



News Brief July 16, 2012

June 11, 2012 Meeting Report

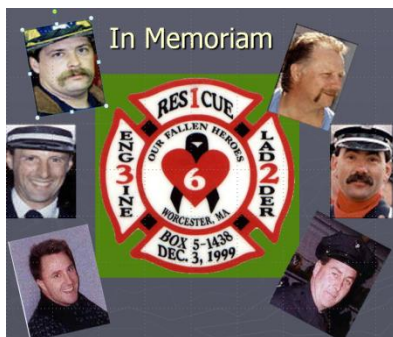
To say the Barrington, NH meeting was outstanding would be a substantial understatement !! Operations Deputy Chief, John Sullivan of Worcester, MA Fire Department did an outstanding job presenting the December 3, 1999 Cold Storage and Warehouse fire. As the Lt. on Engine 3 that night, his presentation provided an insider's look at the Worcester LODD incident and went beyond the investigation report. Highlights are presented here to give you a flavor of the evening.



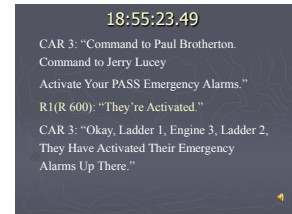
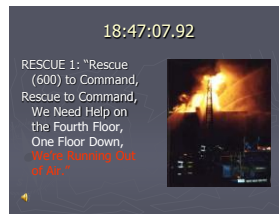
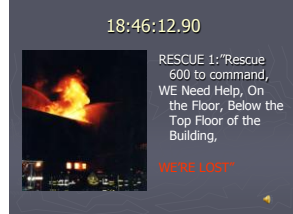
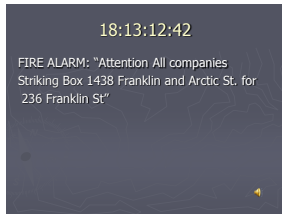
Capt Bob Sabean welcomes us.



Chief Sullivan making an animated point

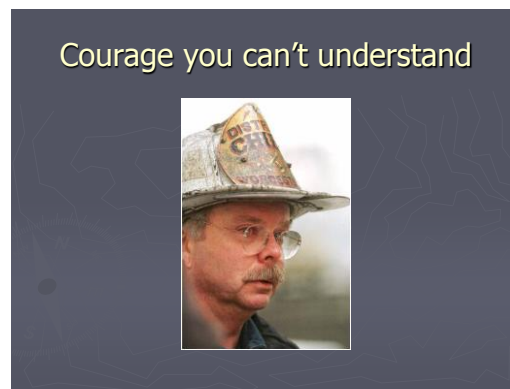


It is our obligation to NEVER FORGET and to LEARN from their SACRIFICE !!



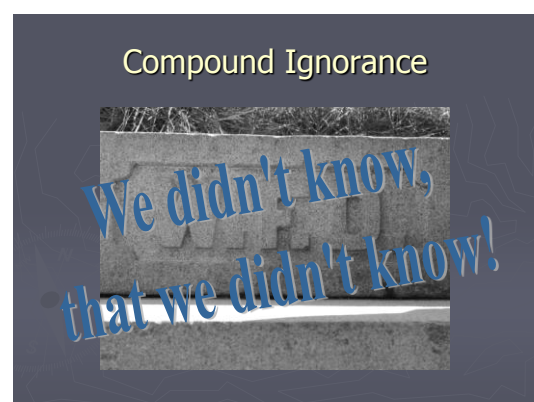
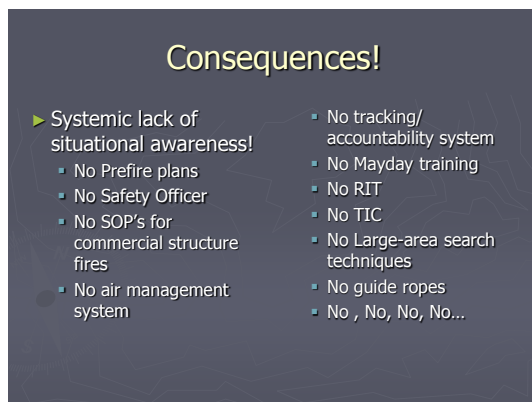
Chief Sullivan’s presentation followed the events of that night with audio clips of the radio transmissions and included corresponding pictures and commentary on the operations as they unfolded. He also included narrative on the building, it’s construction, modifications and systems to allow us to understand, in detail, what they were up against the night.

Six teams went in looking for Paul and Jerry of Rescue 1. Two of those teams were lost in the search.



The slide above “says it all”

Interior commander, District Chief Mike McNamee had to say “no more”, we won’t lose any more !!!



Chief Sullivan was quite candid about what they DID NOT have that night. AND he was complete in his summary of the Board of Inquiry Recommendations. From the 9 specific recommendations came 10

specific “Trainings and Initiatives”. Only a comprehensive pre-plan database remains to be done. Also included was a new training facility. One of the most stressed initiatives was the air management protocol. See slide below. In commercial buildings it’s not the bell, it’s 50% to get out AND every FF uses air differently, you must account for each members time on air !! No, it’s not a 45 minute pack !!

Air Management - Consumption rate testing	
▶ Record air level @ start	4400psi
▶ FF dons face piece starts air - time	0:00
▶ FF performs specific tasks for time	8.5 min
▶ Record air level @ finish	2300psi
▪ Total air used	2100 psi
▪ Divide by time elapsed	<u>/8.5 min</u>
	247 psi/min
▶ Total tank pressure	4500 psi
▶ Divided by psi/min	<u>247 psi/min</u>
	18.2 minutes/ bottle



Ric thanked Chief Sullivan for an excellent evening that we will all remember !!

Business Meeting Highlights

Secretaries report accepted unanimously

Treasurers report accepted unanimously

Wendell Hamilton, SM510, briefed us on the agreement with York County EMA for cross use of each other’s radio systems if the need arises.

Ric reported that SM587 is coming along nicely in re-hab

The internet system will be ready for user test in late June

It was agreed that a radio and internet focused meeting in the summer would be helpful.

Ric will plan that and let us know

The very successful meeting ended about 21:30 with our thanks to Barrington FD