

Answers

1. Three deuces. (2-2-2).
2. Unit personnel put on fire gear and assembled near apparatus for subsequent response.
3. Inspection in full-dress uniform with badges. This included off-going and incoming members. If an alarm came in during inspection, incoming members responded in uniform. Compensation for members going off duty? A thank you; maybe!
4. R & R the Box means to rewind and reset the fire alarm Box, which first-due engine companies usually did after a MFA (malicious false alarm or 9-2).
5. and 6. The Officer used the 1620 key to open the Box. You then would turn the wind-up key clockwise until right and pull down the hook. This set the alarm Box ready for the next alarm.
7. Each Probie was issued a small brass spinner and hose strap, which were carried in the turnout coat pocket. (The year was 1962.)
8. The Pompier ladder was the scaling ladder. It was introduced by Lieutenant Hoell, St.

9. Pompier is French for Firefighter.
10. A life net (about 10 feet in diameter when opened) was a round canvas net folded in half and carried by ladder companies. Upon deployment, it was snapped open and supported by as many Firefighters as possible. It was obviously a last-resort tool. When I was a Lieutenant in L-19, the net was deployed for me. (I was sharing a mask with a trapped civilian on the sixth floor of an H-type building. When she saw the net, she asked me if we were going to jump into the net. I immediately said, "Not a chance!") Happily, L-44 was able to get us with the bucket.
11. The 1620 key was issued to Lieutenants upon promotion. There were two types. The skeleton type and the classic key shape. The skeleton type is used to open the fire alarm Box and the classic key is used to control elevators in high-rise buildings.
12. The fire escape hook was used to advance a hose-line vertically up the outside of a fire

- escape. In many instances, it was replaced by a plastic container with a rope. One member would go up the fire escape to the proper floor, drop the rope and the company would pull the line up to the floor. The hose strap was used to secure the hose to a fire escape.
13. \$15, which easily would cover a night of entertainment. The reason: Firefighters worked 42 hours per week and the \$15 covered the extra two hours per week. Consequently, there were big signs all around the firehouse before a company dance, warning members not to mention the extra check. Many guys failed to inform their wives about the check and deep-sixed the money for Boys' Night Out!
14. When FDNY converted to the 25-group system, on certain dates, only covering Officers of all ranks worked and we called it amateur night.
15. Eight groups. ■

TAKING UP OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018

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