

Canteen News

The Boston Sparks Association recently replaced the original A-10 canteen truck due to serious mechanical issues with the unit that deemed it beyond economical repair. The costs to effect repairs to bring the unit up to a road safe condition were exorbitant due to its age and expected continued serviceability.

The original A-10 has quite a storied history first serving Jersey City New Jersey and the Gong Club since 1976. During its time with the Gong Club Car 26 it made over 2,111 runs of service to the firefighters of the North Jersey Area, before being relocated on its longest mutual aid run to Boston.

During the twenty months in service as A-10 it responded to ninety-seven calls for service including fires, Haz-Mat incidents, funeral details and similar non-emergency community service related runs.

On May 1, 2006 we put in service the “new” A-10 a 1981 Chevrolet C20 van very similar to the original A-10. This unit was graciously donated to us by the Falmouth Fire Department where it served as their dive truck.

After some modifications to the rear compartment area, additional lighting and radios, new batteries and routine service the “New” A-10 was ready to roll.

The first run for the “New” A-10 was to the Milton/Randolph Fire Departments for an extensive brush fire in the Blue Hills Reservation.

We will continue to make upgrades and add equipment to the newer unit as time and funding permits. We are very interested in obtaining donations to get a misting fan for A-10 as well as many other equipment improvements to serve the firefighters of the area and provide comfort.

2006 A-10 Run Report

January

1-04-06 Milton Box 4-17 11 Blue Hill Ave.
1-14-06 Boston Box 2-1233 2 Snelling Place
1-17-06 Belmont Box 2-138 479 Concord Ave.
1-30-06 Somerville Box 3-115 15 Oliver Street

February

2-11-06 Belmont Box 4-414 222 Trapello Road
2-12-06 Waltham Box 3-161 371 Moody Street
2-21-06 Winthrop SC Box 31 404 Revere Street
2-24-06 Quincy/Milton Box 45-4127/2-671 85 Ballou Ave

March

3-27-06 SC Mass State Police Funeral Detail Sgt. Kathy Barrett

May

5-1-06 SC Milton/Randolph Line Brush Fire

June

6-07-06 Boston Fulton & Cross St Power Outage

6-20-06 SC Mass State Police LODD Funeral Detail Trpr. Paul Barry

July

7-14-06 Chelsea Box 4-385 450-452 Eastern Avenue

7-17-06 Revere 2-516 Broadway Circle Overturned Gasoline Tanker

7-18-06 Somerville 3-24 47 Houghton St

August

8-17-06 Boston 5-3722 858 Hyde Park Avenue

8-19-06 Boston 45-1441 9B Hamilton Place

September

9-08-06 Boston 45-211 1855 Washington St