

MASON CITY IOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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YEARLY REPORT

1963

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YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1963

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

April 17, 1964

Sir;

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the YEARLY REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending December 31st, 1963 This being my second and the fifty-fourth yearly report of the paid fire department of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

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 close 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,



Clifford J. Pierce, Chief,
Mason City Fire Department,
Mason City, Iowa.

PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1963

Chief of Department	1
Superintendent of Fire Prevention Bureau..	1
Captain of Fire Department	3
Lieutenant of Fire Department	7
Clerk of Fire Department	1
Fireman First Class	24
Fireman Second Class	1
Fireman Third Class	2
Probationary Fireman	0
Total all grades	40

Of the above Personnel, the following
special assignments are made

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

NAME & RANK	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TO	RANK
CHIEF			
Pierce, Clifford J.	May 18, 1928	January 17, 1963	
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU			
Schurtz, Harold E.	September 1, 1939	August 16, 1960	
CAPTAINS			
Cunningham, John K.	January 20, 1931	February 2, 1952	
Lauer, Vincent A.	April 16, 1946	February 1, 1963	
Rice, Louis V. Jr.	January 1, 1947	February 1, 1963	
LIEUTENANTS			
Hesse, Frank A.	August 1, 1930	September 1, 1939	
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	
Marsh, Harold R.	October 23, 1953	August 16, 1960	
Bender, John H.	June 1, 1951	February 1, 1963	
Gerdes, Marvin R.	July 16, 1951	February 1, 1963	
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	
Allen, Dan N.	November 19, 1946	May 18, 1949	
Luecht, Ralph R.	November 1, 1951	November 1, 1953	
Briscoe, Bernard B.	August 1, 1952	August 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	
Lofing, Robert P.	April 1, 1959	April 1, 1961	
Johnson, James E.	August 16, 1960	August 16, 1962	
Shill, Charles H.	November 16, 1960	November 16, 1962	
FIREMAN 2ND CLASS			
Pierson, George R. Jr.	November 16, 1962	November 16, 1963	
FIREMAN 3RD CLASS			
Walsh, Richard M.	January 7, 1963	June 7, 1963	
Arndt, Robert H.	June 1, 1963	December 1, 1963	
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS			
Peterson, Marvin C.	Fire Alarm Operator	August 31, 1954	
Swanson, Charles F.	Fire Alarm Operator	July 22, 1959	
Dietz, Victor H.	Fire Alarm Operator	April 15, 1963	
Holt, John H.	Fire Inspector & Drillmaster	August 1, 1960	

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER
YEAR - 1963

NAME & TITLE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CHIEF		
Clifford J. Pierce	234-6th Street South East	423-6528
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		
Harold E. Schurtz	2514-South Federal Avenue	423-6090
CAPTAINS		
John K. Cunningham	670-9th Street South East	423-7914
Vincent A. Lauer	201-South Virginia Avenue	423-0218
Louis V. Rice, Jr	815-South Connecticut Avenue	423-8495
LIEUTENANTS		
Frank A. Hesse	1320-South Pennsylvania Avenue	424-1405
Dwaine O. McDougle	434-23rd Street South West	424-3820
Richard R. Blunt	821-South Carolina Avenue	423-6907
John H. Holt	2715-South Jefferson Avenue	423-7275
Harold R. Marsh	943-14th Street South East	423-3502
John H. Bender	237-7th Street South East	423-5239
Marvin R. Gerdes	1425-North Adams Avenue	423-7269
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Ray D. Waller	827-9th Street North East	423-8160
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS		
Lynn A. Arnold	213-5th Street North West	423-1447
Alfred B. Hesse	221-3rd Street North West	423-2916
Leo M. Powers	1504-South Kentucky Avenue	424-1224
Jesse J. Carroll	1652-Hillcrest Drive	424-1443
Lyle E. Gardinier	113.23rd Street South West	423-2804
Elmer J. Fritz	109-15th Street North West	424-1391
Walter M. Berry	15-19th Street South East	423-4881
Warren H. Cunningham	705-9th Street North West	423-4179
Mike M. Dosen	648-South Polk Place	423-3708
Dan N. Allen	2020-South Grover Avenue	423-9366
Ralph R. Luecht	1442-North Jefferson Avenue	424-3966
Bernard B. Briscoe	939-15th Street North East	423-3423
Marvin C. Peterson	302-1st Street North East	423-0466
Charles F. Swanson	1050-6th Street South West	424-1407
Victor H. Dietz	215-North Hampshire Avenue	424-1503
James J. Hickey	128-26th Street South West	423-2430
Lowell H. Moore	1204-South Rhode Island Avenue.....	423-2905
Thomas O. Madden	915-North Jefferson Avenue	423-3024
Ronald C. Van Horn	2111-South Monroe Avenue	424-4014
Arlo D. Halvorson	321-3rd Street North West	423-5448
Donald E. Wedmore	120-11th Street South West	423-3781
Robert P. Lofing	1408-North Pennsylvania Avenue	424-3061
James E. Johnson	940-13th Street South East	423-7252
Charles H. Shill	849-3rd Street South East	423-2558
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
George R. Pierson	606-11th Street North East	423-6115
FIREMAN THIRD CLASS		
Richard M. Walsh	1311-North Jefferson Avenue	423-5800
Robert H. Arndt	14-27th Street South West	423-8530

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st 1963

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY		TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1963			
CHIEF	Clifford J. Pierce	May	18th, 1928	35	Years	7 Months	13 Days
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENT.	Harold E. Schurtz	September	1st, 1939	24	"	4 "	0 "
CAPTAIN	John K. Cunningham	January	20th, 1931	32	"	11 "	11 "
CAPTAIN	Vincent A. Lauer	April	16th, 1946	17	"	8 "	15 "
CAPTAIN	Louis V. Rice, Jr.	January	1st, 1947	17	"	0 "	0 "
LIEUTENANT	Frank A. Hesse	August	1st, 1930	33	"	5 "	0 "
LIEUTENANT	John H. Holt	July	18th, 1946	17	"	5 "	13 "
LIEUTENANT	Dwaine O. McDougle	July	19th, 1946	17	"	5 "	12 "
LIEUTENANT	Richard R. Blunt	March	20th, 1948	15	"	9 "	11 "
LIEUTENANT	Harold R. Marsh	October	23rd, 1953	10	"	2 "	8 "
LIEUTENANT	John H. Bender	June	1st, 1951	12	"	7 "	0 "
LIEUTENANT	Marvin R. Gerdes	July	16th, 1951	12	"	5 "	15 "
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT	Ray D. Waller	January	10th, 1940	23	"	11 "	21 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lynn A. Arnold	August	1st, 1935	28	"	5 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Alfred B. Hesse	April	13th, 1936	27	"	8 "	18 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Leo M. Powers	December	1st, 1936	27	"	1 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Jesse J. Carroll	September	1st, 1939	24	"	4 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lyle E. Gardinier	September	1st, 1939	24	"	4 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Elmer J. Fritz	September	1st, 1939	24	"	4 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Walter M. Berry	April	16th, 1946	17	"	8 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Warren H. Cunningham	April	16th, 1946	17	"	8 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Mike M. Dosen	April	16th, 1946	17	"	8 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Dan N. Allen	November	19th, 1946	17	"	1 "	12 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ralph R. Luecht	November	1st, 1951	12	"	2 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Bernard B. Briscoe	August	1st, 1952	11	"	5 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Marvin C. Peterson	November	16th, 1953	10	"	1 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Charles F. Swanson	November	1st, 1954	9	"	2 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Victor H. Dietz	December	11th, 1954	9	"	0 "	20 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James J. Hickey	June	16th, 1955	8	"	6 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lowell H. Moore	October	1st, 1955	8	"	3 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Thomas O. Madden	January	1st, 1956	8	"	0 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ronald C. Van Horn	February	1st, 1956	7	"	11 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Arlo D. Halvorson	June	1st, 1956	7	"	7 "	0 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Donald E. Wedmore	March	16th, 1957	6	"	9 "	15 "

PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1963

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1962		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Robert P. Lofing	April 1st, 1959	4 Years	9 Months	0 Days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James E. Johnson	August 16th, 1960	3 "	4 "	15 "
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Charles H. Shill	November 16th, 1960	3 "	1 "	15 "
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	George R. Pierson	November 16th, 1962	1 "	1 "	15 "
FIREMAN THIRD CLASS	Richard M. Walsh	January 7th, 1963	0 "	11 "	24 "
FIREMAN THIRD CLASS	Robert H. Arndt	June 1st, 1963	0 "	7 "	0 "
AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE FORCE 15 YEARS					
AVERAGE AGE OF ALL MEMBERS 41½ YEARS					

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	"	"
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	"	"
May 1st, 1963	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs Harold H. Hutchison	\$ 88.75	"	"
August 1st, 1961	Fireman First Class	Fredrick O. Grek	\$ 166.00	"	"
September 1st, 1956	Widow of Chief	Mrs James Kelley	\$ 98.75	"	"
November 1st, 1962	Chief	A. Boyd Arnold	\$ 295.84	"	"

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

GEORGE E. MENDON
MAYOR

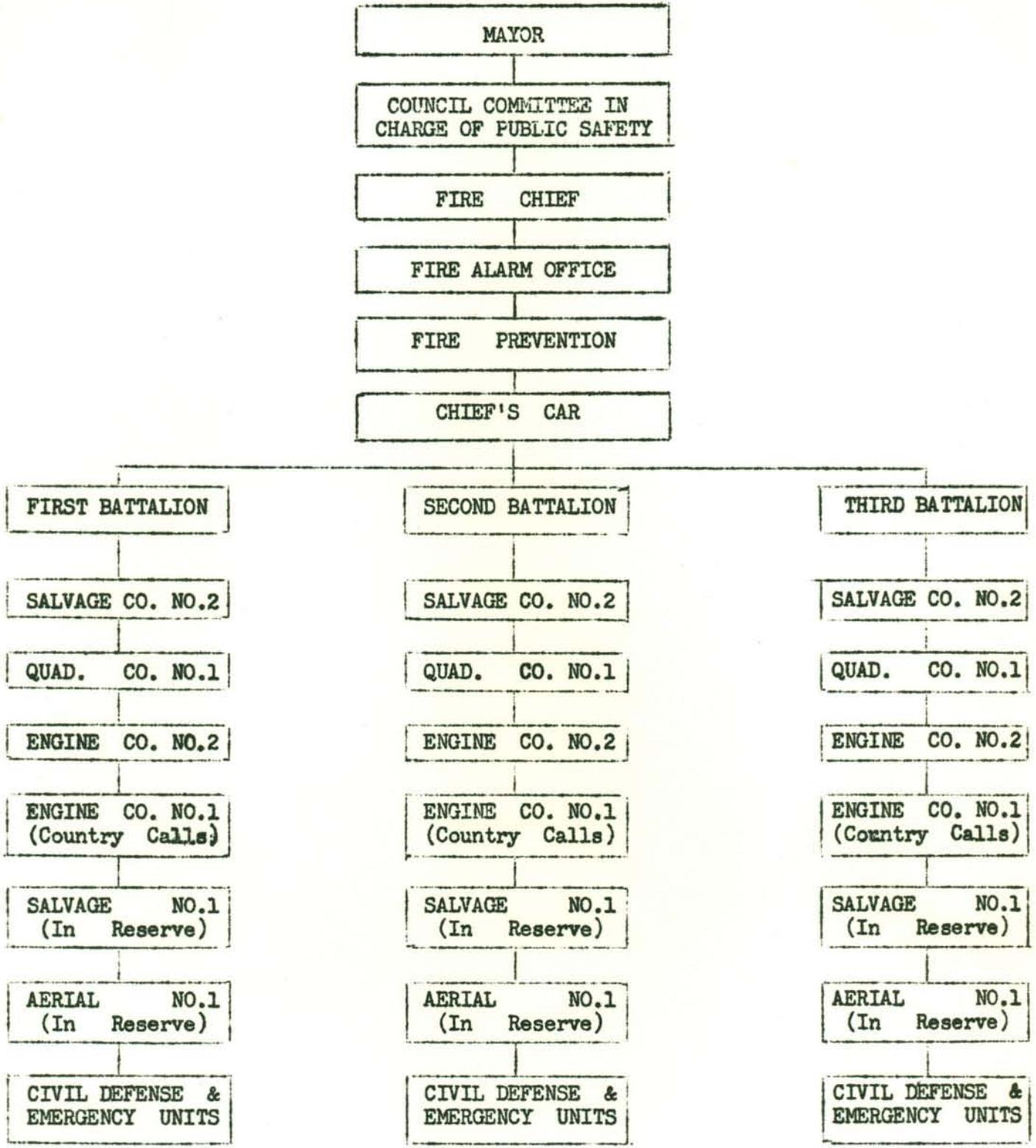
CLIFFORD J. PIERCE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

HAROLD E. SCHURTZ
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

DRILLMASTER & INSPECTOR

RAY D. WALLER
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>FIRST BATTALION</u>	<u>SECOND BATTALION</u>	<u>THIRD BATTALION</u>
FIRE ALARM OPERATORS	MARVIN C. PETERSON	CHARLES F. SWANSON	VICTOR H. DIETZ
SALVAGE CO. NO. 2			
LIEUTENANT	RICHARD R. BLUNT	MARVIN R. GERDES	HAROLD R. MARSH
DRIVER	JAMES J. HICKEY	ARLO D. HALVORSON	DONALD E. WEDMORE
SALVAGEMAN	CHARLES H. SHILL	RICHARD M. WALSH	ROBERT H. ARNDT
QUAD. CO. NO. 1			
CAPTAIN	VINCENT A. LAUER	JOHN K. CUNNINGHAM	LOUIS V. RICE, JR.
DRIVER	JESSE J. CARROLL	LYNN A. ARNOLD	LEO M. POWERS
LADDERMAN NO. 1	WALTER M. BERRY	RALPH R. LUECHT	MIKE M. DOSEN
LADDERMAN NO. 2	BERNARD B. BRISCOE	DAN N. ALLEN	ROBERT P. LOFING
PLUGMAN	LOWELL H. MOORE	RONALD C. VAN HORN	GEORGE R. PIERSON
ENGINE CO. NO. 2			
LIEUTENANT	FRANK A. HESSE	JOHN H. BENDER	DWAIN O. McDOUGLE
DRIVER	ALFRED B. HESSE	JAMES E. JOHNSON	LYLE E. GARDINIER
PLUGMAN	WARREN H. CUNNINGHAM	THOMAS O. MADDEN	ELMER J. FRITZ



FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1963

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau was organized on September 1st, 1937 by City Ordinance. On August 16th, 1960 Harold E. Schurtz was appointed to head the Bureau as Superintendent. He had been active in the Bureau since November 1, 1954. On August 1, 1960 Lieutenant John H. Holt was transferred from the Fire Fighting force to be Drillmaster two days per week, with the rest of the week to be assistant to Superintendent Schurtz in the Bureau.

The Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 3850 inspections this year. Special effort was put forth at the Holiday Season for the protection of life and property in the business district. 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 most fires of undetermined and all fires of mysterious origin, also all false alarms.

BUREAU ACTIVITIES

Regular inspections	1423
Reinspections	216
Special inspections	408
Total Inspections	2047
Commercial Buildings inspected	33
Industrial Plants & Buildings inspected	98
Warehouse inspections	63
Wholesale inspections	38
Apartment inspections	135
Hotel Inspections	20
Hospital inspections	5
Nursing Home inspections	68
Theatre inspections	3
School inspections	59
Church inspections	26
Paint spray booths inspected	12
Fire escape inspections	5
Garage inspections	103
Gasoline & Oil Bulk Plant inspections	36
Gasoline & Fuel Oil Tank Installations	13
Miscellaneous inspections	530
Total	2047

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

	FIRST BATTALION	SECOND BATTALION	THIRD BATTALION	DEPARTMENT
PROBATIONARY FIREMEN	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FIREMAN 3RD CLASS	<u>0</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>109</u>
FIREMAN 2ND CLASS	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>
FIREMAN 1ST CLASS	<u>383</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1021</u>
OFFICERS	<u>101</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>324</u>
SPECIAL	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	<u>515</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>1504</u>

ACTIVITIES OF BUREAU - CONTINUED

New fire escapes ordered	<u>4</u>
Cut off door found open or out of order	<u>1</u>
Dangerous condition corrected	<u>2</u>
Improper burning	<u>1</u>

Thirty-Seven (37) Investigations of fire causes conducted.

Twenty-Eight (28) causes established.

Two (2) False Alarms. No conclusion reached.

Two hundred forty-four (244) man hours worked by Bureau personnel on the Devries Fire death

Worked on two (2) underground gasoline leaks.

One (1) new L.P. gas installation at Mason City Brick & Tile.

Two (2) new sprinkler systems for new buildings, supervised air test on same.

Seven (7) schools conducted. Four hundred sixty one (461) attended.

All city buildings were inspected twice (2) per agreement for insurance coverage.

Four (4) suspects taken to Des Moines to State Bureau of Criminal Investigation for polygraph test in connection with DeVries case.

Superintendent Harold E.Schurtz and Lieutenant John H. Holt attended the Dubuque Arson School two (2) days.

Superintendent Harold E.Schurtz attended the International Arson Investigation Seminar at Purdue University.

Superintendent Harold E.Schurtz was on the staff of the Firemanship Training for State Fire School at Iowa State University, four (4) days.

Superintendent Harold E.Schurtz and Lieutenant John H.Holt attended the Inspectors Short course at Iowa State University, four (4) days.

All elementary schools checked for compliance on emergency escape windows which were completed this summer to comply with the School Rules & Regulations for fire safety.

One (1) furnace one (1) hot water heater ordered relocated to have burners at least 7 feet above floor level, Motor Freight repair garage at 1202 South Hampshire Avenue.

Seventeen (17) Fire Prevention Week programs conducted at all elementary school and Central Heights and Sugar Beet schools, Program before 5,524 pupils and teachers.

Three (3) Fire Prevention Week programs conducted before Kiwanis, Liens, and Exchange Clubs.

Two Fire Prevention week displays put up, one (1) in Central Park, one (1) at Sears Shopping Center.

Supervised installation of fourteen (14) underground gasoline storage tanks, also supervised air tests on same.

Two (2) Police Cases.

Illegal application of Flammable Finishes, The Winnebago Auto Body at 1451- North Federal Avenue, Owner Mr Ellis T. Johnson, fined \$ 20.00 and cost.

Mrs Leo Salton charged with smoking in bed in public place, \$20.00 and cost.

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

	IN CITY	TOWNSHIP & MUTUAL AID

Alarms received verbal	28	4
Alarms received by Police	51	1
Alarms received on Notifier	27	0
Alarms received by Sprinkler	8	0
Alarms received over Telephone 423-2145 or 423-2146	24	0
Alarms received over 423-3124 Overflow	96	14
Alarms received over Fire Phone number 423-3124	290	35
TOTAL ALARMS RESPONDED TO IN 1963	524	54
Alarms received false	4	0
Alarms received in the AM	175	14
Alarms received in the PM	349	40

FIRE DATA

Miles traveled to alarms	1,065.2	589.3
Hours worked at alarms	292:19	106:02
Number of Fireman responding to alarms	2,643	231
Number of Times pumps operated for booster	136	39
Number of Times pumps operated hose lines	11	1
Portable pump operated	0	1
3 - Inch Hose Used	300	0
2½ - Inch Hose Used	10,550	650
1½ - Inch Hose Used	2,400	2,400
Booster Hose Used	25,600	8,250
Booster Tanks Used	19,520	57,760
Hand Pumps Used	257	35
5 lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	11	0
20 lb. Dry Powder Extinguishers Used	2	0
30 lb. Dry Powder Extinguishers Used	11	0
Ladders Used	1,261	201
Hydrants Used	21	10
All-Service Gas Masks Used	3	0
Scott Air Pac Masks :15 Minute	9	0
Scott Air Pac Masks :30 Minute	11	0
E & J Resuscitator and Inhalator Used	13	1
Light Generator Used	2	1
500 Watt Light Used	2	1
Smoke Ejector Used	76	3
Fires out on arrival	34	2

TYPE OF BUILDING FIRE OCCURRED IN

Reinforced Concrete Building	1	0
Brick and Stone Buildings	34	2
Ironclad Buildings	1	2
Stucco and Brick Veneer Buildings	6	0
Frame Buildings	52	10
Concrete Block Buildings	3	0
Buildings not classified above	2	6
In Automobiles and Trucks	51	6
Other Than Building Fires	117	17

EXTENT OF FIRES IN 1963

Confined to point of origin	250	28
Confined to room of origin	3	0
Confined to Building	12	9
Extended to Adjoining Building	1	5
Extended beyond Adjoining Building	1	1

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
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VALUES AND LOSSES

Total Value of Buildings	\$ 4,589,806.50
Total Value of Contents	2,754,218.82
Total Value of All Property involved by Fire	\$ 7,344,025.32

Total Insurance on Buildings involved by Fire	\$ 4,209,510.00
Total Insurance on Contents involved by Fire	2,416,486.50
Total Insurance on property involved by Fire	\$ 6,625,996.50

Total Insurance Loss on Building	\$ 199,177.83
Total Insurance Loss on Contents	134,673.47
Total Insurance Loss for Year 1963	\$ 333,851.30

Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Buildings	\$ 214,230.83
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Contents	164,775.84
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured for Year 1963 ...	\$ 379,006.67

LOSS PER FIRE

No Loss	152
Less Than \$ 5.00	1
Less Than \$ 100.00	60
Less Than \$ 500.00	35
Less Than \$ 1,000.00	5
Less Than \$ 5,000.00	10
Less Than \$ 10,000.00	1
Over \$ 10,000.00	3

PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED
DUE TO FIRE
1963

Firemen Killed During the Year	0
Firemen Injured During the Year	16
Civilians Killed During the Year	0
Civilians Injured during the Year	2

SALVAGE WORK

At Fires	232
Salvage Covers Used	5
Other Than Fire	223
Covers Used	9

COMPARISON OF LOSSES

Loss for 1962	\$ 44,036.54
Loss for 1963	\$ 379,006.67

CAUSES YEAR	OF -	FIRES 1963	
Anti-Freeze on hot motor			1
Backfire through carburator			14
Barricade flare			1
Battery Cable shorted			1
Burning insulation off wires causing smoke nuisance			1
Burning old battery cases causing smoke nuisance			1
Burning soot dropped from water heater setting fire to floor under same			1
Children playing with matches			17
Christmas trees piled for burning of the greens, set on fire by unknown party			1
Cigarettes			41
Defective controls on furnace			1
Defective oil furnace			1
Dish towel on top of lighted burner of electric stove			1
Dust and lint on furnace caught on fire			1
Electric cement drying torch set fire to forms			1
Electric light bulb set fire			2
Excessive grease on stove or in exhaust system caught on fire			4
Exhaust pipe of auto			1
Flame from burner of gas stove			1
Flame from match			1
Flame from road barricade flare			2
Flame of torch used to thaw frozen coal in coal car			1
Flash back from burner in oven of stove			1
Flare set in tree by prankster			1
Friction of pulley set fire to belt			2
Gas line broken, gas ignited by pilot light			1
Gasoline fumes ignited by water heater, while child was playing with gasoline			1
Gasoline on hot motor			7
Gasoline spilled on hot lawn mower while being filled			1
Grass fire out of control			4
Grass fire spread to retaining wall			1
Grass fire spread to tool shed			1
Grease around deep fat fryer caught on fire			1
Handle of knife burning in oven			1
Heat from stove vent set fire to combustible wall			1
Hot ashes from ash tray dumped in waste basket			1
Hot ashes in paper carton			1
Hot ashes in trash set fire to truck box			1
Hot ashes in wooden basket			1
Hot embers in rubbish			1
Hot muffler of auto			1
Iron left turned on, on ironing board			1
Lightning			6
Matches in pants pocket ignited in clothes dryer			1
Meat in pan caught on fire			1

CAUSES OF FIRES

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Overheated clothes dryer	4
Overheated brake on auto	1
Overheated diesel unit set fire to excessive fuel oil	1
Overheated electric motor set fire to grease	1
Overheated furnace	1
Overheated grease in broiler caught on fire	2
Overheated meat in oven	1
Overheated motor on refrigerator	1
Overheated pan of grease on stove	2
Overheated relay on washing machine	1
Power line fell across car setting car on fire	1
Railroad fusee	7
Rays of sun through defect in glass of auto set seat on fire	1
Rekindle	1
Rubber cement ignited by electric foot switch	1
Rubbish fire causing smoke nuisance	1
Short in light fixture	1
Short in neon sign	2
Short in T V set	2
Short in wiring	23
Smoke bomb set fire in grass	1
Smoking in bed	1
Sparks from bonfire	1
Sparks from Charcoal burner	1
Sparks from diesel engine	7
Sparks from fireplace	1
Sparks from hack saw blade striking metal	1
Sparks from incinerator	8
Sparks from rubbish fire	6
Static spark	1
Tar kettle overheated	1
Thawing out air lines with torch	1
Toast burning in toaster	1
Unattended bonfire	2
Undetermined	43
Vandals set flares on fire in park rest rooms	1
Welding operation set fire to gasoline	1

KIND OF PROPERTY FIRE OCCURRED
IN YEAR 1963

Aprartments	3
Automobiles & trucks	51
Barricade fence	2
Burning insulation off wiring causing nuisance	1
Awning	1
Cafe	4
Canvass tool shed	1
Christmas trees	1
Coal in railroad coal cars	1
Clothing store	1
Diesel switch engine	1
Dwelling	49
Dwelling & office	1
Electric Wires	2
Fertilizer plant	1
Furniture store	1
Garages - Private	6
Public	2
Gasoline pump	1
Grass, leaves, rubbish & brush	86
Hospital	1
Hotel	2
Iron works	1
Klinker cooling building at cement plant	1
Laundromat	2
Leaf storage bin	1
Lodge hall	1
Mattress	1
Metal baling building	1
Mobile homes	2
Motor on coal loader	1
Nursing home	2
Office Building	1
Old battery cases	1
Old railroad ties & telephone poles	1
Portable furnace	1
Power house	1
Power lawn mower	1
Power pole	1
Railroad box car	1
Rest room at park shelter house	1
Retaining wall	1
School	1
Store building, apartments above	4
Straw	1
Super market	2
Storage Shed	2
Tar kettle	1
Tavern	1
Tire recapping plant	1
Trash barrel	1
Tree	6
Vacant dwelling	1
Vacant store building	1
Warehouse	1
Wood shavings	1
Workmans warming house	1

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID CALLS
1963

- January 13th, 1963 2:21AM alarm near 324 South Federal Avenue. Robert Bock found passed out in car by Police. First thought to be carbon-monoxide victim. After investigation man appeared to be intoxicated, Taken to Police Station by Officer Anderson. Nothing used.
- January 14th, 1963 1:56PM 2410 South Jefferson Avenue, Teresa Lee age 11 months stopped breathing due to aspirin being caught in her throat. Baby was breathing upon arrival of the Department. Baby was taken to the Hospital by it's mother and Police Officer Dean Statzer. Mother said baby had a cold.
- January 20th, 1963 9:01 PM 518-4th Street North East Mrs Harold Julson age 45, having hard time breathing, due to asthma & bronchial condition. Used E. & J. resuscitator for about 20 minutes as inhalator. 1 bottle of oxygen.
- March 18th, 1963 5:00AM 427-2nd Street North East, Jean Tevis age 11 months having difficulty breathing, used E. & J. resuscitator as inhalator for about 5 minutes, Baby taken to Hospital by parents.
- April 1st, 1963 7:16PM 305-22nd Street South East. Melanie Kruggel age 2 not breathing properly. Nothing used. Father took child to Park Hospital.
- April 21st, 1963 2:22AM 518-4th Street North East, Mrs Harold Julson age 45 suffering from asthmatic attack. E. & J. Resuscitator used for 10 minutes. Mrs Julson under Doctors care for condition.
- April 25th, 1963 9:00AM 152-7th Street South West. Vicky Ries age 1½ years having convulsions, Dr Chang called. Nothing used, child taken to Hospital by Police Car.
- May 1st, 1963 5:31PM 210 North Hampshire Avenue, David Moren age 10, who lives at 627-3rd Street North East, Caught in outside fire place while playing in same. Removed by lifting the boy out of the smoke stack.
- June 26th, 1963 12:28 PM Nora Springs, Iowa, at dam west of town on Shellrock river. Victor Williams age 15 of Nora Springs, Iowa. Drowned while swimming. Nora Springs fire department called for help when they were unable to find boy. Lieutenant Marsh and Fireman First Class Lofing, used skin diving equipment. Boy found by Lieutenant Marsh shortly after entering the water. Mouth to Mouth resuscitation was used until Dr Bascom arrived and pronounced the boy dead.
- September 20th, 1963 4:50PM 104 South Monroe Avenue, Omar Berg age 54, having difficulty breathing due to asthmatic attack. E & J resuscitator as inhalator for 10 minutes. Mr Berg taken to Hospital by Snell's ambulance.

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID CALLS

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- October 4th, 1963 1:12AM Call to 518-4th Street North East. Mrs Harold Julson age 46 having trouble breathing due to asthmatic attack. Used E. & J. resuscitator as inhalator for about 15 minutes
- October 9th, 1963 9:00AM Call to 518-4th Street North East. Mrs Harold Julson age 46 having trouble breathing due to asthmatic attack. Used E. & J. Resuscitator as inhalator for about 15 Minutes.
- October 10th, 1963 4:44AM Call to 518-4th Street North East. Mrs Harold Julson age 46 having trouble breathing due to asthmatic attack. Used E.& J. resuscitator as inhalator for 20 minutes. Used one bottle of oxygen.
- October 11th, 1963 5:10AM Call to 518-4th Street North East. Mrs Harold Julson age 46 Having trouble breathing due to asthmatic attack and own supply of oxygen had given out, used E. & J. resuscitator as inhalator for about 15 minutes.
- October 12th, 1963 4:19PM Call to 518-4th Street North East. Mrs Harold Julson age 46 having trouble breathing due to asthmatic attack. Their private oxygen supply was not working properly. Used E.& J. resuscitator as inhalator for about 10 minutes. Dr Kirkham present. Mrs Julson taken to Mercy Hospital by Snell's ambulance.
- November 2nd, 1963 9:00AM Call to 404-6th Street South West, Cheryl Jean Ferlman age 17 choked on piece of toast, was breathing O.K. when Department arrived. Nothing used.
- November 14th, 1963 9:41PM Call to 516 South Washington Avenue. Harold Aschenbrenner age 28 having difficulty breathing due to previous illness of the lungs. Resuscitator used 5 minutes, Aschenbrenner was from Waterloo, Iowa.
- November 21st, 1963 6:44PM Call to 436-24th Street South West, James Bailey age 72 having asthmatic attack. Used E.&J. Resuscitator for 35 minutes as inhalator. Used 2 bottles oxygen. Mr Bailey taken to Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- December 14th, 1963 2:59PM Called to rear of 18 South Washington Avenue. Upon arrival found Knute Gunderson age 70 Clear Lake, Iowa. In alley. Man was having trouble breathing due to asthmatic heart condition. E. & J. was used about 5 minutes. Man was taken to the Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance. Police Officer Joe Hearity had man covered with a blanket until the Department arrived.
- December 20th, 1963 6:17AM Called North on Highway 65 to the Freeman Road, 1 mile East and 1/2 mile North, Steven Brown age 10 having trouble breathing, used resuscitator for about 20 minutes, Boy taken to Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance. Boy was under medication by Dr Sartor.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR
FOR THE YEAR 1963 IN CITY

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
January ...	6	7	2	7	11	7	4	44
February ..	4	8	2	1	5	3	1	24
March	12	1	6	6	12	7	12	56
April	4	9	7	13	4	11	11	59
May	4	6	6	6	12	10	7	51
June	9	6	8	7	7	6	8	51
July	5	7	4	7	4	2	4	33
August	7	5	3	1	5	10	5	36
September .	1	4	6	2	4	5	4	26
October ...	11	10	11	6	7	8	7	60
November ..	5	5	2	4	5	11	8	40
December ..	9	9	4	4	5	10	3	44
TOTAL	77	77	61	64	81	90	74	524

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	ALARMS BY HOUR		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
			A.M.	P.M.				
January	6	7	13	21	11	7	4	34
February	4	8	2	3	5	3	1	24
March	12	1	6	10	12	7	12	56
April	4	9	7	13	4	11	11	59
May	4	6	6	6	12	10	7	51
June	9	6	8	7	7	6	8	51
July	5	7	4	7	4	2	4	33
August	7	5	3	1	5	10	5	36
September	1	4	6	2	4	5	4	26
October	11	10	11	6	7	8	7	60
November	5	5	2	4	5	11	8	40
December	9	9	4	4	5	10	3	44
TOTAL	77	77	175	349	81	90	74	524

TOTAL ALARMS IN CITY
524
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F I R E A L A R M O F F I C E
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YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1962

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	24	13	7	44
February	13	8	3	24
March	30	20	6	56
April	29	27	3	59
May	18	24	9	51
June	24	17	10	51
July	14	15	4	33
August	15	19	2	36
September	11	12	3	26
October	31	22	7	60
November	18	17	5	40
December	13	17	14	44
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TOTAL	240	211	73	524

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

MARVIN C. PETERSON

CHARLES F. SWANSON

VICTOR H. DIETZ

ALARMS FIRES AND LOSSES FOR EACH BATTALION
BY MONTH FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

MONTH	FIRST BATTALION			SECOND BATTALION			THIRD BATTALION		
	ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS	ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS	ALARMS	FIRE	FIRE LOSS
JANUARY	18	8	\$ 1,481.00	14	5	\$ 2,189.80	12	2	None
FEBRUARY	7	5	13,240.00	11	6	2,255.04	6	1	\$ 470.45
MARCH	16	5	70.00	25	18	3,587.11	15	8	419.27
APRIL	18	13	589.43	21	10	360.41	20	12	310.00
MAY	16	11	5,040.76	28	10	372.40	7	3	532.14
JUNE	19	14	1,231.80	18	11	3,167.02	14	8	1,019.00
JULY	12	7	205.50	14	6	90.00	7	3	397.99
AUGUST	16	10	456.30	15	6	None	5	2	25.00
SEPTEMBER	10	3	402.35	9	3	None	7	4	785.60
OCTOBER	19	9	474.97	24	16	1,751.41	17	8	59.53
NOVEMBER	6	1	None	20	7	1,840.82	14	9	84,669.63
DECEMBER	8	1	67.00	13	6	241,388.70	23	16	10,056.24
TOTALS	165	87	\$23,259.11	212	104	\$ 257,002.71	147	76	\$ 98,744.85

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

ALARMS
524

FIRES
267

FIRE LOSS
\$ 379,006.67

DISTRICT FIRE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1963
OPERATION

DISTRICT	AM	PM	VERBAL	POLICE	NOTIFIER ALARM	FIRE SPR.	ALARMS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE			FIRE OVERFLOW	TOTAL
							423-2145 or 423-2146	423- 3124	423- 3124		
Northwest	25	84	2	10	5	0	0	5	71	16	109
Northeast	46	68	4	8	12	1	0	6	54	29	114
Southwest	54	116	15	19	8	1	0	8	89	30	170
Southeast	50	81	7	14	2	6	0	5	76	21	131
TOTAL	175	349	28	51	27	8	0	24	290	96	524

DISTRICT	VALUES AND BUILDINGS		TOTAL LOSS
	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	
Northwest	\$ 2,790,488.50	\$ 2,581,450.00	\$ 161,016.65
Northeast	647,090.00	609,195.00	11,186.81
Southwest	730,460.00	646,560.00	37,857.69
Southeast	421,768.00	372,305.00	4,169.68
TOTAL	\$ 4,589,806.50	\$ 4,209,510.00	214,230.83

DISTRICT	VALUES AND CONTENTS		TOTAL LOSS
	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	
Northwest	\$ 1,661,028.04	\$ 1,426,355.00	\$ 93,872.52
Northeast	282,662.50	262,123.50	5,121.30
Southwest	600,123.28	546,433.00	62,083.79
Southeast	210,405.00	181,575.00	3,698.23
TOTAL	\$ 2,754,218.82	\$ 1,416,486.50	\$ 164,775.84

TOTALS FOR ALL DISTRICTS

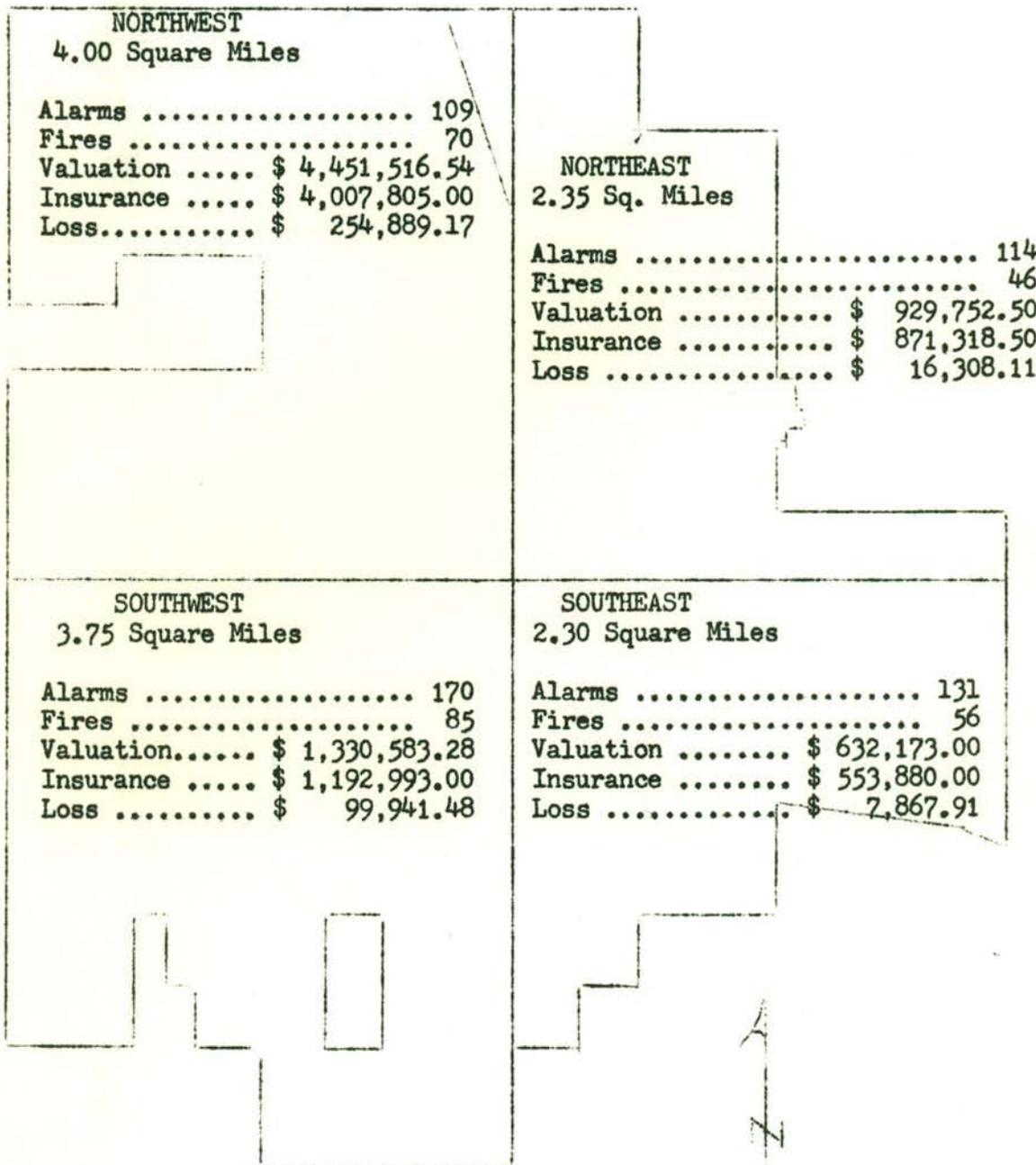
TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 7,344,025.32	\$ 6,625,996.50	\$ 379,006.67

ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS

FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS

FOR THE YEAR

1963



TREND OF FIRE LOSSES 1954 to 1963

TEN YEAR AVERAGE

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
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	43,496.14	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
1961	477	196	3,277,653.00	2,739,550.00	31,117.16	32,635.66	1.065	166.29
1962	488	187	4,609,851.00	3,718,925.00	32,574.14	44,036.54	1,437	235.49
1963	524	267	7,344,025.32	6,625,996.50	333,851.30	379,006.67	12.369	1,419.50
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	436	196	4,021,975.28	3,394,928.69	96,391.83	107,812.64	3.70	520.45

COMPARISON OF ALARMS AND FIRES

YEAR	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300	325	350	375	400	425	450	475	500	525	550	
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Top line each year indicates alarms 3
 Bottom line each year indicates fires 24

POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AT CITY ALARMS

YEAR - 1963

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS	TOTAL ALARMS NO POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL ALARMS POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL NUMBER OF POLICE AT ALARMS
JANUARY	44	7	37	43
FEBRUARY	24	2	22	23
MARCH	56	8	48	53
APRIL	59	16	43	45
MAY	51	19	32	33
JUNE	51	13	38	39
JULY	33	8	25	27
AUGUST	36	1	35	36
SEPTEMBER	26	0	26	30
OCTOBER	60	13	47	51
NOVEMBER	40	7	33	40
DECEMBER	44	11	33	54
TOTAL	524	105	419	474

YEARLY FIRE LOSS FROM 1927 THROUGH 1963

Y E A R	\$50,000.00	100,000.00	150,000.00	200,000.00	250,000.00	300,000.00	350,000.00	400,000.00	
1927					\$ 273,302.00				
1928					\$ 59,029.00				
1929					\$ 38,029.00				
1930					\$ 71,298.00				
1931					\$ 88,076.00				
1932					\$ 45,939.00				
1933					\$ 23,849.00				
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					\$ 45,275.46				
1941					\$ 132,631.14				
1942					\$ 25,995.74				
1943					\$ 52,610.65				
1944					\$ 28,267.76				
1945					\$ 20,886.95				
1946					\$ 57,299.89				
1947					\$ 45,236.38				
1948					\$ 45,054.72				
1949					\$ 25,305.58				
1950					\$ 126,226.10				
1951					\$ 13,646.38				
1952					\$ 95,861.12				
1953					\$ 43,133.90				
1954					\$ 133,095.33				
1955					\$ 43,747.64				
1956					\$ 66,497.87				
1957					\$ 53,792.97				
1958					\$ 109,070.98				
1959					\$ 176,254.39				
1960					\$ 40,239.88				
1961					\$ 32,635.66				
1962					\$ 44,036.54				
1963					\$ 379,006.67				

REPORT TO NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

A L A R M S		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
1. RESIDENTIAL Dwellings, Tenements Apartments, Hotels, Rooming and Lodging Houses		6	4	2	6	10	7	3	3	2	3	2	10	58
2. NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSEMBLY Office Buildings, Theatres, Churches, Hospitals, Institutions, Schools		0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	7
3. MERCANTILE Retail and Wholesale Trade, Restaurants, Bars, Repair Shops, Filling Stations, Public Garages		2	0	1	2	1	3	0	2	0	1	2	2	16
4. MANUFACTURING Factories, Breweries, Canneries Bakeries, Laundries, Printing, Other Mfg. & Processing		0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
5. STORAGE, ETC. Warehouses, Piers, Wharves, Grain Elevators and Storage		0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
6. PUBLIC UTILITIES Power Plants, Pumping and Transformer Stations		2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
7. MISCELLANEOUS														
A. Detached Private Garages & Barns		0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
B. All Other Buildings		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
8. IN GRASS OR BRUSH		2	1	17	14	3	9	3	8	4	17	5	2	85
9. ALL OTHER FIRES Autos, Boats, Lumber Yards, Outdoor Machinery		3	3	8	12	4	12	8	4	3	11	5	7	80
ALARMS NON-FIRES	10. MISCHIEVOUS AND MALICIOUSLY FALSE ALARMS SMOKE SCARES, HONEST MISTAKES, WRONG LOCATIONS ACCIDENTAL ALARMS	19	6	11	7	4	7	7	7	4	3	13	10	98
	11. FIRST AID, ACCIDENTS, EMERGENCY CALLS AND INVESTIGATIONS	10	6	14	17	23	11	10	11	12	24	10	11	159
12. NUMBER OF ALARMS OUTSIDE OF CITY These figures do not show in Columns 1 to 11 inclusive		4	3	7	10	2	2	4	5	2	7	3	5	54
13. TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS COLUMNS 1 to 12 inclusive		48	27	63	69	53	53	37	41	28	67	43	49	578
14. DEATHS AMONG														
FIREMEN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOWNSHIP ALARMS UNDER CONTRACT WITH CERRO GORDO COUNTY

Mason Township	36
South Half or Limecreek Township	8
City Property in Lake Township (Airport)	2

MUTUAL AID CALLS

Assist Plymouth, Iowa fire department	2
Assist Nora Springs, Iowa fire department	1
Assist Clear Lake, Iowa fire department	1
Assist Manly, Iowa fire department	3
Assist Klemme, Iowa fire department	1

TOTAL OUT OF CITY ALARMS 54

- 57 Fires were controlled and extinguished by 1 booster line only.
- 14 Fires were controlled and extinguished by 2 or more booster lines.
- 73 Fires were controlled and extinguished by 1 - 2½ gallon pressurized water hand pumps .
- 3 Fires were controlled and extinguished by 5 lb dry powder.

Booster pumps and pressurized water extinguishers were used 35 times to wash gasoline, fuel oil and other foreign substances from streets, alleys, and parking lots.

APPOINTMENTS

January 7th, 1963. 8:00AM Richard Mike Walsh was appointed Probationary Fireman. He had passed the Civil Service Entrance examination April 26, 1962 with the grade of 92%. He was selected from the May 4, 1962 Certified Civil Service Commission list.

June 1, 1963 8:00AM Robert H. Arndt was appointed Probationary Fireman. He had passed the entrance examination with the grade of 94%, and was selected from the April 19, 1963 Certified Civil Service Commission list.

RESIGNED

May 16th, 1963 8:00AM Donald O. Martin Fireman First Class resigned from the Fire Department to go into private business. Mr Martin was appointed to the Department December 1, 1952. He served a total time of 10 years 5 months and 15 days.

PROMOTIONS

January 17th, 1963. Clifford J. Pierce was appointed Chief of the Department by Mayor George E. Mendon after successfully completing the examination for Chief. Chief Pierce was first appointed to the Fire Department May 18, 1928. He was appointed Lieutenant August 11, 1934, and appointed Captain June 16, 1944.

PROMOTIONS
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- Vincent A.Lauer, Lieutenant since July 1,1954 was promoted to captain February 1,1963. and put in charge of the First Battalion.
- Louis V.Rice,Jr. Lieutenant since November 1,1954 was promoted to captain February 1,1963, and put in charge of the Third Battalion.
- John H. Bender Fireman 1st Class, Promoted to Lieutenant February 1,1963. He was put in charge of the Engine #2 at the South Station on the Second Battalion.
- Marvin R.Gerdes Fireman 1st Class, Promoted to Lieutenant February 1,1963. He was put in charge of Salv.#2 at Headquarters Station on the Second Battalion.
- George R.Pierson Probationary Fireman Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class May 16th 1963, passed 3rd Class examination with grade of 97%.
- George R.Pierson Fireman 3rd Class Promoted to Fireman 2nd Class November 16th,1963. Passed 2nd Class examination with grade of 93%.
- Richard M.Walsh Probationary Fireman, Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class July 7, 1963. Passed 3rd Class examination with grade of 94%.
- Robert H.Arndt Probationary Fireman, Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class December 1st, 1963. Passed 3rd Class examination with grade of 93.5%.

SCHOOL & DRILL

During the year a total of 1517 man hours of supervized school and drill time. was conducted for the fire fighting force, this time was divided among a variety of subjects, connecting to hydrants, pump drill, raising of ladders, the location of hydrants, streets, begining, breaks, and end of street, the location on the trucks and proper use of most of the tools and equipment.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

On April 22nd and 23rd, A special school on Radiological Monitoring Instrument Calibrating was put on by William Nelson and Ralph Parks of the Iowa State College, Ames,Iowa. Fire Extension Service. There was a day and night session of this school, All firemen set in on this school, It was put on for the Civil Defense Officers of this district.

CHANGE OF HOURS

January 1,1963. The City Council granted the Department a 56 hour work week, The hours was lowered from a 68 hour week. The Department went from a two battalion to a three battalion Department. One more man was appointed to bring the total men on the Department to 40, 33 men were divided among the three battalions brought the fire fighting foree to 11 men on each battalion. As of present the Department works a 10 hour day and 14 hour night shift.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1963

Recommendations at this time are short, due to what appears to be a major traffic and City improvement plan being worked on by you and the Council at this time. This plan may alter and change the City growth in many ways.

Due to the change in State Laws of Firemens hours and the granting of the 56 hour week January 1st, 1963 by the members of the City Council. We, as most cities find our basic man power for instant response to alarms has been lowered considerably.

Changes in operational procedure have offset this man power loss somewhat.

However when taken in conjunction with the growth in population and expansion in business areas. It behoves us to consider increasing the man power of the Fire Department to its previous base.

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 Mason City 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,


Clifford J. Pierce, Chief,
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Mason City, Iowa.