

## **BOX 52 ASSOCIATION, INC.**

#### **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT IN METROPOLITAN BOSTON

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April 2024

DATE:	Friday, April 19th, 2024
LOCATION:	Dedham Public Safety Building
	26 Bryant Street Dedham, MA.
PARKING:	To the right of the building or in
	the Town Hall parking lot across
	the street
TIME:	<b>19:00 hrs (note earlier start)</b>
	In Person Only-No virtual.

# **PROGRAM:** Member Mike Boynton with apparatus updates and a show of fires from the Jim Ahern Collection

#### **April Meeting**

We will be the guests of Fire Chief William Spillane at the new Dedham Public Safety Building which opened a year ago March. Our guest speaker is Member Mike Boynton. Mike operates the popular website massfiretrucks.com. and has helped coordinate many bus trips in years past. He is one of the premier apparatus photographers on the planet!

Mike will be presenting a show of images from the Jim Ahern collection. This will include fires from the 60s -80's in the Franklin and Medway area. Mike may also surprise us with an update on recent deliveries in the area.

#### **March Meeting**

Approximately 47 members and guests joined us for a review of the Springfield Fire Department. Fire Commissioner Bernard Calvi talked about the department history including apparatus and stations. After devasting budget cuts, the department has stabilized and excelled in recent years.

#### **Good and Welfare**

PP Cutts is recuperating at a rehab facility in Peabody after a recent hospital stay.

## Membership

The applications of James Bertram, John Hathaway, and Ian Hathaway had their first reading at the March meeting. Their applications will have their second reading and vote by the membership at the April Meeting.

## Line Box

The next issue of the Line Box will be published in April. Anyone wishing to do a story is asked to contact the editor. We are always looking for story ideas from the membership.

## Ham and Bean Supper

Our ever-popular May Ham and Bean Supper will close our spring season on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the April Meeting from Treasurer Wilderman. This event sells out quickly, get your tickets soon! For more information see the attached flier.

## Reminders

April Meeting- In Person only. May Dinner Meeting Ham and Bean Supper Tickets on sale now.

By Order of the President Michael Kass Secretary Jeff Brown