

The History of Windsor Severance Fire Rescue: 1902 to 1977



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Preface:

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- Lindblad, Mary Alice. A Walk-Through Windsor 1940-1980. 1980, Windsor, Colorado.
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- Interviews from past and present members of the Windsor Severance Fire Protection District, including firefighters, board members, and officers.
- Local newspapers, and publications as noted.
- Windsor Town Meeting Minutes as related to the Fire Department. Some information is recorded with spelling errors. Some general meeting information such as purchases of hose and tools as well as pension information may have been omitted. Some news articles were published in The Windsor Beacon prior to the Town Meeting where they were voted on. This is probably because they waited for the board minutes to be approved at the following week's meeting. Roy Ray likely attended the meetings and wrote about what transpired at the board meetings on Monday evening and put it in the Thursday newspaper edition. Then, the official minutes were adopted the following meeting.

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Dedication:

This publication is dedicated to the members of my family who have been in the fire service: My Wife Marcia, Past President of Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary; Daughter Sandi Friedrichsen, Fire Marshal, Windsor Severance Fire Rescue; Son-In-law Dave Friedrichsen Captain Loveland Fire Rescue Authority; Close family friend Fireman Emanuel Adler, Engine 309 FDNY (LODD 11/16/1952); Great Grand Father Charles who was on a horse drawn ladder in Queens, NY 1910. And the FDNY's 343 on 9/11/2001.

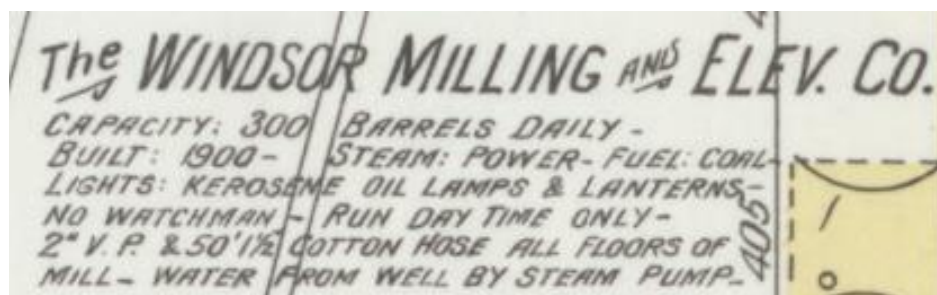
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August 29, 1884 a circus train fire was one of the worst disasters in Weld County history when it comes to loss of life and probably one of the first. Ten men died in a burning railroad car that day, despite efforts to get them out and extinguish the fast-burning flames.

July 4, 1899 The greatest calamity that ever befell the little town of Windsor. The Gillet Brothers Mill, located at 301 Main St. and the pride of Windsor, was destroyed by Fire. (The Mill would be re-built and experience two more of Windsor's most historic disastrous moments.

SANBORN- PERRIS MAP CO., LIMITED DECEMBER 1900 WINDSOR COLORADO
Below are sections from the 1900 Sanborn-Perris Map of Windsor showing the forms of fire protection found in 1900 in Windsor.





The Windsor Beacon; 22 February 1951 Thursday Page 1

Section: -50 Years Ago- February 1901

Mayor appointed a committee to investigate the purchase of a hand-operated fire engine.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper Saturday May 10, 1902

FIRE COMPANY ORGANIZED

A number of our citizens met Friday (May 9, 1902) night and organized a fire company to be known as the Windsor Hose Co. No. 1. The following were elected: E.I. Raymond, president; Griff Teller, vice president; S.G. Fuller, foreman; W.E. Williams, ass't foreman; E.L. Hahn, sec'y; B.H. Florence, treasurer. The company already numbers 25.

This is an important move in the right direction and deeply concerns every citizen in Windsor. All are aware that hitherto there has been no fire protection in our town—no security for property—hence this news and important movement should, and doubtless will, receive the hearty support of every citizen, whether he is the owner of the building he occupies, or is only a lease. Insurance rates will be materially lowered and the price of property will advance.

Moreover, it will add to the credit of our town at home and abroad. Let all who are interested in the future prosperity of our beautiful little town give the fire company their aid.

“We do know that Foreman Seth Fuller was a Civil War Veteran and was very involved in the history of the town of Windsor.”

Town Meeting May 12, 1902

Minutes of the meeting May 12th, 1902 Windsor Hose Co No.1 composed of the following Officers & Members was recognized as the regular organized fire department of Windsor.	
The Officers and Members of the Windsor Hose Co. No. 1 are as follows.	
Officers	
Pres.	E.I. Raymond
Vice Pres.	G. H. Teller
Forman	S.G. Fuller
Assistant Forman	W.E. Williams
Tres.	Ben Florance
Sec.	E.L. Hahn
Members	
Lafe Haskill	Roy Ray
R.L. Raymond	H.C. Branch
Ben Huntington	Geo. W. Springer
Robt. Cloughley	E.L. Hahn
S.G. Fuller	W.A. Cloud
J.M. Davis	G.H. Teller
Wesly Zinn	S.B. McMillen
Chas Gist	F.R. Harrington
J.S. McCurdy	G.H. Paterson
C. O. Hinkley	W. B. Middleton
W.E. Williams	

Note:

The Windsor Hose Company No. 1 formed May 9, 1902 with the listed members to the left was reorganized and then called the Fire Department of Windsor. May 12, 1902.

The Windsor Beacon; 11 October 1902, Saturday, Page 4

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

First of all, everyone knows, or ought to know, that there is no place to keep the hose cart and hose it is convenient in case of fire; nor does the hose receive the proper care necessary to preserve it for lack of a drying rack.

1902 Municipal Hose Cart

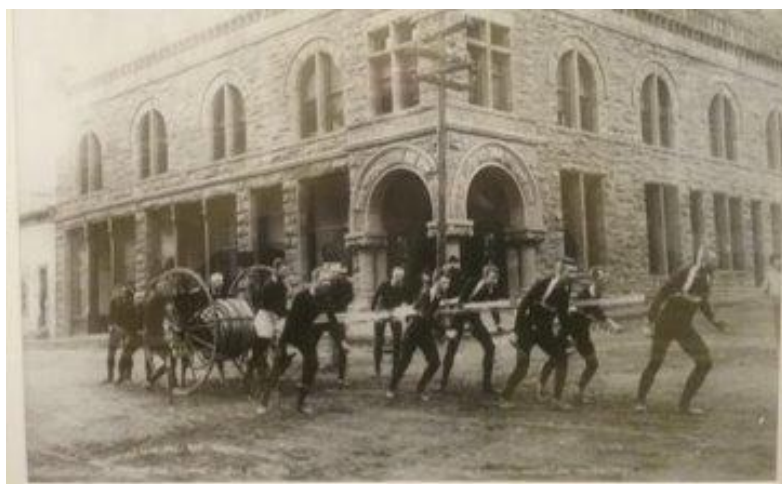
On March 3, 1902 the Windsor Water Works Committee was appointed to secure a hose cart and hose. On April 14, 1902 specifications for a hose house were completed by the Committee of Buildings and Public Works.

A hand-drawn hose cart was purchased in 1902, with fire hose. It contained 550 Feet of 2 ½" hose, nozzle, two axes, and four buckets. It had a lead rope, and a gong which rang as it was pulled to the fire.

The cart in the photo that follows has wheels manufactured by Archibald Wheel Company of Lawrence Mass. Which was in business from 1867 to 1910. It was reported to have been found in the Denver Railroad Yard prior to the Denver Museum acquiring it. This cart would be similar to the one purchased by Windsor in 1902. Photo 2018-011, WSFM Permanent Collection.



Below is a Hose Cart being pulled during a race. Photo found in Telluride Colorado Hotel 2017 by DCL

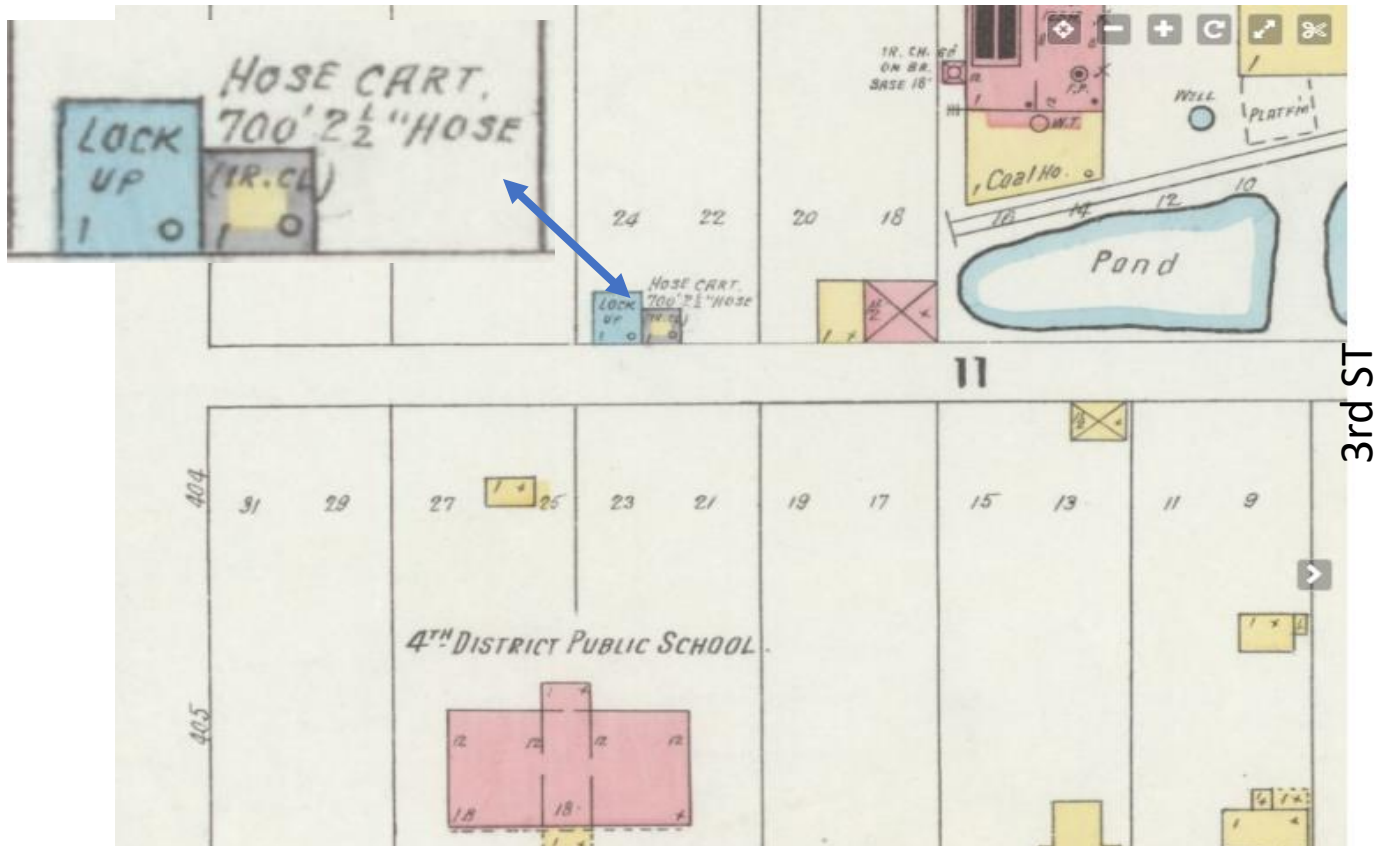


First Hose House:

Alley South of Main, running between 3rd and 4th. Hose cart house is roughly 12' X 12' it could hold a hand drawn Hook & Ladder Truck. Hose cart house was constructed in or after 1902 and was used until 1909 when the hose cart moved to City Hall.

Below is the location of the Hose Cart house found on the Sanborn Map of 1906

MAIN ST



Walnut Street

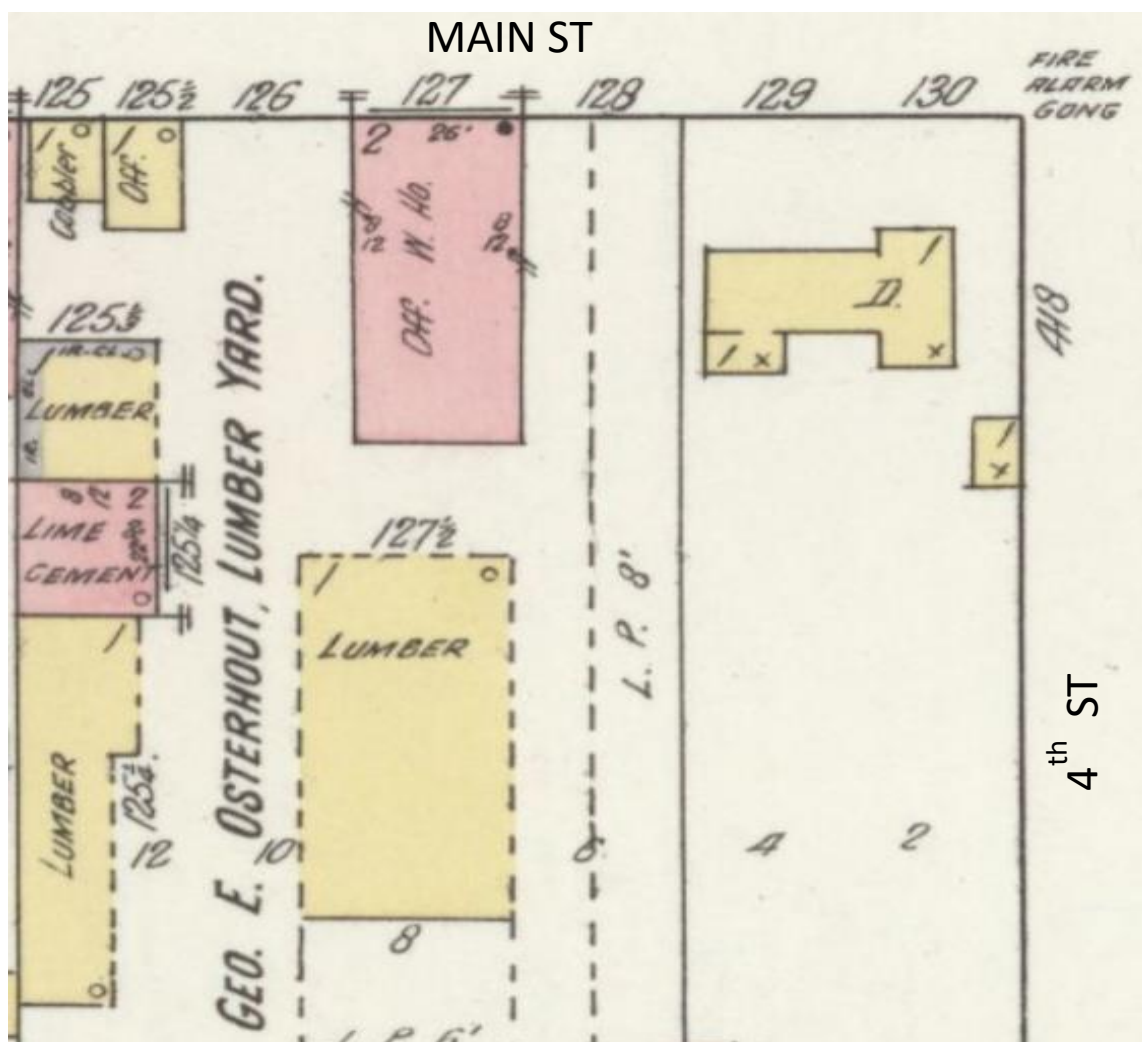
The Northern Colorado Fire Fighter; November 1953, Vol. 1, No. 11

A Half Century of Progress of Windsor Volunteer Fire Department by Fireman C.W. Crosby
1902

The first equipment consisted of a hose cart with 550 feet of 2 ½” hose “note we had hydrants in town so we did not need a pumper” nozzle, two axes, and four buckets. Had a lead rope, and a gong which rang as it was pulled to the fire.

1902

Windsor’s first fire alarm was of an original design and made from a flanged rim off a locomotive engine tire. The alarm hung from a cross-arm on a post located at the corner of fourth and main. A hammer with an iron handle and hole bored through it was chained to the four-foot post. In case of fire, the rim was pounded with the hammer and the first man at the hose cart started with it joined by others as the lead rope was unwound. Tire was sawed open at one place. The Locomotive rim was also used as a curfew bell on the rare instance or two that the hammer was not found.



Flanged Wheel Locomotive Tire Replica

Below is a tire supplied by Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad on display at the Windsor Severance Fire Museum. The tire was removed by being heating it so it would be expanded. It was then removed from Locomotive 480 and shipped to Windsor. Then a slot was cut into it so it would vibrate when it was hit by a hammer. The hammer is seen on the right of the frame.



Photo WFSM 2021

Water Tower: 7th and Ash Streets 1902

There were two water towers in Windsor. Below are photos of the tower located at 7th and Ash. This was constructed in 1902. The top photo was taken around 1948 when they were moving the American Legion building from the German POW Camp south east of Windsor to its current location. It shows the Fire Department Drill Tower which was removed to put in the Legion Building. The bottom photo is when they were taking the same water tower down in March of 1974.



Photo 2021-289 Water Tower 2 and Drill Tower 7th and Ash WSHS 731



Photo 2021-288 Water Tower 2 Windsor 7th and Ash WSHS 567

Below are the Water Facilities found on the Sanborn Maps for the town of Windsor in 1906, 1911, and 1921.

WATER FACILITIES: WATER WORKS. 50000 GALL. IRON TANK ON STEEL TOWER, 70' TO TOP OF TANK, GIVING A PRESSURE OF 35 LBS. ALONG MAIN ST. DIRECT FIRE PRESSURE 90 LBS. SOURCE OF SUPPLY 1 WELL 10' DIAM. 24' DEEP. DEMING TRIPLEX F.P. OF 500,000 GALL'S CAP'Y PER DAY, RUN BY 22 HP. GASOLINE ENGINE. 6 MILES OF WATER MAINS 2", 4", 6" & 8" DIAM. AND 12 DBL. 2 1/2" FIRE PLUGS. PIPES LAID IN 1902. DAILY CONSUMPTION 50,000 GALLS.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1906

WATER FACILITIES:

Municipal ownership. Water supply from Greeley Colo. system. Main supply pipe of Greeley system tapped by Windsor system near city limits. Gravity pressure domestic and fire of 70 lbs. per sq. inch. The following equipment of old system is held in reserve, 50,000 gal. iron water tank on steel tower, top of tank 70' above ground. One well 24' deep and 10" in diameter, one Deming triplex f. pump, cap'cy 500,000 gals. per 24 hours. run by 22 HP. gasol. engine. 6 1/4 miles of 2", 4", 6" and 8" water pipes. Water pipes laid in 1902. 14 double hydrs. Average daily consumption 60,000 gals.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1911

WATER FACILITIES

Municipal ownership. Water supply from Greeley, Colo. system. Main supply pipe of Greeley system tapped by Windsor system near city limits. Gravity pressure domestic 30-lbs., pressure for fire 140-lbs. per sq. inch. The following equipment of old system is held in reserve, 50,000 gal. iron water tank on steel tower, top of tank 70' above ground. One well 24' deep and 10" in diameter. One Allis Chalmers motor driven pump cap'cy 500 gals. per min. 8 miles of 2", 4", 6" and 8" water pipes. Water pipes laid in 1902. 21 double hydrants. Average daily consumption, 120,000 gals.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1921

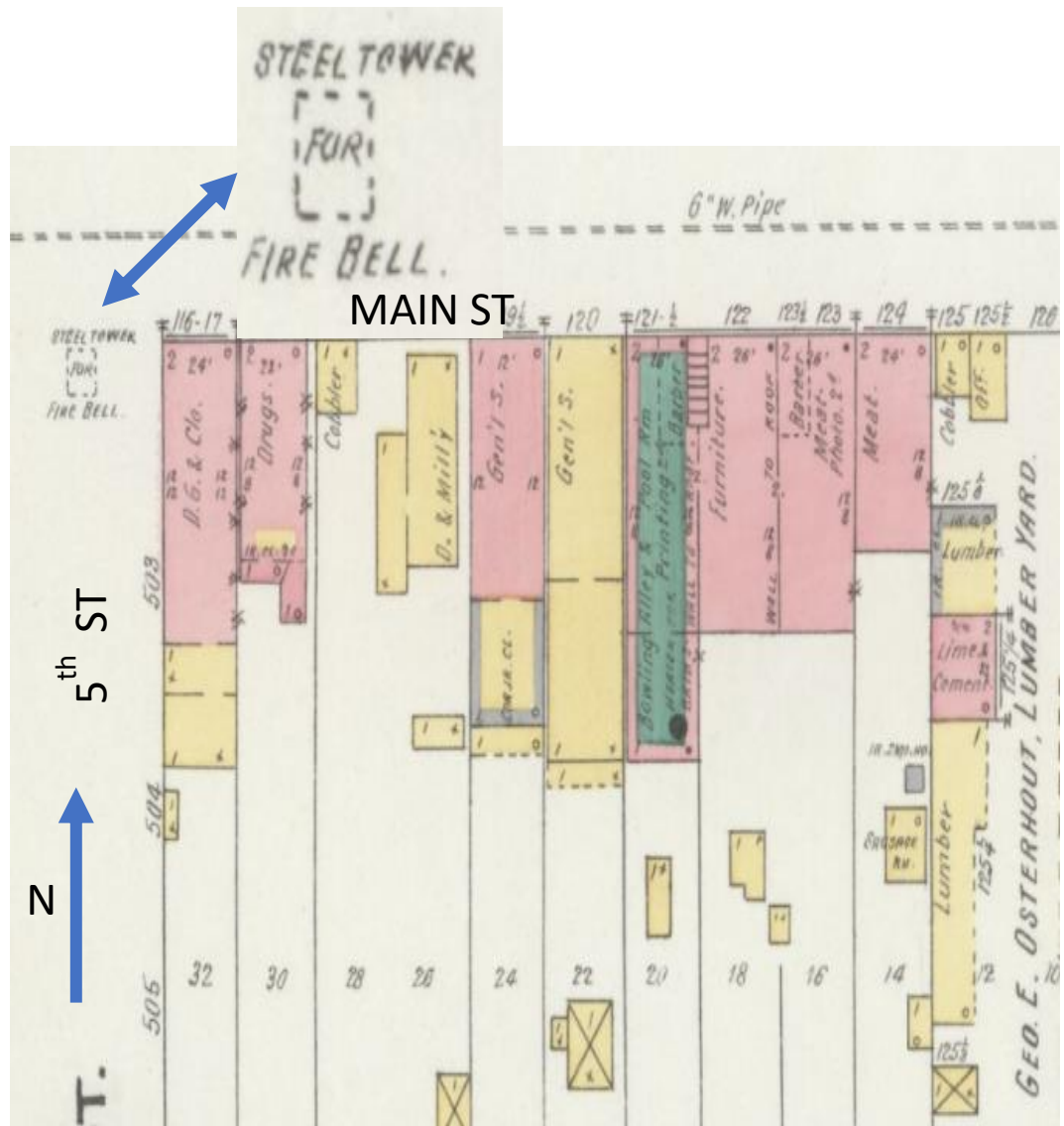
1903

In 1903, it was decided to replace the locomotive rim and hammer with a church bell which was erected on a steel tower at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets. It was blown down, cracked, and sold to the First Christian Church. The locomotive rim and hammer continued to serve as the fire alarm at the corner of 4th and Main Streets until 1915.

Sanborn Map from 1906 showing the location of the Fire Bell



Example of a Fire Bell Tower from the internet.



The Poudre Valley Newspaper; 2 May 1903, Saturday, page 1

The Fire Alarm

While the wind was blowing a perfect gale Monday (April 27, 1903) evening the fire alarm was sounded and the whole town turned out, people rushed in all directions to the scene of the flames. For a little while excitement was intense, and well it might have been for bad the flames got started in that angry wind a great portion of the town of Windsor would have been laid to waste.

The fire originated from the explosion of a can of gasoline in the ware house. The burning can was thrown out before anything else got on fire, but waste paper, etc. blazed up and presented a livid appearance in the evening dusk. The hose company quickly extinguished the fire.

The Windsor Beacon; June 1903, From 04 Jun 1953 Thu Page 1

Section: Windsor in the Old Days -50 Years Ago-

Marshal Sam Hinkley was building a lean-to on the calaboose to house the hose cart and fire hose. "A calaboose refers to a jail or in Windsor's case, is called the 'Lock Up'. The alley South of Main, running between 3rd and 4th streets on the north side of the alley was the location of the lock up and hose cart house. It was located 125 feet east of the corner of 4th Street and the alley. This location was used until 1909, when equipment was moved to the City Hall. The 1906 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map identify the dimensions as roughly 12' by 12'. The hose cart house was large enough to hold a hose cart, a hand drawn hook, and a ladder wagon."

The Windsor Beacon Dec 1903, From 03 Dec 1953 Thu Page 1

Section: -50 Years Ago-

Fire destroyed the Knowlton & Cannon bowling alley when the hose cart team was blocked by a train.

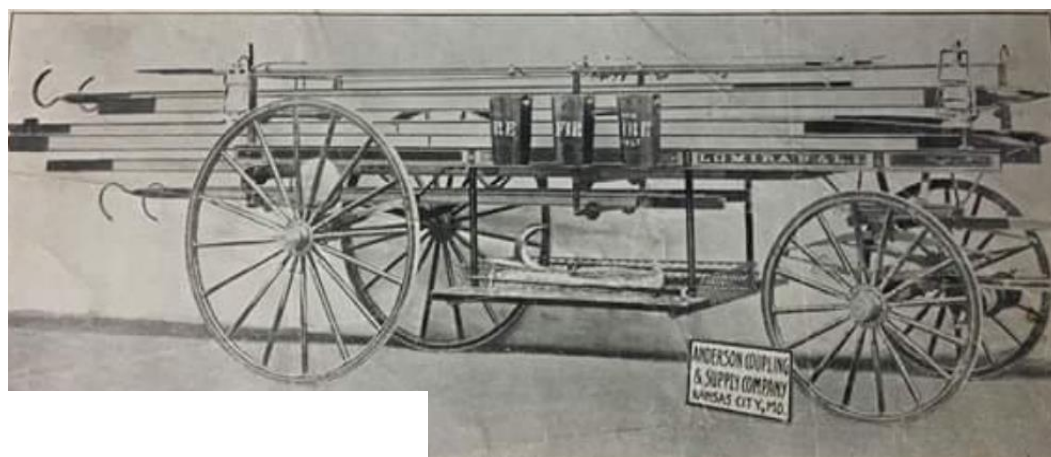
The Windsor Beacon Jan 1904, From 28 Jan 1954 Thu Page 1

Section: Windsor in the Old Days -50 Years Ago-

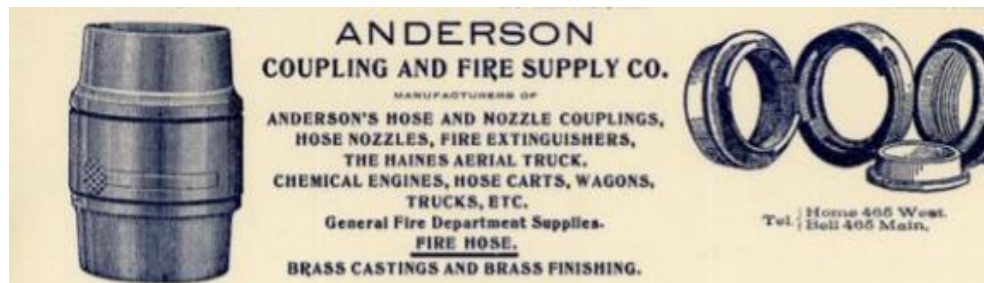
E.R. Price injured his leg muscles while running with the hose cart.

1906- A Hook and Ladder Wagon was purchase for the cost of \$350.00. We do not have actual pictures of the Ladder Truck. The picture below is from a specification sheet distributed by Anderson Coupling and Fire Supply Company.

Below is a copy of the delivery photo for a No.1, Hand Village Hook and Ladder Truck supplied by Anderson Coupling & Fire Supply Company Kansas City Kansa. It was hand drawn. Photo is supplied by Charles F. Underwood Gettysburg PA WSFM 2019-057C



Below is the letter head for Anderson Coupling and Fire Supply Co.



SANBORN MAP CO., LIMITED JANUARY 1906 WINDSOR COLORADO



FIRE DEPART. VOLUNTEER, 23 MEN. ONE HOSE CART &
 700' 2 1/2" HOSE. FIRE BELL ON STEEL TOWER S.E. CORNER
 5TH AND MAIN STS.

WINDSOR FACTORY
OF THE
GREAT WESTERN SUGAR CO.

NIGHT WATCHMAN. NEWMAN PORTABLE
 CLOCK 15 STATIONS. HEAT: STEAM. FUEL: COAL
 AND COKE. LIGHTS: ELEC. WATER FROM LAKE
 HOLLISTER. 2 GUILD & GARRIS DUPLEX ST. P.'S
 COMBINED CAPACITY 3 MILLION GALL'S PER DAY.
 350' 2" HOSE.



The Poudre Valley Newspaper 10 March 1906, Sat

Boy Pours Kerosene on Live Coals

About 5:30 o'clock Tuesday (March 6, 1906) evening, Elmer, the little six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al DeGroot was seriously burned about the face by an explosion of kerosene.

The mother went up town to do a little shopping, leaving the house in charge of the child, who had always been very careful. During her absence the older boys aged nine and twelve, went to the coal house to chop some kindling wood, and Elmer, age six, concluded that the fire needed fixing, so taking a can of kerosene, poured some upon the burning coals in the heating stove. The flames leaped up into his face burning his cheeks dreadfully, and would doubtless have caught his clothing had it not been for the corduroy coat that he wore, which is probably all that saved the child's life. When the mother returned a few minutes later it was to find the little fellow's face nearly cooked. A physician was hastily summoned and the wound was dressed.

Though suffering considerably, the child is getting along nicely, but his parents fear that his face will always be scarred as the burns are quite deep.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper 24 Nov 1906, Sat

Fire Breaks Up Religious Services

During the Sunday School hour at Christian Church Sunday (November 18, 1906) morning fire from a defective chimney over the class room came near destroying the building.

Its destruction seemed inevitable, even after the hose company reached the spot, but the heroic work of both firemen and citizens soon placed the flames under control. Snow from the previous night lay heavily upon the roof and there was no wind, which was much in favor of the building. But in the face of those odds the flames were making rapid progress in the roof as well as the attic.

Two streams of water played constantly on the building for about forty-five minutes before the fire was completely quenched.

The foremost fighters worked under many adverse circumstances and were drenched when they got thru. This was in a measure due to the conflicting orders given by fellows without authority, but which were obeyed nevertheless in the excitement of the occasion.

The damage to the property will amount to several hundred dollars. The principal loss is in the injury of the roof which will have to be almost wholly replaced, and to the plastering which was injured by water. The church furniture, with the exception of the new open seats which were fastened to the floor, was carried into the street by the Sunday school and assembling congregation. The building was insured.

It is concluded that had it not been for the snow upon the building the fire would have had such a start that it would have been almost impossible to have controlled it, and a west wind might have destroyed the whole block.

The Windsor Beacon Nov 1906 from The Windsor Beacon 22 Nov 1956, Thu

Section: 50 Years Ago

Firemen wanted town to furnish a fire house with bigger fire bell, as they had to keep the hose cart in one place, ladders and gum boots in another, and the fire bell was at still a third location.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper 23 Mar 1907, Sat

Fire and Wind Play Havoc

Fire destroyed the Whiting Barn in Park Addition Monday (March 18, 1907) afternoon, burning three horses, two pigs, and a coop of chickens.

The wind was in the west and blowing a gale. It was but a few moments from the time the fire was first discovered until the flames devoured the barn and contents and swept on down the alley eastward. Fortunately, the wind did not deviate in its course, and for a few moments there was a lull or the whole Park Addition would have doubtless gone up in smoke. It was only by the heroic work of the inhabitants and others that the flames were prevented from spreading to the residence.

The fire boys went to the hose house as soon as the alarm was sounded, but the hose cart had been taken to the west side of town where it had been used to flush the sewer. For some time, its whereabouts were unknown and nearly thirty minutes elapsed before it reached the scene of destruction. When it finally reached the spot the flames were almost subdued because there was little left to burn in the alley of that block. The water pressure was so low that it would have been of little consequence against the flames in that wind had the hose cart been there earlier. This was done partly to fact that many hydrants were running. The P.V. has been asked to call the attention of everyone to the fact that hydrants should be shut off when the fire alarm is given.

The fire is supposed to have started by a spark from a house chimney falling into a barrel of soiled clothing, being carried by the wind to barn. The loss amount to \$1200 or \$1500. Two of the horses belonged to Mr. Lyon and other was owed by Henry Marek, who prized the little animal highly.

Sparks were carried by the wind several hundred yards and set Percy Clegg's sheep yards and some hay on fire. By hard fighting these flames were subdued and the loss there did not exceed \$39.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper 22 June 1907, Sat

Last Saturday (June 15, 1907) noon while Frank Cope and family, who resided on Chas Nash's farm northeast of Severance, were eating dinner they discovered smoke and flames coming out of the roof of the house. They made every effort possible to extinguish the flames but all to no avail. They were successful, however, in removing nearly all the furniture from the house but the building burned to the ground. The house was valued at about four hundred dollars, but was not insured. Mr. Nash commenced to haul lumber Monday for the purpose of rebuilding. He will put up a neat four cottage and expect to have it completed in about three weeks.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper 7 Sept 1907, Sat

The fire department was called out yesterday (September 6, 1907) noon on account of a blaze in a small barn back of a German shack this side of the sugar factory hotel. The German settlement got busy with pails and extinguished the flames before the hose cart reached the scene. There was no wind at the time, but there had been quite a conflagration in that section of town, and the parties who turned in the alarm did the proper thing in taking no chances although the fire boys hated to waste so much breath for nothing.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper 26 Oct 1907, Sat

Child Scalded and Dies

Donald, the little three-year-old child of T.G. Lewis, was scalded so badly Monday (October 21, 1907) afternoon that death resulted soon after. The little fellow was playing about the kitchen at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ren Whiting southwest of town, when the latter filled a pail with boiling water and set it on the floor while she replaced the stove lids. Slipping up behind her the child over turned the pail emptying its content upon his body. He was hurried to the Loveland hospital by automobile in the afternoon but died soon after reaching there. Mr. Lewis was visiting his old home and friends in Tennessee and telegrams bearing the sad news failed to reach him in time for him to be present at the funeral of his son, which was held Wednesday, from the Christian Church and the little form was laid to rest in Lakeside Cemetery.

The Windsor Beacon 28 Mar 1908, Sat page 13

The sugar company will have a fire department and a fine equipment. Two hose carts, 1,000 feet of hose and chemical fire extinguishers constitute the equipment that arrived recently. Any building about the factory grounds including the hotel (located where Morey's Salvage is today), can be reached with this hose, thus affording ample protection against fire.

The Windsor Beacon 18 Apr 1908, Sat page 1

Fire Lads Called Out

A spark from a locomotive evidently set some trash on fire in the stockyards Tuesday (April 14, 1908) evening, for fire was discovered trying to eat into fence boards. It probably would have succeeded with the aid of strong wind had not the fire department been called out. The wind would have scattered it to the business section if the yard fences had caught fire. It did not take the boys long to put it out of business.

The hose cart was being put away when fire was found in the coal slake just across the railroad track, near the big gasoline and oil tanks, and the wind was carrying ominous looking sparks into the air without much regard for where they might land. A stream of water was played upon the burning bank for nearly three hours and there was still fire there the following morning.

This fire originated two weeks ago from a small camp fire built by workmen on the track. Getting a foothold in the coal slake it been smoldering until the wind from the northeast fanned it into flame and sent dangerous sparks into the air.

The Windsor Beacon 27 Jun 1908, Sat page 4

Annual Statement Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Town of Windsor for the Fiscal Year Ending May 1, 1908

Disbursements: Hook and ladder wagon \$350 "\$11,483 in 2024"

The Windsor Beacon 16 May 1908, Sat page 1

Pump House on Fire

There was considerable excitement and uneasiness Thursday (May 14, 1908) night when the fire alarm was sounded and word spread the gasoline tank at the pump house was on fire.

The hose cart was connected with the nearest fire plug, but the hose was not long enough to reach the house. A few pails of water quenched the flames and no great damage resulted. Not knowing to what extent, the plant had been damaged the town board ordered as little water used as possible until further orders. Springer & Bartz put the plant in running order in a short time and pumping was resumed.

The fire was caused by a leak in the tank and escaping gasoline was ignited by Dale Bates who was doing the pumping. He attempted to extinguish the flames by throwing water on them, but was unsuccessful.

Supplement to The Poudre Valley, July 4 1908

Little Children Perish in Burning House

Three Little Ones Meet Death in the Flames on Thursday Afternoon.

The fire alarm Thursday (July 2, 1908) afternoon called out the fire department and also sounded the death knell for three little German Children.

The mother of the children, Mrs. Adam Claus, had left the children in the house in the southeast part of Windsor while she went up town on an errand. It is supposed that in their play the children set the house on fire and the flames either cut off all means of escape for them or they were too small to reach the latch on the door. In any event two of their little bodies were taken from the burning cottage charred and lifeless.

The eldest child was not more than six years of age and youngest about nine months old. The babe was taken from the cradle and the two older ones from the bed.

According to the latest information obtainable before going to press, Mrs. Claus locked the children in the house, it is said, as is the custom among the German people, while she went up town, little dreaming that anything could happen to them. She left a hot fire in stove to finish baking some bread she had in the oven. At the sound of the fire alarm, she had a presentiment that it might be her home that was burning and rushed frantically to their rescue, only to find two dead and the other dying. All had inhaled the flames and medical aid was too late to save even the one showing the most life.

The mother is heartbroken and the father is grieved beyond measure. The Claus's are among the best families of our German population, and sympathy of the community is extended to them in their sorrow.

The tragedy occurred between three and four o'clock Thursday afternoon. No difficulty was experienced in putting out the fire, and the loss of property was light.

The Windsor Beacon 26 Dec 1908, Sat page 6

ORDINANCE NO. 47 NS Passed November 23, 1908

Section 3. All fire hydrants shall be under the control of and shall be kept in repair by the superintendent of water and shall be tested frequently to see if the same are in order. In case of fire the member of the fire department and such persons as the superintendent of water shall authorize shall have free access to said fire hydrant. No other person shall open or operate any fire hydrant without permission of the superintendent of water, or draw water therefrom, or obstruct the approach thereto. Wrenches for fire hydrants shall be furnished by the superintendent to the fire department for the use of its members and to such other persons as the superintendent may deem proper, and no person to whom any wrench is so furnish shall permit the same be taken from the place of deposit or to be used by any other person or for any other purpose than authorized by the superintendent. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this section upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Windsor Beacon 26 Dec 1908, Sat page 7

ORDINANCE NO. 47 NS Passed November 23, 1908

Section 24. It shall be unlawful for any person to use water for sprinkling through a hose without a nozzle or sprinkler, or by means of a nozzle or sprinkler attached with an orifice therein

exceeding one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of an inch in diameter. It shall be unlawful to use water for sprinkling during any fire or while the fire department is using water for fire purposes, and when the fire department alarm is sounded, all persons are required to cease sprinkling and shall immediately shut off their water. Any person who shall violate this provision shall upon conviction thereof be fined a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Windsor Beacon 9 Jan 1909, Sat page 1

The fire alarm brought out the hose and ladder companies and the whole town Wednesday "January 6, 1909" evening on account of a small blaze which started in the warehouse of the United Produce Company building! It was extinguished before the fire department arrived and no damage resulted.

The Windsor Beacon 30 Jan 1909, Sat page 1

Ranch House Burns

On Tuesday (January 26, 1909) evening the ranch house of Andrew Nelson in Oklahoma district was burned to the ground, resulting in complete loss of the building.

The fire evidently started from defective chimney and was well under way before discovered. The family and neighbors succeeded in removing the household goods and saving them from loss, but nothing could be done toward saving the house.

The dwelling was on the ranch west of the Oklahoma school house. There was some insurance on the property, but not enough to cover the loss.

The Windsor Beacon 13 Mar 1909, Sat page 1

Fire Interrupts School Session

Fire in the primary school building Thursday (March 11, 1909) morning sent the little tots out into a storm and snow in a hurry, and there were no more lessons for them that day.

Harley Zion discovered smoke issuing from the roof of the building shortly after school took up and spread the alarm. The hose company was on the scene in short order and soon extinguished the flames which were rapidly eating their way toward the roof timbers and in a few moments, more would have undoubtedly been almost beyond control.

The fire started from the radiator in the east room of the building. It caused, so we are told, by shutting off the heat from the furnace in the west room, which was overly warm, in the desire to make the east room more comfortable. The hot air set fire to the wood work which only lightly protected by asbestos, and a strong draft carried the flames up between the walls of the partition. The fire revealed a defect here in the construction of the heating arrangements that might have proved destructive to the building had its discovery not brought prompt action. There was no cap over the radiator, which accounts for the flames being drawn up so rapidly. Had there been a cap over it between the studding there would have been no air draft to carry the fire and its damage would have been confined to scorching the woodwork around the front of the radiator, which would have been detected by those in the room and promptly extinguished. But being in the wall it was not as easily detected by the inmates.

No more fire than usual was in the furnace and Janitor Stoneburg was not responsible for the attempt to turn the heat all into the east room.

Water did about as much damage as the fire, but repairs are being made and building will be ready for school Monday.

The Windsor Beacon 12 June 1909, Sat page 1

Lightning Puts Light System to the Bad

Lightning struck the electric line west of town Thursday (June 10, 1909) evening at 5:40 and followed the wires into town, entered the transformer station on the town circuit wires. In an instant the station was ablaze and there was a hum as if several hundred bumble-bee nests had been suddenly poked into.

The fire department was called out unwisely but halted before the station was reached. Had a stream of water been turned onto the death-dealing contraption no doubt several men would have lost their lives. It is said Fort Collins department was about to make the same mistake the night before when lightning struck the sub-station at that place and burned out a transformer. A note of warning against such rash act should be sounded in every town along the line.

As soon as the current was cut off from the high line the danger was eliminated and the blaze extinguished. But it lasted long enough to burn out the switch board and the wires leading to it. Although it was not known until late that night, two transformers were burned out. Great efforts were put forth to light the town that night but failed. Yesterday the burned-out transformers were replaced by extra ones on hand and as we went to press prospects for light were very good.

The loss to the company here will reach \$5,000. Similar losses have been sustained in Boulder and Fort Collins.

Local Manager Zurich sat up all of Wednesday night with the sub-station fearing something like that would happen. But now he is rejoicing over the fact that he was not present when this took place.

The Windsor Beacon 16 Oct 1909, Sat page 2

The fire department is meeting regularly and getting some practice as well as holding business sessions. A committee has been appointed to arrange some form of entertainment to be given some time this winter-possibly a minstrel show for the purpose of raising funds. Other committees are working on other matters of importance to the company and there will be no lack of things to interest the boys the next few months.

The Windsor Beacon 30 Oct 1909, Sat page 1

Sets Fire to Self in City Jail

J.C. Miller came very near suffering the punishment of the damned last Saturday "October 23, 1909" night by his own infliction. When he awoke from a drunk which he was sleeping off in the town jail his bedding was on fire and he was on the verge of asphyxiation from the smoke that found little escape thru the few openings in the structure. But for a strong voice and the chance of passerby who heard his cries he would doubtless have burned for his sin here rather than hereafter.

The fire department came to his rescue and had little difficulty in putting out the flames which could do no damage than consume the contents of the jail and torture its lone occupant.

Miller had been working for C.A. Anderson south of town but laid off for a spree and became so intoxicated that Marshal Hinkley was obliged to incarcerate him. In his irresponsible condition it is thought he set fire to his bedding while smoking a cigarette. His trousers were burned up, but he was not injured.

Police Magistrate Chipman fined him \$5 and Costs of \$2 which he paid – rather taken out of the \$10.30 which the marshal wisely took from him when he placed him in the cell.

The Windsor Beacon 30 Oct 1909, Sat page 16

In Case of Fire Remember This

Public attention is called to the fact that in case of fire the telephone is the most effective alarm in town if accessible-especially at night. Should you have occasion to sound an alarm of fire, step to a telephone if possible and notify central, not forgetting to inform the operator where the fire is. She has a list of the firemen who can be reached by phone and can call them at a rate of almost six at one operation and by informing them of the location of the fire much valuable time saved. You can then sound any further alarm possible.

The volunteer fire department is now an active body and on account of circumstances it is certain to remain so. Their familiarity with apparatus by reason of practice already had and which they are gaining at regular intervals the firemen can do more effective work than those inexperienced.

This by no means intimates that they do not want the co-operation of any or all citizens. On the contrary they do, but you can readily see the advantage of having the experienced on the fire ground first if possible.

Results are what you want. "Article ended"

The Windsor Beacon 06 Nov 1909, Sat page 1

Small Blaze in Windsor Pharmacy

The sounding of the fire alarm last Sunday (October 31, 1909) morning while the wind was blowing a fierce gale caused the hearts of Windsor people to pulse with great fear.

It proved to be an unnecessary awakening of the town from its peaceful Sunday morning snooze however.

There was a blaze all right and a passerby saw it. Without waiting for further development, he rang the fire alarm loud and long.

L. E. Frazier was filling the gasoline tank of the hot soda urn when it overflowed and in the twinkling of an eye the urn was enveloped in flames which climbed to the top of the soda fountain.

With great presence of mind, he tried to turn the "fizz" faucet on the flame, but could not make it work. Going to the rear of the store a soda water tank and turned its contents on the flames, quickly extinguishing them.

The damage did not exceed \$25.

The Denver Times 20 December 1909

Dedication of Town Hall

The town board and fire department moved into the new town hall on 20th December

1909 Fire Station at City Hall

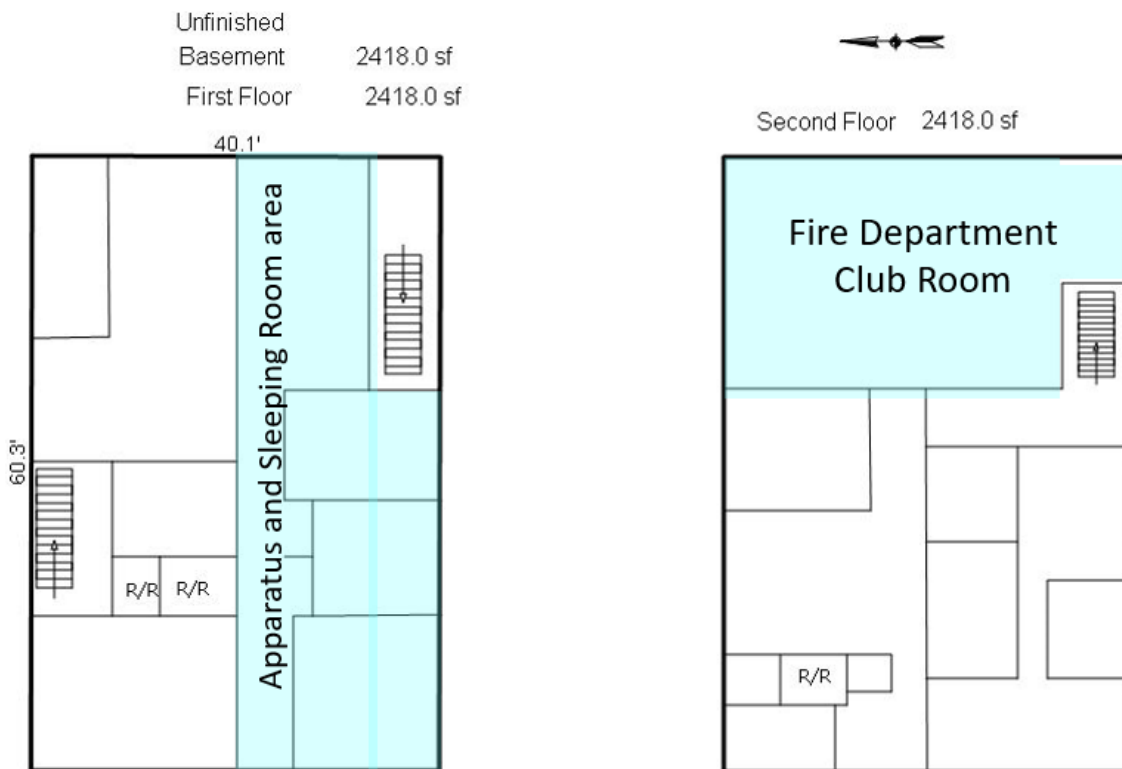
Windsor Fire Department Station #1. 116 5th Street Windsor Colorado from 1909 to 1953/1955
Architect: Oscar Felmlee, Contractor: A.M. Felmlee, Cost \$7,500



Taken after 1925. Photo 2020-302



Taken March 24, 2018. Photo 2020-130

5th Street

Windsor Fire Department Station #1 116 5th Street Windsor Colorado, Architect: Oscar Felmiee, Contractor: A.M. Felmiee, Cost \$7,500. Date of above drawing is unknown, and definition of R/R is also unknown and does not match modern construction.

Poudre Valley 1 January 1910

Windsor's Town Hall Cost Less Than \$8,000

The fire truck room, known as the engine house occupies an area of 18' x 59' in the southern half of the main floor.

Town Meeting February 28, 1910

ORDINANCE NO. 60 NEW SERIES Concerning the Fire Department

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Windsor, State of Colorado:

Section 1. Where shall be, and hereby is established a Fire Department of the Town of Windsor, which shall consist of a Chief Engineer and such other officers as may be hereafter appointed, and the members of such fire companies as may be from time to time organized (SIC) under the authority and, by the direction of the Town Board; and every such fire company shall appoint a foreman of the company, and may adopt such rules and by-laws for their own government as shall not be repugnant to the ordinances of the town or the laws of the State.

Section 2. The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, but the fire company or companies may recommend to the board a competent and satisfactory man for the appointment.

Section 3. The Chief Engineer, for the Fire Department, shall have control of and be responsible to the town for the safe keeping of such apparatus as may be furnished for the

extinguishment of fires. No person shall remove or use any of the apparatus furnished by the Town for the use of the Fire Department, except upon permission of the Chief Engineer, under penalty hereinafter provided.

Section 4. The Chief Engineer, and in his absence the assistant engineer according to rank, shall, in all cases of fire, have the full and absolute control over all the members of the Fire Department, and may compel such other persons present as they deem necessary to aid in the extinguishment of fires. No person not a member of the Fire Department shall in any way interfere with the work of the department in the extinguishment of fires, nor destroy property except upon orders of the Chief Engineer.

Section 5. The Chief Engineer shall make immediate report to the Town Board of all fires in the town, with the cause thereof, so far as the same can be ascertained.

Section 6. The Chief Engineer shall report to the Board of Trustees of said Town on or before the first Tuesday in November each year, and at other times when requested so to do, the condition of the apparatus furnished the Fire Department, with such recommendations relating thereto and to his department, as he shall deem necessary.

Section 7. The apparatus furnished by the town shall be kept in such places at the Town Board shall provide and designate, and the Chief Engineer shall see the same are kept in order for immediate use.

Section 8. There shall be a general review of the Fire Department by the Mayor and Town Board once each year, on such day, and at which place within the town as the Board may appoint, and on the day and at the place appointed, it shall be the duty of all persons belonging to the Fire Department to appear fully equipped with their apparatus.

Section 9. Each fire company organized under the authority of the Town Board and Provisions of this ordinance shall consist of not more than 35 members. Neither the Chief Engineer, or other officers, nor any member of any fire company shall be allowed or paid any compensation for services by reason of their being members of the Fire Department, except that every such officer and member shall be exempt from municipal poll tax in the Town of Windsor while he remains a member of the department; and any person who shall have served five years in succession as member of said Fire Department shall be exempt from such poll tax in Windsor for the remainder of his life. Such person of five-year service shall begin to date not earlier than May 1, 1908.

Section 10. When a fire is in progress, the Chief Engineer or representative in command, may (with the advice of such member of the Town Board as shall be present, and shall deem it necessary, order such building or buildings as are in close proximity thereto, to be pulled down, blown up or otherwise destroyed, for the purpose of checking the progress of the conflagration.

Section 11. A reward of two dollars shall be paid to such persons who furnish a team to pull the fire apparatus to a fire, upon the certification of the Chief Engineer duly presented to the town Board.

Section 12. Any person who shall maliciously or willfully give a false alarm of fire, shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Section 13. Any person or persons violating any of the ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than (10) nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, and cost of suit, for each offense; or, in default of payment of each fine and costs shall be imprisoned in the town jail not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days.

Section 14. Whenever the Fire Department is called to extinguish a fire outside the corporate limits of the Town of Windsor, and does so extinguish the fire, the owner or owners of the property saved shall be required to into the town treasury a sum of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) dollars, according to amount of property saved; which amount to be paid shall be assessed by a committee of the Board of Town Trustees.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of February A.D. 1910 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Windsor, and ordered published in the Poudre Valley, a weekly newspaper published in said town and state.

The Windsor Beacon 18 Feb 1911, Sat

Children Narrowly Escape Holocaust

Fire yesterday (Friday February 17, 1911) destroyed the home and house hold effects of Mrs. Eva Leipsac in the German-Russian settlement this side of the sugar factory, and three little children came very near being burned to death. They were rescued with no more serious injuries than singed hair and scorched clothing.

The fire was under such headway before the alarm was turned in that the building and contents could not be saved. The fire department of the sugar factory reached the scene first and had the flames under control before the city department could make the long run, although the hose cart was hooked behind a team of horses. (Ordinance 60 Section 11 pays \$2 for any one that supplies a team of horses to pull the fire equipment.)

Mrs. Leipsac was away from home and her little child about three years old was in the house playing with two neighbor children, the latter not much older than her own. It is supposed the children were playing with matches or fire in the stove and caused the blaze.

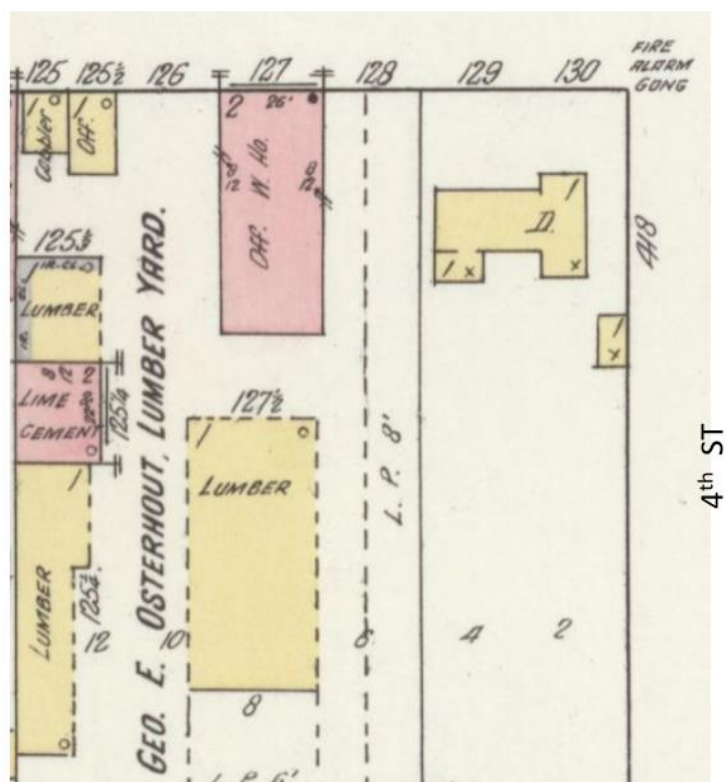
Mrs. Leipsac is a widow and loss is keenly felt by her.

SANBORN MAP CO., LIMITED MAY 1911 WINDSOR COLORADO



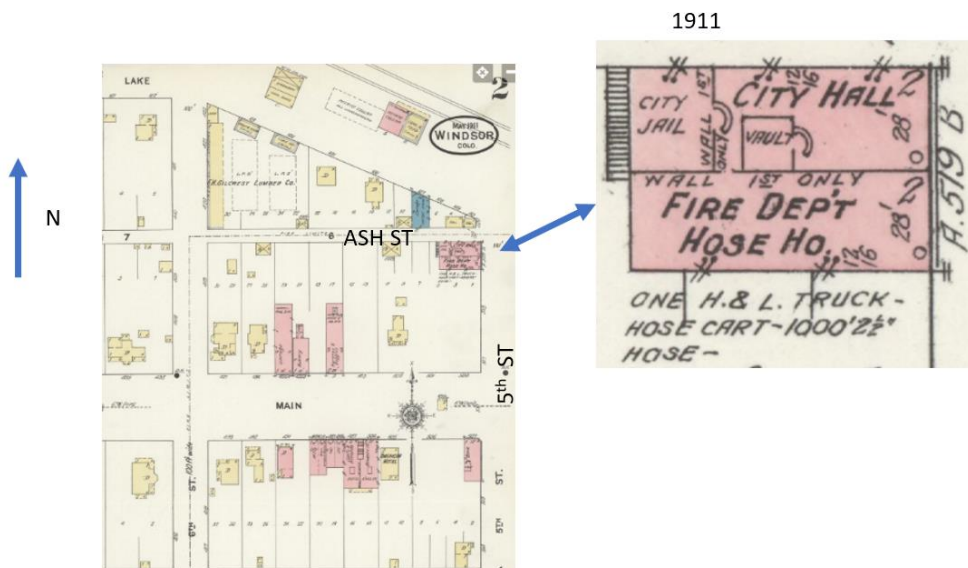
THE WINDSOR MILLING & ELEVATOR CO.
 CAPCY 300 BARRELS DAILY. BUILT 1900.
 RUN DAY TIME ONLY. NO WATCHMAN. POWER STEAM. FUEL COAL.
 LIGHTS KEROS. OIL LAMPS. AND LANTERNS. WATER FROM WELL BY
 STEAM PUMP. 2" V.P. & 50' 1 1/2" COTTON HOSE IN ALL FLOORS OF MILL.
FIRE DEPT.
 Volunteer, 35 men, 1 hose cart, 1 H. & L. Truck, 1000' 2 1/2" hose.
 Alarm gong at Main & 4th Sts.

MAIN ST



Note the location of the Locomotive Tire was on the map "Fire Alarm Gong." It was used from 1902 to 1903 when it was replaced by a church bell at 5th and Main. That bell was damaged and sold and the Tire was used until 1915 when it was replaced by a siren on Geo. E. Osterhout Lumber yard.

116 5th St. housed the Fire Department from 1909 until 1955.



Town Meeting July 8, 1912

The fire department requested that repairs be made to the floor in the fire cart storage area so that the firefighting equipment could be moved in and out more easily.

The Windsor Beacon 11 Jul 1912, Thu page 15

BOARD WITNESS TEST OF TOWN FIRE HOSE

Town Meeting July 8, 1912

Geo. B. Teller new Chief elected of the fire department reported as worthless several lengths of fire hose out of the eighteen lengths in use leaving probably 600 feet of good hose by cutting the bad ends off of three lengths. This fact was determined at a test made that evening prior to the board meeting, a number of board members being at the test, which was made with direct pressure of 80 to 90 pounds from the engine at the pumping station. Recommendations and discussions of various matters were related to fire protection ensued, among which was reported the difficulty of removing the hose cart and ladder truck from the fire house on account of the deep dirt on the floor.

The board authorized the purchase of 350 feet of new hose, and the public improvement s committee was instructed to have a solid floor of some kind laid in the fire house.

When the price of an electric siren for a fire alarm was learned the subject was given no further consideration.

Water Towers #1:

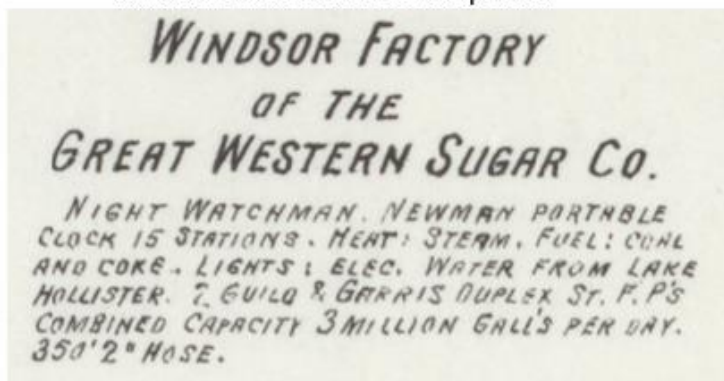
A water tower was located at O Street and East Walnut at the Windsor Factory of the Great Western Sugar Company. O Street is now "Chimney Park Dr. It was installed in August 1912 and removed in the 1960's.



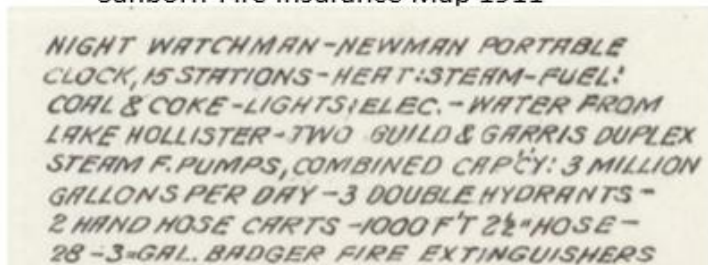
Water Tower 1 Great Western O St and E Walnut. Photo 2021-287

Below is Sanborn Map information on the Windsor Factory of the Great Western Sugar Co. for 1906, 1911, and 1921 that covers fire protection.

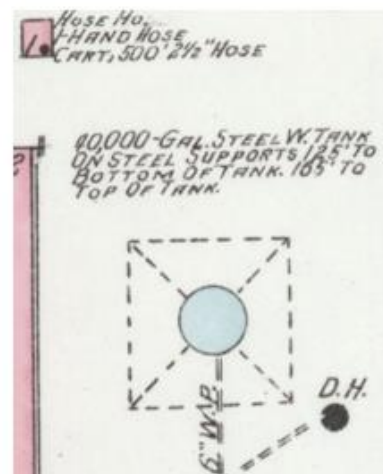
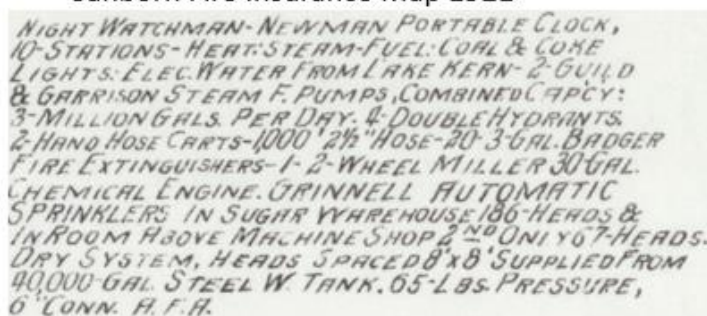
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1906



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1911



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1921



Above is a map of the tower from the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of 1921.

From The Northern Colorado Fire Fighter November 1953 Vol 1 No 11

A Half Century of Progress of Windsor Volunteer Fire Department By Fireman C.W. Crosby (1914)-Chemical Hose cart was added to the department.

Town Meeting March 9, 1914

A chemical engine was purchased for the fire department using sulfuric acid and soda to suppress fires. "The acid was contained in a jar and the baking soda was mixed in the water. Once they got to a fire the acid was mixed with the water and baking soda which produce carbon dioxide which produced pressure that expelled the water thru a hose that was attached."

1914 Chemical Hose Cart:

Below is a Model 45 Chemical Hose Cart, manufactured by Miller Chemical Engine Company 149-151 Huron St in Chicago Illinois. Was used by the Great Western Sugar Company which opened in 1905 in Fort Collins. The tank carried 45 Gallons of a solution of Bicarbonate of Soda (Baking Soda) and Water. Suspended under the brass cap was a bottle of Sulfuric Acid with a cap that would open when the tank was tipped. This would produce pressure and force the solution out a hose to put the fire out.

The cart was Restored by Mike Willey and painted and detailed by Ruby McCarthy of Brushworks Design Studio in 2012. It is an example of a Chemical Engine from the area. Photo WSFM 2018-014



The Alliance Herald 5 March 1914, Thu page 2

Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Co.

JULIUS PEARSE, President.			D. L. CUBBERLY, Vice-Pres.			JULE PEARSE, JR., Secy. and Treas.		
Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Co.								
304-305 Jacobson Bldg., Denver, Colo.								
REPRESENTING Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co. American La France Fire Engine Co. ...AND... Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co.						Fire Apparatus and Supplies for Cities and Towns Estimates Furnished Upon Request Watch for Our Weekly Ad In This Department		
<small>Part of Exhibit of Julius Pearse Fire Dept Supply Co. of Denver, Colo., at the Colorado State Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention held at Colorado, Nebraska, Dec. 20-21, 22, '14.</small>								
Delegates and visitors were agreeably surprised upon visiting our exhibit, which was complete in detail and artistic arrangement, showing the up-to-the minute Fire Fighting Equipment in Brass Goods, Rubber Coats, Boots, Caps, Helmets and Bunker Suits, all manufactured with view of special service for Firemen. A large badge case, showing showing every kind of badge imaginable, attracted much attention. Also a Siren Horn, which was some noise maker. This firm handles everything from suspenders to a ten thousand dollar Pumping Apparatus.								
Our company was represented by D. L. Cubberly and Jule Pearse, Jr., who were much gratified at the wide publicity their exhibit received. All seemed to be anxious to see and become acquainted with the apparatus being shown. Mr. Julius Pearse, Sr., the founder of this company, was for many years on the Denver Volunteer Fire Department, afterwards becoming Chief of the Denver Paid Department, which position he occupied for some eighteen years.								

Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Cos proposal

Siren complete with motor installation- with four stations to be designated, one of which, is to be in the public school building. Installation to be made as soon as possible, and to be in operation period three months trial . At expiration of trial period, if the system meets with approval and acceptance, Two hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid The Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Co, Denver, Colo.

The four stations will be equiped with boxes at each post, and necessary switch for operators. Payment of One hundred and twenty five dollars to be made May first 1915, balance ~~of June first~~ of One hundred dollars June first 1915. Payment to be made by Town warrant.

Windsor, Colo. Jan 12th, 1915.

Signed
 Julius Pearse Fire Supply Co
 J. L. Ashbrook, President

Windsor Colo
 Jan 12-1915

Windsor Beacon 21 Jan 1915, Thu Page 2

TOWN BUYS FIRE SIREN ON TRIAL

At the last meeting of the town board the proposition of the Julius Pearse company of Denver to install its fire siren on three months trial was accepted. The price of this outfit is \$255, including the installation of four alarm stations which will be located as follows: one in the school building, one in the telephone office and two at points to be designated by the board on the streets. These will consist of glass boxes with a hammer attached, so that in case of fire the glass may be broken and the alarm started by a mere push of a button. The Hendrie & Bolthoff firm asked \$275 for its siren, including the four alarm boxes. After a test the two devices the board decided upon the lower priced one, believing it to be the best as well as the cheapest. (The Siren was installed July 1, 1915 on a small tower on the roof of Geo. Osterhout & Charles Lumber Yard Warehouse located at 401 Main Street. It blew down once and was repaired. It was there till it was placed behind the City Hall at 116 5th Street in 1941. The brick schoolhouse is the schoolhouse on the north side of Walnut near 4th Street.

The telephone exchange show below was located at 217 5th Street which is now The Pineapple Exchange as of 2023. This building was constructed in 1909.



Photo of the Telephone exchange was supplied by The Telecommunication History Group, Inc. PO Box 8719 Denver, CO 80201

Poudre Valley July 1, 1915,

ELECTRIC FIRE SIREN DISPLACES LOCOMOTIVE TIRE

Julius Pearse, of the fire department supply company which bears his name, arrived last Friday (06/25/1915) to install the electric fire siren which the town ordered early in the year.

The delay in installation was due to the fact that the younger Pearse has been spending a great while in other states and was not in close touch with the Denver office. His father has been ill for some time and office was not familiar with all the details, hence the delay.

The siren has been mounted on a wooden tower and placed on the roof of the square wareroom in the Osterhout and Charles lumber yard, its location there being with the object of making it as near the central part of town as possible without its being too far from the telephone exchange for best results.

The test of the siren on Saturday afternoon was not as satisfactory as the former tests, but this was due to the fact its installation with the telephone office as the point of operation caused a loss of current, and the connection under rules of the telephone company does not permit of high voltage to overcome this loss. However, at that the siren is better alarm than anything the town has ever had, its wail being such as to arouse the greater part of the populace on almost any occasion.

By use of heavier wire, the siren was later made to work more satisfactorily, there being less loss of current.

This siren takes the place of the old locomotive drive wheel tire which has long been used as an alarm, a hand hammer vigorously being the means of sounding an alarm. The old tire did very well at times, but windy days its sound carried only a short distance.

Windsor Beacon 9 Dec 1915, Thu. Page 6

ALARM SOUNDED---BUT THERE WAS NO FIRE

The fire alarm turned in last Thursday afternoon was false. (12/02/1915) There was no fire—but the town was excited for a few moments, until this fact was ascertained.

It appears that some lad at school threw a rock and broke the glass of the alarm box at the school house, and on Thursday afternoon another lad, on mischief bent or perhaps innocent of any intent to commit a wrong, gave the exposed button a push, which was the signal for the central telephone office to start the fire siren.

One push of the button is the signal from the alarm box located on Main Street, all boxes having a different number of signals in order to inform central in what locality the fire may be. So, it was supposed the fire was at some building on Main street. A search failed to reveal any fire, however, so town officials set about to discover the why and wherefore of the alarm, resulting in the deductions that it was turned in from the school house alarm box in the manner described.

A report that the supposed fire was at the Cable store caused the fire department to hook up at the Koehler corner and get all ready to play the hose on that building. (The signal went from the box to the telephone office where they would then turn the siren on. They may have had a sign on the box to tell the person how many times to push the button. One tap of the button is the Main Street Box Location. It appears the alarm was set from the school with a single tap, which sent every one looking on main street. The Cable store was located at 426 Main Street. Koehler Corner was the Northeast corner of 5th and Main Street)

1916- The Colorado State Fireman's Association was formed December 23, 1916.

1916- It was decided in 1916 that the fire department would be paid a stipend sum of \$10 a month with the understanding that at least ten members showed up to drill practice each week.

Windsor Beacon 9 Mar 1916, Thu page 8

SCHOOL ALARM BOX AGAIN TAMPERED WITH

The fire siren screeched shortly after six o'clock last Sunday evening. (03/05/1916)

The alarm was from the box on the brick school building, and an examination showed that the glass in the front of the box had been removed, or broken out. But the fire was not---not that anybody could find.

The whole town turned out and automobiles dashed wildly from one part of the town to another trying to locate the conflagration. A thorough search failed to reveal the blaze, so it was concluded that some malicious boy or other person had given the alarm.

This is the second time the siren has been set off from this box, but on the previous occasion the button was pushed once. Which is the alarm for Main Street, while at this time the button was pushed three times which is correct for the fschool (sic) house box.

The alarm Sunday night cost the town something more than mere excitement. The hose cart was put entirely out of commission, and one of our young men narrowly escaped serious injury. Fortunately, however he suffered but slight bruises and torn garments.

In order to reach the scene of the supposed fire quickly, the hose cart was hooked onto the Windsor Hardware company truck car. In rounding the corner at Fifth and Walnut Street the speed of the car was not lessened sufficiently to make the turn safely for the cart, which Wm. Harrison was holding by the tongue. It tipped on one wheel, throwing him out of the back end of the car. The young man managed to (sic) protect himself fairly well and to miss the wheels of the heavy cart, which turned over two or three times and landed against the curb at the Hickman residence. The left wheel of the cart was completely demolished, every spoke being broken from the hub, and the other wheel was badly dished, though it held up. It is likely that if the cart had not turned over a few times it might have caught young Harrison and crushed him. His left leg was bruised severely, but he was not otherwise hurt.

Had there really been a fire, some difficulty would have been experienced in getting the host (sic) (HOSE) to it, after the accident. In order to have it ready for use it was unwound from the reel and folded into a light wagon for the night, so that it could be taken quickly and drawn out.

Somebody is likely to get caught at this business of sounding false fire alarms, and the punishment will in keeping with seriousness of the offense.

Windsor Beacon 16 Mar 1916, Thu. Page 1

BOARD ORDERS FIRE ALARM BOX MOVED

Trustee Matrau moved that the fire alarm box at the brick school building be moved to the Atkins corner. Trustee Haskell seconded the motion which prevailed. This was on account of children meddling with the box, and twice alarming the town when there was no fire.

"During the Town Meeting March 27, 1916, it was reported that the box was moved to the C.L. Atkins Corner on Walnut. The only information found about Charles L. Atkins in Windsor was that he was a cashier at the Sugar Factory and mayor pro-tem. He resigned October 1916 and moved to Loveland. He rented his home in Windsor in 1910, according to the census records, but we don't know where that was located."

Town Meeting May 22, 1916

Marshal Beamer was instructed by the town board to bring the chemical engine from Kindred & Forbes garage and put it in the fire house and recharge it. "Evidently the chemical engine had been stored at this garage since its purchase in 1914. Kindred & Forbes Garage was located at the old armory build which is now 207 4th Street. It appears the Farmers State Bank of Windsor foreclosed on the business."

Windsor Beacon 6 Jul 1916, Thu. Page 1

MAYOR AND TRUSTESS INSPECTED FIRE TRUCK CITY OFFERS

“On June 1, 1916 Mayor Charles, and trustees; Atkins, Frazier, Haskell, Koehler, Teller, and Ray went to Greeley for a demonstration of a fire truck that Greeley was selling. They took it for a test drive with a total of 9 men and all the equipment. Greeley was asking \$2,000 since when it was new it cost \$5,000. The group reported it was in excellent condition. We know from further research it was a 1910 Seagrave Buck Board type hose wagon. Photo follows.”

Town Meeting July 10, 1916

A special committee was appointed to look into purchasing a fire hose truck from the city of Greeley.

Town Meeting October 23, 1916

The town board voted to proceed with the purchase of a fire truck from Greeley

CONTRACT CITY of GREELY and TOWN of WINDSOR For Windsor's First Fire Apparatus

MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 24th day of October, A.D. 1916, by and between the City of Greeley, party of the first part, and the Town of Windsor, the party of the second part, municipal corporations of the State of Colorado situated in the County of Weld thereof;

WITNESSETH; For and in consideration of the payments hereinafter and the performance of the conditions and stipulations hereinafter set forth on the part of said party of the second part, the party of the first part does hereby leases and give to the use of the party of the second part the following described property owned by and belonging to the party of the first part, to-wit:

One Seagrave, air-cooled, 80 Horse Power, Six-cylinder, Five-ton, Type D, Number 4223 Automobile Fire Truck, together with 40-gallon chemical tank; 2 hand chemical tanks, 3 gallon each; 25 foot extension ladder: one twelve foot rope (sic Roof) ladder; 300 feet chemical hose; 2 axes; 2 nozzles and other equipment now on said truck, except that there shall not be delivered with said truck any water hose whatsoever.

Party of the first part agrees that at the time of delivery, all the property herein above described to be in first class mechanical condition and guarantees that, at time of delivery, said apparatus and equipment will perform efficient duty when properly and fairly handled.

Party of the second part in consideration of first party leasing and permitting the use of said property covenants and agrees with the party of the first part as follows, to-wit:

First: Second party agrees to operate, at its own expense, the said fire apparatus for the term of four (4) years, and if the same be in any manner injured or destroyed otherwise than by the fault of party of the first part, to replace the same in kind or to pay the value thereof in cash and not to deduct any rental during the time said apparatus is out of repair.

Second: Party of the second part reserves the right to accept or reject said apparatus at any time within ten (10) days after delivery and to make all reasonable tests it may desire before acceptance. In event party of the second part shall refuse to accept said apparatus, then no liability shall accrue to party of the first part as against party of the second part whatsoever, and this lease and contract shall cease, terminate, and be held for naught.

Third: Party of the second part agree to pay as rental to party of the first part, upon acceptance thereof, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) as follows:

Upon acceptance thereof the sum of \$500.00 and the following sums at the time hereinafter specified:

On or Before April 1st 1917, \$500.00

On or Before April 1st 1918, \$500.00

On or Before April 1st 1919, \$500.00

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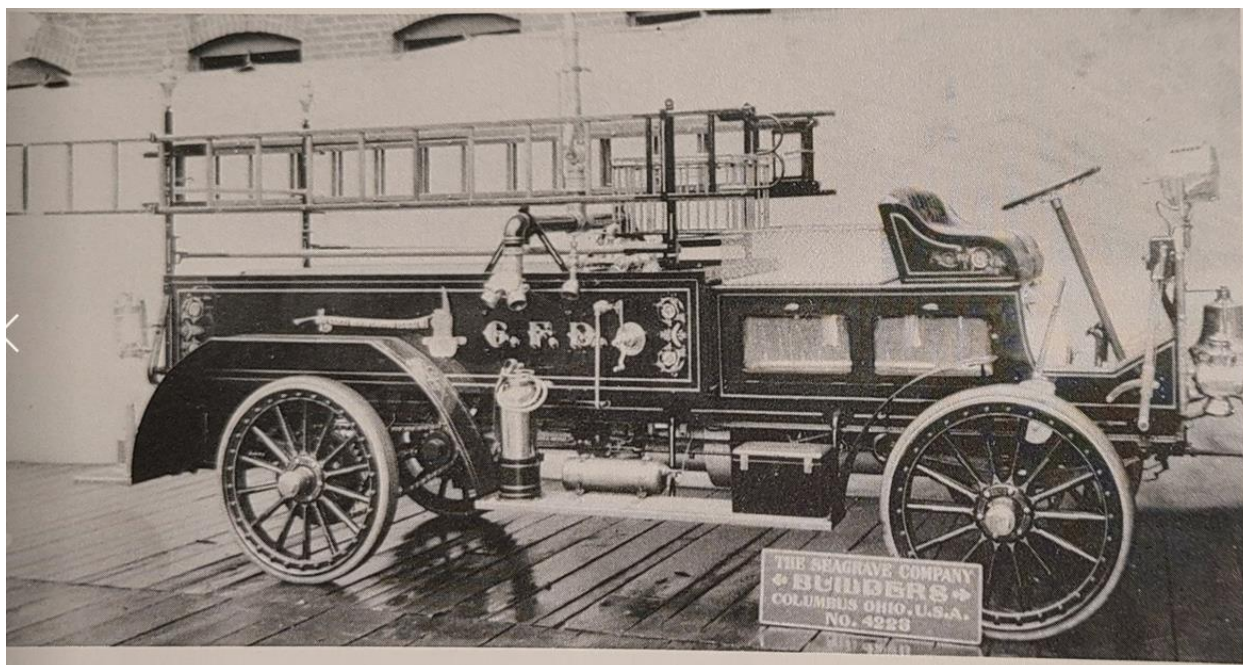
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Fifth: Upon full payment to first party of the said sums, with interest as hereinabove specified, the said first party shall release all its claim, rights, title, and interest in and to the said apparatus to the party of the second part.

Sixth: It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto that this lease and contract may be terminated by the party of the first part at any time prior to delivery of said apparatus on condition that the party of the first party does not accept a certain fire truck which they are under contract to purchase from The American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, otherwise this contract shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have caused this instrument to be signed by it's Mayor and attested by its Clerk, respectively, with the seals of the parties hereto attached, being authorized so to do.

ATTEST:	<u>H. H. Harbough</u> Mayor, City of Greeley.
<u>W. H. H. H. H.</u> Clerk, City of Greeley.	<u>C. D. Charles</u> Mayor, Town of Windsor,
ATTEST:	
<u>A. E. H. H. H.</u> Clerk, Town of Windsor.	



Above is a photo of truck Number 4223 at The Seagrave Company prior to delivery to Greeley Fire. Photo is from the book SEAGRAVE By Mathew Lee Copywrite 1991 ISBN 0-9630472-0-5 Page 69.

Windsor Beacon 30 Nov 1916, Thu. Page 1

The Seagrave fire truck purchased from Greeley was held in Greeley while the Greeley fire department trained on their new fire truck. Then when it was ready to be shipped the roads were too muddy, and then a train car had to be ordered from C. & S. and when it came, it was the wrong size. So as of November 30, it was still in Greeley.

Windsor Beacon 7 Dec 1916, Thu. Page 1

FIRE TRUCK IS TESTED OUT

NEW MACHINE APPEARS TO BE SATISFACTORY

On Saturday December 2, 1916 the Seagrave was shipped by train to Windsor. It was accompanied by Chief Preston of the Greeley Fire Department who started it and drove it a few blocks as soon as it was unloaded. He drove it thru a considerable amount of mud without a problem. The truck was placed in the Windsor Garage and Machine Shop, where it would stay until spring while room was made in the fire hall.

Another test was made Wednesday December 6, under the supervision of Chief Preston in the presence of Mayor Charles and members of the board. The chemical tank was discharged in perfect working order. After the test the engine refused to start again and the spark plugs were found to be dirty.

Town Meeting December 11, 1916

The new fire truck was received from Greeley and temporarily stored in the Windsor Garage until the chemical engine and hook and ladder truck could be sold to make room in the town hall. "Note the Chemical engine was eventually sold to the Town of Grover in the spring of 1917 and the hook and ladder wagon was put in storage in an area barn. The new engine was a 1910 Seagrave."

Windsor Beacon 14 Dec 1916, Thu. Page 1

The Seagrave fire is reported to be stored a Kunder & Knemeyer garage, with temporary arrangement with Mr. Kunder to drive it in the event of a fire.

Windsor Beacon Thu Feb 8, 1917 Page 1

FIRE DESTROYS HOCKING HOME

MODERN HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING

Fire almost completely destroyed the neat little residence of John Hocking on Locust Street early Saturday Morning. "Feb. 3, 1917"

When the blaze was first discovered it would probably have been possible to have extinguished it with a garden hose, but this was tried the hose was found full of water and frozen.

A fuse had burned out in the electric alarm system, and the only alarm that could be sounded until the fuse was replaced was that of the old gong which is still in place at the corner of Main and Fourth.

When the real alarm finally woke up the town the fire truck driver had trouble starting the truck. It finally got started, but went dead at the bank corner and had to be pushed by hand. Wm. Kunder was driving; he declares that failure of the gasoline to feed into the carburetor was responsible for the trouble.

From The Northern Colorado Fire Fighter November 1953 Vol 1 No 11

A Half Century of Progress of Windsor Volunteer Fire Department By Fireman C.W. Crosby
In the year 1917, the department was again reorganized. Guy B. Kirk became the Chief and served several years being succeeded by C.A. Chipmen (in 1928)

Town Meeting March 26, 1917

During the Town Meeting March 26, 1917 Ordinance 92: Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Section #2 Permitted fire alarm equipment, and wires can be installed on their poles as long as these poles do not carry power lines.

Town Meeting April 9, 1917

The new town board was installed, along with new committees. The Fire Department and Town Hall Committee was appointed under this new name. The Windsor Volunteer Fire Department was organized at the town hall on this date with G.B. Kirk serving as it first chief.

1917- The chemical cart was sold to the Town of Grover, in May of 1917. L.E. Frazier drove Dr. Haskell, Marshal Beamer and Roy Ray, all officers of the Town of Windsor, to Grover, where the cart was unpacked, set up and a demonstration was made, which was proved satisfactory to the Grover officials present to witness it.

The Windsor Beacon May 1917, From 27 May 1937 Thu Page 2

Section: -Twenty Years Ago-

The town of Grover, in northeastern weld county, now owns the chemical cart which Windsor had use for until the new fire truck was obtained, which carries chemical tank and fire hose. Last Friday morning L. E. Frazier motored D. Haskell, Marshal Beamer and Roy Ray, all officers of the town, to Grover where the cart was unpacked, set up and demonstration made, which proved satisfactory to the Grover officials present to witness it.

Poudre Valley 2 June 1917

Town Board Considers Remodeling Plans

The town board discussed the fire department space to house the fire truck and hook and ladder, and to provide a sleeping room for a couple of members of the fire company, lay concrete on the floor, and install heavier and wider front doors in the fire truck bay. The department also wanted a new hose drying rack or tower that would replace an older drying rack that was already present in the building. The Fire Department and Town Hall committee was instructed to advertise for bids for concrete work, carpentry, and other proposed alterations. At some point the floor was taken care of but the balance was not.

Windsor Beacon Jun 28, 1917 Page 8

FIRE TRUCK NOT FOR JOY RIDES

Some people imagine that the fire truck "1910 Seagrave" is for anyone to jump onto and ride when an alarm is sounded.

This is not the purpose of the truck. It is primarily to get the hose to the scene of the conflagration, but fire boys should be there as soon as the truck if possible. Obviously, they should ride the truck when it starts or get on later if they can. In order to give them the opportunity to ride, others should keep off. The truck is capable of carrying a big load, but it was never intended that everybody in town should jump on and ride to the fire just because they happen to want to be there to look on.

The fire department wishes people to refrain from interfering in this way, allowing only members of the company to ride to and from the fire.

Windsor Beacon 3 Jan 1918, Thu Page 1

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Before it could be ascertained from what box the call was turned in, the person had disappeared and his identity is still unknown.

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Windsor Beacon 9 May 1918, Thu Page 4

The Greeley Tribune-Republican had a glowing account of the fire which destroyed the Lorenz cleaning plant in Windsor on Wednesday of last week (May 1, 1918) Aside from the fact that Lorenz was not working at the plant when the fire started, that the chemical apparatus was taken to the scene by the volunteer fire department on the fire truck and not in a Ford truck, that the “bucket Brigade did not attempt to put out the fire, but merely prevented other buildings from igniting with water carried from the lake that none of the firemen was “severely burned”, and that there was not a strong wind blowing at the time, the account was practically correct. “Not sure what transpired between the two newspapers on this fire”

Windsor Beacon 24 October 1918, Thu Page 1

FIRE TRUCK SEEMS WHOLLY UNRELIABLE

The mayor called a conference on Tuesday night (October 22, 1918) of members of the town board and fire department to consider ways and means of making the fire equipment “1910 Seagrave” more reliable and effective. It has come to a point where it will be necessary to make the truck more dependable or dispose of it and procure equipment that is less complicated and more capable of immediate service when needed.

The fire department succeeded in putting the truck to run for the drill Tuesday evening for the first time in almost a month. On two or three previous occasions attempts to start it resulted in the carburetor catching on fire by reason of back-firing and only by heroic work of the fire boys that the machine was saved from the flames.

Different mechanics have worked on the truck, but with no permanent results, although some of the difficulties were in each case temporarily overcome, and it will be advisable to spend more money on it or get something less complicated and more dependable. The town must have a truck of some kind for fire-fighting purposes, as it is impossible to return to the old hand-drawn hose cart. Men will not take an interest in the fire department under the old plan. One of the worst problems the department is having to contend with at the present time is that the truck is a man-killer to crank and when the boys have to expend every ounce of their energy getting it started, they lose their interest in the work.

There is a strong belief that all of the difficulties could be overcome if an expert could be imported to work on the truck, but the difficulty is to procure such a man under the present war conditions which render all men of this class so busy that no offer will tempt them that is

reasonable. There is also the element of chance that after going to a heavy extra expense the result may not be permanent, but only temporary.

The truck has paid for itself on more than one occasion in protection or salvation of property. Even those who objected to the investment in it have conceded that at the Frazier fire alone its worth, for a few moments delay in that case would have meant an uncontrollable conflagration, with other property likely to have been consumed. While some blame the truck for its failure to get to the Hocking "February 3, 1917" property, it is known that this was not the fault of the machine, as it could not be expected to run without gasoline, and this necessary motive power was lacking.

Town Meeting October 28, 1918

G.B. Kirk, chief and Chas. Peterson were before the Board in behalf of the Fire Dept. They had investigated the cost of putting the old truck body on a Ford skeleton Truck. The Board took no action except to make provision with Mr. Peterson for the use of one of his trucks in case of necessity, and one of its trailers on which to keep part of its hose at all times.

Town Meeting December 27, 1918

Fire Committee was empowered to purchase a new trailer to place fire hose. Motion was passed.

Trustee Haskell reported that S.P. Giddings of Timnath would guarantee to put the fire truck in good running condition or would receive no pay and with the use of a limited amount of new stuff aside from replacement of gears and materials needed for ignition system.

E.S. Haskell moved and G.B. Tilled seconded that S.P. Giddings be given the opportunity to put the truck in running order.

Roll was called. Yeas, Frazier, Koehler, Haskell, Teller, and Coon. Nays None.

CONTRACT CITY of Windsor and S.R. Giddings of Timnath

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 30 day of December, A.D. 1918, by and between The Town of Windsor, a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, party of the first part, and S.R. Giddings of Timnath, Colorado, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: WHEREAS the said party of the second part agrees to put the FIRE TRUCK of said Town in satisfactory working order, including proper adjustment and arrangement of ignition system so the engine will start promptly, quickly and easily, same to be demonstrated to satisfaction of said Town Board of Trustees, also to replace gears and such other broken parts as are necessary.

THERSFORE in consideration of the above service The said Town of Windsor agrees to pay for the labor and expense of replacing said gears and other parts actually needed at a reasonable and fair price; in the event that Mr. Giddings fails to make said TRUCK work and operate to the entire satisfaction of said Board of Trustees, he is to have no pay for labor or expense attached other than herein specified but in the event he succeeds, he shall receive in compensation according to his regular schedule for labor and the cost of material.

It is further understood and agreed that Mr. Giddings shall use due diligence to return said truck to the Town in good shape and satisfactory working order as soon as possible.

Responsibility of second part ceases after satisfactory delivery and demonstration to said Town Board of Trustees of Town of Windsor, Colo.

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Attest:

Myrtle M. Metzger

S. R. Giddings

Town Meeting January 13, 1919

Trailer was purchased from Tray Trailer for \$119 to hold hose and be towed behind the ford pickup truck while the 1910 Seagrave was being repaired.

Windsor Beacon 19 January 1919, Thu Page 1

Front Axle of Fire Truck Breaks --- Metal Crystalized and Was Defective

On Monday (January 13, 1919) the front axle of the fire truck broke in twain (two) near the Gray residence west of town, while it was being towed to Timnath by S. R. Giddings, who has the contract with the town to put the machine in operating condition satisfactory to the board.

The break came without warning, and an examination shows that the metal in the heavy axle had crystalized, while there were also indications that there was a flaw in the casting or forging, which was not noticeable after the same had been covered by paint.

While this break was unfortunate, the feeling is that it was better to have occurred in this way than at some time when the fire boys might have been hurrying to a fire. Mr. Giddings removed the broken axle and brought it back to town to show the officials. He stated that it broke while moving over level ground and that the speed he was traveling was around ten miles an hour. As the big truck was being towed by a small truck, it is not likely that any speed limit were being exceeded.

According to the contract with Mr. Giddings, the truck is to be made to do satisfactory work in starting and running or he receives no pay for either labor or material, the latter item to be limited mainly to things having to do with the ignition system of the motor. If this part of the work is satisfactory, he is to be paid for material used and for his time at the regular shop schedule for labor. He is to replace the gears in the transmission while about the other work, and for this service he is to be paid for both labor and material in any event.

While the truck is away for repairs the fire hose is loaded on a trailer at the fire room and the trailer is attached to a Ford or other car so that it is in readiness at any time in case of fire.

Town Meeting June 9, 1919

The board approved a new fire truck driver and caretaker, along with giving him approval to occupy the sleeping room at the rear of the fire department hall. The driver was required to start the truck daily and make sure it was ready with oil and gasoline. He was paid \$25.00 per month minus \$10.00 per month for use of the sleeping room. The annual appropriation for the new fiscal year included \$4,000.00 for the town hall and fire department. Jim McMillen was hired as its driver.

June 6, 1919 - The 1910 Seagrave #4223 was returned from repairs at S.R. Giddings in Timnath under its own power. Repair costs were \$4,000.

1920- Severance Fire Department

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance" by Mary Alice Lindblad.

Before the town's incorporation, not much provision was made for fire fighting fires. Neighbors simply pitched in with buckets of available water to help put out or control fires. One of the original committees appointed after incorporation in 1920 was a Fire Department Committee.

1920- On June 23, 1920 Windsor Fire Department joined The Colorado State Fireman's Association.

Town Meeting April 12, 1920

The fire department reported that it had sufficient funds to complete the Club Room on the second floor, except for the purchase of ceiling boards. The town board agreed to purchase this material for the fire department.

Town Meeting May 10, 1920

\$25.00 charge for the property owner if the fire department responding outside the city limit

The Poudre Valley Newspaper April 1921 Vol.

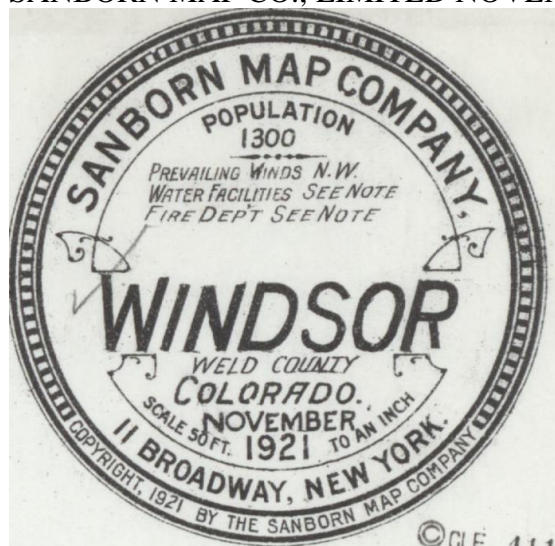
Firemen Guests of Town Officials at Dinner Friday Night

At a dinner held by the town board for members of the fire department members, the mayor thanked them for their work and congratulated the department on its improvement to their area of the town hall auditorium as a club room," where many pleasant hours are spent by its members." Following the dinner, the group socialized in the firemen's club room, enjoying the phonograph, billiard, pool tables and card tables.

1921 Windsor Fire Insurance Map, Sanborn Map Company November 1921

On the 1921 Sanborn Map there is a Diagram of the Town Hall. This diagram shows there was: 1-Seagrave combination chemical and hose auto with 40-gallon chemical tank & 1,000 feet of 2 ½" hose in good condition. 1. Hook & Ladder Truck.

SANBORN MAP CO., LIMITED NOVEMBER 1921 WINDSOR COLORADO



**WINDSOR FACTORY
OF THE
GREAT WESTERN SUGAR CO.**

NIGHT WATCHMAN-NEWMAN PORTABLE CLOCK,
10-STATIONS-HEAT:STEAM-FUEL:COAL & COKE
LIGHTS:ELEC.WATER FROM LAKE KERN-2-GUILD
& GARRISON STEAM F. PUMPS, COMBINED CAPCY:
3-MILLION GALS. PER DAY. 4-DOUBLE HYDRANTS.
2-HAND HOSE CARTS-1000' 2½" HOSE-20-3-GAL. BADGER
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS-1-2-WHEEL MILLER 30 GAL.
CHEMICAL ENGINE. GRINNELL AUTOMATIC
SPRINKLERS IN SUGAR WAREHOUSE 186-HEADS &
IN ROOM ABOVE MACHINE SHOP 2ND ONLY 67-HEADS.
DRY SYSTEM, HEADS SPACED 8'x8' SUPPLIED FROM
40,000-GAL. STEEL W. TANK. 65-LBS. PRESSURE,
6" CONN. A. F. A.

WINDSOR FLOUR MILL

CAPCY 300-BARRELS DAILY. BUILT 1900
NO WATCHMAN. POWER & LIGHTS: ELEC. FUEL: COAL. WATER
FROM CITY SYSTEM. 2" V. P. & 50' 1½" COTTON HOSE IN ALL FLOORS
OF MILL.

FIRE DEPT.

Volunteer, 17 men, 1-Seagrave comb. chem. and hose auto
with 40-gal. chem. and 1000' 2½" hose. Alarm siren at
lumber yard sheet 1-block-10. Town site level. 2-blocks

A Siren was purchased from Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Company, Denver on July 1, 1915 and mounted on a small tower on the roof of Osterhout & Charles Lumber Yard Warehouse (401 Main Street). It blew down once and was repaired. It was there till it was placed behind the City Hall 116 5th Street in 1941. 1951- The old siren on top of the Town Hall was replaced with a larger and more powerful siren erected on two poles 50" high at the rear of the building which provided an adequate alarm for the department. It stopped working in 1999 and was never replaced.

Town Meeting January 8, 1923

Fire Chief G.B. Kirk reported on the status of the fire department, which had 17 members and was conducting weekly drills.

Town Meeting February 12, 1923

Watchman's clocks were installed at eleven locations in Windsor for the night marshals making their rounds. All stations were located for both fire and burglar protection.

Station No. 1 City Hall, near jail door.

Station No. 2. Back of Biose Payette Lumber Yard

Station No. 3 Back of Ford Garage

Station No. 4 Back of Post Office

Station No. 5 Back of Fraziers Drug Store.

Station No. 6 East End of Windsor Merc. Co., Elevator.

Station No. 7 Back of Windsor Flour Mill.

Station No. 8 Toilet building aside of Middletown back door.

Station No. 9 Rays Coal House, back of Poudre Valley.

Station No. 10 On post of Sawyers Chicken Yard.

Station No. 11 Back of Harrison Jewelry Store.

Town Meeting May 12, 1924

No Parking signs to go up in front of fire hydrants on main street.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper Thursday January 15, 1925

**WAREHOUSE AND GRAIN ELEVATOR AT FARMERS SPUR DESTROYED BY FIRE
EARLY TUESDAY MORNING**

Fire destroyed the Mosher & Parker and Colorado Milling & Elevator Tuesday "January 13, 1925" morning. The loss amounts to about \$35,000. The grain elevator of the mill company and the warehouse of Mosher & Parker were consumed, including much grain and other farm products stored there. "This facility was located off of Railroad Ave in Severance where the Public Works building is presently located at 145 3rd Ave."

About \$10,000 worth of beans, and potatoes worth about \$1,200 were destroyed. It is understood locally that a son of W.H. Rice of Windsor had about \$1,000 worth of beans stored in the ware house. (All totaled \$788,000 in 2022)

Three refrigerator cars standing on the track were saved by the engine and crew of the morning passenger train, which was late in arriving here on account of stopping to care for C. & S. property and aid in any other way possible.

The flames broke out in the Mosher & Parker office, probably from a stove. When members of the Windsor fire department, including Chief Kirk, C. A. Chipman and H.L. Brewer, accompanied by several men from the sugar factory, reached the scene the fire had not gained much headway and probably could have been extinguished easily had the sugar factory chemical tank worked as expected. But to the consternation of the firemen and factory men, the chemicals failed to expel from the tank. An examination disclosed that the glass acid container had broken at some time and the acid had so gradually seeped into the soda that no chemical action had taken place. This break was not known to exist until the attempt to use the apparatus in this emergency. The chemical tank is recharges once a year by the sugar company.

The factory chemical tank and several of the men from here were hauled to the scene by T.F. Vincent. The Windsor firemen responded at once upon call, without waiting for authority, and did what they could. As no water system is at Farmers, there was no use of taking any other than chemical equipment from here.

The Greeley fire department was first called, but could not go outside of the city limit without permission. When this permission was finally obtained, men were provided only fire hose which was of no service there.

Chief Kirk of the Windsor department says there is not the slightest doubt that had the chemical tank operated, the property could have practically all been saved.

Farmers from the surrounding country joined the other men and assisted in moving such stuff as could be handled out of the reach of flames, and a bucket brigade carrying water from an irrigation ditch prevented spread of the fire to adjoining property.

Below is the PROPOSAL – SPECIFICATION – CONTRACT for the 1925 REO SPEEDWAGON from Pearse Fire Equipment cover page followed by the a retype of the document dated March 7, 1925
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PROPOSAL

FOR FURNISHING FIRE APPARATUS EQUIPMENT MOUNTED ON

Commercial Truck Chassis

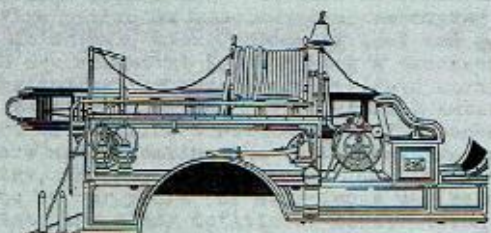
BY

The Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Company

WESTERN DISTRIBUTORS

AMERICAN LAFRANCE FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, INC.

General Office: Denver, Colo.



"CUSTOM BUILT" NOT ASSEMBLED

PROPOSAL—SPECIFICATION—CONTRACT

Denver, Colorado March 7, 1925

To Hon. Mayor and Town Council, _____
Windsor, Colorado. _____

Dear Sirs:

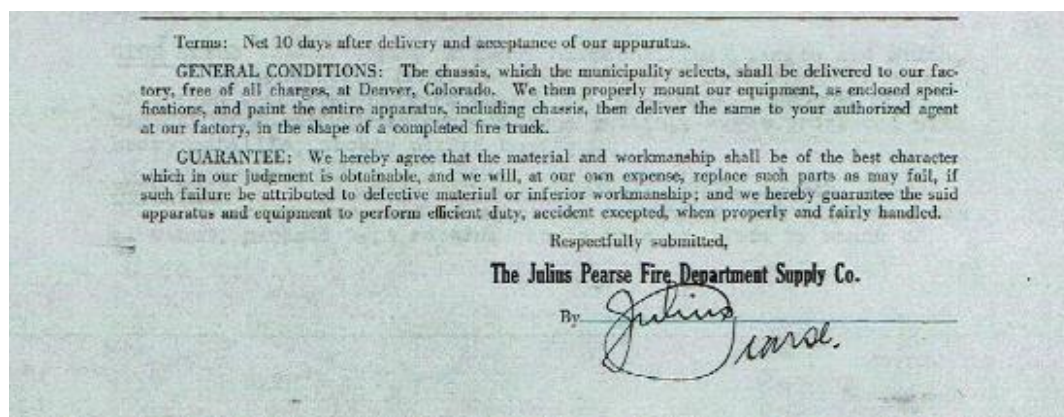
We hereby propose and agree to furnish after your acceptance of this proposal and the proper execution and approval of the accompanying contract, the following Fire Apparatus Equipment:

One Type 18 equipment. Mounted as per arrangements with _____
Mr. Kirk. _____

All of which are to be built in accordance with the specifications attached, and which are made a part of this agreement and contract, and to ship same in about 40 working days after date of receipt and approval of contract properly executed, subject to all causes beyond our control, for the sum of Sixteen Hundred ----- Dollars

(\$1600.00) F. O. B. Denver, Colorado

Allowance for your old Seagrave Car \$400.00



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Detailed specifications for PEARSE FIRE EQUIPMENT to be mounted on commercial truck chassis.

“CUSTOM BUILT” for your particular service and needs by the West’s oldest fire department supply house.

THE JULIUS PEARSE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLY COMPANY, DENVER COLORADO.

INTRODUCTORY

The fire equipment herein specified is built entirely in our factories and is designed and constructed especially for heavy fire service. The design includes the latest improvements and best practice known in fire apparatus construction, embodying the refinement and simplicity in details, distribution of load and general construction which are essential in producing a successful apparatus capable of withstanding the severe and manifold strains of hard and prolong fire service. The labor and material entering into this construction are of the finest obtainable. The mechanical features, of which they are many, combine the best points known to the fire fighting industry, and anticipated future developments. In order that the results of our year’s of experience may be fully embodied in this equipment, the minor details of construction such as location of equipment and tools are to be left to the discretion of the manufacture.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR TYPE 18.

HOSE BODY

Capacity 1000 feet 2½ inch fire hose. It is to be constructed of best grade 14 gauge ingot steel, is hand forged and hand riveted into one piece of steel, light strong and durable. The hand forged angles, braces, etc. are all made of perfect material and of a size that assure you a safe margin of safety should an unusual condition present itself. The bottom is of slated wood construction, to allow proper ventilation of hose and is made of second growth straight grain ash, that has properly aged under supervision.

REAR BODY STANDARDS Two (2) made of forged steel, securely bolted to either side of rear of hose body.

REAR HAND RAIL One (1) 1 1/8-inch nickle plated hand rail. Securely fastened between rear body standards.

<u>BODY RAILS</u>	Two (2) 1 1/8 inch outside diameter, nickle body and completely down the rear of car, attached directly to the rear step, with special designed Pearse pattern escutcheon plates that absolutely assure rigidity. Nickle plated ornaments on the front of each rail. Mounted on either side and securely attached to body by means of eight (8) substantial nickle plated brass brackets, which are bolted to hose body.
<u>SIDE STEPS</u>	Made of heavy hardwood, full length and width, connected front and rear fenders, made rigid by means of forged iron step hangers suspended from frame. Covered with highest grade aluminum, pyramid type matting, edges protected with heavy metallic, nickle plated nosing.
<u>REAR STEP</u>	Made of heavy hardwood, ample length, across entire rear end of apparatus. Covered with highest grade aluminum, pyramid type matting firmly held in place by means of plated strips. Edges protected by means of heavy metallic, nickle plated nosing. Made absolutely rigid by means of forged steel braces leading from the hose body and brackets suspended from the main frame of chassis.
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<u>REAR FENDERS</u>	Made of especially heavy steel and braced with angle iron. Particular attention paid to building rear fenders to harmonize with front chassis fenders. Extending full length from side steps to rear step.
<u>TOOL BOX</u>	One (1) of heavy hardwood, with spring door and containing the necessary operating tools for the fire fighting appliances, or if the company deems more advisable, for the sake of efficiency, a steel tool box will be mounted on the side step, instead of a rear step mounting. This tool box to be mounted under seat.
<u>BUMPER</u>	One best grade steel bumper, conveniently and properly mounted on front of chassis frame, decorated to harmonize with balance of apparatus.
<u>METAL APRON</u>	Between both side steps, rear step and the body will be a properly braced steel aprons or better known "SAFETY FIRST" guard, thereby preventing the firemen slipping and falling into the chassis in such a manner that their injury is preventable.
<u>DRIVER'S SEAT</u>	One (1) fire department type seat, comfortably seating two (2) men and is of the very highest quality. The seat frame is built of clear oak and is covered on the outside with smooth sheet steel. Our upholstering is the best grade of genuine long-grain leather with glossy finish, the same material being also used in our cushion. Seat to have box under same with doors under each end.
<u>SEAT HAND HOLDER</u>	Two (2) nickle plated brass handles are securely bolted to the seat proper, thereby securing the men standing on the side steps an added factor of safety.

CHEMICAL TANK One (1) 40-gallon original Champion chemical steel tank made of one-piece, seamless, cold drawn steel with head of same construction, securely riveted in place. Inside and outside of tank and head and all fittings thoroughly tinned to prevent corrosion. All seams and joints sweated through and backed up with heavy wall of solder, making tank of safest construction and securing maximum life. All fittings completely tinned to insure absolutely tight connections. Equipped with malleable iron trunnion brackets, securely bolted to frame. Tank is operated by revolving on trunnions, accomplishing by half turn of brass wheel. Tank tested to 400-pound hydrostatic pressure; built to withstand pressure of about 1000 pounds to the square inch. One (1) heavy cast brass cage of one-piece construction, heavily tinned. One (1) acid receptacle, non-corrosive, made of special acid resisting composition metal. One (1) heavy brass cap heavily tinned inside. One (1) brass stuffing box. **Tank to be mounted between seat and end of hose box.**

PIPING One (1) complete set heavy brass, nickle plated piping equipped with three (3) brass gate valves and 2½ inch filling connection, including blind cap for quickly and efficiently recharging chemical tank or permitting use of small stream of plain water by direct connection of 2½ inch fire hose with ¾ inch chemical hose. One (1) 350-pound polished brass, nickle plated pressure gauge with heavy glass dial.

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CHEMICAL HOSE Four (4) 50-foot lengths, best grade ¾ inch special four ply, wrapped chemical hose with regulation fire department nickle plated brass couplings attached. Hose coupling made of special composition material to withstand action of ingredients of tank. Tested to 400 pounds hydrostatic pressure.

NOZZLE One (1) eccentric, positive action, non-stick, free flow, chemical engine nozzle equipped with one (1) ¼ inch and (1) 3/8-inch tips. Made of best composition material and designed to reduce friction to the minimum.

CHEMICAL HOSE REEL One (1) automatic chemical hose reel, over the hose body. By scientific construction our reel is always attached to the piping on the chemical tank and successfully operates, whether you string out one foot or the entire two hundred feet of chemical hose. Hose reel to be mounted lengthwise of hose box and to pull of hose from side of car. Reel to be in center and front end of hose body.

EXTRA ACID RECEPTACLE One (1) non-corrosive acid receptacle with stopple and lifter, made of best acid-resisting materials.

ACID RECEPTACLE HOLDER One (1) heavy polished brass, nickle plated acid receptacle holder with cover and leather strap; securely bolted to running board for conveniently carrying acid receptacle.

SODA CANISTER One (1) Heavy brass, nickle plated canister equipped with cover and strap, securely bolted to running board for convenience and safety carrying extra charge of Bi-carbonate of soda.

- LANTERNS Two (2) brass, nickle plated Dietz Fire Department Lanterns, tubular construction.
- LANTERN BRACKETS Two (2) nickle plated brass, spring action brackets; securely bolted to body of apparatus for carrying the above-described lanterns.
- AXE One (1) regulation Fire Department pick head fire axe. Head made of crucible steel and handle of second growth hickory, pained and polished to harmonized with other equipment.
- AXE HOLDERS One (1) set holders for above axe, including and (1) axe blade scabbard and one (1) spring tulip for handle, both nickle plated brass, securely and properly bolted to apparatus.
- CROWBAR One (1) regulation Fire Department forged steel crowbar, painted to harmonize with apparatus.
- CROWBAR HOLDER One (1) set of nickle plated brass holders to hold above crowbar, securely and properly bolted to apparatus.
- HAND EXTHINGUISHERS Two (2) nickle plated polished copper, No. 5, three-gallon Babcock Extinguishers, equipped with 3 feet of chemical hose and eccentric shut off nozzle same type as used on ¾ inch chemical hose, also handle for conveniently carrying. Tested to 350 pounds hydrostatic pressure.
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- EXTENSION LADDER One (1) 20-foot fire department type solid side extension ladder equipped with rapid hoist device. Sides made of especially selected straight, close grained Oregon pine, thoroughly seasoned under natural methods for a period of four to five years. Rungs made of second growth ash, split grain. Ladder reinforced laterally with iron rods at regular intervals. Natural finish.
- ROOF LADDER One (1) 12-foot fire department type solid side roof ladder. Sides made of specially selected straight, close grained Oregon pine, thoroughly seasoned under natural methods for a period of four to five years. Rungs made of second growth ash, split grain. Ladder reinforced laterally with iron rods at regular intervals. Equipped with latest model, SAFETY FIRST, approved folding roof hooks. Natural finish. Neatly nested in the 20-foot extension ladder.
- LADDER BRACKETS One (1) set steel brackets, securely bolted to apparatus, for carrying ladders conveniently. Arranged to prevent rattling of ladders by application of our ladder locks and at the same time allowing quick removal of ladders.
- PIKE POLE One (1) 10 foot hard wood regulation type pike pole or plaster hook. Natural finish.

PIKE POLE HOLDER Two (2) polished brass finished, nickle plated holders for securely holding the pike pole in place on apparatus.

NOZZLE HOLDERS Two (2) nickle plated finished, hard wood nozzle holders, securely bolted to the rear step.

LOCOMOTIVE BELL One (1) 10-inch locomotive fire department type bell made of special sonorous metal, (*metal than makes a sound when hit*) equipped with clapper and rope leading to driver's seat. Set in forged steel bracket and properly mounted and nickle plated.

HAND SIREN One (1) Sterling type hand operated fire department siren, or one (1) Sterling electric siren if preferred.

HOSE SPANNERS Two (2) ¾ inch regulation chemical hose spanners.

WRENCH One (1) large malleable iron tank cap wrench, an all-weather wrench of extra-large dimensions.

SODA BAG One (1) heavy white duck soda bag, of the proper size to hold complete soda charge for chemical tank.

SEARCH LIGHT One (1) nickle plated 10-inch fire department type swivel search-light, conveniently mounted on dash with operating switch.

FINISH As above noted, all brass and polished parts are to be nickle plated.

PAINTING The complete apparatus, including chassis is to be handsomely painted in standard fire department red, (unless otherwise ordered, in which event make notation on bottom of page 5) with fine coach colors, and is to be well grounded and finished with best wearing varnishes.

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STRIPING AND LETTERING The decorative work, general striping and lettering to be attractive in design and execution and are to be made extra durable with the use of gold leaf.

(Copy for lettering)

WINDSOR FIRE DEP'T. On Hood.

NO. 1. On seat.

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All Agreements Are Contingent Upon Delays Resulting From All Causes Beyond Our Control

CONTRACT

This Agreement. Made by and between THE JULIUS PEARSE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLY COMPANY, party of the first part, hereinafter called the Company, and Town of Windsor,
Colorado.

party of the second part, hereinafter called the Buyer.

Witnesseth, That the Company agrees to sell upon the conditions which are below written the fire apparatus equipment heretofore described, all of which are to be in accordance with the specifications and guarantees attached, and which are made a part of this agreement and contract.

Delivery is to be made at Denver, Colorado

and delivery to be made within 40 working days after receipt and approval of this contract duly executed, or as soon thereafter as is consistent with good workmanship and proper painting, subject to delays resulting from any causes beyond the control of the Company.

The Buyer agrees to purchase and pay for the aforesaid property, delivered as aforesaid, the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars ----- Dollars to be paid to THE JULIUS PEARSE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLY COMPANY. No payments to be made to agents except on presentation in writing of an express power of attorney to accept payment.

Terms of payment to be:

Twelve Hundred ----- Dollars in cash within

10 days after delivery and acceptance of our apparatus.

Or registered warrants bearing 6% interest.

This contract shall not be in force until approved by an officer of the Company at its home office, Denver, Colorado, and when requested by the Company the Buyer is to furnish to the Company a satisfactory opinion of the city or town attorney as to the power of the municipality to make the contract, and also that the notes or warrants, if any, to be given in payment for any part of the above named purchase price, are valid, legal, and enforceable obligations of the municipality.

And it is further mutually agreed and understood that the Company shall remain the owner of and retain the title to the property above described until the whole amount of the price thereof is actually paid; and that in case of default in the above payment as above expressed, or in case of any attempt by the Buyer to sell, encumber, conceal, remove, or dispose of any of said property before the same shall be fully paid for, said Company may resume possession and control of said property, and for that purpose may enter any buildings or places where the same or any part thereof may be; and all payments which shall have been made upon or by reason of this contract shall be applied as, and shall be in full for, the rent and use of said property up to the date of such taking.

Witness our hands and official seals this 9th day of March, 1925

The Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Co.

By Julius Pearse ^{Party of the First Part.}
Town of Windsor, Colo.

By _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Party of the Second Part

THIS CONTRACT MUST BE DATED AND THE OFFICIAL TITLE OF EACH SIGNATORY DESIGNED WHEN ACTING FOR A MUNICIPALITY OR CORPORATION.

1925-REO Speed Wagon

On April 28, 1925, the 1925 REO Speed Wagon was delivered. It was capable of holding 1500ft of hose. Included was a chemical tank, chemical hose reel, hook and ladders, other firefighting tools and accessories. Chemical tank held 40 gallons of water and sodium bicarbonate.

Windsor Severance Fire Dept. Retiree Meeting Minutes March 15, 2003: “The REO speed wagon has been purchased by the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District at a cost of \$2,500”. It was traded in for the 1941 International Howe when it was sold to Florence Colorado Fire Department, then to College View Fire Department, which became part of the Denver Fire Department. Finally, it was purchased by Dan Jean a retired Denver Firefighter who sold it to Windsor in July 2006. Dan Jean found a bell had it chromed and sold it with the truck. Mike Wiley started restoration in 2006.



Delivery photo taken at Chessman Park in Denver. Photo WSFM 2021-021.



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Photo taken in front of City Hall in 2018 photo 2018-063

The Poudre Valley Newspaper Thursday April 30, 1925

NEW FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES AND IS GIVEN TRYOUTS

Windsor's new fire truck was delivered Monday. (April 27, 1925) It had been driven from Denver to Greeley Saturday night, from which point it was run to Windsor by Mr. James of O.L. garage, thru whom it was purchased.

A thorough tryout of the truck was given and all members of the fire department and town board were satisfied with its performance.

The chassis and motor are of REO make, while the truck body and equipment were especially built by Julius Pearse Fire Equipment company of Denver. Capacity for 1500 feet of fire hose is provided, and a chemical tank, chemical hose reel, hooks and ladders and mounted, with other firefighting tools and accessories.

The Pearse people took the old fire truck in trade (1910 Seagrave engine purchased used from Greeley in 1916) for the new equipment and a driver started out with it for Denver on its own power Monday afternoon. Whether it reached Denver with it or not has not been ascertained, but it went out of town all right.

The fire boys had their first fire drill with the new outfit Tuesday evening and are very much pleased with it.

Town Meeting October 11, 1926

Ladder truck at Rains barn in Lake View Addition had to be moved unknown when.

Town Meeting December 17, 1926

Alcohol put into the radiator of the fire truck in order that no difficulty in starting it would be experienced in case of a fire.

1927- Severance Fire Department Model T Chassis:

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad".

Severance Fire Department Committee purchased a Model T Chassis in 1927. It consisted of two, thirty-five-gallon chemical tanks on a Model T chassis equipped with a hitch that could hooked over the bumper of a car or truck. There was a chemical in the bottom of the tanks to be mixed with water to build pressure and force the water through the hose. The equipment was stored at Gillespie's Severance Motor Company at a cost of \$5.00 per month.

William Gillespie served as fire chief with Walter Sheehan as Assistant Fire Chief. Three dollars was paid each fireman by the town per town fire. Country fires cost the family having the fire the same amount plus \$1 per mile to the person pulling the fire equipment.

After William Gillespie sold out, the truck was stored at Turner's Garage, then at Harris', and finally at Glen King's. The truck last resting place before its disposal was a Baldrige and Hall's Severance Blacksmith.

Below are examples of wheeled Fire Extinguishers that might have been mounted on the model T. Photos from the internet



Town Meeting March 14, 1927

Trustee objected to a bill from A.E. Rains for storage of Hose and Ladder truck upon the ground that Mr. Rains had leased the part of the barn in which it was stored to C.W. Wilson and made no right to charge storage there for.

Correspondence June 11, 1927

A letter was received by Mr. Roy Ray Mayor from H.H. Sandmann, Superintendent of The Great Western Sugar Company; They installed a 3 H.P. motor driven siren. "This siren will be tested during the afternoon of the second Tuesday of each month. Only a short blast will be heard. In case of fire, one long blast will be given until some of our fire department arrives on the scene." A copy of the letter was sent to G.B. Kirk Chief.

Town Meeting August 8, 1927

Amendment Between Town of Windsor and the Windsor Fire Department

- 1) Town of Windsor to allow the Windsor Fire Department a monthly salary of \$10.00 for their general department expenses this to be paid without regard to drills.
- 2) The Fire Department heads to do all in their power to encourage the men to drill at least twice each month and the Fire Department must see that equipment is in condition to operate at all times as fast as possible.
- 3) This Agreement regarding pay to cancel present one in regard to pay for drills.
- 4) Any differences that may arise over this agreement must be taken up in conference between two parties interested before any definite action be taken by either side

The Poudre Valley Newspaper January 1928

Firemen installed a FADA Radio in the Club Room in the Windsor Town Hall. This replaced a smaller radio being used, The radio was purchased from the Smith Battery and Electrical Co. of Windsor.

Town Meeting January 9, 1928

\$25.00 charge to other towns when responding to them.

Town Meeting January 9, 1928

Jim McMillian resigns as fire truck driver.

Town Meeting February 13, 1928

James McMillian Hired as fire truck driver.

Town Meeting July 9, 1928

During the Town Meeting July 9, 1928, Ordinance 171: Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Section #2 Permitted fire alarm equipment, and wires can be installed on their poles as long as these poles do not carry power lines.

Town Meeting April 8, 1929

Old Hose Cart was not sold. Buyer did not show up.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper April 11, 1929

Fire Department to Resume Regular Tuesday Practices

The fire department's club room on the second floor of the town hall was described as equipped "for the pleasure and enjoyment of the members. They have their pool table, phonograph, radio and other features to make possible a pleasant evening – so the life of a volunteer fireman is not too bad if one likes such enjoyments.

Town Meeting June 17, 1929

The question of which is the correct way to report a fire was discussed. The matter was left with the Town Hall and Fire Department Committee, to be taken up with the Fire Department.

6 Gas Masks were approved to be purchased.

Town Meeting July 8, 1929

Trustee Campbell reported that it was understood that in case of any fire the alarm was to be turned into the telephone operator at once and the siren was then to be blown. An outside switch at the telephone building also had been established for this convenience of the night marshal.

Windsor Beacon 15 Aug 1929, Thu.

TWO FIREMEN SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN THEY RESPONDED TO CALL

C.A. Chipman has a sore and bruised shoulder as a result of being thrown from the Windsor fire truck Tuesday afternoon, and Wm. Frank has one foot slightly burnt by sulfuric acid following the same afternoon experience.

Both mishaps occurred when the local fire boys answered a call for aid made by Henry Beihm, who lives on a farm 2 ½ miles northeast of Severance. A bunk house had caught fire and the farm house was threatened as well. With the aid of the fire department, they hoped to save the home.

The truck had reached the railroad track near Severance when G.B.Kirk, driver saw another truck stop on the other side of the track. He went on, thinking there would be room to pass; but as he reached the track the truck driven by a son of T.A. Ireland started up. Young Ireland evidently having misjudged the speed of the truck and distance at the edge. The two trucks grazed enough to break two valves on the chemical tank. Chipman raised up in the seat to see the extent of the damage, and Kirk also had his attention distracted for a moment. In that moment the truck hit some loose dirt on the freshly graded road, lurched, throwing Chipman off, and went in the ditch.

There was little damage and no danger of overturning, but the boys spent half an hour getting out and then, learning that farm hands had saved the house, came back to work in Windsor.

Windsor Beacon 12 Sept 1929, Thu.

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE LANTERN CAUSES FIRE AT JOHN LORENZ FARM

Explosion of a gasoline lantern caused a fire which resulted in the loss of a Chevrolet truck belonging to Joe Tenaire, a Mexican on the John Lorenz place east of Windsor on Monday night. Tenaire had the truck in a spud cellar and was overhauling it by lantern light when the explosion occurred. He suffered bad burns on the arms. These were dressed by Dr. E.E.Haskell.

The Windsor Volunteer Fire Department was called and responded with fire truck to help extinguish the flames. Woodwork in the cellar was pretty well scorched.

Town Meeting September 16, 1929

Trustees made a motion which was seconded and passed: the Fire Department is prohibited from taking the fire truck and present fire equipment outside of the city limit except to a fire outside of the city limit no more than 1000Ft.

Windsor Beacon 19 Sept 1929, Thu Page 1

TOWN BOARD FORBIDS TAKING FIRE TRUCK INTO THE COUNTRY

Because of the jeopardy to town property and danger of an increase of fire insurance rates the town board on Monday night went in the record against the practice of taking the fire truck or any part of the present fire equipment into the country in response to calls for assistance in the rural district. It has been the practice of the fire department to respond to such calls in the past, but this action of the board forbids its continuance. The board makes exception to the rule in the case of fires at property outside the town limit not more than 1,000 feet, where fire might be a menace to other town property.

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The action of the town board in forbidding the fire truck or any of the present fire fighting equipment to be taken to the rural district was not due to any lack of sympathy on the part of the officials for the farmer friends who may be unfortunate as to have a fire, but because the practice places town property in jeopardy.

If a fire should break out in town while the truck is somewhere in the country, perhaps wrecked or stalled, or even busy performing a service, the town would be "in bad." The equipment is owned by the taxpayers of the town, and they have the first right to protection. Moreover, the practice might result in an increase of fire insurance rates. The town board members feel that the town can better afford to make a substantial donation toward a community truck, suitably equipped with pump, which would be more useful at a country fire than is the present apparatus, if farmers will contribute to a fund for the purpose.

The town might well afford to have an interest in such equipment for the value it might be in certain fires here. It is understood that the firemen are willing to circulate a subscription paper to raise money with which to buy such equipment.

Town Meeting September 8, 1930

Red light system installed to aid the night marshal in emergency calls at night not exceed \$15.00.

Town Meeting September 14, 1931

Discussion on selling old fire hose cart stored in Raines barn this matter left to Town Hall Committee with power to act.

Town Meeting April 8, 1935

Timnath school charged \$25.00 for fire service and \$6.00 for chemicals for a total of \$31.00 total for a fire response of the Fire Apparatus.

The Windsor Beacon 11 Apr 1935, Thu page 11

The clerk was instructed to bill the town of Timnath for \$25 for services of the Windsor fire truck "1925 REO Speed Wagon" at the Timnath school fire this being the regular charge for services out-of-town, and \$6 pay for use of chemicals for discharge of the chemical tank, total \$31.

Town Meeting May 13, 1935

A petition from the Fire Department asking they be covered with group insurance was read. This in accordance with a newly enacted law. The petition was signed by Reuben Eichler, Harry Cadwalader, Charles E. Chipman, A.A. Fritzler, John Calous, C.A. Hurich, G.A. Billings, EG Cullison, Cehas Wynn, WE Williams, Went to Town Hall Committee.

Town Meeting June 10, 1935

Accident Policy- All local firemen in the amount \$1,000 in the event of accidental death & allowing \$15 a week for disability and \$15 weekly for hospital expenses could be had at an annual premium of \$155 can be paid out of the pension funds on hand. Be further recommended that the present pension fund now amount to \$2,400 be placed on savings account to draw interest. It passed.

1927- Severance Fire Department:

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad".

In 1936 Dan Whitmore was the head of the fire Department, assisted by a number of other gentlemen.

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BOYS TURNS FIRE-FIGHTER WHEN WEEDS ARE IGNITED

Several boys who were with Andie Sorensen on a magpie hunting trip Wednesday (July 1, 1936) had quite an experience fighting a fire which started when a burning magpie nest fell into some dry weeds and spread toward a wheat field south of Windsor.

They took of their shirts, wet them, and used them to beat out the fire, much to the detriment of the shirts. However, it proved effective and kept the fire from spreading.

Town Meeting April 12, 1937

Alex Fritzler, fire chief presented the matter of citizens following the fire truck when the alarm is sounded and hindering firemen at their work. This matter was placed in the hand of the town Hall committee and Mr. Vaugh was instructed to investigate and bring the fire ordinance up to date.

The fireman's by-laws were read and with one or two slight corrections were approved. It was also suggested that all ash pits and trash burners be checked and owner notified if they are not adequate for protection.

Town Hall Committee: Herman Brolien, Chairman
 Theo. Sorensen
 Hubert Hickman

Town Meeting May 12, 1937

Fire Chief Alex Fritzler suggested that the fire department committee, Town Hall committee and Attorney Vaugh get together to draw up a suitable Fire Ordinance.

First Assistant (-) spoke on the new fire equipment that could be used by the Fire Department He suggested changing the location of fire siren and recommended getting a 40-foot extension ladder.

The Windsor Beacon 19 Aug 1937 Thu Page 1

WINDSOR VOLUNTEER FIREMAN INSPECT PARK SCHOOL BLDING.

Members of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department made an inspection trip to the Park school on Wednesday (August 11, 1937) afternoon of last week and tested the fire hose and extinguisher equipment of the building. They also made note of location of hydrants and of ways of reaching the building thru the fire escape.

Their trip was in the line of studying how to fight a fire should one ever occur at this building-the tallest on in Windsor.

Town Meeting June 14, 1938

Trustee Brolien, Chairman of the Town Hall committee submitted the following Fire Ordinance - which has been revised. The same was duly read and considered and on motion of Trustee Brolien and seconded by Trustee Frazier, it was ordered that same be given number Two Hundred Five NS and also be placed on its final passage. The ordinance is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

ORDINANCE NO 205 NS

An ordinance providing for a volunteer fire department and regulations thereof, and fire control regulations and penalties for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR,
STATE OF COLORADO:

Section 1. There shall be, and hereby is established a Fire Department of the Town of Windsor, which shall consist of a Chief and such other officers as are necessary, and the members of such companies as may be organized from time to time under the authority of the Town Board. Each and every such company may adopt such rules and by laws for their own government as shall not be repugnant to the ordinances of town or the laws of the State.

Section 2. The Chief of the Fire Department shall be elected by the members of the Fire Department and shall hold office for the term of one year. The Board of Trustees may remove the Chief and his assistant at any time for just cause.

Section 3. The Chief, shall have special charge and keeping of all fire equipment other property pertaining to the department. It shall be the duty of the Chief to give his individual supervision to the fire equipment. The Chief must consult the Mayor or Chairman of the Fire Committee before taking the equipment outside of the 1000-foot limits of the Town of Windsor. No person shall remove any of the apparatus furnished for the use of the Fire Department, except with the permission of the Chief or his assistants, under penalty here in after provided.

Section 4. The Chief, and in his absence the assistant chief according to rank, shall, in cases of fire, have full and absolute control over all the members of department and equipment, and may compel such other persons as is deemed necessary to aid in the fighting of the fires. No person not a member of the Fire Department shall in any way interfere with the work of the Fire Department in the extinguishment of fires, nor destroy property except upon order of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Section 5. The Chief of the Fire Department shall report to the Board of Trustees of the ' Town of Windsor on or before the First Tuesday in November of each year, and other times when requested to do so, the condition of the apparatus furnished the Fire Department, with such recommendations relative thereto and to his department as he shall deem necessary.

Section 6. The apparatus furnished by the town shall be kept in such places as the Town Board shall provide or designate, and the Chief shall see that the same are kept in order for immediate use at all times.

Section 7. There shall be a general review of the Fire Department by the Mayor and Town Board once each year, on such day, and at such place within the town as the Board may designate, and on the day, and at the place so designated, it shall be the duty of all persons belonging to the Fire Department to appear ready to demonstrate their abilities as Firemen.

Section 8. Each fire company under the authority of the town board and the provisions of this ordinance shall consist of not more than 25 members. Neither the Chief nor other officers, nor any member of any fire company shall be allowed or paid any compensation for services by reason of their being members of the fire department, except that every such officer and member shall be exempt from municipal poll tax in the Town of Windsor while he remains a member of the department; and any person who shall have served five years in succession as a member of said Fire Department shall be exempt from such poll tax in Windsor for the remainder of his life.

Provided however, that the Board of Trustees may employ one of the members of the Fire Department as fire truck driver and Caretaker and pay him a reasonable compensation.

Section 9. When a fire is in progress, the Chief or his representative in command (with the advice of such member of the Town Board as shall be present and shall deem it necessary) order such building or buildings as are in close proximity thereto, to be pulled down, blown up or otherwise destroyed, for the purpose of checking the progress of the conflagration.

Section 10. Any person or persons who shall damage any fire fighting equipment shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Section 11. The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than 500 feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

Section 12. No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway, or alley, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, or practice runs.

Section 13. Any person who shall maliciously or willfully give a false alarm of fire, shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Section 14. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction therefore, be fined in a sum not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs, for each offense.

Section 15. Whenever the fire department is called to extinguish a fire outside the corporate limits of the Town of Windsor, the owner or owners of property involved shall be required to pay into the Town Treasury a sum of not less than Ten (\$10. 00) Dollars nor more than Twenty -five (\$25. 00) Dollars, which amount to be paid shall be assessed by the Town Hall Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Section 16. Ordinance No 60 New Series entitled "Concerning the Fire Department" which was passed and adopted, signed and approved on February 28, 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1938.

Town Meeting March 13, 1939

R. F. Eichler, a member of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department petitioned the board to purchase car tags for the members of the department in order that their cars may be easily identified when answering alarms. Trustee Frazier moved and Trustee Hickman seconded that this matter be referred to the Town Hall and Fire Department committee and that they be given power to act.

Roll call. Yeas - Frazier, Payne, Brolien, Sorensen, Sabin and Hickman. Nays none. The motion carried.

It was reported that a factory representative for respirators had approached different members of the Town Board and Fire Department. There was some discussion but no action taken.

Town Meeting April 10, 1939

TOWN HALL & FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE- Brolien, Sorensen and Hickman

Town Meeting July 10, 1939

A. A. Fritzler, chief of the Fire Department protested against the band practicing the same night that the Firemen have their meeting, it being impossible for the firemen to derive the full benefit of their instructions in first-aid. It suggested that the Board request the band to change its practice night or place of practice.

Trustee Sabin moved and Trustee Frazier seconded that notice be given the Band in-as-much as the Firemen and Band meet on the same night in the same building that the band be requested to decide upon another night for practicing or find another building.

Roll call. - Frazier, Payne, Brolien, Sorensen, Sabin, and Hickman. Nays none. The motion carried.

Carl Hurich fire truck- driver requested a separate phone line for the fire department. This was referred to the Town Hall Committee.

The Poudre Valley Newspaper July 15, 1939

Fire Chief A.A. Fritzler protested to the board that the town band was practicing on Tuesday nights, during fire department meetings. The fire department felt this was making First Aid Training difficult. The board ordered the band to move its rehearsals to Wednesday nights and concerts to Thursday nights.

The Windsor Beacon 1939 State Winners



STATE WINNERS---- Windsor Volunteer Firemen's First Aid team in 1939. Pictured are Alex Fritzler, Chet Potter, Andy Tongish (?) (possibly Frank), Carl Hurich, Loren Kuentzel Carl Anderson, and "patient" Gerald Curtis who loaned this picture to the Beacon. Photo 2021-104

1940's- Severance Fire Department:

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad". Billy Tallman served as Chief of the Severance Fire Department in the 1940's.

Town Meeting January 8, 1940

Alex Fritzler, fire chief appeared before the Board on behalf of the Fire Department and asked the Board to purchase a new fire truck and booster tank.

Trustee Sabin moved and Trustee Payne seconded that the matter be referred to the Town Hall committee. Roll call. Yeas - Frazier, Payne, Brolien, Sorensen, Sabin, and Hickman. Nays none. The motion carried.

The clerk was directed to write the Mountain States Inspection Bureau and inquire whether Windsor fire insurance rates would be reduced if one' or two full time firemen were employed; also, what amount of fire insurance is in force in Windsor.

Town Meeting February 12, 1940

A letter from C. A. Chipman, a member of the Windsor Volunteer Fire. Department since July 1, 1917, petitioned the Board for a fireman' s pension. Trustee Sabin moved and Trustee Brolien seconded that this petition be referred to, the Board of Trustees of Firemen' s Pension Fund which is composed of the. Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Fire Chief of the Town. Roll call. Yeas- Frazier, Payne. Brolien, Sorensen, Sabin and Hickman. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting April 8, 1940

Some discussion regarding the purchase of a new fire truck was had. Trustee Fritzler moved and Trustee Frye seconded that the Town Hall committee be authorized to get the necessary specifications from the National Board of Fire Underwriters for a fire truck and its equipment for a town of this size. Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Further discussion regarding the enlargement of the Legion Hall by annexing the Band room took - place. It was brought out that care must be exercised in order that the fire escape is not cut off from the front part of the building. It was suggested that possibly the fire escape could be placed on the north side of the building. It is understood that the American Legion. Will bear the cost of the remodeling. Trustee Payne moved and Trustee Frye seconded that this matter be left to the Town Hall committee to investigate and with power to act.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting May 13, 1940

Before the annual appropriation was acted upon considerable discussion was had regarding the purchase of a new Fire Truck. Trustee Payne moved and Trustee Brinkman seconded that \$ 3500. 00 be set aside toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

Roll call, Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting July 8, 1940

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department reported that he will try to get as much information as possible regarding the equipment, etc. for a new fire truck, at the Firemen' s convention. And that, they will be ready to advertise for bids on a new fire truck.

Town Meeting August 12, 1940

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, submitted specifications for a new fire truck. Mr. Daly, a representative of the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Jasper, Wyo was present and offered some valuable suggestions. Trustee Frye moved and Trustee Stoll seconded that the Town Hall Committee advertise for bids on a new fire truck, the Board to have the right to reject any or all bids. Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting October 14, 1940

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall reported that a new roof had been placed on the Town Hall. And that the practice tower for the firemen is nearing completion.

The Windsor Volunteer fire department submitted a motion wherein it requested that C. A. Chipman's application for a fireman's pension be reviewed. On February 12, 1940, a motion was made that this request be referred to the Board of Trustees of Firemen's Pension fund which is composed of the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Fire Chief. Therefore, it was suggested that the Firemen contact this Board as the Town Trustees have no power in the matter.

A letter from John Hildebrand fire chief at Ogallala, was read. He spoke of the satisfactory performance of their new fire truck purchased through Warner Co. Inc. Under new business came the discussion of purchasing a new fire truck. Due to the fact that the 1941 chassis are now out and also new equipment for fire fighting, it was thought advisable to let it go another month before making a decision.

Trustee Fritzler moved and Trustee Brinkman seconded that the specifications for a new fire truck be re-written and a copy submitted to each bidder. If there has been a change in prices, then the bid should be changed accordingly. These new bids to be filed on or before November 1st.

Roll call. Yeas - Sorensen, Fritzler, Brinkman, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting November 11, 1940

Trustee Payne moved and Trustee Fritzler seconded that the resolution certifying the tax levy of 16 mills upon assessed valuation of the Town of Windsor for 1940 be accepted as read. This proposed re-adjustment of mill levy and apportionment is to meet additional expenses incurred by Judgment and part, payment of fire truck.

Roll call. Yeas - Sorensen, Fritzler, Brinkman, Stoll, Frye and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Firemen's Pension Fund November 29, 1940

Herman G. Brolien, Mayor, Ralph P. Hickman, Treasurer, Chester L. Potter, Fire Chief and Hertha A. Primmer, Clerk all of the Town of Windsor met at the home of Mayor Brolien at 10:00 A.M. Nov. 29, 1940 to organize a Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Fund. J.W. Vaughn, Attorney, was also present.

Attorney Vaughn acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. The selection of permanent officers was the first order of business.

C.L. Potter nominated Ralph Hickman as President. Mrs. Primer moved and Mr. Brolien seconded that the nomination be closed and Mr. Hickman declared elected President. The Motion Carried.

Mr. Hickman, the president, then asked that a nomination for Secretary be made.

Mr. Brolien nominated Mrs. Primer as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Fund.

Mr. Potter moved and Mr. Brolien seconded that the nomination be closed and Mrs. Primer declared elected as Secretary. The Motion carried.

The following Fire equipment was designated to appear on report to Homer Bedford, State Auditor: -

1-Reo fire truck chassis, complete with fire fighting equipment and miscellaneous fixtures

1000 ft. 2 ½" hose complete with nozzles

150 ft. 1 ½" hose complete with nozzles

36 foot aluminum extension ladder

25 foot ladder

1 Chemical tank

1 First Aid Kit

2 Hand fire Extinguishers

Firemen's Personal equipment such as boots, raincoats and helmets.

After some discussion. Mr. Brolien moved and Mr. Potter seconded the motion that the Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Fund pay Mr. C.A. Chipman a pension of \$50.00 per year, payable in a lump sum December 15th of each year. The motion Carried.

Mr. Brolien moved and Mr. Potter second that \$1,000.00 of the amount in the Firemen's Pension Fund be transferred from the checking account to Time Certificate. The motion carried.

Their being no further business to come before the board at this time, Mr. Porter moved and Mr. Brolien seconded that we adjourn. The motion carried.

(After this meeting the business of running of a pension carried on in regular meetings. This included managing funds and making disbursements.)

Town Meeting December 9, 1940

Mr. Walker, Telephone Manager suggested that the fire siren be grounded. Trustee Frye moved and Trustee Stoll seconded that the matter of grounding the fire siren, etc. be left to the discretion of the Town Hall and Fire Department committee.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried. Marshal Anderson further reported that all fire hydrants had been checked and properly drained.

Mayor Brolien reported the organization of the Board of Trustees of the. Firemen's Pension fund as required by law. Ralph Hickman was elected president, Bertha A. Primmer as Secretary. Herman G

Brolien, Mayor and C. L. Potter, Fire Chief are the other two members of the board. A vote was taken to give C. A. Chipman who has passed the age of 60 years, a pension of \$ 50. 00 a year for voluntary services as a fireman for over 20 years.

Town Meeting January 13, 1941

Carl Hurich's resignation as fire truck driver, effective Jan. 20, 1941, was read. Trustee Payne moved and Trustee Frye seconded that the resignation be accepted.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

An application was read from Delbert E. Mason for position of fire truck driver. Trustee Payne moved and Trustee Sorenson seconded that Delbert Mason be appointed fire truck driver on probation on a monthly basis for three months at the regular salary of \$15.00.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

Upon the invitation of Trustee Payne, Mac Galley demonstrated an Emerson Respirator.

Before the final discussion on fire trucks took place, a letter commending on W. S. Darley fire truck was read from Wheatland, Wyoming. A letter was also read from Joe Smith, representative of Ray Corson Machinery Company., offering a 7% discount on bids dated October 26th. and 30th, 1940, should the Board decide to pay cash at first meeting after delivery of fire apparatus. Fire truck representatives composed of Mr. Bardinsky of the American LaFrance Co., Joe Smith of Ray Corson Machinery Company representing Seagrave fire equipment and Mac Galley representing Howe Fire Apparatus Company were again present. Bids on chassis only, equipment only and full units were received from the following:

W. S. Darley & Co.

Seagrave by Ray Corson Machinery Co.

Howe Fire Apparatus by Mac Galley

American LaFrance

Central Fire truck corporation

General Fire Truck company

Scott Automobile Body Co.

Chevrolet by Foster

Ford by Schlitt

Dodge by Van Buskirk

White Truck by Dean Gillespie

International by International Harvester Co.

After carefully considering all features presented, a written ballot was ordered to decide what make of equipment the Board wished to purchase.

The first ballot resulted in

3 for Howe

2 for Seagrave

1 for Darley

The second, third and fourth ballot resulted in

3 for Howe

2 for Seagrave

1 for American LaFrance

The fifth ballot resulted in a tie vote

3 for Howe

3 for Seagrave.

The mayor reserved the right to refrain from casting the deciding vote until after the board had voted on a chassis.

A written ballot was then taken on the chassis.

The first ballot resulted in

3 for Ford.

1 for Chevrolet

2 for International

The second ballot resulted in a tie vote.

3 for Ford

3 for International

The mayor then cast the deciding vote which resulted in Howe for equipment and International for chassis. The combination being Howe Fire Fighting apparatus mounted on an International Chassis.

Thereupon Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Frye seconded that we purchase a Howe - International triple combination fire pumper with Waterous 500-gallon two stage centrifugal pump and a two ton International chassis of 100 H.P., 4-ton motor as submitted in specifications for \$ 4047.55

Less trade in of 1 - Reo used fire truck as per its present condition \$400. 00. And a 5% cash discount, leaving a balance of \$3647.55 net cost F. O. B. Windsor.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Frye, and Payne. Nays none. The motion carried.

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Town Board Decides On New Fire Truck Costing \$3,647.55

All members of the town board were present at the meeting held in the town hall Monday night, when final decision was made regarding the type of fire equipment to purchase. The board voted to purchase Fire Apparatus company, Bardos (sic) of equipment mounted on an international chassis at a cost of \$3,647.55, with delivery to be made within 90 to 120 days.

Messrs. Mack Galley of the Howe Fire Apparatus (sic) company, Bardos of the American La France Fire Equipment company, and Smith of the Seagrab (sic) Fire Equipment company were present at the meeting. There were 11 bids before the board, which has been considering the purchase for many months. A part of these were for fire equipment only, others for the chassis, and still other for the truck and equipment complete.

Town Meeting February 10, 1941

An acknowledgment of the order of fire truck was read from the Howe Fire Apparatus Company.

Town Meeting March 10, 1941

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department Committee reported that he did not deem it advisable to do anything about painting the name of the Town on the roof of a suitable building at the present time. He further reported that he is investigating the installation of an oscelating (sic) unit for fire siren. Trustee Payne stated that he had seen a very desirable " Resuscitators that could be purchased at quite a saving, the price being \$ 250. 00. Trustee Fritzler reported that the Fire Department is receiving First Aid training every Tuesday and invited the Town Trustees to attend.

Town Meeting April 14, 1941

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department reported that he has ordered an Automatic Remote-Control unit for our fire siren, cost to be \$34. 50. The drill tower for the Fire Department was reported finished.

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee - ' Trustees Sorensen, Fritzler and Payne

Poudre Valley News Paper April 17, 1941

Windsor's New Fire Drill Tower Ready For Use

Windsor's fire drill tower, framework of which was erected last summer, has been painted and is ready for the fire lads any time they say "Go." It was painted last week and lest anyone be misguided the words "Windsor Volunteer Fire Department" have been painted across the front. The tower is white and letters in place readily identify the structure, which is near the town's reserve water tower.

The tower is 12x12 feet square, 36 feet high in front, with side walls 24 feet high.

A platform on the first floor will permit water to drain thru. There are small platforms on each of the other floors, with a window in the second story.

This tower will enable the boys to practice climbing, and learn method of rescue work, and great benefit is anticipated from the spring practice and summer training. Arrival of the new fire truck (1941 International Howe) will complete the picture for the volunteer firemen.



Drill Tower 7th and Ash around 1948 Sue Buxmann Collection Photo 2021-291

Town Meeting May 12, 1941

The Clerk read the annual report of the Treasurer which showed a balance of \$ 5954. 43 in General Fund, \$ 3511. 60 in Firemen' s Pension Fund and \$ 1388. 19 in Police Pension Fund. Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that he has not heard from the siren which was ordered some time ago.

Town Meeting June 9, 1941

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that the automatic control for the siren had arrived and that the new location for the fire siren will be on top of Town Hall, mounted on steel structure.

Chief Potter of the Fire Department asked the Town Board for \$ 175. 00. toward convention expenses. Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Stoll seconded that the Board contribute \$ 150. 00 toward the expenses of the firemen who attend the State Firemen' s Convention.

Roll- call. Yeas - Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll and Frye. Nays none. The notion carried.

Mac Galley through whom our new Fire Truck was ordered, reported that he thought the new truck would be here about June 28th. He also brought up the matter of purchasing new fire hose. The chairman of the Fire Department Committee was informed that his committee had the authority to purchase what fire hose is needed.

Town Meeting July 14, 1941

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of, Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that the unit for fire siren was unsatisfactory and that warrant for same is being held up until new cam arrives and has been approved.

The resignation of Delbert Mason as Fire truck driver, effective August 1st, was read. Trustee Frye moved and Trustee Stoll seconded that the resignation be accepted and the matter to make temporary appointment of fire truck driver be, referred to the Town Hall committee.

Roll call. Yeas Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried. Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Brinkman seconded that the Town Hall and Fire Department committee be authorized. to pay for fire truck and transfer title to old fire truck according to contract, upon approval of Underwriters and Town Hall committee.

Roll call. Yeas -, Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Town Meeting August 11, 1941

H. S. Walker on behalf of the Phone Company, any and also acting on behalf of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, called the attention of the Trustees to the confusion that follows the blowing of the fire siren. He suggested that some action should be taken to stop the public from calling Central the minute the fire siren blows, to get the location of the fire. One suggestion that he made, would be the adoption of a code which would be known to firemen, Town Officials, and employees only. This code to be changed monthly. Action on the above suggestion was deferred until later in the meeting.

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that he had hired Harvey Lindstrom as temporary fire truck driver. After some discussion, Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Stoll seconded that Harvey Lindstrom be appointed fire truck driver for the remainder of the ensuing year.

Roll Call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Lindstrom notifying him of his appointment as fire truck driver and to advise him of his responsibility to supply substitute driver when gone later than 11: 00 P.M.

Trustee Sorensen spoke of the splendid showing the First Aid Team of the Fire Department made at a competitive meet in Denver, recently. fire hose.

Trustee Sorensen also reported the purchase of 200 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose.

R. S. Walker's request for control of phone calls asking for location of fires was brought up for discussion. Trustee Fritzler moved and Trustee Sorensen seconded that a notice be published in the newspaper requesting the public not to use telephones to ask location of fire for ten (10) minutes after siren has blown. If the public refuses to co- operate, the Town Board will be forced to request the Phone Co. not to give out information as to location of fire. And, that the Fire Ordinance prohibiting cars from following fire truck within 500 feet and parking in same block where fire is, will be strictly enforced.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Windsor Beacon 7 Aug 1941, Thu Page 5

Public Requested to Cooperate in Case Of Fire

At the meeting of the town board Monday night, steps were taken to request the general public to cooperate in two ways in the event of fire:

First, to refrain from calling central at the phone office for at least 10 minutes after the alarm is sounded. This is in order that firemen may learn immediately where the fire is located. Owners of property threatened by fire will be notified as quickly as possible.

Second. Motorists are to observe the ordinance which prohibits following fire trucks closer 500 feet, and which forbids parking near the block in which a fire is located. Unless this cooperation can be had, the telephone company will be notified to give out no information to other than recognized firemen.

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Section: -10 Years Ago-

New fire engine generated so much pressure in its make-up test that it blew out three lengths of fire hose. "1941 International Howe"

1941-Engine 1

1941 International Howe known as the "Indian." Fabricated in Anderson Indiana. Had the following: 115 Gallon Tank, 500 GPM Waterous Pump. It was reported to carry: 1400' of 2 1/2" hose, 250' of 1 1/2" hose, 100' of 3/4" booster line, 2 lengths of 10' 4"dia hard suction hose, 24' extension ladder and 12' roof ladder, and 2 all-purpose gas masks. The tank was increased to 250 gallons once it was used at the fireman games. Benches were added in the 1970s. It is important to remember this truck was to be used in town where there were hydrants. It is also reported that this truck traveled back to Indiana for Chief's daughter's wedding and to the Western slopes for a Firefighters Convention. The undercarriage and fire wall are still the original olive drab color. The story is it was olive drab and when asked what color was needed, we ask what color they were set up for and the painter in Denver was set to paint Denver fire trucks "Denver White" so the truck was painted "Denver White" It was reported that the truck was refurbished in the 1970's

Per Todd Vess "Wayne Ray was one of the fire truck drivers. His father was Roy Ray who was the publisher of the Poudre Valley Newspaper. He passed in the 1990s shortly after Vess interviewed him. He told me it was always hit and miss if the Indian would start or not, but they had push starting it to a science".



Photo taken in front of City Hall. Photo 2020-167



Driver side taken in Windsor Photo 2020-168



Front of truck taken in Main Street Fire Station Photo 2009-012b



Photo of truck taken in 2020 in front of the fire Museum 121 6th Street Photo 2020-115

Town Meeting September 8, 1941

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported. that he had attendee the Firemen' s convention held Sept. 3, 4, 5, and. 6th at Steamboat Springs. He spoke of the excellent showing the Windsor First Aid Team made. It won first place in the contest and the prize was a \$200. 00 LaFrance Inhalator.

Town Meeting December 8, 1941

A communication was read from Mac Galley explaining the erroneous report that a part was missing on our fire truck.

A letter of appreciation from Roland Palmquist for First Aid Services rendered by Marshall Anderson and Firemen Bill Walker in using the inhalator to revive his daughter.

Town Meeting January 12, 1942

Trustee Sorensen reported that the firemen have asked that a pilot light be placed over the side door entrance to the firehouse. This was referred to the Town Hall and Fire Department committee.

Town Meeting April 13, 1942

Under report of officers, Marshal Anderson reported that a- number of people violated the Fire Ordinance by being too close to the scene of the Klaus fire and that while no tickets were given, yet, the offenders have been notified about the violation.

Starck Brothers Repaired running board on fire truck and hooks \$2.75

Town Meeting August 10, 1942

Fire Chief Tongish thanked the Board for the financial support given toward convention expenses. He also gave a brief report on the convention. The First Aid Team won the inhalator for a second year. Other prizes were also non by the firemen. Altogether 1491 points were won out of a possible 1500. The Mayor and Trustees individually expressed their pride in the good showing the Fire Department and First Aid Team made at Loveland and the First Aid Team at the Industrial meet in Denver.

Town Meeting April 12, 1943

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee - ' Trustees Sorensen, Fritzler and Frye
Fire Truck Driver John Clous, Alex A, Fritzler Fire Inspector

Town Meeting August 9, 1943

Carl Hurich, Chief of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department registered a complaint with the Board regarding civilian interference at fires. He asked that some action be taken to protect the firemen while fighting fires because the desire of civilian spectators to assist in fighting a fire makes the work more hazardous. Distribution of hand bills with printed rules was one of the suggestions made. After discussion, the matter was left in the hands of the Town Hall committee to act as a special committee with Trustee Sorensen as Chairman.

3 fires in July

Windsor Beacon 12 Aug 1943, Thu Page 1

A complaint was registered by the Volunteer Fire Dept. concerning civilian interference with the duties of firemen during recent fires, The interference, which is thought to come from an over-zealous desire on the part of civilians to be of help, has been a serious handicap to the fireman in carrying out their work. The firemen have been trained thoroughly as a team in handling fires and any outsider is a hinderance rather than help. Accidents can be prevented, and fires can be handled more efficiently if the fireman can work without side interference.

Town Meeting September 13, 1943

Carl Hurich, Chief of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department called the attention of the Board to the fire hazard at the former Charles Lumber Yard. Night Marshal Allen was asked to contact Mrs. Yancey and ask her to have it cleaned up. Carl also reported that the last few fires had been due to carelessness in cleaning up fire hazards, such as throwing out ashes, ash pits over flowing, alleys and yards filled with weeds and rubbish and he suggested that hand bills be circulated urging the public to cooperate in a general clean -up. Trustee Sorensen and the Fire Department were asked to work together in this matter. The ordinance prescribes that rubbish fires be lighted between 7 AM and 11 AM and it was suggested that the ordinance be adhered to.

Town Meeting October 11, 1943

Complying with Sec. 5 of Ord. 205 1S, Carl Hurich, Chief of Windsor ` Volunteer Fire Department, submitted a most comprehensive report. It listed all- 7 fire fighting equipment on hand and the condition of each. He also recommended that 2 – 2 1/2-gallon Carbon Tetrachloride extinguishers be purchased to carry on the fire truck. He listed the number of fire calls answered and estimated the damage as \$ 250. 00 or 101¢ per capita. He also mentioned the number of Air Raid alarms answered- and number of drills held. He gave the total man hours` spent at fires, air raid alarms and drills as 337. Department personnel numbered 20, Auxiliary personnel 11, on furlough 3, in Armed Services 8, requiring the transfer of 8 Auxiliary members to active membership. Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Frye seconded that Mr. Hurich's splendid report be accepted and placed on file.

Roll call. Yeas - Fritzler, Sorensen, Stoll, Sabin, and Frye. Nays none. The motion carried.
2 Fires in August

Town Meeting April 10, 1944

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee - ' Trustees Sorensen, Fritzler and Frye

Town Meeting June 12, 1944

2 fires in May

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FIRE CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE ON HERGERT FARM SUNDAY A.M.

Three farm trucks and spud cellars on the Gotfret Hergert home place east of Windsor were damaged by fire of unknown origin Sunday. "August 13, 1944" Just before the close of morning church services the fire siren was sounded, and many in cars followed the Windsor Volunteer Fire Fighters to the scene of the fire. The well-built cellar had a great amount of timber in its construction which caused it to burn with an intensity that created heat felt far from the site.

Of the three trucks in the cellar, two belonged to Henry Schaefer and one to Carl Hergert. The Hergert truck is a complete wreck. One of the Schaefer trucks is badly damaged, and parts of the other may be salvaged. One was gotten out of the cellar before the flames were advanced. An electric potato sorter, a tractor mower and other articles stored in the cellar were destroyed. Thru combined efforts of Eaton Fire department with chemicals, the Windsor firemen and neighbors, the house and barn were saved. Trees nearby were badly scorched. A threshing machine nearby was undamaged.

The Henry Schaefer family who lived on the farm were in church at Windsor at the time the fire broke out. Neighbors saw the smoke and summoned aid.

Town Meeting November 13, 1944

The clerk read Fire Chief Hurich's report. He reported. the condition of fire fighting equipment as being- in the same condition as last year, also listed the new equipment. Number of fire calls Answered were 4. Number of drills, 18. Total damage \$ 215. 00 or 11. 3¢ per capita loss. Total man hours spent at fires, drills and first aid, 419. Department personnel 20, Auxiliary firemen 5 and in the Armed. Services of the U. S. 9. Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Sabin seconded that this report be accepted and placed on file.

Roll call. Yeas - Brinkman, Sorensen, Stoll, Sabin, and Frye. Nays none. The Motion Carried

Town Meeting December 11, 1944

2 fires in November

Town Meeting February 12, 1945

Hummel and Brower fires in January

Town Meeting June 11, 1945

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall committee, reported no further action on Rural Fire Truck project.

Town Meeting July 9, 1945

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that he has ordered fire hose, two (2) all-purpose gas masks and a fog nozzle for the Fire Department.

Trustee Sorensen, chairman of Special Rural Fire Equipment committee, had nothing more to report. The Attorney General ruled that the School Board cannot spend money for fire equipment but that the taxpayers can vote on same at either the general or special election.

Town Meeting August 13, 1945

Brunner and Mitchell fires in July

Town Meeting September 10, 1945

Gomer and Bernhardt fires in August

Town Meeting December 10, 1945

Falden fire in November

1945- It was report in 1953 by C.W. Crosby that during World War II ten men from the membership were furloughed to enter the service. All returned except past Treasurer Hurle Richards who was killed in action.

Town Meeting April 8, 1946

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee. Trustees Victor Denny, Henry Scholten and John R. Frye.

Town Meeting May 13, 1946

The following sums are therefore hereby appropriated for the said fiscal year and for the following objects and purposes, to wit:

TOWN HALL & FIRE DEPARTMENT- 1,800.00

Town Meeting July 8, 1946

Attorney Vaughn reported on his findings in checking on collision insurance on fire truck. There being nothing in the law to prohibit having such protection, the Mayor ordered such protection to be placed on our fire truck.

Town Meeting August 12, 1946

Trustee Denny, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department reported that after checking rates on collision insurance for our fire truck, he decided the rate was prohibitive and did not recommend it.

1 fire in July

Town Meeting September 9, 1946

Fire at station in August

Town Meeting November 11, 1946

Mayor Sorensen rearranged his committees as follows:

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee. Trustees Victor Denny Chairman, John R. Frye, and Chipman

Town Meeting December 9, 1946

Service Station Fire November

The moving the fire tower came up for discussion. Fire Chief Starck reported that the Fire Department wishes to return the tower to the Town. Disposal of the tower is left up to the Town Hall committee with power to act.

Town Meeting January 13, 1947

Arthur Marsh, son of C. B. Marsh owner of building at 524 Main St. and Chas. Flinn, tenant and owner of garage occupying the building at 524 Main St. appeared before the Board in answer to a notice sent them to eliminate the fire hazard at that location. Mr. Marsh stated that Mr. Flinn was contemplating to purchase this building providing the following changes will meet with the approval of the Town Board and Fire Departments- to cut down the sky light which will make a flat roof on the building. Then move the repair shop to main part of garage. Remove all oil-soaked floor in present repair shop and replace with a wooden floor. This space will then be used as storage room for merchandise. They stated that it was impossible to get steel beams to lay a concrete floor at this time.

They asked that if the Board approved the suggested plan that they be granted more time on account of labor and material shortages. Marshal Anderson reported that he had checked the basement which had been classed as a fire hazard and found it had been cleaned and was in good shape.

The Mayor after conferring with the attorney informed Mr. Flinn and Mr. Marsh that if after Mr. Flinn contacted Fire Chief Theo. Starck and these changes met with the approval of the fire department that it would be agreeable to the Board and that it would be willing to extend the time limit for making repairs.

Trustee Denny, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, discussed means of disposing of the fire tower. Final decision was left up to the committee, but a suggestion was made that the Town advertise for sealed bids and sell it to the highest and best bidder.
Richard's Fire December 1946

Town Meeting February 10, 1947

Trustee Denny, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that John G. Clous, fire truck driver felt he was underpaid. He asked for \$25.00 per month. No action was taken and the matter was placed in the hands of the Town Hall committee.

The three bids on the Fire Tower were opened and all rejected. The bids were as follows:

F. A. Williams \$ 51. 00

Henry Haas 40. 00

Andy Tongish 125.00

Town Meeting March 10, 1947

Trustee Denny, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Department, reported that John Krening is our new fire truck driver. Also, that W. C. Potter had purchased the fire tower without poles for \$100.00.

The budget for the coming year was prepared and reads as follows: Town Hall & Fire Depart.
\$1, 800.00

Starck Fire February

Town Meeting April 14, 1947

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee. Trustees Victor Denny, John R. Frye, and Chipman.

Mayor Sorensen also announced that the Board had discussed salary increases for all regular employees and the following salaries were decided upon: - Fire truck driver \$17. 50 (up from \$14.37/month)

Town Meeting August 8, 1947

Trustee Denny reported that the poles left after the fire tower were torn down and given to the Softball Association have not been used. Mayor Sorensen instructed Trustee Denny to sell the poles and remit the proceeds to the Town.

Town Meeting December 8, 1947

Fire Windsor Tire Serv. & hurch November

Town Meeting January 12, 1948

The bills are as follows:

John Krening Salary, Fire Truck Driver (13 d.) T.H. \$7.34

Roy Reynolds Salary, Fire Truck Driver (9 d.) T.H. \$5.08

Benny Mayer Salary, Fire Truck Driver (9 d.) T.H. \$5.08

It was reported that John Krening, - who had been employed as fire truck driver, has left Windsor. Trustee Frye moved and Trustee Chipman seconded that Ben Mayer be appointed as the new fire truck driver, subject to approval by the Fire Department.

Roll Call. Yeas -- Chipman, Brinkman, Hickman, Stoll, and Frye. Nays - - None. The motion carried.

Town Meeting February 9, 1948

Trustee Chipman reported that Benjamin Mayer was duly elected to membership in the Volunteer Fire Department and his appointment as Fire Truck Driver has been approved by the Dept.

Town Meeting April 12, 1948

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee. Trustees Melvin Westcott, F.E. Frazier, R.P. Hickman

The salary schedule for employees was set as follows - Fire truck driver \$17. 50

Town Meeting May 10, 1948

Trustee Wescott, chairman of Town Hall and Fire Dept. Committee, reported that the Fire Dept. wants to have a metal box installed on the fire truck in which the fireman can keep their slickers. He was instructed to look into the matter.

The following sums are therefore hereby appropriated for the said fiscal year and for the following objects and purposes, to -wit: TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT 1,800.00

2 fire runs in April

Town Meeting November 8, 1948

Night Marshal S. J. Allen, reported the need for 2 blankets at the City Jail. These are to be purchased, also a new mattress and pillow for the Fire Truck driver's room.

Fred D. Wells, Application for Fire Truck Driver was read and approved.

Roll Call; Yeas; Palmquist, Westcott, Frazier, Graves, Hickman. Nays; None Motion Carried

Town Meeting December 2, 1948

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN OF WINDSOR COLORADO. That the Town does not sell the water tower for less than \$ 3,500. 00; more if possible. This to be determined after consultation with qualified sources Final disposition to be left to the Mayor and the Water Committee; Palmquist Moved and Trustee Hickman seconded. Roll Call; Yeas; - Palmquist Brinkman, Westcott Frazier Hickman. Passed, Adopted, Signed and Approved on this 2nd day of December 1948.

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EDITORIAL

Playing with Fire

NEARLY every child is exposed to the lure of the fire wagon at his first Christmas. The little red truck is one of the most popular of all toys, and many persons never outgrow its fascination. Even as adults they simply cannot resist the excitement and suspense of a fire run.

The trait is not necessarily one to be discouraged, so long as it is kept under proper restraint. But when it is indulged in such a fashion as to interfere with the efficient operation of fire-fighting machinery, then it is time to call a halt. This the Windsor town board has done. It published a warning this week that in the future anyone who drives into or parks within a block where the fire department is answering an alarm will be prosecuted.

Heedless parking might conceivably cause a disastrous fire loss by impeding the department in its efforts to put out a blaze. If the practice has been thoughtless in the past, it cannot be treated so now that a warning has been issued. From now on, violations of this section of the fire ordinance will be subject to rather drastic penalties.

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WARNING TO MOTORISTS!

Fire-following and the parking of cars in the vicinity of fires has reached a dangerous stage this winter, the fire department reported at the special meeting of the town board last week. The department asked that recent offenders penalized, but the board decided to issue this warning first, after which the penalties against the practice will be strictly enforced.

Section 10 of Ordinance 205 (NS) States: "The driver of any vehicle other than one on official business shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than 500 feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm." (Unless 205 was amended after it was adopted in February 14, 1938 this was in Section 11)

The ordinance prescribes a minimum fine of \$10 and a maximum of \$100, with cost for each offense. These penalties will be enforced strictly against violators, Mayor John B. Frye warns.

Town Meeting December 13, 1948

Mr. Ted Stark Fire Chief, - Requested the Town Officers to warn the Towns People to stay out of the Fire' Mans (sic) way and a safe distance from fires, during a fire. Officer Barger Reported; 379 ash pits did not pass inspection. 221 properties have no ash pits at all. It- was decided to have pamphlets (sic) printed asking the Property Owners to correct this Fire hassardes (sic) condition for protection of their own properties as well as the Town, these to be handed out the 1st the month at water paying time.

Town Meeting May 9, 1949

The council meeting was opened with Mr. Mac Gaily showing the Town Board samples of Fire hose. After discussion it was decided with the approval of the Fire Department to purchase 250' of Goodrich Flexseal treated \$ 1.56 per ft. delivered including Couplings, at a total cost of \$390.00. The following sums are therefore hereby appropriated for the said fiscal year and for the following objects and purposes, to -wit: TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT \$2,500.00

Town Meeting August 8, 1949

Fire Chief Ted Stark appeared requesting the Town to provide grappling hooks and a boat for rescue operations, The Board will provide the necessary equipment. and Mr. Starck: donated his interest (sic) in a metal boat to the town, the town to purchase the other half interest (sic) from owner and provide storage for the boat.

Town Meeting November 14, 1949

Fire Chief Theo Starck brought to the attention the need for a Fire Siren. The one in use having failed to sound at a previous fire alarm. Two salesmen were present, The Town Hall Committee will decide as to size and constructing of a tower for the Siren. Also to investigate the possibility of purchasing an Airaid (sic) Siren.

The Telephone for the Fire Dept, was again changed to a silent Number and to be used only by the fire dept.

3 fire runs in October.

Town Meeting March 13, 1950

The Fire Dept requested the Clerk file in the Town Records the following letter stating that C. A. Hurich had completed 25 years of service with the Windsor Volunteer Fire Dept. and was granted a leave of absence for same.

Trustee Westcott moved and Trustee Frazier seconded that this letter be placed on file for future references.

Roll call Yeas Brinkman, Wescott, Frasier, Graves, Hickman. Nays None — Motion Carried.
1 fire run in February

Town Meeting April 15, 1950

Jake Erbes the new elected Fire Chief met with the board and explained the need for replacement for the fire truck and new fire hose, also mentioned the need for more money for the fire drills and the fire runs, from the present \$ 10.00 per drill and \$ 25.00 per fire where the fire truck and hose are needed. Paul Besel also spoke on the support the fire dept expected from the Town for money to send the firemen to the Convention to be held in June in Ft. Morgan. All these requests were referred to the Town Hall and Fire Dept. committee for study and report at the next council meeting.

TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT Committee. Trustees Clark, Westcott, and Frazier.
Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad".

Farmers in the vicinity as well as former Windsor Fire Chief, Ted Starck Sr., were becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of fire protection for rural areas. On April 20, 1950, thirty members of the Windsor-Severance Farm Bureau met at Severance School to discuss forming a Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District what would serve rural families in the area. The proposed fire district would extend from Highway 34 on the south to Highway 14 on the North and Bracewell to the Washington Highway (now I-25) on the east and west.

Allen Lamb, Dave Claus, Roy Schneider, and Ted Starck, Sr., were the committee appointed to visit a Grange meeting in Berthoud where requirements for creating a fire district were to be discussed. The committee was to report its findings to the Windsor-Severance Farm Bureau. Evidently the committee was impressed with the meeting at Berthoud because on May 10 the Windsor-Severance Farm Bureau held a public meeting at the Windsor High School at which time a Unanimous decision was made to form a rural fire district. Chairman Henry W. Ritz appointed a five-man committee to set up a time for a District Court hearing to form such a district. In addition to the committee State Representative Allen Lamb was also appointed to prepare and circulate a petition to present to the District Court in Greeley. Three hundred taxpayers signed the petition for the creation of a fire protection district. After the hearing at the District Court, the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District was created. It included School District 4, 17, 22, 66, and 52, except for the town of Severance. For the first time in history, the rural are of Severance were to have adequate fire protection.

Town Meeting May 8, 1950

Allen Lamb and Dave Claus proposed to the Board incorporation of a rural and town fire district to be served by two fire trucks and manned by the Windsor Volunteer Fire Dept. The Town Hall and. Fire Dept. Committee is to cooperate with these men and report to the Town Board on their progress.

A large Delegation from the Windsor Fire Dept. discussed the value of training received in the use of equipment and practice at the Fire Convention also supervised the purchasing of 250' of hose, 1 Siamese Y for the fire Truck. The Board approved \$300.00 for the convention fund. Roll Call Yeas. Frazier, Brinkman, Clark, Macy, Wescott, Stoll. Nays, None. Motion Carried. The following sums are therefore hereby appropriated for the said fiscal year and for the following objects and purposes, to -wit: TOWN HALL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT \$3,000.00

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING SEPT 1, 1950

First meeting held at the Town Hall, Windsor, Colo. On September 1, 1950, at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Harold Young. Harold Young was thereupon nominated as chairman and President of the Fire District by Douglas Clark and seconded by Harry Greenwald. Harold Young was thereupon unanimously elected as chairman and President of the District. President Young thereupon declared that proper notice of this meeting had been given to all members of the Board of Directors and that there were present Douglas Clark, Harold Young, Harry Greenwald, and Fred Brunner Jr., but Ben Reichert was absent. A quorum was present and the meeting was declared dully and legally called. (Elections were held: Harry Greenwald Treasurer, Douglas Clark Secretary, Fred Brunner Jr. Vice President. An official seal was adopted "Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District-Seal." Building committee was appointed to look into building sites: Douglas Clark, Fred Brunner Jr.. A Truck Committee was also formed: Fred Brunner Jr., and Harry Greenwald.)

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING SEPT 27, 1950

Fred Brunner Jr Reported that he had contacted Mayor Weidmann of Severance about participating in the Fire District, and the Mayor said Severance was not interested.

1950 Proposal from Howe Fire Apparatus for a New Fire Engine.

C O P Y

Form No. 14-4/47

FIRE APPARATUS PROPOSAL

HOWE FIRE APPARATUS CO.

Manufacturers of Fire Apparatus since 1872

Anderson, Indiana

To Windsor-Severance Fire Prot. Dist.

Sept. 15 19 50

Windsor

Colorado

GENTLEMEN:

We hereby propose to manufacture for and agree to furnish you, subject to your acceptance of this proposition and the proper signing and execution of the attached contract by the parties thereto, the APPARATUS and EQUIPMENT herein described and for the following prices:--

One - Howe combination high and low pressure fire pumper,	
equipment only, as per attached specifications	(\$ 8,750.00)
Same specifications built on latest Model Ford F-8 chassis,	
two-speed axle, 9:20 tires	(\$ 11,600.00)
Heater in cab	72.30
	(\$ 11,672.30)
	(\$)
	(\$)

All apparatus and equipment to be built in accordance with specifications attached hereto, same forming a part of the contract, and delivery made F. O. B. Windsor, Colorado within 60 working days from our factory at Anderson, Ind., after receipt of your properly executed contract. / (Delivery subject to conditions beyond our control.)

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Three year lease contract. One thirty-sixth payable at time of delivery and 11 equal monthly payments of equal amount. Balance in two equal annual lease payments with 6% interest on deferred balance.

This proposal subject to withdrawal unless accepted within 5 days from date thereof.

THE HOWE FIRE APPARATUS COMPANY
"MAC" GALLEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY
By Mac Galley

GUARANTEE

All truck chassis used by us guaranteed by respective manufacturers, all "Howe" equipment attached thereto, or any other apparatus manufactured by us, we guarantee for five years against defective material or workmanship to extent of replacement, except Hose, which manufacturers guarantee for one year.

Doc 2022-003-2 1951 Howe Fire Apparatus Proposal Sept 15 1950 Original corrected

SPECIFICATIONS

WINDSOR RURAL

CHASSIS—

To be furnished by customer.

HOSE BODY—

Made of automobile steel with hard wood slatted removable floor. Base supporting hose body is steel welded channel construction. Capacity of body
 1200' 2 1/2" D.J. & 400' 1 1/2" D.J. fire hose.
 Body fully streamlined and partitioned

REAR STEP—

To be 18 inches wide, strongly supported from hose body with steel channels. Top of running boards fabricated with special safety tread, absolutely non-slip. Fully enclosed to protect firemen from flying mud. 1 pair rear fenders of crown type.

REAR FENDER STEP PLATES—

Each rear fender equipped with a corrugated polished aluminum step plate mounted on top of fender.

RAILINGS—

1 1/2" polished aluminum running full length of hose body, and curved to the contour of streamlining at rear of body to furnish hand grips for firemen riding on rear step. 1 cross rail back of seat to carry rubber coats and tarpaulins.

SEAT—

Standard truck seat furnished on commercial chassis

EQUIPMENT COMPARTMENT—

Large compartment for carrying helmets, coats and boots, built in between back of driver's seat and front of booster tank compartment.

PUMP AND EQUIPMENT—

Rotary 6-4 centrifugal 500 GPM, midship mounted with electric primer, and one Myers 4660 high pressure for 60 GPM at 800 pounds, complete

with drive unit, also 2 1/2" quick opening discharge valves, 1 pump primer indicator, 2 pressure gauge, 1 combination pressure and vacuum gauge, 2 caps for suction of pump, 2 caps for discharge of pump. All pump alemitte lubrication fittings are mounted on a suitable panel and installed in pump operator's instrument panel, thus assuring convenience in lubricating the pump bearings. One set pump control levers. Suction intakes and discharge openings collared with stainless steel plates so that the plates can be removed to gain easy access to working parts of pump.

PUMP OPERATOR'S INSTRUMENT PANEL—

Mounted at left side of truck with all gauges and pump controls grouped and properly labeled. Gauges mounted as assembly in separate removable stainless steel gauge panel.

PRESSURE RELIEF—

A relief valve and pressure regulator of ample size are furnished to protect the pump.

CLOSED TYPE COOLING SYSTEM—

Special cooling system for cooling motor while pumping, consisting of a heavy container. In the container is installed a set of coils in which cold water from the discharge chamber of the pump is in constant circulation during operation of the pump. The cooling liquid from the motor radiator enters the cooler at one end and circulates around these coils containing cold water from the pump, and is thereby cooled, flowing

back into the motor circulating system as it is cooled off. No water from the fire pump is allowed to enter the engine cooling system, thereby allowing the anti-freeze solution in motor to be maintained at full strength.

SUCTION HOSE—

310 ft. length of 4 1/2" smooth bore hard suction hose coupled with expansion ring couplings and equipped with long handles on female swivels. 3 suction hose carrying troughs with quick opening eccentric type brightly polished clamps.

LADDERS—

One 12 ft. roof ladder with folding hooks. One 24 ft. extension ladder, equipped with rope hoist. Ladders mounted on strong steel brackets with quick release, nonrattle, eccentric brightly polished clamps.

EXTINGUISHERS—

One 5 gallon pump and one Foam

F. D. type non-slop Fire Extinguishers mounted in clamp type quick opening receptacles.

EQUIPMENT—

2 electric F. D. lanterns in holders.
 1 Model "B" Federal Red Flasher electric siren horn with bracket and switch.
 1 transmission lever lock.
 1 Tachometer to register speed of motor.
 1 F. D. axe in spring type holders.
 1 F. D. crowbar in holders.
 2 running board flanges for carrying nozzles.
 2 running board flanges for carrying suction fittings.
 1 - magnetic type tank gauge
 1 - 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" Gated Siamese
 2 - 1 1/2" Elkhart Mystery Nozzles
 1 double female hydrant connection.
 1 - 10" swivel electric searchlight properly mounted.
 2 electric swivel searchlights mounted on rear standards of body.
 1 21 candle power light with large stainless steel reflector over gauges.
 1 ten foot pole with holders.
 1 large built-in tool box mounted under rear of hose body with door opening on rear.
 1 highly polished suction strainer. (1 1/2" & 2 1/2")

BOOSTER TANK AND EQUIPMENT—

One 500 gallon copper-bearing steel, electric welded, rust treated
 booster water tank. 1 filler connection to enable tank to be filled by a hose line from hydrant. Tank attached to pump so contents can be pumped through booster hose. Tank rectangular in shape and mounted in hose body on welded steel channel base. One tank filler funnel to enable bucket brigades to refill tank with ease and at greatest of speed. One strainer mounted in filler opening.
 400' 3/4" high pressure heavy duty booster hose.
 2 - high pressure booster hose reel, with brakes
 2 - hose-brake-booster hose
 2 - hose-jet for gun with swivels
 3 - complete hose roller assemblies

PAINTING AND LETTERING

Painting to be done in first class manner with best grade lacquers. Lettering and decorations done in gold leaf with appropriate shading. Lettering to order.

FINISH ON METAL WORK—

All nozzles and similar polished metal parts chrome-plated.

Doc 2022-004-1 1951 Howe Fire Apparatus Specifications with marked ups

1-2 1/2" Smt off Nozzle

1-Beacon Ray Light on Cab.

Howe Fire Apparatus Co.

Manufacturers of Fire Apparatus since 1872
Anderson, Indiana, U.S.A.

Town Meeting October 9, 1950

Al Harditzky, presented to the Board two sizes and types of Fire Sirens, after the discussion the Town Hall and Fire Depart. Committee is to make the final discussion as to price and size and place the order in the next few days.

Trustee Clark than presented and the Attorney read the Contract and Agreement between the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District. This Contract to be effective on May 1, 1951 for the period of ten years of such date. Ordered signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk. Trustee Macy moved and Trustee Stoll Seconded that the contract be accepted.

Roll Call, Yeas, Brinkman, Clark, Macy, Westcott, Stoll. Nays, None. Motion Carried.

It was further agreed by this Contract that one half of the expenses for the new siren and placing of same would be paid to the town by the District. The Town Hall and Fire Depart. Committee to have the power to act asking for bids.

Stoll Moved Westcott Seconded same.

Roll Call, Yeas, Brinkman, Clark, Macy, Westcott, Stoll. Nays, None. Motion Carried.

Contract W.S.F.P.D. and Town of Windsor Unsigned October 1950

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this _____ day of October, 1950 by and between the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, a quasi-municipal corporation situated in Weld County, Colorado, party of the first part, and the Town of Windsor, Colorado, a municipal corporation situated in Weld County, Colorado, party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That Whereas, the party of the first part has just been organized so as to include the territory of party of the second part, which now owns and operated its municipal fire department for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town; and Whereas first party proposes to acquire a rural fire truck and building to house both fire trucks, and both party desire to enter into a working arrangement for a ten year period where first party will operate and maintain both existing municipal fire department and proposed rural fire department at its expense, now therefore;

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and agreements here in contained and of the consent by second party to its inclusion within the boundaries of the first party and consequent taxation, the parties promise and agree as follows:

1. The Town of Windsor shall retain legal title to its Howe Fire Truck (1941 International Howe) and all its fire fighting equipment, but shall permit same to be in the possession of, and to be maintained and operated by first party and the Windsor Volunteer Firemen's organization. The Town of Windsor further agrees to furnish present garage space in Town Hall for exclusive use of said fire truck and to maintain same in same manner as same has been maintained in the past, and pay expenses of light, heat and water for same, until such time as first party shall have available garage space for said town truck; but from and after such time as first party shall have available garage space for said town truck, first party shall house same at its expense. It is understood and agreed that said Town fire truck and its equipment not be taken nor used outside the boundaries of second party or outside 1,000 feet from the outer boundary thereof but shall be used exclusively within the boundaries of the town of Windsor and the area of 1,000 feet immediately outside and adjacent to the outer boundaries of said Town. When said Howe Fire Truck becomes so obsolete or in event it should be replaced for any reason, it shall be replaced by a similar truck with similar equipment of size sufficient to meet the needs of the community at such time, at the expense of first party, but second party shall receive its value as a trade-in, or may sell the old truck at its election. The fire truck so to be purchased by first party to be replaced the present town truck, shall be used exclusively within and shall not be taken without the 1,000 limit of the Town limit in same manner as present town truck,

- as above stated. Fire equipment of the town which were out or becomes obsolete shall be replaced by first party at its expense, to the end that first party shall eventually own and operate all fire fighting equipment within the boundaries of the District, except such as may be necessary to be retained by second party in order to qualify for state funds for the Windsor Firemen's Pension Fund.
2. Second party promises and agrees to purchase and install a suitable fire siren on the Town Hall building in Windsor, Colorado, at its expense in the first instance, on or before April 30, 1951, but that first party will pay and reimburse second party for one half of the total expense of the purchase price and cost of installation of said siren not later than April 30, 1951. Upon payment second party will sign, execute and deliver to first party a bill of sale to a one-half interest in said siren and installation, with second party retaining title on said Town Hall building for the use of both parties during the period of this agreement, but first party shall stand expense of maintaining, repairing and replace same.
 3. It is agreed and understood that the Chairman of the Town Hall Committee of the Town of Windsor shall be a member of the Board of Directors of first party, and that in the event such person should for any reason, no longer be Chairman of the Town Hall Committee of said Town, he shall resign as a member of the Board of Directors of the first party, and the remaining Board of Directors shall appoint his successor who shall be the Chairman of the Town Hall Committee. In the event the provisions of this paragraph are unenforceable for any reason, such shall not affect the validity or enforceability of other provisions of this Contract.
 4. First party shall pay all operating and maintenance expense of all fire fighting equipment and shall purchase all necessary fire fighting equipment and apparatus for use of whole District including second party from and after May 2, 1951, and for so long as this Contract is in full force and effect, at its own expense, and shall provide reasonable fire protection to second party and its inhabitants by operating said fire apparatus and equipment using the services of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department and its personnel. First party agrees to pay the Windsor Volunteer fire department and its personnel for its services and shall pay all services of firemen for attendance at fire drills, fires and conventions. During said period first party shall take over, furnish and operate all fire equipment and apparatus at its expense within the whole district, and second party shall be at no expense whatsoever in connection with same, provide however, that fire hydrants within the town limits hereafter installed or replaced, shall be installed or replaced at expense of second party.
 5. It is agreed and understood that the rural fire truck to be purchased by the first party shall be used within the boundaries of the Town of Windsor and the 1000 foot limit in case the fire truck used for town fires is inadequate in any fire, or in the event of a second fire within the town limits and 1000 foot limit at the same time truck is used at a prior fire within the town limits and 1000 foot limit. In the event there should be a rural fire at the same time that the rural fire truck is attending a town fire, the rural truck shall go immediately to the scene of the rural fire, to the end that the rural fire truck and equipment shall be used primarily for rural fires but as a "Stand-by" service only for town fires.
 6. This Contract shall become effective May 1, 1951, and shall be in full force and effect for the period of ten years from such date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its president and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by its Secretary, and the said party of the second part has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its mayor and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by its Town Clerk, on the day and year first above written. Executed in Duplicate.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Dec 1, 1950

Jacob J. Schaefer appeared before the Board and offered to sell his garage building and fixtures complete for \$5,000.00 with transaction to be consummated on or before May 1, 1951 (113 5th Street) upon roll call vote all Directors present voted in favor of the motion and same was declared carried by the president.

1950- It was report in 1953 by C.W. Crosby that the new district covered 70 square miles, and included the Town of Windsor, School District No.4, with exception of the Great Western Sugar Factory proper, the incorporated limits of the Town of Severance, and the Severance Elevator which elected not to be included in the district.

Town Meeting December 13, 1950

Trustee Clark reported no bids on setting the new fire siren.

The Mayor then talked about setting up a Civil Defense program, and asked the cooperation of the Police, Fire Chief, and Auxiliary Police.

1950- It was report in 1953 by C.W. Crosby that a more powerful siren was installed on top of 50 foot telephone poles at the rear of the City Hall Building, replacing the one that was on the roof of that building.

1951- It was report in 1953 by C.W. Crosby; In November 1951 the Northern Colorado Fire Fighters Association was formed in Loveland and Ted Starck a Past Chief of the Windsor Dept was elected 4th Vice President.

1951- (Mary Alice Landblad. *A Walk-Through Windsor* 1940-1980 interview with Victor Reynolds, Retired firemen, 25 August 2003)

“The fire truck was permanently removed from the town hall and housed in a garage across the street to the east.”

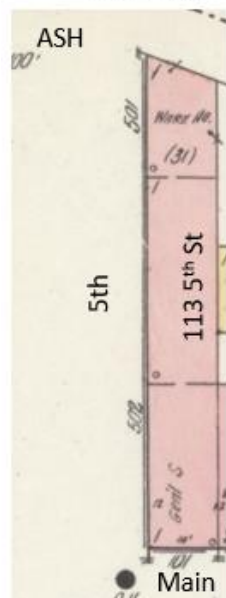
1951 Windsor Fire Station 1

113 5th Street Windsor Colorado Occupied from 1951 to Sept. 1964.



1951 Ford Howe on left. 1941 International Howe on right. Photo 2021-030

Sanborn Fire Insurance
Map 1911



5th street side



North Side



Photos taken by Karen Wiley around 1984 Photo 2021-100

Town Meeting February 12, 1951

Al. Varhenwald asked that the Board approve a plan between the Tel Co. and Fire Dept. whereby the Fire Dept Members would be the only persons to know the location of a fire during the Fire Alarm, this was granted.

Town Meeting March 12, 1951

The Fire Chiefs request for 2 Oxygen Tanks was referred to the Rural Fire Districts Consideration as they will supply the needs of the Fire Dept. as of May 1st. 1951.

Contract WVFD and W.S.F.P.D. Unsigned May 1951

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this _____ day of May, 1951 by and between the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department an association composed of Volunteer firemen in Windsor, Colorado, party of the first part, and the Windsor The Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, a quasi-municipal corporation situated in Weld County, Colorado, being a duly incorporated fire protection district under the laws of the state of Colorado, party of the second part, witnesseth:

That Whereas, the party of the second now operated one fire truck for the benefit of the Town of Windsor, Colorado, and another fire truck for the benefit of rural area in the district and for supplemental use in the Town of Windsor, and desires to employ the volunteer firemen now and hereafter members of first party to operate and manage said fire truck with their fire-fighting equipment, and to pay for such services and to provide other benefits for such firemen now therefore,

For and consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the party of the first part agrees to furnish and provide sufficient volunteer firemen to operate, manage, drive, and man two fire trucks of second party and all fire fighting equipment in an adequate and efficient manner with sufficient personnel to so operate both fire trucks and fire fighting equipment simultaneously: and first party further agrees to answer and attend all fire calls within the district and to use its best effort in fighting such fires in a good workmanlike and efficient manner and in according with the best customs and usages of fire-fighting business. First party and its personnel agree to service and care for the fire trucks and equipment of the second party but second party agrees to pay for all repairs, oil and gas, spare parts and equipment.

First party further agrees to furnish and provide from among its personnel three fire truck drivers who shall drive and operate said fire trucks of second party and second party promises and agree to pay first party as salary for such truck drivers the total sum of \$60.00 per month. Second party agree to furnish and maintain at its expense night quarter for one of the truck drivers and it is agreed and understood that such a driver shall occupy such night quarters in order that he will be immediately available in case of night fires.

First party further agrees to conduct regular and periodic fire drills and second party promises and agrees to pay to first party the sum of \$25.00 per month for all such practice drills, both rural drill and drills in the Town of Windsor, to the end that such payments shall compensation for all practice fire drills wherever made. Second party further agrees to pay to the first party the sum of \$25.00 for each fire attended by the first party which occurs within the Town of Windsor or within 1000 feet thereof, and \$35.00 for all fire attended outside of said area. Salary for truck drivers, and sums for practice drills and fire runs shall be payable from second party first party monthly.

It is agreed and understood that the personnel of first party shall at all times be under direct supervision, control and management of second party and its Board of Directors, who shall have the right to prescribe definite rules and regulations.

The party of the second part promises and agrees to permit first party and its personnel to manage and operate said fire trucks and fire fighting apparatus of the District under terms and conditions herein set forth, and that it will not permit or use other persons to manage and operate same during the period this agreement is in full force and effect, and that it will make the monthly payments for services rendered as above set forth. Second party further promises and agrees, in consideration of such services by first party, that it will pay to first party the sum of \$500 to be used to help defray the expenses of the personnel of first party in attending the annual fire convention of the Colorado State Firemen's Association wherever held in the state of Colorado, said sum to be payable at least ten days prior to such convention, first party agree that as many of its personnel as practicable will attend such convention and receive instruction relative to latest fire fighting methods. Second party hereby promises and agree to carry and pay

for workman's compensation insurance as provided by law for the benefits of personnel of first party, and to carry and pay for public liability insurance to protect the District and first party and its personnel from public liability while going to and coming from fires and while attending fires and fire conventions.

This agreement shall be in full force and effect from May 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952 and shall be binding upon second party and its successors, and upon first party and its personnel who are active members of same from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, First party has caused hereunto subscribed its name by its President and Secretary after having been duly authorized by First party so to do; and second party has hereunto subscribed its corporate name by its President and attested by its Secretary under its corporate seal, they have been duly authorized so to do, on the day and year first above written.

Town Meeting June 11, 1951

A Motion was made by trustee Macy and seconded by Trustee Westcott that the Mayor and Clerk sign the Bill of Sale to give one half interest in the new Fire Siren just purchased and installed to the Windsor, Severance Fire Protective Ass.

Roll Call, Yeas— Frazier, Brinkman, Clark, Macy, Westcott, Stoll. Nays None. Motion Carried. (Note: Fire Truck Driver was no longer a line on bills allowed to be paid)

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Jun 19, 1951

(\$2,000 down payment was made to the Howe Fire Apparatus Company of Anderson Indiana for a new fire engine toward a total price of \$11,672.30)

National Board of Fire Underwriters June 21, 1951

Pump Test Results:

Howe Fire Apparatus Company, Conducted by Howe Delivery Engineer Marion Cloud

Manufacture's Type HRS-HP No. 8317 Motor 13243

Engine Make and Type: Ford E I H M No. Cyl. 8

Size Cyl. Bore 3.5 Stroke 4.375

Peak Speed 3600 RPM H.P. Brake 145

Comp Ratio 6.4 to 1

Pump Make Waterous Kind to Stage 1 to 1.64

500 Gallons at 120 pounds net pressure

250 Gallons at 200 pounds net pressure

167 Gallons at 250 pounds net pressure

All three tests passed standard 3-hour test: Cooling system thru heat inter-changer. Break in cable to tachometer outlet during test – repaired without shut down. Engine and pump performed satisfactory during and after tests.

1951 Engine #6

(1951 Ford Big Job / Howe 500 Gallon Tank, 500 GPM at 120 PSI Waterous Low Pressure Pump 60 GPM at 500 PSI Waterous High Pressure Pump.

Ford Howe of Anderson Indiana. First truck purchased by the Windsor Severance Fire Protection District for Rural Fire Fighting. With a two stage Waterous pump, output 500 GPM 120 PSI. It had a second pump with an output of 60 GPM at 500 PSI. It had a 500-Gal Tank. Howe model HRS-HP No. 8317 Ford EIHM, Cylinder Bore 3.5 Stroke 4.375. Peak Speed 3600 RPM. HP Break 145. Comp Ratio 6.4 to 1

It carried 250' of 3/4" booster hose, 500' of 2 1/2" hose and 1000' of 1 1/2" hose. It also carried 3 lengths of 10' hard suction 4 1/2" diameter. 3 lengths of 10' hard suction 2 1/2" diameter. It carried 24' extension ladder and 12' roof ladder and 2 SCBA.

On 12-17-1970 "The engine was ruined at a house fire" It was replaced, but not disposed of until it was sold to the Galton Fire Dept. in 2003 for \$1.00 so they could make a brush truck. The Galton FD removed the tank, pumps, large suction trays, hose reels, and chrome hand rails. Galeton later sold it, at which time it passed thru many people and finally sold to Gary Pitcher of Dragon Casting of Greeley who used it to transport Bronze casting. He had the truck painted red. The truck was purchased by the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District in 2019. During 2020, and 2021 hose reels, and benches were added. The hose reels came from East Orchard Mesa FD CO. A simulated pump panel was added. The hose reels were moved closer to the cab when installed. This was so children could sit in the back of the truck and not hit their heads as was the case when the truck was new. The chrome rails came from an American LaFrance from the Reliance Fire Museum in Estes Park. In October of 2022 the truck was Painted back to "Denver White", lettering was added, and the booster reels were connected to the pump panel so water could be pumped thru the booster reels for wet-downs and demonstrations.



1951 Ford Howe photo taken in Windsor Photo 2020-088



1951 Ford Howe pumping water a drill at the High School
Tom Buxmann on left. Photo 2009-009

Poudre Valley Newspaper June 28, 1951 Thu

Rural Fire Protection Day festivities will commence at 3 p.m. Saturday "June 30, 1951" with the dedication of the new rural fire truck. The ceremony will be led by Harold Young, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, and Mayor V.J. Moore.

Immediately following the dedication, a practical demonstration of the truck's capabilities will be held at the lake at 3:30.

At 4:30 the department's volunteer firemen will conduct a street demonstration with races and contests similar to those held at the recent state firemen's convention. This and the remainder of the day's events will take place on Main Street.

The high School band will give its first concert of the summer at the corner of Fifth and Main beginning at 8 p.m., and following the concerts will be the big drawing. Winners must be present at the drawing.

Sufficient parking space will be available in the improved parking lots in the alleys north and south of Main St. between Fourth and Fifth.

Special sales are being promoted in most Windsor stores this weekend. For some of the bargain process see the ads on pages 4 and 5 and 8 in this issue of the Beacon.

July 5, 1951 Letter from Howe Fire Apparatus Company

(In reference to the 1951 Ford Howe a set of F-7 Ford signs or labels were placed on the hood of the truck in error. F-8 signs were located and mailed out.)

Poudre Valley Newspaper July 5, 1951 Thu

Streets in Windsor Crowded For Fire Truck Day Saturday

The new parking lots in downtown alleys got their first extensive use Saturday (June 30, 1951) as cars overflowed from the streets during the evening prize drawing and band concert.

The day sponsored by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce to dedicate the rural fire truck, drew a lot of people into Windsor, but there are conflicting reports as to the effect of the day from the standpoint of the business men. Some reported an unusually good day—others report routine, or less than normal sales.

Free pop was given to the children, donated in part by Greeley bottling concerns, in part by the chamber of commerce.

The firemen showed the capabilities of the new truck at the Windsor Lake shire, then showed their own on Main Street following the lake ceremony.

Poudre Valley Newspaper July 5, 1951 Thu

FIREMEN MAKE FIRST RURAL RUN FOR FIRE DISTRICT

The volunteer firemen made their first country run under the new fire district setup the afternoon of last Thursday, June 28.

The fire was a stack of fence posts on the Henry Stromberger place 3 miles east of town.

Adjoining the burning pile of posts was a haystack and irrigation ditch (No. 2) The hay started smoking but with water so close it was saved.

The Windsor Beacon 19 Jul, 1951 Thu

Fire District Information Form Still Not Completely Filled out

(Material very difficult to read: It makes reference to the cards on file to everyone's property which includes, address, phone numbers, and nearest water sources which were on file with the dispatcher and kept at the fire house.)

Correspondence February 6, 1952

(Windsor Chamber of Commerce Inc. sent a letter to the District that they were not pleased that a fire truck was sent out of town for repairs. And there was some conflict between one of the Chambers motor repair men and the District.)

Town Meeting February 11, 1952

The Mayor's suggestion that a Fire alarm be placed in the Town Hall to be use in case of emergency, will be taken under advisement by the Fire Dist. Board.

MAY 1, 1952 Letter from Howe Fire Apparatus Company

(The 1951 the Howe Ford had a leak in the booster tank and Howe President wrote a letter to WSFPD Harold Young President that he was making arrangements to fabricate a new tank and replace the leaking tank. He believed at the time the tank was made, during the Korean War there was a shortage of quality material for civilian use and the leak was due to this shortage.)

Town Meeting June 9, 1952

Night Marshal, Jeff Allen leaves tomorrow to attend the Fireman Convention in Salida. The Board decided not to allow Night Marshal Jeff any extra days off.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Jan 21, 1953

Greenwald moved and Brunner seconded that the Secretary be instructed to write to all the large companies not in the District but within its boundaries to offer services of the District truck at the rate of \$50 per hour or fraction thereof per truck plus \$5 per hour for each man besides the driver. Motion Carried.

Brunner Moved and Greenwald seconded that the Secretary give written notice to the Windsor Volunteer firemen and the truck driver that the fire truck shall not be taken to any part within the Town of Severance to answer a fire call within that Town, and that if they should answer any fire call within the boundaries of the Town of Severance it will be a violation of the contract with the Fire District and they will receive no pay for such run. Motion carried.

Correspondence January 31, 1953

(A copy of a letter to Windsor Volunteer Firemen Henry Brunner Fire Chief, From Harold Young President of the WSFPD Board of Directors: "You are advised that the Town of Severance has decided not to come into the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District so that in the future you are instructed not to answer any fire calls for fires within the boundaries of the Town of Severance unless there is danger to property just outside the boundaries of the Town of Severance.)

1953- Severance Fire Department:

As reported in "Tales of Tailholt: Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad".

In 1953 instead of joining the Windsor-Severance Fire Department, the town board purchased six 2 ½ gallon fire fighter (Fyr-Fyter Extinguishers) that were placed on the front porches around town. The townspeople couldn't decide whether to join the Windsor-Severance Fire Department or Eaton Fire Department. The Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District Board Members were not very willing to serve the town of Severance since the town had not joined the district. (Below is a photo from the internet of a Vintage Copper Fire Extinguisher Fyr-Fyter SodAcid-Fyr-Fyter Corporation Dayton Ohio.



THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Feb 18, 1953

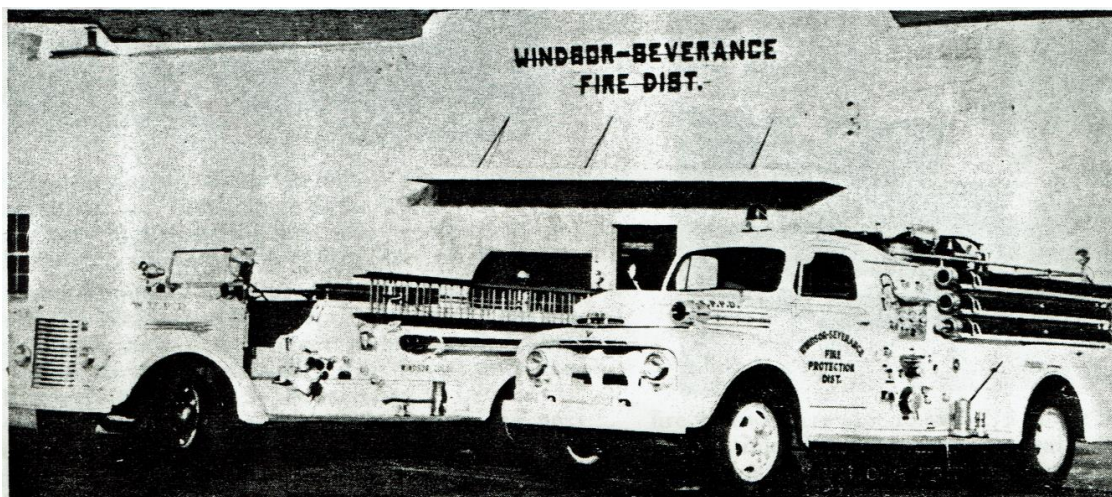
Brunner reported that the Town Board of Severance told him that it had a meeting and decided not to come into the District and told him "to let Severance burn."

Mutual Aid Agreement Colorado and Southern Railway Company: June 23, 1953

(The Colorado and Southern Railway Company will pay \$50.00/hr. or fraction for truck and driver, plus \$5.00/hr. for each fireman attending a fire.)

From The Northern Colorado Fire Fighter November 1953 Vol 1 No 11

A Half Century of Progress of Windsor Volunteer Fire Department By Fireman C.W. Crosby
With the forming of the fire protection district, the department has increased the membership from 25 to 35 members. The board of directors has purchased the newest types of equipment, particularly the new Williams, Goodner Model Resuscitator which has been added this year. The district also purchased the building which houses our two trucks, hose drier, night man's quarters and a convenient kitchen for our use. The members of the department cooperating by their labors being donated for the building of partitions, cabinets, etc.



Station #1 in 1953 showing 1941 International Howe City Engine left, and 1951 Ford Howe Rural Engine. Photo was on the cover of the Northern Colorado Fire Fighter Vol. I November, 1953 NO.11. Photo was taken on 5th street. Photo 2022-001.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Aug 18, 1954

P. Besel renewed the demand of the firemen for payment of \$200 a month to them for services during the next six years, exclusive of amount paid fire truck driver and the Board stated that it would be unable to pay this amount and that it would not raise the levy over 1 mill. Besel stated that he had been directed to tell the Board that the firemen were quitting immediately and they would turn in their keys and get their stuff out of the fire house that night. After some discussion the Board accepted the keys from Besel who stated that the firemen had all their stuff out of the fire house. Tigges, moved and Greenwald seconded that the resignation of firemen be accepted and motion was carried. Greenwald moved that Theo Starck be appointed as the new Fire Chief and that a volunteer fire department be organized to be known as "The Windsor-Severance Volunteer Fire Department and to not have more than 30 members. Motion carried. Theo Starck was contacted and he accepted the appointment as the new fire chief and he and Tigges phoned some of the new members who had volunteered for the emergency, to put them on the alert for runs. Meeting adjourned.

Firemen's Meeting August 19, 1954

Telephone Co. wants the pass word. The pass word is used to find out where fire is. This discussed and the importance was explained. The name "JERRY" will be the code name. Six men present is necessary before truck can leave fire house. The remainder should stay in town for city fires. (The Pass word was changed regularly. In Feb 1955 it was change to "TED".)

Firemen's Meeting August 24, 1954

Chief Starck suggested strongly that there should be no consumption of alcoholic beverages in the fireman's hall, or during or after a fire practice, meeting, or fire run. The chairman further pointed out that anyone joining the organization is not fighting fire for money involved. The Fire Board has the right to dismiss any fire fighter for misconduct. At any scene of fighting fire the Chief or the assistant in charge will have the right to give absolute orders.

Examples interesting calls found in the following:

Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District RURAL FIRE ALARM TICKETS

Windsor Volunteer Fire Department Report of Drill and Fire Attendance

1955 to 1972

Date	Location	Incident	# Members
01/22/1955	1 mi E Severance Ed Fritzler Resid	Fire & Floor around hot air register	6
06/05/1955	Chambers Lake	Dragging lake to recover 2 bodies	6
12/16/1955	Fire in Timnath Standby in Lovela		8
04/05/1960	Missile Site 12	Fire in water heater wiring	24
08/29/1964	Boxman Farm 6 East / South ¼ Ea	Fire Eaton	12
01/28/1968	Albert Harting Labor House	Fire caused by heating stove	19
02/24/1968	3E and 3N of Windsor in Severanc	Jeep Fire	24
06/17/1969	4 miles east of Windsor	Cat in the tree	2
03/22/1969	Severance Church	Scrap lumber on fire	17
04/06/1969	Starlite Café Eaton	Mutual Aid Fire	16
05/02/1969	1 South 2 ½ East 1 ½ South Allen	Hay, Straw, Tractor and Spreader from T Fire	13
12/31/1969	Windsor Park	Stabbing victim transported to Greeley	2
02/13/1970	431 Walnut	Fire Sleeping bag stored against a light b	12
08/23/1970	3 miles north 1 ½miles East of Severance	Hay stack fire caused by PTO Shaft	12
11/05/1970	2 West ½ North Flat Iron Place	Truck Fire Loveland	12
12/17/1970	1 West 1 ½ north Severance	House fire total Loss (1951 Engine Ruine	20
06/18/1971	Prison of War Camp	Weed fire	8
08/02/1971	Ft Collins Rural Fire	Dump fire, sent Tanker	4
09/09/1971	Severance Elevator	Fire	21
09/10/1971	Severance Elevator	Fire	12
11/14/1971	Wellington Lake #6	Drowning, Unable to find body	4
08/12/1972	Horse Shoe Lake Loveland	9-year-old boy drowned	8

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Sept 15, 1954

(Windsor-Severance Volunteer Fire Department: Theo Starck Fire Chief, G. Streeb 1st Asst. Chief, Ray Daugherty 2nd Asst. Chief, Bob Abbott, first Captain, Kenneth Comin 2nd Captain)

Correspondence September 16, 1954

(A registered return receipt letter was sent to Paul Besel to return 1 set of 4 Fire Ground Library Books, 30 1st aid books, 2 red lights, badges for uniforms for which the District paid \$55.20 in June 1952. Some of the material was returned. This most likely goes back to when the members resigned en masse back on August 18, 1954)

Correspondence September 24, 1954

(A letter was sent to W.G. Flannery State Board of Vocational Education Room 210 State Office Bldg. Denver Colorado, by Harold Stoll Mayor Town of Windsor. It appears that the state made a decision to not send instructors to Windsor.

“The Windsor Volunteer Fire Department has compiled an enviable record of efficiency over the past years. A very high degree of “esprit de corps.” “However, the department seemed to have forgotten the primary reason for its existence, namely, to fight fires. Keeping up various social functions and other less than necessary requirements took more and more money, so that for the past two years the question of remuneration for services rendered came up time and time again.” There was also mention about an elite social fraternity with a club room supplied by the Town. The Mayor explained that the since the District did not want to increase the mill levy the department resigned in mass, and a new department was formed. It is by that letter that the organization was asking for vocational training.)

Correspondence September 29, 1954

(Allen B. Lamb President Windsor-Severance Farm Bureau sent a letter to the State Board for Vocational Education that his organization made a resolution and unanimously passed it that they support Windsor -Severance Fire Protection District and the new fire department and that they need training.

Mountain States Inspection Bureau September 1954

(Inspection was made of the Municipal Fire Protection Windsor, Colorado It appeared that there were 15 Recommendations, 5 for water supply, 7 for the fire department and 3 for ordinances.)

Correspondence October 21, 1954

(Mountain States Inspection Bureau Acknowledged a letter of October 18 that the Town Board of Windsor, Colorado has officially recognized the new Fire Department at it October 11th meeting. Also advised members can be as young as 16 years old.)

The Windsor Beacon 11 October, 1954

Town Sanction is Sought for New Fire Department

(The town board approved a motion that the Windsor-Severance Volunteer Fire Department be recognized as the town’s official fire department and that they be granted use of the firemen’s room on the second floor of the town hall.)

Firemen’s Meeting November 5, 1954

Colorado State Firefighters Association sent a letter informing the department that C.S.F.A. has endorsed the Muscular Dystrophy drive, and seeks our whole hearted support in soliciting funds for this cause, however, it was not made clear just what part the firemen would have in this drive, and the Sec. was instructed to write for additional information.

Town Meeting November 8, 1954

(The town board discussed a request from a civil defense group wishing to use the firemen’s room in the town hall. The matter was referred to the Town Hall Committee.)

Firemen's Meeting November 9, 1954

A discussion was carried on to inform all members of the dept. concerning rural calls, and it was decided that the first five men to show up at the fire station would be the ones to answer a call. The attendant at the station would inform firemen who came to the station later. The chief said a system would be worked out to let the firemen know just how many responded to a country call. "It is believed the 1951 Ford Howe was used for rural calls"

Call Volume from 1955 to 1975 collected from:

Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District RURAL FIRE ALARM TICKETS

Windsor Volunteer Fire Department Report of Drill and Fire Attendance

YEAR	STRUCTURE FIRES	NON-STRUCTURE FIRES	Other	TOTAL
1955	9	14	3	26
1956	4	13	2	19
1957	4	13	3	20
1958	6	11	0	17
1959	5	14	1	20
1960	5	12	2	19
1961	9	11	0	20
1962	4	17	2	23
1963	4	14	3	21
1964	5	31	4	40
1965	8	18	1	27
1966	7	22	0	29
1967	6	19	4	29
1968	7	18	9	34
1969	5	19	8	32
1970	7	22	7	36
1971	8	39	12	59
1972	10	31	18	59
1973	9	31	24	64
1974	12	43	25	80
1975	18	56	28	102
1976	12	44	52	108
1977	5	48	69	122

Firemen's Special Meeting January 21, 1955

This department shall be entitled or called "Windsor Fire Depart." The Executive Board shall be called the 'Board of Directors.' In case of fire in another town, and an appeal to this Dept. for help, proper authorization is necessary before the call can be answered, or responded to. In responding to a rural fire call, the truck shall carry two or three firemen, and no more than six members shall attend the fire.

A member of this Dept can be suspended from the same for intoxication, insulting and abusive language, or conduct unbecoming a firemen. Two thirds majority vote.

Firemen's Special Meeting January 31, 1955

(Department donated \$5.00 to a Polio Fund)

Town Meeting March 14, 1955

The board approved a motion that the Windsor-Severance Fire Department be given sole use of the firemen's hall and that the mayor and town clerk notify the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department that they must vacate this space. (This most likely goes back to when the members resigned in mass back on August 18, 1954)

Firemen's Meeting March 29, 1955

Chief stated that we should take over the Red Cross drive, and the motion was made seconded, and carried that we help with the Red Cross Drive.

Firemen's Meeting April 12, 1955

Streeb made the motion that we take on the C.P. (Cerebral Palsy) Drive, seconded by Felker, and carried by the Dept.

April 19, 1955

Windsor Firemen Take CP Drive Gifts (Undocumented newspaper article and photo)



Windsor Firemen take donations for the CP drive Saturday and Sunday. Someone will be available at the department Saturday all day and in the evening and on Sunday. Members shown here are: Front row, Left to right: Ray Daugherty, second assistant chief; Ted Starck, Chief. Second Row, Left to right: Henry Stroman; Wilbert Walter; Gerald Scheller; George Biederman; Emanuel Felker, first lieutenant; Don Schafer, second lieutenant. Back row, left to right: Don Abbott, first captain Ed Cozad; Dave Wambolt; Ray Walter; Richard Swanson. Kenneth Comin, second captain; Fred Wells, Sec. Treas.; Paul Ziska. The Windsor firemen have completed their first aid course being instructed by Capt. Wise of the Denver Rescue Squad. They have a respirator at the fire hall free to the public in case of emergencies. Reference Photos 2018-019-1 and 2018-019.

Firemen's Meeting June 7, 1955

Some talk then of Severance coming into the Fire District. Five men from there wish to be represented on the Fire Dept. according to Mr. Young. The matter was tabled until next meeting.

Firemen's Meeting July 5, 1955

Mr. Young stated that the Town of Severance has signed into the Fire Dist. and several men from there would like to be members of Windsor Fire Dept.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Aug. 18, 1955

The Petition of Severance property owners for admission into the District was read and considered and it appearing that the Petition was sufficient Brunner moved and Tigges second that the Petition be granted and that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign the order permitting the admission of the Town of Severance within the boundaries of the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, and that the Order be adopted by the Board.

Mountain States Inspection Bureau October 13, 1955

(Reference Severance Colorado: The Town of Severance, Colorado was classified under Class 9 municipal fire protection based on organization of volunteer fire department and motorized equipment. Since the Town of Severance was more than 3 miles from the WSFPD fire station Mountain States Inspection Bureau wanted the organization and equipment of Severance Fire Department to be maintained at or within the 3 mile distance to corporate area. We have not found any record of Severance having a fire department in 1955. So this may have been an opportunity for improvement)

FIRETTES FORMED 1956

The Firettes were formed in 1956, they were the wives of the firemen and helped with fundraisers for the department. They also cooked food for the firemen when they were at fires for a long time. In time they would have a race team at fire conventions. The original member list is lost to time but at the end of the book you will find a list of Firettes from 9/15/1959 to 11/10/2003.

Mountain States Inspection Bureau October 1, 1956

(There was a discussion about the pump at the base of the water tower. It operated at 500 gpm. The Mountain States inspection Bureau engineer did not think there would be an issue of it affecting hot water tanks.)

1961 Tanker

(A 1954 GMC Tanker tandem axle 5 Speed with a Three Way Browny Built was put in to service in 1961 it carried 3,000 Water Tank and had a 300 GPM Pump and carried 50 feet of 2 1/2" hose. Rear axle came apart at CO 392 and County Rd 23 in 8-23-1970)



Photo with Left Bob Clouse, and Right Jerry Schneider Photo 2021-026

Mutual Aid Agreement USAF Missile Complex 12: April 12, 1961

Upon agreement to the representative of the Windsor and Severance Fire Department by the representative of the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base Fire Department, firefighting equipment and personnel of Windsor and Severance Fire Department will be dispatched to the Missile Complex within the firefighting jurisdiction of Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, as designated by representatives of Francis E. Warren Air Force Base Fire Department. Further said Cities of Windsor and Severance being the closest municipality to Missile Complex number 12 will provide 24 hours on call fire protection. Missile Complex 12 will provide 24 hours on call fire protection.

Contract W.S.F.P.D. and Town of Windsor April 20, 1961

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this 20th day of April, 1961, by and between the WINDSOR -SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation situated in Weld County, Colorado, party of the first part, and the TOWN OF WINDSOR COLORADO, a municipal corporation situated in Weld County, Colorado, party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That Whereas, the boundaries of the party of the first part include the territory of party of the second part, and the parties desire to continue the present working agreement for another ten year period whereby first party will operate and maintain all firefighting apparatus and equipment within the District at its expense Now Therefore;

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and agreements here in contained and of the benefits which will insure to the inhabitants of both the District and the Town this arrangement, the parties promise and agree as follows:

1. The Town of Windsor shall retain legal title to its Howe Fire Truck (1941 International Howe) and all its fire fighting equipment, but shall permit same to be in the possession of, and to be maintained and operated by first party and the Windsor Fire Department. It is understood and agreed that said Town fire truck and its equipment not be taken nor used outside the boundaries of second party or outside 1000 feet from the outer boundary thereof but shall be used exclusively within the boundaries of the Town of Windsor and the area within 1000 feet immediately

- outside and adjacent to the outer boundaries of said Town. When said Howe Fire Truck of second party becomes so obsolete or in event it should be replaced for any reason, it shall be replaced by a similar truck with similar equipment of size sufficient to meet the needs of the community at such time, at the expense of first party. Second party shall receive its value of its Howe truck if used as a trade in, or may sell the same, but shall retain title to it in event such is necessary in order to qualify for state funds for the Windsor Firemen's Pension Fund. Fire equipment of the Town which wears out or becomes obsolete shall be replaced by first party at its expense, to the end that the first party shall eventually own and operate all fire fighting equipment within the District except such as may be necessary to be retained by second party to qualify for the Pension Fund. After the present Town Truck is replaced, it is agreed and understood that first party will keep and maintain at all times within the limits of the Town and the 1000 foot area outside of same, one fire truck in good, serviceable condition which meets the standards and requirements of the Board of Fire Underwriters, for use within said area. Other fire apparatus of the District shall be used as a "stand-by" service for town fires, but in the event, there should be a rural fire at the same time that both trucks are attending a town fire, one truck shall go immediately to the scene or the rural fire.
2. First party agrees to pay all operating and maintenance expense of all fire fighting equipment and shall purchase all necessary fire fighting equipment and apparatus for use of the whole district including second party, so long as this Contract is in full force and effect, at its own expense, and agrees to provide reasonable fire protection to second party and its inhabitants by operating said fire apparatus and equipment, using the services of local fireman. First party agrees to pay reasonable expenses of the fire department and its personnel, while engaged in fire-fighting activities, fire drills and attending conventions. During the period this Contract is in effect, first party shall take over, furnish and operate all fire equipment and apparatus at its expense within the whole District, and second party shall be at no expense what so ever in connection with same, provide however, that fire hydrants within the town limits shall be installed or replaced at the expense of second party. Second party shall also furnish at its expense, the water at fire hydrants during fires and fire drills, but first party shall pay usual water charges for tap at fire hall.
 3. The present fire siren, which belongs to the parties hereto, shall be kept and maintained as now situated on the Town Hall premises, for the public use, but first party shall stand expense of maintaining repairing and replacing same.
 4. It is mutually agreed between the parties that at least one member of the Board of Directors of the first party shall be a citizen of the Town of Windsor so that its interests may be represented thereon. Present and future members of the Board of Directors of first party are pledged to enforce this provision in good faith in filling vacancies on the Board, although failure to do so shall not invalidate this contract.
 5. This Contract shall become effective on May 1, 1961, and shall be in full force and effect for the period of ten years from such date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by its Secretary, and the party of the second part has caused it's corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its mayor and it's corporate seal to hereunto affixed, attested by its Town Clerk, on the day and year first above written. Executed in Duplicate.

The Windsor Severance Fire Protection District by Fred Brunner Jr. President, J.W. Vaughn Secretary. Town of Windsor by Glenn E. Anderson Mayor, Myrtle M. Bates Town Clerk.

Contract Starck Brothers and W.S.F.P.D. August 21, 1963

Contract to build the fire hall at 728 Main Street. Cost to be \$22,162.

Firemen's Meeting July 7, 1964

It was pointed out by Chief Abbott that there was still a problem in our driving to the fire station or fire calls. If the situation was not corrected the Chief stated that the police would be allowed to issue traffic tickets.

Firemen's Meeting May 5, 1965

Chief Lutz reported the Hall is available to no one except in the case of an emergency. (Only the Fire Department, Board of Directors, Firettes, also known as Women's Auxiliary could use the building.)

1967 Emergency Unit

A 1967 Chevy Chassis with a 4 speed 327 Cubic inch engine, and Box purchased separately. Originally purchased to keep FF warm in cold weather. In 1972 a used school bus heater was installed. The truck was used to carry Rescue, and Dive Rescue Equipment and EMT supplies in the rear. Sold to John Brunner and Company 12-02-1979 for \$4,327.77 with 13,000 miles on it.)



Westside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street. Photo 2021-032



Westside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street. Photo 2021-033



Interior. Photo 2021-093

1973 Utility

Per Windsor Severance Fire Dept. Retiree Meeting Minutes April 16, 2005 this 1970's Chevy Suburban was purchased from Rick Smith's parents in 1973 for \$7,000. It was sold in prior to 2005. License MBF-361



Photo 2021-039



Westside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street. Photo 2021-038

Firemen's Meeting November 6, 1962 thru May 3, 1977

The fire department had many events and activities that were repeated weekly and monthly. Once a month the Board of Directors meet, once a month the fire department had a meeting, on the other weeks the department had drills and classes, here were regular Pension Meeting. Below is a list of activities and functions that the department took part in on a regular basis.

Fund raisers for the department or other charities:

- Donkey Ball Games
- Dunking Tank During Labor Day
- Assisting the Windsor Civic Committee
- Firemen's Ball 2nd Saturday of February at the Legion Hall.
- Trap shoot held multiple times per year. Making up to \$600 in March 1965
- Basketball games against the Windsor Jaycees
- Oster Supper 2nd Tuesday of March
- Labor Day Raffle
- Ham Bacon Shoot
- Selling Fire Extinguishers
- First, Chile and Oster Supper March 26, 1974
- Pancake Breakfast
- Minstrel Shows
- Labor Day Dinner
- Donations to the Boy Scouts, CP and MDA
- Coke Cola fund which was always running low when members were not paying for soda.

Fire Prevention, displays and helping the community:

- Observe fire drills at the schools, and nursing homes
- Labor Day Parade down Main Street
- Sponsor Duchess candidate for Labor Day festivities
- Firettes had a float in the Labor Day Parades
- Sponsor Softball, and Pee Wee Teams

Work details and Training:

- First Aid Training held in town and in Greeley
- Fire Department Drills, and training supplied by Denver Firefighters
- First Aid Training held in town and in Greeley
- Classes from Aims
- Clean Hose
- Hose Test
- Hydrant Test
- Drill at Missile Site 12
- The Fire Department was broken into 4 teams, found an example: Nov 10, 1968 team 4 will work the trap shoot. Found reference that a specific team was to clean the fire house.

Good of the Organization:

- Blood Bank had a running total for the fire department
- Christmas Parties, at the Legion Hall, and in the Fire Hall
- Halloween Custom parties at the Legion Hall
- Pension Board Meetings
- Repair Pool Table
- Annual Dinner
- Firettes

Association Membership and Activities:

State Fire Conventions and Field Days; which included contests for the men and women which the department had been going to for many years.

Northern Colorado Firefighters Association Field Days

Northern Colorado Firefighter's Association Meetings and Training

Tournament Practices

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Mar. 27, 1962

Windsor-Severance Firemen's Consolidated Pensions Fund was formed after the Windsor-Severance Firemen's Pension Board was disbanded.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Apr. 27, 1962

Fire District Purchased property from Henry Walker 125 ft X 250 ft for \$3,550 for build a new Fire Hall at 728 Main Street.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING July 20, 1962

The District printed up cards and distributed them to home owners in the district to complete and return with information about their properties.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING July 11, 1963

The contract for the fire hall at 728 Main Street was awarded to Starck Brothers Construction for \$22,162.00.

Windsor Beacon 4 Jun 1964, Thu. Page 1

Our Junior High School Wednesday Night...

Our Junior High School Wednesday Night . .



Local firemen, with the assistance of neighboring fire departments, battled the junior high school fire last Wednesday night (May 27, 1964) until 4 o'clock the following morning. Some of the firemen remained at the fire house, near the school grounds, and checked the building about 8 o'clock Thursday morning before clean-up crews went in.

According to Don Abbott, fire chief the fire was under control by 1 a.m.

Cause of the fire has not been determined, but the fire department report states it is believed to have started in a closet on the top floor.

(Greeley Fire Department was reportedly contacted to send their snorkel. It was reported by Fred Brunner Jr. member of Windsor-Severance Fire District that it was not able to respond for the following reasons: 1. Insurance rate would go up if it left Greeley. 2. Windsor's water mains would not be able flow enough water to support a snorkel. Fred Brunner Jr. hoped this would clear up any misunderstand as to why the Greeley fire department did not heed the requests from the local residents.)

Oral History Vic Berhardt Past Secretary and Member of Windsor Volunteer Fire Department on the above fire:

"The fire that sticks in my mind, was the worst fire that the Town of Windsor ever had, about the year of 1965, and the call was, as I recall about nine in the evening. Windsor High School was on fire, smoke was coming out of the top of the building and was started by instantaneous combustion. It did not take us very long to answer the call since we were right next door to the school.

Al Griess, the janitor had been refinishing some hardwood floors and put some oily rags in the closet not thinking about spontaneous combustion.

It was soon in flame and was really burning out of control, we called in help from Loveland, Johnstown, Eaton, Greeley, Milliken, and Ault. I believe there was a response from each dept. And was a very welcome bunch of neighbors.

We fought the fire all night and into the following day before it was completely out, only to lose the school, it was a total loss and was rebuilt and now is the Windsor Middle School.

The Windsor Firettes, bless their hearts, were up all night also serving us coffee and doughnuts."

1964 Station #1 728 Main Street

In service 9/1964 to 6/2002. Construction on a new fire hall began in 1963, at 728 Main Street on property owned by Henry Walker. The building was constructed by Stark Brothers, using plans from Bestway Building Center at a cost of \$26,407.52. The building was one story 40 X 104 feet brick building. The building contained stalls for 5 vehicles, a large room for the firemen, a kitchen, restroom, and living quarters. An open house was held September 1964. West addition was added in 1973 4,006 Sq. Ft. Pole barn was added after 1975 1,440 Sq. Ft.



Original Building South Side. Photo 2021-094



South West Corner. Photo 2021-095



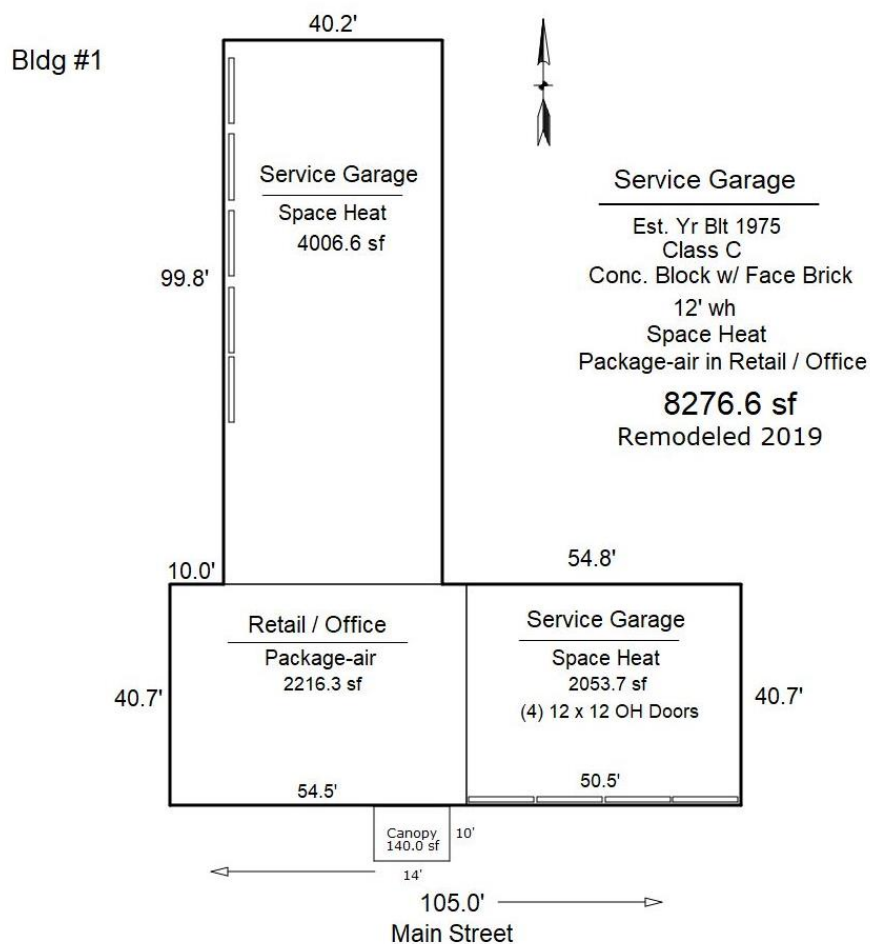
Ladders East Wall. Photo 2021-099



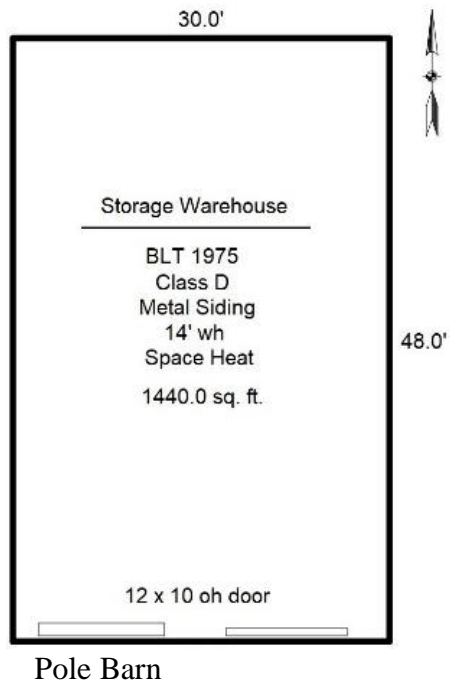
Gear East Wall. Photo 2021-098



Pole barn was added after 1975 1,440 Sq. Ft.



728 Main Street Windsor Severance Fire Protection District



Mountain States Inspection Bureau August 4, 1965

Rural Fire Protection Windsor, Colorado: Inspection results showed the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District indicated that the fire district was recognized and approved based on a Class “B” rural protection.

Mountain States Inspection Bureau August 4, 1965

Inspection was made of the Municipal Fire Protection Windsor, Colorado It appeared that there were 18 Recommendations, 8 for water supply, 8 for the fire department and 2 for ordinances. There was an issue that the department was supposed to have 1000 feet of 2 ½” hose on the town truck 1941 International Howe and they only had 500 feet. Looks like they had a lot of opportunity for improvement.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Nov. 11, 1965

Bill Pixley was permitted to park a water truck in the fire hall for \$15/month as long as he would respond to fire calls.

North Weld County Water and W.S.F.P.D. June 10, 1966

5 Fire Hydrants in the district for \$600.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Sept. 8, 1966

The Windsor Fire Department ordered a 1-ton Rescue Truck and the Board offered to help equip it.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Sept. 8, 1966

The Windsor Fire Department donated the 1-ton Rescue Truck to the District.

Firemen's Meeting March 7, 1967

Don Abbott reported that the rescue truck is ready to operate and that a Porta-Power had been ordered, Chief Lutz warned that fire trucks must go out before the rescue truck unless it is a rescue call.

Firemen's Meeting Dec 5, 1967

John Martindale moved we send \$10.00 to the Tudor Fire Depart. In Alaska for flood relief. Jim Yost seconded the motion; it was voted down.

Firemen's Meeting June 4, 1968

The department voted to sponsor a Little League Ball Club. Jim Yost will coach.

Firemen's Meeting July 2, 1968

Ed Hergenreder asked if the department would like to have a swimming party at his house. The date set was July 20th. Firemen are to bring their own steaks, a covered dish and a dollar for beer.

Firemen's Meeting August 6, 1968

George Kamerzell reported we could get one complete diving unit from Loveland Sport Center for \$262.24. Retail price is \$320.00 Twelve men were interested in diving.

Bob Close moved we treat our Pee Wee ball team at the Drug Store Stu Lunbeck seconded and motion was approved.

Firemen's Meeting October 1, 1968

Chief Peterson said as of Nov. 14 we will no longer have fire phones. The new number is being listed in the directory, but the 686-2424 number will be reserved for six months in case we want it back.

Siren Issue April 17, 1969

(It appears that fire calls went to Greeley and then routed back to Windsor. The system involves a radio hook up which was criticized as cumbersome. When the call was received in Greeley, a button was pushed to activate the siren in Windsor. Somehow, they did not seem to be able to hear in Greeley whether the siren was actually blowing or not. A committee was to work on this.

Siren Issue May 12, 1969

The problems started when the phone company went to a dial system vs. a 24-hour service. The district tried having alarm phones in several Firemen's homes. This did not prove to be popular and phone bill was over \$60.00 per month. It was decided to form the North Weld Fire Radio Service. There were some installation issues with the siren at first but they were resolved the siren was set off by radio. People were still calling the service for fire locations in time that stopped.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Sept 11, 1969

In regards to old Business concerning the use of the town truck in rural areas, the President, read a letter written to our attorney Robert Houtchens, requesting his opinion. To his reply it was moved by John Martindale seconded and passed, that the following approved policy shall be spread in our minutes as a future guide to the District which is as follows:

“Since there are many agreements and other factors and changing times entering in to the business of operating a fire district. The Firemen are to construe the meaning to the end that since one truck is designed and equipped for town use, and the other for rural use, that they shall primarily be used as such, but in case of a break-down or a fire too large for one truck or a call for mutual aid by a neighboring District, then a state of emergency shall exist, and the Firemen proceed to fight the fires and use the equipment according to the “best customs and usages of the fire-fighting business” (It appears that the 1951 Ford Howe was used for the rural firefighting and the 1941 International Howe was used for in town fires up to this point. The 1941 was marked “Windsor Fire Dept”, and the 1951 was marked Windsor Severance Fire Protection District”)

Firemen’s Meeting April 7, 1970

Don Schaefer reported that the Fire Board ordered a new truck for the tanker. It will be international 1800 Twin Screw, 392 Cu inch engine, with an automatic Allison transmission.

1970 Tanker #4

A 1970 International 1800, with twin screw 392 cubic inch engine and Allison automatic transmission. Carrying a 3000 Gallons of water, and 300 GPM Pump. The tank was from 1954 GMC put in service 1961.



Westside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street. Photo 2021-027



Westside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street. Photo 2021-028



At a fire. Photo 2021-076

WINDSOR FIRE BUGS 1970's

The children of the fire fighters that were in parades and other activities were called Windsor Firebugs and wore T-Shirts with "FIREBUGS" on them and were in parades in pickups marked the same.

WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Aug. 27, 1970

A special meeting of the Windsor Severance Fire Protection District was called August 27, 1970, at the firehall to approve the purchase of a new fire truck.

After discussion of additional equipment needed, such as 4 pressure gages at \$30, 1 tank level gage \$50, 2 speed rear end at \$320, enclosed side compartment \$175. And a credit of \$685.00 on pumps. Total cost would be \$33,232.50. It was decided, that the District shall purchase the chassis from Ellis and Capp, to be delivered to General Safety Equipment Corp. facility at North Branch, Minnesota. The body and equipment to be installed and truck to be delivered by May 1, 1971. Payment to be made after the truck is tested and proven to be satisfactory. (1971 International General Safety #1009 750 Gallon Tank, 1,000 GPM Pump, Gasoline 5 Speed with 2 speed differential)

Firemen's Meeting Nov. 3, 1970

John Brunner stated that the Firettes wanted the Fire Hall cleaned up before they have their fashion show. Chief set date of Sat. Nov 7 for clean-up.

Mutual Aid Agreement Poudre Valley Rural Fire: December 1, 1970

Poudre Valley Rural Fire Protection District Chief Danskin asked Windsor to accept a Mutual Aid Agreement.

1971 Engine #2

In 1971 an International General Safety Engine Factory number 1009, Purchased 6-22-1971 for \$33,434. Vin. 228901G426289 it had a 750 Gallon Tank, 1,000 GPM Pump. It was powered with a Gasoline 5 Speed with a 2-speed differential. It was sold to Otis Volunteer Fire Department 06/05/2002 for \$1.00.



Southside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street in 1986. Photo 2021-077



Southside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street in 1986. Photo 2021-078

Firemen's Meeting Feb. 2, 1971

Wayne Miller had talked with Ken Peterson about Kodak wanting to run an ambulance service 24 hrs a day for the entire community. The Dept felt there would be no hard feeling on our part if Kodak wished to so.

Firemen's Meeting April 6, 1971

Vic Bernhardt presented a petition: To President of the U.S. to to the firemen "if they wanted" for President Nixon to free Lt. Calley. (Lt. William Calley was convicted for his role in leading the 1968 massacre of Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.)

Firemen's Meeting August 3, 1971

Chief Abbott again warned firemen about being more careful when answering a fire call. Answering rescue calls was also discussed. Firemen decided that 3 or 4 men in the rescue truck would be sufficient and if more was needed, they could call back to the fire hall.

Spectators following the fire equipment was also discussed. Dan Schaefer thought it would be good to contact the State Patrol and get some ideas on how to handle this.

Mutual Aid Agreement North Weld County Fire Radio Service: September 9, 1971

(A mutual Aid Agreement was sent to North Weld County Fire Radio Service that Windsor Fire would "Come to the aid of member departments.")

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Severance Elevator Lost In Fire Thursday Night; No Plans to Rebuild Now

The Severance Elevator was destroyed last Thursday "September 9, 1971" in the biggest fire in the town's history. In addition to the loss of the building, Jerry Gress, one of the owners, reports a grain loss of about 600 tons. "Howard Lair is the other member in the corporation."

According to Gress, the corporation doesn't plan to replace the elevator, which was originally built in 1894 by the Colorado Milling & Elevator Co. The bulk bins, office, and ear corn grinding house escaped the fire, and will continue to be in operation, Gress added.

The fire noticed by Gilbert Ihfe, a Severance resident, shortly after 10 p.m. Mrs. Ihfe, with the help of the telephone operator, summoned fire departments from the surrounding area---Windsor-Severance, Eaton, Ault, Loveland, Timnath, and Poudre Valley. A total of nine pieces of equipment were brought to the scene.

Both town hydrants were used and to ensure sufficient water Dave Hergert furnished water from his nearby farm.

The fire was kept from spreading, but wind carried ember and ashes southward, keeping the Ihfes and the Dick Tallmans busy pouring water on the roofs of their homes.

Most of the firemen remained on duty throughout the night as did the townspeople. Harold Wyman reopened his service station for the night to supply gas and service; Bruce's Bar remained open and serving food and coffee and donuts to the scene and served them to the firefighters.

"All the fire departments did a real fine job containing the fire," Ihfe said Tuesday. "But the Windsor-Severance group deserve special credit; they remained on the scene all that night and have been back every night since to water down the smoking remains. One feels really safe with them around."

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Oct. 14, 1971

The following resolution was approved by the board and sent to the North Weld County Fire Radio Service: Be it resolved at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors of the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, that in order to reaffirm our agreement as a mutual aid, that our Fire Department will come to the aid of member departments when called upon by the Fire Chief or other party so designated with the necessary summons authority.

Firemen's Meeting December 7, 1971

Wayne Lutz asked about the establishing an office for Fire Inspector. After some advantages were pointed out of how this will help eliminate our inspection, help on our fire rating, and get us better acquainted with the buildings in town. Ken Peterson was appointed to this office.

Mountain States Inspection Bureau December 15, 1971

Inspection was made of the Municipal Fire Protection Windsor, Colorado The District was given a classification of 8th Class. Fire flow tests were conducted on the distribution system on October 25, 1971 Flow rates were not meet and the strengthening of the distribution system was required.

1971-1972 Kodak Build 6 2005 Howard Smith Ave E.

Opened around 1971-1972 and was the home of the Kodak Fire Department, Security, and Emergency Services. By 1974 there were 11 large manufacturing buildings covering 3,000,000 square feet. At that time there were 3,600 employees, with 100 Security Officers, and 24 Fire Fighters that covered three 8-hour shifts. Building 6 covered all forms of emergency services, including security monitoring and fire detection.

This building had training rooms, cafeteria, monitoring and dispatch room. It also had 5 apparatus bays. At the height of operations, they had vehicles including a Ladder, Engine, Rescues, HazMat, and Ambulances. This equipment was sold around 2005 and Emergency Services were provided by WSFR. As of 2018 there are only 125 Kodak employees onsite. And building 6 is rented by OmniTRAX, with a few rooms still used by Kodak.



East Side of Emergency Services
Building #6 Rescue Haz-Mat Squad 1



North Side of Emergency Services Building 6

Photos from Goggle Earth

Firemen's Meeting January 4, 1972

The Chief asked firemen to be thinking about how they would like to have the addition built on to the Fire Hall. Some points of discussion on future growth of the town, number of stalls in the new addition, or the possibility of having another station at a new location.

Bob Stark moved we do not donate to the March of Dimes. It was seconded, and carried.

After some discussion on mutual aid and how it could help our dept. George Kamerzell moved, we join the Larimer County Firefighters Association. It was seconded and carried.

Firemen's Meeting February 1, 1972

Fire Inspector Ken Peterson needs 4 or 5 volunteers to help with inspecting business buildings. They are to draw maps showing locations of valves, switches, etc. and to note hazards. Tom Buxmann, Jim Matthews, Duane Dizmang, and Jim Kyger volunteered.

Firemen's Meeting March 7, 1972

Ken Peterson moved we have some men meet with Kodak personnel to discuss mutual aid.

Firemen's Meeting May 2, 1972

Don Abbott said Andersen Salvage had a bus heater we could buy for \$40.00. Ted Starck moved we buy the heater for rescue truck. Motion carried. Jim Kyger moved we put window and intercom in the Rescue truck. This was motion was also approved.

Jerry Schneider reporting on meeting with Kodak personnel said our association with them will be strictly Mutual Aid. They will send the factory's "Squirt" truck to town fires only and only if we call for it. Squirt cannot draft water so a pumper would be required with it. Kodak has one truck they would send anywhere in the District. If we get called to Kodak, we do not need to take the tanker. Kodak ambulance will be available for Fire Dept. and Police Dept. calls only. IF we get called to Kodak Plant we work under their firemen for safety and to minimize damage to materials.

Firemen's Meeting July 5, 1972

The State Patrol has warned that too many firemen are showing up to rescue calls. It is felt 2 to 4 men should be sufficient.

Firemen's Meeting August 1, 1972

Jerry Schneider said he had called the Kodak Ambulance for an accident and after some delay it was sent, but we were advised no to call for it again.

Firemen's Meeting December 5, 1972

By Secret ballot, Don Abbott was chosen to receive the American Legion's first annual award for Outstanding Fireman.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Apr. 16, 1973

A motion was duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed to award the contract to Eichorn and Casten. For the 100ft by 40ft addition on the west side of the fire hall at a cost of \$49,987.54 which was attached on the west side.

Casten and Eichorn and W.S.F.P.D. April 16, 1973

Addition to the existing Fire Hall at 728 Main Street for the price of \$49,987.54. To be complete on or before September 1, 1973.

Firemen's Meeting September 4, 1973

It was also brought up what should we do about people following the fire trucks to fires. Suggested that they be issues warning tickets. Take down the license numbers and turn them over to the state patrol etc. It was decided that Sam Reichert and Tom Wolfe would make up a standard letter warning to hand out to the motorist who follow the fire equipment. This letter would be submitted to the depart. For approval. (This letter was read to go to the printer on October 2, 1973.)

Ordinance No. 493 N.S. Uniform Fire Code November 12, 1973

An ordinance adopting by reference the Uniform Fire Code, 1973 Edition promulgated by the International Conference of Building Officials and Western Fire Chiefs Association, 5360 South Workman Mill Rd Whittier, California 90601 prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, establishing Bureau of Fire Prevention, providing officers therefor and defining their powers and duties; and providing penalties for violations thereof.

Firemen's Meeting April 2, 1974

John Brunner cautioned all members of their driving habits and the high speed used coming to the fire hall during alarms. This also pertains while driving the fire department units to fires.

Firemen's Meeting July 2, 1974

Roland Bashford requested a letter to the town administration requesting where the fire department wants the police car positioned during a fire call. A letter will be written requesting the police car to be positioned at the stop lights and after the alarm to follow up on citizens following the fire trucks.

Firemen's Meeting September 3, 1974

The EMT Course was discussed to be held through Aims. Eight members showed interest.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Nov. 14, 1974

There was some discussion about the practice emergency alert held by Kodak and what the Fire Department might do to aid if a large disaster occurred, such as making use of school busses to transport victims to local hospitals. Kodak started production in 1971 and built their fire station Building #6 on Howard Ave. East. They had 24 firefighters that covered three eight-hour shifts. The equipment was sold off or donated around 2005 when WSFR took over fire protection. The fire station was also sold as well and used for other purposes.

Firemen's Meeting December 3, 1974

Roland Bashford reported that Ira Miller would like to know if the fire department would support a proposed ordinance on having all city people shut off their city water during fire call in the spring and summer months. Due to the new homes being developed in Windsor, the Windsor area is going to have low water pressure. The Windsor Fire Department recommended to try the honor system first by the people of Windsor. "The Windsor Beacon 26 Dec 1908, Sat page 7 had an article that when the fire department was at a fire towns people were to turn off water sprinklers that were drawing water from the hydrants. Refer to the Water Department Ordinance Section 24"

Firemen's Meeting March 4, 1975

1975 Race Truck

Chief Lutz also reported that the department bought a 1964 Ford Pickup for \$400 at a special meeting held last month. Some work needs to be done to the pickup and Jim Matthews donated a set of tires for it. "This truck was going to be used by the race team. And the bed was going to be designed to meet the State Bed Committee specifications so it could be used at the state convention and other field days set up by other fire departments.

Firemen's Meeting June 3, 1975

Report of special committees: The equipment truck committee reviewed a bid from Super Vac for a 1975 Chevy Lighting Equipment Truck. The firemen were asked to review the specifications of the truck during the next month.

We received a copy of a letter to Windsor Police Chief, from Eastman Kodak concerning the use of their ambulance. It was understood that the use of the ambulance is to be used by us only in extreme emergencies.

Firemen's Meeting July 1, 1975

The executive board presented guidelines to the department on which trucks will respond on an alarm they are:

Rescue Calls – Rescue Truck Only

Rescue / Accident – Rescue and Pumper

In town Fire – Rescue, 2 pumpers, and Tanker

Rural Fire - Rescue, Pumper, and Tanker

Firemen's Meeting September 2, 1975

For the good of the organization our driving habits going to a fire was reviews and indications showed they were much abused. Bob Starck moved that all personnel responding to a fire in their own vehicles must drive at the speed limit and stop at all stop signs unless being directed by a police officer. Motion Passed.

Firemen's Meeting October 6, 1975

John Brunner, Lanny Schlitt, Dwane Dizmang, and Ted Starck were appointed to the Restoration of the Old Fire Truck Committee. The old fire truck a 1941 International was turned over to the fire department from the City of Windsor. "1941 International Howe"

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING Dec 11, 1975

A motion was made and carried to accept the lighting truck as per contract, with addition of hydraulic saw, 50 feet of hydraulic hose, and 2 packages of Blades. Total Cost to be \$29,579.50.

1975 Squad #5

Combination Lighting and Heavy Rescue Truck sold by Super Vac. This was a demonstrator that was purchased for \$29,579. It was a Chevrolet 65 Series 366 V8 5 -@ Speed, with 9.00-20 10 ply tires and the following: 61 Amp alternator, Power Steering, Tachometer, Heavy duty radiator, 9000lb front, 23,000 lb rear, two light tower, 10,000 watt generator, Hydraulic pump system, Cascade System, cord reels, 2 federal Model 184, 6 CIBIE Quartz Alley lights, PA 20A Federal CP 25 Siren. Equipment carried included auto extrication, hazardous materials, and extra SCBA. It was sold to Milliken Fire Department around 1990.



Southside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street in 1986. Photo 2021-066



Southside of Fire Station at 728 Main Street in 1986. Photo 2021-067

Firemen's Meeting June 1, 1976

Squad Drawings:

#1 Ted Starck, Ken Erbes, Ed Fagler, Jim Yost, Vic Reynolds, Vic Bernhart, Don Schaffer

#2 Jim Kyger, Pete Walters, Steve Lutz, Art Steinbrecker, Stu Lunbeck, Don Best, Tom Buxmann

#3 Jerry Schnieder, Dave Vohs, Gerald Lutz, Jim Mathews, Dwayne Dizmane, Dan Shaffer, Bob Clouse

34 Bill Starck, Bob Spirek, Rick Meis, Lanny Schlitt, Bob Starck, Dan Abbott, Sam Reichert, John Brunner

(The Squads were used for tasks around the fire hall such as emptying trash cans, and other assignments)

Firemen's Meeting March 1, 1977

Shift working was discussed by the Department, Tom Buxmann brought up the need for day time fireman. It was voted to stay away from shift workers and strive for more daytime firemen. Bob Starck brought up that our applications were out dated, he and Jim Kyger will make up the application. (In 1977 the 1941 International Howe was restored, which included being repainted to match the equipment truck)

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING July 8, 1976

Steve Hall with the State Patrol asked to park his patrol car in the Fire Hall for which he would pay \$15.00 per month, this was approved.

THE WINDSOR-SEVERANCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIREBUGS

Children of the firefighters and Firettes were formed into a group called FIREBUGS in the 1970's. They attended parades and other fire department events. Many grew up and became firefighters. Below are two photos of the FIREBUGS.



Photo 2022-005



Photo 2022-006

The lists below of members some going back to 1902, is my attempt to supply the reader with a complete list. However, this was compiled from many hand written and, typed, documents as well as verbal accounts. So, some names may have been omitted and worse spelled wrong. The Author Daniel C. Lowe

FIRETTES 9/15/1959 to 11/10/2003:

Abbott, Grace	Kaiser, Sharon	Schmidt, Jolene
Abbott, Irene	Kamerzell, Darlene	Schneider, Karlene
Abbott, Margy	Kammerzell, Renae	Schneider, Terri
Adams, Rose	Kirby, Elaine	Score, Diana
Artzer, Arenita	Kisselman, Ester	Seaman, Linda
Asmus, Faye	Koonsman, Wendy	Serna, Colleen
Beam, Debbie	Kyger, Janice	Shaeffer, Bette
Bernhardt, Leona	LaFleur / Swanson, Marla	Sorensen, Tammy
Best, Marilyn	Lunbeck, Sharon	Spirek, Nancy
Bolin, Barbara	Lutz, Darlene	Starck, Claudine
Brunner, Sherron	Lutz, Debbie	Starck, Emma
Bruntz, JoAnn	Lutz, Delores	Starck, Kathy
Buxman, Mary Sue	Lutz, Kay	Starck, Lori
Casten, Kathy	Margheim, Myrna	Starck, Nancy
Clouse / DeSylvania, Mary Anne	Martin, Debbie	Stark, Emma
Comin, Violet	Martindale, Joyce	Steinbrecker, Bonnie
Comin, Carol	Matthews, Margaret	Streeb, Barbra
Cooper, Winnie	Meis, Kathy	Streeb, Millie
Crowder, Leota	Meisner, Aldena	Stroman, Frieda
Daughtery, Portia	Merrett, Evelyn	Summey, Renae
Deitz, Jo	Metcalf, Lynda	Swanson, Marla
Dizmang, Twila	Middelton, Lola	Villa, Echo
Fagler, Bev	Miller, Lisa	Vohs, Brenda
Graham, Susie	Morrow, Carol	Vohs, Doris
Greiss, Lena	Paxton / Fagler, Dani	Walter, Hilda
Haas, Kryste	Peterson, Pat	Walter, Malinda
Haas, Tara	Pyle, Wendy	Wilson, Lorraine
Hergenreder, Alberta	Reynold, Pat	Winter, Becky
Hinkle, Bonnie	Roth, Kathy	Winter, Janet
Hinrichs, Joy	Rust, Dorothy	Wolf, Marcella
Huwa, Georgia	Schaffer, Donna	Wooldridge, Janell
Huwa, Mary		

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS From 1902 to 2024:

Abbott, Donald E.	Bernhardt, Victor	Buxmann Jr., John Thomas
Abbott, Jack	Berquist, John	Campbell, Adam
Abbott, Jim	Berrymann, Nathan	Carlson, John
Adams, Colton	Bertmann, Milt	Carnes, Josh, P
Adams, Leanard H	Besel, Paul	Carson, Hayley
Aguiar, Dave	Best, Donald R.	Carson, Joshua
Akers, Benjamin	Best, Duane Rex	Casas, Crista
Albrecht, Don	Bickert, Andrew	Case, Erick
Albritton-McDonald, Jim	Bird, Bryan	Case, Thomas
Alexander, Sue	Birnie, Jay	Casteel, Dan
Allen, Jeff	Bishop, Jason	Casten, Fred
Amidon, Timothy	Blackman, Lukas	Chagolla, Brison, E
Anderson, Carl	Blackwill, Michael	Champine, Chancellor
Anderson, Glenn	Bogner, Brett	Chapman, Travis
Anderson, Jason	Bolin, Bob	Chaussee, Chalvin, L
Anderson, Seth	Boren, Zane	Chipman, C.A.
Andrews, Russell E.	Bower, Julie	Chipman, Charles, E.
Angermuller, Chris	Bower, Kevin, c	Chubb, James
Anguiano, Felipe (Forrest)	Brace, Andrew	Clark, Durham
Arreola-Chavez, Alejandro	Brace, William	Clark, Rebecca
Arster, Don	Bradley, Lucas	Clement, Thomas, E.
Arthur, Mike	Brady, Herb	Cloud, W.A.
Artzer, Donald	Brady, Seth	Cloughley, Robert
Asmus, Monti R.	Branch, Harlan	Clouse, John
Atkinson, Jerrod	Brandt, Luke	Cochran, Tyler
Atkinson, Paul	Brehmer, Mitchell	Cody, Eric
Bain, Robert	Brinkman, Mark R.	Coe, Brian
Barnet, Kory, M	Brough, Timothy	Cohen, Jamey
Barrington, Jim, D	Brug, Sandi	Collins, Jeremy
Bartmann, Milt	Brunner, Henry	Comin, Ken
Bashford, Rolland K	Brunner, John G.	Conroy, Daniel
Bauer, Gene	Brunner Jr., Fred	Cook, Hunter
Bauer, Kirk	Bruntz, Rick Dale	Cooper, Matthew
Beam, David M.	Bucholtz, Brett	Copper, Grant
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FIRE CHIEFS FROM 1902 to 2024

Fire Chiefs of Windsor and Severance			
1902	S.G. Fuller Foreman	1963	Donald E. Abbott Chief until 1964
1917	Guy B. Kirk Chief	1967	Wayne Lutz Chief until 1967
1927	<i>William Gillespie Chief of Severance Fire Dept.</i>	1968	Kenneth Edwin Peterson Chief until 1969
1928	E.L. Hinkley Chief until 1929	1970	Donald E. Abbott Chief until 1971
1929	C.A. Chipman Chief until 1931	1972	Jerry Schneider Chief until 1974
1931	Guy B. Kirk Chief until 1932 (Note Minutes of a town meeting 4/13/31 showed E.L. Hinkley was Chief?)	1975	Wayne Lutz Chief until 1976
1932	C.A. Chipman Chief until 1936	1977	Theodore Starck Jr. Chief until 1979
1936	A.A. Fritzler Chief until 1938	1980	Dave Vohs Chief until 1982
1936	<i>Dan Whitmore Chief of Severance Fire Dept.</i>	1983	Ed Fagler Chief until 1985
1938	R.S. Walker Chief until 1939	1986	Dave Vohs Chief until 1986
1939	A.A. Fritzler Chief until 1940	1987	Ed Fagler Chief until 1989
1940	C.L. Potter Chief until 1942	1990	Dave Vohs Chief until 1991
1940	<i>Billy Tallamn Chief of Severance Fire Dept.</i>	1992	Steven Lutz Sr Chief until 1993
1942	A.A. (Andy) Tongish Chief until 1943	1993	Jim Abbott Chief until 1994
1943	C.A. Hurich Chief until 1945	1995	Dave Vohs Chief until 1995
1945	A.W. Jessen Chief until 1946	1996	Jim Abbott Chief until 1996
1946	Theodore Starck Sr. Chief until 1947	1997	Steven Lutz Sr Chief until 1998
1947	Roy Reynolds Chief until 1948	1999	Dave Jacoby Chief until 1999
1948	Theodore Starck Sr. Chief until 1950	1999	Jerry Ward Chief until 2006
1950	Jake Erbes Jr. Chief until 1951	2007	Brian Martin Chief until 2010
1951	Henry Brunner Chief until 1953	2011	Herb Brady Chief until 2018
1953	Paul Besel Chief until 1954	2018	Mike Blackwill Acting Chief until 2019
1954	Theodore Starck Sr. Chief until 1956	2019	Kris Kazian Chief until 2023
1957	Donald E. Abbott Chief until 1959	2023	Darren Jaques Interim Chief 2/21/23 - 1/29/24
1960	Wayne Lutz Chief until 1962	2024	Chris Angermuller Chief

And that concludes the first 75 years of fire service in Windsor and Severance Colorado. At the time this book was completed the Windsor Severance Fire Rescue has four fire stations featuring state-of -the-art equipment and highly trained firefighters. WSFR covers 100 square miles in Larimer and Weld counties including the municipalities of Windsor and Severance. The complete history of WSFR can be found at our Fire Museum located at 121 North 6th Street here in Windsor.

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