

MASON CITY IOWA FIRE DEPT.

ANNUAL REPORT

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YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Honorable Thomas E. Jolas, Mayor
City Hall
Mason City, Iowa

Sir:

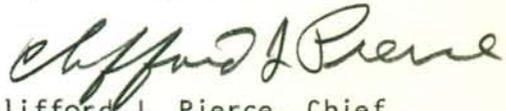
I have the honor herewith to submit to you the YEARLY REPORT of the FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending December 31st, 1969. This being my eighth and the sixtieth yearly report of the paid Fire Department of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

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 it's 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 runs a little late. All insured losses herein are the adjusted losses as received from the Insurance Adjusters when at all possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
 YEARLY REPORT
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PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1969

Chief of Department	1
Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau	1
Captain of Fire Department	4
Lieutenant of Fire Department	6
Clerk of Fire Department	1
Fireman First Class	24
Fireman Second Class	1
Fireman Third Class	1
Probationary Fireman	1
Total all grades	40

Of the above Personnel, the following
special assignments are made

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER
YEAR - 1969

NAME AND TITLE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
CHIEF		
Clifford J. Pierce	234 - 6th Street South East	423-6528
CHIEF OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		
John H. Holt	2715 South Jefferson Avenue	423-7275
CAPTAINS		
Vincent A. Lauer	201 South Virginia Avenue	423-0218
Louis V. Rice, Jr.	816 South Connecticut Avenue	423-8495
Richard R. Blunt	821 South Carolina Place	423-6907
John H. Bender	2020 South Grover Avenue	423-5239
LIEUTENANTS		
Frank A. Hesse	1320 South Pennsylvania Avenue	424-1405
Dwaine O. McDougale	434 - 23rd Street South West	424-3820
Harold R. Marsh	943 - 14th Street South East	423-3502
Marvin R. Gerdes	1425 North Adams Avenue	423-7269
Elmer J. Fritz	109 - 15th Street North West	424-1391
Dan N. Allen	2327 - 20th Street South West	423-9366
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
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
Ralph R. Luecht	1442 North Jefferson Avenue	424-3966
Charles F. Swanson	1050 - 6th Street South West	424-1407
James J. Hickey	121 - 25th Street South West	423-2430
Lowell H. Moore	1204 South Rhode Island Avenue	423-2905
Thomas O. Madden	915 North Jefferson Avenue	423-3024
Donald E. Wedmore	120 - 11th Street South West	423-3781
Robert P. Lofing	1408 North Pennsylvania Avenue	424-3061
James E. Johnson	214 South Virginia Avenue	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
Norman J. Chase	1007 - 10th Street North East	423-6576
Dennis J. Reardon	135 - 26th Street South West	423-0359
Gerald M. Tatum	326 - 22nd Street South East	423-2870
Dennis G. Scott	1120 - 8th Street South West	424-4226
Lyle J. Battleson	302 - 20th Street South East	423-2809
Larry P. Harrington	519 - 17th Street South East	423-6257
Roger J. Poohl	804 South Massachusetts Avenue	423-0208
David C. Balek	1219 South Pennsylvania Avenue	423-7493
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
Spencer W. Weaver	1011 North Harrison Avenue	423-0752
FIREMAN THIRD CLASS		
Gary W. McCauley	309 South Kentucky Avenue	424-4649
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN		
Terry L. Wedmore	1603 South Massachusetts Avenue	423-0010

NAME AND RANK	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TO RANK
CHIEF		
Pierce, Clifford J.	May 18, 1928	January 17, 1963
CHIEF OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		
Holt, John H.	July 18, 1946	February 16, 1967
CAPTAINS		
Lauer, Vincent A.	April 16, 1946	February 1, 1963
Rice, Louis V., Jr.	January 1, 1947	February 1, 1963
Blunt, Richard B.	March 20, 1948	February 26, 1969
Bender, John H.	June 1, 1951	April 15, 1969
LIEUTENANTS		
Hesse, Frank A.	August 1, 1930	September 1, 1939
McDougle, Dwaine O.	July 19, 1946	February 1, 1956
Marsh, Harold R.	October 23, 1953	August 16, 1960
Gerdes, Marvin R.	July 16, 1951	February 1, 1963
Fritz, Elmer J.	September 1, 1939	April 1, 1967
Allen, Dan N.	November 19, 1946	February 26, 1969
FIREMAN FIRST CLASS		
Arnold, Lynn A.	August 1, 1935	September 16, 1938
Hesse, Alfred B.	April 13, 1936	May 16, 1939
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
Luecht, Ralph R.	November 1, 1951	November 1, 1953
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
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
Chase, Norman J.	February 5, 1964	February 5, 1966
Reardon, Dennis J.	February 19, 1964	February 19, 1966
Tatum, Gerald M.	August 16, 1964	August 16, 1966
Scott, Dennis O.	September 16, 1965	September 16, 1967
Battleson, Lyle J.	October 16, 1965	October 16, 1967
Harrington, Larry P.	June 1, 1966	June 1, 1968
Poohl, Roger J.	August 16, 1966	August 16, 1968
Balek, David C.	March 1, 1967	March 1, 1969
FIREMAN SECOND CLASS		
Weaver, Spencer W.	May 16, 1968	May 16, 1969
FIREMAN THIRD CLASS		
McCauley, Gary W.	June 4, 1969	December 4, 1969
PROBATIONARY FIREMAN		
Wedmore, Terry L.	July 2, 1969	July 2, 1969
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Van Horn, Ronald C.	February 1, 1956	July 16, 1965
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS		
Swanson, Charles F.	Fire Alarm Operator	July 22, 1959
Arnold, Lynn A.	Fire Alarm Operator	April 4, 1967
Poohl, Roger J.	Fire Alarm Operator	July 25, 1967

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1969

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY		TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1969		
CHIEF	Clifford J. Pierce	May	18, 1928	41 years	7 months	13 days
CHIEF OF FIRE PREVENTION	John H. Holt	July	18, 1946	23 years	5 months	13 days
CAPTAIN	Vincent A. Lauer	April	16, 1946	23 years	8 months	15 days
CAPTAIN	Louis V. Rice, Jr.	January	1, 1947	23 years	0 months	0 days
CAPTAIN	Richard R. Blunt	March	20, 1948	21 years	9 months	11 days
CAPTAIN	John H. Bender	June	1, 1951	18 years	7 months	0 days
LIEUTENANT	Frank A. Hesse	August	1, 1939	39 years	5 months	0 days
LIEUTENANT	Dwaine O. McDougale	July	19, 1946	23 years	5 months	12 days
LIEUTENANT	Harold R. Marsh	October	23, 1953	16 years	2 months	8 days
LIEUTENANT	Marvin R. Gerdes	July	16, 1951	18 years	5 months	15 days
LIEUTENANT	Elmer J. Fritz	September	1, 1939	30 years	4 months	0 days
LIEUTENANT	Dan N. Allen	November	19, 1946	23 years	1 month	12 days
CLERK	Ronald C. Van Horn	February	1, 1956	13 years	11 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Lynn A. Arnold	August	1, 1935	34 years	5 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Alfred B. Hesse	April	13, 1936	33 years	8 months	18 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Walter M. Berry	April	16, 1946	23 years	8 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Warren H. Cunningham	April	16, 1946	23 years	8 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Mike M. Dosen	April	16, 1946	23 years	8 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Ralph R. Luecht	November	1, 1951	18 years	2 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Charles F. Swanson	November	1, 1954	15 years	2 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	James J. Hickey	June	16, 1955	14 years	6 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Lowell H. Moore	October	1, 1955	14 years	3 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Thomas O. Madden	January	1, 1956	14 years	0 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Donald E. Wedmore	March	16, 1957	12 years	9 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Robert P. Lofing	April	1, 1959	10 years	9 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	James E. Johnson	August	16, 1960	9 years	4 months	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	George R. Pierson	November	16, 1962	7 years	1 month	15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Richard M. Walsh	January	7, 1963	6 years	11 months	24 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Robert H. Arndt	June	1, 1963	6 years	7 months	0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Norman J. Chase	February	5, 1964	5 years	10 months	27 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Dennis J. Reardon	February	19, 1964	5 years	10 months	13 days

PERSONNEL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1969

RANK	NAME	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31, 1969
F. FIRST CLASS	Gerald M. Tatum	August 16, 1964	5 years 4 months 15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Dennis G. Scott	September 16, 1965	4 years 3 months 15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Lyle J. Battleson	October 16, 1965	3 years 2 months 15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Larry P. Harrington	June 1, 1966	3 years 7 months 0 days
F. FIRST CLASS	Roger J. Poohl	August 16, 1966	3 years 4 months 15 days
F. FIRST CLASS	David C. Balek	March 1, 1967	2 years 10 months 0 days
F. SECOND CLASS	Spencer W. Weaver	May 16, 1968	1 year 7 months 15 days
F. THIRD CLASS	Gary W. McCauley	June 4, 1969	0 years 6 months 26 days
PROBATIONARY F.	Terry L. Wedmore	July 2, 1969	0 years 5 months 29 days

 AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE FORCE 16 years 6 months 20 days

 AVERAGE AGE OF ALL MEMBERS IS 42 years 6 months 11 days

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	\$ 150.00 Per Month
August 1, 1950	Fireman First Class	Leo D. King	158.44 Per Month
February 1, 1952	Captain	Thomas M. Keenan	185.31 Per Month
October 27, 1953	Fireman First Class	Douglas C. Fields	183.75 Per Month
August 1, 1954	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs. Fred E. Moore	196.24 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Fireman First Class	William P. McGrath	190.69 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Lieutenant	Marvin A. Lauen	196.33 Per Month
October 1, 1954	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs. Martin J. Faktor	97.82 Per Month
May 1, 1963	Widow of Lieutenant	Mrs. Harold H. Hutchinson	104.38 Per Month
August 1, 1961	Fireman First Class	Fredrick O. Greik	195.75 Per Month
September 1, 1956	Widow of Chief	Mrs. James Kelley	121.98 Per Month
November 1, 1962	Widow of Chief	Mrs. A. Boyd Arnold	158.85 Per Month
February 1, 1964	Fireman First Class	Leo. M. Powers	241.64 Per Month
November 1, 1969	Widow of Clerk	Mrs. Ray D. Waller	130.49 Per Month
May 2, 1966	Fireman First Class	Jesse J. Carroll	244.77 Per Month
February 1, 1967	Supt. of Fire Bureau	Harold E. Schurtz	257.54 Per Month
February 1, 1969	Captain	John K. Cunningham	325.00 Per Month
April 18, 1969	Fireman First Class	Lyle E. Gardinier	226.11 Per Month

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

THOMAS E. JOLAS
MAYOR

CLIFFORD J. PIERCE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

JOHN H. HOLT
CHIEF OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

JOHN H. BENDER, CAPTAIN
DRILL MASTER & INSPECTOR

RONALD C. VAN HORN
CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRST BATTALION SECOND BATTALION THIRD BATTALION

FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

Roger J. Pohl Charles F. Swanson Lynn A. Arnold

SALVAGE CO. NO. 2

LIEUTENANT
DRIVER
SALVAGEMAN

Dan Allen	Marvin Gerdes	Harold Marsh
Dennis Reardon	Richard Walsh	Robert Lofing
Larry Harrington	Dennis Scott	Robert Arndt

QUAD CO. NO. 1

CAPTAIN
DRIVER
LADDERMAN NO. 1
LADDERMAN NO. 2
PLUGMAN

Vincent Lauer	Richard Blunt	Louis Rice, Jr.
James Hickey	Ralph Luecht	Walter Berry
Gerald Tatum	Norman Chase	George Pierson
Lyle Battleson	Spencer Weaver	David Balek
Lowell Moore	Terry Wedmore	Gary McCauley

ENGINE CO. NO. 2

LIEUTENANT
DRIVER
PLUGMAN

Frank Hesse	Elmer Fritz	Dwaine McDougale
Alfred Hesse	James Johnson	Donald Wedmore
Warren Cunningham	Thomas Madden	Mike Dosen

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

AERIAL NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE CO. NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

SECOND BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO. 2

QUAD CO. NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 2

AERIAL NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE CO. NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

THIRD BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO. 2

QUAD CO. NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 2

AERIAL NO. 1

ENGINE CO. NO. 1
(Country Calls)

SALVAGE CO. NO. 1
(In Reserve)

CIVIL DEFENSE &
EMERGENCY UNITS

FIRE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION

1969

FIRE APPARATUS & MOTOR CARS, December 31, 1969

STATION NO.	CAR NO.	YEAR	NUMBER OF CYLINDERS	MAKE	TYPE
1	1	1967	8	FORD	Chief's Car
1	2	1962	6	FWD	100 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster
1	3	1952	12	SEAGRAVE	750 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster, Quad
2	4	1956	12	SEAGRAVE	750 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster
1	5	1957	6	FWD	750 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster
1	6	1950	12	SEAGRAVE	750 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster 85 ft. Aerial
1	7	1965	8	FORD	Fire Prevention Bureau Car

FIRE APPARATUS IN RESERVE:

1	8	1951	12	SEAGRAVE	750 GPM Cent. Pump & Booster
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TRUCKS & JEEP NOT IN FIRE SERVICE:

1	9	1951	6	Chevrolet	Civil Defense Rescue Unit
1	10	1950	8	Ford	Civil Defense Generator Unit
1	11	1956	4	Jeep	Civil Defense Unit

FIRE APPARATUS CARS No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 8 and Motor Cars No. 1 and No. 7 all have 3/way Motorola Radios.

TRUCK Car No. 9 Civil Defense Rescue Unit also has a 3/way Motorola Radio.

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1969

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau was organized on September 1st, 1937 by City Ordinance. On February 16th, 1967, John H. Holt was appointed to head the Bureau as Superintendent. He had been active in the Bureau since August 1st, 1960. On March 27th, 1967, Captain John H. Bender was transferred from the Fire Fighting Force to be in charge of drill and school for all Fire Department members and to assist Superintendent Holt in the Bureau.

The Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 5839 inspections this year. Special effort was put forth, at the Holiday Season, for protection of life and property in the business district. Many hazards were removed and 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	2211
Re-inspections	350
Special Inspections	987
Total Inspections	3548
Commercial Building Inspections	1790
Industrial Plants & Buildings Inspected	67
Warehouse Inspections	90
Wholesale Inspections	67
Apartment Building Inspections	224
Hotel Inspections	29
Hospital Inspections	20
Nursing Home Inspections	68
Theatre Inspections	10
School Inspections	99
Church Inspections	66
Gasoline & Oil Bulk Plant Inspections	28
Gasoline & Fuel Oil Tank Installations	8
Paint Spray Booth Inspections	23
Public Garage Inspections	102
Miscellaneous Inspections	844
Fire Escape Inspections	13
TOTAL	3548

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

	FIRST BATTALION	SECOND BATTALION	THIRD BATTALION	DEPARTMENT
Probationary	0	1	0	1
Fireman 3rd Class	0	0	0	0
Fireman 2nd Class	0	0	19	19
Fireman 1st Class	669	479	474	1622
Officers	248	178	151	577
Special	8	64	0	72
TOTAL	925	722	644	2291

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
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Permits Issued:

Burning Permits	772
Occupational	15

Corrected or
Removed

Conditions referred to:

Building Department	1	1
Electrical Department	1	1
Plumbing Department	0	0
Police Department	0	0
Sanitary Department	3	3

Conditions Found:

Waste materials not properly handled	39	38
Rubbish Found	112	112
Combustibles too near to heat source	4	4
Extinguishers outdated	109	109
Misuse of incinerators	5	6
Flammable liquids in violation	20	20
Flammable decorations found	8	8
New extinguishers needed	33	34
Opening under building needs covering	1	1
Fire escape needs repair	1	1
Exit Door must swing out	1	1
Lock on door must be removed	1	1
Remove electrical outlet by sink	2	2
Remove space heater from floor in garage	1	1
Snow removed from fire escape	4	4
L. P. Tank removed from building	1	1
Hot water heater setting on floor in garage	2	2
No fuseable link on washing vat	1	1
Chimney must be repaired or removed	1	1
Dynamite caps being delivered to house must be stopped	1	1
Storage blocking sprinkler system	1	1
Metal can for paint rags	3	3
Cut weeds around building	1	1
Washing vat not proper	1	1
Front porch in rooted condition	3	3
Remove Carbon Tech. Extinguisher	1	1
Rear exit needs repair	2	2
Exit must be changed to swing out, New Construction	1	1
Furnace setting on floor in service station, New Construction	1	1

Obstructions found:

Fire escapes	6	6
Hallways	12	12
Exits	9	9
Fire Doors	5	5
Aisles	1	1
Exit lights out or not properly marked	25	25

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
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	Corrected or Removed
Obstructions found:	
Exit doors found locked	4 4
Exit doors out of order	12 10
Fire doors out of order	13 15
Electric Wiring:	
Drop cords in violation ,	17 15
Bad electric wiring found	14 14
Notices served:	
Orders to comply served	276
Compliance with corrections ordered	273

Twenty Eight (28) Investigations of fire causes conducted, Twenty One (21) causes established.

Ninty one (91) notices on violation of 924 & 1052 Ordinances served in conjunction with the Health Department. Compliances on all notices.

All City owned buildings inspected one (1) time.

Ten (10) First Aid Fire Extinguisher surveys made, Extinguishers provided as recommended.

Seven (7) Schools conducted on the subject "The use of Fire Extinguishers", "Patient Evacuation and Fire Safety", 266 attended.

Held Four (4) Classes at the Jr. High School, Child Care, Fire Safety, 258 attended.

Fifteen (15) Installation of underground Flammable Liquid Tanks supervised.

Worked with Seven (7) new businesses on Fire Safety.

Assisted State Fire Marshal Office One (1) time.

Eight (8) cases in police court. Ruled in favor of the Bureau.

Checked One (1) School on Bomb threat.

Bureau personnel assisted Department in putting up and taking down Christmas Decorations.

Checked print for Three (3) new buildings, Fire Safety Regulations.

Checked gas odor at 410 South President Avenue with explosion meter. Had Roof Oil Company run air test on all underground tanks to see if gas was coming from that location. All tanks tested O.K.

Made Inspection of the Cerro Gordo County Farm. Signed application of Inspection for State Fire Marshal's Office.

Investigated Eight (8) False Alarms.

Mercy Hospital with generators. Electric was shut off to change over new X-Ray equipment.

Assisted Department in putting up and picking up Muscular Dystrophy Canisters.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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District Court, John Gettas, 3 South Georgia Avenue, Judge Stone reversed Police Court Fine and found Gettas not guilty. He ruled the responsibility of the garbage and rubbish on this property were the occupants and not the owners.

Watched Iowa Inspection Bureau set off Sprinkler System at the North Iowa Bean Plant. This system is put in to operation every five (5) years by the Bureau.

Checked a railroad car leaking Anhydrous Ammonia. Had the railroad remove car out of the City.

Talked to Seven (7) boys from Newman High School. They took several Air Charge Extinguishers out of the school. All extinguishers returned.

Bureau distributed One Hundred (100) Fire Department Calenders.

Held meeting in the office of Les Boomhower on the old Lyon's Laundry Building explosion.

Took pictures of Eight (8) properties of John Gettas. These pictures were taken to show the condition of the properties when we appeared in court.

Fire Prevention Week Activities:

Fire Prevention Poster in all windows of business places.

Held Fire drills in all schools, Drills held for 8803 students.

Held Fire Prevention Programs in all grade schools, (21) programs, 5210 children attended.

Fire Prevention material handed out to all school children.

Bureau Personnel attended the following schools:

Attended Four (4) days of the Annual Iowa Inspectors School at Ames, Iowa.

Attended Four (4) days of the Annual State Fire School at Ames, Iowa.

Attended Four (4) days of Iowa Instructors Conference at Ames, Iowa.

Attended Arson School held Two (2) nights at Belmond, Iowa. This school was conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

FIRE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

	In City	Township & Mutual Aid
Alarms received verbally	8	7
Alarms received by Police	44	1
Alarms received by Notifier	11	0
Alarms received by Fire Box	3	0
Alarms received by Sprinkler	8	0
Alarms received over telephones 423-2145 or 423-2146	10	4
Alarms received over 423-3124 Overflow	92	32
Alarms received over Fire Phone Number 423-3124	194	20
TOTAL ALARMS RESPONDED TO IN 1969	370	58
Alarms received false	13	0
Alarms received in the A.M.	122	21
Alarms received in the P.M.	248	37

FIRE DATA

Miles traveled to alarms	863.9	.499.4
Hours worked at alarms	206.00	.59.48
Number of Firemen responding to alarms	1868	208
Number of times pumps operated for booster	87	24
Number of times pumps operated for hose lines	9	0
Portable pump operated	0	0
3 - inch hose used (feet)	0	0
2 1/2 - inch hose used (feet)	4700	200
1 1/2 - inch hose used (feet)	2300	600
Booster hose used (feet)	18400	.4800
Booster Tanks used (Gal.)	12720	.9040
Hand pumps used (Gal)	182.5	45
5 lbs Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	9	3
20 lbs Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	3	0
30 lbs Dry Powder Extinguisher Used	1	0
Ladders Used (feet)	902	159
Hydrants Used	9	2
Scott Air Pak Masks - 15 minutes	17	4
Scott Air Pak Masks - 30 minutes	12	2
E & J Resusitator and Inhalator Used	5	0
Light Generator Used	8	2
250 Watt Light Used	4	1
500 Watt Light Used	0	0
Smoke Ejector Used	78	8
Fires out on arrival	34	3

TYPE OF BUILDING FIRE OCCURRED IN

Re-inforced Concrete Building	2	0
Brick and Stone Building	23	1
Ironclad Building	1	2
Stucco and Brick Veneer Building	1	0
Frame Building	56	11
Concrete Block Building	0	0
Building not classified above	0	0
In automobiles and trucks	55	5
Other than building fires	49	21

EXTENT OF FIRES IN 1969

Confined to point of origin	154	27
Confined to room of origin	15	1
Confined to floor of origin	4	0
Confined to building	14	7
Extended to adjoining building	0	0
Extended beyond adjoining building	1	0

FIRE OPERATION REPORT
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VALUE AND LOSSES

Total Value of Buildings	\$ 5,679,764.00
Total Value of Contents	7,792,839.35
Total Value of All Property involved by fire	\$13,472,603.35

Total Insurance on buildings involved by fire	\$ 4,697,169.00
Total Insurance on contents involved by fire	6,789,950.72
Total Insurance on property involved by fire	\$11,487,119.72

Total Insurance Loss on Buildings	\$ 180,129.75
Total Insurance Loss on Contents	235,063.48
Total Insurance Loss for Year 1969	415,153.23

Total Insured and Uninsured Loss on Buildings	\$ 296,633.55
Total Insured and Uninsured Loss on Contents	467,165.11
Total Insured and Uninsured Loss for Year 1969	\$ 763,798.66

LOSS PER FIRE

No Loss	92
Less than \$5.00	1
Less than \$100.00	39
Less than \$500.00	35
Less than \$1,000.00	6
Less than \$5,000.00	9
Less than \$10,000.00	3
Over \$10,000.00	2

PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED
DUE TO FIRE
1969

Firemen killed during the year	0
Firemen injured during the year	13
Civilians killed during the year	0
Civilians injured during the year	2

SALVAGE WORK

At fires	169
Salvage covers used	9
Other than fires	161
Salvage covers used	11

COMPARISON OF LOSSES

LOSS FOR 1968	\$ 178,810.42
LOSS FOR 1969	\$ 763,798.66

CAUSES OF FIRES
YEAR - 1969

Arson	2
Auto in automobile accident	2
Broken gasoline line of auto carburetor	2
Blankets and clothes on floor furnace	1
Carburetor flooded (Auto)	1
Carburetor backfired (Auto)	17
Cigarette	26
Child playing with cigarette lighter	1
Children playing with matches	18
Children playing with fire	1
Cleaning motor with gasoline	1
Defective carburetor on auto	1
Defective muffler on lawn mower	1
Defective temperature control on furnace	1
Electric Light fixture short-out	1
Electric wire on sign shorted out	1
Electric dishwasher faulty	1
Electric short in drop cord	1
Electric short in house wiring	6
Electric short in T.V. set	3
Electric short in wiring of truck	2
Electric short in wiring of auto	6
Electric short in utility wire	1
Electric short in electric stove	1
Electric short in electric motor	1
Excess natural gas in oven of stove	1
Electric utility wire down in tree	2
Faulty transmission (Auto)	1

Causes of Fires, Year 1969 - continued

Faulty transformer on Stereo	1
Grease around Kiln	1
Grease on hot grill of stove	1
Grease in oven of stove	1
Gasoline leaking on hot engine of auto	3
Gasoline on hot lawn mower	1
Hot water heater	1
Hot Charcoal grill	1
Hot box on journal of locomotive	1
Improper Sewer	1
Lint in automatic clothes dryer	1
Lightning	3
Natural gas leak of kitchen stove	1
Natural gas explosion	1
Newspaper in oven of kitchen stove	1
Overheated auto transmission	1
Overheated brake drum (Auto)	2
Overheated emergency brake (Auto)	1
Overheated automatic clothes dryer	2
Overheated electric motor	1
Overheated grill (Grease behind same)	1
Overheated furnace (Hot water type)	1
Overheated natural gas wall furnace	1
Pan of grease	2
Paper sacks in broiler of stove	1
Person (Unknown) playing with fire	1
Pilot light on hot water heater	2
Set by person unknown	1
Sparks from auto battery	1

Causes of fires, Year 1969 - continued

Sparks from incinerator	7
Sparks from locomotive	9
Sparks from trash fire	2
Sparks from grinding operation	1
Smoking in bed	3
Towel on spot light	1
Undetermined	10
Unattended bon fire	5
Vandals set fire	2
Welding operation	2

KIND OF PROPERTY FIRE OCCURRED
YEAR OF 1969

Apartment Building	12
Automobile and trucks	55
Awning	2
City Comfort Station	1
Dwelling	36
Farm Wagon	1
Gasoline in Street	1
Grass, leaves and brush	29
Hotel	1
Manufacturing Plants	12
Merchantile	3
Motor Bike	1
Night Club	1
Nursing Home	1
Old Sofa	2
Lawn Mower	2
Locomotive	1
Power Poles, Electric wires	1
Private garage	7
Restaurants and Cafes	2
School	1
Storage Shed	1
Tar Kettle	1
Theatre	1
Tent	1
Tree	3
Tree House	2
Trash	6
Two Wheel Trailer	3
Warehouse	2

Additional information pertaining to Breakdown of fires in Buildings and losses will be found in the 1969 National Fire Protection Association Annual Fire Survey report, which is contained in the Annual Report.

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 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL FIRE SURVEY

Use word "none" to mean no fire or zero loss. If no information is available, leave that space blank. Show losses in dollars, no cent.

ALL FIRES AND ALARMS

<u>TYPE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ESTIMATED LOSS</u>
Fires in Buildings	1	83	\$ 759,860.00
Fires in Motor Vehicles	2	55	3,181.00
Fires in rubbish, brush	3	33	-0-
Other fires outdoors	4	16	757.00
Sum of Items 1-4	5	187	\$ 763,798.00
Malicious False Alarms	6	13	-0-
All other alarms	7	170	-0-
Sum of items 5-6-7	8	370	\$ 763,798.00
Fires in Christmas Trees and Decorations	9	2	-0-
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Fire Casualties	10	Firemen	Others
Number killed		-0-	-0-
Number injured		13	2

BREAKDOWN OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS
 (Enter any information available)

<u>OCCUPANCY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
Apartments	11	12	\$ 27,766.00
Dwellings	12	36	27,596.00
Hotels, Motels	13	2	178.00
Other Residential	14	8	4,300.00
Institutions	15	1	57.00
Schools and Colleges	16	1	-0-
Public Assembly	17	4	195.00
Stores, Offices	18	5	158.00
Manufacturing	19	13	6,610.00
Storage	20	1	693,000.00
Miscellaneous	21	0	-0-

Current city population: 30,711

EMERGENCY, FIRST AID
AND DEATH CALLS
1969

- Jan. 13, 1969 Mrs. Roy Kelley, age 75, fell injuring knee and unable to get up, she was helped up and taken to hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- Jan. 13, 1969 Resusitator call to 422 - 24th St. S. W., found Bonnie Jermeland, age 38, having an apparent heart attack. She was concious upon the arrival of our Department. While Lt. Marsh was talking to her she had another attack. The E & J resusitator was used. Dr. McMahon was called and arrived at the scene. Both Dr. McMahon and Lt. Marsh worked on her until Dr. McMahon pronounced her dead.
- Jan. 20, 1969 Call to 19 - 26th St. S. W., upon arrival found Harry Shaner, age 58, overcome in garage by carbon monoxide fumes while working on his car. Lt. McDougale and a neighbor had him ready for the resusitator. The resusitator was used as an inhalator for about 5 minutes. He was then taken to the hospital by Snell's Ambulance Service.
- Feb. 8, 1969 Call to Easter's Super Value Store, found Kathy Conwell, age 18, apparently had become ill and fainted on the floor. She was concious upon arrival of our Department. She was taken to the Mercy Hospital by Snell's Ambulance Service. Her doctor from Rockwell, Iowa, also was notified. This call was reported to Fire Alarm Operator Lynn Arnold that they were unable to awaken this girl.
- April 7, 1969 Daniel R. Lake, age 42, died of apparent heart attack. Pronounced dead by Dr. Kirkham. Address of this call was 236 - 20th St. S. E.
- April 21, 1969 Bob Platts, age 18, was burned on right hand when fumes from thinner was ignited by boiler type furnace at 3519 South Federal. Platts went to Dr. Hale for treatment.
- May 16, 1969 On call to 1111 N. Jefferson, explosion in house. Janet Peterson, age 29, was severely burned on arms and legs. Taken to Park Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- June 5, 1969 Highway 106 West. Kimberly Evanson, age 9 months, caught in high chair. She was removed unhurt by the Department.
- July 4, 1969 Portland, Iowa. Linda Johnson, age 29, drowned in the river while crossing the river on horse back. She was recovered from river 3 days later.
- Sept. 7, 1969 Mrs. N. J. Chase, 1007 - 10th St. N. E., unconscious but breathing normal, regained consciousness, taken to Park Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- Sept. 25, 1969 Robert Laurie, age 79, used inhalator about 10 minutes at Elk's Club, then taken to Park Hospital by Snell's Ambulance.
- Dec. 20, 1969 Resusitator call to 1615 S. Delaware, William Despenas, age 17 months, having hard time breathing, used inhalator for 5 minutes, baby was taken to hospital by Snell's Ambulance.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR
FOR THE YEAR 1969 IN CITY

MONTH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
Jan.	6	6	3	9	2	2	3	31
Feb.	6	2	0	8	0	1	2	19
March	4	2	5	2	1	3	5	22
April	1	4	10	5	4	6	7	37
May	1	5	4	7	5	3	4	29
June	4	7	1	12	6	4	14	48
July	4	3	6	6	5	4	5	33
Aug.	3	2	10	2	11	7	7	42
Sept.	4	3	1	8	4	3	3	26
Oct.	4	7	1	4	4	4	3	27
Nov.	4	5	3	3	2	3	7	27
Dec.	2	7	1	3	3	3	8	27
TOTAL	43	53	45	69	47	43	68	368

ALARMS BY HOUR
1969

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

HOURS	ALARMS
12 - 1	12
1 - 2	9
2 - 3	10
3 - 4	9
4 - 5	4
5 - 6	2
6 - 7	4
7 - 8	11
8 - 9	9
9 - 10	19
10 - 11	13
11 - 12	15
TOTAL	117

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

HOURS	ALARMS
12 - 1	12
1 - 2	24
2 - 3	18
3 - 4	26
4 - 5	33
5 - 6	19
6 - 7	35
7 - 8	18
8 - 9	18
9 - 10	14
10 - 11	17
11 - 12	17
TOTAL	251

TOTAL ALARMS IN CITY

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ALARMS RECEIVED FOR EACH EIGHT HOUR PERIOD

MONTH	8 AM to 4 PM	4 PM to Mid.	12 Mid. to 8 AM	TOTAL
January	11	16	4	31
February	7	7	5	19
March	6	10	6	22
April	16	17	4	37
May	5	19	5	29
June	26	15	7	48
July	13	11	9	33
August	20	19	3	42
September	9	17	0	26
October	6	16	5	27
November	8	12	7	27
December	16	5	6	27
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TOTAL	143	164	61	368

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

FIRST BATTALION

Roger J. Poohl

SECOND BATTALION

Charles F. Swanson

THIRD BATTALION

Lynn A. Arnold

ALARMS FIRES AND LOSSES FOR EACH BATTALION
BY MONTH FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1969

MONTH	ALARMS	FIRST BATTALION		ALARMS	SECOND BATTALION		ALARMS	THIRD BATTALION	
		FIRES	FIRE LOSS		FIRES	FIRE LOSS		FIRES	FIRE LOSS
January	6	2	\$ 53.00	10	6	\$ 1,074.00	15	8	\$ 742.53
February	3	1	-0-	9	1	100.00	7	2	200.00
March	8	4	580.59	7	3	19,604.00	7	3	133.18
April	11	5	185.12	16	9	110.00	10	7	168.00
May	11	9	5,041.13	7	3	2,000.00	11	5	1,925.80
June	17	8	1,003.00	16	9	820.00	15	6	1,797.92
July	8	4	3,266.99	8	4	7,345.93	17	10	322.00
August	17	12	815.96	14	9	328.50	11	5	60.00
September	11	7	232.30	7	1	-0-	8	4	480.00
October	4	3	3,797.68	13	5	9,015.00	10	6	2,184.00
November	10	7	30.00	8	2	25.00	9	4	189.00
December	6	2	10.00	17	8	700,078.03	6	3	80.00
TOTALS	112	64	\$15,015.77	132	60	\$ 740,500.46	126	63	\$ 8,282.43

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

ALARMS	FIRES	FIRE LOSS
370	187	\$ 763,798.66

TREND OF FIRE LOSSES 1960 to 1969

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
1960	448	205	\$ 2,166,590.00	\$ 1,751,229.00	\$ 36,948.78	\$ 40,239.88	1.31	\$ 196.29
1961	477	196	3,277,653.00	2,739,550.00	31,117.16	32,635.66	1.06	166.29
1962	488	187	4,609,851.00	3,718,925.00	32,574.14	44,036.54	1.43	235.49
1963	524	267	7,344,025.32	6,625,996.50	333,851.30	379,006.67	12.36	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	3,903,008.00	103,280.60	117,316.03	3.50	528.45
1966	488	240	8,328,544.84	7,609,166.33	116,528.65	129,713.00	4.22	540.47
1967	460	234	8,997,125.96	8,484,967.96	51,124.10	56,079.80	1.83	239.66
1968	493	297	8,191,758.72	7,543,029.18	143,578.93	178,810.42	5.82	602.05
1969	370	187	13,472,603.35	11,487,119.72	415,153.23	763,798.66	24.87	4,084.49
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	467	229	\$ 6,302,303.62	\$ 6,167,001.17	\$133,056.54	\$181,528.15	5.88	\$ 829.81

ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS

FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS

FOR THE YEAR
1969

NORTHWEST

4.00 Square Miles

Alarms	77
Fires	37
Valuation	\$2,212,965.00
Insurance	\$1,551,354.00
Loss	\$ 6,008.24

NORTHEAST

2.35 Square Miles

Alarms	85
Fires	47
Valuation	\$1,193,905.00
Insurance	\$ 658,205.00
Loss	\$ 30,223.98

SOUTHWEST

3.75 Square Miles

Alarms	123
Fires	61
Valuation	\$8,204,706.00
Insurance	\$7,849,287.00
Loss	\$ 18,862.41

SOUTHEAST

2.30 Square Miles

Alarms	85
Fires	42
Valuation	\$1,861,027.35
Insurance	\$1,428,273.72
Loss	\$ 708,704.03

TOWNSHIP ALARMS UNDER COUNTY TAXATION

Mason Township	33
South half of Limecreek Township	19
Portland Township	1
Lake Township	1

MUTUAL AID AND CONTRACT ALARMS

Assist Clear Lake Fire Department	2
Assist Plymouth Fire Department	1
Assist Charles City Fire Department	1

TOTAL OUT OF CITY ALARMS 58

- 63 Fires were controlled and extinguished with 1 booster line only.
- 3 Fires were controlled and extinguished with 2 or more booster lines.
- 52 Fires were controlled and extinguished with handpumps.

Booster pumps and handpumps were used 19 times to wash gasoline, fuel, oil and other foreign substances from streets, alleys and parking lots.

RETIREMENT

- Feb. 1st, 1969 Captain John K. Cunningham retired from the Fire Department after 38 years service.
- April 18, 1969 Fireman First Class Lyle Gardinier retired from the Fire Department after 29 years service.

APPOINTMENTS

- June 5th, 1969 Gary W. McCauley was appointed to the Fire Department and assigned to the Third Battalion.
- July 2nd, 1969 Terry L. Wedmore was appointed to the Fire Department and assigned to the Second Battalion.

PROMOTIONS

- Feb. 26, 1969 Fireman First Class Dan N. Allen was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
- Feb. 26, 1969 Lieutenant Richard R. Blunt was promoted to the rank of Captain.
- Feb. 26, 1969 Lieutenant John H. Bender was promoted to the rank of Captain.
- March 1, 1969 Fireman Second Class David C. Balek promoted to Fireman First Class.
- May 16, 1969 Fireman Third Class Spencer W. Weaver promoted to Fireman Second Class.
- Dec. 4, 1969 Probationary Fireman Gary W. McCauley promoted to Fireman Third Class.

SCHOOL AND DRILL

During the year a total of 4,087 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, resusitator, evaluations, and the study of buildings etc., and including public relations work.

IOWA INSPECTION AND RATING BUREAU REVIEW OF MASON CITY

In 1966 the Iowa Inspection and Rating Bureau conducted an extensive review of the City of Mason City, concerning all angles pertaining to Fire Protection. Our Classification of class Four is enjoyed by very few cities of our size in the entire mid-west.

This was the First Review that Mason City has had in many years. I feel that we came out of this Review with a very satisfactory record. I feel that as of this date we would still pass a very favorable review by this skilled Agency.

The addition of the new Pumping Plant will be a great stride ahead for Mason City, now and in the future. This plant seemed to be a great importance to the Rating Bureau. The addition of new high tank etc., will make this even better.

Other recommendations by the Rating Bureau: Our man power is rather thin, they recommended an additional Company of men to be on duty with each Crew Ready Battalion; replacement of apparatus as needed; perhaps a new fire station. Except for minor matters this was the gist of their review. You perhaps noticed that their report, printed in the Globe-Gazette, was very favorable to all fire protection phases in Mason City. Addition of man power due annexation will be a great help.

REMARKS

Because of the presence of many new Councilmen much of the following will be a repeat from last year's report. Conditions and needs are practically the same, while the population, within the city limits, has not been recorded as growing at a large rate, the possibilities of doing so are there. Valuations, tax wise, have increased far more than average, especially so in the form of Industry, Public Institutions, etc., most of which has occurred on the outer perimeter of the City. Our City is not standing still, we are expanding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Our man power is rather thin. Our membership, off duty, call-in record is excellent. However, our on duty crew, which is ready to respond at all times, is two men short, on each of the three battalions, in comparison to the Ready Crews of 1962. This was caused, as you know, by the cut in weekly hours from a 67 1/2 hour work week to a 56 hour work week which complies with State Law. I suggest that plans be made, over the next few years, to add six additional men to the Fire Department. This would bring us up to the same Ready Response Crew that we had in 1962.

APPARATUS

All apparatus passed the Rating Bureau tests, HOWEVER THEY ARE getting rather old, in many cases. The years, in order of their purchase are as follows: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1956, 1957, and 1962. In the ordinary course of events they will have to be replaced in the same order. We have been fortunate, with the help of City Mechanic, Nate Church, in keeping the apparatus in good condition, however, replacements will be needed in the near future. Some time back I reported in writing, to the City Council, that over a five year period, when we had to start replacement, the three oldest fire trucks would cost \$75,000.00 to replace, even more realistic now would be \$100,000.00. The above is for maintaining Fire Protection in Mason City, as it is now and has been in the past, with of course a normal growth. Any large change due to Urban Renewal etc., growth of a very large college to the east, large amounts of annexation, extra ordinary influx of industry, especially the large type, a rapid growth of population etc., would present monetary problems to the Fire Safety of Mason City that would have to be considered by themselves. It appears now that the Plans and Programs for the future justifies entering into the above.

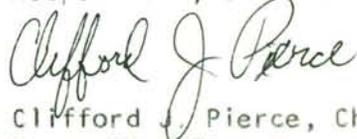
In conclusion, I take this opportunity to extend my hearty appreciation to you and the members of the City Council for their loyal support in all Fire Department matters, for without this support the efficiency of the Department could not have been maintained.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford J. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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