



BOX ALARM



Fall 2025



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Members, I don't have a whole lot to report this time around, but I did want to take a moment to touch on one important point. Our recent meetings have seen lower attendance than we'd like. While we understand that everyone has busy schedules, these gatherings are an important way to share ideas, connect with one another, and keep the spirit of the association strong.

Looking ahead, we're beginning to put plans in motion for the upcoming national event. Hosting is always a big undertaking, and it takes interest and involvement from all of us to make it a success. I truly hope to see participation pick up in the coming months as we move closer to this exciting opportunity.

Let's keep the momentum going and make sure that when the national comes around, MAFAA is ready to shine.

—President Boudrow

MONTHLY MEETINGS

All meetings are at 10 AM

Oct 5th Malden Fire HQ, 1 Sprague Street

Nov 2 TBD

Dec 7 Christmas Party 1pm @ Garrisons, Billerica

MAFAA CLUB STORE



Short Sleeve Shirts
Sizes Youth Large to Adult 2XL \$20



Baseball Caps (Adjustable- One size fit all. \$20



"New" Patches \$5



Vinyl Decals \$4



2023 Dash Plaque
\$3



2024 Dash Plaque
\$5



2022 Convention Challenge Coin
\$5

Items can be ordered by emailing: mafaatreasurer@gmail.com

Orders can be picked up at a meeting or shipped for a nominal fee.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Hello,, hope everyone had an enjoyable summer season.

This issue you'll find pics from the annual parade. Also thank you Dicky Krafton for sharing pictures of his Mack L pumper formerly Andover E-2.

As always any stories or photos are greatly appreciated. Mike Zarrella,

Newsletter Editor, MAFAA newslettermafaa@comcast.net

2025 EVENTS

Sept. 20 Lee, Ma. Berkshire Chapter of SPAAMFAA Parade & Truck Show. Registration now available. <https://tinyurl.com/3f8d46vs> or contact Dani berkshirespaamfaa@gmail.com

Oct 4. Concord, NH Amoskeag Reserve Engine Co, fire truck show & parade. Hosted by the NH Fire Academy ARFF Facility, 64 Smokey Bear Blvd., 9 am - 2 pm.

Oct 18. Brockton, Ma Brockton Firefighters Car, Bike & Truck Show to benefit the Squad A Seagrave restoration effort. Brockton Fairgrounds Belmont St. 2-6pm. Rain date Sunday Oct 19.

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 48th Anniversary Parade— June 14th 2025

We want to thank everyone who came out despite the wet weather! We had 19 trucks participate in the parade and a total of 22 at the muster. Thank you to All People Church for hosting us on short notice, Wilmington Police and Wilmington Fire for assistance with the parade, and all the vendors, apparatus owners, and the public for your continued support of our organization! 2025 Muster Award Winners:

Loyalty To Fire Service Award - Central Mass Sparks Assoc - 2009 Ford

Rehab Canteen Unit

Dedication To Preservation Award -R. Mendez 1971 Maxim F model "Bantam" Engine

Kid's Choice Award - J. Ditunno 1927 Maxim B50 Pumper -Ditunno Fire

Participant's Choice Award - J. McGonagle 1971 Mack CF Aerialscope. Malden MA

Furthest Distance Traveled - In State. - S. Provencher 1989 Maxim F1500 Portsmouth RI Pumper

Furthest Distance Traveled - Out Of State - B. Clark 1982 ALF Century Pumper - Colchester Ct

Newest Apparatus In Service -Town of Wilmington MA 2020 KME Pumper "Engine 1"

Oldest Apparatus In Service - Town of Andover MA 2005 Pierce Dash 105' Aerial "Ladder 2"

Oldest Non-Motorized - R. Tracy 1852 Douglas Hose Cart Marblehead MA

Lee Soderbeck/MAFAA President's Award - C. Kelly 1966 Pirsch Pumper College Park

Alexander "Sandy" Angus Award/Director's Choice - D. Boudrow 1984 ALF Century Pumper Lindenwold NJ

Alan R. McDonald Award/Firefighter's Choice - J. Babcock 1968 Dodge Powerwagon WM30 Groton MA

Norman "Shultzie" Stone Award/Judge's Choice - J. Morisky 1927 Maxim Stoughton MA Pumper

Joseph A. Klein Award/Photographer's Choice - D. Boudrow 1971 Maxim S Model Cambridge MA

Robert "Maxim" Beals Award/Favorite Maxim - R. Harris Sr 1971 Maxim S Model Worcester MA

Dan Buckley Award/Oldest Private Motorized - J. Ditunno 1927 Maxim B50 Pumper

Ray Pope Award/Best Of Show Runner-Up - S. Goldsmith 1930 Ford Chief's Car

Thomas G. Buckle Award/Best Of Show - J. Crosby - 1969 Crown FireCoach "San Mateo California" Engine



Dicky Krafton's 1945 Mack E , formerly Andover's E-2





In April the new 500-gallon pumper purchased from the Mack Manufacturing Company in 1944 arrived and after undergoing qualifying tests was put in service at Ballardvale. This piece of apparatus takes the place of Engine No. 2, which was over 30 years old.

As authorized by the town meeting, four men were added to the department during 1945. World War II veterans were given provisional appointments to these positions. In August Henry Pomeroy returned to the department and in September Gordon Coutts, both having been honorably discharged from the United States Coast Guard. James Williams returned to the call force after release from the United States Navy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. EDWARD BUCHAN,

Chief, Andover Fire Department

MARKET PLACE

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

Email newslettermafai@comcast.net

WANTED

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

Pair of 1955 Maxim Front fender inner panels & 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 Krafon 978-375-6616. dickykraf-ton@gmail.com

FOR SALE

*1933 Hahn Chemical hose wagon partially restored asking \$7,000

*1956 Chev-American LaFrance Foamite-currently being restored-make me an offer

*Darley Champion front mount pump T model 500gpm Make me an offer-proceeds to benefit the Colchester Hayward Fire Museum fund

*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

*Waukesha 145 GZ gas engine-heads need refurbishing included-Spicer 4753 transmission with clutch and pressure plate, Carburetor Magnito, Distributer and repair manual price-\$2500.00

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