

SECOND "MOON" IS FIREBOAT SIGNAL

Displayed on Bristol-St Headquarters Tower.

Craft Will Not Go Up Fort Point Channel Unless Needed.

The mystery of two moons has been solved.

Scores of people claimed that they saw two moons shining on Thursday evening, and one man went to station 5, East Dedham st, and told Lieut Crowley of an observation he had made from the Dover-st bridge.

The astronomy class hurried out to obtain a glimpse of the second moon, but all they could observe was the regular moon, which they calculated was on the job somewhere near Uphams corner.

The second moon appeared, so the observer from the Dover-st bridge said, to be keeping a fainely eye over the South End

Information from fire headquarters yesterday afternoon satisfied the police that the men who said there were two moons early Thursday night were wrong, or, to be put mildly, were mistaken.

It seems that Commissioner Daly, after a consultation with several of his department heads, figured that it would be a good plan to equip the headquarters building with certain signaling apparatus in order to save fireboat 44, which responds to most every one of the boxes located along the Fort Point channel and South bay, from coming the entire distance when its services are not required.

One of the starboard lights from old fireboat 31 was put into commission and equipped with a reflector and a 32-candle-power light, which was inclosed in a red bulb and established on the extreme northeast corner of the tower of the headquarters building on Bristol st.

An order was sent out by Commissioner Daly directing district chiefs to notify the fire alarm office if the fireboat was needed when certain boxes which the boat, according to the running card, responds to in the South End and South Boston. If the boat was not needed the fire alarm office, according to the order, was to be immediately notified.

Then the operators in the fire alarm office were to switch on the red light on the top of the headquarters building. On a clear night this light can be seen from the Northern-av bridge. According to the order the commander of the fireboat upon seeing the light is to have the horn tooted three times and that is to be followed by one long screech from the siren. The signal from the boat is to notify the operators at headquarters that the light has been seen.

The light can be seen by the draw-tenders at Northern av, Congress st, Summer st, Dorchester av and the man in the signal tower at the New Haven railroad bridge. From Broadway Extension bridge and Dover st the light is easily observed.