counted w/Stills)</b>	<b>Desk Boxes</b>	<b>Street Boxes</b>	<b>E.S.S. Boxes</b>	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>Medcu Calls</b>
January	256	90	35	34	23	348	695
February	245	109	49	42	38	374	633
March	201	78	28	34	23	286	685
April	284	104	28	47	18	379	660
May	273	119	29	43	11	357	736
June	341	145	26	47	18	432	792
July	327	131	34	43	15	420	762
August	315	135	29	32	17	394	770
September	305	121	32	45	27	409	713
October	313	131	28	48	23	412	738
November	301	107	42	45	16	404	652
December	309	142	35	36	15	397	767
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>4,612</b>	<b>8,603</b>

<b>All-Hands</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Total Fire &amp; Medcu = 13,215</b>
<b>2-Alarm Fires</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>3-Alarm Fires</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Special Calls</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>False Alarms</b> <b>132</b>
<b>Out of City</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Fire Deaths</b> <b>3</b>

<b><u>Fire Companies - Runs</u></b>		<b><u>Island Volunteer Companies</u></b>	
Engine 1	612	Engine 12 - Peak's Is.	
Engine 3 Quint	918	Engine 13 - Great Diamond Is.	
Engine 4	1,338	Engine 15 - Cliff Is.	
Engine 5	1,239		
Engine 6	1,072		
E-7 Fireboat	196		
Engine 8 Quint	593	<b><u>Medcu A.L.S. Units</u></b>	<b><u>Runs</u></b>
Engine 9	589	Medcu No. 3	3,673
Engine 11	581	Medcu No. 4	2,405
Ladder 1	1,129	Medcu No. 5	2,008
Ladder 6	1,408		
Rescue 1	1,598		
Air Rescue	158		

TOTAL ALARMS FOR 1995

	<u>STILLS</u>	<u>S/BOX</u>	<u>D/BOX</u>	<u>ESS</u>	<u>OOT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FALSE</u>	<u>EMERG</u>	<u>MEDCU</u>
JAN.	256	34	35	23	0	348	6	90	695
FEB.	245	42	49	38	0	374	4	109	633
MAR.	201	34	28	23	0	286	10	78	685
APR.	284	47	28	18	2	379	5	104	660
MAY	273	43	29	11	<i>13</i>	357	5	119	736
JUNE	341	47	26	18	<i>02</i>	432	15	145	792
JULY	327	43	34	15	<i>12</i>	420	20	131	762
AUG.	315	32	29	17	1	394	11	135	770
SEPT.	305	45	32	27	0	409	7	121	713
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NOV.	301	45	42	16	0	404	16	107	652
DEC.	309	36	35	15	2	397	8	142	767
TOTAL	3470	496	395	244	<i>712</i>	4612	132	1412	8603

ALL HANDS	2 ND ALARMS	3 RD ALARMS	SPEC. CALLS	EVCS BOXES
35	5	3	5	1166

NON-EMERGENCY TOTAL 15254

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.  
Chief of Department  
Portland Fire Dept.

March 11, 1996

Chief Thomas ;

The year 1995 was very productive in researching and preserving our department's history, of which can be traced back to March 29, 1768. The following is a brief highlight of what was accomplished in the past year, of which could not be possible without the support of you, the Deputy Chiefs', the entire office staff, and many of our members.

- \* The P.F.D. yearbook project was successfully completed. ( 315 copies )
- \* Hundreds of hours on researching information at the Portland Library.
- \* 50+ hours on research at the Portland Fire Museum.
- \* Many hours on duty spent on research and meetings for related material.
- \* Hundreds of hours loading information into our computer system.
- \* Completed research and files of (20) members, Died in the Line of Duty.
- \* Completed project displaying our (11) permanent Chiefs' of Department.
- \* Acquired, recorded, cataloged, and filed, P.F.D. pictures and records.
- \* transformed room # 20 at Headquarters into a Historical Records Office.
- \* Began a record keeping and file system in our new records office.
- \* Provided assistance and information to numerous members and citizens.
- \* Received an award from I.A.F.F. Media Awards Program, for the Yearbook.
- \* P.F.D. history orientation class was given to the 1995 Drill School.

Hopefully, these accomplishments benefit this Department, and all past, present, and future members. Future goals that I have in mind are to have a computer and phone system in the office. This would help us to Centralize our record keeping for a better service to all.

I look forward to any suggestions you may have that will better this important function, which was a vision of former Chief Winslow in 1989.

" PORTLAND'S "  
BRAVEST,

Since 1768

Respectfully,

*F.F. Michael A. Daicy*

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Department Historian

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

\*\*\*\*\* ANNUAL MERIT AWARDS CEREMONY \*\*\*\*\*  
----- 1995 -----

\*\*\* THE YEAR IN REVIEW \*\*\*

GOOD MORNING ;

SINCE THE 1994 AWARDS CEREMONY, LAST JUNE, THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPT. AND ITS' MEMBERS - HAVE CONTINUED TO GIVE - THIS COMMUNITY, ITS' CITIZENS, AND VISITORS, - QUALITY FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES .

LET US, NOW, REFLECT BACK ON "THE YEAR IN REVIEW", WHICH HAD SOME SAD TIMES AND CHALLENGING ONES, --BUT, ALSO, HAD MANY POSITIVE OUTCOMES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHICH THIS DEPARTMENT, ITS' MEMBERS, AND THIS CITY, -- CAN BE PROUD OF. --- 1994-IS NOW- A PART OF OUR DEPARTMENT HISTORY, - THE 226th. YEAR - OF PROTECTING THIS CITY --- SINCE 1768.

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\* SINCE JUNE OF 94', THE FOLLOWING 7 RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY, --- BUT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN !

CAPTAIN WILLIAM WERNIG  
LIEUTENANT GEORGE CARSON  
FIREBOAT ENGINEER THEODORE LOW

DISTRICT CHIEF JOSEPH KANE  
FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM HAM  
DISTRICT CHIEF WOODBURY RIDLEY  
AND LIEUTENANT PETER MORELLI

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE FORMER MEMBERS.

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\* THE FOLLOWING PORTLAND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIRED THIS PAST YEAR :

FFs' GREGG BARNES	AND	GEORGE WARD
JOHN BRUNI	LIEUT.	STEPHEN DOYLE
DUNCAN DALY	LIEUT.	PETER FINNAMORE
DAVID DENBOW	LIEUT.	EDWARD MARKS
GLEN KELLY	LIEUT.	STEPHEN THIBEBEAULT
RICHARD LAMARRE	LIEUT.	WAYNE TRUE
EDWARD STANHOPE	AND	CAPT. EDSON FLETCHER

WE CONGRATULATE THESE MEN, AND HOPE THAT THEY HAVE A LONG AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. ---THEIR ARE, ALSO, FORMER MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHO JOINED US HERE TODAY, WHICH SHOWS - THAT THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPT. IS STILL A PART OF THEIR LIVES, --AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FORMER MEMBERS STAND, AND, BE ACKNOWLEDGED. -- WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME. - (CLAP)

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\* PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED SINCE JUNE OF 1994 ARE : LIEUT. TOM BLAISDELL TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN

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\* AND THE FOLLOWING ( 6 ) FIREFIGHTERS' TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT :

RUSSELL WOODS, GARY DEVOE, DAVID PENDLETON, STEPHEN JORDAN, GREGORY CASS, AND AARON OSGOOD. ---- CONGRADULATIONS GO OUT TO THESE MEN.

\* THE FIRE ALARM DIVISION REPORTED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, ENDING 1994 :

A TOTAL OF 12,520 ALARMS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES WERE RESPONDED TO, -- CITY WIDE.

OF THESE, WERE MANY DIFFERANT TYPES OF EMERGENCIES, - SUCH AS - STRUCTURE FIRES, HEART ATTACKS, VEHICLE FIRES, TRASH & DUMPSTER FIRES, DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SMALL INSIDE FIRES, CAR ACCIDENTS, AND MANY OTHERS, - TO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

OBVIOUSLY, - SOME CALLS-WERE MORE HEART WRENCHING AND SERIOUS , THAN OTHERS.

\* THE FIRE ALARM DIVISION, NOT ONLY TRANSMITTED THESE 12,520 CALLS FOR EMERGENCIES, BUT ALSO ANSWERED 14,912 CALLS FOR SERVICE OF SOME TYPE, WHICH WERE NON-EMERGENCY .

THE ELECTRICAL CREW OF THIS DIVISION, MAINTAINED AND MADE REPAIRS TO ALL FIRE ALARM CABLES, DEPARTMENT RADIOS, AND MANY OTHER TYPES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT , WHICH IS ESSENTIAL, FOR THE 911 CALL TO GET ANSWERED, ALL THE WAY TO THE PROPER EQUIPMENT TO ARRIVE AT THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY. ----- ( 1 FIRE FATALITY WAS REPORTED FOR 1994 )

\* THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING DIVISION REPORTED AN EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE YEAR-IN THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, IN EVERY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.--A TOTAL OF 10,673 HOURS WERE RECORDED.

THE ACTUAL TIME IN TRAINING, WAS MUCH MORE, BECAUSE OF THE MANY TRAINING EVOLUTIONS WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL FIRE COMPANIES & DIVISIONS.

SUBJECT MATTER INCLUDED ELECTRICAL SAFTEY, C.P.R., HAZARDOUS MATERIAL VARIOUS TOURS IN ALL TYPES OF BUILDINGS, TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH HAZARDS AND STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, AND MANY HOURS IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.

THESE ARE ONLY SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF AREAS COVERED IN OUR ON-GOING TRAINING, WHICH IMPROVES THE LEVEL OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY - AND REDUCES OUR RISK OF INJURIES, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DUTY.

\* THE MEDCU DIVISION REPORTED OVER 1,700 TRAINING HOURS, WHICH INCLUDED EMS MANAGEMENT TRAINING AT THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY.

MEDCU LT. CINDY WILSON HAS BEEN TEACHING A 911 PROGRAM, ENTITLED - "MAKE THE RIGHT CALL". IT IS BEING TAUGHT - IN ALL CITY AND ISLAND SCHOOLS, FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 4th. GRADE. THE KIDS LEARN HOW TO PLACE AN EMERGENCY CALL, AND WHAT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN, WHEN THEY DIAL - A 911 EMERGENCY.

\* MANY OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS HAVE ALSO BECOME E.M.Ts. IN THE PAST YEAR, INCLUDING 24, THAT MADE UP THE FIRST PORTLAND FIRE DEPT. EMT CLASS. ALL OF THESE MEMBERS - PAID FOR THE STATE CERTIFIED COARSE ON THEIR OWN, WHICH SHOWS THEIR DEDICATION TO IMPROVING THEIR KNOWLEDGE, TO BETTER SERVE OUR FELLOW MAN.

\* THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORTED A TOTAL OF 3,153 INSPECTIONS PERFORMED BY THE INDIVIDUAL FIRE COMPANIES. ALSO, OVER 1,900 OTHER INSPECTIONS WERE DONE BY THE BUREAU INCLUDING, ALL TYPES OF PERMITS, SITE PLANS, AND COMPLAINTS.

\* THE BUREAU'S FIRE EDUCATION OFFICER HAS MADE PRESENTATIONS THIS PAST YEAR IN THE CITY SCHOOLS, AND TO AREA BUSINESSES AND CIVIC GROUPS, TO BETTER EDUCATE AND TRAIN PEOPLE-OF ALL AGES, - ABOUT FIRE SAFETY.

ALSO, " THE JUVENILE FIRE SETTER PROGRAM " REPORTED 165 INTERVIEWS GIVEN TO TROUBLED KIDS, - WHICH IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT SERVICE THIS DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TO THE COMMUNITY.

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\* SOME NEW PROJECTS AND MILESTONES WERE ACCOMPLISHED THIS PAST YEAR.

\* A HARD COVERED, COMMEMORATIVE, HISTORICAL YEARBOOK, WAS PUBLISHED HONORING THIS DEPARTMENT, PAST AND PRESENT.--THIS PROJECT, WAS A " FIRST OF A KIND " - DONE BY ITS' MEMBERS, - AND, - WE'RE ALL VERY PLEASED,-AND PROUD, OF THIS FINE, QUALITY BOOK.

\* A NEW CASCADE AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED AT CENTRAL STATION, FOR FILLING OUR AIR-PACK BOTTLES.-AND-NEW-LIGHTER-WEIGHT BOTTLES ARE NOW BEING PURCHASED.

\* THE STATIONS ARE GETTING A FACELIFT, WITH NEW INSULATED DOORS.

\* NEW PROTECTIVE CLOTHING IS REPLACING THE OLDER, HEAVIER STYLES.

\* EMS EQUIPMENT IS BEING UPGRADED, THAT IS CARRIED ON ALL TRUCKS.

\* 1995 MARKS THE 20th. ANNIVERSARY OF THE " MEDICAL CRISIS UNIT ", MEDCU, WHICH GIVES THIS CITY QUALITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, THAT IS 2nd. TO NONE !

\* ALSO, PORTLAND FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 740, I.A.F.F., - HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL - IN HELPING TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AT THE JETPORT AIR RESCUE STATION, AND - THE ON-GOING EMS COMMITTEE, - WHICH , HOPEFULLY, WILL BETTER THIS DEPARTMENT, - AS A WHOLE.

\* AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, 20 - NEW RECRUITS BEGAN THEIR CAREERS IN THE PORTLAND FIRE DEPT. ON MAY 26, 1995.

OUR TRAINING DIVISION CAPTAIN, LOU PERREAU, HEADED ONE OF THE FINEST DRILL SCHOOLS THIS DEPARTMENT HAS EVER ADMINISTERED.

HE ALSO RECIEVED ALOT OF SUPPORT - FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF P.F.D. OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS , AS INSTRUCTORS .--THEIR EXPERTISE IN MANY SUBJECTS - ADDED GREATLY TO THE 4-WEEK, 160 HOUR SCHOOL.

\* WE PRESENT MEMBERS, WELCOME THESE 20 - NEW FIREFIGHTERS', - FOR THEY ARE NOW - A PART OF - THIS DEPARTMENT'S 227th. YEAR - OF PROTECTION, - TRADITION, - EXCELLENCE, - AND PRIDE .