

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1924

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF OF
MASSACHUSETTS

1923 - 1924

GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN, *Chairman.*
 DANIEL J. LOONEY, BOSTON, *Secretary.*
 JAMES JACKSON, BOSTON, *State Treasurer.*

[Appointed by the Governor.]

GEORGE F. HARWOOD, LYNN	Term expires Dec. 1, 1926.
FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL	Term expires Dec. 1, 1925.
[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]	
EDWARD J. COVENEY, BOSTON	Term expires Sept. 1, 1926.
MICHAEL F. TURNER, NEWTON	Term expires Sept. 1, 1925.

LEGISLATION

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 10.

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

SECTION 21. There shall be a board to be known as the commissioners on firemen's relief serving in the department and consisting of the state treasurer, ex officio, two members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, and two members appointed by the Massachusetts state firemen's association. Upon the expiration of the term of office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed as aforesaid for two years. Any vacancy existing shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 48.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

SECTION 81. The sum of eighteen thousand dollars may be paid annually, from the state treasury to furnish relief to firemen injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going thereto or returning therefrom, or while engaged in company drills, when such drills are ordered by the chief, acting chief or board of engineers of the fire department, or required by city ordinance or town by-law, and to widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty. Payments on account of said relief shall be determined in manner and amount, on properly approved vouchers, by the commissioners on firemen's relief, in the same manner as other claims against the commonwealth. Five hundred dollars of the amount hereby authorized may be expended for the traveling and incidental expenses of said commissioners.

SECTION 82. Any officer or member in active service in an incorporated protective department co-operating with a fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits provided by the preceding section.

SECTION 83. If a person entitled under either of the two preceding sections to the benefits provided in section eighty-one is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of duties entitling him to such benefits, and his death is certified to the state comptroller by the town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner, the state comptroller shall certify for payment to the executor or administrator of such persons, out of the appropriation annually made for the purpose, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased person for support. A child of full age dependent upon such person for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

STATISTICS

Appropriation 1924.

Relief	\$17,500.00
Incidentals, Appropriation	\$500.00
Balance from 1923	37.96
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	\$18,037.96

Payments in 1924.

Claims	\$ 5,256.00
Minor children	10,904.00
Incidentals	444.37
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	\$16,604.37
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	\$1,433.59
Claims allowed to Nov. 30, 1923, paid out of deficiency appropriation, included above	1,299.50
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Balance	\$ 134.09

Incidental Expenses in Detail.

Clerical work	\$175.88
Traveling expenses	162.46
Office supplies	91.91
Postage	14.12

Total \$444.37

Claims of Minor Children.

City or Town and Number of Beneficiaries	Total Number of Weeks	Amount of Benefits paid at \$2 per week
Boston 29	1509	\$3,018.00
Brockton 8	463	926.00
Brookline 6	366	732.00
Cambridge 6	290	580.00
Chelsea 2	26	52.00
Chicopee 2	47	94.00
Fall River 3	183	366.00
Gloucester 3	183	366.00
Grafton 1	61	122.00
Holyoke 17	893	1,786.00
Hudson 1	61	122.00
Lexington 4	20	40.00
Lowell 7	239	478.00
Ludlow 1	61	122.00
Lynn 6	236	472.00
Millers Falls 1	61	122.00
Milton 3	80	160.00
Natick 2	122	244.00
Peabody 1	13	26.00
Revere 4	244	488.00
Salem 3	183	366.00
Salisbury 1	13	26.00
Springfield 1	43	86.00
Worcester 1	55	110.00
113	5452	\$10,904.00

*Claims of Injured Firemen.**

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investigated	Rejected	Amounts Paid
Agawam	1	—	1	—	\$145.50
Andover	1	—	—	—	79.50
Ashland	1	—	—	—	36.00
Athol	1	—	—	—	18.00
Attleboro	1	1	1	—	25.50
Beverly	—	1	—	—	8.00
Boston	—	93	14	9	1,791.00
Braintree	1	—	—	—	21.00
Brockton	—	3	1	1	116.50
Brookline	—	3	1	—	82.50
Buzzards Bay	1	—	—	—	25.50
Cambridge	—	15	2	—	176.00
Canton	—	1	—	—	19.50
Chelsea	—	2	—	—	100.00
Chicopee	—	1	—	—	8.00
Cohasset	—	1	—	—	28.50
Easthampton	—	1	—	—	8.00
Everett	—	5	—	1	63.00
Fall River	—	2	—	—	32.50
Falmouth	1	—	1	—	126.00
Fitchburg	1	1	—	—	99.50
Frammingham	—	1	—	—	10.00
Gardner	—	—	—	1	—
Gloucester	2	1	—	—	188.00
Hamilton	3	—	—	—	76.50
Holliston	1	—	1	—	19.50

* Claims considered, 257. Claims allowed, 238. Accident Claims rejected, 19.

Claims of Injured Firemen (Concluded).

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investi- gated	Rejected	Amounts Paid
Holyoke	-	4	1	-	46.50
Lawrence	-	2	-	-	12.50
Lowell	-	10	-	-	138.00
Lynn	-	14	-	-	193.50
Marshfield	-	-	1	1	-
Medford	-	1	-	-	39.00
Melrose	-	1	-	-	6.50
Millbury	1	-	-	-	12.00
Needham	-	1	-	-	10.50
New Bedford	-	9	1	-	214.50
Newburyport	3	-	1	-	132.00
Newton	-	2	-	-	50.00
North Andover	1	-	-	-	67.50
North Attleboro	2	-	2	-	130.50
North Easton	-	-	-	1	-
Peabody	1	2	1	-	64.00
Pittsfield	-	1	-	1	9.00
Pottersville	1	-	-	-	58.50
Revere	-	1	-	-	12.50
Rockland	1	-	1	-	63.00
Salem	2	2	1	2	87.00
Shrewsbury	1	1	1	-	51.00
Somerville	-	5	-	-	82.00
Springfield	-	3	2	-	65.50
Swampscott	1	-	-	-	12.00
Taunton	-	2	-	-	56.00
Wellesley	-	-	1	-	-
Westboro	1	-	-	1	45.00
Weston	-	1	-	-	7.50
Winchester	1	-	-	-	79.50
Winthrop	-	1	-	-	15.00
Worcester	-	12	3	1	191.50
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