

## PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**In 1909**, Chief Engineer Melville N. Eldridge and the Committee on Fire Department requested the approval of a plan of reorganization of the Board of Engineers, from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. **On October 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Council approved the reorganization plan, which was also a recommendation in the Board of Fire Insurance Underwriter's Report of 1907, on fire protection in the City of Portland. The (4) Call Assistant Engineers were replaced with a **Permanent Deputy Fire Chief in District One (Peninsula), and a Permanent District Fire Chief in District Two (Deering section)**.

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

**On January 4, 1910**, Deputy Chief Payne and District Chief Read were sworn in and on-duty. The new Deputy Chief responded to alarms on Chemical 1 in the eastern part of **District One**, and was assigned to Fire Headquarters, 380 Congress Street, at the corner of 133 Market Street (old Central Fire Station). The insignia of office worn by the Deputy Chief was (3) crossed, gold trumpets. The new District Chief responded to alarms on Hose 8 in the Deering section of the City, District Two, and was assigned to Engine Co. 8's 1908-firehouse at 536 Deering Avenue, at Woodfords Corner. The insignia of the District Chief was (2) crossed, gold trumpets, and subordinate to the Deputy Chief.

**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 alarms in the western part of District One. Chief Flaherty, who lived on Sheridan Street, Munjoy Hill, now covered the East End of the Peninsula. **In 1915**, District One 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 the old horse and buggy of Chief Butler (Chief received a motorized car). Also, a Driver was appointed as an Aide to Deputy Chief Parker. **In 1917**, Deputy Chief Parker was reassigned Chief Butler's 1915 Chandler Roadster Motor Car.

**In 1939**, long-time District Chief Read was promoted to Deputy Chief, but remained at District Two, and the new District Chief (Feeney) was assigned to the District One Quarters at Engine 4. **In 1943**, Deputy Chief Read died active. The new Deputy Chief (Feeney) remained at District One Quarters, and the new District Chief (Larsen) was assigned to District Two Quarters at Engine 8.

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

**In 1966**, the old 1837 firehouse of Engine Co. 4 and District One closed, and 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, Bramhall Square, in the West End. The Deputy Chief's car was called Car # 2.

**In 1970**, the Deputy Fire Chief was taken off a platoon shift and reassigned to Headquarters, in charge of Personnel, working Monday-Friday (8 to 5). **In 1972**, District Two was eliminated, and only one on-duty District Fire Chief was assigned Citywide. In 1974, a 4<sup>th</sup>-platoon was added (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.**

***	<u>Years</u>	<u>Deputy Chief</u>	<u>Former Ranks and Other Information</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1910-1912	Thomas Payne	(1885-Call Assistant Engineer, 1883-Call Captain, 1875-L1)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1912-1913	William H. Steele	<b>(1/1/1913-Died Line of Duty)</b> (Captain E-5)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1913-1919	William G. Parker	<b>(died active)</b> (1909-Captain L-5)
4 <sup>th</sup>	1919-1939	Albion H. Moulton	(1918-Captain Chief's Driver, 1913-Lt., 1904-appointed)
5 <sup>th</sup>	1939-1942	William R. Read	<b>(died active)</b> (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>	<b>C</b> 1953-1954	<b>Harry W. Marr</b>	(1947-District Chief, 1937-Captain E-5)
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C</b> 1955-1956	<b>Carl P. Johnson</b>	(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>	<b>C</b> 1968-1975	<b>Clement O. Dodd</b>	(1963-District Chief, 1955-Captain E-8)

\*\*\* **July 16, 1978 - (5) District Fire Chiefs renamed as Deputy Fire Chiefs. (Office Deputy Fire Chief as Car 2, (4) platoon Deputy Fire Chiefs, 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>	<b>C</b> 1978-1989	<b>Carleton E. Winslow, Jr.</b>	(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>	<b>C</b> 1987-1992	<b>Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.</b>	(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 - One of five Deputy Fire Chief positions eliminated (Office Deputy).**

24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>*C</b> 1996-2000	<b>Martin J. Jordan</b>	<b>(1/1/1996-Medcu integration) (1991-Medcu Director)</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	1996-2000	Richard J. Curran	(1978-Captain E-1, 1974-Lieutenant, 1970-FF)

\*\*\* **1996 - On-duty Deputy Fire Chief assigned as Car-2, Deputy Chief of EMS as Car-3.**

26 <sup>th</sup>	2000-	Robert M. Wassick	<b>(****)</b> (1996-Captain Training, 1990-Lieutenant, 1983-FF)
27 <sup>th</sup>	2000-	Terrence P. Walsh	<b>(EMS)</b> (1988-Medcu Lieutenant, 1980-Medcu Paramedic)
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 's insignia changed to (4) crossed gold trumpets.**

30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C</b> 2001-2002	<b>Frederick J. LaMontagne, Jr.</b>	(2000-Training Captain, 1994-Lieut, 1984-FF)
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\*\*\* **2001 - Deputy Fire Chief of Air Rescue Created, assigned as "Red 1" (Staff).**

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

<b>33<sup>rd</sup></b>	2004-	Laurence P. Libby	(2001-Captain E-5, 1987-Lieutenant, 1974-FF)
<b>34<sup>th</sup></b>	2004-	William P. Flynn	(1999-Captain L-6, 1991-Lieutenant, 1983-FF)

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