

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **Boston Fire Department Employee Sentenced for Perjury & Obstruction of Justice,** April 2010

A joint investigation conducted by the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Boston Police Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office led to Erica Boylan, age 31, of Boston, being sentenced by U.S. District Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. to two years probation and 200 hours of community service. Boylan pled guilty to one count each of perjury and obstruction of justice on December 16, 2009.

At the earlier plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that had the case proceeded to trial the Government's evidence would have proven that while testifying under oath before a federal grand jury investigating fraud within the Boston Fire Department, Boylan, a clerk in the Personnel Department, made material false statements when asked about delaying accidental disability retirement forms.

For additional information, see Inspector General's Investigation of Boston Fire Department Accidental Disability Pension Fraud Update, February 2010.