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FINALLY, IT'S OURS! Safety Signal Unit Vacates the Building

It finally happened! Just after reporting to the membership at the annual meeting that we had still not been able to oust the Safety Signal Unit from the building, they moved out on February 11. It took terrific pressure to accomplish this goal but our efforts were finally rewarded. A special thanks goes to Craig Tame, Chief Safety and Health Officer of the City of Cleveland, who was our principal contact. Our project manager, Scott Carpenter, made numerous phone calls and attended city council meetings to continually remind the city administration of our need to have Safety Signal Unit relocated.

Photo by Scott Carpenter



With Safety Signal gone, volunteers were able to help cut up two huge expansion tanks. The original heating system was hot water and when it was converted to steam, these tanks were left in the basement along with many other obsolete pieces of equipment.

When Safety Signal did leave, it was a very hurried move and years of old equipment, files and "junk" were left in the building. I want to give a special thanks to the Cleveland firefighters who came in following the move and helped us completely fill a large empty dumpster in four hours!

Now that we have control of the entire building we cannot use Safety Signal as an excuse. We need to move forward as quickly as possible. We have done an excellent job of cleaning out most of the building making it ready for restoration and renovation. We are receiving

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PRESIDENT'S LOG

By John Zangerle

The Fire Museum Needs You

I confess—I was beginning to think it would never happen. I wondered if we were ever going to get Safety Signal out. But we did and that's the good news. The bad news is that we now have no excuses. We need to press forward quickly and make the museum a reality.

As you will see in other parts of this Newsletter, a lot has been happening this year. When Safety Signal left, we were faced with a major cleanup. Right after that, the museum hosted the Flats Oxbow luncheon, and a week later the annual flea market was held at the Fire Training Academy. All of these activities require many volunteers to make them happen. Like many volunteer organizations, we keep going back to the same people and asking for more and more of their time. We need to involve more of our members so we don't risk burning out those who spend so much of their time working on museum activities.

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OURS!

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support from Cleveland firefighters who are helping us on Thursdays which are “workdays.” Any member with time is welcome to come down and join us. I want to thank Chief of Department Paul Stubbs and Battalion Chief Pat Kelly for making the Thursday workday program an official

fire department activity.

One of the many benefits of having Safety Signal out is our ability to use the entire apparatus bay area. On Thursday, February 24, we hosted the Flats Oxbow Association bimonthly luncheon. Approximately 85 people attended the lunch, including two Cleveland councilmen, Craig Tame and the mayor’s chief of staff, Chris Ronayne.

The lunch was catered by Ed Nar of CFD Engine 39. As usual, Ed did a great job.

We are expecting to make significant progress this spring. Our project manager has already talked with contractors and trade associations that are willing to donate supplies, equipment and even labor. This is truly an exciting time as we watch the project start to come together. ■

Photos by Scott Carpenter



^ “The Before,” as Safety Signal left.

> Once unearthed, Safety Signal’s abandoned furniture proved to be worth saving. Their Steelcase desks and tables will come in handy in the Museum’s new offices planned for the first floor.



^ “The After,” here’s what the storage room looked like after our eager and able volunteers got done. Safety Signal left behind so much garbage it took more than a 20 cubic yard dumpster to dispose of it all.

LOG

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Like the old Uncle Sam recruiting posters, the Fire Museum needs you! We are saving money by doing cleanup and demolition work ourselves. Now we are reaching the stage where we will also need skilled tradesmen to provide help. If you have a skill or have friends who can assist, please let us know. So far we have focused on Thursday workdays, but this does not accommodate those with Monday through Friday jobs. We are planning to initiate Saturday workdays starting Saturday, April 30, so others can help. If you have some time available and can’t join us on Thursday or Saturday, we will be happy to make other arrangements for you as well.

While everyone has been focused on workdays, we have other needs that are equally important. We need assistance with our Newsletter, particularly in layout and setup areas. We also need help in cataloging our collection. This involves photographing and filling out information on our collection as well as organizing our vast collection of CFD log books. Contact us at the Museum (216) 664-6312 on Thursday or leave a message on the answering machine.

Finally—and most important—we need help in fund raising. I cannot overstate how difficult it is in this economic environment. We need help in several areas. First, if you have any contacts with corporations, foundations or other sources that could provide even modest grants or funding, let us know. Keep in mind that we are also looking for gifts in-kind such

as free materials that we could use in the renovation process. Office materials, printing, or services are also needed. Second, we need volunteers to help with or even organize fundraising projects. Joe Mason is coordinating the firefighters Memorial Biker Rally that will start at the museum, Sunday, May 29. He will need lots of help—both organizing and on the day of the event. If you are not ready to help run or organize an activity, just let us know that you can help in other ways and we will find work for you. From a “big picture” perspective, getting more volunteers involved is vitally important to the museum’s future success. We must build a broad base of active members and volunteers which will be essential when the museum is up and running. Come on down and join the fun. ■

FIREFIGHTER'S SUPPORT

A Report from the Executive Director

A lot has happened since our last newsletter and I wanted to bring everyone up to date on what has been going on, but since space is limited and I don't want to bore anyone by rambling on, I'll try to keep it brief.

We did a mailing to all the CFD retirees and surviving spouses to let them know about the Museum, and asked them for their support. We sent out nearly 1,400 letters. It was a very successful campaign. I hope, that as the project progresses, we'll get even more retirees to join. Out of this mailing came responses from widows to have their husbands acknowledged for their careers as CFD firefighters. So we've started a list for those who give on behalf of a family member. Their names will be placed on a plaque in the Museum.

As you have no doubt already read in the newsletter, Safety Signal has moved out. That meant we had to clean out the area they had vacated. Where do we go to get the help? We came up with **THURSDAY WORKDAY** for our members to come down and help out. Battalion Chief Pat Kelly and Captain Roy Ziganti at Headquarters put together a Battalion Competition to get Cleveland Firefighters to volunteer on their days off. Their effort has really paid off. But we need more help. I hope that as the competition goes on more people will show up to help.

I would like to thank those who've come down to help. Cleveland firefighters: John Boyd, Roy Bruder, Jim Byrne, Mike Fink, Bill Gorey Jr., Richard Gorski, Mike Heil, John Heiman, John Hlatky, Tom Lally, Dean Murad, Gerry Madden, Pat Mangan, Joe Shiner, Mike Smith, and Ron Vargo. I hope I haven't left out anyone. It's a small list but these guys have done a yeoman's job helping us clean out the building.

I would also like to acknowledge Frank Rufo and his crew of electricians from Lorain, retired CFD firefighter Ray Ross, Solon firefighter Bob Shimits, Cleveland Heights firefighters Jim Bell

and Anthony Caruso, members Bill Varnes, Kim Marshal and Steve Nedrich who have helped out on Thursdays and some weekends.

And I have to acknowledge the help we get from our neighbors next door—the BEARS unit: Battalion Chief Jeff Hageman, Bruce Shelton, John Bellflower, Lee Moser, and all the firefighters on all 3 shifts from RS 4 who have helped us a lot. Thank you!

There's so much more that I would like to say but unfortunately I've run out of space. 'Till next time!

Dan Hayden



After cutting up the expansion tanks, Firefighter volunteers help haul them out of the Museum basement.

GROWING PAINS

Help Wanted for The Bugle

Our museum has added nearly 800 members in a little over a year. This is great news for the project, but this has also created greater demands on our limited staff of volunteers. Our objective is to publish four issues of **The Bugle** each year. We also strive to make **The Bugle** a first-class publication that keeps members updated on our activities and provides current and historical information about the fire service. Last year we had an overload of tasks for Board members and **The Bugle** was pushed back in favor of our critical operations involving museum finances and work on the building. The Board realizes the importance of keeping **The Bugle** current and has taken steps to change our process to streamline the publication. Any member who has experience with Adobe InDesign and/or other similar Desk Top Publishing software could assist us immeasurably by doing layout.

In the meantime, we want our members to know that you did not miss a newsletter in the last half of 2004 and that we are going to make every effort to push for newsletters on a quarterly schedule in 2005.

The Board of Directors

GETTING THE JOB DONE

Project Manager Reports on Progress, Recent Developments, What's Next

Starting with an idea and a lot of enthusiasm for the cause, this organization has come a long way in developing the Fire Museum. We've made tremendous progress on all fronts. From fundraising to design and construction, the idea of a fire museum and education center is coming to life. Now, with the tremendous support of Cleveland firefighters, and the departure of Safety Signal, the project is kicking into high gear and the work of turning Station #28 and the Alarm Office into our new museum has begun. Here is a list of just a few of the things we've accomplished these past many months:

- With our architect, Doty & Miller, we conducted a complete and thorough analysis of the building, including the building program and an estimate for the complete renovation of the facility.
- We made great progress with our community development block grant drive and Cleveland City Council and to date have raised \$71,000.
- We completed the CFD Payroll Deduction Drive.
- Nearly 1,400 letters were sent out to CFD retirees and their families. In only a few weeks we received more than \$5,000 in support. And gifts are still coming in.
- We've removed obsolete electrical and communications equipment, more than 150 batteries and three transformers from the Museum.
- We've torn down non-historic and obsolete walls and making plans to take down even more.
- We've cleaned out the Museum basement, removing the old boilers, incinerators, water heaters, stovepipe and much more.
- After many discussions, negotiations and some pushing, Safety Signal vacated the building.
- When Safety Signal left we made a major effort to clean out the junk they left behind.

- We've put up shelving and began organizing and rearranging the Museum collection storage.
- We've secured the in-kind services of electricians, plumbers, and painting contractors to volunteer their time and in some cases materials to the project.
- A plan for phasing the project is being developed so that we can begin working on the Museum as funds permit.

- Cuyahoga County is currently spending \$30,000 on the museum project to assess the hazardous materials in the building and on the property.

What's next? This year our goal is to open the first floor of the Museum. With the first floor open, we will display collections and begin providing fire-safety programming. We want to do this as soon as possible so that we can prove our worth to the community and in turn grow support for our cause.

But we need more help. There are many opportunities for members to help with the development of the Museum. From fundraising, collections management, and publicity and marketing, to shlepping stuff, I urge you to get involved. If you're interested in pitching in, I can be reached at the Museum at (216) 664-6312 or at my office at (216) 281-0010.

For more information on getting involved with the project, and to see more images of our progress, see the Museum website www.clevelandfiremuseum.org. We'll be updating the site soon and will include a section with images of our progress and plans as well as a list of tasks. And as always, you are all invited down to see first-hand what's happening—but if you do stop down, be sure to bring your work gloves, 'cause you're likely to be pressed into service.



CPP removed old and unused transformers from the electrical vault.



Even before Safety Signal vacated the building, volunteers removed 150+ batteries from this room.

Scott Carpenter
Project Manager/Designer



Before

After

Museum Has a Website

www.clevelandfiremuseum.org

Although it is under construction, the museum now has an address on the world wide web. With the domain name reserved for the next five years, we have begun to create the framework for the permanent site. A student from Ohio Northern University has looked at the website and has committed to taking on the creation of a modern/interactive site as a class project. Watch for some significant changes in the future. Do you have a favorite feature that you would like to see on the site? Let us have your suggestions — this is your website. Some suggestions have been to have a “members only” part of the site, an apparatus photo page, and a history section.

Stuart Warner

Volunteer Workdays

Every Thursday is your chance to get involved with the project. And beginning April 30 we’re starting Saturday Workdays. Come on down and pitch in with the work. We’re cleaning out the museum building, tearing down non-historic walls, removing obsolete equipment. If you’re not up to the physical labor we also need help with: organizing the Museum collections, maintaining a collections database, organizing collections storage. And then there’s the fundraising! We need people to help with various fundraising activities like: public relations, membership drive, grant requests, corporate giving, a regional payroll deduction drive, individual and major donor requests, publications, phone solicitations, volunteer program, sponsorships, benefits and events, mail solicitations, and memorials. See you at the Museum!

AMERICAN HEROES MONUMENT

By Paul Nelson

On 9/11/2004 a memorial to commemorate the American Heroes of September 11, 2001 was unveiled in Lake View Cemetery. The memorial incorporated an actual piece of steel girder recovered from the World Trade Center. The Museum acquired two pieces of steel through the efforts of retired FDNY member Lee Ielpi of Rescue 2 whose son Jonathan, a member of Squad 288, perished at the site. WRFMC Executive



Mayors unveil monument: (l to r) Mayor Sarantha Goggins, East Cleveland; Mayor Jane Campbell, Cleveland; Mayor Edward Kelley, Cleveland Heights

Director Dan Hayden and CFD Battalion Chief Pat Kelly went to New York to bring back the steel.

When it was learned that the Lake View Cemetery wanted to create a monument commemorating the tragedy and heroism of the day, WRFMC donated one piece of steel to the monument in memory of all those who lost their lives in that incident. A design submitted by The Johns-Carabelli Company was selected from several possibilities, one that would serve not only as a symbol of the devastation and loss, but also as a reminder of all who tirelessly gave of themselves in the days following.



WTC girder embedded in monument as viewed from rear prior to unveiling.

The monument created by the artistic staff at The Johns-Carabelli Company was described at the dedication by Michael Johns in his own words:

“Since the piece of girder was the most significant element of the design, careful consideration had to be given to how it

would be displayed. We wanted it to be viewed from both sides as each side has its own unique characteristics resulting from the intense force that destroyed the Twin Towers. It was also critical to us to preserve the steel as a true relic, so that its appearance would remain as it is today. The awe-inspiring scars, markings and form have been safeguarded in glass to remind us of the devastation we all felt that day.

The granite towers embracing the steel have a special textured cut, which represents the faltering Twin Towers. The broken area on the Pentagon depicts the attack made on the heart of our national security. The state of Pennsylvania has a star marking the crash site of Flight 93, which was historically diverted when a group of proud Americans banded together to make their own stand against terrorism.

We feel the textures and finishes of the granite, the encasement of the steel, and elements of written text integrated in the monument make a statement for those of us gathered here today as well as future generations who will learn about

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^ CFD Chaplain Fr. Joe O'Donnel offers Prayers of Rebuilding at the monument dedication.

< Color guard leads uniformed members to memorial site with CFD Lt. McGinty in command.



Photos by Paul Nelson

SECOND TIME AROUND

By Paul Nelson

Most firehouses are built new, designed especially for the requirements and needs of the fire service. Occasionally existing structures are modified and renovated from their original use to a second life as a fire station and three of those conversions were found in Cleveland.

The old St. Clair Street Schoolhouse at Academy (W. 4th Street) and St. Clair Streets was converted to a firehouse in 1870 when the 3-story brick and frame structure became Cleveland's new Fire Headquarters. It replaced the existing Headquarters station on Frankfort Street that had been a conversion from the old volunteer Phoenix No. 4 firehouse. Engine 1 and Ladder 1 moved into the house on October 7, 1870 along with the instruments of the fire alarm system. It remained the fire alarm dispatch center until 1880 when that operation was moved to City Hall and remained a

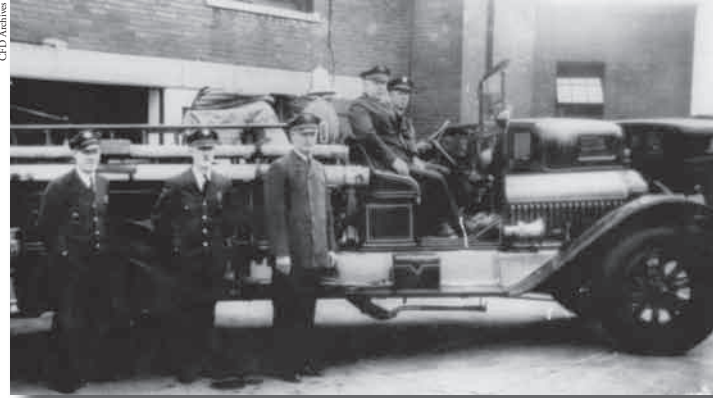
firehouse until 1893 when the structure was razed for the new Headquarters Station. (The companies moved to a temporary structure on Ontario Street during construction of the new headquarters.) No photo has been found of the St. Clair School firehouse.

On May 1, 1892 Engine Co. No. 18 was established in the renovated 2-story frame Perin Hall at 118 Croton Street opposite Arch (E. 35th Place). The

until March 13, 1899 when Engine 18 occupied a newly erected firehouse at Orange and Humbolt (E. 34th) Streets. The Croton structure was used as a storehouse for apparatus and equipment and expanded in 1916 as a repair facility until the Fire Department Repair Shop on Hamilton Avenue was opened in 1927.

The original Fire Station No. 2 on Champlain Street was demolished for the

Terminal Tower project forcing Engine 2 and Hose 1 to move to a renovated commercial structure at E. 4th Street and Huron Roads on August 29, 1924. The 4-story brick building fronting on Huron was



Members of Engine 40 with their 1920 White pumper.

city-owned structure had been used as a school and social hall until abandoned for that use. It served as an active firehouse

built in 1885 with the Fire Department occupying only the first two floors. The upper floors apparently were unused and were removed in 1932. The companies were located there until November 17, 1954 when the site was eventually demolished for inner belt construction.

Engine Co. 40 was created on December 1, 1923 and was located in the basement of the former Nottingham Village Town Hall acquired by the City in a 1912 annexation. Built in 1910 of brick construction with imposing columns, the fire station portion was crafted out of a below grade basement having a single door opening onto a driveway that ran up to E. 185th Street. The company remained there until September 5, 1956 when they moved to the current Station 40.

Station No. 8 on Scranton Road was the first firehouse built for the new paid department in 1871. Houses used by Engines 1 through 7 were all conversions from volunteer department stations. ■



Engine 40 ran out of the basement of the former Nottingham Town Hall. The door opens to a drive that ran up to E. 185th St.

MONUMENT

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September 11, 2001 in their history lessons.

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundation of our tallest buildings, but they cannot reach the foundation of America.”

The monument is currently displayed in Section 23B located on “Office Road”. It will be there until a more permanent site is readied. WRFMC was represented at the dedication by Vice President Joe Mason and Historian Paul Nelson. ■

ANNUAL MEETING WELL ATTENDED

By John Zangerle

The annual meeting of the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center was held Sunday, January 30 at the Museum. Continuing the Museum's tradition of good friends and good food, abundant refreshments were provided for all those who arrived before the business meeting. Many members toured the building and Alarm Office and saw the results of our cleanup efforts. Our historian, Paul Nelson, hung photographs of all of Cleveland's fire companies in the dormitory area. He also created large display boards showing fire apparatus from the lands of the Western Reserve and made up displays illustrating how the alarm system functioned.

The annual meeting opened with the minutes of the last annual meeting followed by the treasurer's report and membership report presented by treasurer, Ed Hawk. The treasurer reported that the Cleveland Fire

Department payroll deduction program has been critical to our continued operation. Ed also reported that Joe Mason's efforts to contact Cleveland firefighters who had not been reached in our prior payroll deduction meetings had really paid off. It resulted in even more new members, and more than 90 percent of the Cleveland firefighters are supporting the museum through payroll deduction or direct contributions.

Ed Hawk reviewed grant monies and donations that had been received as well as expenses incurred during 2004. He also presented a projected budget for 2005 and the members approved the selection of an independent auditor to continue to verify our accounting procedures.

The membership report showed that Museum membership is at a new record high exceeding 900 members! The vast majority of our members have chosen to be "Pacesetters."

Executive Director, Dan Hayden, reported to the membership that he had been working on a number of different activities with Cleveland firefighters. He pointed out that firefighters had rebuilt the brakes and worked on the mechanical

ing the city's safety signal unit from the museum building. John explained that several foundations had expressed a willingness to provide funding, but not until we had exclusive control of the museum property.

Following the business reports, the annual elections were held and the five current board members were renominated. No other nominations were made and the board of Ed Hawk, Joe Mason, Bruce Sidaway, Stu Warner, and John Zangerle was reelected for the year 2005.

When the business meeting concluded, our Project Manager, Scott Carpenter, and our architect, Chuck Miller, made a PowerPoint presentation which explained the preliminary plans and layout for the museum. They answered numerous questions and stayed after the meeting concluded to respond to various inquiries.

After the conclusion of the architect's presentation, a short intermission was taken for refreshments and the museum showed a half-hour video "Streets of Fire" which was prepared by Cuyahoga Community College and aired on public television last year. This is a very professionally done video chronicling the East Ohio Gas explosion in 1944 and parts of the video were filmed at the museum and included interviews with Paul Nelson.

By the end of the afternoon, many people had a chance to tour the museum and talk with its board members. All of us left with the feeling that it had been a very productive meeting and that the members were optimistic about plans for this year. ■



Some of the attendees of the annual meeting

aspects of the 1947 American LaFrance donated to the museum. He also explained the Thursday workday program and how many firefighters had helped work on the building. Finally, Dan explained that CFD Local 93 had held its Unity Day at the museum, which was a great success. Following that, the CFD's Shamrock Club held its Christmas Party at the museum.

The president, John Zangerle, gave his report and reviewed the museum's activities for the year 2004. They included the annual flea market, participation in the Ohio Police and Fire Games, fund raising luncheons at the museum, and Patriot Day participation. He explained that our largest current challenge was remov-

FLEA MARKET DRAWS A CROWD

By John Zangerle

Bob Garr started the Flea Market almost 20 years ago in the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department maintenance garage. From those small beginnings it has turned into a major event. Even though we now have complete control of our facility, the Museum does not have enough space for the growing number of vendors and attendants. So, with the support of the Cleveland Fire Department, the Flea Market was again held at the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. This year we had a record number of vendors filling the auditorium as well as the halls of the Academy.

The Flea Market was very well attended, as it is as much a social event as it is a buying opportunity. The Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums entertained the crowd and sold T-shirts. You could purchase all types of fire equipment, videos, models and books from the vendors who came from as far away as Florida. Plenty of good food was also sold by our kitchen staff that included Stan Socha, Matt Sheehe, Bill Varnes and my wife, Pat Zangerle.

This year we owe a special debt of gratitude to the staff of the FTA, because it was necessary for them to break down a complex obstacle course that was being used for drills before the Flea Market and set it up again afterwards. The Museum appreciates the work done by Chief Dan Moran,

Frank Zabo, Tom Perk, Dennis Corrigan and Marty McCarthy. Dan Hayden, Stu Warner, Bob Shimitz, and Mike Ruth also helped make the FTA ready for the event. Also, thanks to those who stayed after the Flea Market and helped us break down.

The Flea Market takes a terrific amount of work and requires a "team effort." Again, this year Bob Garr and Steve Hildebrandt were the co-chairmen. Dale Cohen was in charge of vendor layout and Ed Hawk and his son Chris worked the Museum table. Dan Hayden and Chris Hawk ran the raffle. Paul Nelson manned the Museum display and took visitors to the Museum for tours. Thanks to all who made this a most successful event. ■



Photos by Chris Hawk



^ Flea Market visitors admired a restored New York City Mack that is now privately owned in Louisville, Ohio. It served at the World Trade Center on 9/11.

< Bob Shimitz gets some puppy love from his dalmatian: "Cinder" at this year's flea market. Cinder was rejoicing at Bob's Purchase of a fire hydrant.

SOME INTERESTING NUMBERS

Firehouse magazine compiles fire department data from around the country each year and that information is presented here, combined with CFD data, to give some interesting perspectives on firefighting in Ohio. All data are year end 2003 or total 2003.

CITY/ POP	CALLS FIRE/ EMS	ENG	LAD	MED	STRENGTH
Akron 217,074	36,631 7,753/30,954	13	5	13	393
Canton 80,806	10,821 604/8,780	7	2	4	165
Cincinnati 350,000	72,289 11,605/50,977	26	13	6	796
Cleveland 475,000	103,099 7,584/95,515 (1)	25	14	0	1,012
Columbus 711,470	120,022 21,013/99,099	34	15	32	1,574
Dayton 166,176	27,756 6,004/21,752	11	6	7	405
Toledo 313,619	48,049 7,563/38,278 (1)	17	4	0	517
Youngstown 86,000	2,931 2,881/50 (1)	7	2	0	140

Notes: no definitions provided for "fire" calls and "EMS" calls; all data may not be equally comparable; (1) FD does not operate EMS service; Cleveland data for EMS includes "all other" than "structure fires"



ACTIVITY

(Includes first in nation for comparison)

BUSIEST HOUSE

LA City	FS9	20,877	runs, 5 units
Columbus	Sta 2	18,918	runs, 6 units
Cincinnati	Sta 3	11,852	runs, 5 units
Toledo	Sta 5	10,577	runs, 4 units
Akron	Sta 4	7,942	runs, 5 units
Cleveland	Sta 3	6,854	runs, 3 units E,RS,CH

A great trivia question...

Which is the busiest house in Cleveland?

Other Cle.	Sta 17	6,776	runs, 3 units, E,L,CH
	Sta 36	6,750	runs, 3 units, E,L,CH
	Sta 30	6,680	runs, 3 units, E,L,CH
	Sta 22	6,610	runs, 2 units, E,RS

BUSIEST ENGINE (RUNS)

San Francisco	Eng 3	7,899
Toledo	Eng 16	3,830
	Eng 17	3,830
Cincinnati	Eng 23	3,825
Cleveland	Eng 41	3,297 (Eng 22 most fires-221)
Dayton	Eng 9	2,664
Canton	Eng 4	1,128
Akron	Eng 2	1,168

BUSIEST LADDER (RUNS)

Chicago	Trk 8	4,169
Cleveland	Lad 10	2,481 (Lad 30 most fires-229)
Cincinnati	Lad 19	2,184
Dayton	Lad 14	2,168
Columbus	Lad 13	1,584
Toledo	Trk 17	1,230
Akron	Trk 4	1,012

BUSIEST FIRE RESCUE (RUNS)

Hartford	TU1	4,698
Toledo	SQ 1	4,248
Cleveland	RS 3	4,140 (RS3 most fires-326)
Cincinnati	SQ52	789
Akron	R4	273

BUSIEST CHIEF (RUNS)

New York City	BN9	5,032
Columbus	BN1	3,209
Cleveland	BN1	2,405 (BN6 most fires-298)
Akron	BN4	1,704
Cincinnati	D3	1,431
Dayton	East	1,232
Toledo	BN2	852

THE WAY IT WAS... THE YEAR 1904

By Paul Nelson

What was happening 100 years ago within the Cleveland Fire Department? It was still a “Department” as the Public Safety Department, Division of Fire would not be established for another five years. It was a horse drawn service utilizing over 200 horses and included 26 steam fire engines and accompanying hose wagons, 2 fire boats, 9 ladder trucks (5 aerials and 4 service ladders), 3 hose companies and a water tower. The Department was arranged in 9 battalions with assistant chiefs also responsible for

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Members of Engine Co. 11 pose in full dress uniform outside their quarters at Sawyer (E.91st) and Walker Streets. Dress uniform for that day included vests and soft hats. The Sullivan hanging harness for the hose wagon can be seen through the open door.

MUSEUM RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE CITY

The annual Cleveland Division of Fire Awards and Commendation Ceremony is always a special event. It is held in City Council chambers during Fire Prevention Week and there are many awards including individual commendation for heroic acts. I want to commend all of the firefighters, fire companies and individual citizens who received awards during this October 2004 ceremony. I also want to give a pat on the back to all those who have helped with the Fire Museum since the Museum received a “Commendation for Exemplary Service” during the ceremony. The award was presented to Executive Director Dan Hayden by Mayor Jane Campbell. Most of our board members and our historian were present to jointly receive this prestigious award. This award should be shared by all those members who contributed to making the Museum and Education Center a reality.



CFD Chaplain Rev. Dean Kavouras offers prayers at the Memorial

CLEVELAND APPARATUS REHAB APPEARS IN NEW YORK STATE

The 1987 Seagrave, 100-foot rear mount aerial (29F76) was purchased by the Mt. Kisco, New York Fire Department and rehabbed for use in that city. The department is a volunteer department and the rig is operated by the Union Hook and Ladder Company at the headquarters station. In Cleveland the apparatus was in service at Ladder 7 from 1987 to 1989 and Ladder 39 from 1990 to 1995. In 1995 the unit was placed in reserve as X14 and sold in 1997.



Mt. Kisco L43 ex Cleveland 1987 Seagrave
Photo Fire Apparatus Journal, July-August 2004

PATRIOT DAY

On 9/11 the Museum was invited to participate in the first Patriot Day event at Tower City Amphitheater. Mike Armelli and his staff of the Cleveland Police Museum organized the event to honor police, firefighters, paramedics, and the military. Thanks to Ed Hawk and Harold Hoeningman for bringing their apparatus and putting them and equipment on display. Working under pressure and time constraint, Paul Nelson assembled a display of pictures and artifacts from the Museum. The highlight of the display was a burn house that was funded by the Police and Fire Games organizers, Dan Viancourt, and Chris Posante, and built by Stu Warner. Children of all ages took turns manning a small fire hose that knocked down the “flames” on the house. We will be back again next year.



^ Museum display at the Patriot Day event. Ed Hawk's ex Chagrin Falls GMC-American is pictured in the background.

> Future firefighter plays away on the Museum's first interactive display. Made by Stu Warner, it was a great hit with children. The Cleveland fireboat is seen on the river in the background.



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battalions. The strength was 429 members who received one day off in every five days.

The first and only Nott steam fire engine was delivered during the year to Engine Co. 6 at Lorain and Abby. It was a large first size, 900 gpm piston pump drawn by three horses. The firehouse of Station No. 6 was in disastrous condition with part of the south wall collapsing on April 26th. The house was built in 1860 as a volunteer house and became quarters for Engine Co. 6 in 1867 when they were established. The house would eventually be renovated, but for the present was described by the **Plain Dealer** as being “tied together” to make it useful.

There were only two major fires during the year. On May 30th a fast moving fire destroyed a number of structures at Oregon and Perry Streets. The fire started in the 3-story Cleveland Window Glass Co. factory at 11:50 pm and quickly destroyed the L-shaped plant. The fire spread to a frame schoolhouse on St. Clair along with frame dwellings on St. Clair, Perry, and Oregon Streets. Loss was set at \$150,000.

The other major fire occurred in the Flats on June 25th. Box 522 was pulled at Cuyahoga and Seneca Streets at 12:23 am for a fire in the rear of the Hahn Box Co. At 1:20 am Box 52 was pulled when another fire was discovered at the Nicole, Stone and Myers Co. lumber yard. Before the 3 alarm fire was contained at daybreak, more than 6-acres of lumber and small structures had been destroyed with the fire jumping Mahoning Street. Loss was estimated at \$275,000. ■



Calendar of Events

- **Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 – Allentown, PA.** Auction on Friday evening at 9:00 p.m.; flea market on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m.; both events at the fairground agricultural hall located at 17th and Chew Streets. For information, contact Donn Zalewski at (440) 331-5505.
- **Saturday, April 30 – Jackson, MI.** Fire Flea Market at Jackson County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information, call (734) 632-0350.
- **Saturday, May 7 – Burbank, OH.** (I-71 and State Route 83, Exit 204.) Fire Department Memorabilia Auction. Starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Expo Auction Center. Inspection after 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. For information, contact Donn Zalewski at (440) 331-5505.
- **Sunday, May 29 – Cleveland, OH.** Cleveland Ohio Firefighters Memorial Ride. Bikers will begin to assemble at the Western Reserve Fire Museum at 11:30 a.m. Ride departs the Museum at 1:00 p.m. and will cover western suburbs. Ride will end at Voinovich Park with memorial ceremony at 3:00 p.m. For information contact Tom Perk at (216) 664-6880.
- **Saturday, June 11 – Reynoldsburg, OH.** Muster and flea market at Ohio State Fire Training Academy, 8895 East Main Street. Joint event held by Central Ohio Fire Museum at the State Fire Marshal's office. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and apparatus judging at 11:00 a.m. For information, contact Andy McConnell at (614) 860-0126.
- **Wednesday, July 20 - Saturday, July 23 – Indianapolis, IN.** IFBA Convention and Indianapolis Chapter Muster and Flea Market. Cookout Friday, at muster site; Saturday, flea market starts at 8:00 a.m. Muster starts at 10:00 a.m. located at Wayne Township Fire Department, 700 North High School Road.
- **Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 – Frankenmuth, MI.** Great Lakes Chapter Annual Muster and Flea Market at Heritage Park. For information go to www.gliafaa.com
- **Wednesday, August 3 – Saturday, August 6 – Syracuse, NY.** SPAAMFAA summer convention, muster and flea market. Seminars include visit to American Museum of Firefighting in Hudson, New York and Muster at Long Branch Park, Liverpool, New York. For information, contact Fuzzy Taber at (585) 425-1511, station59fuz@juneau.com.
- **Sunday, September 11 – Cleveland, OH.** Patriot Day Celebration at Tower City Amphitheater. Details to follow in later newsletter.



This 1928 General-Studebaker pumper is just one of the many beautifully restored fire apparatus that can be found at the Frankenmuth Great Lakes Annual Muster and Flea Market.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Uncle Dan needs your help building your museum. As you can see in this issue of **The Bugle**, a lot has been accomplished in the last year but so much more needs to be done. And like fighting a fire, it's always more fun and better to work together as a team. We need you for a wide variety of jobs, from knocking down walls to raising money. So whatever fits your schedule and/or your abilities, we're sure to have a job for you. Become a volunteer and help build The Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center. For more information see page 5 in this issue of **The Bugle** and/or call Uncle Dan at (216) 664-6312.

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