

**FIREMAN DAVID CLUTE ENGINE 30
FIREMAN DAVID MULDREW ENGINE 30**

February 8, 1876

LIEUTENANT JOHN H. BUSH ENGINE 30

February 8, 1876 February 11, 1876

BOX 167 444-452 BROADWAY

While on duty at this fire the above three firemen were buried beneath the debris of the south wall of 444 Broadway, which fell upon them while they were working a hand line. Their comrades immediately went to work to rescue them. After considerable labor they brought to the street in the following conditions, Firemen Clute and Muldrew were dead and Lieutenant Bush fatally injured. The wounded were taken to Bellevue Hospital and the dead to the 8th Precinct House and then to their homes by ambulances.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page35/36

FIREMAN JOSEPH WILLIAMS ENGINE 29

October 28, 1877 November 1, 1877

--- IN QUARTERS

Fireman Joseph Williams, returned to quarters from a leave of absence, which he had overstayed 48 minutes. Fireman James Donovan who was on house patrol, made the entry in the Journal in accordance with the above facts. This so irritated Williams that they had words and from words came to blows. During the fracas Williams was severely cut in two places on the left arm. At the time of the occurrence Donovan had a knife in his hand cleaning a pipe, and he claims that Williams was cut by striking down on the knife. Williams went to the 27th Precinct Station House and was removed to the Chambers Street Hospital by Ambulance in an exhausted condition from the loss of blood.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 51

FIREMAN CHARLES J. CONNOLLY ENGINE 6

March 12, 1878 March 14, 1878

BOX 43 174 FULTON STREET

While placing a hose line in operation on the roof of 176 Fulton Street Fireman Charles J. Connolly fell thru the skylight on the roof. The fall was caused by heavy smoke that obscured the roof making it impossible to see the leeward side of the fire. Fireman Connolly fell 15 feet, striking his head and fracturing the base of his skull. When Connolly's body struck on the floor, the members of Ladder 8 who were working on the floor below heard the crash. They went to the floor above to discover Connolly lying in a pool of blood and in an unconscious condition. He was carried out of the building and taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page53

FIREMAN JOHN W. IRVING ENGINE 29

January 7, 1879

BOX 22-52 75 VESEY STREET

Fireman John W. Irving and members of Engine 29 along with the members of Ladder 8 were overhauling after the fire in the fourth floor and attic of a brick building. It was being used as a wholesale grocery. The Companies were working on the second floor when at 5:50 A.M. the roof timbers gave way, which allowed the roof to drop. The roof pulled the east wall in, which was only 8 inches thick, to the third floor and carrying the debris to the first floor. A total of nine firemen were buried and Fireman Connolly was the only one killed. The damage caused by the fire was estimated at \$35,000. He was a fireman for just over a year and was married with three children.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 56/ New York Times, January 8, 1879

FIREMAN JOHN REILLY #1 ENGINE 17

January 14, 1879

BOX 167 462 BROADWAY

A falling wall killed fireman Reilly #1 of Engine 17. The fire was in a 5-story brownstone at 462 and 468 Broadway running through to Crosby Street. At about 11:40 P.M. the side wall on the Grand Street side fell, immediately following which the rear wall on Crosby Street also fell striking and killing Fireman Reilly. He was holding the pipe on the opposite side of Crosby Street a distance of 30 feet with other members of Engine 17.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 57

FIREMAN HENRY C. MOUNT ENGINE 8

November. 25, 1879 December 9, 1879

BOX 66-536 8TH AVENUE BETWEEN W. 49TH & W. 50TH STREET

While members of Engine 8 were working their line on a 35 foot ladder into the 3rd story window of the northeast corner of the building the upper portion of the wall fell outward. Fireman Henry C. Mount was thrown off of the ladder along with everybody else. Fireman Mount was buried beneath the debris and sustained the following injuries, both legs broken below the knee, right arm broken, one broken rib on the right side, two scalp wounds on the head and his tongue badly cut.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 59

FIREMAN PATRICK CLARK ENGINE 23

December. 27, 1879 January 1, 1880

BOX 534 405-407 W. 50TH STREET

RUN OVER BY TENDER 9TH AVENUE & W. 52ND STREET

While the tender of Engine 23 was proceeding to this fire, and when at 9th Avenue and 52nd Street the strap of the nigh side of the harness broke, causing the horse to turn to the right and the tender to strike a column of the elevated railroad. The force of which threw Fireman Patrick Clark, who was driving, to the pavement. The tender wheel passed over Clark's abdomen and he sustained the following injuries, lacerated wound of the testicles and serve contusions of the body. Clark was taken to his residence by ambulance, After Clark arrived at his home his testicles were amputated.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 60

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BALDWIN ENGINE 216 (ENG. 16, BFD)

January 14, 1880 January 20, 1880

BOX ??? 236 MONTROSE AVENUE

Captain William Baldwin was the Captain of Engine 16 for five years before he met his death. It was 7:00, when his company responded to a fire at the Otto Huber's Brewery, on old Bushwick Avenue. In half an hour, the fire was under control when with out warning one end of the building collapsed. Six firemen, including Baldwin, were buried in the debris. Willing hands rescued them, and all recovered with the exception of Baldwin. His injures included head, back and the body severally cut and bruised. He died six days later in STREET Catherine's Hospital. He left a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

Source: "Our Firemen Brooklyn" by A. E. Costello, Pages 64 & 65, Brooklyn Eagle January 14, 1880

FIREMAN JOHN O'ROURKE ENGINE 6

January 11, 1880 January 25, 1880

BOX 37 218 PEARL STREET

The hoseline of Engine 6 was on the roof of 220 Pearl Street, adjoining the fire building, and when backing down Fireman John O'Rourke of that company fell from the hayloft to the fifth floor, a distance of 9 feet. He sustaned the following injuries, concussion of the brain and contusion of the left side of the face. He was taken to the Chamber Street hospital by ambulance.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 61

FIREMAN THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY LADDER 1
FIREMAN JOHN F. CASSIDY LADDER 1
February 20, 1880
BOX 33-120 384-386 BROADWAY

The fire building was 5 stories with a marble front measuring 45 by 170 feet. The fire originated in the sub basement and destroyed the building. Captain Thomas Hutchinson and Firemen Thomas J. Dougherty and John F. Cassidy of Hook & Ladder 1 went to the roof to open the scuttle for the pipe of Engine 33. When suddenly about 70 feet of the building from the rear wall went down to the street level. Captain Hutchinson, feeling the roof give way under him, threw himself backward, and being near the north wall, he landed on the adjoining roof. Dougherty and Cassidy being further on the roof went down with it, "and were seen no more alive." The remains of Dougherty were recover at 8:00 A.M. on the 21st. His feet and hands were burnt off and his body badly hacked. He seemed to have been clinging to a timber near the scuttle frame. Cassidy's remains of were recovered about 8:00 A.M. on the 22nd and were slightly burned, but portion of the north wall had fallen on the body and it was considerably mutilated.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 61

FIREMAN PHILLIP HOLTON ENGINE 24
July 29, 1880 July 31, 1880
BOX 33-282 446 WEST STREET

Fire at 446 to 453 West Street a four story brick building. While Engine 24 was working at this fire and when their pipe had reached the 4th floor by stairway Fireman Philip Holton of that company walked toward the rear to find the stairs to return to the floor below, as he was exhausted. The smoke being very dense, instead of finding the stairway he went to a doorway in the rear wall used for taking in goods which was hoisted to that floor and walked out of the same. He fell a distance of 38 feet, striking on the ground in the rear of the building. Fireman Holton sustained the following injuries, compound fracture of right leg opening into ankle joint, fracture of both bones of right arm near wrist, contusions of the right side and internal injuries. He was removed to the New York Hospital by ambulance.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 63

FIREMAN THOMAS L. JACOBUS LADDER 5
November 9, 1880 November 13, 1880
--- E. 17TH STREET & EAST RIVER

At about 7:45 P. M. Fireman Thomas L. Jacobus of Ladder 5, who was detailed to Headquarters as a messenger, attempted to mount the repair shop wagon. The horses started and Jacobus was thrown to the pavement sustaining the following injuries, fractured right thigh and internal injuries. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital by ambulance.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 64

FIREMAN WILLIAM KRATTINGER ENGINE 2

February 11, 1882 February 16, 1882
 BOX 371 547-553 W. 21ST STREET

While Engine 2 was on duty at this fire, working on a shed on the west-side, the shed broke down. Fireman William Krattinger of Engine 2 fell a instance of 20 feet striking on his head producing a fracture of the skull. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital by ambulance.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 68

FIREMAN DAVID MCBRIDE ENGINE 19

February 16, 1882 February 17, 1882
 IN QUARTERS

Telephone message to Dr. Johnson at 5:56 P.M. from Foreman Henderson of Engine 19.
 "Fireman McBride of Engine 19 has just had a paralytic stroke in company quarters. Please come up right away."

Telephone message to Chief Bates from Chief Gieguel.

"Fireman David McBride of Engine 19 died at his residence at 2:25 P.M."

Source: Dispatcher Journal for the time period of Nov. 17, 1881 to February 20, 1882, Pages 521 & 527

CAPTAIN CHARLES KEAGAN LADDER 104 (LAD. 4, BFD)

September 15, 1882

BOX 3 NEWTOWN CREEK, NORTH OF CALVARY CEMETERY
 GREENPOINT OIL WORKS, LOCUST GROVE OIL WORKS, & SONE & FLEMING OIL

A lightning bolt struck a oil tank in the Locust Grove Oil Works around 9:15 at night and a couple of minutes later another bolt hit a tank in Sone & Fleming Oil Company that contained 25,000 barrels of oil. Engines 12, 15, 13, and Ladder 6 responded to the Locust Grove fire, while Engines 11, 16, 18 and Ladder 4 went to work on the other tank fire. With no fire hydrants in the area both fires spread rapidly. Burning all night, the firemen fought hard to contain the blaze to the tanks already burning. Several canal boats and lighters were tied to the dock to start draining the tanks around 5:00 in the morning. Seven hand lines were being used to cool a tank of gasoline with about 4000 barrels in it when it exploded. Chief Smith had just finished talking to Captain Charles Keagan of Ladder 4 and was head away from the tank when a fire surrounded the tank. Not looking back the Chief ran up the incline to safety. After two minutes, every tank had exploded until all three-yard was one massive fire. Workmen and firemen were picking themselves up and running for safety. Once all together, two workmen and Captain Keagan were found to be missing. A leak had developed in the gasoline tank and once the vapors found an ignition source, the pool exploded. Captain Keagan's body was burned beyond recognition and was only identified by the fire box key in one of his pockets.

Source: Brooklyn Eagle, Sept. 15, 1882 Page 4, column 4 and Sept. 16, 1882, Page 4 colun 6

FIREMAN MICHAEL CONNERS ENGINE 14
October 2, 1882 October 31, 1882
IN QUARTERS

Fireman Michael Connors of Engine 14 was injured while excising on a trapeze bar in the dormitory of company quarters. He fell to the floor a distance of about five feet. Sustaining the following injuries, a contusion of the head and concussion of the spine. He was removed to New York Hospital by ambulance.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 70

FIREMAN EDWARD VINCELETTE LADDER 4
March 14, 1883
BOX 559 8TH AVENUE BETWEEN W. 48TH STREET & W. 49TH STREET

While Ladder 4 was responding to this alarm of fire and when on 8th Avenue between 48th and 49th Street, Fireman Edward Vincelette of that company who was riding on the off side of the truck and in the act of putting on his coat, lost his balance and fell to the pavement striking his head fracturing his skull the off hind wheel of the truck passed over the lower portion of his body. He was taken to a drug store on the Southwest corner of 48th Street and 8th Avenue where he expired immediately.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 71

FIREMAN ROBERT MCDUGALL LADDER 103 (LAD. 3, BFD)
July 19, 1883 July 25, 1883
BOX 14 16 FURMAN STREET

A spark from a hoisting engine stationed opposite Pier 2 on Harbeck's Stores, at 10:30 in the morning, burned three ships to the water's edge, two lighters, and consumed the entire cargo as well as destroying the dock shed, which was 350 feet long and 60 feet wide. The fire caused the probable loss of at least twenty lives, injured thirteen fireman, one fatally. Fireman Robert McDougall of Ladder 3 was working in the shed along members of Engine 6 and 7. Without warning the main mast of "Lawrence Delap" of Annapolis, Nova Scotia swayed and fell full on the burning shed. The shed cracked, broken, and flatten like a shell. Cries of help could be heard from the ruins. McDougall was buried under the blazing boards of the roof. In the excitement following the fall, his disappearance was unnoticed. When found after several minutes his head was the only thing showing through a pile of burning boards. His hair was burnt off, his scalp severely scorched and the upper part of his head "roasted to a deep yellow color."

LIEUTENANT JONATHAN TYACK LADDER 106
FIREMAN GEORGE W. HAIGHT ENGINE 215 (ENG. 3, BFD), DETAIL TO LAD. 6.
 June 22, 1884
 BOX 44-??? GRAHAM AVENUE & POWERS STREET, HERSEMAN BAKERY

Lt. Jonathan Tyack, Firemen George W. Haight and Stephen Allen all of Ladder 6 were ordered to add another section of hose to the line operating in the rear of the bakery. The three men entered the alleyway between the fire building and the adjoining building with the extra hose, when the wall of the bakery came down on them. Lt. Tyack was found under six feet of bricks and badly bruised and discolored. Fireman Haight was next to be discovered and was badly burnt. Fireman Allen was injured but escape with his life when he was thrown into the doorway and thru the door the next building.

Source: Brooklyn Times, Monday June 23, 1884

FIREMAN JOSHUA A. WALLACE ENGINE 12
 June 25, 1884
 BOX 69 253-255 FRONT STREET

While on duty at this fire Fireman 2nd Grade Joshua A. Wallace of Engine 12 fell from a 35-foot ladder to the sidewalk. He struck his head and was instantly killed. He had just taken the pipe up the ladder and the hose was not charged with water.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 73

FIREMAN JAMES P. SMITH ENGINE 17
 February 4, 1885
 BOX 64 58 PARK PLACE

While Engine 17 was at work at this fire Fireman 2nd grade James P. Smith was thrown from an extension ladder to the sidewalk. He died immediately from his injuries. He was stationed in the center of the ladder lifting up the hose. The pipe, being in the window of the 5th floor, slipped from the men who were holding it and falling, threw Smith from the ladder.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 75

FIREMAN THOMAS DUNLEAVY ENGINE 29
 July 24, 1885 August 25, 1885
 BOX 51 78-82 BARCLAY ST & 217-221 WASHINGTON STREET

About six minutes after the arrival of the first alarm companies a violent explosion, of the expansive gas generated by combustion occurred in the interior of the building. The roof was raised on the Barclay Street front side and threw the coping stones and about six courses of bricks into the street. The debris striking and injuring nine firemen. Fireman Thomas Dunleavy of Engine 29 received a compound fracture of bone of the right thigh. He was taken to the Chambers Street Hospital. His leg was amputated on August 24th and died from shock and exhaustion the next day.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Pages 75/76

FIREMAN JOHN ENNIS ENGINE 8
August 30, 1885
BOX 588 330-340 E. 61ST STREET

While operating the pipe in front of 330-340 E. 61st Street, Fireman John Ennis was buried when the front wall of the two story building fell out onto the sidewalk. Fireman Ennis while escaping tripped over the hose line and was buried beneath the debris. He sustained injuries from which he expired in a few minutes.

Source: the "Casualties and Deaths in the Uniformed Force" book, FDNY Page 76

