

MASON CITY IOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF MASON CITY
IOWA

FIRE DEPARTMENT
19 FIRST STREET S. W.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1965

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

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the YEARLY REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending December 31st, 1965. This being my fourth and the fifty-sixth 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 aid 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.

Due to the amount of time needed by the Insurance Adjusters to adjust and return fire claims, this report usually runs alittle 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, 1965

Chief of Department	1
Superintendent of Fire Prevention Bureau	1
Captain of Fire Department	4
Lieutenant of Fire Department	6
Clerk of Fire Department	1
Fireman First Class	22
Fireman Second Class	3
Fireman Third Class	0
Probationary Fireman	2
Total all grades	40

Of the above Personnel, the following
special assignments are made

Fire Alarm Operator, Fireman First Class ...	1
Fire Alarm Operator, Fireman Second Class ..	2
Drillmaster, & Fire Inspector Captain ..	1

NAME AND 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	
Holt, John H.	July 18, 1946	February 16, 1965	
LIEUTENANT			
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	
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			
Van Horn, Ronald C.	February 1, 1956	July 16, 1965	
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS			
Arnold, Lynn A.	August 1, 1935	September 16, 1938	
Hesse, Alfred B.	April 13, 1936	May 16, 1939	
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.	February 1, 1943	February 1, 1945	
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	
Swanson, Charles F.	November 1, 1954	November 1, 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	
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	
Pierson, George R.	November 16, 1962	November 16, 1964	
Walsh, Richard M.	January 7, 1963	January 7, 1965	
Arndt, Robert H.	June 1, 1963	June 1, 1965	
FIREMAN 2ND CLASS			
Chase, Norman J.	February 5, 1964	February 5, 1965	
Reardon, Dennis J.	February 19, 1964	February 19, 1965	
Tatum, Gerald M.	August 16, 1964	August 16, 1965	
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN			
Scott, Dennis G.	September 16, 1965	September 16, 1965	
Battleson, Lyle J.	October 16, 1965	October 16, 1965	
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS			
Swanson, Charles F.	Fire Alarm Operator	July 22, 1959	
Chase, Norman J.	Fire Alarm Operator	September 7, 1964	
Tatum, Gerald M.	Fire Alarm Operator	September 28, 1965	

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER
YEAR - 1955

NAME AND 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.	816-South Connecticut Avenue.....	423-8495
John H. Holt.....	2715 South Jefferson Avenue.....	423-7275
LIEUTENANTS		
Frank A. Hesse.....	1320-South Pennsylvania Ave.....	424-1405
Dwaine O. McDougle.....	434-23rd Street South West.....	424-3820
Richard R. Blunt.....	821-South Carolina Place.....	423-6907
Harold R. Marsh.....	943-14th Street South East.....	423-3502
John H. Bender.....	2020 South Grover Avenue.....	423-5239
Marvin R. Gerdes.....	1425-North Adams Avenue.....	423-7269
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Ronald C. Van Horn.....	2111-South Monroe Avenue.....	424-4014
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS		
Lynn A. Arnold.....	213-5th Street North West.....	423-1447
Alfred B. Hesse.....	221-3rd Street North West.....	423-2916
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.....	224-28th Street South West.....	423-4179
Mike M. Dosen.....	648-South Polk Place.....	423-3708
Dan N. Allen.....	2327-20th Street South West.....	423-9366
Ralph R. Luecht.....	1442-North Jefferson Avenue.....	424-3966
Bernard B. Briscoe.....	939-15th Street North East.....	423-3423
Charles F. Swanson.....	1050-6th Street South West.....	424-1407
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.....	423-3084
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
George R. Pierson.....	606-11th Street North East.....	423-6115
Richard M. Walsh.....	1311-North Jefferson Avenue.....	423-1202
Robert H. Arndt.....	14-27th Street South West.....	423-8530
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
Norman J. Chase.....	838-3rd Street South East.....	423-6576
Dennis J. Reardon.....	512-South Polk Place.....	423-0359
Gerald M. Tatum.....	930-15th Place North East.....	423-2870
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN		
DENNIS G. SCOTT.....	804-17th Street North East.....	424-4226
Lyle J. Battleson.....	320-20th Street South East.....	423-2809

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st 1965

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1965
CHIEF	Clifford J. Pierce	May 18th, 1928	37 years 7 months 13 days
SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENTION	Harold E. Schurtz	September 1st, 1939	26 years 4 months 0 days
CAPTAIN	John K. Cunningham	January 20th, 1931	34 years 11 months 11 days
CAPTAIN	Vincent A. Lauer	April 16th, 1946	19 years 8 months 15 days
CAPTAIN	Louis V. Rice, Jr.	January 1st, 1947	19 years 0 months 0 days
CAPTAIN	John H. Holt	July 18th, 1946	19 years 5 months 13 days
LIEUTENANT	Frank A. Hesse	August 1st, 1930	35 years 5 months 0 days
LIEUTENANT	Dwaine O. McDougle	July 19th, 1946	19 years 5 months 12 days
LIEUTENANT	Richard R. Blunt	March 20th, 1948	17 years 9 months 11 days
LIEUTENANT	Harold R. Marsh	October 23rd, 1953	12 years 2 months 8 days
LIEUTENANT	John H. Bender	June 1st, 1951	14 years 7 months 0 days
LIEUTENANT	Marvin R. Gerdes	July 16th, 1951	14 years 5 months 15 days
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT	Ronald C. Van Horn	February 1st, 1956	9 years 11 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lynn A. Arnold	August 1st, 1935	30 years 5 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Alfred B. Hesse	April 13th, 1936	29 years 8 months 18 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Jesse J. Carroll	September 1st, 1939	26 years 4 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lyle E. Gardinier	September 1st, 1939	26 years 4 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Elmer J. Fritz	September 1st, 1939	26 years 4 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Walter M. Berry	April 16th, 1946	19 years 8 months 15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Warren H. Cunningham	April 16th, 1946	19 years 8 months 15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Mike M. Dosen	April 16th, 1946	19 years 8 months 15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Dan N. Allen	November 19th, 1946	19 years 1 month 12 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Ralph R. Luecht	November 1st, 1951	14 years 2 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Bernard B. Briscoe	August 1st, 1952	13 years 5 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Charles F. Swanson	November 1st, 1954	11 years 2 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James J. Hickey	June 16th, 1955	10 years 6 months 15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Lowell H. Moore	October 1st, 1955	10 years 3 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Thomas O. Madden	January 1st, 1956	10 years 0 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Arlo D. Halvorson	June 1st, 1956	9 years 7 months 0 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Donald E. Wedmore	March 16th, 1957	8 years 9 months 15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Robert P. Lofing	April 1st, 1959	6 years 9 months 0 days

PERSONAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1965

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1965		
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	James E. Johnson	August 16th, 1960	5 years	4 months	15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	George R. Pierson	November 16th, 1962	3 years	1 month	15 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Richard M. Walsh	January 7th, 1963	2 years	11 months	24 days
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS	Robert H. Arndt	June 1st, 1963	2 years	7 months	0 days
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	Norman J. Chase	February 5th, 1964	1 year	10 months	27 days
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	Dennis J. Reardon	February 19th, 1964	1 year	10 months	13 days
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS	Gerald M. Tatum	August 16th, 1964	1 year	4 months	15 days
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN	Dennis G. Scott	September 16th, 1965	0 years	3 months	15 days
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN	Lyle J. Battleson	October 16th, 1965	0 years	2 months	15 days

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE FORCE 15 YEARS 2 MONTHS

AVERAGE AGE OF ALL MEMBERS IS 41 YEARS 2 MONTHS

MEMBERSHIP ON PENSION AND RETIREMENT LIST

DATE OF PENSION OR RETIREMENT	RANK HELD AT TIME OF RETIREMENT	NAME	AMOUNT OF PENSION PER MONTH
February 18, 1943	Lieutenant	Earl W. Barker	\$80.00 Per Month
March 1, 1943	Fireman First Class	August C. May	\$75.00 Per Month
August 1, 1950	Fireman First Class	Leo D. King	\$116.25 Per Month
February 1, 1952	Captain	Thomas M. Keenan	\$141.25 Per Month
June 1, 1952	Widow of Fireman Fireman First Class	Mrs. Raymond Goudreau	\$ 75.00 Per Month
October 27, 1953	Fireman First Class	Douglas C. Fields	\$150.00 Per Month
August 1, 1954	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs. Fred E. Moore	\$135.78 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Fireman First Class	William P. McGrath	\$131.51 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Lieutenant	Marvin A. Lauen	\$135.84 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Lieutenant	Martin J. Faktor	\$160.00 Per Month
May 1, 1963	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs. Harold H. Hutchison	\$ 88.75 Per Month
August 1, 1961	Fireman First Class	Fredrick O. Grellk	\$166.00 Per Month
September 1, 1958	Widow of Chief	Mrs. James Kelley	\$ 98.75 Per Month
November 1, 1962	Chief	A. Boyd Arnold	\$295.84 Per Month
February 1, 1964	Fireman First Class	Leo M. Powers	\$208.92 Per Month
July 16, 1965	Clerk of Fire Department	Ray D. Waller	\$230.92 Per Month

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

GEORGE E. MENDON
MAYOR

CLIFFORD J. PIERCE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

HAROLD E. SCHURTZ
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

JOHN H. HOLT
DRILL MASTER & INSPECTOR

RONALD C. VAN HORN
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>FIRST BATTALION</u>	<u>SECOND BATTALION</u>	<u>THIRD BATTALION</u>
FIRE ALARM OPERATORS	GERALD M. TATUM	CHARLES F. SWANSON	NORMAN J. CHASE
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	DENNIS J. REARDON	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	WALTER M. BERRY
LADDERMAN NO. 1	BERNARD B. BRISCOE	RALPH R. LUECHT	MIKE M. DOSEN
LADDERMAN NO. 2	LYLE J. BATTLESON	DAN N. ALLEN	ROBERT P. LOFING
PLUGMAN	LOWELL H. MOORE	DENNIS G. SCOTT	GEORGE R. PIERSON
ENGINE CO. NO. 2			
LIEUTENANT	FRANK A. HESSE	JOHN H. BENDER	DWAINE O. McDOUGLE
DRIVER	ALFRED B. HESSE	JAMES E. JOHNSON	LYLE E. GARDINIER
PLUGMAN	WARREN H. CUNNINGHAM	THOMAS O. MADDEN	ELMER J. FRITZ

MAYOR

COUNCIL COMMITTEE IN
CHARGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE CHIEF

FIRE ALARM OFFICE

FIRE PREVENTION

CHIEF'S CAR

FIRST BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO. 2

QUAD. CO. NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 2

ENGINE CO. NO. 1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE NO. 1
(In Reserve)

AERIAL NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

SECOND BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO.2

QUAD. CO. NO.1

ENGINE CO. NO.2

ENGINE CO. NO. 1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE NO. 1
(In Reserve)

AERIAL NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

THIRD BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO.2

QUAD. CO. NO.1

ENGINE CO. NO.2

ENGINE CO. NO.1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE NO. 1
(In Reserve)

AERIAL NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

FIRE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION

1965

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1965

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 Captain John H. Holt was transferred from the Fire Fighting force to be in charge of drill and school for all members and to assist Superintendent Schurtz in the Bureau.

The Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 4759 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 fires of undetermined and mysterious origin, also false alarms.

BUREAU ACTIVITIES

Regular inspections	1874
Reinspections	306
Special inspections.....	501
Total inspections	2681
Commercial Building inspected.....	1015
Industrial Plants & Building inspected	152
Warehouse inspections	137
Wholesale inspections	75
Apartment Building inspections	217
Hotel inspections	12
Hospital inspections	8
Nursing Home inspections	83
Theatre inspections	6
School inspections	127
Church inspections	19
Paint spray booths inspected	14
Garage inspections	113
Gasoline & Oil Bulk Plant inspections	2
Gasoline & Fuel Oil Tank Installations	9
Miscellaneous inspections	692
Total	2681

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

HEADQUARTERS	FIRST BATTALION	SECOND BATTALION	THIRD BATTALION	DEPARTMENT
FIREMAN 3RD CLASS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FIREMAN 2ND CLASS	<u>82</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>110</u>
FIREMAN 1ST CLASS	<u>192</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>654</u>
OFFICERS	<u>58</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>235</u>
SPECIAL	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	<u>332</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>1002</u>
ENGINE CO. NO.2				
PROBATIONARY	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>
FIREMAN 1ST CLASS	<u>334</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>711</u>
OFFICERS	<u>167</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>352</u>
TOTAL	<u>501</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>1076</u>
Total inspections made by both stations				<u>2078</u>

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
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Permits Issued			
Burning Permits.....	915		
Occupational	26		
			Corrected or removed
Conditions Referred to			
Building Department.....	14	8	
Electrical Department.....	12	11	
Sanitary Department.....	11	11	
Plumbing Department.....	3	3	
Conditions Found			
Waste materials not properly handled ..	33	32	
Rubbish found.....	100	100	
Combustibles too near to heat source..	2	2	
Extinguishers outdated.....	145	137	
Misuse of incinerators.....	0	0	
Flammable liquids in violation.....	16	17	
New extinguishers needed.....	35	38	
Washing vat not proper.....	5	5	
Vent stacks not proper.....	10	10	
City gas piped to combination light fixtures (fixtures in bad condition)...	10	10	
Two large fuses in fuse box.....	1	1	
L.P. Tank setting inside of building..	1	1	
Rear stairs in rotted condition.....	1	1	
Protective sheetrock over boiler is falling off.....	1	1	
Lint around exhaust fan	1	1	
Water coolers not grounded.....	3	3	
Light over sink dangerous life hazard.	1	1	
Exhaust fan & duct work very greasy...	8	7	
Snow not removed from fire escape steps	1	1	
Female coupling on intake manifold needs repair.....	1	1	
Metal container for grease rags.....	1	1	
Water gong on sprinkler system failed.	1	1	
Relief valves ordered on above ground storage tanks, Rapid Service.....	1	1	
Outside fire escape from 3rd floor in very poor condition.....	1	1	
Stove & under stove needs grease off..	1	1	
Second exit needed.....	1	1	
Weeds in L.P. Tank area need removing.	1	1	
Heating units being installed too low.	1	1	
Storage in front of electrical panel..	1	1	
Dust & Lint behind dryers.....	1	1	
Sheetrock around small room, around hot water heater.....	1	1	
No means to continue to ground from fire escape.....	1	1	

C O N T I N U E D

ACTIVITIES OF BUREAU

- continued-

		Corrected or removed
Pendant light found in bad condition....	1	0
Door off laundry shute.....	1	0
Hot water heater setting on floor in service station service room.....	1	0
 OBSTRUCTIONS FOUND		
Fire escapes.....	3	3
Exits	15	14
Fire doors	7	7
Aisles	2	2
 Exit lights out or not properly marked..	38	41
Exit doors found locked.....	16	16
Exit doors out of order.....	11	14
Fire doors out of order.....	7	8
 Electric Wiring		
Drop cords in violation.....	39	39
Bad electric wiring found.....	9	7
 NOTICES SERVED		
Orders to comply served	282	
Compliance with correction orders	293	

Fifty-four (54) investigations of fire causes conducted, Forty-six (46) causes established.

Forty-seven notices on violation of Ordinance 924 served in conjunction with the Health Department. Compliances on all notices.

Investigated two (2) explosions - Two (2) causes established.

Eleven (11) First-Aid Fire Extinguisher survey made for new businesses. Extinguishers provided as recommended.

All City owned buildings were inspected two times.

Fifteen (15) schools conducted on subjects covering the use of First-Aid Fire Extinguishers, Patient Evacuation & Fire Safety in Nursing Homes & Hospitals - Attended by 1116 persons.

Nine (9) installations of under-ground flammable liquid tanks supervised.

Worked with Eleven (11) new businesses on Fire Safety.

Fire Emergency plan developed for two (2) places, Americana Nursing Home & Mercy Hospital.

Assisted Bureau of Criminal Investigation Agent Beek on additional investigation on possible information on the DeVries fire death case. Secured a John Doe warrant, in this case, through the County Attorney.

Worked with Head-Start program through four (4) schools.

C O N T I N U E D

ACTIVITIES OF BUREAU
- continued -

Five (5) Police Court cases. All cases ruled in favor of the Bureau.

Host to Area Arson school for two days. School conducted by State Fire Marshal, had approximately 200 in attendance.

Fire Safety survey on Roosevelt & Monroe Jr. High Schools & Old Globe Gazette building to determine work to be done to meet State School Code.

A concentrated Electrical Inspection was conducted by the Bureau & Electrical Inspector Waychus. All wiring, including in private apartments. Seventy-two inspections were made.

Bureau determined that the New Willowbrook Plaza Shopping Center was being built contrary to Chapter 38 of the Building Code and in some instances Chapter 33 of the same Code. Order written to builder Les Nelson on this violation and signed by him.

Meeting held in Mayor's Office with Public Safety Commission, Fire Chief, Mayor & Captain Holt, in regards to specific violations of the Building Code being permitted.

Established requirements for new Commercial School (Hamilton's Business College), on fire safety requirements for new location.

Plans for remodeling of Good Samaritan Geriatrics Center checked against State Code on Nursing Homes.

Inspected all facilities at the Municipal Airport & wrote compliance orders.

Present alarm system in Good Samaritan Geriatrics Center ordered removed because of the number of false alarms and a new system ordered installed. This order was complied with.

Held twenty-two (22) information meetings.

Checked plans & checked installation of hallway sprinkler extensions in both St. Joseph & Holy Family Schools.

Checked installation of three (3) complete new sprinkler systems. (CoMo Photo Company, Easter Super Value Food Store & the new Arlans Building)

Arranged for much needed second Exit from the LaJames College of Hair Styling at 24 Second North East.

Arranged for & checked completion of needed addition to Fire Escape extension at the Brick & Tile Building.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Developed & set up nine (9) window displays.

Held thirteen (13) programs in elementary schools. 5176 pupils reached.

Appeared on T.V. Fire Safety Program.

Held Fire Drills in all schools (19) Drills involved 10,353 pupils.

BUREAU PERSONEL ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS

Supt. Schurtz - Annual Arson Seminal at University of Michigan, 2 days of State Fire School, Annual Inspectors Conference Iowa State U.
Capt. Holt - Two days of State Fire School, Annual Inspectors Conference at ISU

FIRE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

	In City	Township & Mutual Aid
Alarms received verbal.....	11	2
Alarms received by Police.....	47	2
Alarms received by Notifier.....	19	1
Alarms received by Sprinkler.....	7	0
Alarms received over Telephone 423-2145 or 423-2146.....	15	2
Alarms received over 423-3124 Overflow.....	120	11
Alarms received over Fire Phone number 423-3124.....	217	23
TOTAL ALARMS RESPONDED TO IN 1965.....	436	41
Alarms received false.....	10	2
Alarms received in the AM.....	130	19
Alarms received in the PM.....	306	22

FIRE DATA

Miles traveled to alarms.....	997	300.9
Hours worked at alarms.....	233:25	55:05
Number of Firemen responding to alarms.....	2,402	150
Number of times pumps operated for booster.....	122	18
Number of times pumps operated hose lines.....	16	7
Portable pump operated.....	0	0
3 - Inch Hose used.....	0	0
2½ - Inch Hose used.....	4,300	Feet...500
1½ - Inch Hose used.....	2,850	Feet...1,250
Booster Hose used.....	25,600	Feet...4,600
Booster Tanks used.....	Gallons...26,355	39,690
Hand Pumps used.....	Gallons...243.5	35
5 lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used.....	9	2
20 lb. Dry Powder Extinguisher Used.....	8	0
Ladders Used.....	Feet...1,255	108
Hydrants Used.....	12	5
Scott Air Pac Masks :15 Minute.....	21	1
Scott Air Pac Masks :30 Minute.....	22	0
E & J Resuscitator and Inhalator Used.....	11	1
Light Generator Used.....	13	1
250 Watt Light Used.....	2	1
500 Watt Light Used.....	12	0
Smoke Ejector Used.....	80	3
Fires out on arrival.....	42	3

TYPE OF BUILDING FIRE OCCURRED IN

Reinforced Concrete Building.....	0	0
Brick and Stone Buildings.....	31	2
Ironclad Buildings.....	5	1
Stucco and Brick Veneer Buildings.....	3	0
Frame Buildings.....	47	7
Concrete Block Buildings.....	0	1
Buildings not Classified Above.....	5	0
In Automobiles and Trucks.....	65	3
Other Than Building Fires.....	67	16

EXTENT OF FIRES IN 1965

Confined to point of origin.....	190	20
Confined to room of origin.....	10	2
Confined to floor of origin.....	5	0
Confined to Building.....	17	8
Extended to Adjoining Building.....	0	0

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
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VALUES AND LOSSES

Total Value of Buildings.....	\$ 2,841,882.50
Total Value of Contents	2,032,049.50
Total Value of All Property involved by Fire	4,871,932.00

Total Insurance on Buildings involved by Fire.....	\$ 2,275,586.50
Total Insurance on Contents involved by Fire	1,627,422.50
Total Insurance on property involved by Fire	3,903,008.50

Total Insurance Loss On Buildings	\$ 55,742.50
Total Insurance Loss on Contents	47,537.91
Total Insurance Loss for Year 1965	\$ 103,280.60

Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Buildings	\$ 62,912.69
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Contents	54,403.34
Total Loss Insured and Uninsured for Year 1965	\$ 117,316.03

LOSS PER FIRE

No Loss	92
Less than \$ 5.00	3
Less than \$ 100.00	66
Less than \$ 500.00	27
Less than \$ 1,000.00	14
Less than \$ 5,000.00	16
Less than \$ 10,000.00	2
Over \$ 10,000.00	3

PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED
DUE TO FIRE
1965

Fireman killed during the year	0
Fireman injured during the year	3
Civilians killed during the year	4
Civilians injured during the year.....	1

SALVAGE WORK

At fires	169
Salvage covers used	14
Other than fires	126
Salvage covers used	8

COMPARISON OF LOSSES

Loss for 1964	\$ 73,644.85
Loss for 1965	\$ 117,316.03

CAUSES OF FIRES
YEAR - 1965

Acetylene torch valve broke setting fire	1
Anti-freeze on hot auto motor	1
Auto backed into gasoline pump and shorted the wiring	1
Backfire thru carburator	20
Boys lit railroad flare	1
Bottle of airplane glue that was inflame - discarded	1
Broken natural gas line	1
Cigarette	27
Canvas against lighted flood light	1
Cardboard box ignited from burner of steam boiler	1
Children playing with matches	13
Children playing with fireworks	1
Conveyor belt overheated	1
Crushed drop cord on floor furnace register	1
Defective ballast in flourescent light fixture	1
Defective control on deep-fat fryer	1
Defective control on hot water heater let hot water heater over-heat setting fire to pop cartons.....	1
Defective floor furnace	1
Defective Stove pipe	1
Defective electric wiring	2
Defective burner on clothes dryer	1
Dehumidifier overloaded drop cord	1
Downed electric services wires burning against house.....	1
Faulty kitchen range	1
Faulty limit switch on furnace.....	1
Faulty unit on Laundrette dryer	1
Emergency brake left on, caught fire	3

CAUSES OF FIRES
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Flame from blow torch thawing out water pipes	1
Flame from pilot light in basement ignited seeping natural gas	1
Flame from welding or cutting torch	7
Flares tipped over in street	2
Gasoline leaking on hot motor	7
Gasoline being poured into carburetor ignited	1
Gasoline spilled on hot lawn mower motor	2
Grease on boiler	1
Grease in broiler caught on fire	1
Grease on grill caught on fire	1
Grease on stove overheated	1
Grease spilled from pan on stove	1
Grease spilled in hot oven	2
Heat from boiler	1
Hot ashes in cardboard box in basement	1
Hot ashes set fire to trash in truck	3
Incendiary	2
Incendiary to pile of Christmas trees	2
Lamp tipped over onto bed	1
Leaf fire set telephone pole on fire	1
Leaf fire spread	1
Lint caught fire in dryer	2
Loose gasoline line on auto	1
Match ignited car seat	3
Oil on hot auto motor from broken oil line	1
Overheated electric motor	1
Overheated insulation around heater	1
Overheated furnace	1

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CAUSES OF FIRES

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Overheated auto motor	1
Overheated transmission of auto	1
Pillow on floor furnace register	1
Pilot lite of french frier unit caught grease on fire	1
Pilot lite on hot water heater set flammable liquid on fire	1
Pouring gasoline on hot charcoal to make fire burn faster	1
Non-conforming electric wiring shorted out setting bed on fire ..	1
Napkin used to light oven on Pizza Truck ignited seat	1
Railroad flare	3
Railroad man burning rightaway set power poles on fire	1
Muffler of auto had gunney sack in it's rusted out hole	1
Regulator on top of Bottle Gas Tank stuck open, allowing pilot lite to burn out of control	1
Short in drop cord to Lamp	1
Short in electric coffee pot	1
Short in electric cord	1
Short in Fish Aquarium wiring	1
Short in wiring of Auto	5
Short in battery cables of auto	1
Short in electric stove	1
Short in exhaust fan	1
Short in french frier	1
Short in electrical wiring	4
Short in wiring of wash machine	2
Smoking in bed	4
Smoking in chair	1
Sparks from incinerator	5
Sparks from fire place	1
Sparks from locomotive	1
Sparks from rubbish fire	1
Sparks from charcoal grill	1
Spontaneous combustion	2
Spilled gasoline on burning torch	1
Stove burner accidentally turned on igniting cardboard box on top of the burner	1
Tar kettle rock overheated	1
Trash fire spread	1
Toaster ignited curtains	1
Using matches for a lite	1
Undetermined	21

KIND OF PROPERTY FIRE OCCURED
YEAR OF 1965

Apartment buildings	6
Automobiles & Trucks	69
Barn	2
Barn, Livestock Sale	1
Building being torn down	1
Building under construction	2
Boat	1
Conveyor Belt	2
Cleaners & Laundry	1
Department Store	1
Deisel locomotive	1
Discarded Christmas Trees	2
Dwelling	44
Fuel in street	2
Gasoline can	1
Gasoline pump	1
Golf car	1
Golf Club House	1
Grass, leaves & Brush	28
Grocery Store	2
Junk Yard	1
Hotel	1
Government Mail Box	1
Laundromat	3
Lawnmower	3
Manufacturing Plant	5
Nursing Home	1
Old Chair	1
Old Lumber	2
Pile of snow fence	1
Private Dump	2
Private Garage	5
Public Garage	3
Private Club	1
Railroad Turntable	1
Refuse can	1
Restaurants & Cafes	6
Road construction flare	1
Storage shed	4
Store with apartments above	2
Telephone Poles	3
Tar Kettles	2
Trash	1
Trees	3

EMERGENCY, FIRST AID
& DEATH CALLS
1965

- January 17th, 1965, Mike Maistorovic, age 77, carried from burning building, 822-8th Street South West. Coroner was called and pronounced him dead.
- February 4th, 1965 Resuscitator call to 11 - 2nd Street North East. Reidar Peterson had heart attack. Pronounced dead on arrival of Department by Dr. Swanson.
- February 6th, 1965 Resuscitator call to 515 - 9th Street North West. Joseph Smith, age 5 months, was apparently suffocated. Used E & J Resuscitator and mouth to mouth resuscitation until pronounced dead by Dr. Stueland.
- February 14th, 1965 Resuscitator call to 11½ South Delaware. James Johnson, age 50, dead on arrival of Department. He had been at Oakdale Sanitarium for tuberculosis. Doctor in attendance was Dr. McGregor.
- March 19th, 1965 Resuscitator call to 1204 South Georgia. Lucille Schriver, age 55, having difficulty breathing. E & J Resuscitator was used as inhalator for about 10 minutes.
- March 25th, 1965 On alarm to 223 - 29th Street South West, Douglas, age 3, and Scott, age 2, Eppens were both severely burned over their entire bodies when they were playing with a flammable liquid in the basement. Fumes from same were ignited by the pilot lite on the water heater. Boys were taken to the Park Hospital by Snell's Ambulance. Boys were found on the basement floor by Lt. Marsh. Both boys died as a result of this fire.
- March 27th, 1965 Resuscitator call to 101 - South Federal (Younkers Store). Steve Kinston, age 11, 831-5th Street South West, appeared to be having a siesure. Taken home by Police.
- March 27th, 1965 Cynthia Sharar, age 8, 1400 Block North Carolina Place, had leg caught in crotch of tree, while playing. Neighbor had girl removed upon arrival of Department.
- June 3rd, 1965 Resuscitator call to 704 South Kentucky. Mrs. Robert W. Stewart dead on arrival of Department. Dr. Houlahan, who was in attendance, said she had her right lung removed about two weeks before this call.
- June 29th, 1965 Resuscitator call to alley west of 115 - 1st Street, South West. Chester Code, age 58, employee of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, was hanging from telephone pole by his safety belt. He apparently had a heart attack. Code was taken to Mercy Hospital by Snell's ambulance.

EMERGENCY, FIRST AID
& DEATH CALLS
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- June 29th, 1965 Mike Bendickson, age 15, had trouble breathing. Used Resusitator on inhalator for 5 minutes. Mike, who resides at 713-17th South East, was taken to Park Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- July 18th, 1965 Resusitator call for Mrs. Marvel Julson, age 48, choked on a piece of candy, having trouble breathing, used inhalator for about 5 minutes and appeared to be O.K.
- September 8th, 1965 Resusitator call A.F. Pitzenberger, age 60, 1736 South Harding Avenue. Overcome by natural gas in man-hole at 2nd & North Pierce. He is a employee of Interstate Power Company and was overcome while repacking a valve in the manhole. Pitzenberger was removed from the manhole on arrival of our Department. Resusitator used on inhalator for 10 minutes. Captain Cunningham radioed for Snell's Ambulance and Snell's Ambulance took him to Mercy Hospital.
- September 9th, 1965 Resusitator call to rear of 1923 North Carolina. Lowell Peterson, age 47, of West View Apartments, was struck by lightning on Highland Golf Course. George Pion gave mouth to mouth resuscitation for about 10 minutes. Snell's Ambulance had body covered and said Peterson was dead.
- September 9th, 1965 Call to Quarry East of Highway # 65 and North of Decker's on Northwestern Cement Property to remove body of Clemens Frank, age 76, from water. Coroner called and body removed by Snell's Ambulance to Hospital.
- September 29th, 1965 On fire call to house fire at 697 - 16th Street South East, Martha Riehm, age 71, had a grease fire in a skillet that set her clothing on fire. On arrival of Department Mrs. Riehm was burned and in shock and was taken to Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance. She died the next day as the result of the burns on her body.
- October 22nd, 1965 Resusitator call to Scott's Motel. Ross Ballou, age 51, Archer, Iowa, unconcious in motel room. Resusitator used 24 minutes. Snell's Ambulance called Medical Examiner, Dr. Barg, who pronounced Mr. Ballou dead.
- November 28th, 1965 Resusitator call to 518 - 4th North East. Marvel Julson, age 48, having trouble breathing due to asthma attack. Used Resusitator on inhalator for 10 minutes and she appeared to be O.K.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR
FOR THE YEAR 1965 IN CITY

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
January ...	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	27
February ..	6	4	2	7	4	5	9	37
March	6	6	7	3	4	6	6	38
April	2	3	2	5	6	7	2	27
May	8	5	4	3	2	7	3	32
June	3	5	8	4	7	6	8	41
July	7	5	5	4	13	8	10	52
August	3	4	3	2	7	4	3	26
September .	2	3	2	5	8	5	4	29
October ...	8	5	4	5	7	11	6	46
November ..	5	4	2	6	7	8	6	38
December ..	4	6	2	10	5	10	6	43
TOTAL	57	53	44	57	75	82	68	436

ALARMS BY HOUR
1965

*****A.M.*****		*****P.M.*****	
HOUR	ALARMS	HOURS	ALARMS
12 - 1	12	12 - 1	27
1 - 2	7	1 - 2	23
2 - 3	5	2 - 3	27
3 - 4	7	3 - 4	38
4 - 5	3	4 - 5	30
5 - 6	3	5 - 6	28
6 - 7	7	6 - 7	34
7 - 8	17	7 - 8	22
8 - 9	9	8 - 9	24
9 - 10	21	9 - 10	22
10 - 11	22	10 - 11	18
11 - 12	17	11 - 12	13
TOTAL	130	TOTAL	306

TOTAL ALARMS IN CITY
436

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

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YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1965

ALARMS RECEIVED FOR EACH EIGHT HOUR PERIOD

MONTH	8 AM to 4 PM	4 PM to Mid.	12 Mid. to 8 AM	TOTAL
January	15	9	3	27
February	12	20	5	37
March	23	11	4	38
April	12	12	3	27
May	13	15	4	32
June	19	17	5	41
July	17	26	9	52
August	10	11	5	26
September	16	11	2	29
October	22	20	4	46
November	12	20	6	38
December	13	21	9	43
TOTAL	184	193	59	436

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

GERALD M. TATUM

CHARLES F. SWANSON

NORMAN J. CHASE

ALARMS FIRES AND LOSSES FOR EACH BATTALION
BY MONTH FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

MONTH	FIRST BATTALION			SECOND BATTALION			THIRD BATTALION		
	ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS	ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS	ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS
JANUARY	13	4	\$ 109.00	10	6	\$ 900.86	4	2	\$16,434.70
FEBRUARY	10	3	4,406.18	12	3	3,483.93	16	5	1,251.04
MARCH	13	8	32,630.13	8	1	NONE	17	5	2,325.73
APRIL	10	4	110.00	8	7	13,672.43	10	6	115.00
MAY	10	6	1,422.02	9	4	300.00	13	10	360.00
JUNE	10	5	NONE	18	6	170.15	13	8	234.61
JULY	18	11	6,120.92	16	8	1,265.00	16	9	1,310.50
AUGUST	7	7	1,851.00	11	6	527.03	8	5	201.00
SEPTEMBER	11	3	1,480.48	8	4	4,398.03	10	6	1,304.00
OCTOBER	16	9	135.01	19	14	5,310.10	12	6	2,158.00
NOVEMBER	13	7	6,463.50	14	5	886.90	11	7	2,167.35
DECEMBER	18	6	\$51.02	12	10	3,320.41	13	6	40.00
TOTALS	149	73	\$55,179.26	144	74	\$34,234.84	143	75	\$27,901.93

RECAPITULATION

ALARMS
436

FIRES
222

FIRE LOSS
\$117,316.03

DISTRICT FIRE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1965
OPERATION

DISTRICT	AM	PM	VERBAL	POLICE	ALARM	SPR.	NOTIFIER	FIRE 423-2145 BOX 423-2146	FIRE PHONE	FIRE PH. OVERFLOW	TOTAL
Northwest	27	..63	.. 2	.... 8	.... 1	.... 0	...0	...0	...0	52	25 .. 90
Northeast	27	..81	.. 2	.... 10	.... 13	.... 0	...0	.... 2	.... 48	.... 33	.. 108
Southwest	43	..80	.. 5	.... 17	.... 5	.... 2	.. 0	.... 4	.... 57	.... 33	.. 123
Southeast	35	..80	.. 2	.... 12	.... 0	.... 5	.. 0	.... 7	.... 55	.... 34	.. 115
TOTAL	.. 132	304	.. 11	.. 47	.. 19	.... 7	.. 0	... 15	... 212	... 125	.. 436

VALUES AND LOSSES
BUILDINGS

DISTRICT	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	.....\$ 1,081,025.00	..... \$ 736,575.00	..... \$ 12,982.44
Northeast	..... 353,725.00	..... 323,179.00	..... 7,184.80
Southwest	..... 841,975.00	..... 760,200.00	..... 11,307.92
Southeast	..... 565,157.50	..... 455,632.50	..... 31,378.53
TOTAL	.....\$ 2,841,882.50	.....\$ 2,275,586.50	..... \$ 62,853.69

VALUES AND LOSSES
CONTENTS

DISTRICT	TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
Northwest	..... \$ 1,009,050.00	..... \$ 749,450.00	..... \$ 8,746.01
Northeast	..... 419,834.00	..... 402,042.00	..... 15,290.36
Southwest	..... 236,165.50	..... 167,630.00	..... 5,510.24
Southeast	..... 367,000.00	..... 308,300.00	..... 24,915.73
TOTAL	..... \$ 2,032,049.50	..... \$ 1,627,422.00	..... \$ 54,462.34

TOTAL FOR ALL DISTRICTS

TOTAL VALUE	INSURANCE CARRIED	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 4,871,932.00	\$ 3,903,008.50	\$ 117,316.03

ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS
 FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS
 FOR THE YEAR
 1965

<p>NORTHWEST 4.00 Square Miles</p> <p>Alarms 90 Fires 53 Valuation ... \$ 2,090,075.00 Insurance ... \$ 1,486,025.00 Loss \$ 21,728.45</p>	<p>NORTHEAST 2.35 Sq. Miles</p> <p>Alarms 108 Fires 45 Valuation \$ 773,559.00 Insurance \$ 725,221.00 Loss \$ 22,475.16</p>
<p>SOUTHWEST 3.75 Square Miles</p> <p>Alarms 123 Fires 67 Valuation .. \$ 1,078,140.50 Insurance .. \$ 927,830.00 Loss \$ 16,818.16</p>	<p>SOUTHEAST 2.30 Square Miles</p> <p>Alarms 115 Fires 57 Valuation ... \$ 932,157.50 Insurance ... \$ 763,932.50 Loss \$ 56,294.26</p>

TREND OF FIRE LOSSES 1956 to 1965

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
1956	394	195	\$ 3,284,149.83	\$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
1964	483	258	10,762,952.00	7,807,020.00	66,408.49	73,644.85	2.37	285.41
1965	436	222	4,871,932.00	3,903,008.50	103,280.60	117,316.03	3.5	528.45
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	448	203	4,744,581.90	3,914,808.50	96,153.31	109,249.58	3.655	511.96

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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
 Bottom line each year indicates fires

POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AT CITY ALARMS

YEAR - 1965

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS	TOTAL ALARMS NO POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL ALARMS POLICE PRESENT	TOTAL NUMBER OF POLICE AT ALARMS
JANUARY	27	10	17	21
FEBRUARY	37	13	24	26
MARCH	38	11	27	30
APRIL	27	11	16	18
MAY	32	9	23	24
JUNE	41	15	26	31
JULY	52	18	34	36
AUGUST	26	11	15	21
SEPTEMBER	29	10	19	19
OCTOBER	46	13	33	34
NOVEMBER	38	8	30	32
DECEMBER	43	12	31	31
TOTAL	436	141	295	323

YEARLY PER CAPITA LOSS

YEAR	\$1 Per Cap.	2 "	3 "	4 "	5 "	6 "	7 "	8 "	9 "	10 "	11 "	12 "	13 "
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YEARLY FIRE LOSS FROM 1927 THROUGH 1965

YEAR	\$ 50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	300,000	350,000	400,000
1927			\$ 29,402.00					
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			\$ 30,807.00					
1938			\$ 20,547.00					
1939			\$ 19,357.00					
1940			\$ 45,275.46					
1941			\$ 31.14					
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			\$ 20,226.10					
1951			\$ 13,646.38					
1952			\$ 95,861.12					
1953			\$ 44,133.90					
1954			\$ 133,095.33					
1955			\$ 43,747.64					
1956			\$ 66,497.87					
1957			\$ 53,792.97					
1958			\$ 109,070.98					
1959			\$ 126,271.39					
1960			\$ 40,239.88					
1961			\$ 32,635.66					
1962			\$ 44,036.54					
1963			\$ 52,006.49					
1964			\$ 73,644.85					
1965			\$ 57,316.03					

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		4	7	2	2	3	3	3	2	4	5	8	10	53
2. NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSEMBLY Office Buildings, Theatres, Churches, Hospitals, Institutions, Schools		0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
3. MERCANTILE Retail and Wholesale Trade, Restaurants, Bars, Repair Shops, Filling Stations, Public Garages		3	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	16
4. MANUFACTURING Factories, Breweries, Canneries, Bakeries, Laundries, Printing, Other Mfg. & Processing		0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	9
5. STORAGE, ETC. Warehouses, Piers, Wharves, Grain Elevators and Storage		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
6. PUBLIC UTILITIES Power Plants, Pumping and Transformer Stations		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. MISCELLANEOUS A. Detached Private Garages & Barns		1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	7
B. All Other Buildings		1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
8. In Grass Or Brush		2	0	0	2	7	2	6	2	1	11	2	2	37
9. All Other Fires Autos, Boats, Lumber, Yards, Outdoor Machinery		1	6	3	7	8	11	17	11	5	10	6	8	93
Alarms non-fires in City limits	10. MISCHIEVOUS AND MALICIOUSLY FALSE ALARMS SMOKE SCARES, HONEST MISTAKES, WRONG LOCATIONS ACCIDENTAL ALARMS	8	5	6	5	6	7	11	1	6	5	10	11	81
	11. FIRST AID, ACCIDENTS, EMERGENCY CALLS AND INVESTIGATIONS	7	16	18	8	6	15	13	7	11	12	9	10	132
12. Number of alarms Outside of city These figures do not show in Columns 1 to 11 inclusive		2	5	1	5	6	1	3	3	2	5	4	4	41
13. Total Number of Alarms Add Columns 1 to 12 inclusive		29	42	39	32	38	42	55	29	31	51	42	47	477
14. Deaths Among Firemen		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civilians		1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4

TOWNSHIP ALARMS UNDER COUNTY TAXATION

Mason Township 28
South half of Limecreek Township . 7
Lake Township 3
Portland Township 1

MUTUAL AID AND CONTRACT ALARMS

Assist Clear Lake Fire Department.... 1
Assist Nora Springs Fire Department.. 1
TOTAL OUT OF CITY ALARMS 41

58 fires were controlled and extinguished with 1 booster line only.

12 fires were controlled and extinguished with 2 or more booster lines.

53 fires were controlled and extinguished with handpumps.

Booster pumps and handpumps were used 18 times to wash gasoline, fuel oil and other foreign substances from streets, alleys and parking lots.

APPOINTMENTS

September 16th, 1965 Dennis G. Scott, age 28, married and resides at 804 - 17th Street North East, was appointed Probationary Fireman. He took the Entrance Examination in April, 1965. He was taken from the Civil Service Certified List of April 21st, 1965.

October 16th, 1965 Lyle J. Battleson, age 24, married and resides at 302-20th Street South East, was appointed Probationary Fireman. He took the entrance examination in April, 1965. He was taken from the Civil Service Certified List of April 21st, 1965.

Resigned

September 28th, 1965 Marvin C. Peterson, Fireman First Class, resigned from the Department to take a position with Security Fire Service, at the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Kennedy, Florida. He was appointed to the Fire Department November 16th, 1953.

Retired

July 16th, 1965 Ray D. Waller, Clerk of the Fire Department, retired from the Department after 25 years 6 months service. Ray D. Waller was appointed to the Fire Department, January 10th, 1940. He had reached his 55th birthday July 15th, 1965.

PROMOTIONS

- John Holt, Lieutenant promoted to Captain February 16th, 1965. He was taken off the Civil Service Certified List.
- Richard M. Walsh, Fireman 2nd Class promoted to Fireman 1st Class January 7th, 1965. He passed the 1st Class examination with the grade of 96%.
- Robert H. Arndt, Fireman 2nd Class promoted to Fireman 1st Class June 1st, 1965. He passed the 1st Class examination with the grade of 96%.
- Norman J. Chase, Fireman 3rd Class promoted to Fireman 2nd Class February 5th, 1965. He passed the 2nd Class examination with the grade of 97%.
- Dennis J. Reardon, Fireman 3rd Class promoted to Fireman 2nd Class February 19th, 1965. He passed the 2nd Class examination with the grade of 98%.
- Gerald M. Tatum, Fireman 3rd Class promoted to Fireman 2nd Class August 16th, 1965. He passed the 2nd Class examination with the grade of 96%.

SCHOOL & DRILL TIME

During the year a total of 2749 man hours of supervised school and drill time was conducted for the fire fighting force, this time was divided among a variety of subjects, such as connecting to hydrants, pump drill, raising of ladders, the location of hydrants, streets, also the beginning, breaks, and ending of streets, the location on the truck and the proper use of most of the tools and equipment, mask drills, resuscitator, evaluations etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Man Power is of course a pressing problem. Due primarily to State Laws cutting the firemens work week hours.

Because of this we are as you know working with a base of two men less on each shift than over the hours we previously had.

However we have to some extent overcome or are working on conditions that could overcome some of the loss of man power. Primarily A VERY HEAVY CONCENTRATION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND ITS MANY PHASES. This has thrown a heavy load on the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Also by use of the Call In of members to a greater extent than in the past. Also in shift of duties of some members during drill time or absence due to sickness etc.

However it still remains, that we must seriously think of increasing our base man power in the near future. Especially in that much valuation in buildings etc. are locating on the outer portions of our City. To name a few, the new high school, Blue Ribbon Pack, and the development of business on highway 18 West, new large nursing homes quite a distance from any station, and with the probability that this outer growth will continue.

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,



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