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MUSEUM MASONRY WORK COMPLETED

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

Old buildings are full of surprises. Just after we completed the restoration of the second floor dormitory area we noticed after a hard rain that water was leaking in around the windows. At first we thought the problem was the windows themselves, but upon further investigation, we found that the masonry tuck pointing had deteriorated so badly that water was penetrating the masonry and leaking out around the windows on the second floor. Unfortunately the only solution was to do tuck pointing and masonry repair to prevent future leaks. We contacted Coon Restoration, of Louisville, Ohio, who had worked on the building years ago. Coon is well regarded as the premier quality masonry restoration company and was recommended by our architect. When we contacted them, they were working on a large project at the West Side Market and had previously done major work on the Terminal Tower.

Joan Oliver Photo



Coon Restoration Starts Work on Building Repairs

If you saw trucks and man-lifts around the Museum it was Coon working on this project. The project took over six weeks and was just completed in mid-May. We could not afford to do the entire building, so we identified the most vulnerable areas on the upper portion of the building's north, east, and south sides for repointing. This unanticipated expense cost the Museum approximately \$44,000.00, but it was work that had to be done in a timely manner to protect the integrity of the building. These masonry repairs have considerably depleted our financial reserves. This why we are continuing our appeal for capital donations.

PRESIDENT'S LOG

BY JIM BELL

For several years the Cleveland Police Historical Society has hosted a vintage police car show at the Justice Center. This year the Western Reserve Fire Museum and the Professional Car Society have been invited to join our police friends in a joint show. On Saturday June 10 there will be a gathering of antique police cars, fire trucks and ambulances on Ontario St. in downtown Cleveland. As usual, the vehicles will be gathered outside the Justice Center. The show will start at 10:00AM and end at 3:00PM.

We look forward to seeing lots of visitors at this premier event. Grab your friends and fellow enthusiasts and come down for a fun day.

The Fire Museum was recently featured in a delightful podcast produced by two local young ladies. Heidi Johnson and Toni Gambino travel throughout Cleveland visiting the smaller, lesser well known museums, galleries, restaurants and shops. These two ladies visited the Museum this past March and were amazed at all of the artifacts we have and the many activities we sponsor. They put together a nice podcast that was very complimentary of us. If you would like to hear the podcast go to www.exploringclevelandwithheidiantoni.com and click on Podcast Episodes.

Be well,
Jim

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NEW SHOULDER PATCH EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY

BY JIM BELL

The most recent addition to the Museum are three beautiful shoulder patch display boards. Crafted from oak wood by retired Maple Hts. Fire Chief John Drsek, these boards display almost three-hundred fire department shoulder patches from all over the world. There are patches from Australia, Germany, Canada and South America, as well as United States patches from Hawaii to Maine. The Museum would like to thank Chief Drsek for his outstanding woodworking. We would also like to thank Larry Gordon for creating the display and the team of Larry Gordon and Tony Caruso for hanging the boards. Come visit the Museum and take a look at this new very colorful exhibit.



Joan Oliver Photos

Larry Gordon & Tony Caruso by New Patch Display



Larry Gordon & Tony Caruso Do Some Prep Work to Hang Boards

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE MUSEUM

BY JOAN OLIVER

The Museum has officially opened for children's birthday parties. What better way to celebrate your child's birthday than to have it at one Cleveland's newest attractions. Parties can be scheduled for either Saturday morning at 11am or afternoon at 2pm. Contact the Museum at 216-664-6312 to reserve a date and for more details on pricing.

Parties will last for two hours. The first hour will include fire safety training and play in our Education Wing along with a tour of the Museum. The second hour will be the actual birthday party celebration held in our special party area. What an unforgettable birthday experience. Don't miss out. Book your party today



Joan Oliver Photo

Birthday Boy Getting Ready to Celebrate Big Day

ANNUAL LUAU FUNDRAISER SET FOR AUGUST

BY JOAN OLIVER

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20, 2023, 3:00 - 7:00 PM for the Museum's fifth Annual Luau Fundraiser. This event will be held again on the Veranda at Lago Custom Events in a tented venue next to the Aloft Hotel. It is on a beautifully designed patio nestled between two buildings situated above the Flats with breathtaking views of the lakefront.

A ticket entitles you to partake in a lavish Luau buffet, plus complimentary wine, beer and tropical punch. A local DJ will entertain with a variety of musical selections. Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$55.00 per individual, \$100.00 per couple and will include \$5.00 worth of free Chinese Raffle tickets per person.

Advance purchase is requested as seating is limited. Tickets purchased at the door will not include the Raffle tickets. Tables for ten people are available at \$500.00. Included will be various games of chance, a 50/50 Raffle, a Chinese Raffle as well as a Silent Auction. Valet parking will be available.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and we hope everyone will turn out to support this fun event. The wonderful location and support provided by Lago through the Salerno group and Board Member, Andrew Czarzasty is gratefully appreciated.

Tickets may be purchased on the website, www.wrfmc.com, or by calling the Museum, 216-664-6312 (Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM).



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Chinese Raffle Items Galore



Luau Goers Conversing

SEE AN AMOSKEAG STEAMER IN ACTION ON JUNE 17TH

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

Mark your calendars for a very special event this summer. On Saturday, June 17, the Museum will host an 1887 Amoskeag steam fire engine. Weather permitting, this steam fire engine will fire up its boiler and actually pump on the plaza adjacent to the Museum. The event will start with firing the boiler at 10:00 AM and actual pumping should continue most of the morning. Refreshments will be available. At 1:00 PM owner and operator, Ted Elder, will give a presentation inside the Museum on the care and feeding of the steam fire engine. He will be available to answer questions about steamers which brings to life our current exhibit, Fighting Fire With Fire. This is a unique and not to be missed opportunity to watch an original steam fire engine operate.



Kenny Rybka Photo

Ted Elder Operating Steamer at Frankenmuth

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER

BY JOAN OLIVER

The Museum held its annual meeting again on Sunday, December 4th, the first after two years of covid restrictions with over 40 members present. This year it was combined with a celebration of the 50th anniversary of WRFBA. The Museum provided pizza and beverages and everyone attending brought an appetizer or dessert to share. Museum President, Jim Bell called the meeting to order at 1:15pm and introduced the current Board Members. The Treasurer, Ray Kotecki gave an overview of our current financial position. The President then updated everyone on the status of the renovation work, our current exhibit, and the total number of people that have visited the museum over the last couple years. He concluded with a list of exciting events for 2023 with an invitation to members to come down and experience the great programming scheduled for the upcoming year.



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Pres. Jim Bell Acknowledges Paul Nelson for Years of Service

The meeting paused for a moment while members took part in food and refreshments. Then reconvened to commemorate WRFBA's 50th anniversary. Western Reserve Fire Buff President, Ken Rybka gave opening remarks and introduced Paul Nelson who spoke on WRFBA's early years. Afterwards, President Jim Bell thanked Paul, on behalf of the Museum, for all his years of service as Museum historian and author and announced that a paver would be installed in front of the Museum in his honor. The celebration ended with Ted Elder presenting a slide show encapsulating the last 50 years of WRFBA.

SEVERE STORM AND TORNADO TIPS

BY JOAN OLIVER

This is the time of year when we can be at risk for severe storms and tornados. Knowing what to do during and after a storm will help ensure that you and your family greatly reduce the risk of injury and damage to your home.

Home safety tips for severe storms

1. Develop and practice an evacuation plan. Prepare an emergency supply kit for both family members and pets ahead of time. Be prepared to evacuate when authorities tell you to do so.
2. Stay out of flood waters, if possible, and do not drive into flooded areas. Water only several inches deep can be dangerous.
3. Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and televisions, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.
4. If you evacuated, do not return to your home until local authorities say it's safe.
5. Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of any debris. This will provide easy access to your home.
6. Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, first responders will be able to find you.



Home safety tips for tornadoes

1. GET IN – If you are outside, get inside (closets, bathrooms, hallways, under stairs). Get as far into the middle of building as possible to places such as interior closets, bathrooms on the first floor in the middle of the house or building with no windows, hallways as far inside the building as possible with no openings to the outside, or underneath a stairwell.
2. GET DOWN – Get underground if possible. If you cannot, go to the lowest floor possible. Storm cellars, basements, or reinforced safe rooms are ideal.
3. COVER UP – Flying and falling debris are a storm's number one killer. Use pillows, blankets, coats, helmets, etc. to cover up and protect your head and body from flying debris.

AUCTION MARKET ON FIRE FOR RARE MOTORIZED STEAMER

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

Finding any steam fire engine is the “Holy Grail” for collectors, and finding one that had been motorized is even more rare. That’s why fire engine collectors were shocked when an internet ad recently appeared on a government auction website (govdeals.com) showing what was identified as a 1912 Christie steam fire engine in the basement of a Boston, MA fire house. This ad intrigued me (and many others) so I asked my friend and our Museum docent, Frank Novak, to reach out to one of his Boston contacts. I talked to the Boston buff who is a member of the Boston Fire Historical Society. He confirmed that this was the “real deal”. He explained that Boston had kept two of its motorized steamers which were 1912 Christie tractors with 1896 Amoskaeg steam fire engines to use for hydrant thawing. One of the two made it to the Boston Fire Museum where it is now on display. The other was stored in the basement of a Boston

station for more than 75 years and was now up for auction. It is reported that it was last used in 1948!!

The story of the Christie tractor is fascinating. John Walter Christie

was an engineer, a race car designer and driver, as well as an inventor. In the early 1900’s he was one of the nation’s first proponents of using front wheel drive for motor vehicles. He built front wheel drive race cars, passenger automobiles, and trucks. In 1911 he built a front wheel drive tractor for New York City to attach to a steam fire engine. It was so successful that FDNY ordered 28 more tractors. Christie opened a plant in Hoboken, NJ, and named his company The Front Wheel Drive Motor Company. The tractors were very unique and featured a transversely mounted four cylinder T-head motor.

FDNY eventually purchased 186 Christie tractors and used them to convert both horse-drawn steam fire engines and ladders. Other large cities followed suit and more than 600 units were sold through 1918. By that time the conversions had stopped since steamers were being replaced by new fully motorized fire apparatus. The company closed its doors, but Christie went on to have a successful career designing front wheel drive military vehicles including tanks used by the US Army.

Cleveland purchased three Christie tractors in 1913. They were used to convert the steam fire engines at Engine 4, 7, and 28. Cleveland had already purchased its first fully motorized pumper in 1912, but the conversions were considered an economical way to extend the useful life of steam fire engines while saving the expense of maintaining fire horses. Cleveland also purchased a new motorized steamer from American LaFrance in 1916 which was assigned to Engine 14, showing that the steamer was still favored over the new and untested motorized fire engine. Other Cleveland steam fire engines and ladder trucks were also converted by adding tractors made by different manufacturers.

With my investigation complete, I watched the online auction for the Boston Christie steamer as the price continued to rise. While the Christie was very original it was a non-working unrestored piece of history. If you are a fan of the TV show, Jay Leno’s Garage, you may have seen an episode where he describes restoring a Christie steamer and actually driving it on the streets around his Burbank shop. As the price rose, I wondered if he was bidding on this one. The Christie finally sold for the high bid of \$298,000.00 and a total all-in price of \$312,900.00 with the auction commissions!!!

Of course, the question was, who purchased the Christie? Upon further investigation I am told it was sold to the Koorsen Fire Museum in Indianapolis, IN operated by Koorsen Fire & Security. Sounds like a road trip to Indy is in the future.

APPARATUS DAY SET FOR SATURDAY JULY 1ST

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

Saturday, July 1, the Museum will host its popular Apparatus Day where our members bring their own apparatus to display on the plaza. This has been a popular annual event which started as Mack Day, but now includes all types of apparatus. Most apparatus arrives around 10:00 AM and owners stay until 2pm. It is a great opportunity to chat informally with apparatus owners and Museum members. Plan to tour the Museum while you are here. Refreshments will be available.



Variety of Vintage Fire Trucks on Display

CARING FOR THE CFD HORSES

IN 1912 THERE WERE 225 HORSES ON DUTY EACH DAY

BY PAUL NELSON

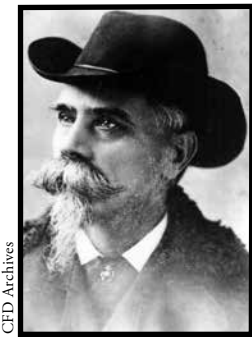


Veterinarian Hospital on Huntington Ave. (E. 18th St.)

CFD History 1897

and buggies. Their use spanned 63 years. A simple math calculation suggests the number to be well over 1,000.

The first three horses, two grays and a bay, were purchased in December 1862 from a farm in Atwater, Ohio to be used for the first steamer and hose cart. When placed in service the company members named them Ground Hog, Orphan Boy and Syksey. Early care for the horses was the responsibility of the Captain of the company. He would call a local veterinarian if it became necessary.



John A. Bennett

CFD Archives

One of the early hired firemen, John A. Bennett, had been a veterinarian. His input was solicited as needed. Recognizing the need for organized veterinarian service, Fire Chief James Hill designated Bennett as Fire Department Veterinarian in 1871. Bennett had risen to the rank of Assistant Chief and also continued his fire fighting duties. He became Fire Chief in 1875, the only chief fire officer in the country to be a horseman as well.

When James W. Dickinson became Fire Chief in 1880, the care of the horses would be handed over to civilians. Chief Dickinson appointed Clarence S. Beverlin as Fire Department Veterinarian and Veterinarian Surgeon. Over the next 45 years others to serve in that position were A. Sanborn, Fletcher Alexander, N. A. Downs and D. H. Downs. Their position was equivalent to a battalion chief but they did not wear a uniform. Other civilians were hired to be assistants in providing care for the horses.

Each of the veterinarians had their own ideas on how and when to feed the horses. A.H. Sanborn felt that in addition to their standard fare, the horses should have a "bran mash." Each firehouse would have to "cook" the mixture of bran and water for their horses twice a day. A survey in 1884, initiated by City Council, indicated it cost 24 cents per day to feed the horses hay, oats, midlings, corn stalks and carrots. They deemed the cost reasonable.

The average fire horse weighed in at about 1,600 pounds. They were exercised daily either by walking or pulling an exercise wagon at the station. The vet was on call 24/7. He would go to the firehouse if



FGF Kostohris with a horse from Engine 7

WRM Photo Collection

needed or give the officer instructions on what to do. Each station had a vet "medicine cabinet" with pills and shots. The vet and assistants would respond to the scene of a major fire. They would unhitch the horses and lead them away to a safe place, cover them with blankets feeding and watering them if it became a long stand. With the number of horses increasing, a vacant city building was made into a vet hospital in 1890. Fletcher Alexander pushed for a better facility focusing on old Station 3 on Huntington Ave. (E. 18th St.) that was vacated in 1894. The firehouse had been built in 1854 for the volunteer Hope Hand Engine No. 8. The structure was enlarged and on Jan. 26, 1896 it became CFD Veterinary and Training Stable. In the first full year of operation 19 horses were hospitalized there. The vet made 780 visits to firehouses during that year that resulted in a number of horses going to the vet hospital for check-ups. Dr. Alexander reported the horses were in better health than ever and the level of mortality among horses had been reduced.

The Cleveland fire horses were of no particular breed. They were acquired from local farms with the requirement that they be capable of pulling heavy equipment. In the early days the horses all had names. Most were simple like Bill, Dan or Sam. A few were more sophisticated like General Grant, Mulligan or Butcher Boy. As their number grew, CFD began tracking them by number although members continued to name their steeds. It was a little unwieldy shouting "Giddy up No. 155!"

There were no official records on fatalities among the fire horses. An occasional note was found in an Annual Report of a fatality or injury at a fire or a fatality while responding. An occasional entry was found in a company's journal of their horse suffering an injury or death. Firemen were greatly attached to them. They lived with them daily, talked to them as if family.



1894 Champion 65-ft Water Tower No. 1 with CFD's last two horses

The number of horses declined as more companies were motorized. By 1925 only two remained. On March 15th horses at Water Tower No. 1 were removed. They retired to the City Ice Co. horse farm in Northfield Village. The horse drawn era of Cleveland Fire had ended.

Well-known FDNY Chief Alfred Downes wrote in his book; "Great is the fire horse and mighty is his master's love. Any needless injury or neglect, any annoyance or teasing, or even a suggestion of brutality to the noble animal is regarded as a crime worthy of severe punishment. The horses are the firemen's pride, their chums in leisure hours, and their partners in danger."

MUSEUM THANKS ROY P. ZIGANTI, JR.

BY JOHN ZANGERLE

In March Roy P. Ziganti, Jr. stepped down from the Museum Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The Museum wants to thank Roy for his contribution since he has probably spent more time and effort working on the Museum building than any other volunteer or member. In 2004, Roy was one of a number of Cleveland firefighters who volunteered in our “work day” sessions which started out as demolition work. He then helped retired CFD members John Ebenger and Jim Carroll who did most of the rough plumbing in the building. He continued by working with retired CFD members Mark Bauman and Chris Bondzio and others on the carpentry for the first floor restrooms. Roy also coordinated with outside vendors who worked on the building, including those who did the apparatus floor and the elevator.

Roy became Museum President from 2013 - 2016 and continued to be heavily involved in construction at the Museum, including installation of a new Education Wing floor installed by Scott Day, Vito Giammarco, and other CFD members. Roy also worked closely with retired CFD members Kenny Jordan, Billy Deighton, and Dick Lash as they worked on electrical smoke detection systems and lighting. He arranged for the cabinets that were installed in the Education Wing by Joe Sheffey and Kevin Barry.

Other projects that were managed and directed by Roy included the installation of new windows, the fire sprinkler project, and the major renovation of the second floor rest rooms and dormitory area. This included the installation of HVAC for the dormitory area. Roy also came to the rescue when the building’s boiler died and he was able to co-ordinate with Tony Caruso to obtain a donation for a new boiler.

This is hardly a complete list of all the projects Roy worked on, but this snapshot shows how much he has contributed to the Museum over the last 18 years. The Museum cannot thank Roy enough for his labor of love that has allowed a working Museum to become a reality.



Roy P. Ziganti, Jr.

Joan Oliver Photo

MERIT BADGE TRAINING STILL GOING STRONG

BY JOAN OLIVER



Merit Badge Counselor
John Sanders Oversees Training

Joan Oliver Photo



Ken Rybka Oversees Fire Extinguisher Training

Joan Oliver Photo

On Saturday, Dec. 10th the Museum conducted merit badge training for 30 scouts with 12 parents in attendance. Among those present were CFD Firefighter Steve Churchin’s scout troop. The instruction began promptly at noon that day. Museum President and retired firefighter, Jim Bell conducted the classroom instruction along with Retired Bedford Chief and Museum Board Member Ken Rybka who conducted the hands on training. The scouts also were treated to a tour of the Museum to give them some background and

knowledge on the history of firefighting in NE Ohio.

After the session was completed, John Sanders, Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor met with each of the scouts and made sure they had fulfilled all the requirements to receive their badge. The Museum began offering this training in conjunction with the Lake Erie Council back in 2020 and conducts at least two merit badge training classes every year. Scouts can sign up and register to attend these classes by contacting Phil Williams at the BSA Lake Erie Council.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, June 10, 2023** – Cleveland, OH. 2023 Vintage First Responder Vehicle Show. 10am – 3pm at The Justice Center Plaza – 1300 Ontario St., Downtown Cleveland. Variety of vintage police vehicles and fire apparatus on display. For more information visit Museum website at www.wrfmc.com.
- **Saturday, June 17, 2023** – Cleveland, OH. Steamer Day at the Museum featuring an operating 1887 Ameskeag Steamer. Pumping demonstration along with special program on the history and operation of steam fire engines. Program begins at 10:00am with pumping demonstration and continues until noon. Special Program will begin at 1:00pm. For more information visit Museum website at www.wrfmc.com.
- **Saturday, July 1, 2023** – Cleveland, Ohio. Fire Apparatus Day at the Museum. 10am – 2pm. Join us for a celebration of all fire apparatus. A mix of fire trucks by various manufacturers restored and original on display in front of the Museum. Hotdogs, Popcorn & Beverages. Museum tours available. Standard Museum rates apply. See website at www.wrfmc.com or call 216.664.6312 for more information.
- **Tuesday, July 11 - Saturday, July 15, 2023** – Warwick, Rhode Island. Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society is Hosting the SPAAMFAA Summer Convention & Muster. Crown Plaza Providence-Warwick, 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, R.I. is convention Headquarters. For more info go to www.spaamfaa.org.
- **Friday & Saturday, July 28-29, 2023** – Frankenmuth, MI. Great Lakes Frankenmuth Muster, 26th Anniversary. Friday night - dinner. Saturday - parade and muster. Heritage Park. Headquarters hotel – Bavarian Inn. For more info contact Bill Rausch 248-625-8924 or www.gliafaa.org.
- **Saturday, August 12, 2023** – Cleveland, OH. Dalmatian Celebration. 10am – 2pm on the plaza in front of the Museum. Honoring the Official Firehouse Dog. Featuring Dalmatians from the Western Reserve Dalmatian Club. Hotdogs, Popcorn & Beverages. Games for the Children. Fire Safety Lectures. All Dalmatians are welcome! Partake in Doggie Splash Pool and Doggie Treats. Anyone who brings a Dalmatian will receive (1) free admission to the Museum. Museum Tours Available. Standard Admission Rates Apply. For more information www.wrfmc.com.
- **Sunday, August 13 – Friday, August 18, 2023**– Milwaukee, WI. 2023 IFBA Convention. Host hotel Doubletree by Hilton, 611 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Early registration discount if register before June 1, 2023. Special room rates available. For information and registration forms visit <https://ifba.org/> or email v.mokros@ifbaconvention.com.
- **Sunday, August 20, 2023**– Cleveland, OH. WRFM Hawaiian Luau Fundraiser. 3– 7pm. Held on the Veranda at Lago Custom Events, 1091 W. 10th St., Cleveland, OH. Hawaiian Luau style dinner, auctions, raffles, games and entertainment. Valet parking available. Tickets will be \$55 Individual, \$100 Couple. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wrfmc.com or by calling 216.664.6312.

CFD TRIVIA

BY PAUL NELSON

Q: When was a fire first fought from the river?

A: On September 7, 1884 during the great Flats Fire.



Elyria Steam Fire Engine No. 1

But it was not from a fireboat. It was from a steam fire engine on a barge, pulled by a tug, drafting from the river and playing away with hand lines on the fire...and it was a steamer from Elyria. And, now the rest of the story.

The great Flats Fire of September 8, 1884 broke out at 6:51pm when Box 23 was pulled for a fire in the lumber piles at Woods, Perry & Co. The fire would spread over 50 acres sending all Cleveland steamers to the fire. At 7:51pm Fire Chief Dickinson asked the Mayor to call for outside help as the fire was spreading rapidly. Telegrams were sent out to communities along the railroad lines..."Send help. Cleveland is burning."

A total of 16 cities responded sending steamers by special trains. One from Painesville arrived first. Two from Elyria arrived at 10:42pm. Chief Dickinson placed Elyria No. 1 on a barge in the Cuyahoga and they moved up and down the river, towed by a tug, to keep the fire from jumping the river. It is interesting to note that in the summer of 1884, City Council's Committee on Fire and Water had discussed the very same idea. They wanted to house a steam fire engine in the Flats and establish a plan with a towing company to provide a tug boat and barge to quickly pick up the steamer for a fire.

City Council seriously considered acquiring a fireboat, especially after a large second fire in the Flats on September 21st that also called in outside help. The first step was to engage the maritime architectural firm of William Coles & Co. of New York to draw up plans. After a bidding process, Excelsior Iron Works was awarded a contract for a galvanized iron over wood hull. Manning was awarded a contract for double piston pumps with a coal-fired Scotch boiler. The boat was launched from Murphy's Shipyard in the Flats and went into service as Engine 15 on November 1, 1886. The 79-ft boat was rated at 3200gpm and cost \$24,656. It was named the J.L. Weatherley after the first President of the Board of Trade and a Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department.



Fireboat 1886 J. L. Weatherley as Engine 15



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**Don't Throw
That Away**

The Fire Museum is looking for fire related photos, articles, artifacts from Cleveland and all of the Lands of the Western Reserve as we preserve area fire history.



Steamer Day at the Museum

Saturday, June 17, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us as we fire up an 1887 Ameskeag Steamer. After the demonstration there will a program on the operation, maintenance & use of steamers back in the Horse Drawn Era of firefighting. For more info. visit our website at www.wrfmc.com or call 216.664.6312

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