



BOX ALARM



SUMMER / FALL 2026



**SPAAMFAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE, BEST WESTERN-
MARLBOROUGH, MA 8/29/2026**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Members,

The National Convention and Muster was a huge success. The bus trips and banquet sold out and the seminars were all well attended. On Saturday we had eighty pieces of vintage emergency equipment attend the muster. There was a great selection of everything from a late 1700s handtub to late 80s rigs. We also had a half dozen vintage police cruisers as well as visits from local in-service rigs. I want to thank all the members who came out and assisted us with this great event.

—President Boudrow



We at MAFAA wish to thank everyone who came out to support the chapter at this years Summer Conference! We hosted over 80 apparatus from 8 states and over 200 registered guests! Both bus trips were sold out and our speakers were outstanding. Special thanks to Eric Fellows, Joe Mokrisky, John Gasper, and last but not least Michael Boynton.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Oct 10th - 11am “Tailboard” meeting during Boston Fire Prevention Day - Castle Island, South Boston (parade, swap meet, aerial drill team- event starts at 9am)

Sat Nov 14th 10am. Visit to Firefly Restoration (Andy Swift’s shop). 805 Barnestown Rd. Hope, ME.

December Annual Meeting/Holiday Party - Date & Location TBD



MAFAA RADIO CALL SIGNS

MAFAA radio frequency can be used by any member for communication to and from events, and during parades. Contact Ralph Harris for car assignments @ CFD24C1@charter.net

Car 1 Doug Boudrow	Car 6 Ralph Harris Jr.	Car 11 Jay Chatterton	Car 16 Mike Damato
Car 2 Jim McGonagle	Car 7 Daniel Harris	Car 12 Brian Huss	Car 34 Rich Hamilton
Car 3 Tom Fitzgerald	Car 8 Gary Fleischer	Car 13 Don Lennerton	Car 37 Gordon Holstrom
Car 4 Chris Clark	Car 9 Joe Lennerton	Car 14 Kevin Beaulieu	Car 121 Justin Holstrom
Car 5 Ralph Harris Sr.	Car 10 Dave Amiot	Car 15 Brian Anderson	Car 196 Bob Brusket

Here are some rules that will make radio conversations better and more effective:

1. The golden rules to follow are CLARITY, BREVITY, SIMPLICITY and SECURITY.
2. Remember, that you can either listen or you can talk... not both.
3. Identify yourself at the beginning of each transmission by giving your call sign.
4. Listen before transmitting. Don't cross talk.
5. When multiple people are in range, do not answer a transmission unless you know the call is for you. Listen for your call sign.
6. Spell out key words and phrases using the NATO Phonetic Alphabet.
7. Do not say YES or NO. Always use the words "AFFIRMATIVE" or "NEGATIVE".
8. Know what you are going to say before you press the PTT button.
9. Wait for at least a second after pressing the PTT button and before beginning your message.
10. Keep the microphone at right angles to your face. Don't talk directly into it.
11. Speak slowly, distinctly, clearly
12. Do not let your voice trail off at the end of words or sentences.
13. Only acknowledge a message when you fully understand it. Or ask to repeat message with "SAY AGAIN" and not REPEAT.
14. When you have received and understood the message, respond with "10-4", ok on the message, etc.
15. Always acknowledge. Silence is not the completion of a conversation.
16. Talk slowly, do not shout and use a professional tone... emotions are a bad idea.
17. Keep messages shorter than 20 seconds.
18. Use plain English. (No ten codes)

On two-way radios, the common protocol to spell out critical words is to use NATO's phonetic alphabet.

ALPHA
BRAVO
CHARLIE
DELTA
ECHO
FOXTROT

GOLF
HOTEL
INDIA
JULIET
KILO
LIMA

MIKE
NOVEMBER
OSCAR
PAPA
QUEBEC
ROMEO
SIERRA

TANGO
UNIFORM
VICTOR
WHISKEY
XRAY
YANKEE
ZULU



MAFAA CLUB GEAR



Chapter T-Shirt (Sizes Youth
Lrg - 2XL) \$20



Baseball Caps (one size)
snapback mesh \$20



Patches \$5



Decals \$4



2026 June Muster Dash
Plaque \$5



'26 Convention Shirts \$25/\$28
sizes Sm/Med/2XL/3XL/4XL only



'26 Summer
National Dash
Plaque \$5



'26 Summer
National Coin
\$15

Items can be purchased by contacting:

mafaatreasurer@gmail.com

**Items may be picked up at meetings or shipped at the
buyers expense.**

BERKSHIRE SPAAMFAA SHOW 8/19/2026



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2026 SUMMER National Award WINNERS

MAFAA Presidents Award

Boscawen NH 1975 Mack MB - Ricky Hippler

SPAAMFAA Presidents Award

Brocton Fire 1924 Seagrave -SQUAD A -Brocton MA Firefighters

Judge's Choice

1969 Oren 1250 CF -Carmel, NY Dan Halpert

Photographer's Choice

Monson Bellman 1934 Seagrave Ladder Tiller

Best Engine Co.

Lindenwold NJ -American Lafrance Century - Doug Boudrow

Best Ladder Co.

Luverne MN 1957 Seagrave - Dan Kamp

Best Specialty Piece

Mass DCR 6-5 1964 Dodge Power Wagon Forestry

Dedication to Preservation Award

Taftville 1915 Cadillac Type 51- Scott Boenig

Cleanest Apparatus

1926 American Lafrance Type 39 Victory #2 - Terry Fix

Most Original Apparatus

St Louis. 1926 Ahrens Fox Howard Lane

Best Appearing Ahrens Fox

1923 St Paul MN Pumper - Brian Anderson Sr

Best non-motorized

1861 Button Handtub -Okommakamesit

Best Appearing ALF

1926 City Service Ladder - Gardner MA - Zuba Bros

Best Appearing Mack

1979 CF700 - West Frankfort ME - Leo Szymanski

Best Appearing Maxim

1976 F Model- Armonk NY Dennis Ordyna

Best Appearing Pierce

1983 Dash - Deep River Ct - Ernie Cabral / Jeb Barton

Best Appearing Seagrave

1988 Seagrave Pumper Glen Cove NY- Corey Reynolds

Best 1900-1919

1903 Howe Handtub - Wilmington MA - Brian Anderson Jr

Best 1920-1929

1923 MAXIM - NORTHBOROUGH MA

Best 1930-1949

1940 Seagrave - Uxbridge Fire Museum

Best 1950-1959

1955 ALF 700 Series- Larned FD- Steve Nunes

Best 1960-1969

1967 GMC/Maxim Surry NH- Kyle Chapin

Best 1970-1974

1972 Mack R Model - Millbury MA- Mark Strom

Best 1975-1979

1976 Pierce Mini Pumper Central Village CT- Krause

Best 1980-1984

1982 Broad Brook Ct- Lynn Simpkin

Best 1985-1999

1989 Ford F8000 Bellows Falls VT- Derek Chapin

Furthest Driven

1957 Seagrave Ladder - St Paul MN- Dan Kamp

Hard Luck Award

1974 Maxim - Chester NH - Steve Goldsmith

"BRAKE ISSUES"

Best Department Owned

1990 E - One - Carlisle MA Eng7

Best In Show

Medway MA Engine 1 - S Model Maxim

MARKET PLACE

Welcome to the new Marketplace. Email me to list your wanted or sale items.

Email newslettermafaa@comcast.net

WANTED

Wanted: photo or slide collections of fire apparatus .
mzcp@comcast.net Mike Zarrella.

*One pair of headlight bezels for a 1955 Maxim

*Windshield panels for my 1982 American Lafrance

Contact: Bill Clark 248 Boretz Rd , Colchester ,CT 06415

860-537-0122. wclark8@aol.com

FD Patches from - Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and
Maine. Best contact info is:

Tyler Yalian 508-981-8384 T.yalian@yahoo.com

Mack E-Model/Type 45 Parts: including a Two-piece seat,
gas tank, window regulators for half doors, Bulldog &
Base, plus other misc items. Let me know what you have.

Also looking for any Andover, Mass FD memorabilia.

Contact: Dicky Krafton 978-375-6616. dickykrafton@gmail.com

FOR SALE

*Hannay Hose reel-refurbished make me an offer proceeds to benefit the Colchester-Hayward fire Museum fund

* 1000-gallon Waterous two stage pump-make me an offer proceeds to benefit the Colchester Hayward Fire Museum fund

Contact: Bill Clark 248 Boretz Rd , Colchester ,CT 06415
860-537-0122. wclark8@aol.com

Federal Signal Corp Siren - Model 77GA 12v DC
Dual-tone \$1000
Contact: ALFRED AVERIO 508-695-0713

Maxim bumper S series (some pit marks) \$75.00 Ralph
Harris CFD24C1@Charter.net

Lynn 1951 Seagrave pumper. It has been sitting for a while but ran when parked. It comes with a lot of equipment. My phone number is 781-718-8489. Dave Chiaradonna



Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____

Apparatus Owned: (If changed from previous years)

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

TOWN SERVED: _____

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

TOWN SERVED: _____

Membership: (circle) NEW RENEWAL

Member Type: Active \$20 Affiliate \$50 Lifetime \$300 Additional Family \$5

Newsletter: EMAIL or MAIL I wish to be listed in the roster: YES or NO

The Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association (MAFAA) was founded as a local group in early 1977, as a chapter of SPAAMFAA. The purpose of the organization is to promote and preserve antique motorized fire apparatus. However, ownership of apparatus is not required, just a passion for them! A general membership meeting is normally held the first Sunday of each month throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The annual fire apparatus parade, show, and firematic flea market is held in June. A bi-monthly newsletter is published, "Box Alarm" which contains numerous articles, reports, photos and classifieds, and calendar of upcoming events.

Membership in SPAAMFAA is not required, but highly encouraged.

The following classification of memberships are available:

Active: Any individual person 18 year of age or older. (\$20 per year, \$5 each additional family

Affiliate: Any fire department, Museum, or Group owning vintage fire apparatus (\$50 per year)

Life: A one time payment available to individual members (\$300)

Payments via check or money order (Payable to: MAFAA) can be mailed to:

Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association P.O. Box 3235 Andover, Ma. 01810

Online application and payments available : www.massmafaa.com