

promotions to **Lieutenant Clinton L-157** and **Lieutenant Yak E-255**...The baby factory is running 24/7 and the weddings and engagements are too numerous to mention...Congrats to E-255 on their recent victory in the 2000 Love House Olympics. The series now stands at 4-3 in favor of L-157...Tired of being mistaken for a firefighter's son, 98-lb. **Kevin Keatley** is rumored to be pumping up while out on his rotation...Question of the Millennium: Are you or are you not a **Joe Rea** supporter?...Congrats to **FFs Gardner, Cucurullo, Harrell** and **Hess** on promotion to Lieutenant...Welcome aboard to **Lieutenant Gentile**. Car service will be provided for the next function...Commissary will pick up **Dempsey's** car cleaning bill, this time...Welcome to onus skin **Jim Lofasso E-283**, rivaling **Ron LaFountain** for highest pitched voice...Practical joker **Mike Schweiger** working on a new song about his buddy, **Sean**: "We all live with a crying Marine"...Good luck to king of the dead zone **Dennis Heaney** on transfer to *Technical Services*...Bert Convy look-a-like proby **Viviano** seen talking to his tools again...Since crying his way back to E-255, **Dean Spadaro** has done nothing but log couch time and complain about late-night runs...Greetings from "Triple Deuce," home of the *Battalion 37* Softball Champs. After the *Nut House* and *House of Pain* were eliminated, it was up to us to beat former Bn-37 member, E-252. We can't have our trophy in *SOC*. **Z-Man** was too upset to play since being cut by the Indians. **Captain Malone** and **Lieutenant Espo** had previous engagements. The kid from the Navy was designated to the cheering section after his first at bat. MVP went to "**Chuncks**" **McGovern**. Special thanks to GM **Dom "forty who"**

**Dimino**...To the **Bear**, we'll miss you...Welcome, **Chief Campisi**...**B.A.**'s heroic tales from L-111 can't be believed since he got lost in the bunk room...Somebody wake up **Phillips**...**Lumpy Davis**, you put us in stitches.

**Special Operations Command**  
by *FF Dennis Maher and*  
*FF Steve Modica, SOC*

*Special Operations Command* congratulates **Captain Jim Ellison** on his 40 years of service. Good luck with your retirement!...Applause to **Lieutenant Steven Spall** on his promotion to Captain...Welcome back to **Lieutenant Joe Gandiello**...Greetings to the new secret weapon at SOC--"**The SOC Seals**"...Get well soon to **Tom "killer"** **Killelea**...*Rescue 2* welcomes **Dan Libretti** to Bergen Street...Thanks again to Sheffield Avenue...Congratulations to **Mark** and **Theresa Gregory** on the birth of their son, **Mark, Jr.**...The crying towels are in for the triangle of tears...*Rescue 3* welcomes aboard **FF Tom Gambino L-163** and **FF Tom Foley SQ-41**...Congrats on promotions to **Lieutenant Joe Callan** and **Lieutenant John Conroy**...New baby for **FF Chris Ryan**--a "baby girl"...Please keep **FF Jerry Schang** from driving **Collapse rig** into quarters...Get well soon to retired **FF Harry Christensen**...*SQ-1* congratulates **Captain Donald Hayde** on his promotion to Chief...*SQ-270* congratulates **Thomas Richardson** on his promotion to Chief...*SQ-288*: The stork has been busy and con-



Some of the boys formerly from **Rescue 2** got together with their wives for a little reunion picnic on August 15, 2000. Pictured are **Patricia** and **FF Bill Mundy** (retired), **Marguerite** and **FF Paul Zydor** (retired) and **Battalion Chief Raymond** and **Rosalie Downey**.

grats go out to **FF Paul Patsos, Pete** (the Navy sea robin) **Brennan** and **Jim Davolio** on the birth of their baby girls. (Time to put the baby seat in your mako, **Paul**)...Hats off to **Chris (how ya dooon) Carangi** and **Missy** on tying the knot...Take care, **Lieutenant Casani's** (retired, *Rescue 1*) daughter!...Good luck with your new house, **Ronnie**...A tip of the helmet to **Paul Baldwin** on his retirement after 21 years. Are you sure you want to do it this time? P.S. **John Ielpi** is sorry he missed your cake...Hey, **Tim "the Hunk" Murphy**, what year is the web site going to be done? The people from the calendar called, but you were out doing maneuvers in the desert...*SQ-288* welcomes **Lieutenant Kerwin, John Dizenzo** and **Adam Rand**...Get-well wishes to **Tim Welty, Captain Doherty** and **Bob Crowe**...Steel cage match for the seat "quick here (again)" vs. **Joe the Sensei Fable**...Good luck *Rescue 4* and **Lieutenant Kerwin**!...Our prayers still go out for **Jay Weinstein**...*Haz-Mat* welcomes **Luke (I'm only here for o.t.) Healy**. Rumor has it **Luke** was spotted doing dishes between haz-naps...*the mat* broke a record last month. They cooked their three meals in the wok. The rest were somewhat edible...Can we have the real **Ielpi** wear a name tag?...*Haz-Mat Ops*: All the best to **Bob Ingram** on his promotion to Battalion Chief. One less car at the Navy Yard.



These boys know that **WNYF** is back on the bibliography for promotion exams, so they are starting early. Or, maybe young **Michael** and **Steven** are getting ready to prep pop, **FF Michael Sullivan, SQ-270**.

**Come Visit the Fire Zone**  
During Fire Prevention Week, the FDNY opened its new, state-of-the-art fire learning center--the Fire Zone. It is located at 50 Rockefeller Center in midtown Manhattan, on East 51st Street.  
If you can't make it to the Fire Zone, visit at [www.fdnfirezone.org](http://www.fdnfirezone.org).

**To: All Units**

**From: Deputy Chief Arthur J. Messbauer**

**Subject: Operations at Box 22-1730**

**on June 23, 2000**

First, I want to thank **Battalion Chief Bob Brown, 44 Battalion**, for the outstanding job he did at this operation. His quick and correct size-up of the situation proved to be, in my opinion, a lifesaver to the first-arriving units. He not only recognized the severity of the situation, but was decisive in removing the units to start an outside operation--not an easy task with units in the 15th Division.

The building had steel plates on the roof, although no CIDS information was available. **Chief Brown** quickly sent in a second alarm, asked for and advised where tower ladders were needed. L-175 and L-103 were removed from in front of the building for tower ladder operations.

"The Table" was perfectly set for my arrival. The only job left for me was to give additional instruction for L-124 as an extra TL. Even with this great preparation and set-up, this was no routine "outside operation," as I perceived with the initial progress reports. Exposures #1 and #4 were streets and exposure #3 was a rear yard (at least 100 feet wide). The fire building was the corner building--light commercial frame with a store on the first floor with two floors above, with exposures #2 and #2A similar in nature. Also, **FF William (Ratso) Rossiter's** (now retired) initial reports of the size-up were calmly and accurately portrayed. However, he said it was blowing out 14 windows. We saw only 12, but who is counting? This was his next to last tour and we are all going to miss his experience and the assistance he gave to the Division at these operations. Thank you for all your years of dedication.

Incident	22:09
First unit to arrive	22:13
Battalion 44 arrived	22:14
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Progress report, steel plating--	
outside operations	22:17

Second alarm 22:19

Division 15 arrived

and exposure #4

wall collapsed 22:23

As you can see, the building collapsed in 10 minutes upon arrival of the first unit.

Thanks to all the Battalion Chiefs for their timely assistance with which I simply could not have done without. There were exposure problems on the #2 side and in the rear of exposure #2, in front of the building, across the street and the rear yard.

**Battalion Chief Gleason** had exposure #2 rear and **Battalion Chief Ternlund** had the rear yard.

**Battalion Chief Kilduff** came in as the Safety Chief, but also helped and assisted me with other problems.

Thanks to all the units involved for their hard work and persistence. Then again, I have never experienced anything less with the 15th Division units. Lines were stretched quickly and efficiently. TLs were supplied and aggressively attacked the fire. L-120 on the exposure #4 side was scorched and we had to remove the members temporarily after the wall collapsed. Engines got lines on the apparatus to save it while enduring high heat conditions.

Hopefully, the Lessons Learned here are:

1. The quick and accurate size-up by **Battalion Chief Brown**, who had the courage to stay with his conviction to remove the members. Also, his planning and instructions for incoming units were critical.
2. The company officers exited the building promptly upon orders. They are responsible for their units' safety. At the Chief level, we don't want to and we rarely remove you from the building, but this was a perfect example of what the Battalion Chief's responsibility is and how he performs his job. His priority is *your* safety and it is better to be on the safe side.

To **Battalion Chief Brown**, I know you must have experienced many serious fires before, but this one should give you a great deal of satisfaction for a job well done. Again, for myself and I'm sure on behalf of the members, a sincere "thanks" for watching over us.