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#### **Boston Fire Department District Chief Indicted, November 2014**

On November 13, 2014, Edward A. Scigiano IV, a district chief in the Boston Fire Department (BFD), was indicted on five counts of procurement fraud and five counts of larceny by a Suffolk County grand jury.

According to the indictment, at various points between 2008 and 2011, Scigiano directed two separate schemes to enrich himself by illegally diverting funds that vendors owed to the city of Boston. In one scheme, Scigiano allegedly induced a supplier of fire trucks to pay credit balances on the city's account directly to him. He also allegedly directed the fire truck supplier to pay his personal credit card bills of more than \$32,000, claiming the Fire Commissioner had authorized the payments.

In a second scheme, Scigiano allegedly arranged unauthorized exchanges for items listed in purchase orders with another equipment vendor. Through the unauthorized exchanges, Scigiano allegedly received \$14,000 in items for his personal use, including a 52-inch high-definition television, a living room set, an elliptical machine and gift cards.

The Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General worked on this matter in a combined investigation with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Division.

For more information on Scigiano's indictment, see the Massachusetts Attorney General's press release attached below.



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## Boston Fire Department District Chief Indicted on Procurement Fraud, Larceny Charges

### Allegedly Illegally Obtained Personal Profits in Two Schemes

**BOSTON** – A Boston Fire Department District Chief has been indicted on procurement fraud and larceny charges in connection with two alleged illicit schemes to enrich himself, Attorney General Martha Coakley announced today.

Edward A. Scigiano, IV, age 45, of Kingston, was indicted today by a Suffolk County Grand Jury on charges of Procurement Fraud (5 counts) and Larceny over \$250 (5 counts). He will be arraigned in Suffolk Superior Court on Nov. 25.

The AG's Office began an investigation after the matter was referred by the Inspector General's Office and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Division, which conducted an initial investigation. Those two agencies worked together with the AG's Office throughout the remainder of the investigation. Scigiano is a Boston Fire Department (BFD) District Chief and previously served as a Drillmaster at the Boston Fire Academy (BFA).

"We allege that this defendant abused his position as a public employee in order to benefit personally," said AG Coakley. "He allegedly stole tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars that should have gone back to the City of Boston, and instead, directed that money for his own personal use."

"This indictment is the result of excellent cooperation between my office and the Attorney General's office on a very complex case involving procurement fraud," said Massachusetts Inspector General Glenn A. Cunha.

Between 2008 and 2011, Scigiano allegedly used two separate schemes to enrich himself, including one in which he profited from checks from an emergency vehicle vendor that did business with BFD and another scheme to personally profit from items purchased by an equipment vendor that supplied BFD.

Investigation revealed that Scigiano personally profited from checks from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, Inc. (Greenwood), a fire apparatus and ambulance dealership that supplied fire trucks to BFD. Scigiano was the principal contact between BFD and Greenwood with regard to the acquisition of fire trucks.

Scigiano allegedly directed Greenwood to issue checks to his personal credit cards totaling more than \$32,000, money that was credit balances that were owed to the City of Boston. Scigiano allegedly falsely represented that he was authorized by the Fire Commissioner to receive checks that were the result of credit balances on the City of Boston's account with Greenwood. He would allegedly falsely claim that the money was for items he had purchased for the BFA.

According to authorities, Scigiano also orchestrated another scheme in which he profited from items purchased by Northeast Rescue Systems, Inc. (Northeast), a distributor of equipment to fire departments and emergency services agencies including BFD. Scigiano allegedly arranged unauthorized exchanges for items listed in purchase orders that Northeast had pending with the City of Boston.

The investigation revealed that Scigiano directed Northeast to purchase more than \$14,000 worth of items for his alleged personal use instead of what was quoted in the original purchase order. Those personal items included a 52 inch HD TV, a gas grill, a living room set, an elliptical machine, and gift cards for Home Depot and Lowes. The purchase orders, however, were never revised or cancelled to reflect the exchanges requested by Scigiano, and the City paid Northeast in full for the ultimately undelivered items.

These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Peter A. Mullin and Erika Anderson of AG Coakley's Public Integrity Division, with assistance from SallyAnn Nelligan, Director of the AG's Financial Investigations Division, State Police assigned to the AG's Office, the AG's Digital Evidence Lab, the Massachusetts Inspector General's Office and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Division. The Boston Fire Department has fully cooperated with the investigation.

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