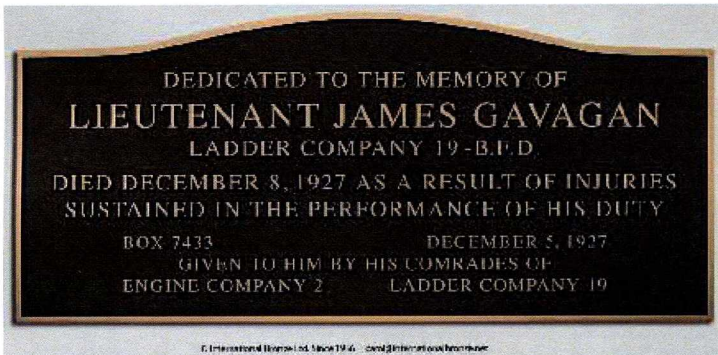




Ladder Company 19
Memorial Plaque Dedication

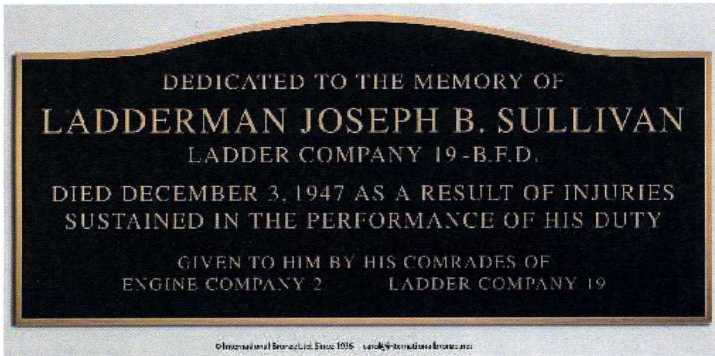
Lt. James Gavagan
Fn. Joseph B. Sullivan

December 3, 2011



Lieutenant James Gavagan December 8, 1927

On December 5, 1927, at 1825 hours, Alarm Box 7433 was struck for 650 East 4th Street - at the time, the area Police Station. Lt. Gavagan and other members of Ladder Company 19 were fighting the fire found in the photo lab. Overcome by smoke and gas inhalation, Lt. Gavagan was transported to Boston City Hospital where he succumb to his injuries days later. With 30 years of service, he died at the age of 59.



Ladderman Joseph B. Sullivan December 3, 1947

On December 3, 1947, while road testing a new piece of apparatus - known as the "White Elephant" - the brakes failed and the piece overturned along the Strandway in South Boston. Ladderman Sullivan of Ladder 19 was killed. Other members onboard, including the tillerman, were thrown 30 feet from the wreckage, but survived. Ladderman Sullivan was survived by his wife and 2 children. He was 33 years old. His 3rd child was born a month after his death.



A special thanks to all the members of the Sullivan family who were able to attend, as well as to all our other friends, family, and official guests of the city and state. Thank you to both the Boston and State Police for their assistance.

Please join us immediately after on the main floor of the firehouse for breakfast and refreshments.

