

BROCKTON FIREFIGHTERS STRAND THEATRE MEMORIAL

In Memory of the 13 Brockton Firefighters
Killed in the Line of Duty, March 10, 1941



Unveiling & Dedication Ceremony

Saturday May 10, 2008

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

City Hall Plaza
Brockton, Massachusetts

"THEIR COURAGE REMAINS"

BROCKTON FIREFIGHTERS STRAND THEATRE MEMORIAL MONUMENT

DEDICATED TO THE 13 BROCKTON FIREFIGHTERS
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON MARCH 10, 1941

Captain John F. Carroll – Ladder Company 3
Lieutenant Raymond A. Mitchell – Engine Company 4
Firefighter Matthew E. McGeary – Ladder Company 3
Firefighter William J. Murphy – Squad A
Firefighter Daniel C. O'Brien – Squad A
Firefighter Denis P. Murphy – Squad A
Firefighter Roy A. McKeraghan – Squad A
Firefighter Frederick F. Kelley – Engine Company 1
Firefighter George A. Collins – Engine Company 1
Firefighter Henry E. Sullivan – Engine Company 1
Firefighter Martin E. Lipper – Engine Company 1
Firefighter John M. McNeill – Ladder Company 1
Firefighter Bartholomew Herlihy – Ladder Company 1

The Strand Theatre Fire

MARCH 10, 1941

On Monday, March 10, 1941, a fire destroyed the Strand Theatre, at 29-31 School Street, directly opposite City Hall. The fire and resulting roof collapse took the lives of 13 Brockton Firefighters and injured an additional 22. This tragedy left 13 widows and 26 children fatherless. The Brockton Fire Department and the citizens of our City still mourn the largest loss of firefighter lives in Brockton's history.

On Sunday, March 9th, the Strand had screened two movies. By midnight the patrons were gone and the building was empty except for a night custodian. He smelled smoke, and at 12:38 a.m. he pulled Fire Alarm Box 1311, located at Main and High Streets.

Firefighters found a fire burning in the cellar. They attempted to extinguish it, but the fire had already advanced beyond them. It spread rapidly into the walls and then upwards, into the area above the theatre's ceiling. A Second Alarm was sounded at 12:44 a.m., followed by the General Alarm at 1:19 a.m., which summoned all of Brockton's Firefighters to the scene.

Firefighters worked to cut open walls and ceilings to douse the flames. Many were battling the blaze from the theatre's balcony from where they directed hose streams at holes they had cut through the ceiling.

An hour after the Second Alarm, the roof suddenly collapsed onto the balcony. It is thought that the burning roof timbers and rising heat weakened the unprotected steel trusses to where they could not sustain the roof's weight. The sudden collapse of the roof structure killed those Firefighters working on the balcony below.

Ironically, another theatre stood at the same location prior to the construction of the Strand and it, too, was destroyed by fire. The Sheedy Theatre, later renamed the Empire Playhouse, was built in 1907 and destroyed by fire on April 7th, 1915. The Strand Theatre, with a seating capacity of 1,685, opened just 11 months later.

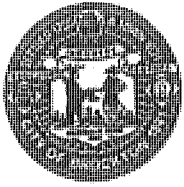
This Memorial is erected in the memory of the 13 Brockton Firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice as they battled the Strand Theatre fire in the cold and deadly early morning hours of March 10th, 1941. The cause of the fire was never determined.

DEDICATED MAY 10, 2008

The Strand Theatre Firefighters Memorial Monument

The Memorial features a 10 ½" foot tall bronze and granite statue of a Brockton firefighter in a uniform representative of those worn in the 1940s. The front of the statue lists the names of the 13 fallen heroes.





Brockton, Massachusetts
"City of Champions"
James E. Harrington – Mayor

Dear Friends,

*"Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven,
blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels."
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow~*

On behalf of the City of Champions, it is a privilege and an honor to welcome you to the Strand Theater Firefighters' Memorial nestled in the heart of downtown Brockton. This Memorial, which was once a dream, is now a beacon of hope and symbol of pride within our community.

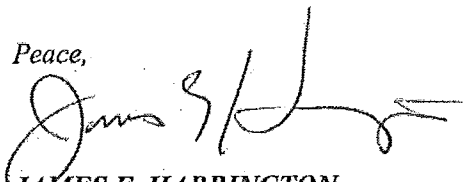
The public service arena is comprised of individuals dedicated to the betterment of their fellow citizens. The network consists of several entities: Public Administration, Human Services and Public Safety, to name just a few. The 13 firefighters who perished in the fire that devastated the Strand Theater during the early morning hours of March 10, 1941, emulated the true spirit of public service. They were men who accepted the dangers of their occupation and did so, with great pride. It is with gratitude that we honor their sacrifice and heroism through a permanent memorial.

The creation of this Memorial required the commitment and support of the entire Brockton community. Together, we worked hard to create a monument that commemorates our fallen brothers and reflects the spirit of public service. I applaud the many dedicated firefighters, residents and community leaders whose contributions allowed the construction of this beautiful Memorial.

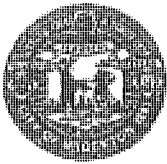
May this monument forever stand as our firefighters do; brave and with dignity.

God Bless America!

Peace,


JAMES E. HARRINGTON
Mayor

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City Council
CITY OF BROCKTON

ROBERT F. SULLIVAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

May 10, 2008

On this day of dedication and remembrance the Brockton City Council wishes to extend its warmest regards and gratitude to the Strand Theatre Firefighters Memorial Monument Committee. The memorial monument is a true artistic expression of the gratitude shared by all Brocktonians.

In 1941 thirteen brave men made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our City. Their act of heroism is a true testament to their honor, courage and professional dedication. Their loss shall always be remembered and their courage continues to this day in the brave men and women who are current Brockton Firefighters.

I, as President of the City Council, am truly honored to share in this long awaited wonderful day of recognition. The monument located on City Hall Plaza shall serve as a true memorial and reminder that those who perished at the Strand Theatre shall never be forgotten. Their courage and loss will always be remembered here in the 'City of Champions'.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert F. Sullivan".

Robert F. Sullivan (Councillor-At-Large & Council President)



City of Brockton

Fire Department

JAMES E. HARRINGTON
MAYOR

EMERGENCY 911

KENNETH F. GALLIGAN
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

MARCH 10, 1941, will be forever remembered in the history of the Brockton Fire Department as the date when thirteen (13) courageous and dedicated Firefighters who lost their lives in the performance of duty at the Strand Theatre building fire and collapse.

Annually, over one hundred (100) Firefighters succumb to injuries sustained while responding or operating at emergency scenes. Of the many dangers Firefighters face while operating at a building fire is the sudden and unexpected collapse of the structure. Unfortunately, the history of American Fire Service contains numerous instances where multiple Firefighter deaths are attributed to failures in building design or construction. Oftentimes methods of building construction change after lessons are learned following tragedies such as the Strand Theatre Fire. Firefighting tactics are often revised and refined as widespread knowledge of firefighting tragedies become common knowledge by those charged with making tactical fireground firefighting decisions.

One aspect of firefighting that defines the character of a fire department is its ability to stop the spread of fire where it finds it. In most cases, this philosophy requires aggressive interior attack of the fire that without a doubt requires competent leadership and a strong sense of commitment, courage, fortitude, skill and aggressive teamwork.

Every emergency scene presents a learning experience in concert with tried and proven past experiences. At the Strand Theatre Fire and Collapse, the Brockton Fire Department performed as a well honed and experienced fire department, doing their job of protecting the lives and property of the citizens they were charged to protect.

Let this fine memorial we dedicate today be a fitting tribute to our fallen brothers. May it honor not only their lives but also be a daily reminder to the citizens and visitors of Brockton of the heroic and vital public safety role firefighters play in protecting lives and property in our community.

Finally, a very special thank you to Lieutenant Richard Baker, the Strand Memorial Committee, Brockton Firefighters Local 144 and all those friends and families who devoted countless hours and funds to make this Strand Theatre Fire Memorial a reality. With their leadership, the assistance of the Sculptor, Mr. Robert Shure and everyone who contributed to the success of this project, the City of Brockton now has an outstanding Firefighter Memorial.


Kenneth F. Galligan
Chief of Department

"City of Champions"

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Greetings from the President

On behalf of all past and present members of the Brockton Firefighters Union Local 144 I am pleased to welcome you. Today we honor 13 brave Firefighters who lost their lives fighting the Strand Theatre fire on March 10, 1941. Today, we honor our brothers.

This ceremony is the culmination of a great undertaking. Fund raising, coupled with numerous hours of work offered by many individuals, companies, and departments, has dutifully prepared this area for the dedication ceremony. To all who donated time and money to make this event possible, I extend my sincerest gratitude. It is you who help Brockton remain "The City of Champions".

I would like to thank our distinguished guests, Honor Guards, Pipes and Drum Bands, and all my brother and sister Firefighters and Police Officers who have traveled great distances to join us in today's event. Above all though, I thank the families of these 13 brave men for being here today. It is through all of you that the memory of these valiant Firefighters will endure.

Fraternally,

Archie Gormley Jr., President
Local 144, IAFF



To: The Strand Theatre Firefighters Memorial Committee, the City of Brockton,
and the men and women of the Brockton Fire Department.

Bay State Gas Company is asked to support a great many worthy and deserving charitable and civic causes every year, and we do our best to accommodate these organizations.

Rarely though, does an initiative touch our heartstrings and feel so close to our company's soul as the Strand Theatre Firefighters Memorial Monument. The City of Brockton has been an integral part of our company's operations since 1859, and the Brockton Fire Department has been an ally and a special friend in our shared responsibility for public safety for all of those years. Bay State Gas holds that friendship in high regard.

If there is anything positive to come from a tragedy like the Strand Theatre fire, it is the erection of a permanent memorial to forever remind us of the ultimate sacrifices sometimes asked of our heroic firefighters who always answer the call and make our communities safer and better places to live.

The Bay State Gas Company is proud to have been a part of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Bryant

Stephen H. Bryant
President
Bay State Gas

Strand Theatre Fire Memorial

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Kenneth Galligan	<i>Co-chairman</i>
Lt. Richard Baker	<i>Co-chairman</i>
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A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

*When I am called to duty God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age*

*Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor and
Protect his property*

*And if according to my fate
I am to lose my life
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.*



The Strand Theatre opened in March, 1916 on School Street between Main Street and City Hall in Brockton. It replaced another theatre that was destroyed by fire April 7, 1915. With a seating capacity of 1,685, it was the largest playhouse in the City. Sunday, March 9, 1941, like all other Sundays, drew large crowds looking for the entertainment of a movie or vaudeville show. That evening the Strand showed the double feature, "*Hoosier School Boy*" starring Mickey Rooney, followed by "*Secret Evidence*," a crime drama.



CAPTAIN JOHN F. CARROLL, age 57, Ladder Company 3, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on May 10, 1909, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Captain Carroll was called to respond on the Second Alarm while he was off duty.

Captain Carroll was born in Brockton and resided at 118 Lyman Street, Brockton. He left a wife Gertrude and three children John age 21, David age 11 and Marie age 18.

Captain Carroll is buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery, Avon.



LIEUTENANT RAYMOND A. MITCHELL, age 48, Engine Company 4, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on August 12, 1918, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Lieutenant Raymond A. Mitchell was born in Bath, Maine and resided at 7 Martin Street, Brockton. He left a wife Junie and two children, Raymond, age 14 and Clayton, age 13. Raymond and Clayton Mitchell would later serve as Firefighters in the Brockton Fire Department.

Lieutenant Mitchell is buried in Union Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER GEORGE A. COLLINS, age 62, Engine Company 1, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on December 12, 1917, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter George A, Collins was born in Wadsworth, Vermont and resided at 19 Wilmington Street, Brockton. He left a wife Bess and one son, Lieutenant Commander Howard Collins of the United States Navy, who was serving in Honolulu, Hawaii at the time of his father's death.

Firefighter Collins is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston.



FIREFIGHTER BARTHOLOMEW HERLIHY, age 45, Ladder Company 1, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on January 26, 1920, succumbed on March 12, 1941 from injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter Herlihy was born in Brockton and resided at 22 West Park Street, Brockton. Firefighter Herlihy had served in the United States Military. He left a wife, Ethel and two children, Ralph, age 19 and Gladys age 15.

Firefighter Herlihy is buried in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER FREDERICK F. KELLEY, age 48, Engine Company 1, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on November 8, 1926, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter Kelley was called to respond on the Second Alarm while off duty. Firefighter Kelley was the last member to be removed from the collapse.

Firefighter Kelley was born in Haverhill, MA and resided at 37 Exchange Street, Brockton. Firefighter Kelley had served in the United States Army as a Combat Engineer assigned to the 26th Division in France during World War I and was a semi-pro baseball player prior to his appointment to the Brockton Fire Department. He left a wife, Margaret and two sons, Robert age 17 and Fredrick age 15.

Firefighter Kelley is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER MARTIN E. LIPPER, age 46, Engine Company 1, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on July 19, 1926, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter Lipper's brother, William Lipper, was a Brockton Firefighter who also worked at the Strand Theatre fire but fortunately escaped without injury.

Firefighter Lipper was born in Brockton and resided at 21 Forest Avenue, Brockton. Firefighter Lipper had served in the United States Military. He left a wife, Emily.

Firefighter Lipper is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER ROY A. MCKERAGHAN, age 42, Squad A, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on June 18, 1934, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter McKeraghan was born in Brockton and resided at 16 Green Place, Brockton. He left a wife, Mable and two sons, Roy Jr. age 21 and Richard, age 8.

Firefighter McKeraghan is buried in Pine Hills Cemetery, West Bridgewater.



FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW E. McGEARY, age 49, Ladder Company 3, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on January 26, 1920, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter McGeary was born in Brockton and resided at 83 Ford Street, Brockton. He left a wife Nora, two children, Mary Alice, age 26, Irving Anthony, age 17, and a brother, Firefighter James McGeary, Engine Company 3.

Firefighter McGeary is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER JOHN M. MCNEILL, age 43, Ladder Company 1, was appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on October 31, 1927, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter McNeill was found in the collapse next to his best friend, Firefighter Henry Sullivan of Engine Company 1.

Firefighter McNeill was born in Randolph, MA and resided at 35 Mulberry Street Brockton. He had served in the United States Navy. He left a wife Anna and five children, Mary Louise, age 21, John Joseph, age 19, Barbara, age 17, Robert, age 15 and Muriel, age 6.

Firefighter McNeill is buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Randolph.



FIREFIGHTER DENIS P. MURPHY, age 49, Squad A, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on November 18, 1918, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter Murphy was born in Killarney, Ireland and resided at 551 Warren Ave. He left a wife Mary and three sons, Thomas Joseph, age 19, Robert, age 18, and Edward, age 13.

Firefighter Murphy is buried on Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM J. MURPHY, age 29, Squad A, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on May 5, 1937, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter Murphy was born in Brockton and resided at 5 Kingman Avenue, Brockton. Firefighter Murphy, the oldest of seven children, left a wife Grace.

Firefighter Murphy is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER DANIEL C. O'BRIEN, age 45, Squad A, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on January 26, 1920, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

Firefighter O'Brien was born in Brockton and resided at 35 Division Street, Brockton. He was one of twelve children and had served in the United States Army during World War I. He left a wife Alice (Rudden) and two children Margaret, age 20 and Daniel, age 17.

Firefighter O'Brien is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton.



FIREFIGHTER HENRY E. SULLIVAN, age 45, Engine Company 1, appointed to the Brockton Fire Department on May 5, 1930, succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty while operating at Box 3-1311 for the Strand Theatre fire and collapse, 29-31 School Street, March 10, 1941.

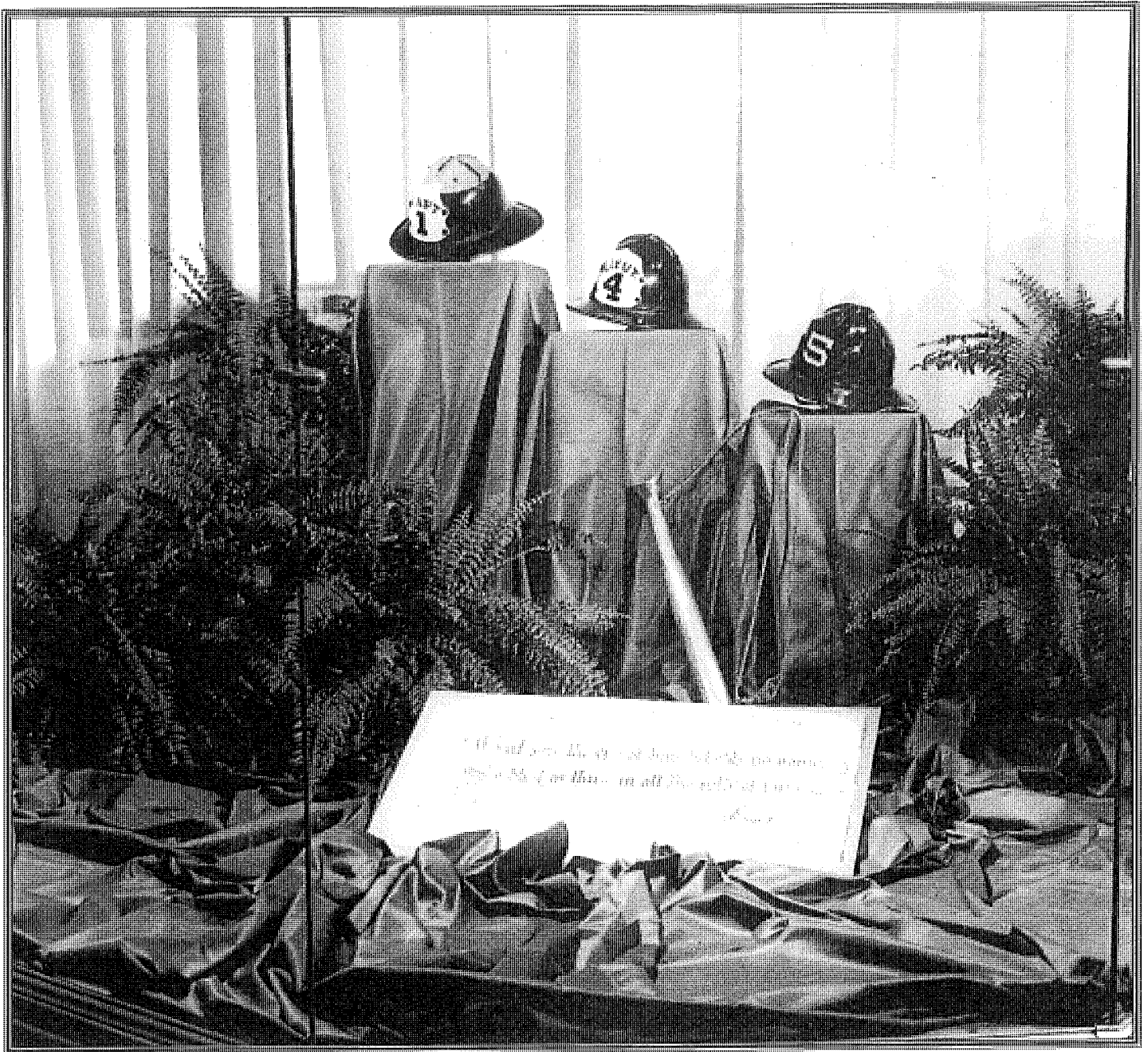
Firefighter Sullivan was found in the collapse next to his best friend, John McNeill of Ladder Company 1.

Firefighter Sullivan was born in Brockton and resided at 9 Mulberry Street, Brockton. He had served in the United States Military. He left a wife Mary and two daughters Madelyn, age 18 and Rose Marie, age 14.

Firefighter Sullivan is buried in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Brockton.



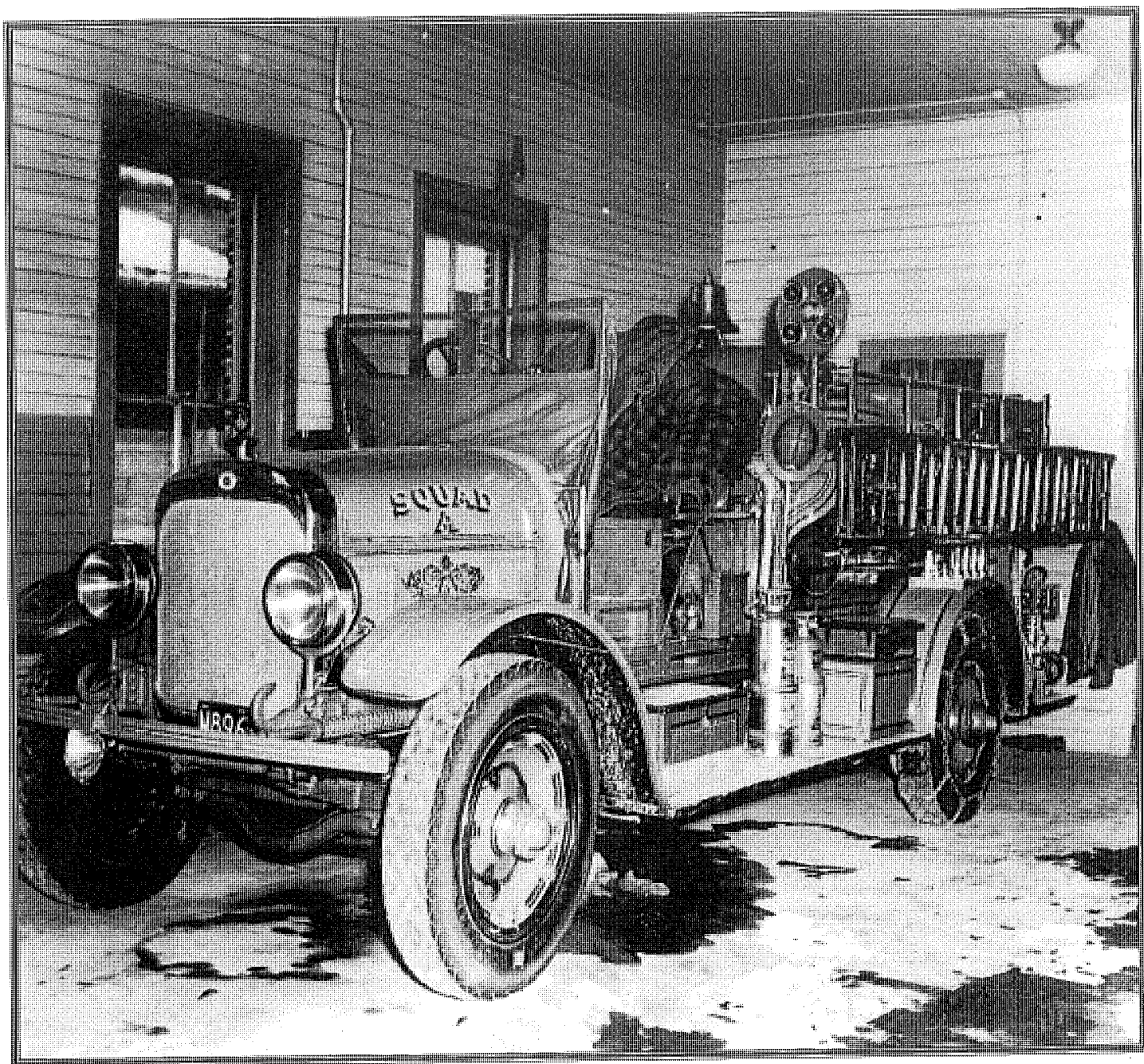
On March 14, 1942, the Scranton Pennsylvania Firefighters, then Local 669, gave the engraved anthracite to the Brockton Firefighters in memory of their 13 fallen brothers. The anthracite was carved in August, 1941, by William J. Owens. It is still to this day displayed in Brockton City Hall.



A local storefront in Brockton pays tribute to the 13 fallen Brockton firefighters shortly after the fire.



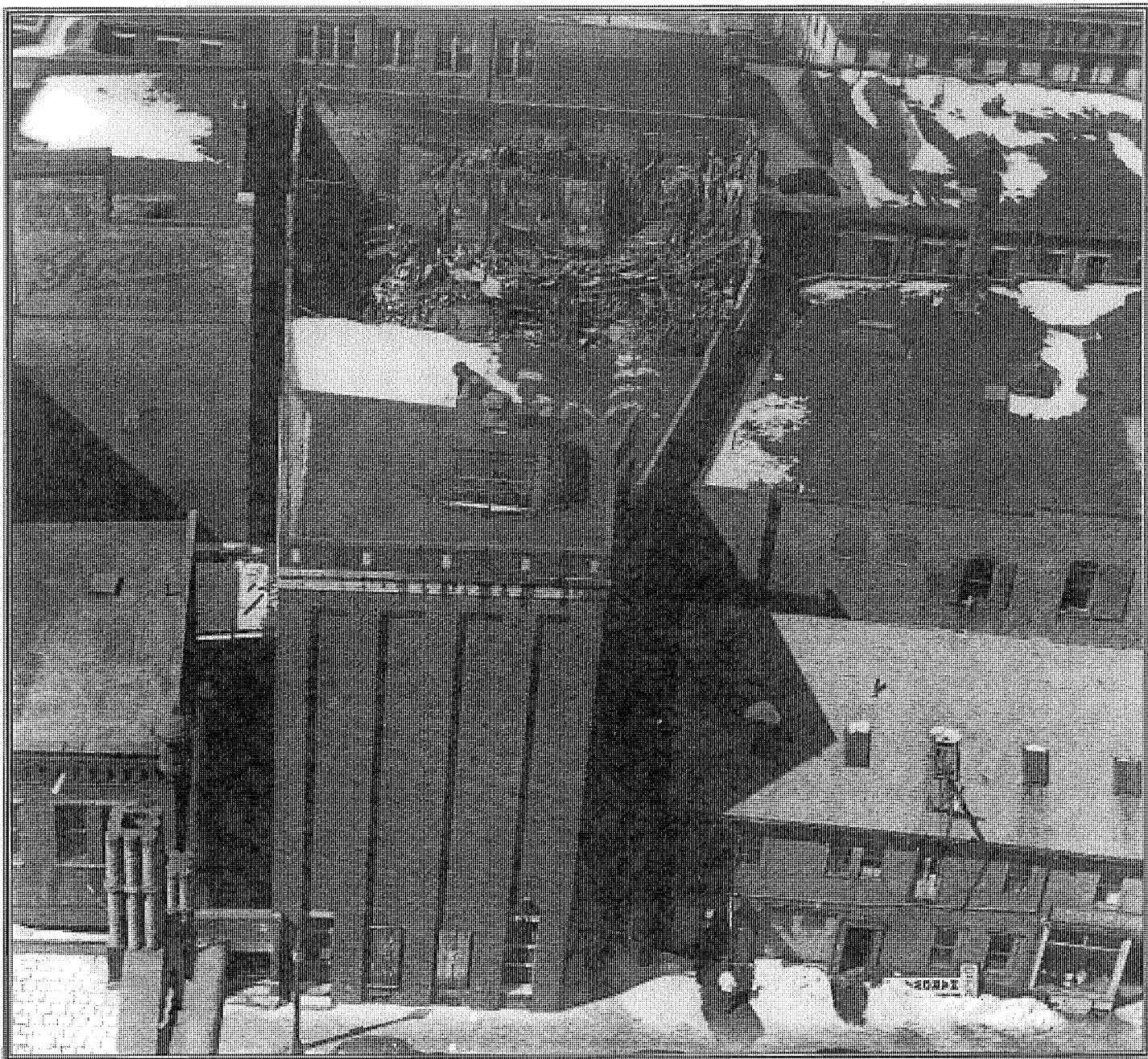
No definite cause for the fire was ever discovered. Initial reports that the fire was arson proved to be inconclusive. Further investigation revealed that the unprotected steel roof trusses played a major role in the collapse. The heat of the fire within the concealed space between the roof and the auditorium ceiling was believed to have distorted the steel trusses, causing them to buckle and separate with ease. Experts questioned the effectiveness of the construction and design used in the roof assembly. Some reports state that the weight of a previous snowfall may have added to the collapse. However, witness accounts and photographs indicate a minimal amount of snow.



Squad A parked at Station 1 after the fire. Four members of the crew were killed when the roof of the Strand Theatre collapsed onto the balcony.



Deputy Chief Lawrence Lynch and Chief Frank Dickinson place a wreath on Squad A.



A view of the Strand Theatre from the City Hall tower.

Program

OPENING CEREMONY

Massed Bands, Color Guards, and Uniformed Members

WELCOME

Chief Kenneth F. Galligan, Master of Ceremonies

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Katherine Joy

INVOCATION

Father James Flavin, Brockton Fire Department Chaplin

OFFICIAL SPEAKING PROGRAM

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Reverend Dayan Johnson, Lighthouse of Faith In Christ Jesus Church

ROLL CALL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Sounding of the Bell

Moment of Silence

PRESENTATION OF THE BROCKTON FIREFIGHTERS

STRAND THEATRE MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Amazing Grace Performed By Massed Bands

Formal Unveiling

CLOSING REMARKS

MAY THEY NOT BE FORGOTTEN

James McNulty, FDNY (retired)

*“Brother when you weep for me, Remember that it was meant to be.
Lay me down and when you leave, Remember I’ll be at your sleeve.
In every dark and choking hall, I’ll be there as you slowly crawl.
On every roof in driving snow, I’ll hold your coat and you will know.
In cellars hot with searing heat, At windows where a gate you meet,
In closets where young children hide, You know I’ll be there at your side.
The house from which I now respond, Is over staffed with heroes gone.
Men who answered one last bell, Did the job and did it well.
As firemen, we understand, That death’s a card dealt in our hand—
A card we hope we never play, But one we hold there anyway.
That card is something we ignore, As we crawl across the weakened floor.
For we know that we’re the only prayer, For anyone that might be there.
So remember, as you wipe your tears, The joy I knew throughout the years.
As I did the job I loved to do, I pray that thought will see you through.”*

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Jane Hess,
In Memory of
FF Henry E. Sullivan
Gerald & Elisabeth Houde
Robert Kelley
Deputy Chief Edward Mack & Family
Deputy Chief Robert Manning & Family
Jay & Jean Mazzilli
Scott McDuffy & Family
Deputy Chief Timothy Murphy & Family
FF Paul Muzrim & Family
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FF Edward Zine III & Family

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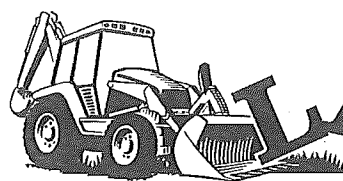
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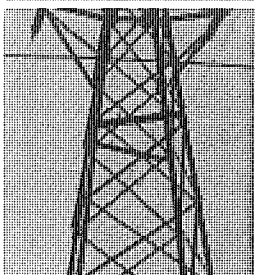
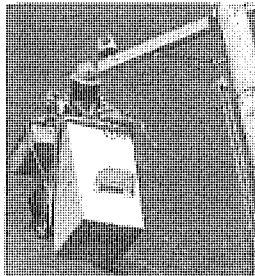
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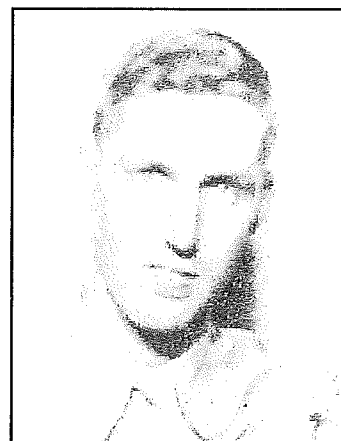
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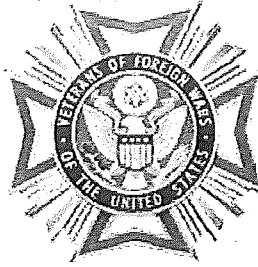
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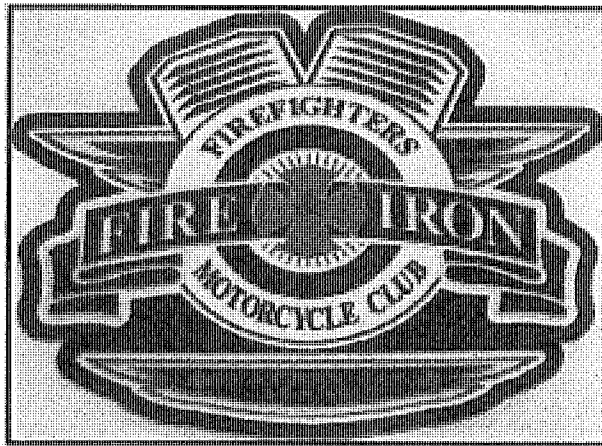
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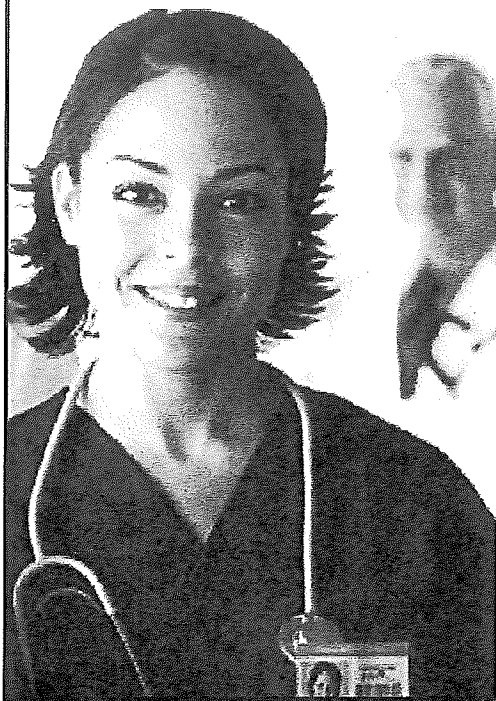
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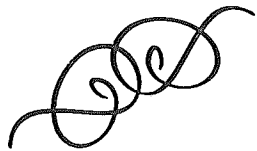
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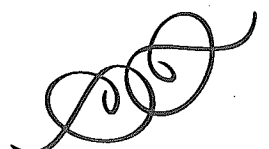
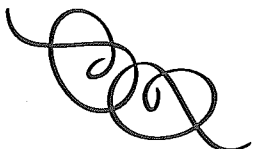
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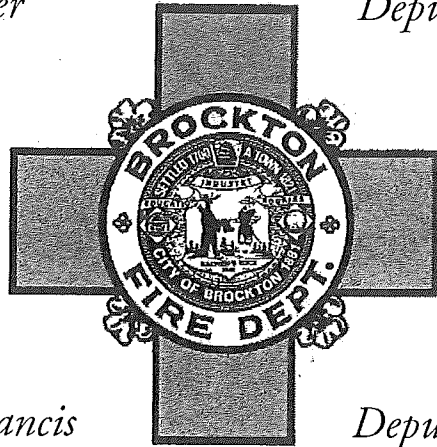
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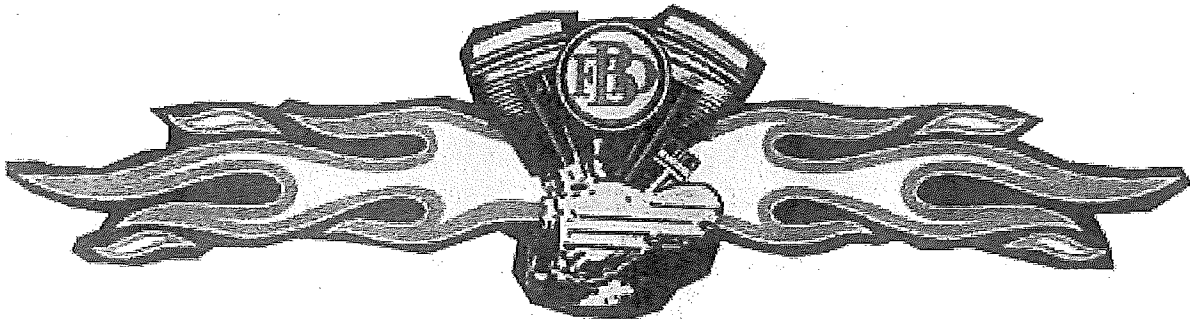
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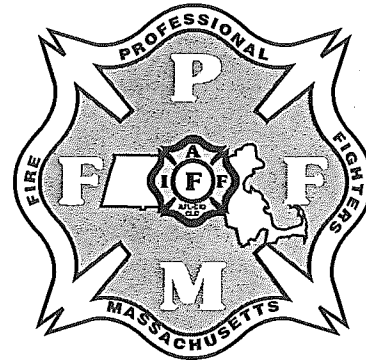
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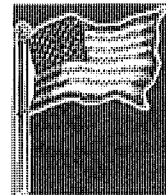
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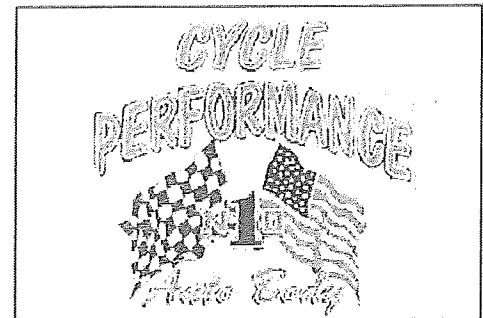


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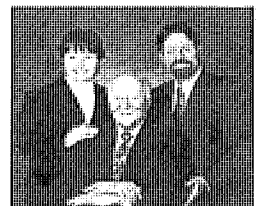
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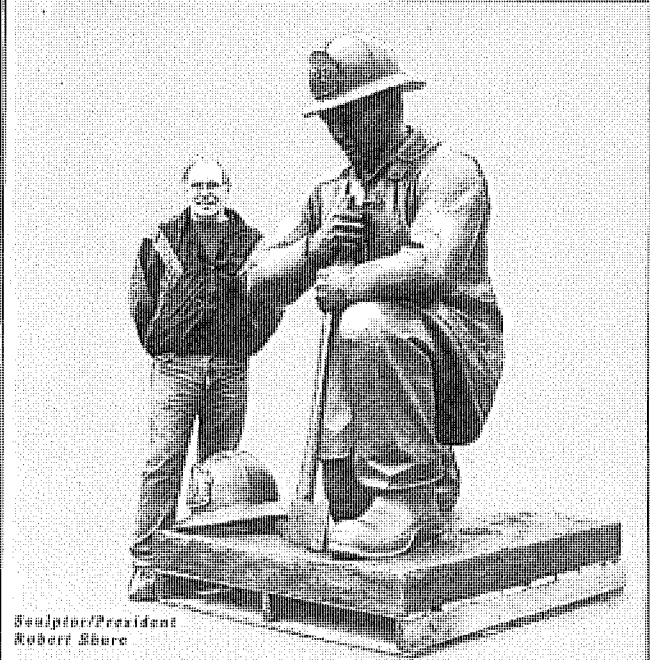
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