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## FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

IS ESSENTIALLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND BUSINESS PROBLEM.

Has the time come for the appointment of a  
Fire Commissioner

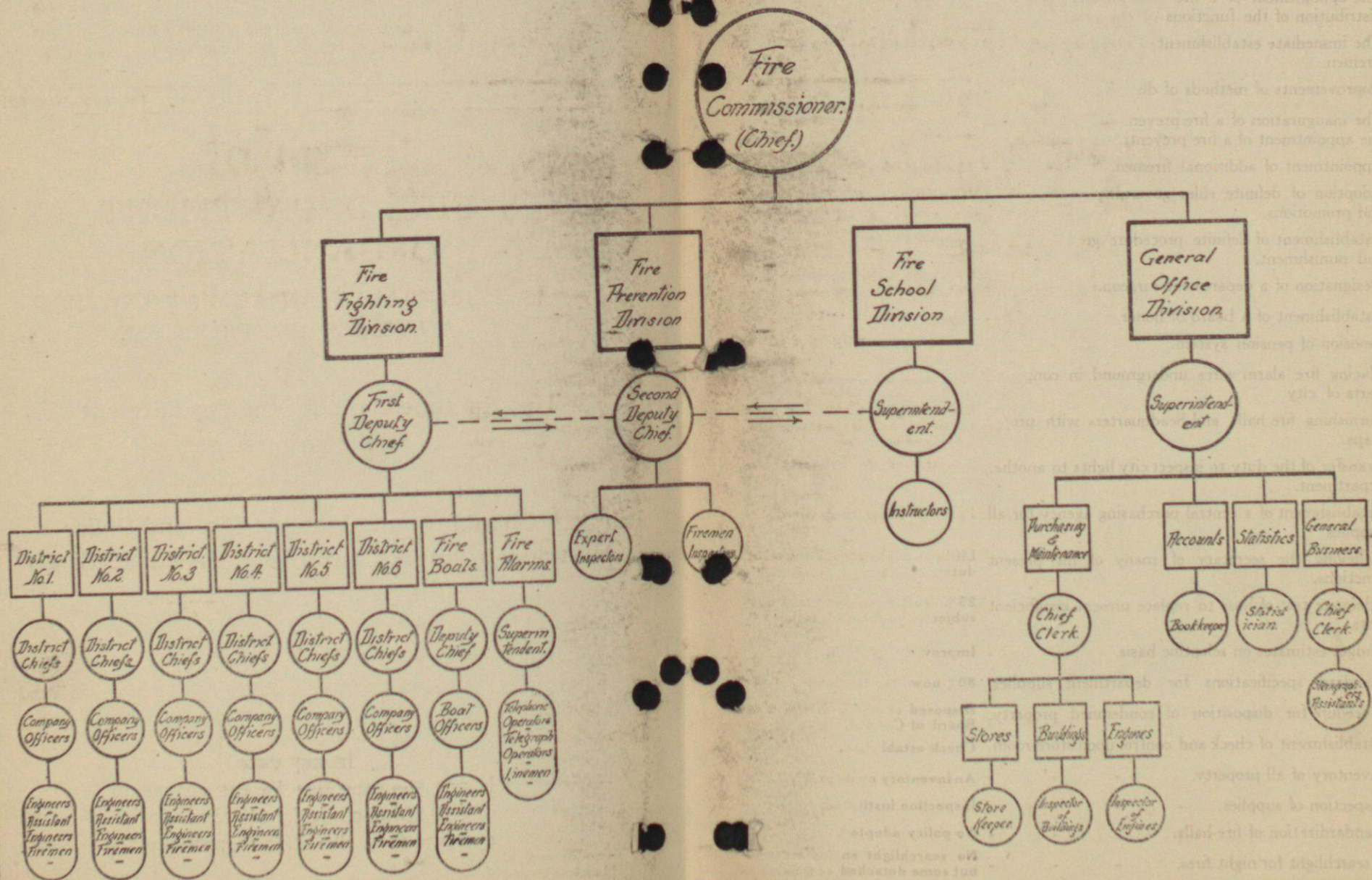
or

Should we amalgamate Fire and Police  
under a single Commission of Public Safety  
appointed by the city.

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In any case  
is not the time ripe for the setting up  
of a definite, co-ordinated civil service  
system for all civic departments?

THE CHART BELOW REPRODUCES, WITH SLIGHT CHANGES, A PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION OUTLINED BY THE BUREAU THREE YEARS AGO. THE CHART IS AGAIN OFFERED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.



Five years ago 25 suggestions were made as to improvements in the Fire Department as then organized. A summary of the recommendations and present status is given below :

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN 1913.	PRESENT STATUS.
1. The appointment of a fire commissioner and a re-distribution of the functions of the chief.	Not appointed.
2. The immediate establishment of a training school for firemen.	A beginning has been made.
3. Improvements of methods of discipline.	New rules and regulations now in force.
4. The inauguration of a fire prevention campaign and the appointment of a fire prevention commission.	Fire prevention inspection inaugurated.
5. Appointment of additional firemen.	Much enlarged force.
6. Adoption of definite rules governing appointments and promotions.	No civil service system.
7. Establishment of definite procedure governing trial and punishment.	No change.
8. Designation of a department surgeon.	Work done by Department of Public Health extended.
9. Establishment of a board of honor.	None.
10. Revision of pension system.	Revised according to By-Law No. 7951.
11. Placing fire alarm wires underground in congested parts of city.	Now done where possible.
12. Furnishing fire halls and headquarters with proper maps.	Maps furnished covering most important details—water-mains, hydrants, etc.
13. Transfer of the duty to inspect city lights to another department.	Transferred to Property Department.
14. Establishment of a central purchasing agency for all supplies.	Purchasing not centralized.
15. Relieving the secretary of many of his present functions.	Little change except removal of duties of lighting inspection.
16. Adequate test of hose to replace present insufficient tests.	25% of all hose purchased now subjected to pressure test.
17. Budget estimates on scientific basis.	Improved.
18. Standard specifications for department supplies.	80% now standardized.
19. Procedure for disposition of condemned property.	Disposed of under direction of Board of Control.
20. Establishment of check and control upon store-room.	Check established.
21. Inventory of all property.	An inventory made yearly.
22. Inspection of supplies.	Inspection instituted.
23. Standardization of fire-halls.	No policy adopted.
24. A searchlight for night fires.	No searchlight engine secured, but some detached searchlights now in use.
25. New records and reporting system.	Progress good.