

Offered by Councilor Michael Ross

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINE



AN ORDER CALLING ON THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF HUNTINGTON AVENUE AS LIEUTENANT KEVIN M. KELLEY AVENUE

- WHEREAS*, Boston Fire Department Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley, a second generation Boston firefighter, was born and raised in the Dorchester section of Boston, attended the Don Bosco High School in the South End, and also spent some time at the University of Massachusetts at Boston; and,
- WHEREAS*, Lieutenant Kelley demonstrated exceptional commitment to public safety by serving our nation in the United States Army and then serving our community for over 30 years with the Boston Fire Department; and,
- WHEREAS*, Lieutenant Kelley was the fourth most senior lieutenant with the Boston Fire Department and served for almost twenty years at the Huntington Street firehouse, one of the busiest firehouses in the City, and on Ladder 26, the most active of the ladder units; and,
- WHEREAS*, Lieutenant Kelley demonstrated exceptional courage in a tragic crisis on January 9, 2009, when Ladder 26 lost control while descending the steep incline of Parker Hill Avenue and crashed into an apartment building on Huntington Avenue. During these extreme circumstances, Lieutenant Kelley instructed the driver to avoid pedestrians warned other firefighters to brace for impact; and,
- WHEREAS*, Lieutenant Kelley's death in this horrible accident reminded Boston of the great sacrifices that public safety officers make in the line of duty. Lieutenant Kelley's quick thinking, years of expertise and selfless sacrifice likely prevented the deaths of many more citizens; and,
- WHEREAS*, Lieutenant Kelley was posthumously awarded the Martin E. Pierce Medal of Valor for his heroism and sacrifice on January 9, 2009. His long history of public service and valor warrants the utmost respect and honor by the City he served;
NOW, THEREFORE

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston:

That the Boston Transportation Department ceremonially designate Huntington Avenue, from Longwood Avenue to Ruggles Street, as "Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley Avenue" to honor and commemorate his honorable sacrifice in the line of duty.