

MASON CITY IOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1958

To the Honorable George E. Mendon,
Mayor,
Mason City, Iowa.

April 10, 1959

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the YEARLY REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending, December 31st, 1958. This being my eighth and the forty-ninth yearly report of the paid fire department of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

This is also the fourteenth yearly report after changing back to the Mayor-Council form of City Government.

This report will show as far as possible the record of operations, alarms, valuations, insurance and losses on fires that were responded to by this department during the year. The data herein contained is almost entirely within the corporate limits of the City, however Township Alarms and Mutual agreement calls will appear from time to time in this report, also my recommendations for the betterment and improvement of the Department and fire service and the increasing of its efficiency.

Any information pertaining to the Department desired by you and not contained herein, will be supplied to you on request.

This report is due at the end of the year, but due to the amount of time needed by the Insurance Adjusters to adjust and return a fire claim this report usually runs a little late. All losses herein are the true adjusted losses as received from the Insurance Adjusters, no estimated losses are used for Department records.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Boyd Arnold

A. Boyd Arnold,
Chief of Fire Department,
Mason City, Iowa.

PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1958

Chief of Department	1
Superintendent of Fire Prevention Bureau ...	1
Captain of Fire Department	3
Lieutenant of Fire Department	5
Clerk of Fire Department	1
Firemen First Class	26
Firemen Second Class	1
Firemen Third Class	0
Probationary Firemen	0
Total all grades	38

Of the above Personnel, the following
special assignments are made.

Fire Alarm Operator, Fireman First Class ...	3
Drillmaster, Fire Inspector, Captain	1

NAME & RANK	DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO DEPARTMENT	TO	RANK
CHIEF			
Arnold, A. Boyd	July 1, 1928	June 4, 1951	
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU			
Sweeney, Vern E.	October 5, 1920	September 1, 1937	
CAPTAINS			
Pierce, Clifford J.	May 18, 1928	June 16, 1944	
Cunningham, John K.	January 20, 1931	February 2, 1952	
Schurtz, Harold E.	September 1, 1939	January 1, 1956	
LIEUTENANTS			
Hesse, Frank A.	August 1, 1930	September 1, 1939	
Lauer, Vincent A.	April 16, 1946	July 1, 1954	
Rice, Louis V. Jr.	January 1, 1947	November 1, 1954	
McDougle, Dwaine O.	July 19, 1946	February 1, 1956	
Blunt, Richard R.	March 20, 1948	February 1, 1958	
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Waller, Ray D.	January 10, 1940	August 1, 1946	
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS			
Arnold, Lynn A.	August 1, 1935	September 16, 1938	
Hesse, Alfred B.	April 13, 1936	May 16, 1939	
Powers, Leo M.	December 1, 1936	February 16, 1940	
Carroll, Jesse J.	September 1, 1939	September 1, 1942	
Gardinier, Lyle E.	September 1, 1939	September 1, 1942	
Fritz, Elmer J.	September 1, 1939	February 1, 1943	
Berry, Walter M.	April 16, 1946	April 16, 1946	
Cunningham, Warren H.	April 16, 1946	December 26, 1947	
Dosen, Mike M.	April 16, 1946	March 8, 1948	
Holt, John H.	July 18, 1946	January 18, 1949	
Allen, Dan N.	November 19, 1946	May 18, 1949	
Bender, John H.	June 1, 1951	June 1, 1953	
Gardes, Marvin R.	July 16, 1951	July 16, 1953	
Luecht, Ralph R.	November 1, 1951	November 1, 1953	
Briscoe, Bernard B.	August 1, 1952	August 1, 1954	
Martin, Donald O.	December 1, 1952	December 1, 1954	
Pearson, Richard L.	August 1, 1953	August 1, 1955	
Marsh, Harold R.	October 23, 1953	October 23, 1955	
Peterson, Marvin C.	November 16, 1953	November 16, 1955	
Swanson, Charles F.	November 1, 1954	November 1, 1956	
Dietz, Victor H.	December 11, 1954	December 11, 1956	
Hickey, James J.	June 16, 1955	June 16, 1957	
Moore, Lowell H.	October 1, 1955	October 1, 1957	
Madden, Thomas O.	January 1, 1956	January 1, 1957	
Van Horn, Ronald G.	February 1, 1956	February 1, 1957	
Halvorson, Arlo D.	June 1, 1956	June 1, 1957	
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS			
Wedmore, Donald C.	March 16, 1957	March 16, 1958	
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS			
Peterson, Marvin C.	Fire Alarm Operator	August 31, 1954	
Pearson, Richard L.	Fire Alarm Operator	October 13, 1954	
Moore, Lowell H.	Fire Alarm Operator	September 1, 1956	
Schurtz, Harold E.	Fire Inspector, Drillmaster	November 5, 1954	

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NAME & TITLE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CHIEF		
A.Boyd Arnold	641-South Georgia Avenue	Garden 4-2036
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		
Vern E.Sweeney	2210-South Georgia Avenue	GA 3-8516
CAPTAINS		
Clifford J.Pierce	234-6th Street South East	GA 3-6528
John K.Cunningham	670-9th Street South East	GA 3-7914
Harold E.Schurtz	2514-South Federal Avenue	GA 3-6090
LIEUTENANTS		
Frank A.Hesse	1320-South Pennsylvania Avenue..	GA 4-1405
Vincent A.Lauer	201-South Virginia Avenue	GA 3-0218
Louis V. Rice, Jr.....	815-South Connecticut Avenue ...	GA 3-8495
Dwaine O.McDougle	311-14th Street South East.....	GA 4-3820
Richard R. Blunt	821-South Carolina Place	GA 3-6907
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Ray D.Waller	827-9th Street North East	GA 3-8160
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS		
Lynn A.Arnold	213-5th Street North West	GA 3-1447
Alfred B.Hesse	221-3rd Street North West	GA 3-2916
Leo M.Powers	1504-South Kentucky Avenue	GA 4-1224
Jesse J.Carroll	1652-Hillcrest Drive	GA 4-1443
Lyle E.Gardinier	113-23rd Street South West	GA 3-2804
Elmer J.Fritz	109-15th Street North West	GA 4-1391
Walter M.Berry	15-19th Street South East	GA 3-4881
Warren H.Cunningham	705-9th Street North West	GA 3-4179
Mike M.Dosen	720-South Polk Place	GA 3-3708
John H. Holt	2715-South Jefferson Avenue	GA 3-7275
Dan N.Allen	2224-21st Street South West	GA 3-9366
John H.Bender	237-7th Street South East	GA 3-5239
Marvin R.Gerdes	1425 North Adams Avenue	GA 3-7269
Ralph R.Luecht	1442-North Jefferson Avenue	GA 4-3966
Bernard B.Briscoe	939-15th Street North East	GA 3-3423
Donald O. Martin	803-East State Street	GA 3-2777
Richard L.Pearson	121-South Hampshire Place	GA 4-4352
Harold R.Marsh	512-South Carolina Avenue	GA 3-4767
Marvin C.Peterson	822-North Harrison Avenue	GA 3-0466
Charles F.Swanson	1050-6th Street South West.....	GA 4-1407
Victor H.Dietz	207-North Hampshire Avenue	GA 4-1503
James J.Hickey	128-26th Street South West	GA 3-2430
Lowell H.Moore	1204-South Rhode Island Ave. ...	GA 3-2905
Thomas O.Madden	115-24th Street South West	GA 3-3024
Ronald C. Van Horn	414-24th Street South West	GA 4-4014
Arlo D.Halvorson	7-South Jefferson Avenue	GA 3-1878
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
Donald E.Wedmore	120-11th Street South West	GA 3-3781

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st 1958

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY		TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1958		
				30 Years	6 Months	0 Days
CHIEF	A. Boyd Arnold	July	1st, 1928	30	6	0
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENT.	Vern E. Sweeney	October	5th, 1920	12	2	26
	Called back to duty	September	1st, 1937	21	4	0
	Total time Vern E. Sweeney			33	6	26
CAPTAIN	Clifford J. Pierce	May	18th, 1928	30	7	13
CAPTAIN	John K. Cunningham	January	20th, 1931	27	11	11
CAPTAIN	Harold E. Schurtz	September	1st, 1939	19	4	0
LIEUTENANT	Frank A. Hesse	August	1st, 1930	28	5	0
LIEUTENANT	Vincent A. Lauer	April	16th, 1946	12	8	15
LIEUTENANT	Louis V. Rice, Jr.	January	1st, 1947	12	0	0
LIEUTENANT	Dwaine O. McDaugle	July	19th, 1946	12	5	12
LIEUTENANT	Richard R. Blunt	March	20th, 1948	10	9	11
CLERK OF FIRE DEPT.	Ray D. Waller	January	10th, 1940	18	11	21
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lynn A. Arnold	August	1st, 1935	23	5	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Alfred B. Hesse	April	13th, 1936	22	8	18
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Leo M. Powers	December	1st, 1936	22	1	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Jesse J. Carroll	September	1st, 1939	19	4	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lyle E. Gardinier	September	1st, 1939	19	4	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Elmer J. Fritz	September	1st, 1939	19	4	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Walter M. Berry	April	16th, 1946	12	8	15
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Warren H. Cunningham	April	16th, 1946	12	8	15
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Mike M. Dosen	April	16th, 1946	12	8	15
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	John H. Holt	July	18th, 1946	12	5	13
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Dan N. Allen	November	19th, 1946	12	1	12
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	John H. Bender	June	1st, 1951	7	7	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Marvin R. Gerdes	July	16th, 1951	7	5	15
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ralph R. Luecht	November	1st, 1951	7	2	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Bernard B. Briscoe	August	1st, 1952	6	5	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Donald O. Martin	December	1st, 1952	6	1	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Richard L. Pearson	August	1st, 1953	5	5	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Harold R. Marsh	October	23rd, 1953	5	2	8
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Marvin C. Peterson	November	16th, 1953	5	1	15
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Charles F. Swanson	November	1st, 1954	4	2	0
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Victor H. Dietz	December	11th, 1954	4	0	20
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James J. Hickey	June	16th, 1955	3	6	15

PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1958
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RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1958		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lowell H. Moore	October 1st, 1955	3 Years	3 Months	0 Days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Thomas O. Madden	January 1st, 1956	3 "	0 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ronald C. Van Horn	February 1st, 1956	2 "	11 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Arlo D. Halvorson	June 1st, 1956	2 "	7 "	0 "
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	Donald E. Wedmore	March 16th, 1957	1 "	9 "	15 "

MEMBERSHIP ON PENSION AND RETIREMENT LIST

DATE OF PENSION OR RETIREMENT	RANK HELD AT TIME OF RETIREMENT	NAME	AMOUNT OF PENSION PER RETIREMENT PER MONTH
February 18th, 1943	Lieutenant	Earl W. Barker	\$ 80.00 Per Month
March 1st, 1943	Fireman First Class	August C. May	\$ 75.00 " "
December 4th, 1943	Chief	Daniel H. Shire	\$135.00 " "
August 1st, 1950	Fireman First Class	Leo D. King	\$116.25 " "
February 1st, 1952	Captain	Thomas M. Keenan	\$141.25 " "
June 1st, 1952	Widow of Fireman First Class	Mrs Raymond Goudreau	\$ 75.00 " "
October 27th, 1953	Fireman First Class	Douglas C. Fields	\$150.00 " "
August 1st, 1954	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs Fred E. Moore	\$135.78 " "
October 1st, 1954	Fireman First Class	William P. McGrath	\$131.51 " "
October 1st, 1954	Lieutenant	Marvin A. Lauen	\$135.84 " "
October 1st, 1954	Lieutenant	Martin J. Faktor Jr.	\$160.00 " "
January 30th, 1956	Lieutenant	Harold H. Hutchison	\$177.50 " "
June 5th, 1956	Fireman First Class	Fredrick O. Grek	On July 20th, 1961 will receive \$ 166.00 Per Month Pension.
September 1st, 1956	Widow of Chief	Mrs James Kelley	\$ 75.00 " "
March 1st, 1958	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs Lester I. Dutcher	\$ 75.00 " "

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

George E. Mendon
Mayor

A. Boyd Arnold
Chief of Department

Vern E. Sweeney
Supt. of Fire Prevention Bureau

Harold E. Schurtz
Drillmaster & Inspect.

Ray D. Waller
Clerk of Fire Department

FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

Richard L. Pearson

Marvin C. Peterson

Lowell H. Moore

HEADQUARTERS

FIRST BATTALION

SECOND BATTALION

SALVAGE Co. No. 1

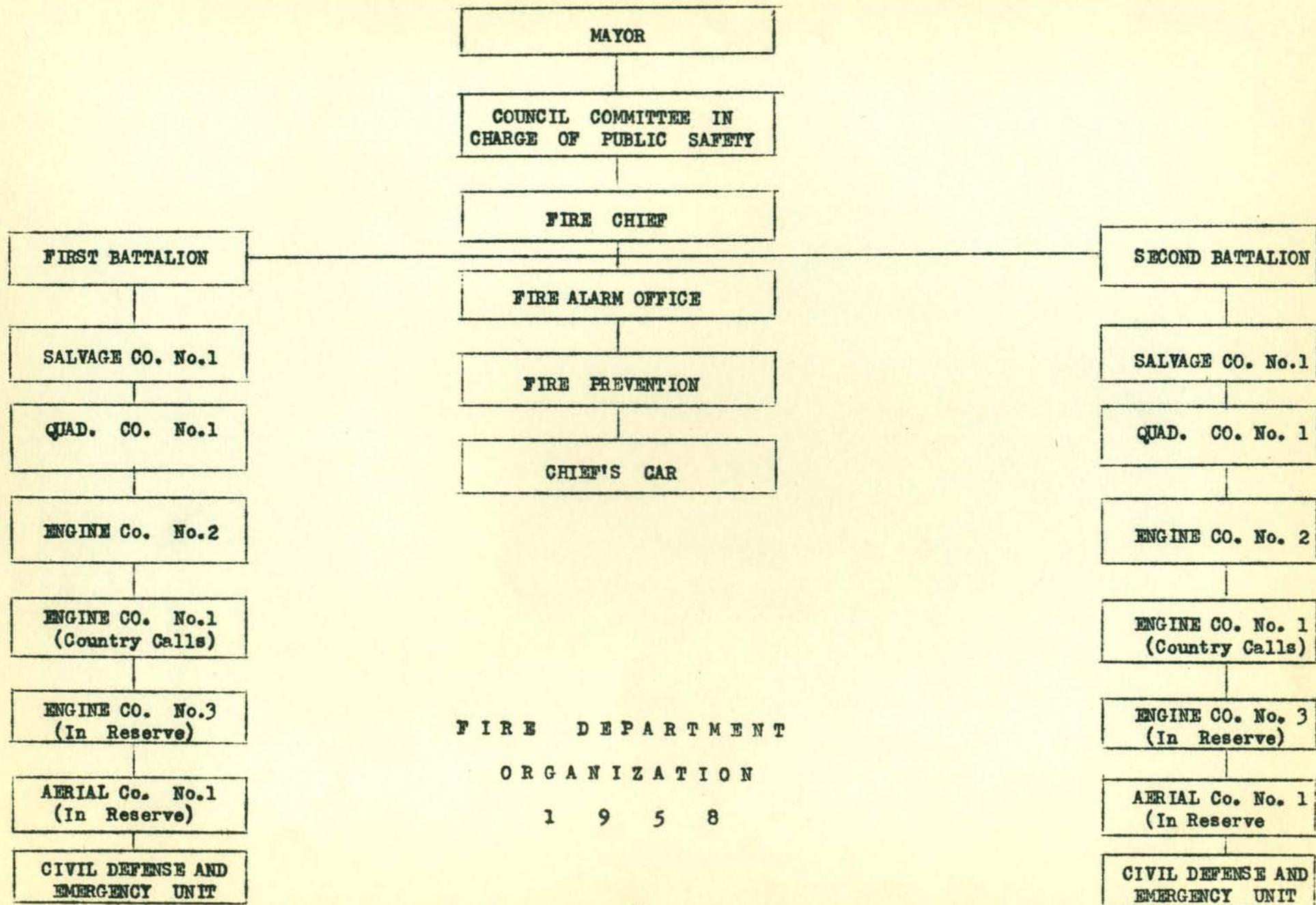
Louis V. Rice, Jr	Lieutenant	Richard R. Blunt
John H. Holt	Driver	John H. Bender
Victor H. Dietz	Salvageman	Charles F. Swanson
Thomas O. Madden	Salvageman	Ronald C. Van Horn

Quad. Co. No. 1

Clifford J. Pierce	Captain	John K. Cunningham
Ray D. Waller Act. Lt.	Lieutenant	Vincent A. Lauer
Leo M. Powers	Driver	Lynn A. Arnold
Mike M. Dosen	Ladderman No. 1	Jesse J. Carroll
Dan N. Allen	Ladderman No. 2	Ralph R. Luecht
Marvin R. Gerdes	Ladderman No. 3	James J. Hickey
Harold R. Marsh	Plugman	Arlo D. Halvorson
Donald E. Wedmore	Pipeman	Bernard B. Briscoe

ENGINE Co. No. 2

Dwaine O. McDougle	Lieutenant	Frank A. Hesse
Lyle E. Gardinier	Driver	Alfred B. Hesse
Walter M. Berry	Plugman	Warren Cunningham
Elmer J. Fritz	Plugman	Donald O. Martin



FIRE DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATION

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MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1958

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau was organized on September 1st, 1937 with Vern E. Sweeney as Superintendent. He has carried on the duties of Superintendent since the Bureau's organization. On November 1st, 1954 Captain Harold E. Schurtz was assigned to work with Superintendent Sweeney. Under the direction of Bureau Superintendent Vern E. Sweeney, the Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 4,353 inspections. Included in these inspections, were company inspections of all places with great human life hazard as well as business places and factories. Many hazards were removed or remedied due to the work of the Fire Prevention Bureau. The Bureau also carried on a year around program of Fire Prevention with special emphasis during Fire Prevention Week. The Bureau also investigated several fires of undetermined origin, also false alarms.

BUREAU ACTIVITIES

Regular inspections	1673
Reinspections	361
Special inspections	220
Total	2254
Commercial Building inspections	864
Industrial Plant inspections	116
Warehouse inspections	161
Wholesale house inspections	85
Apartment House inspections	137
Hotel inspections	47
Hospital inspections	28
Nursing home inspections	131
Theatre inspections	6
School inspections	78
Church inspections	60
Paint spray booths inspected	54
Fire escapes inspected	45
Public Garage inspections	83
Gasoline & Oil Bulk Plant inspections	80
Gasoline & Fuel Oil Tank Installations	6
Miscellaneous inspections	273
TOTAL	2254

INSPECTIONS MADE BY EACH BATTALION
Not classified above

	FIRST BATTALION		SECOND BATTALION		DEPARTMENT	
	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage
Fireman 3rd Cl.	<u>25</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>25</u>	<u> </u>
Fireman 2nd Cl.	<u>46</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>39</u>	<u> </u>	<u>85</u>	<u>78</u>
Fireman 1st Cl.	<u>540</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>1015</u>	<u>192</u>
Officers	<u>99</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>94</u>
Special	<u>31</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>31</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	741	208	569	156	1310	364
			SOUTH STATION			
Fireman 1st Cl.	<u>121</u>	<u> </u>	<u>267</u>	<u> </u>	<u>388</u>	<u> </u>
Officers	<u>9</u>	<u> </u>	<u>28</u>	<u> </u>	<u>37</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	130		295		425	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS						2099

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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PERMITS ISSUED:

Burning Permits 1885
Occupational Permits 12

COMPLAINTS:

Complaints received and investigated..... 40
Complaints not justified 8

COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO

Building Department	17	Corrected	12
Electrical Department	29		25
Sanitary Department	3		3
Police Department	1		1
Plumbing Department	3		3

CONDITIONS FOUND:

Waste material not properly handled	76	Removed	74
Rubbish Found	49		45
Extinguishers outdated	52		49
Misuse of incinerators	10		6
Flammable liquids in violation	11		10
Flammable decorations found	2		2
Garbage conditions found	1		1

OBSTRUCTIONS FOUND

Fire escapes	4	Removed	4
Hallways	8		7
Exits	7		7
Fire doors	1		1
Aisles	5		5
Exit lights out or not properly marked	33	Corrected	31
Exit doors found locked	4		4
Exit doors out of order	9		9
Fire doors out of order	6		5
Panic bars out of order	2		2
Cut off doors found blocked open	4		4

ELECTRIC WIRING

Drop cords in violation	11	Removed	6
Bad electric wiring found	15		11

NOTICES SERVED

Written notices served 27
Verbal notices served102
Compliance with correction orders121

BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF FIRES

1/18/58

431-27th Street South West, Mrs Rosè A. Pinneke Residence (Private Garage)
Robert Pinneke, age 17 admitted he accidentally set garage afire when he used a match to see how full gasoline can was, being filled from a 5 gallon can, his flashlight had failed. All gasoline was ordered removed from this garage. On removing the gasoline Robert again set this building on fire while using a match to see with. Mrs Pinneke was told not to keep any supply of gasoline on property, as Robert was not mentally capable of handling gasoline.

1/20/58

507 South Washington Avenue. John Jimenez residence.
Ralph Jimenez age 9 and Thomas Clausen age 9, admitted setting fire to upstairs bed room accidentally, as they were lighting skins off onions and throwing them out broken window, all the matches in one book caught on fire, they tried to throw the lighted matches out the window and caught the frayed cardboard covering the broken window on fire. Both children & their mothers talked to by the Bureau.

3/8/58

224-28th Street South West. Elmer Billick residence.
Rickey McClain age 5, step son of Elmer Billick and Billy Olson, son of Kenneth Olson, admitted setting fire to upstairs bed room as they were strikeing some book matches that they had found on the dresser in the bed room. Children and Mothers were talked to.

4/28/58

314-28th Street South West. Private Garage Leland Mikkelson residence.
Michel Warner age 7, admitted pouring gasoline from gallon can found in garage around on floor and sides of building. Then he set it afire with match he claimed he found on floor also. He then went on to school, but was a little late, when questioned in Mrs Clifford's Office at Madison School he knew all about the fire. Michel Warner's home address is 403-28th Street South West. Upon Arrival entire building and contents involved, building and contents were a total loss.

613 South Federal Avenue.

Food City Grocery.

Fire had occured in a box of dirty aprons setting in toilet by stool. Many stick matches were found on floor that had been lit. also a box of the same kind of matches were found on the lid of the stool tank. The rear door had been locked. This was definetly an inside job. No suspect found. Mr Naifeh owner told to keep a watch for any of the employees that appeared suspicious.

5/12/58

16 North Adams Avenue. Apartment House.

Charles Johnson, age 5 of this address admitted setting fire to a box of stuffed toys in hallway by throwing lighted matches in box. Charles set a pile of rubbish on rear of lot on fire about a week ago. Charles Mother was told to be sure to keep all matches out of his reach, as he apparent had a mania for lighting matches.

BUREAU INVESTIGATION OF FIRES
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9/29/58

1951 Chrysler 4 door Sedan Lic.17-17627 owned by Archie Elsbury. Charles R.Elsbury driver admitted causing the fire in this car when he used his cigarette lighter to check contents in tank in trunk of car, he wanted to see how much gas had been pumped out of 2 cars that were parked at Lee's Bowling Lanes. These boys Charles Elsbury, Jim Slocum and Doug Jacobson had rigged a tank and pump in the trunk of this car to steal gasoline to run the car on. Captain McClintock of the Police Department was present when this statement of admission was made. Entire interior of car involved by fire upon arrival of department. This case turned over to Voleney Hansen Probation Officer for disposition.

INVESTIGATION OF FALSE ALARMS

9/15/58

Call was received by Fire Department, but no address was given. Telephone operator at Telephone Co. was alert enough to get the 3 possible phone's this call could have come from. The homes where these telephones were listed were checked. The voice calling sounded like a boys voice. All boys at these homes were contacted and talked to, John Grover age 14 of 212-13th Place North East admitted that he had made the call but did it only to try to quiet his smaller brothers, to scare them, he thought he had the contact button on the telephone held down so no call was going through. He didn't give any address so no response was made. He had also called the Police Department for the same reason, after checking the home situation and finding that John was left to care for the younger children many times. John was reprimanded and told the penalty for turning in a false alarm, his mother was also contacted and told of the penalty for turning in a false alarm. This information turned over to the Police Department.

11/2/58

Alarm for 820 Elm Drive. Residence of Ernest L.Compton. Edwin Shepard age 10 admitted turning in this false alarm on the prompting of his older brother Howard age 14. Howard admitted having Edwin make this call because the Comptons had refused to let him see their daughter. He admitted also that false calls were made to Taxi Companies. Roger Grimm was also in the Shepard home when these false calls were made. Both Roger Grimm and Howard Shepard are under the Juvenile Officer. This information turned over to Mr Hansen Juvenile Officer.

11/11/58

Alarm for 1011 North Federal Avenue. The Sweetheart Bakery. The caller gave the name of Tom Holub who lives at 121-11th Street North East. Tom was at the Marshall and Swift Plant working at the time of the call. The voice on the phone sounded like a girls voice. The Sweetheart Bakery was checked and nothing was found at this address. This case was checked very thoroughly but no conclusion reached.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1958

Lyons Laundry 29-2nd Street South West.

Old dry cleaning process and equipment was ordered brought up to standard, this included the room housing this operation. all old equipment was removed and new enclosed system installed using Class 4 solvent. Room was completely remodeled and new exhaust system installed.

INDEPENDANT SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Entire extinguisher set up was revamped in all school building, 68 new Dry Chemical extinguishers were installed.

Fabrico Co. 2401 South Federal Avenue.

This Company was fabricating fibre-Glass truck fenders without proper ventilation due to the flammable and toxic fumes of the adhesive used in this process. This Company was taken into Police Court and was ordered to install an approved exhaust system for this type of industry. This system has been installed.

Kirk Apartments, 206 North Federal Avenue.

In conjunction with the State Fire Marshal's office, the basement was completely sprinkled and the stairs were cut off at each level with self closing doors. The fire doors in the Fire wall divideing this building was fused and made self closing. All balconies were repaired.

Park Hospital, 102 North Washington Avenue.

Fire Safety Plan was completed and printed and put in effect. Patient evacuation and extinguisher school was held for eighty employees.

I.O.O.F. Homes, 1119,19th Street South West.

Stairways in both Children and Old Folks Home were cut off at each level with self closing doors, Smoke barrier doors were installed in hallways on 3rd floor(Nursing Home Section)

Nursing Homes

All nursing homes were brought up to the requirements of the New State Rules and Regulations for nursing homes as of this date.

Racine Apartments 115-21-6th Street South West.

In conjunction with Building Commissioner, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Health Department. This building was condemned by the City Council & ordered evacuated and torn down. This order has been complied with.

Fire Prevention Programs

Programs were conducted at all elementary schools in the City and also Central Heights and Lime Creek Schools.

Schools Conducted	Attendance	Type of School
Good Samaritan Home 302-2nd Street N.E.	35	Patient evacuation & exting.
Park Hospital 102-North Wash.	80	Patient evacuation & exting.
M & St. L.R.R. rip track crew	3	Extinguisher
Interstate Power House 420 S.Del.Avenue	25	Extinguisher
Interstate Gas Crew 22-2nd Str.N.W.	30	Mask
Interstate Gas & Elect. Crews	60	Practical 1st Aid
Hanford Hotel 10-3rd Str.N.W.	55	Fire Safety & Extinguisher
Dr MacGregor & Cub Scout Den	10	Extinguisher

FIRE OPERATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958

Township Calls Received	41
Alarms received on Notifier Alarm Panel	20
Alarms received verbal	16
Alarms received from Police	30
Alarms Received over telephone GA-3-2145 or GA-3-2146	25
Alarms received sprinkler	11
Alarms received over fire phone number GA-3-3124	259
Alarms received over GA-3-3124 overflow	68
Total alarms responded to in 1958	470
Alarms received False	6
Alarms received in the City in the AM	146
Alarms received in the City in the PM	283
Total alarms received in City for 1958	429

FIRE DATA IN CITY

Miles traveled to alarms	906.4
Hours worked at alarms	199:23
Number of Firemen responding to alarms	2601
Number of times pumps operated for booster	102
Number of times pumps operated for hose lines	9
Number of times portable pump used	1
3 - Inch Hose Used	Feet 950
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Inch Hose Used	Feet 2,800
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Inch Hose Used	Feet 2,450
Booster Hose Used	Feet 21,950
Booster Tanks Used	Gallon 10,145
Hand Pumps Used	Gallon 170
Ladders Used	Feet 1,267
Hydrants	11
All-Service gas masks used	7
Chemox Masks Used	6
Scott Air Pac	6
E & J Resuscitator and Inhalator Used	2
McKesson Resuscitator and Inhalator Used	1
Light generator used	9
250 Watt Light Used	3
500 Watt Light Used	5
Smoke Ejector Used	75
5 Lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	8
30 Lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	1
Fires out on arrival	21

TYPE BUILDING FIRE OCCURRED IN CITY

Reinforced Concrete Buildings	3
Brick and Stone Buildings	30
Iron Clad Buildings	2
Stucco and Brick Veneer Buildings	7
Frame Buildings	50
Buildings not classified above	3
In Automobiles and Trucks	21
Other than building fires	65

EXTENT OF FIRES IN CITY

Confined to point of origin	167
Confined to room of origin	5
Confined to floor of origin	2
Confined to Building	6
Extended to adjoining building	1

FIRE OPERATION REPORT

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VALUES AND LOSSES

Total Value of the buildings involved by fire	\$ 2,984,815.15
Total Value of the contents involved by fire	3,610,744.75
Total Value of all property involved by fire	\$ 6,595,559.90

Total Insurance on buildings involved by Fire	\$ 2,596,075.15
Total Insurance on contents involved by Fire	3,375,684.98
Total Insurance on property involved by Fire	\$ 5,971,760.13

Total Insurance loss on buildings	\$ 44,063.30
Total Insurance loss on contents	49,965.78
Total Insurance loss for year 1958	\$ 94,029.08

Total loss insured and uninsured on buildings	\$ 45,163.30
Total loss insured and uninsured on contents	63,907.68
Total loss insured and uninsured for year 1958	\$ 109,070.98

LOSS PER FIRE

No Loss	103
Less than \$ 5.00	0
Less than \$ 100.00	36
Less than \$ 500.00	23
Less than \$ 1,000.00	6
Less than \$ 5,000.00	8
Less than \$ 10,000.00	4
Over \$ 10,000.00	1

PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED
DUE TO FIRE
1958

Firemen killed during the year	0
Firemen injured during the year	12
Civilians killed during the year	0
Civilians injured during the year	2

SALVAGE WORK

At Fires	154
Salvage covers used	10
Other than fire	222
Salvage covers used	9

COMPARISON OF LOSSES

Loss for 1957	\$ 53,792.97
Loss for 1958	109,070.98

CAUSES OF FIRES
YEAR - 1958

Anti-Freeze on Hot motor	1
Bonfire mistaken for Building Fire	1
Burning rubbish causing neighborhood nuisance	1
Burning rubbish no permit	2
Cigarettes	22
Charcoal burner set fire to garage	1
Child put toy on hot stove	1
Children playing with matches	14
Children tipped over street flare	6
Cleaning dress with gasoline	1
Clothing too close to flame of gas stove	1
Defective chimney	2
Defective controls on automatic washer	1
Defective oil heater	5
Defective pilot light	1
Defective stovepipe	1
Defective wiring	3
Discards lighted match	2
Electric light bulb too close to combustible materials	3
Escaping gas ignited by pilot light	3
Flame from cigarette lighter	1
Flame from cutting torch	4
Flame from street Flare	6
Gasoline fumes ignited by heater	2
Gasoline on hot motor	7
Grease on stove or in oven caught fire	6
Heating unit set fire to ceiling	1
Lint in clothes dryer on fire	1
Meat in oven burned up	3
Neon sign set fire to birds nest	1
Overheated Alcohol heater	1
Overheated clothes dryer	1
Overheated furnace	1
Overheated popcorn	1
Pan of tar overheated	1
Rekindle	3
Rubbish fire unattended	4
Salamander out of control	2
Salamander tipped over	1
Smoking in bed	3
Sparks from Chimney	2
Sparks from fireplace	1
Sparks from incinerator	11
Sparks from rubbish fire	8
Sparks from unapproved drop cord ignited cleaning fluid	1
Short in wiring	10
Spontaneous Combustion	3
Using lighted piece of paper to see with	1
Using match for light	2
Undetermined	20

KIND OF PROPERTY FIRE OCCURRED
IN YEAR 1958

Apartment buildings	7
Automobiles and trucks	21
Barn	1
Candy store	1
Cafe	3
Cement vault Plant	1
Chimney Fire	1
Church	1
Clothing Factory	2
Club House	1
Coal grinding building	1
Corn stalks	1
Dog House	1
Dwelling	38
Electric switch control building	1
Foundry	1
Grass, leaves, rubbish and brush	47
Grocery Store	1
Hotel	2
Laundry and Dry cleaning plant	2
Motor on portable water pump	1
Nursing home	1
Office Building	1
Outside toilet	1
Private Garage	6
Public Garage	3
Railroad Refrigerator Car	2
Rock Crusher Building	1
Recreation Center	1
School	2
Storage Building	6
Store Buildings	5
Straw	1
Street Barricades and flares	10
Tavern	1
Tavern with rooms above	2
T.V. and Radio Station	1
Trailer House	1
Warehouse	1

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID CALLS
1958

- January 22nd, 1958 9:36 AM 1/2 Mile South of Airport, on cut off road to Highway 106, Charles Drew of Clear Lake, Iowa found in auto with flexible pipe running from car exhaust into car. Used E.&J. Resuscitator about 10 minutes and 1 bottle of oxygen. Apparently dead on arrival of Department. Probable suicide by carbon monoxide, Shireff's Office, Highway Patrol and Clear Lake Police also present. Snells ambulance picked up McKesson Resuscitator at Fire Headquarters and took same to scene. Pronounced dead by County Coroner Dr Christopherson. This call was out of city limits.
- February 15th, 1958 10:07 AM 1716 South Carolina Avenue. Mrs R.J. Niles got arm caught in floor furnace while cleaning it out. Received burns on right arm and possible other injury. She appeared to be in shock upon arrival of Department. Taken to Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- March 19th, 1958 2:30 AM. In front of 2111 South Federal Avenue. Upon arrival from Eva Helen Hentes, age 57 Alexander, Minn. Unconscious in front seat of auto. Used E. & J. Resuscitator for 20 minutes. Pronounced dead by County Coroner Dr Christopherson.
- March 23rd, 1958 3:26 PM. 110 South Federal Avnue. On arrival found Floyd Mathews age 19 in office of Palace Theatre, in semi-conscious condition, breathing labored, Oxygen did not seem to improve condition and he objected to having inhalator used. Taken to Park Hospital by Snells Ambulance Service. Floyd Mathews staying at 411 1/2 East State Street. Home address Garnet, Kansas. Employee of Weaver Construction Co.
- April 8th, 1958 3:20 PM South of Taylor Bridge on 4th Street South East Audry Freese rural resident South West of Nora Springs, lost control of car and skidded in river. Called by Police as possible resuscitator case. Pronounced dead by County Coroner Dr Christopherson.
- June 25th, 1958 10:50 AM River bank in North East part of East Park. On arrival found Mike Faught age 15 semi-conscious but breathing labored, McKesson used as inhalator for about 10 minutes. Boy overcome by attack, possible epileptic. did not seem to recover to good before arrival of Snells Ambulance. Taken to Park Hospital. Mike Faught was fishing with Art Shook when he passed out and fell down creek bank. Dragged back by Art Shook and Donald Carpenter of Des Moines, Iowa.
- July 2nd, 1958 6:50 PM. Robert Tibbits farm on end of North Carolina Ave. Robbie Tibbits and David Ebaugh age 10 climbed on roof of barn then was afraid to come down. This call is outside the City.
- July 13th, 1958 12:38 AM Rear of 725 North Kentucky Avenue. Call came from Police who beleived James A. Jimenez age 22 of 321 North Georgia Avenue, might have fallen in creek. Jimenez was found on creek bank and taken to Police Station. Jimenez appeared to be drunk.

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID CALLS
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- July 15th, 1958 11:25 A.M. 224-6th Street South East. Henry Thompson found lying on floor from some kind of attack. Entry gained through basement window. taken to hospital by Snells Ambulance.
- August 16th, 1958 4:51 PM Skyland Pool, Highway #18 East. Clarence Best age about 20, unconscious on arrival of Department. Had been taken from bottom of pool and was being given artificial respiration. Unconscious but breathing very slight, very ragged and difficult. Soon went into convulsions. Used E. & J. Resuscitator as inhalator. used 2 bottles of oxygen, Dr Sartor was called and arrived. He administered to boy and when he was quieted down, he was taken to Park Hospital by Snells Ambulance.
- August 26th, 1958 2:04 PM. 844-9th Street South East. Children climbed high tree and were unable to get down. Used 35 ft ladder to take them out of tree. Trudy Lee 858, 8th Street South East and Lesley Oliver 839-8th Street South East were taken off one branch and Mickey Lura 815 South Rhode Island Avenue and Don Loucks 822 South Rhode Island were taken from another branch. Their ages were from 7 to 12 .

PROMOTIONS

- January 1st, 1958 Fireman 2nd Class Thomas O. Madden Promoted to Fireman First Class
- February 1, 1958 Fireman 2nd Class Ronald C. Van Horn Promoted to Fireman First Class
- February 1, 1958 Fireman 1st Class Richard R. Blunt Promoted to Lieutenant
- September 16, 1957 Fireman 3rd Class Donald E. Wedmore Promoted to Fireman Second Class

TOWNSHIP &
MUTUAL AID ALARMS

The Fire Department covers all of Mason Township and the South half of Lime Creek Township, by County contract entered into by the County Supervisors and the City Council, payment by Township millage taxation. The Department also have several contracts with property owners just outside of these township boundaries. During the year 1958 the Department responded to 25 alarms in Mason Township, 12 Alarms in the south half of Lime Creek Township. The Department assisted with 2 alarms in Lake Township, 1 in Mount Vernon Township. and assisted Northwood Iowa firemen with 1 alarm in Worth County.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR
FOR THE YEAR 1958 IN CITY

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
January	4	4	3	3	7	5	4	30
February	2	4	3	3	4	2	9	27
March	3	2	2	4	3	5	5	24
April	6	9	4	6	5	6	7	43
May	6	7	4	5	5	10	3	40
June	4	6	15	7	3	2	3	40
July	3	6	5	8	5	2	0	29
August	7	8	7	4	10	6	3	45
September	6	6	4	7	4	5	7	39
October	2	10	8	6	3	7	5	41
November	4	8	5	6	5	5	11	44
December	4	7	4	3	2	3	4	27
TOTAL	51	77	64	62	56	58	61	429

ALARMS BY HOUR
1958

***** A. M. *****

***** P. M. *****

HOUR	ALARMS	HOUR	ALARMS
12 - 1	4	12 - 1	29
1 - 2	5	1 - 2	35
2 - 3	7	2 - 3	20
3 - 4	5	3 - 4	27
4 - 5	1	4 - 5	32
5 - 6	6	5 - 6	27
6 - 7	8	6 - 7	29
7 - 8	13	7 - 8	13
8 - 9	24	8 - 9	23
9 - 10	16	9 - 10	24
10 - 11	33	10 - 11	9
11 - 12	26	11 - 12	13
TOTAL ***** A.M. *****	148	TOTAL ***** P. M. *****	281

TOTAL ALARMS
IN CITY
429
19

F I R E A L A R M O F F I C E
R E P O R T
F O R

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1958

ALARMS RECEIVED FOR EACH EIGHT HOUR PERIOD

MONTH	8 AM to 4 PM	4 PM to 12 Mid.	12 Mid. to 8 AM	TOTAL
January	16	11	3	30
February	12	12	3	27
March	18	5	1	24
April	30	9	4	43
May	21	14	5	40
June	16	21	3	40
July	14	7	8	29
August	20	20	5	45
September	18	16	5	39
October	15	23	3	41
November	16	23	5	44
December	12	12	3	27
TOTAL	208	173	48	429

F I R E A L A R M O P E R A T O R S

Richard L. Pearson

Marvin C. Petersen

Lowell H. Moore

ALARMS FIRES AND LOSSES FOR
EACH BATTALION BY MONTH
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
1958

ALARMS	FIRST FIRES	BATTALION FIRE LOSS	MONTH	ALARMS	SECOND FIRES	BATTALION FIRE LOSS
17	6	\$ 5,773.84	JANUARY	13	9	\$ 8,513.19
13	7	19,780.00	FEBRUARY	14	3	160.04
12	9	1,403.66	MARCH	12	4	2,980.69
19	10	15,440.14	APRIL	24	6	6,350.00
18	6	91.03	MAY	22	9	582.95
28	3	100.00	JUNE	12	3	1,550.85
15	6	8,232.35	JULY	14	13	22,921.82
29	14	194.34	AUGUST	16	10	494.59
18	7	1,181.60	SEPTEMBER	21	12	3,232.14
15	7	None	OCTOBER	26	11	188.00
25	11	1,686.06	NOVEMBER	19	5	None
10	3	4,377.40	DECEMBER	17	7	3,836.29
219	89	\$ 58,260.42	TOTAL	210	92	\$ 50,810.56
R E C A P I T U L A T I O N						
Alarms			FIRES		Fire Loss	
429			181		\$ 109,070.98	
			21			

DISTRICT FIRE REPORT
For the Year 1958
OPERATION

DISTRICT	ALARMS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE												TOTAL
	AM.	PM.	NOT. VERB.	ALARM	POL.	SPR.	FIRE BOX	OR GA3-2146	GA-3 3124	FIRE OVERFLOW			
Northwest	29	64	1	1	4	3	0	7	66	11			93
Northeast	28	59	1	3	5	3	0	4	57	14			87
Southwest	45	88	12	16	9	2	0	5	69	20			133
Southwest	44	72	2	0	12	3	0	9	67	23			116
Total	146	283	16	20	30	11	0	25	259	68			429

VALUES AND LOSSES
BUILDINGS

DISTRICTS	TOTAL VALUE	INSURED FOR	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	\$ 927,940.15	\$ 859,940.15	\$ 20,832.23
Northeast	1,243,790.00	1,012,050.00	4,221.87
Southwest	489,435.00	464,435.00	18,009.60
Southwest	323,650.00	259,650.00	2,099.60
Total	\$ 2,984,815.15	\$ 2,596,075.15	\$ 45,163.30

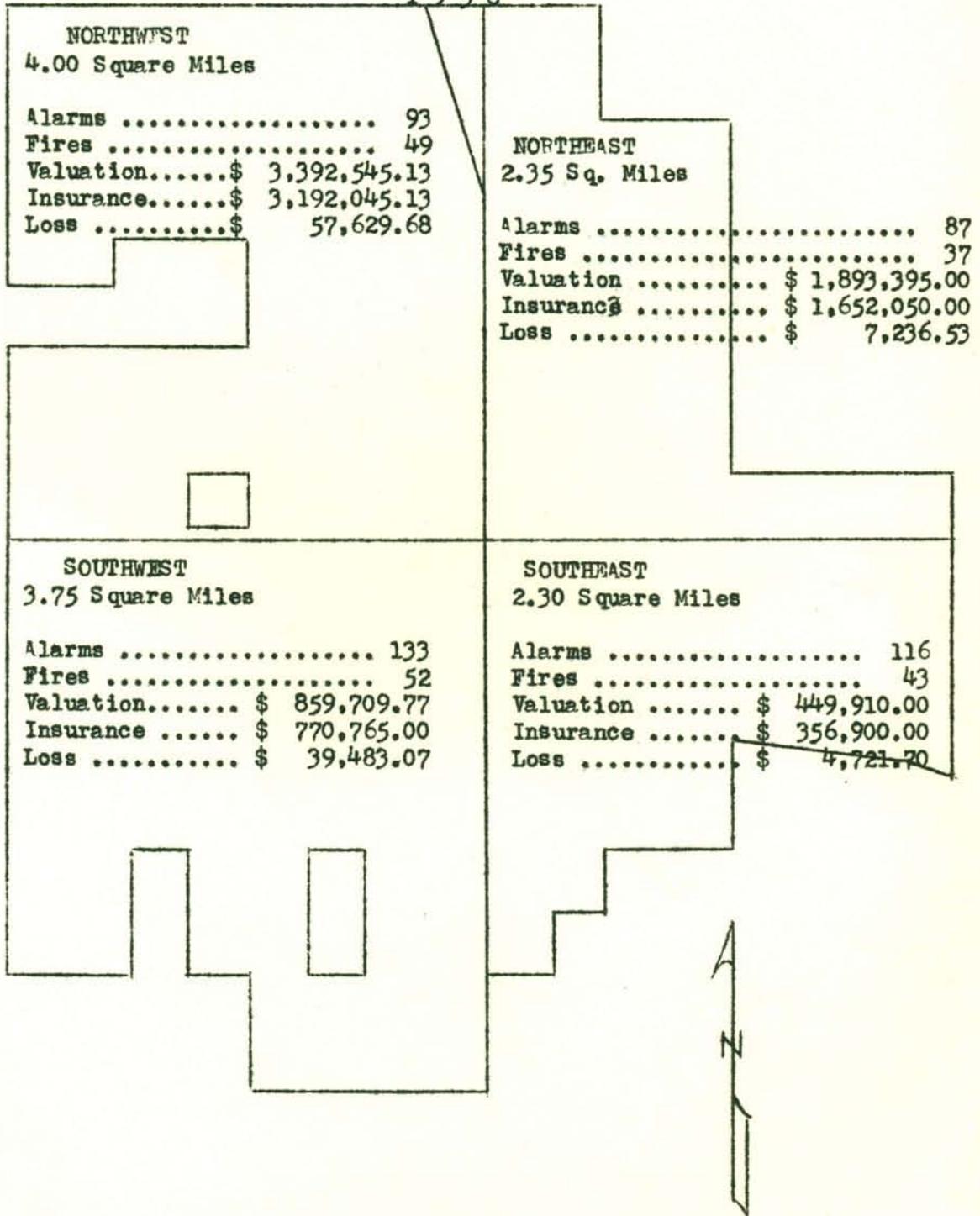
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DISTRICTS	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	\$ 2,464,604.98	\$ 2,332,104.98	\$ 36,797.45
Northeast	649,605.00	640,000.00	3,014.66
Southwest	370,274.77	306,330.00	21,473.47
Southwest	126,260.00	97,250.00	2,622.10
Total	\$ 3,610,744.75	\$ 3,375,684.98	\$ 63,907.68

	TOTALS FOR ALL DISTRICTS	Total Loss
Total Value	Insurance Carried	
\$ 6,595,559.90	\$ 5,971,760.13	\$ 109,070.98

ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS
 FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS
 FOR THE YEAR

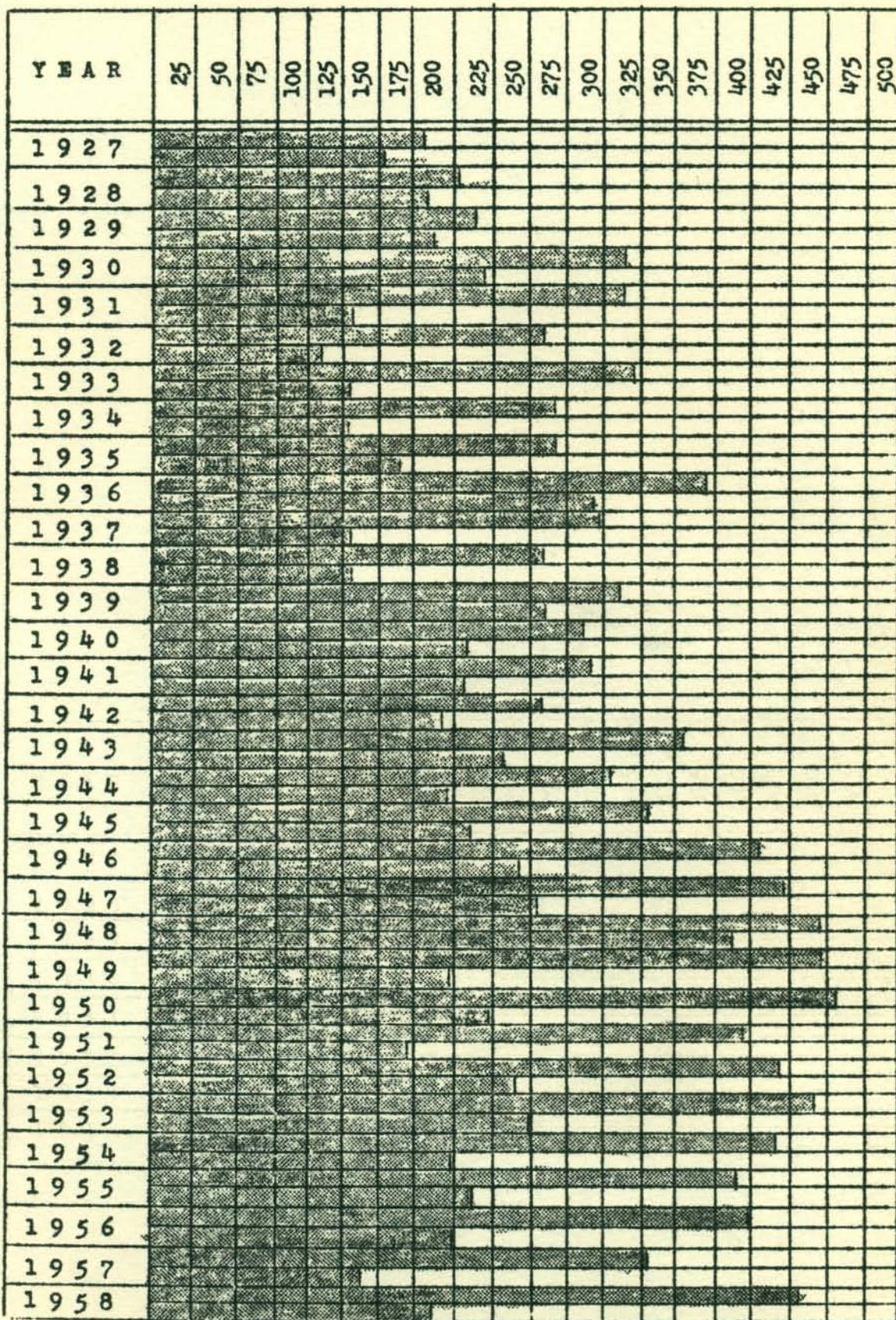
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TREND OF FIRE LOSSES FROM 1948 TO 1958

YEAR	NUMBER OF ALARMS	NUMBER OF FIRES	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY THREATENED	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE ON PROPERTY	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE LOSS	AMOUNT OF FIRE LOSS	FIRE LOSS PER CAPITA	AVERAGE LOSS PER FIRE
1948	448	287	\$11,376,639.10	\$ 9,909,669.40	\$ 33,291.70	\$ 45,054.72	1.66	\$ 156.99
1949	440	195	1,407,119.58	976,166.00	14,876.13	25,305.58	.934	130.03
1950	452	223	2,996,988.56	1,945,848.98	82,541.70	126,226.10	4.216	566.21
1951	395	167	2,366,909.00	1,816,092.00	12,775.94	13,646.38	.491	81.12
1952	416	233	5,047,030.22	3,651,665.28	79,577.31	95,061.12	3.397	407.99
1953	435	245	4,101,975.69	3,465,427.69	42,238.38	44,133.90	1.577	180.14
1954	413	194	3,568,939.90	2,884,885.00	131,578.18	133,095.33	4.756	686.05
1955	387	206	4,839,877.92	3,626,345.36	40,496.14	43,747.64	1.56	212.37
1956	394	195	3,284,143.83	2,935,351.00	55,763.28	66,497.87	2.412	341.01
1957	328	141	2,419,741.16	2,037,432.39	49,735.11	53,792.97	1.92	381.51
1958	429	181	6,595,559.90	5,971,760.13	94,029.08	109,070.98	3.90	602.60

COMPARISON OF ALARMS AND FIRES
IN CITY



* Top line each year indicates Alarms
* Bottom line each year indicates Fires

POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AT ALARMS

YEAR * 1958

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS	TOTAL ALARMS NO POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL ALARMS POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL NUMBER OF POLICE AT ALARMS
JANUARY	30	3	27	28
FEBRUARY	27	3	22	24
MARCH	24	3	21	24
APRIL	43	9	34	39
MAY	40	5	35	41
JUNE	40	8	32	35
JULY	29	3	26	32
AUGUST	45	8	37	40
SEPTEMBER	39	7	32	33
OCTOBER	41	8	33	33
NOVEMBER	44	13	31	33
DECEMBER	27	7	20	21
TOTAL	429	79	350	383

YEARLY FIRE LOSS FROM 1927 TO 1958

YEAR	\$5,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	110,000.00	120,000.00	130,000.00	140,000.00	150,000.00	160,000.00	170,000.00	180,000.00	190,000.00	200,000.00	210,000.00	220,000.00	230,000.00	240,000.00	250,000.00	260,000.00	270,000.00	280,000.00	
1927	\$ 273,302.00																													
1928	\$ 59,025.00																													
1929	\$ 38,029.00																													
1930	\$ 71,298.00																													
1931	\$ 88,076.00																													
1932	\$ 45,935.00																													
1933	\$ 28,849.00																													
1934	\$ 64,115.00																													
1935	\$ 31,554.00																													
1936	\$ 21,235.00																													
1937	\$ 180,898.00																													
1938	\$ 20,547.00																													
1939	\$ 19,357.00																													
1940	\$ 45,451.00																													
1941	\$ 132,632.00																													
1942	\$ 25,995.74																													
1943	\$ 52,610.65																													
1944	\$ 23,267.76																													
1945	\$ 20,886.95																													
1946	\$ 57,299.89																													
1947	\$ 45,236.38																													
1948	\$ 45,054.72																													
1949	\$ 25,304.58																													
1950	\$ 126,226.10																													
1951	\$ 13,646.38																													
1952	\$ 95,061.12																													
1953	\$ 44,131.90																													
1954	\$ 133,094.35																													
1955	\$ 43,747.04																													
1956	\$ 66,497.87																													
1957	\$ 53,792.97																													
1958	\$ 109,070.98																													

YEARLY PER CAPITA LOSS

YEAR	\$ 1 Per Capita												
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1927	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1928	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1929	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1930	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1931	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1932	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1933	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1934	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1935	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1936	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1937	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1938	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1939	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1940	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1941	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1942	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1943	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1944	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1945	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1946	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1947	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1948	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1949	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1950	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1951	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1952	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1953	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1954	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1955	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1956	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1957	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1958	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

NEW EQUIPMENT

Early in 1958 a Pontiac Station Wagon was purchased and put in service for the Inspection Bureau and this car is in constant use, for making out laying inspections as well as Investigation of fires and false alarms. During the year the writer, as County Civil Defense Chairman, has procured motorized equipment for use in Civil Defense or disaster. Among the equipment acquired is a 1½ Ton Chevrolet enclosed truck to be used as an emergency truck. This truck has a 3 KVA generator along with many rescue tools for the Department's use. Also a Jeep and trailer was purchased along with other heavy duty equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS 1958

The Central Fire Station has become very crowded and, due to the one way often this street is so crowded with cars that considerable time is lost by the fire trucks clearing the Station for alarms. Also the National Board of Fire Underwriters have, for a long time, recommended that a Fire Station be put in the North part of Mason City. In talking to representatives of the National Board they seem to feel that if our Central Station were moved North to about fifth or sixth and North Federal Avenue, this would relieve the necessity for a North Fire Station at the present and until there was greater expansion of the City North and East.

In view of this fact, I would recommend that immediate steps be taken to replace our Central Fire Station with a new and modern station in the vicinity of fifth or sixth and North Federal Avenue.

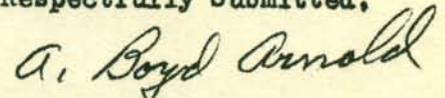
In conclusion, I take this opportunity to extend my hearty appreciation to you and the members of the City Council for their loyal support in all Fire Department matters, for without this support and efficiency of the Department could not have been maintained.

It affords me great pleasure to commend to you the officers and members of the Fire Department and the Fire Prevention Bureau for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to all other City Departments for their hearty good will and co-operation during the year.

To the Globe Gazette, radio stations, and television station, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for their commendatory and impartial reports and articles relating to the work performed by this department.

Respectfully Submitted,



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