

## PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

### \*\*\* DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF \*\*\*

**On March 22, 1909**, Maine's Legislature passed an Act for a re-organization of the Board of Engineers.

**On October 4<sup>th</sup>**, the City Council approved the Permanent Fire Chiefs' Ordinance with a **Deputy Chief and a District Fire Chief**, replacing the four Call Assistant Engineers, **to take effect January 1, 1910**.

**On October 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Council appointed **Call 1<sup>st</sup>-Assistant Engineer Thomas Payne to Deputy Chief**, and Call 3<sup>rd</sup>-Assistant Engineer William R. Read to District Fire Chief, effective January 1, 1910.

**On January 3, 1910, Deputy Chief Payne was sworn into Office**, assigned to Fire Headquarters at 380 Congress Street (Central Station). He responded to alarms aboard Chemical 1 on the Market Street side of Central. The Deputy Chief's insignia of is three gold crossed trumpets (District Chief wore two).

**On August 16, 1911**, the new Chief, Patrick H. Flaherty, relocated the Deputy Chief to Ladder Co. 3's Quarters at 163 Brackett Street, as Ladder 3 responded to most alarms in the western part of District 1. Chief Flaherty, who lived on Sheridan Street, Munjoy Hill, now covered the East End of the Peninsula.

**In 1915**, District 1 Quarters was again changed, as the Deputy Chief relocated a few blocks away to 157 Spring Street, quarters of Engine Co. 4. He was assigned Chief Butler's former horse & buggy when the chief purchased the 1<sup>st</sup> motor car. Also, a Driver was appointed as the Aide to Deputy Chief Parker, and in 1917, Deputy Chief Parker was reassigned Chief Butler's former 1915 Chandler Roadster automobile.

**In 1939**, long-time District Chief Read was promoted to Deputy Chief, but remained at District 2 and the new District Chief (Feeney) was assigned to the District 1 Quarters at Engine 4.

**In 1943, Deputy Chief Read died active.** The new Deputy Chief (Feeney) remained at District 1 Quarters, and the new District Chief (Larsen) was assigned to the District 2 Quarters of Engine 8.

**In 1946**, a two-platoon System was created with reduced work-hours (84 per/week). A second District Chief was appointed to cover for the off-duty District 1 Deputy Chief or for the District 2 District Chief.

**In 1954, new radio call signals were implemented.** The Deputy Chief and District 1 was assigned #93.

**1957**, The Deputy Chief and District Chiefs' Drivers/Aides position was eliminated.

**In 1963**, a 3<sup>rd</sup>-platoon was added, with a further reduction in work hours to a 56-hour work week.

**In 1966**, the old 1837 firehouse of Engine Co. 4 and District 1 closed, as the Deputy Chief, along with Engine Co. 4, Engine Co. 6, and Ladder Co. 6, relocated to the new Bramhall Square fire station at 784 Congress Street, in the West End. The District 1 car was renamed from # 93 to Car # 2 in 1968.

**In 1970**, the Deputy Fire Chief was reassigned to Headquarters, working Monday-Friday (8 to 5).

**In 1972**, District 2 was eliminated, and only one District Fire Chief was on-duty Citywide as Car #3 (Office Deputy Fire Chief Car #2). In 1974, a 4<sup>th</sup>-platoon was added because of a 42-hour workweek.

**On July 16, 1978, the remaining (5) District Fire Chiefs were renamed as Deputy Fire Chief, and the District Fire Chief positions eliminated under Chief of Department Joseph E. McDonough.**

**In 2014**, three Assistant Chief Positions were created, with rank insignias of four gold crossed trumpets.

***	Years	Deputy Chief	Former Ranks, Other Information
1 <sup>st</sup>	1910-1912	Thomas Payne	(1885-Call Asst. Engineer, 1883-Call Capt., 1875-L1)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1912-1913	William H. Steele	(1/1/1913-Died Line of Duty) (1908-Captain E-5)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1913-1919	William G. Parker	(died active) (1909-Captain L-5, 1899-Lieutenant L-2/5)
4 <sup>th</sup>	1919-1939	Albion H. Moulton	(1918-Capt., Chief's Driver, 1913-Lt., 1904-appointed)
5 <sup>th</sup>	1939-1942	William R. Read	(died active) (1910-District Chief, 1903-Call Assistant Chief)
6 <sup>th</sup>	1943-1953	Charles F. Feeney	(1939-District Chief, 1919-Captain E-1)
7 <sup>th</sup>	C1953-1954	Harry W. Marr	(1947-District Chief, 1937-Captain E-5)
8 <sup>th</sup>	C1955-1956	Carl P. Johnson	(1950-District Chief, 1943-Captain E-8)
9 <sup>th</sup>	1957-1963	John C. Murray	(1955-District Chief, 1946-Captain E-2)
10 <sup>th</sup>	1963-1968	Thomas H. Markley	(1960-District Chief, 1947-Captain L-6)
11 <sup>th</sup>	C1968-1975	Clement O. Dodd	(1963-District Chief, 1955-Captain E-8)

\*\*\* July 16, 1978 – The (5) District Fire Chiefs renamed as Deputy Fire Chiefs.  
( Office Deputy Fire Chief as Car #2, Platoon Deputy Fire Chiefs (4) as Car #3 )

12 <sup>th</sup>	1978-1984	John R. Flaherty	(1973-District Chief, 1972-Capt, 1969-Lt, 1961-FF)
13 <sup>th</sup>	1978-1984	John D. Mancini	(1976-District Chief, 1971-Capt, 1968-Lt, 1960-FF)
14 <sup>th</sup>	C1978-1989	Carleton E. Winslow, Jr.	(1977-District Chief, 1974-Capt, 1972-Lt, 1968-FF)
15 <sup>th</sup>	1978-1987	James F. Robertson	(1977-District Chief, 1974-Capt, 1972-Lt, 1962-FF)
16 <sup>th</sup>	1978-1982	Samuel M. Serappa	(1977-District Chief, 1972-Capt, 1969-Lt, 1961-FF)

17 <sup>th</sup>	1982-1986	Donald G. Webster	(1974-Captain E-7, 1972-Lieutenant, 1966-FF)
18 <sup>th</sup>	1984-2000	Donald E. Brown	(1977-Captain L-6, 1974-Lieutenant, 1970-FF)
19 <sup>th</sup>	1985-1988	Robert A. Tibbetts	(1977-Captain Training, 1973-Lieutenant, 1968-FF)
20 <sup>th</sup>	C1987-1992	Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.	(1982-Captain E-11, 1978-Lieutenant, 1973-FF)
21 <sup>st</sup>	1987-1995	Daniel E. O'Brien	(1982-Captain E-7, 1974-Lieutenant, 1971-FF)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1989-2000	Ronald W. Thompson	(1978-Captain E-6, 1974-Lieutenant, 1969-FF)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1989-1999	Reginald G. Wyman	(1985-Captain E-4, 1974-Lieutenant, 1969-FF)

\*\*\* 1992 – Office Deputy Fire Chief position eliminated, 4 Platoon Deputies as Car #2.

24 <sup>th</sup>	C1996-2000	Martin J. Jordan	(1/1/96-Medcu integration) (1991-Medcu Director)
***		Deputy Chief of EMS as Car #3.	

25 <sup>th</sup>	1996-2000	Richard J. Curran	(1978-Captain E-1, 1974-Lieutenant, 1970-FF)
26 <sup>th</sup>	2000-	Terrence P. Walsh	(2000-EMS Deputy, 1988-Medcu Lt., 1980-Medcu)
27 <sup>th</sup>	2000-2014	Robert M. Wassick (****)	(1996-Captain Training, 1990-Lieutenant, 1983-FF)
28 <sup>th</sup>	2000-2004	James E. Meserve	(1989-Captain E-6, 1978-Lieutenant, 1972-FF)
29 <sup>th</sup>	2000-2003	Tom G. Blaisdell	(1994-Captain E-1, 1984-Lieutenant, 1974-FF)

\*\*\* 2001 – Senior Deputy Fire Chief insignia with (4) crossed gold trumpets.

30 <sup>th</sup>	C2001-2002	Frederick J. LaMontagne, Jr.	(2000-Training Captain, 1994-Lieut, 1984-FF)
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\*\*\* 2001 – A Deputy Fire Chief of Air Rescue created, assigned as “Red 1” (Staff).

31 <sup>st</sup>	2001-2010	George M. Shutts	(2008-Car 2) (1998-Capt. Air R., 1990-Lt., 1983-FF)
32 <sup>nd</sup>	2002-2008	Stephen L. Smith	(2000-Captain E-1, 1996-Lieutenant, 1975-FF)



***	Years	Deputy Chief	Former Ranks, Other Information
33 <sup>rd</sup>	2004-2008	Laurence P. Libby	(2001-Captain E-5, 1987-Lieutenant, 1974-FF)
34 <sup>th</sup>	2004-2014	William P. Flynn	(1999-Captain L-6, 1991-Lieutenant, 1983-FF)
35 <sup>th</sup>	2008-2010	Vincent A. DiFillipo, Sr.	(2008-A.R., 2002-Capt. Training, 1991-Lt., 1984-FF)
36 <sup>th</sup>	2008-2014	Scott M. Thomes (to AC)	(2002-Captain E-1, 1998-Lieutenant, 1989-FF)
37 <sup>th</sup>	2010-2014	David J. Jackson (to AC)	(2004-Captain E-5, 2000-Lieutenant, 1990-FF)
38 <sup>th</sup>	2011-2012	David O. Pendleton	(2000-Captain E-7, 1994-Lieutenant, 1985-FF)
39 <sup>th</sup>	2012-	Robert A. Stewart	(2003-Captain Air Rescue, 1996-Lieutenant, 1983-FF)

\*\*\*\* 2014 – Three Administrative Assistant Chief positions created, with rank above Deputy Chief. The new rank insignia is (4) crossed gold trumpets.  
(Senior Deputy Fire Chief Wassick returned to (3) crossed gold trumpets)

40 <sup>th</sup>	2014-	Shawn W. Neat	(2008-Captain E-5, 2003-Lieut. L-6, 1995-FF)
41 <sup>st</sup>	2014-2015	Keith N. Gautreau	(2008-Captain L-1, 2003-Lieut. E-9, 1995-FF)
42 <sup>nd</sup>	2014-	Robert M. Thompson	(2004-Captain E-4, 1, 1997-Lieut. E-4, 1990-FF)
43 <sup>rd</sup>	2015-	John C. Everett	(2005-Captain R-1, L-4 1997-Lieut. E-5, 1989-FF)

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