



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Emmett P. Greene

Badge #

Born 02/25/02

Employed 07/01/27 – 07/01/64

Captain 1945

Senior Captain 1954

Secretary to Fire Chief 1945 – 1964

District Deputy NYS Knights of Columbus 1961

Democratic Committee Member

LaSalle Sportsmen Club

St. Teresa's RC Church

Ran for City Council

Previous Employment – NY Central Railroad

Died November, 1970



Niagara Falls Fire Department

William Hannan 1894-1902

Firefighter Hannan was among the first ten firefighters hired when the City of Niagara Falls started a paid department on June 1, 1894.

A popular young man, he worked on Hook & Ladder Truck No. 1 on Niagara Avenue. However, after 7 ½ years he resigned on February 4, 1902 due to ill health.

The Board of Fire Commissioners accepted his resignation and appointed Harvey D. Wales in his place.

Firefighter Wales was killed responding to a fire in 1906.

Died ??



Niagara Falls Fire Department

William J. Hennessey 1908-1946

William Hennessey was born September 26, 1875 in Chicago, Illinois. He came to Niagara Falls at the age of 21 and was appointed as a Firefighter on January 6, 1908 at the age of 32.

He resigned in 1916 but was reinstated in 1917. He was promoted to Captain on February 7, 1924.

During his career he served at Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 4 and Engine 7. He retired April 1, 1946 at the age of 71 after 38 years with the Department.

Captain Hennessey attended the International hotel Fire.

He was a brother-in-law to Chief Leo F. Heck and was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

He passed away on March 10, 1957 at the age of 81.

Died March, 1957



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Francis X. Hickey

Badge #32

Born 08/21/39 Niagara Falls, NY

Employed 12/28/70 - 08/12/00

Work Sequence: E5/P3, E7/P3, E6/P3, E7/P3, FP

**Trainings Include: First Aid, CPR, MET, Advanced First Aid,
Essentials**

President of Local 714

**Board of Directors of 3F Conservation Club
Boy Scouts
Safe Hunting Instructor
NYS Conservation Council
National Wildlife Federation
Ducks Unlimited**

Special Skills - Auto Mechanics, Roofing

Previous Employment - Cramer-Case

Hobbies Include Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Camping, Skiing

United States Marines 1958-1962



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Joseph Higgins

Badge #151

Born 07/10/23 Niagara Falls, NY

Employed 03/12/56 – 08/12/85

Captain 1981

Work Sequence: E2, E1, E4, Office, E4, E5, E6, E7, R/C

**Trainings Include: First Aid, CPR, Advanced First, Aid,
Essentials**

Special Projects

Executive Board Local 714

Picnic Committee - 2 Years

Dinner Committee Local 714

Board of Directors NFFD Credit Union – 8 Years

Firefighter's Ball Committee – 2 Years

Co-Chair 1962 Awards Banquet

Previous Employment – International Graphite

Hobbies Include Softball and Bowling

United States Navy 1945-1950 WWII



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Frederick John Kelly 1908-1933

Frederick Kelly was born October 11, 1876. He was appointed to the Fire Department as a firefighter on May 19, 1908 when he was 32.

Firefighter Kelly served for over 24 years retiring on April 15, 1933.

In 1933, at the age of 57, he became ill and retired. He retired with a pension of \$75 per month.

His illness lasted 10 months and he passed away at his home on Niagara Street.

He was said to be very popular with his fellow firefighters and had a wide circle of friends.

He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Died December, 1933



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Edward J. Kennedy

1913-1945

Edward Kennedy was born November 20, 1886 in Lockport, NY. He was appointed to the Fire Department as a Firefighter on June 29, 1913 at the age of 26.

He was promoted to Captain on February 15, 1924 and worked at Fire Headquarters until his retirement on April 10, 1942 after 28 years of service. He died on December 27, 1945 at the Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua, where he had been a patient since his retirement.

He was a veteran of WWI and was a member of the John J. Welch Post, No. 318 American Legion and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

On his own, and later with friend Matthew Krausmann and others, Captain Kennedy maintained a soup kitchen in the basement of Fire Headquarters during the Depression. After seeing the thousands of men seeking employment as they passed through the City without the price of a decent meal Captain Kennedy would prepare meals at his own expense. At times as many as 200 men a day were given a nourishing meal at no charge.

In a Niagara Gazette editorial after his death Captain Kennedy was called one of the best firefighters on the City Department, as well as a champion of the downtrodden who deserved a place of honor in the hall of champions.

Died December, 1945



Niagara Falls Fire Department

James J. Keough 1904-1934

James Keough was born September 26, 1870 in Canada but was raised in Niagara Falls. He was appointed as a Firefighter on October 11, 1904 after serving a year on the Police Department.

He was a lover of horses and his knowledge of horses led him to the fire service when horse-drawn vehicles were the standard equipment of the department

He was promoted to Captain March 3, 1913 and served one year at Headquarters before being transferred to Engine 3. He was in charge at Engine 3 for 20 years. He was also a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association.

Captain Keough became one of the most highly respected and well liked members of the Fire Department. Fire Chief George Wood said, "He was one of the finest men I have ever met. He was beloved by the men on the department and he held the respect and confidence of his superiors. He was a splendid executive, used exceptionally good judgment in all matters and was the confidant and advisor of his men."

On October 11, 1934 at age 63 he died from pneumonia after an illness of only a few days.

Captain Keough was unmarried and resided with his three sisters on Cedar Avenue.

Died October, 1934



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Earl J. Lenhart

1926-1960

Earl Lenhart was born September 12, 1894 in Royersford, PA. He came to Niagara Falls at age 17, working several jobs before being appointed to the Fire Department as a Firefighter on June 1, 1926 at age 31.

He served most of his career at Fire Headquarters and fought the major fires at Maloney Coal, Cataract House, Gluck Building, W.T. Grant, Haeberle Lumber and Loretto Academy.

He retired April 1, 1960 after 33 years of service. He passed away June 26, 1971.

Firefighter Lenhart was the father of City controller Earl J. Lenhart, Jr.

He was a member of the Golden Age Club, the Retired Men's Service Club, Niagara Falls Uniformed Firefighters Local 714 and The Holy Name Society at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Died June, 1971



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Robert E. Lynch

Badge #105

Born 04/19/26 Niagara Falls, NY

Employed 11/10/52 – 03/15/73

Captain 1968

**Work Sequence: E4/P1, E7/P1, E9/P3, R/C P1,
Captain E4/P1**

**Trainings Include: First Aid, Pump Operator, Essentials,
Basic, Intermediate & Advanced Firefighter**

**Picnic Chairman of Local 714 1955
Trustee of Local 714 1955-1967**

Previous Employment – Industry

Hobbies Include Sports

United States Navy 1943-1946

Died November, 1995



Niagara Falls Fire Department

John J. Mahoney
1908-1936

John Mahoney was born September 11, 1884 in Niagara Falls, NY. He was appointed to the Fire Department as a firefighter on January 8, 1908 at age 23.

He was appointed as Engineer June 1 1921 and promoted to Captain June 21, 1928. He worked for 28 years at Firehouse 3.

An avid sports fan, he was the President of the Frontier Anglers Club and had a wide circle of friends on and off the job. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and he was the brother of Firefighter Charles Mahoney.

Captain Mahoney died unexpectedly October 15, 1936 at age 52 after being stricken by a brain hemorrhage. He was reported by the Niagara Gazette as being one of the most popular firefighters on the Department.

Captain Mahoney was given an Honor Guard at his funeral. Honorary pall bearers were Assistant Chief James O'Neill, Captains William Birmingham, Gilbert Beck, Matthew Lee, William Hennessey, Edward Kennedy, Edward Wilson, Charles Roll and George Steve.

Died October, 1936



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Aloysius A. McIntyre 1937-1948

Aloysius McIntyre was born June 2, 1906 in West Virginia. He came to Niagara Falls at the age of 22 and was appointed to the Fire Department as a Firefighter on November 15, 1937 at the age of 31.

He was appointed Master Mechanic on February 5, 1948.

Firefighter McIntyre had a fatal heart attack while on duty at Firehouse 2 and died June 22, 1948.

There was a Fire Department Honor Guard at his funeral.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Died June, 1948



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Paul J. McGraw

1923-1926

1927-1929

Born in 1900 in Niagara Falls, Paul McGraw was appointed to the Fire Department as a Firefighter on April 16, 1923.

He resigned September 25, 1926 but was reappointed in August of 1927. He took a medical leave of absence in May, 1928 and remained off sick until he died on January 3, 1929.

Firefighter McGraw's death was a result of a long illness attributed to exposure while serving overseas in WWI. He had enlisted at Fort Niagara on his 18th birthday. He served in France and he subsequently reenlisted.

During his first leave he spent five months in a United States Marine Hospital and greatly improved but later became ill again.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and was the brother of Firefighter Edward McGraw.

Died January, 1929



Niagara Falls Fire Department

Joseph J. McMahon

Badge #

Born 07/30/1882

Employed 01/06/08 – 04/08/45

Engineer 1923

Captain 1927

**Niagara Gazette Editorial praised his life and work after his death
Delayed retirement because of the war**

Trainings Include:

**First Aid Instructor
Head of Civilian Protection Corps
Headed City Paper Drive during WWII**

**Memberships:
Holy Name Society
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
Elks Lodge 247
Knights of Columbus**

WWI Veteran

Died April, 1945