

MASON CITY IOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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YEARLY REPORT

1960

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YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1960

Honorable George E. Mendon Mayor,
City Hall,
Mason City, Iowa.

March 16th, 1961

Sir;

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the YEARLY REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending, December 31st, 1960. This being my tenth and the fifty-first yearly report of the paid fire department of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

This is also the sixteenth 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 should be in your office 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 insured 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, 1960

Chief of Department	1
Superintendent of Fire Prevention Bureau ...	1
Captain of Fire Department	2
Lieutenant of Fire Department	7
Clerk of Fire Department	1
Firemen First Class	24
Firemen Second Class	1
Firemen Third Class	0
Probationary Firemen	2
Total all grades	39

Of the above Personnel, the following
special assignments are made

Fire Alarm Operator, Firemen First Class	3
Drillmaster, Fire Inspector, Lieutenant	1

NAME & RANK	DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO DEPARTMENT	TO	RANK
CHIEF			
Aronld, A.Boyd	July 1,1928	June	4,1951
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU			
Schurtz, Harold E.	September 1,1939	August	16,1960
CAPTAINS			
Pierce, Clifford J.	May 18,1928	June	16,1944
Cunningham, John K.	January 20,1931	February	2,1952
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
Holt, John H.	July 18,1946	February	1,1959
March, Harold R.	October 23,1953	August	16,1960
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 Jay	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
Allen, Dan N.	November 19,1946	May	18,1949
Bender, John H.	June 1,1951	June	1,1953
Gerdes, 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
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	1,1958
Van Horn, Ronald C.	February 1,1956	February	1,1958
Halvorson, Arlo D.	June 1,1956	June	1,1958
Wedmore, Donald E.	March 16,1957	March	16,1959
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS			
Lofing, Robert P.	April 1,1959	April	1,1960
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN			
Johnson, James E.	August 16,1960	August	16,1960
Shill, Charles H.	November 16,1960	November	16,1960
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS			
Martin, Donald O.	Fire Alarm Operator	September	29,1960
Peterson, Marvin C.	Fire Alarm Operator	August	31,1954
Swanson, Charles F.	Fire Alarm Operator	July	22,1959
Holt, John H.	Fire Inspector & Drillmaster ..	August	1,1960

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

YEAR - 1960

NAME & TITLE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CHIEF		
A. Boyd Arnold	2015 South Jefferson Avenue ...Garden	4-2036
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		
Harold E. Schurtz	2514 South Federal Avenue.....GA	3-6090
CAPTAINS		
Clifford J. Pierce	234-6th Street South East .....GA	3-6528
John K. Cunningham	670-9th Street South East .....GA	3-7914
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	26-Clover Lane .....GA	4-3820
Richard R. Blunt	821-South Carolina Place .....GA	3-6907
John H. Holt	2715-South Jefferson Avenue ...GA	3-7275
Harold R. Marsh	223-5th Street North East .....GA	3-4767
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
Dan N. Allen	2020-South Grover Avenue .....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	665-15th Street South East ....GA	3-2777
Marvin C. Peterson	13-Sunny Circle .....GA	3-0466
Charles F. Swanson	1050-6th Street South West.....GA	4-1407
Victor H. Dietz	215-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	915-North Jefferson Avenue ....GA	3-3024
Ronald C. Van Horn	414-24th Street South West ....GA	4-4014
Arlo D. Halvorson	7-South Jefferson Avenue .....GA	4-2079
Donald E. Wedmore	120-11th Street South West.....GA	3-3781
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
Robert P. Lofing	1408-North Pennsylvania Ave....GA	4-3061
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN		
James E. Johnson	1212-South Rhode Island Ave. ..GA	3-7252
Charles H. Shill	124-North Jefferson Ave. ....GA	3-2558

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1960

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY		TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1960				
				Years	Months	Days		
CHIEF	A. Boyd Arnold	July	1st, 1928	32	6	0		
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENT.	Harold E. Schurtz	September	1st, 1939	21	4	0		
CAPTAIN	Clifford J. Pierce	May	18th, 1928	32	7	13		
CAPTAIN	John K. Cunningham	January	20th, 1931	29	11	11		
LIEUTENANT	Frank A. Hesse	August	1st, 1930	30	5	0		
LIEUTENANT	Vincent A. Lauer	April	16th, 1946	14	8	15		
LIEUTENANT	Louis V. Rice, Jr.	January	1st, 1947	14	0	0		
LIEUTENANT	Dwaine O. McDougle	July	19th, 1946	14	5	12		
LIEUTENANT	Richard R. Blunt	March	20th, 1948	12	9	11		
LIEUTENANT	John H. Holt	July	18th, 1946	14	5	13		
LIEUTENANT	Harold R. Marsh	October	23rd, 1953	7	2	8		
CLERK OF FIRE DEPART.	Ray D. Waller	January	10th, 1940	20	11	21		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lynn A. Arnold	August	1st, 1935	25	5	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Alfred B. Hesse	April	13th, 1936	24	8	18		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Leo M. Powers	December	1st, 1936	24	1	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Jesse J. Carroll	September	1st, 1939	21	4	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lyle E. Gardinier	September	1st, 1939	21	4	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Elmer J. Fritz	September	1st, 1939	21	4	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Walter M. Berry	April	16th, 1946	14	8	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Warren H. Cunningham	April	16th, 1946	14	8	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Mike M. Dosen	April	16th, 1946	14	8	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Dan N. Allen	November	19th, 1946	14	1	12		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	John H. Bender	June	1st, 1951	9	7	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Marvin R. Gerdes	July	16th, 1951	9	5	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ralph R. Luecht	November	1st, 1951	9	2	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Bernard B. Briscoe	August	1st, 1952	8	5	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Donald O. Martin	December	1st, 1952	8	1	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Marvin C. Peterson	November	16th, 1953	7	1	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Charles F. Swanson	November	1st, 1954	6	2	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Victor H. Dietz	December	11th, 1954	6	0	20		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James J. Hickey	June	16th, 1955	5	6	15		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lowell H. Moore	October	1st, 1955	5	3	0		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Thomas O. Madden	January	1st, 1956	5	0	0		

PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1960
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RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1960		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ronald C. Van Horn	February 1st, 1956	4 Years	11 Months	0 Days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Arlo D. Halvorson	June 1st, 1956	4 "	7 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Donald E. Wedmore	March 16th, 1957	3 "	9 "	15 "
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	Robert P. Lofing	April 1st, 1959	1 "	9 "	0 "
PROBATIONARY FIREMEN	James E. Johnson	August 16th, 1960	0 "	4 "	16 "
PROBATIONARY FIREMEN	Charles H. Shill	November 16th, 1960	0 "	1 "	15 "

MEMBERSHIP ON PENSION AND RETIREMENT LIST

DATE OF PENSION OR RETIREMENT	RANK HELD AT TIME OF RETIREMENT	NAME	AMOUNT OF PENSION 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 August 1, 1961 will receive \$ 166.00 Per Month Pension.		
September 1st, 1956	Widow of Chief	Mrs James Kelley	\$ 75.00	Per	Month
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

Harold E. Schurtz
Supt. of Fire Prevention Bureau

John H. Holt
Drillmaster & Inspector

Ray D. Waller
Clerk of Fire Department

FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

Donald O. Martin

Marvin C. Peterson

Charles F. Swanson

HEADQUARTERS

FIRST BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. No. 1

SECOND BATTALION

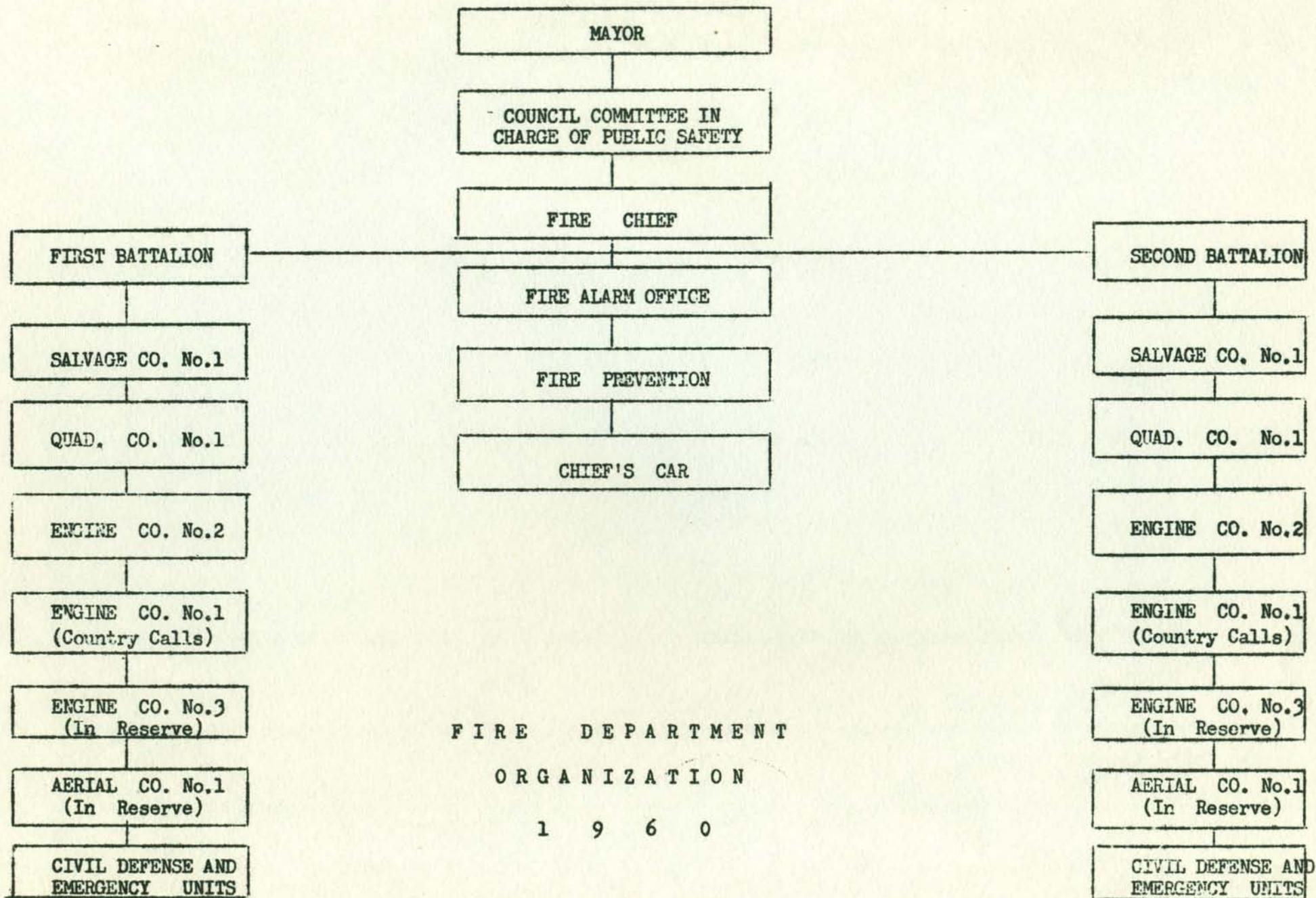
Louis V. Rice, Jr	Lieutenant	Richard R. Blunt
Victor H. Dietz	Driver	James J. Hickey
Robert P. Lofing	Salvage man	Bernard B. Briscoe
Thomas O. Madden	Salvage man	Arlo D. Halvorson

QUAD. CO. No. 1

Clifford J. Pierce	Captain	John K. Cunningham
Harold R. Marsh	Lieutenant	Vincent A. Lauer
Leo M. Powers	Driver	Lynn A. Arnold
Mike M. Dosen	Ladder man No. 1	Jesse J. Carroll
Dan N. Allen	Ladder man No. 2	Ralph R. Luecht
Marvin R. Gerdes	Ladder man No. 3	Charles H. Shill
James E. Johnson	Plug man	Lowell H. Moore
Donald E. Wedmore	Pipeman	Ronald C. Van Horn

ENGINE CO. No. 2

Dwaine O. McDougale	Lieutenant	Frank A. Hesse
Lyle E. Gardinier	Driver	Alfred B. Hesse
Walter M. Berry	Plug man	Warren H. Cunningham
Elmer J. Fritz	Plug man	John H. Bender



FIRE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION

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MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1960

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau was organized on September 1, 1937 with Vern E. Sweeney as Superintendent. On November 1st, 1954 Captain Harold E. Schurtz was assigned to work with Superintendent Sweeney and aid him with the Bureau work. Superintendent Vern E. Sweeney went on sick leave March 11th, 1960 and passed away while on sick leave August 2nd, 1960. On August 1, 1960 Lieutenant John H. Holt was transferred from the Fire Force to the Bureau to assist Captain Schurtz and also to act as Drillmaster two days per week. On August 16 Captain Schurtz was appointed Superintendent of the Fire Prevention Bureau. The Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 3765 inspections. Numerous inspections were made during the year of buildings where there would be great human life hazard, as well as business and factory buildings. Special effort was put forth at the Holiday Season for the protection of life and property in retail establishments. 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 investigated all fires of undetermined and mysterious origin also false alarms. The Bureau talked to young children that had set fires and tried to educate them to the dangers of playing with matches and the danger of fire.

BUREAU ACTIVITIES

Regular inspections	754
Reinspections	223
Special inspections	253
Total	1230
Commercial inspections	389
Industrial inspections	78
Warehouse inspections	33
Wholesale house inspections	20
Apartment inspections	74
Hotel inspections	20
Hospital inspections	3
Nursing home inspections	77
Theatre inspections	3
School inspections	85
Church inspections	42
Paint spray booths inspected	35
Fire escape inspections	4
Public Garage inspections	48
Gasoline and oil bulk plant inspections	38
Gasoline and fuel oil tank installations	4
Miscellaneous inspections	277
TOTAL	1230

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

	FIRST BATTALION		SECOND BATTALION		DEPARTMENT	
	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage
Probationary Firemen	<u>12</u>	—	—	—	<u>12</u>	—
Fireman Third Class	<u>34</u>	—	—	—	<u>34</u>	—
Fireman Second Class	<u>87</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>43</u>	—	<u>130</u>	<u>44</u>
Fireman First Class	<u>628</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>1190</u>	<u>197</u>
Officers	<u>146</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>113</u>
Special	<u>61</u>	—	<u>3</u>	—	<u>64</u>	—
TOTAL	<u>968</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>1719</u>	<u>354</u>

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
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SOUTH STATION

	FIRST BATTALION		SECOND BATTALION		DEPARTMENT	
	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage	Fire	Salvage
Fireman First Class	<u>239</u>	—	<u>167</u>	—	<u>406</u>	—
Officers	<u>31</u>	—	<u>25</u>	—	<u>56</u>	—
Total	270		192		462	

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS 2535

PERMITS ISSUED:

Burning Permits 1598
Occupational 31

COMPLAINTS:

Complaints received & Investigated..... 26
Complaints not justified..... 9

COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO

Building department 2
Electrical Department 10
Sanitary Department 3
Police Department 1
Police Court 2
Plumbing Department 1

CONDITIONS FOUND

Waste material not properly handled.... 67
Rubbish found 25
Combustibles too near heat source 12
Extinguishers outdated 85
Misuse of incinerators 12
Flammable liquids in violation 17
Flammable decorations found 0
Garbage conditions found 2

OBSTRUCTIONS FOUND

Fire escapes 5
Hallways 3
Exits 2
Fire doors 3
Aisles 1

Exit lights out or not properly marked. 16
Exit doors found locked 5
Exit doors out of order 10
Fire doors out of order 8

ELECTRIC WIRING

Drop cords in violation 39
Bad electric wiring found 14

NOTICES SERVED

Written notices served 9
Verbal notices served 34
Compliance with correction orders..... 59
Compliance with correction orders from
previous year 92

BUREAU ACTIVITIES 1960
continued

Twenty (20) investigations of fires conducted.
Fifteen (15) causes of fires were established.

The services of the State Fire Marshall's Office and the National Board of Fire Underwriters, investigator was used on three occasions

Five (5) Alarm Systems were extended to Alarm Office of the Fire Department, from Automatic Sprinkler and Fire Detection Systems. These installations and the testing of them were supervised.

Three (3) new Automatic Sprinkler Systems were installed. These installations were inspected, supervised and found to be OK by the Bureau

One (1) Fire Detection installation was supervised and completed.

Five (5) plans for new construction and remodeling in schools and hospitals were checked and approved by the Bureau.

Nine (9) School of instruction were conducted with a total attendance of 523 persons.

Twenty-Nine (29) Fire Prevention Programs were conducted during 1960, these programs reached 7,344 persons. Twenty-Eight of these programs were conducted in schools and one in an industrial plant in the City.

A survey was made of all Public School Buildings for the purpose of placement of the proper classification of First Aid Fire Extinguishers to meet the requirements of pamphlet #10 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters on location of Fire Extinguishers. This survey was developed as a work order for each individual building and forwarded to the business manager of the Independent School District.

During Fire Prevention Week twelve (12) fire drills were conducted.

One new Nursing Home started operation in 1960. This home was supervised and all State Law requirements for Nursing Homes were enforced and carried out. This is a Class 1-A Home.

two cases were brought into Police Court and convictions were gained.

On October 19th, an underground gasoline leak developed from one of our Service Stations. Gasoline fumes was found in the sewers and basements of houses in this area. All or part of 28 days was spent in tracking down the source. The source was established and arrangements have been made to start reclaiming this gasoline before it enters the sewers. The work is continuing very satisfactorily at the present time.

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1960

IN CITY TOWNSHIP
& MUTUAL AID

Alarms received verbal	8	.....	3
Alarms received by Police	51	.....	3
Alarms received on Notifier Alarm Panel	11	.....	4
Alarms received by Fire Box	0	.....	0
Alarms received sprinkler	6	.....	0
Alarms received over Telephone G.A.3-2145 or GA 3-2146	22	.....	3
Alarms received over GA 3-3124 overflow	67	.....	4
Alarms received over Fire Phone number GA 3-3124	283	.....	26
Total alarms responded to in 1960	448	.....	43
Alarms received false	1	.....	0
Alarms received in the AM	144	.....	14
Alarms received in the PM	304	.....	29

FIRE DATA

Miles traveled to alarms	924.2	.....	402.5
Hours worked at alarms	209:55	.....	57:42
Number of Firemen responding to alarms	2,534	.....	186
Number of times pumps operated for booster	116	.....	24
Number of times pumps operated for hose lines	5	.....	0
Portable pump operated	0	.....	2
3 - Inch Hose Used	Feet 250	.....	0
2½ - Inch Hose Used	Feet 2,550	.....	0
1½ - Inch Hose Used	Feet 1,400	.....	200
Booster Hose Used	Feet 24,000	.....	6,300
Booster Tanks Used	Gallon 8,785	.....	11,350
Hand Pumps Used	Gallon 152	.....	17.5
Ladders Used	Feet 1,396	.....	30
Hydrants	8	.....	4
All-Service Gas Masks Used	4	.....	0
Scott Air Pac Masks :15 Minute	17	.....	0
Scott Air Pac Masks :30 Minute	2	.....	0
E & J Resuscitator and Inhalator Used	3	.....	0
Boat Used	2	.....	1
Light Generator Used	8	.....	2
250 Watt Light Used	2	.....	2
500 Watt Light Used	9	.....	0
Smoke Ejector Used	80	.....	1
5 Lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	6	.....	0
30 Lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	0	.....	2
Fires Out on Arrival	36	.....	2

TYPE OF BUILDING FIRE OCCURRED IN

Reinforced Concrete Buildings	1	.....	0
Brick and Stone Buildings	16	.....	0
Iron Clad Buildings	0	.....	1
Stucco and Brick Veneer Buildings	3	.....	0
Frame Buildings	64	.....	7
Concrete Block Building	1	.....	0
Buildings not classified above	1	.....	2
In Automobiles and Trucks	29	.....	3
Other than building fires	90	.....	15

EXTENT OF FIRES IN 1960

Confined to Point of Origin	190	.....	24
Confined to Room of Origin	6	.....	0
Confined to Floor of Origin	1	.....	0
Confined to Building	7	1
Extended to Adjoining Building	1	3

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
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VALUES AND LOSSES

Total Value of Buildings	\$ 1,509,165.00
Total Value of Contents	657,425.00
Total Value of all Property involved by Fire	\$ 2,166,590.00

Total Insurance on Buildings involved by Fire	\$ 1,240,979.00
Total Insurance on Contents involved by Fire	510,250.00
Total Insurance on Property involved by Fire	\$ 1,751,229.00

Total Insurance Loss on Building	\$ 27,753.57
Total Insurance Loss on Contents	9,195.21
Total Insurance Loss for Year 1960	\$ 36,948.78

Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Buildings	\$ 28,785.96
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Contents	11,453.92
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured for Year 1960	\$ 40,239.88

LOSS PER FIRE

No Loss	115
Less than \$ 5.00	1
Less than \$ 100.00	48
Less than \$ 500.00	27
Less than \$ 1,000.00	2
Less than \$ 5,000.00	12
Less than \$ 10,000.00	0
Over \$ 10,000.00	0

PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED
DUE TO FIRE
1960

Firemen killed during the Year	0
Firemen Injured during the Year	8
Civilians Killed during the Year	0
Civilians Injured during the Year	3

SALVAGE WORK

At Fires	159
Salvage Covers used	14
Other Than Fire	202
Salvage Covers used	28

COMPARISON OF LOSSES

Loss For 1959	\$ 176,254.39
Loss For 1960	\$ 40,239.88

CAUSES OF FIRES
YEAR - 1960

Backfire through carburator	8
Boys campfire got out of control	1
Boxes in truck fell on L. P. Gas heater	1
Burner of stove turned on by small child.....	1
Burning rubbish no permit	1
Burning waste paper set fire to saw dust pile	1
Cigarette	32
Child put paper on hot stove	1
Children playing with cigarette lighter	3
Children playing with matches	18
Children using cigarette lighter for light	1
Chimney burning out	1
Clothing fell on floor furnace	1
Clothing too close to space heater	1
Corn stalk fire out of control	1
Defective clothes dryer controls	1
Defective fireplace	1
Defective insulation around smoke pipe	1
Drapes accidentally laid over toaster	1
Dust & Lint on top of furnace on fire	1
Dust clothe on hot motor caught fire	1
Emergency brake left on, set fire to grease on same	1
Flame from cutting torch	2
Flare tipped over burning	4
Flooded carburator	3
Fumes from wall tile adhesive ignited by pilot light	1
Gas caught fire in furnace jacket	1
Gas from broken pipe ignited by pilot light	2
Gasoline from punctured tank ignited by hot exhaust pipe	1
Gasoline fumes ignited by hot water heater pilot light	2
Gasoline on hot motor from accident	2
Glove left on space heater to dry caught on fire	1
Grease around emergency brake on fire	1
Heat tape on water pipes set fire to floor of trailer	1
Incendiary	3
Incinerator making smoke nuisance	1
Improper insulation around space heater	1
Lightning	1
Locomotive set fire to grass	1
Match supposed to be out thrown in waste paper basket	1
Meat overheated in broiler	1
Overheated furnace from defective controls	1
Overheated grain in dryer	1
Overheated grease in broiler	2
Overheated grease in pan on stove	1
Overheated oil on fire	1
Paper napkin in heat register	1
Rapid oxidation of paint thinner on rag	1
Rekindle	3
Rubbish fire causing neighborhood nuisance, put out	1
Short in wiring	26
Side arm water heater set fire to mop	1
Sparks from incinerator	16
Sparks from rubbish fire	3
Sun shining through glass set fire	2
Unattended bonfire	3
Undetermined	31
Unknown party burned cross in yard	1
Wicker clothes basket left on top of stove set fire by pilot light.	1

KIND OF PROPERTY FIRE OCCURRED
IN YEAR 1960

Apartment buildings	5
Automobiles and Trucks	32
Awnings	2
Canvass cover	1
Chimney fire	1
Church Rectory	1
Corn Stalks	1
Department Store	2
Drive-In-Cafe	2
Dwelling	52
Electric Supply	1
Electric Transformer	1
Electric wires	1
Gasoline on street	1
Gasoline pumps	2
Grain elevator	2
Grass, Leaves, brush and Rubbish	56
Heavy Equipment Trailer	1
Hotel	1
House Trailer	1
Loading dock & pile of lumber	1
Motorcycle	1
New building material	1
Oil Road Flares	1
Old Folks Home	1
Old Railroad Sleeper Car	1
Old Railroad Ties	1
Outhouse	1
Outhouse, coal shed, and Storage shed	1
Private Garage	8
Radio & Television Broadcasting Station	1
Railroad car inspectors office	1
Railroad Refrigerator car	1
Recreation parlor	1
Road flare	3
Roll of snow fence	1
Sawdust pile	1
Scraps of lumber	1
Shrubs on parking	1
Storage shed	2
Straw	1
Theatre	1
Tree	4
Wooden Fence	2
Vacant Building	1

EMERGENCY FIRST AID AND INJURIES TO CIVILIANS

- January 19th, 1960: 9:30AM 1322 Charles Place. Leslie Greenan age 1 daughter of Verne Greenan, fell and bumped her head, she had passed out, Used E & J as inhalator for about 10 minutes to administer oxygen. Dr Long arrived and Company released. Baby had come to and appeared to be OK.
- March 25th, 1960: 11:01 AM 837-5th Street South East, Sherryl Aspland age 18 daughter of C.E. Aspland overcome by fumes from furnace. Upon arrival found Snell's Ambulance Service on the scene and they were administering oxygen. Before the arrival of Snell's Ambulance it was learned that the brother, sister and mother had been giving mouth to mouth resuscitation. Sherryl was taken to the Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance Service. (Recovered)
- April 8th, 1960: 1:41 PM 926-8th Street North East. Joan Pope age 21 was cleaning paint brushes with gasoline in the basement. Fumes from gasoline ignited by the pilot light of the hot water heater. Joan received burns on her face and legs. Burns were not bad enough to hospitalize her. Small fire in basement.
- May 19th, 1960: 11:49 PM. request from Fertile Fire Department and Highway Patrol through the Sheriff's Office to bring portable generator and lighting equipment to Bridge West of Fertile on Highway #9. Car wreck, driver and owner David Mostrum of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Mostrum had already been taken to the Mercy Hospital in Mason City. Auto came to rest with front wheels in water, Needed lighting equipment to search for possible 2nd party. As soon as Mostrum was able to be questioned, found that he was alone in auto.
- June 9th, 1960: 1:33 PM South edge of old brick and tile pit west of 1657 Meadowbrook Drive. Donald Ray Stump age 9 son of Virgil Stump of 1502 South Coalidge was wading in pit with brother and another friend. Donald walked into deep hole. The boys pointed out spot where Donald had disappeared. The water was too deep at this spot for our probing poles, and the grass and weeds on the bottom fouled up the drag hooks to the point where they were of no use. Skin divers called, Tom Shima and Dick Schinnow present and used their skin diving equipment. Body found by Dick Schinnow. Boy pronounced dead by Dr Christopherson Coroner. Body taken to Colonial Funeral Home.
- August 24th, 1960: 12:57 PM, 1516 North Hampshire Avenue, Homer P. Radcliffe age 42 son of Mrs Maude Radcliffe, had apparently had heart attack. Used resuscitator for about 10 minutes, Dr Hunt arrived and pronounced Radcliffe dead.
- August 31st, 1960: 4:10 PM Front of 1204 North Federal Avenue. Motorcycle owned by Robert Duckert hit by automobile driven by Fred Ratzlaff. Motorcycle caught fire from spilled gasoline. Robert Duckert received 2nd and 3rd degree burns on left leg and both hands. Taken to Park Hospital, treated and released.
- October 6th, 1960: 1:00AM 1207 South Rhode Island Avenue. Mrs Sam Ketchum age 73 received slight burns on back and leg from fire in home, caused by clothing falling on floor furnace. Burns slight, Mrs Ketchum didn't need hospital care.
- October 17th, 1960: 4:03 PM 321-2nd Street South West. Upon arrival found fire in sofa in living room 2nd floor apartment. Found Eugene R. Cooper occupant age 40 in semi-conscious condition, used E & J Resuscitator as inhalator for about 15 minutes. Snell's Ambulance took Eugene Cooper to Mercy Hospital where Dr. Brush treated him for smoke inhalation. (Recovered.)
- November 29th, 1960: 1:25 PM Rice Lake at Joice, Iowa. Lowell Williams of 722-9th Street North East and William Cameron 56 Country Circle Mason City, Ia. Stranded on Rice Lake while duck hunting, when the high winds blew their boat against ice in the middle of lake. They had broken one oar and the motor wouldn't start. they appeared in good condition, their boat and themselves were brought to shore by boat and motor taken to scene by Chief and 5 members of department.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR
FOR THE YEAR 1960 IN CITY

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
January	5	2	6	6	4	7	4	34
February	2	6	5	4	2	3	2	24
March	6	10	2	8	3	9	2	40
April	10	8	3	2	6	8	6	43
May	7	13	3	6	2	5	6	42
June	4	1	4	5	3	7	8	32
July	6	3	0	6	5	5	8	33
August	10	7	2	8	6	1	12	46
September	1	4	4	5	7	4	5	30
October	7	11	5	2	4	4	6	39
November	5	11	0	9	6	1	6	38
December	7	4	4	6	7	8	11	47
TOTAL	70	80	38	67	55	62	76	448

ALARMS BY HOUR
1959

***** A.M. *****		***** P.M. *****	
HOUR	ALARMS	HOUR	ALARMS
12 - 1	9	12 - 1	36
1 - 2	9	1 - 2	28
2 - 3	3	2 - 3	41
3 - 4	6	3 - 4	32
4 - 5	4	4 - 5	36
5 - 6	3	5 - 6	24
6 - 7	7	6 - 7	22
7 - 8	15	7 - 8	24
8 - 9	14	8 - 9	19
9 - 10	28	9 - 10	13
10 - 11	30	10 - 11	14
11 - 12	16	11 - 12	15
TOTAL ***** A. M. *****	144	TOTAL ***** P. M. *****	304

TOTAL ALARMS IN CITY

448
16

FIRE ALARM OFFICE

REPORT

FOR

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1960

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	13	15	6	34
February	16	8	0	24
March	24	10	6	40
April	20	16	7	43
May	17	18	7	42
June	18	8	6	32
July	14	14	5	33
August	23	19	4	46
September	16	11	3	30
October	22	12	5	39
November	19	16	3	38
December	24	20	3	47
TOTAL	226	167	55	448

FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

Donald O. Martin

Marvin C. Peterson

Charles F. Swanson

ALARMS FIRES AND LOSSES FOR
EACH BATTALION BY MONTH
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
1960

ALARMS	FIRST	FIRES	BATTALION	FIRE LOSS	MONTH	ALARMS	SECOND	FIRES	BATTALION	FIRE LOSS
19	9	.....	\$ 5,155.10	JANUARY	15	.....	4	.....	\$ 367.28
13	6	.....	339.51	FEBRUARY	11	.....	2	.....	2,047.21
19	5	.....	174.77	MARCH	21	.....	5	.....	114.20
18	9	.....	135.07	APRIL	25	.....	17	.....	953.04
22	9	.....	1,287.43	MAY	20	.....	10	.....	4,295.19
15	8	.....	1,451.78	JUNE	17	.....	6	.....	7,109.17
15	7	.....	3,578.40	JULY	18	.....	11	.....	617.16
25	14	.....	624.48	AUGUST	21	.....	8	.....	124.04
15	3	.....	323.69	SEPTEMBER	15	.....	4	.....	673.43
16	6	.....	142.92	OCTOBER	23	.....	14	.....	4,249.62
24	20	.....	4,174.85	NOVEMBER	14	.....	6	.....	138.60
20	10	.....	715.00	DECEMBER	27	.....	12	.....	1,447.94
221	106	.....	\$ 18,103.00	TOTAL	227	.....	99	.....	\$ 22,136.88

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

ALARMS
448

FIRES
205
18

FIRE LOSS
\$ 40,239.88

DISTRICT FIRE REPORT
For the Year 1960
OPERATION

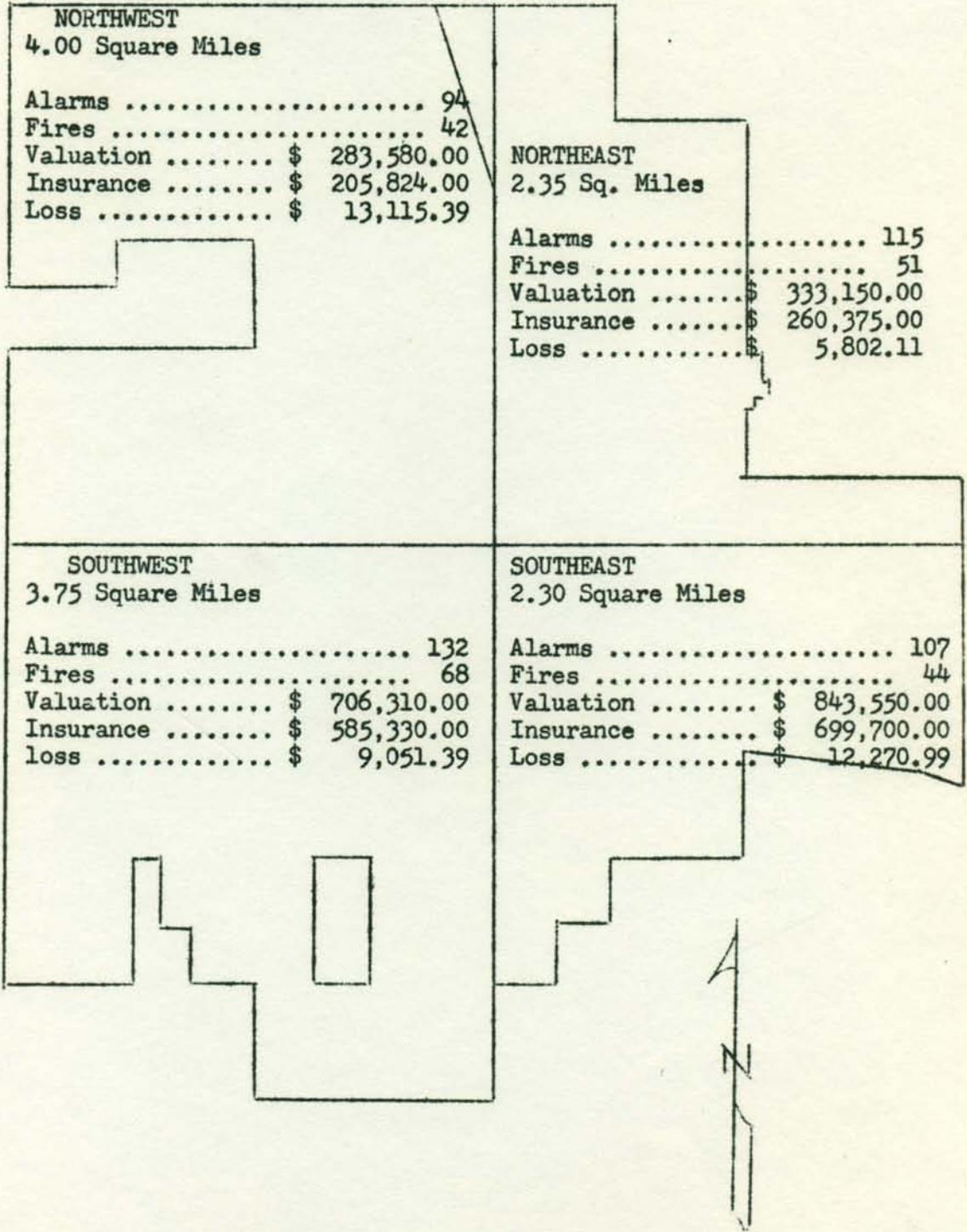
DISTRICT	AM	PM	VERB.	NOTIFIER ALARM	POLICE	SPR.	FIRE BOX	ALARMS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE			TOTAL
								GA 3-2145 or GA 3-2146	GA 3 3124	FIRE OVERFLOW	
Northwest..	27..	67..	0	1	12	0	0	4	65	12	94
Northeast..	34..	81..	0	4	10	0	0	6	74	21	115
Southwest..	51..	81..	6	6	17	3	0	2	84	14	132
Southeast..	32..	75..	2	0	12	3	0	10	60	20	107
TOTAL	144..	304..	8	11	51	6	0	22	283	67	448

DISTRICT	VALUES AND LOSSES BUILDINGS		
	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE FOR	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	\$ 209,230.00	\$ 148,424.00	\$ 10,969.77
Northeast	211,850.00	178,975.00	4,177.61
Southwest	552,560.00	485,080.00	7,468.36
Southeast	535,525.00	428,500.00	6,170.22
Total	\$ 1,509,165.00	\$ 1,240,979.00	\$ 28,785.96

DISTRICT	VALUES AND LOSSES CONTENTS		
	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	\$ 74,350.00	\$ 57,400.00	\$ 2,145.62
Northeast	121,300.00	81,400.00	1,624.50
Southwest	153,750.00	100,250.00	1,583.03
Southeast	308,025.00	271,200.00	6,100.77
Total	\$ 657,425.00	\$ 510,250.00	\$ 11,453.92

TOTALS FOR ALL DISTRICTS		
TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 2,166,590.00	\$ 1,751,229.00	\$ 40,239.88

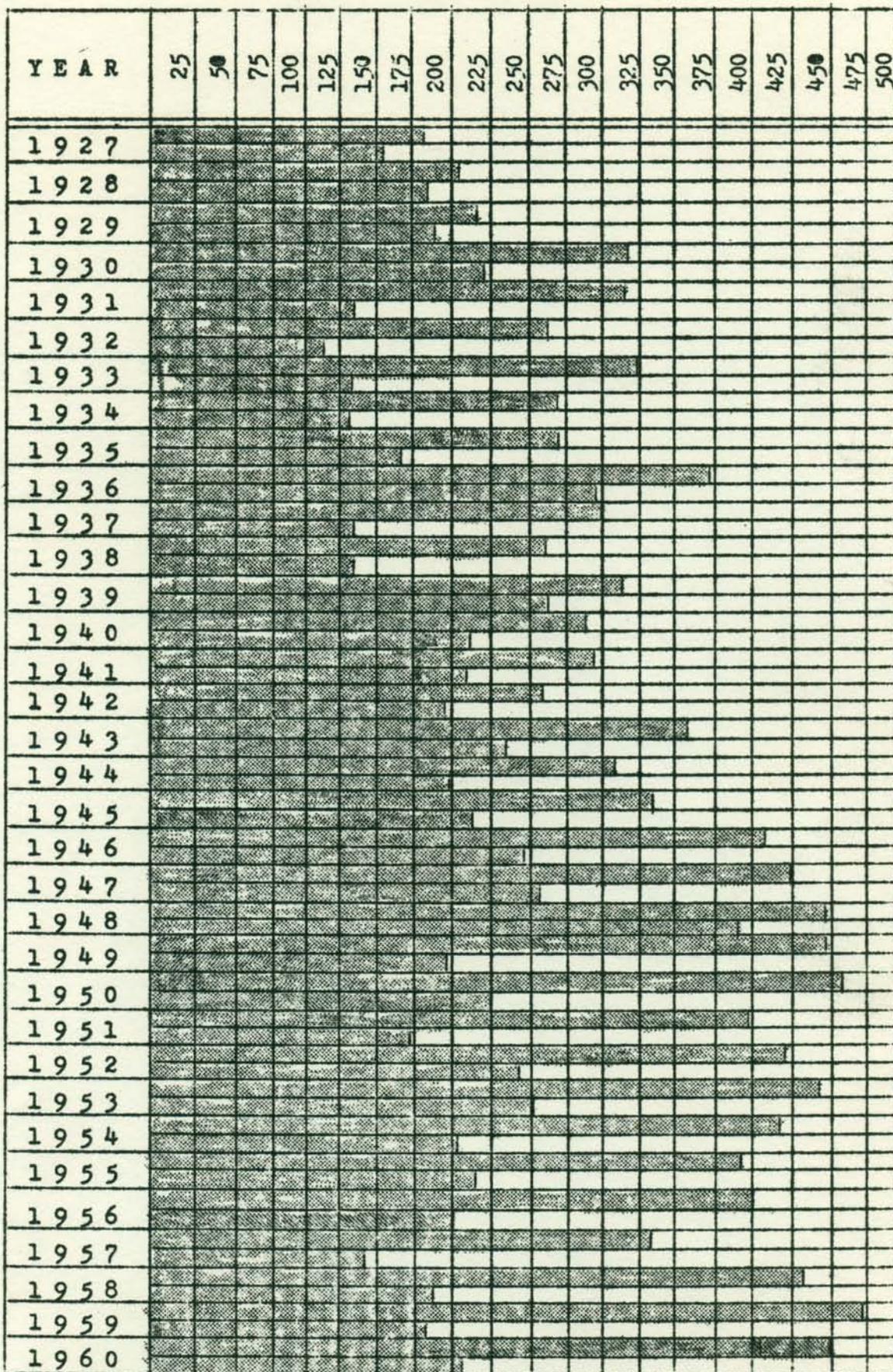
ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS
 FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS
 FOR THE YEAR
 1959



TREND OF FIRE LOSSES 1951 TO 1960
TEN YEAR AVERAGE

YEAR	NUMBER OF ALARMS	NUMBER OF FIRES	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY THREATENED	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE ON PROPERTY	AMOUNT INSURANCE LOSS	AMOUNT OF FIRE LOSS	FIRE LOSS PER CAPITA	AVERAGE LOSS PER FIRE
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	95,861.12	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
1959	474	183	2,113,370.76	1,657,812.50	157,825.13	176,254.39	6.264	963.14
1960	448	205	2,166,590.00	1,751,229.00	36,948.78	40,239.88	1.313	196.29
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	412	195	3,650,413.84	2,979,800.04	70,096.73	77,634.05	2.759	405.22

COMPARISON OF ALARMS AND FIRFS



* Top line each year indicates alarms
 * Bottom line each year indicates fires

POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AT CITY ALARMS

YEAR - 1960

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS	TOTAL ALARMS NO POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL ALARMS POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL NUMBER OF POLICE AT ALARMS
JANUARY	34	6	28	35
FEBRUARY	24	1	23	23
MARCH	40	16	24	27
APRIL	43	12	31	34
MAY	42	6	36	42
JUNE	32	7	25	30
JULY	33	7	26	31
AUGUST	46	10	36	41
SEPTEMBER	30	5	25	27
OCTOBER	39	12	27	30
NOVEMBER	38	7	31	34
DECEMBER	47	14	33	40
TOTAL	448	103	345	394

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	
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YEARLY PER CAPITA LOSS

YEAR	\$ 1 Per Capita	2 "	3 "	4 "	5 "	6 "	7 "	8 "	9 "	10 "	11 "	12 "	13 "
1927	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
1928	█	█	█										
1929	█	█	█										
1930	█	█	█	█									
1931	█	█	█	█									
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ALARMS		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
1. RESIDENTIAL Dwellings, Tenements, Apartments, Rooming & Lodging Houses, Hotels		6	4	1	1	10	5	6	4	3	5	6	9	60
2. NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSEMBLY Office Buildings, Theatres, Churches, Hospitals, Institutions, Schools		0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
3. MERCANTILE Retail & Wholesale Trade, Restaurants, Bars, Repair Shops, Filling Stations, Public Garages		0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
4. MANUFACTURING Factories, Breweries, Canneries, Bakeries, Laundries, Printing, Other Mfg. & Processing		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. STORAGE, ETC. Warehouses, Piers, Wharves, Grain Elevators & Storage		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
6. PUBLIC UTILITIES Power Plants, Pumping and Transformer Stations		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7. MISCELLANEOUS A. Detached Private Garages & Barns		0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	8
B. All Other Buildings		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
8. IN GRASS OR BRUSH		3	1	0	11	2	3	4	5	0	5	16	7	57
9. ALL OTHER FIRES Auto, Boats, Lumber Yards, Outdoor Machinery		3	3	5	12	4	4	4	9	1	8	4	4	61
ALARMS NON-FIRES	10. MISCHIEVOUS AND MALICIOUSLY FALSE ALARMS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	11. SMOKE SCARES, HONEST MISTAKES, WRONG LOCATIONS ACCIDENTAL ALARMS	9	7	11	5	7	4	2	8	5	9	1	16	84
	12. FIRST AID, ACCIDENTS, EMERGENCY CALLS AND INVESTIGATIONS	12	8	19	12	16	14	13	16	18	10	11	9	158
	13. NUMBER OF ALARMS OUTSIDE OF CITY These Figures Do Not Show in Columns 1 to 12 Inclusive	5	2	0	6	1	4	2	8	1	6	5	3	43
14. TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS Columns 1 to 13 Inclusive		39	26	40	49	43	36	35	54	31	45	43	50	491
15. DEATH AMONG FIREMEN AND CIVILIANS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOWNSHIP ALARMS
IN OUR TERRITORY

Mason Township	30
South half of Limecreek Township	6

TOWNSHIP ALARMS NOT IN OUR
TERRITORY & MUTUAL AID CALLS

Assist Manly Fire Department	1
Lake Township, Assist Clear Lake Fire Dept....	2
Assist Fertile Fire Department	1
Assist Hanlontown Fire Department	1
Assist Joice Fire Department	1
Assist Sheriff's Office, in search for missing lady around the Nora Springs area	1
Total Alarms Responded to Out of City	43

APPOINTMENTS

- August 16,1960. James E. Johnson appointed from the April 27,1960 Civil Service list, James E. Johnson was 24 years of age, Married and lives at 1212 South Rhode Island Avenue, Previously employed as truck driver.
- November 16,1960. Charles H. Shill appointed from the October 20,1960 Civil Service list, he is 6 foot tall and weighs 210 pounds, 26 years of age, married and lives at 124 North Jefferson Ave. Was previously employed as an electrician.

RESIGNED

- September 20,1960. Richard L. Pearson assigned as Fire Alarm Operator at Headquarters Station with the Rank of Fireman First Class. First appointed November 1,1951, Resigned February 16,1953. Rehired as Temporary Fireman May 1,1953, because of depleted Civil Service List. Appointed Probationary Fireman August 1st,1953 from new Civil Service List.

DEATHS

- August 2,1960. 7:55 AM Bureau Superintendent Vern E. Sweeney passed away at his home while on sick leave. He went on sick leave March 11, 1960. Vern E. Sweeney was born November 14,1886. He was appointed to the Fire Department October 5,1920. On March 31, 1933 he was placed on disability pension, September 1,1937 the Fire Prevention Bureau was formed and Vern E. Sweeney was called back to take charge of the Bureau. He was in charge of the Bureau at the time of his death. He had served a total time of 35 Years 1 Month and 28 days.

PROMOTIONS

- April 1,1960. Robert P. Lofing was promoted from Fireman Third Class to Fireman Second Class with the examination grade of 92%.
- August 16,1960. Fireman First Class Harold R. Marsh was promoted to Lieutenant, to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Lieutenant Holt into the Fire Prevention Bureau. He was taken from the April 20,1959 list.
- August 16,1960. Captain Harold E. Schurtz was promoted to Superintendent of the Fire Prevention Bureau due to the Death of Superintendent Vern E. Sweeney. He was taken from the April 20,1959 list.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Two complete AQUA LUNG skin diving outfits have been purchased and training will start this spring under the direction of the skin divers club. Some minor training has already been done at the Y. M. C. A. pool. The training and use of the equipment is strictly on a volunteer basis. At present there are 8 members who wish to take this training. Some trouble was encountered in the acquiring of this equipment, there were delays and back orders, we didn't receive one complete outfit until after cold weather.

3 new and improved 3 way radios were received and installed on the Chief's Car, Salvage #1 and Quad. #1. They replaced the old equipment on these three pieces of equipment.

Two pocket size Transistor Receiving sets with case and lapel speakers, with operating frequency in Kansas City of 154130, were placed in the Chief's Car and Fire Prevention Bureau Car. These will be carried with the Chief and Inspectors when they leave their car. With these two receiving sets the Chief and the Inspectors will be in constant touch with the Department at all times.

Two 1 1/2" #715 R.C.P. Imperial Nozzles were received and issued to the first apparatus out. The Imperial discharges the same gallonage in straight stream, narrow or wide fog patterns. This means no fluctuating pump pressure, no varying nozzle and back pressures, it can be used with foam or wet water without changing nozzles or shutting down.

One 2 1/2" #1145 Imperial Nozzle, Called the Black Widow. This nozzle puts out a constant gallonage, the 1145 puts out 500 Gallons Per Minute in all settings, can be set at any time without shutting down, is easy to turn at any pressure, ends pressure surge which means no varying nozzle pressure, is helpful in Aerial Ladder pipe work for it eliminates ladder sway and adds greatly to the safety of the operator. Positive stream positioning by feel or sight, clicks into straight stream, narrow or wide fog settings.

All new beds were bought and put in the dormitory at Headquarters Station, these are a hospital type bed, of round tubular construction with 3" ball bearing castors with locks. The springs have a three row coil support spring in the center and the mattresses are interspring.

A 7 1/2 K.W. generator was purchased from the State Agency for Surplus Property at Des Moines, Iowa. This generator can be connected to the electrical system at Station #2 to furnish standby power to this Station in cases of disaster or emergencies.

A 1 1/2 K W generator was purchased from the State Agency for Surplus Property, at Des Moines, Iowa. This generator is housed at the Red Cross Garage and will be used to furnish standby power for the Amateur Radio Operators (Ham Operators) in cases of emergencies and disasters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1960

The Central Fire Station has become very crowded and due to the one way traffic, 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 located 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 to the 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. If this can not be done this year I would like to recommend an alternative plan of building to the south of the present central station and creating an extra two doors to open into Enterprise Alley to relieve the crowded conditions in the main part of the station and allow us to get our reserve equipment out of the station without having to run the other equipment into the street to do so. Also, the kitchen and dining area should be moved from the present location at the rear of the first floor to the rear of the second floor to make more apparatus floor room.

Engine No. 3 the reserve pumper, is now 22 years old and is not in good mechanical condition. In the 1960 service test this piece of equipment did not meet the service test requirements. Salvage # 1 pumper is now 12 years old and has been one of the first assignment engines all this time. It has been the "Work Horse" of the department and is reaching a condition where it should be put in reserve and replaced. I strongly recommend purchase of a new pumper to replace Salvage No. 1 and disposing of Engine No. 3 and the placing of Salvage No. 1 in reserve. This should be done this year and as soon as possible.

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 the 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 good will and cooperation 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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