

# SIGNAL 7-5

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### House Fire on Dictum Ct. Box 3676 (October 18)

GBFD was first on scene at Box 3676 for a house fire, our Engine 1 stretched a line into the front door and E321 stretched a line into the read. FDNY units and GBFD were able to extinguish.



### Car Fire Back Weeds Box 3676 (October 4)

Engine One and the Brush Fire Unit responded to a fully involved large car fire in the back weeds. Flames were visible from multiple locations on the avenue. The fire required over 1000 gallons of water to extinguish and burned for almost 40 minutes. Fire Marshalls are investigating.



### New Achilles Boat Deployed. (August 30)

GBFD responded to a boat in distress at the Gerritsen inlet. The boat was found on the other side of the Gerritsen Inlet bridge. It was the first time our new Achilles boat was used in an emergency. The Achilles is the latest tool we utilize to respond to water emergencies

### CPR / FIRST AID Classes



If you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of someone you love: a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend. 80 percent of sudden cardiac arrests happen in private or residential settings. • Unfortunately, only 41 percent of people who experience a cardiac arrest at home, work or in public get the immediate help that they need before emergency help arrives.

Hands-Only CPR has been shown to be as effective as conventional CPR for sudden cardiac arrest at home, at work or in public. It can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival. Check GBFD.net for details.

**2015 Response  
TOTALS**

JANUARY	36
FEBUARY	29
MARCH	27
APRIL	25
MAY	28
JUNE	30
JULY	26
AUGUST	30
SEPTEMBER	32
OCTOBER	

**New Rescue Apparatus**



Have you seen something new parked at the Firehouse? This is our new Rescue apparatus donated by the Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department in the Bronx. This rig will be used to compliment our Engine, BFU and Achilles. It will contain specialized equipment the other units do not carry. We look forward to having it fully operational by years end

**UPCOMING RAGGAMUFFIN PARADE**



Come join us Thanksgiving Day for our Annual Raggamuffin Parade  
 Start: Avenue W & Plumb 2nd  
 End: Firehouse—Seba Avenue  
 Bring your children to meet Santa Claus!

**NY Rising 2.4 Million Dollar Award**

The Gerritsen Beach Fire Department is the recipient of a project to increase the resiliency and response capability of the Training Hall (formerly Blue Star Mothers). This project, through NY Rising ( [www.stormrecovery.ny.gov](http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov)) plans to retrofit the first floor with flood barriers, hurricane-rated roll-up doors, and will elevate or enclose the mechanical systems. They will be adding a second floor above the Base Flood Elevation to increase space for response planning activities, training, and storage of Supplies. The new second floor would contain equipment needed for round-the-clock emergency response operations, including a full industrial kitchen, facilities for first responders such as cots, toilets and showers, and communications equipment. cost is estimated as \$2.4 million dollars. The cost includes the following work (or elements thereof): extensive upgrades to the first floor, construction of a second floor, installation of resiliency equipment including flood barriers and generators, new building features to support 24-hour response operations such as an industrial kitchen and hygiene facilities. Costs for engineering and design, and construction management, are included in the estimate.



**GET INVOLVED**

Do you have the commitment, the dedication, the drive to do something great? Have you always wanted to do more for your community, but you didn't know how or where to start? Have you been longing to take on a new challenge and be a part of something big and impactful, where pride is the reward? Find out if you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. Take the first step. **Volunteer at [www.gbfd.net](http://www.gbfd.net)**

