St. Matthews Fire Protection District

1979

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring with the help of the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association, Inc. The Association's members are Rick Albers, A. E. "Bill" Andriot, III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fenimore, Jack Monohan, Mike Noon, Russ Rakestraw and Al Ring.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the background and research for the book *St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*, written by and published by Al Ring in 2004. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact Al Ring.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc. Credit to the source of the documents, photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal, The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications.

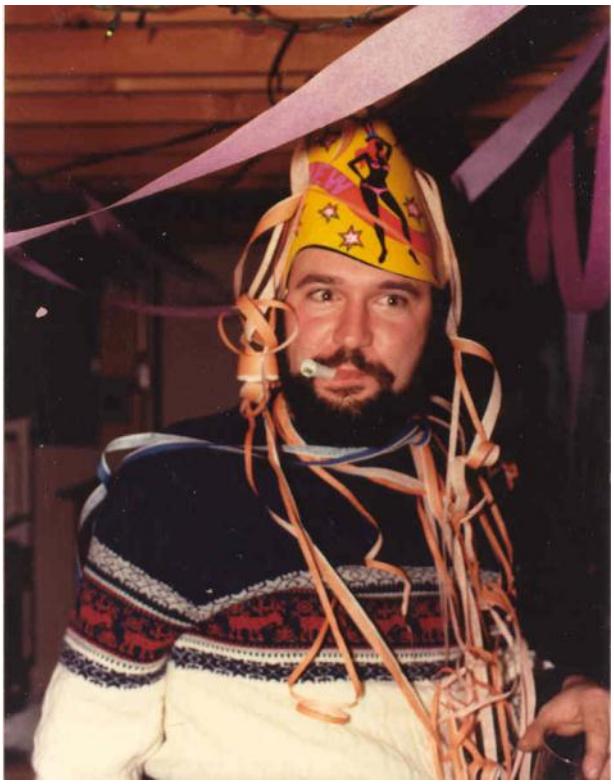
Please use this information as a reference tool only. If the reader uses any of the information for any purpose other than a reference tool, they must get permission from the source.

The Association would like to thank the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and various newspapers including *The Courier-Journal, The Louisville Times, and The Voice-Tribune*. Our appreciation is also extended to the various citizens and firefighters who contributed to the gathering of this information.

1979

January 1979: New Years Eve Party at Henry Ott's (arson investigator) Bob Wheatley, Henry Ott, Jack O'Toole.

NOTE, 2008: Henry Ott is now the Chief of Fire Investigations for Metro Louisville, with the rank of Major.)



1979

January 4, 1979, *The Voice*:

Old Man Winter: Small cities, county, state cooperate for snow removal

by Suzanne Darland
Staff Writer

The little more than an inch snowfall that greeted area residents Tuesday morning held nothing of the terror of last winters' worst snows. But city and county work crews showed they were ready. They were out early, sanding and salting the main roads, keeping traffic delays to a minimum.

It is precisely because of last winter that crews are prepared for this winter, come 100 feet of snow, or possibly, since winter seems delayed, no more than flurries.

The state and county have issued their priorities for snow removal, announcing they will center on main arteries and roads most frequently travelled, then move to secondary roads.

But who takes up the slack at 7:30 a.m. and you're trying to navigate a suburban hill? A spot check of East End fourth, fifth and sixth class cities showed each had a plan to beat winter this year as well.

Information for this story was gathered by staff writers Pat Noonan, Lindsey Logan and Suzanne Darland.

"We're so far out we have to take care of ourselves," explained Anchorage Mayor Peyton Hoge III.

Both Anchorage and St. Matthews had cinder and salt trucks out Tuesday morning. In St. Matthews as early as 5 a.m. St. Matthews owns two cinder spreaders, one of which is new and being mounted this week, according to Bob Gatz, director of public works. The city also owns two snowplows and two four wheel vehicles, delivery of which is expected "anytime."

"We're better prepared this year — we're going to try and stay up on it," said Gatz. On Tuesday, nine-man work crews were still out spreading a cinder and salt mixture as late as 1:30 p.m.

Points of priority include main intersections along Shelbyville Road and Breckenridge Lane. The hill on Breckenridge Lane by Baptist East hospital is a critical focal point, said Gatz. Other major intersections include those on Browns Lane.

Anchorage utilizes their 2 or 3 man maintenance crew during the snows to dig them out. They have one truck with a salt and cinder spreading system that Tuesday went first to the school crossing of the Anchorage school at the intersection of LaGrange and Ridge Roads, Bellewood and Park avenues. Next stops are Evergreen and Woodland Roads, the main stop streets in the city, and the Bellewood hill.

A truck equipped with a snowplow stands by for heavier snows this season. "In last year's big snow, by the time we plowed Anchorage out we had to start all over again," said Mayor Hoge.

Most of the other small cities contract with an outside company when they need snow removal or sanding. Lyndon's mayor Foster Farris said the city spent $2,200 on snow removal last winter and is prepared to spend that amount and more this year.

Lyndon contracts with the Smith Excavating Company, and Mayor Farris says others can be called in in an emergency situation. The company "just grades the roads," says Farris. "But everybody is tickled to death to get it done."

Douglass Hills also has no snow removal equipment of its own, and has a man on standby they can call for salt and sanding, according to councilman Kellie Robinson Jr. "We specify where he is supposed to salt and sand," said Robinson. "He did a whale of a job for us last year."

The maintenance employee for Beechwood Village is called on to sand major intersections in the city unless it's a big storm, says Mayor Paul Sauter. He maintains the city would rather sand than plow the city's streets, because "plows do more damage than they help."

Holloway Construction Company is contracted by the city however, to "set the blade three inches high" when the weather calls for such a measure.

The sixth class city of Fairmeade contracts with the Murray Company for snow removal work. At a certain amount of snowfall, the company comes and grades the roads.

In St. Regis Park, the city has the names of several people who remove snow. They do not maintain a contract with any one company, but call one of the names when they need assistance in snow removal. "We did an adequate job last year," said Mayor Betsy Holton.

Wendell Wright, deputy director of public works for Jefferson County, says his equipment can only clear subdivision roads once higher traffic areas are clear.

There are about 40 roads in district one, county areas north of Taylorsville Road, that are on first and second priority lists. Twenty cinder-spreading trucks and that many snow removers are slated to clear such roads as Browns Lane, Chamberlain Lane, Dorsey Way, English Station Road, Evergreen Road, Hounz Lane and Hubbards Lane.

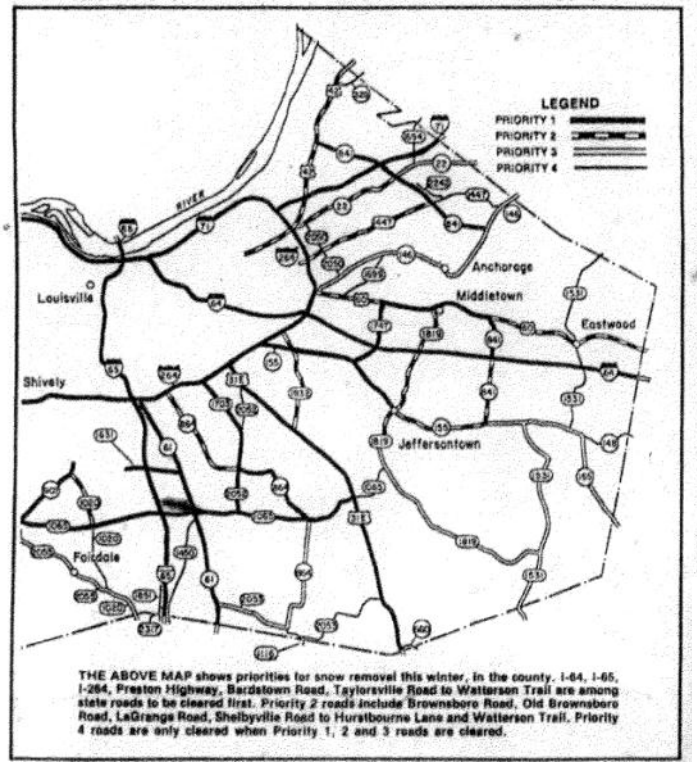
Wright says there's a lot of cooperation between county, state and small city snow removal teams. If there's a particular problem with an intersection or a hill, he said the county will dispatch help to that area. Once priority roads are cleared, county crews can move into the subdivisions.

"People shouldn't look for dry pavement in front of their homes," said Wright, "but we feel we cover pretty well."

During last year's "big snow," Wright said the county spent a total of $124,000 on snow removal, including overtime for its workers.

State priorities for snow removal include interstate highways, parkways, some urban expressways and bypasses. Also state primary roads which serve as major connectors to these roads.

Like the county, the state will move to clear minor roads only when all major roads are passable.



THE ABOVE MAP shows priorities for snow removal this winter, in the county. I-64, I-65, I-264, Preston Highway, Bardstown Road, Taylorsville Road to Watterson Trail are among state roads to be cleared first. Priority 2 roads include Brownsboro Road, Old Brownsboro Road, LaGrange Road, Shelbyville Road to Hurstbourne Lane and Watterson Trail. Priority 4 roads are only cleared when Priority 1, 2 and 3 roads are cleared.

1979

January 4, 1979, Special Board meeting:

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan. 4,1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	Durward Maynard
J.C.Nuckols	Marty Kamer
Geo. Miller	Tom Jerry Smith
Bill Andriot	

Minutes of meeting held on Dec.14,1978 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Smith, that minutes be accepted as read.

Under old business Mr. Haeberlin reported that the back room is all finished except for the carpet. Also that job descriptions are about completed for the hiring of necessary people.

Mr. Haeberlin also reported that compensation for fire-fighters was well accepted by all firemen.

Under new business it was decided that no regular meeting will be held on Jan. 11,1979.

Mr. Haeberlin said he had quotes for equipment for the new apparatus. At this time a committee was appointed to meet with Mr. Haeberlin on Sat. Jan 13 at 10 A.M. to review these quotes.

Mr. Miller made a motion to raise our rate from 3½¢ per $100 to 7¢ per $100 on all assested property plus yearly review. Also yearly review will be made on all Hospitals, Churches, Clubs ect. Motion was seconded byMr. Nuckols. A vote was taken with all unanimously in favor.

The effective date for the new rate will be April 1,1979 and all City's will be notified in advance.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smith, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

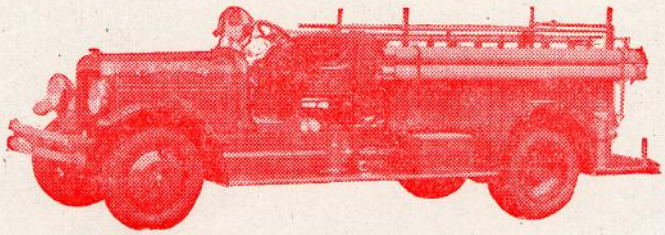
Marty Kamer

1979

January 6, 1979, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

January 6, 1979

To: Subscribers of Fire Service
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department

For many years we have endeavored to provide excellent fire service to our protection area at a very economical subscription rate.

We have the latest and best equipment available. We have trained and dedicated firefighters to give full and prompt service to all requests. We also have an excellent Board of Directors to oversee our operations.

The demand for our services has increased to an average of one fire run per day. We face the same inflation conditions as the total community.

Since our subscription rate has not changed since 1970, a time comes when we must address ourselves to our financial support from our subscribers.

Therefore it is vitally necessary as of April 1, 1979, to raise our rate to 7¢ per $100.00 of assessed property evaluation.

This rate is still below the average Jefferson County rate of 8.4¢ per $100.00. All existing contracts and subscriptions will be honored until maturity.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Haeberlin

Albert R. Haeberlin, Chief
President, Board of Directors
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

1979

January 12, 1979, Recap of Equipment Questions:

Recap Of Equipment Quotations

FireCat Services

	$
C1	5,305.12
C2	1,307.77
C3	29.37
C4	57.72
C6	148.05
C7	194.50
C8	138.00
C9	137.47
C10	691.78
C12	194.75
C13	1,820.00
C16	117.51
C18	225.00
B1	1,061.80
B4	67.63
B5	303.60
B6	54.84
B7	26.41
B8	116.43
B9	331.90
B10	1,093.11
A1	835.05
A2	40.00
A3	94.47
A4	190.35
A5	248.16
A9	478.71
	$ 15,303.50

Midwest

	$
C11	541.00
C14	845.40
B11	5,377.15
B11A	295.50
	$ 7,059.05

Fesco

	$
C-5	64.00
C15	1,020.00
A8	372.00
	$ 1,456.00

St. Matthews Feed

	$
C17	235.00

Motorola

	$
	3,304.00
	3,300.00
	$ 6,604.00

Total Recap

	$
	15,303.50
	7,059.05
	1,456.00
	235.00
	6,604.00
	$ 30,657.55

Note: Equipment List Does Not Include Generators

A. Haberlin 1/12/79

1979

January 13, 1979, Special Board meeting:

A special meeting of directors of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Jan.13.1979:

Directors present:

Geo. Miller
Al Haeberlin
Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer

At this meeting a list of items (excluding generators) needed for the new apparatus was presented for approval. After reviewing said list and their cost, the board members present voted and agreed to purchase said items.

Motion made and seconded that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

January 18, 1979, *The Voice*: STMFD firefighting family:

1979

January 25, 1979, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire rates doubled

By Roger Harris
Managing Editor

Faced with rising demand for services and increasing inflation the St. Matthews Fire Department is doubling its fire protection rates effective April 1, says Fire Chief Albert Haeberlin.

Subscribers will be paying seven cents per $100 of property value compared to the current 3½ cents rate. The increased rate is still below the Jefferson County average of 8.4 cents per $100 of property value. Several other suburban fire departments have higher rates.

In a letter to subscribers, Chief Haeberlin says, "We have the latest and best equipment available. We have trained and dedicated firefighters to give full and prompt service to all requests. We also have an excellent Board of Directors to oversee our operations.

"The demand for our services has increased to an average of one fire run per day. We face the same inflation conditions as the total community."

The rate increase is the first since 1970.

Other suburban fire departments with the 7 cents rate are Anchorage, Worthington, Okolona, Fairdale, Buechel, and Black Mudd.

Fire departments with the highest rate, 10 cents per $100 assessed property value, are Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Eastwood, Highview, Jeffersontown, and Middletown. Lyndon will have the lowest rate of 3½ cents per $100, of suburban fire departments.

Haeberlin also said all existing contracts and subscriptions will be honored until maturity.

Chief Haeberlin added that the department needs more fire fighters.

The chief also said the department is faced with the additional expense of hiring three fulltime employees to inspect businesses, fire hydrants and hoses.

January 25, 1979, *The Louisville Times*:

Fire-protection rates are being doubled in St. Matthews area

By BOB DEITEL
Louisville Times Staff Writer

The cost of fire protection is going to take a jump in a large part of eastern Jefferson County, beginning April 1.

That's when the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association is doubling the rate it charges its customers — some 40,000 dwellings and businesses — from 3 ½ cents per $100 of assessed property valuation to 7 cents.

The association's fire department serves 23 subdivisions and small cities, including most of St. Matthews, as well as individual subscribers, in an area just east of Louisville, bounded roughly by Interstate 71 and the Watterson Expressway.

Some of those small cities are worried that the increased fire-protection costs are going to put the heat on their budgets.

Al Haeberlin, chief of the fire department and president of its board of directors, said existing annual fire-protection contracts, charging customers the 3 ½-cent rate, will be honored until they expire, at various times of the year.

Haeberlin said there are many reasons for the increased rates.

The formerly all-volunteer force is going to hire three paid, full-time firefighters, he said. One will be fire inspector and all will perform such duties as checking fire hydrants and hoses — routine duties that have become too time-consuming to expect volunteers to do, he said.

Money from the rate increases will also be used to pay for equipment and other expenses for the 50 or so volunteer firefighters. Now, the volunteers pay their own expenses for such things as lights and sirens for cars and uniform cleaning, Haeberlin said.

"It really costs volunteers to be volunteers," he said.

And it's really going to cost small cities, said St. Matthews Mayor Bernard Bowling.

His city is paying nearly $55,000 this year to the fire department. When St. Matthews' current contract expires in July, the cost will become $110,000.

The city also pays about $11,000 to

See FIRE
Back page, col. 1, this section

January 25, 1979, *The Louisville Times*:

Fire rates to double in St. Matthews area

TIMES 7/25/79

Continued from Page One

the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department, which protects a smaller section of St. Matthews, east of the Watterson. There are no indications that the cost of that service also will rise.

"That's a big jump," Bowling said of the new rate. "We've got to come up with $55,000 almost overnight."

It won't be easy, he said, especially if the special session of the state legislature passes a bill limiting the increase of property taxes.

The bill calls for a 4 percent yearly ceiling on increases in property-tax revenue.

"It puts the city in a financial bind," Bowling said. We certainly are not going to form our own paid fire department."

He said if St. Matthews wants fire protection, it has little choice but to find the money somewhere.

Among other cities to be affected by the increase, the 5th-class city of Windy Hills, between Brownsboro and Westport roads just west of the Watterson, will have to pay more than $22,000 for fire protection. The city's current contract, charging about $11,000, expires in July.

Springlee, a 6th-class city adjacent to St. Matthews, will have to pay more than $3,200 under the new rate. But the city's current contract doesn't expire until January 1980.

Springlee Mayor Walter Hopkins said he's not happy about the increase, but "there ain't a damn thing we can do about it."

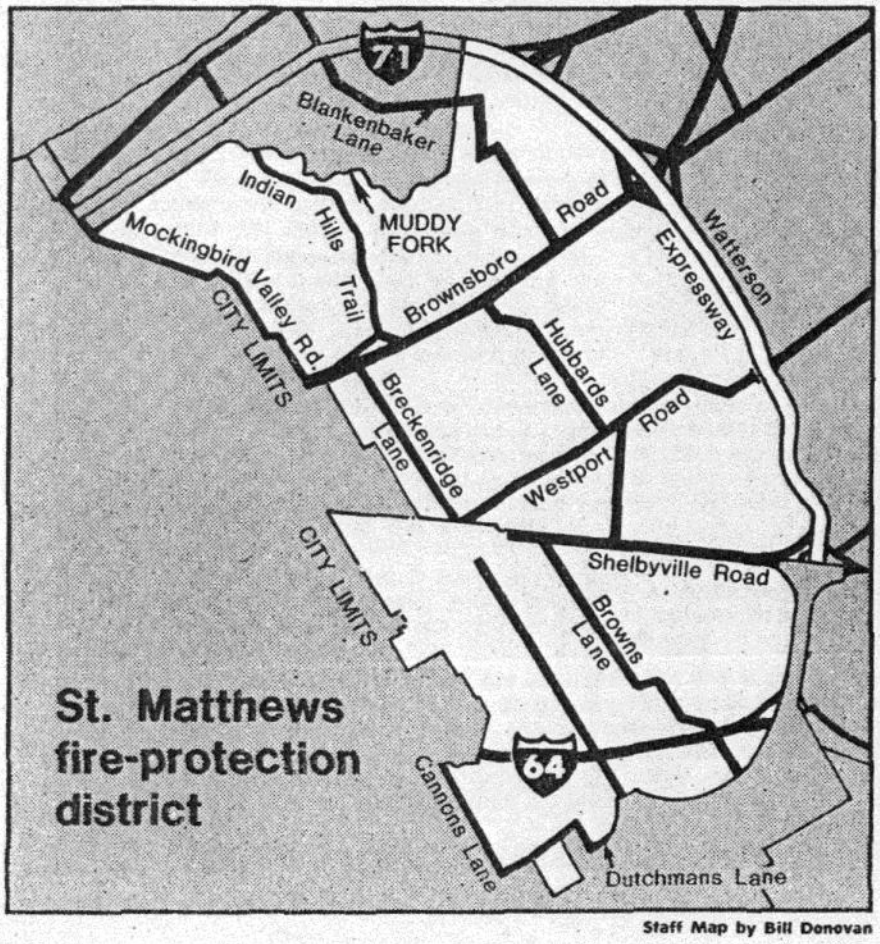
And an individual subscriber, with a home assessed at $35,000, would have to pay $24.50 annually at the 7-cent rate, double what he now pays.

Haeberlin said the average cost of fire protection in Jefferson County is 8.4 cents per $100 assessed property value, a bit more than his department will charge.

In a letter to subscribers, the fire department notes that its load is increasing to an average of one fire run each day, but its rate has stayed the same since 1970.

Haeberlin said that by hiring firefighters to do the more time-consuming, routine chores and by reimbursing the volunteers for their expenses, the fire department should be able to attract more volunteers.

"People just don't volunteer their services like they used to," he said. "We hope to make it a challenge, a reward, to be a volunteer."



Staff Map by Bill Donovan

AREA FIRE ALARMS

CITY

Wednesday after 8 a.m.

9:22 — 421 N. Preston St., false.
9:32 — 2934 Finn Ave., dwelling.
10:20 — 224 E. Woodbine St., school.
10:42 — 2022 W. Main St., false.
11:05 — 1908 Canavan Ave., apartment.
12:43 — 19th and Bank streets, malicious false.
12:58 — 643 S. Sixth St., naphtha spill.
1:23 — 485 E. Gray St., people trapped in elevator.
1:54 — 1212 S. 13th St., office building.
2:07 — Second and St. Catherine streets, malicious false.
2:36 — 3039 Magazine St., false, sprinkler.
4:05 — 855 S. 23rd St., dwelling.
4:43 — 5327 Halsey Court, apartment.
5:51 — 1251 Dixie Highway, gas fumes.
7:45 — 1156 S. Brook St., nursing home.
8:46 — 29th and Montgomery streets, malicious false.
10:07 — 430 N. 42nd St., broken water pipe.
10:23 — 2028 W. Broadway, trash bin.
11:33 — 3318 DuValle Ave., trash.

Thursday to 8 a.m.

12:39 — 1400 W. Jefferson St., rear, trash bin.
1:56 — 209 S. 28th St., dwelling.
4:23 — 900 Baxter Ave., automobile.
5:08 — Interstate 65 south of Grade Lane, tractor-trailer.
6:19 — 1600 W. Main St., trash bin.

COUNTY

Wednesday after 8 a.m.

8:23 — 4848 Shelbyville Road, restaurant.
9:15 — 5611 Lagoona Drive, gas leak.
10:59 — 2401 Millers Lane, tobacco company.
1:18 — 4205 Martha Ave., dwelling.
5:55 — 200 Westwind Road, dwelling.
7:13 — 5510 Redondo Circle, dwelling.

Thursday to 8 a.m.

2:46 — 4903 Clarmar Road, dwelling.
4:58 — I-65 at 129-mile marker, truck.
5:22 — 3220 Clarinet Drive, malicious false.
7:43 — 4012 Druid Hills Drive, dwelling.

1979

February 8, 1979, *The Voice*:

Latin restaurant featured

Pantoja plans 'Gallerias'

By Roger Harris
Managing Editor

For several years developer Rudolfo Pantoja has longed for a "quality Latin-style" restaurant. He hopes to break ground this spring on a commercial building in St. Matthews that will include a gourmet restaurant that specializes in Latin foods.

The location is a vacant tract at Sears and Oechsli Avenues that Pantoja called a "long awaited" site. The 75-foot by 304-foot building will front on Oechsli.

The one-story brick building will also have space for 12 other stores "not found in this area" and a gallery of "mini-stores." Pantoja said the mini-stores are a new concept that he hopes will attract large numbers of customers. The development is called Gallerias of St. Matthews.

The restaurant, "the biggest beauty shop in Kentucky," and a world-wide gift shop are expected to the major tenants. Pantoja said he will be one of the several stock holders in the restaurant and beauty shop.

Pantoja said the smaller mini-stores are patterned after shops often found on narrow streets in other countries. "These places are small, some less than 100 feet (deep). But the people can walk down the galleria and see all that goes on. There will be a lot of glass," he said.

The current plans show the mini-shops located in the center of the building with the restaurant taking one corner. There is room for 11 mini-shops that will be "family type businesses," Pantoja said.

The beauty shop will provide "total beauty care" and also cater to men. It will employ 23 beauty operators.

The idea for a "quality Latin restaurant" has been with Pantoja for several years. He originally wanted to put one in his office building on Sherburn Lane where his office is located, but he couldn't obtain the necessary rezoning.

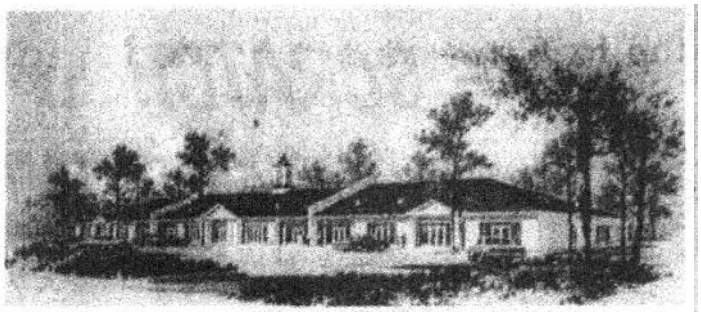
The Oechsli Avenue property is zoned C-2 commercial. Pantoja said he chose St. Matthews because of its location in the center of a large population and commercial district. "I think it will be an asset to the community, something they can be proud of. It will be an elegant restaurant where the ladies can wear evening gowns if they want to."

The restaurant will also have a bar and a wine cellar. Plans now include serving lunch and dinner, but soups and sandwiches only for lunch. Seating capacity will be around 100.

Pantoja, who has built apartment buildings along Thierman Lane said he bought the Oechsli Avenue property "exclusively for the restaurant." He claims it will be the best restaurant built in St. Matthews "in a long time."

Pantoja also plans to build a five-story apartment building around the corner from the galleria on Sears Avenue. However he must first file a rezoning application. The property is currently zoned commerical. Pantoja said he is in the process of filing for R-9, residential zoning.

He said the commercial building should be completed and tenants doing business by October at the earliest and December by the latest.



AN ARCHITECT'S drawing of Rudolfo Pantoya's planned Gallerias of St. Matthews.

February 8, 1979, Board meeting: Agreed to sell 8844, S4, my favorite apparatus, Al Ring. First paid firefighters were hired by STMFD, Mike Davis, Marty Kamer, and Sam McCune.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Feb.8,1 979.

Directors Present:

Al Haeberlin	Durward Maynard
J.C.Nuckols	Marty Kamer
Bill Andriot	J.P.Terry
Geo. Miller	

Minutes of meeting held on Jan 4,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. nuckols, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that we sell 8844 to the McCullen Fire Dept for the sum of $12,000. They are to pay $3,000 on delivery than $3,000in July 1979and the balance 6 3,000 each in July 1980. & July 1981

Under old business, Mr. Haeberlin reported that the carpet for the reck room shaould be laid within the next week. He also reported that 3 full time men have been hired. Namely, Marty Kamer to be in charge of all inspections, Mike Davis will be responsible for hose and hydrant checking, and Sam McCune will be responsible for maintaining station conditions and the care of all equipment. Also these three men will answer all fire calls while on duty. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haeberlin, that Mr. Nuckols look into the matter of obtaining Compensation insurance for the newly hired men.

Under new business Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that the dept send representatives to the Firemens Conference , to be held in Memphis.

After some discussion in regards to the purchase of a pick-up truck, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that Mr. Terry negotiate a lease/buy deal on a pick-up truck. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that the Chief and the two Asst. Chief's be reinbursed $10.00 each per fire run.

There being no further business,motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

March 1, 1979, *The Voice*:

WATER PUDDLIN' after the weekend's rains on Staebler Avenue near Chenoweth Lane reminds residents that there's still a little work left to do on the storm sewer installation on that street. Work will begin soon on an extension of the Chenoweth Lane trunk line to ease flooding problems. (Staff photo by Suzanne Darland)

March 8, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on March 8,1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	Marty Kamer
J.C.Nuckols	Bill Andriot
Geo. Miller	Tom Jerry Smith
Durward Maynard	

Minutes of meeting held on Feb.8,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Nuckols, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Nuckols gave a financial report and also reported that Workmans Compensation has been aquired thru Hobday & Kinker.

At this time it was agreed upon by all that Mr. Haeberlin look into the matter of obtaining bids on a lease/buy deal for a pick-up truck.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr.Nuckols, seconded by Mr. Smith, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

April 12, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on April 12,1979.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller	Marty Kamer
J.C.Nuckols	Durward Maynard
Tom Jerry Smith	John Monohan
Al Haeberlin	

Minutes of meeting held on March 8,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller announced that, at this meeting he was vacating the seat as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that Tom Jerry Smith be appointed to serve as Acting Chairman at this meeting. Motion voted on and so carried.

After some discussion in regards to the high cost of re-inbursing firemen for fire runs, Mr. Miller made a motion to cut fireman's roster to 30 and do not take on any new men. There being no second to this motion, said motion was dropped. Mr. Monohan than made a motion to give the leaders of the dept, especially the Chief, a vote of confidence and continue to operate as we are until July 1,1979, at which time a review will be made. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nuckolsand voted on with the majority being in favor.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, that insurance coverage be increased on all apparatus as follows:

Bodyly Injury Liblility from 100,00 to 250,00
Property Damage from 50,000 to 100,000

The total additional cost for this increase in coverage will be $210 per year.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr.Smith, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

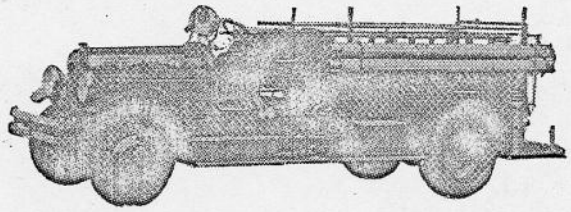
Marty Kamer

1979

April 12, 1979, Board meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P. O. Box 7283
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, held on Thursday, April 12th., 1979 and a quorum being present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association borrow from the First National Bank of Louisville Kentucky the sum of $6,700.00 for the purchase of a three quarter (3/4) ton Ford pick-up truck, and that any one of the following named is authorized to execute a promissory note in said amount for and on behalf of the said corporation:

George E. Miller
John M. Monohan, Jr.
J.C. Nuckols

I, the undersigned secretary of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted and entered upon records of the said association on the date aforesaid.

It is further certified that the said association qualifies by reason of the following stipulated powers:

Power of taxation
Power of eminent domain
Police powers

Page 2

The undersigned further certifies that there is no provision in the Association's by-laws which in any way conflicts with the foregoing resolution.

Dated this 26th day of April 1979.

Martin A. Kamer

Martin A. Kamer, Secretary
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.

1979

May 10, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on May 10, 1979.

Directors present:

J.C.Nuckols	Durward Maynard
Bill Andriot	Marty Kamer
Al Haeberlin	Tom Jerry Smith
Geo. Miller	John Monohan

Minutes of meeting held on April 12, 1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Miller announced that he was vacating the seat as Chairman of the board at this meeting and he wished to appoint Mr. Nuckols to serve as acting Chairman. All members present voted in favor of Mr. Nuckols acting as chairman at this meeting.

Mr. Miller made a motion that any purchases over $500 other than normal expenditures, must be approved by the board. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, to have the name and decal painted on the Van and also to install a new radio and warning equipment. Motion voted on with all in favor except Mr. Miller voting no, until money available.

Mr. Miller made a motion that no press release be made without the approval of the board. A vote was taken on this motion with 4 members being opposed and only 2 in favor. The chairman did not cast a vote.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Haeberlin, seconded by Mr. Smith that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

STMFD 8898 van bought in 1979: 1983 photo.

1979

May 16, 1979, *The Voice*:

Kickoff this weekend

Crusade for Children joins helping hands

By Ruth MacFarlane
Staff Writer

The Crusade is coming – the Crusade for Children!

On May 19 and 20, for the 26th consecutive year, the people of Kentuckiana will join in a great outpouring of concern – and money – on behalf of the handicapped children of the area. For many, the event is second in excitement only to the Kentucky Derby.

Fund-raising events have gone on all year. During these last few weeks anticipation has been building. Final events are being held – dances, church suppers, rummage sales, car washes. On Friday and Saturday volunteer firefighters, who have taken the Crusade to their hearts, will canvass door-to-door and will set up roadblocks, where they will hold out their hats or boots to passing motorists, who carry pocketfuls of change in readiness.

On Crusade weekend, for 24 hours we will watch over our TV sets the sight of firefighters bringing in those boots or firehoses stuffed with cash, little children handing over sums as little as $1.87, perhaps packaged in an instant coffee jar, clergymen with offering from various organizations. The money is dumped into transparent fish tanks, to be dragged off stage when full. Handicapped children appear, thanking the givers and the TV audience for the help they have received. Star performers, local and national, contribute their special talents.

All Saturday evening and night, into Sunday morning and afternoon, the show mounts to its emotional peak. Then audience, performers and the volunteer staff celebrate the final amount registered on the "tote board," and join in singing a tearful "God Bless America."

The next day, skillful temporary investment puts the money immediately to work for the children, awaiting the judgement of the panel of clergymen, who appear on the regular TV show, "The Moral Side of the News," as to its distribution. It will go to such organizations as the Louisville School for Autistic Children, the Washington County Association for the Mentally Retarded, or the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Most of the machines and equipment of Norton-Children's Hospitals in Louisville bear the donor tag of the Crusade.

Over the years, efforts have shifted direction from the provision of remedial measures to preventive ones. Many teachers' scholarships are granted. The Crusade does not attempt to sustain any agency. Rather it supports new programs, which the agency is expected to carry on.

At the local level, on Crusade weekend, hours and hours of hard work are involved. As a few examples:

Pastor John Williams of the Middletown Christian Church says that many of their members are in the Volunteer Fire Department, including the chief and himself and the Fire Department trustees. On Crusade Sunday a special offering is taken at the door. The firefighters will work all weekend. Their wives will provide food for all the workers. Local businesses may send in soft drinks and pizzas.

At the Church of the Ephiphany in Anchorage, free will collection baskets are placed at church exits. The amount is turned over to the Archbishop for presentation on the air.

Nearly every volunteer fire department in the area takes part – Fern Creek and Okolona and LaGrange and all the rest.

In St. Matthews, Rick Albers is chairman of this year's Crusade. All year long firefighters have collected newspapers for resale. Earlier this year they held a garage sale, and may yet have a car wash. Next weekend they'll canvass.

In Jeffersontown, the primary means of collection is door-to-door, plus the taking of pledges, placing jars and boots in bars, and setting up roadblocks. Last year they raised $14,000.

In Anchorage, Gary Bruneman says every firefighter puts in from 20 to 40 hours on the Crusade. All look forward to it as something different, a big event. It's like a big week long party. They have pizza every night. Neighborhood kids join in and help.

In Middletown, Jerry Smith, "Mr. Crusade," heads the firefighters drive each year. It involves three days of strenuous effort, door-to-door and roadblocks. A few people get tired of it by Sunday morning, but most community residents contribute. They have even collected wedding rings, earrings, and a watch, dropped into boots by mistake.

Many others contribute.

Although WHAS-TV and AM-FM radio donates air time and program the climactic show, the Crusade is organized not from the top but from the bottom, by the thousands who work and give not only money but their time. For example, telephone workers answer banks of telephones. Car dealers provide transportation for the stars. Businesses provide food for all the workers at the TV station. The nearly all-volunteer effort makes possible the low cost, the intense commitment of the community to the Crusade.

The Crusade has several unique features. One is the previously mentioned distribution of grants through the panel of clergymen. Another is the extremely low percentage of money used for expenses – only 5% – which means that 95% of all money collected goes directly to benefit the children. (Most fund-raising efforts use a percentage approaching 50%.) Also, 99% of money pledged comes in, which is a very high figure. In fact, Phyllis Knight, executive producer of the TV show, says the Crusade always takes in more money than is registered on the tote board at the end of the show.

There is full public disclosure of finances. Large newspaper ads proclaim the names of recipients of grants and the uses to which the money is put.

Last year the total was $1,179,340. There is a tendency to try to outdo last year's total, but no quota is set. Phyllis Knight says, "How can you call $1 million a failure?"

May 20, 1979, *The Courier-Journal*:

Jon Wheatly of the St. Matthews Fire Department received a donation from Carl Christian of 148 Weisser Ave. in Louisville yesterday.

Staff Photo by Stewart Bowman

Crusade weekend a time of pride

1979

May 20, 1979, *The Courier-Journal*:

By JOHN C. LONG
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

The Louisville area is best known for the first weekend in May, but it may be the third weekend that the area can take the most pride in.

That's Crusade weekend, when hundreds of thousands of people in Kentucky and Southern Indiana show how much they care about the area's physically and mentally handicapped children.

The people show their caring by raising money for the WHAS Crusade for Children.

The 26th annual Crusade for Children telethon went on the air at 10 last night, when the orchestra struck up "Most Unusual Day," sung by Judy Marshall and JoAnn Hale.

The show will have run all night and will continue today on WHAS-TV, WHAS Radio 84 and WAMZ-FM.

It will end probably around 9 tonight, when the last of more than 100 volunteer fire departments from the area pours the last bootful of money into the bins in front of the tote board and exhausted, exhilarated Crusade workers burst into a rendition of "God Bless America."

But last night, the show had just begun and the Patsy Bloor Dancers danced to "Stayin' Alive."

Stars of the show were announced, including Della Reese; Bobby Rydell; Bob Keeshan, who plays Captain Kangaroo; Pee Wee King, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame; Tim Reid, who plays all-night disc jockey "Venus Fly Trap" on the "WKRP in Cincinnati" television series; and the Naval Air Training Command Choir, from Pensacola, Fla.

"But here are the real Crusade stars — the mentally and physically handicapped children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana," the announcer said. "Whether or not their lives can be made worthwhile depends on you."

The camera focused on 7-year-old Sheila Theiler of the Cerebral Palsy School. She helped close last year's Crusade and was such a hit, she was asked to return.

Applause filled the studio as Sheila walked across the stage to the master of ceremonies, Jim Walton.

Applause again filled the studio when Walton, who will retire from WHAS tonight when the telethon is over, was introduced as "Mr. Crusade." He has been master of ceremonies for all of the 25 previous Crusades.

"This is the reason we're here," Walton said. "For Sheila, and all our special children. She needs you for your helping hand.

"And tomorrow, when it's all through, if you help as much as she has, she and thousands like her will say, 'Thanks, you've done it again.' "

Walton said that Sheila had just collected more than $50 herself.

Soon Della Reese was singing, jazzily, "There's no better way to start the Crusade than with a smile," and the show was in full swing.

Then Miss Reese moved close to the audience and sang: "There is no end to what we can do together if you'll send us a little love . . ." and "With a little luck we can make this whole Crusade work out."

At 12:30 a.m., the tote board showed a total of $95,011.

But, as veteran Crusade watchers know, the telethon has two parts. The first part, from its beginning until Sunday noon, is mostly entertainment. The second part, from noon Sunday on, is mostly a parade of volunteer fire departments bearing the donations they've collected.

And although there are some other big sources through which the donations are channeled, such as the Catholic churches and General Electric Appliance Park, the volunteer firefighters are the biggest heroes of the Crusade because of their house-to-house canvassing, roadblocks and a multitude of other fund-raising efforts.

One of those departments, the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, had 50 people collecting yesterday — 30 firefighters and 20 kids who got permission from their parents and the department to help.

Some of the firemen's wives had put on a garage sale last fall and the firemen had been collecting and selling old newspapers, so they had $5,000 before they started going door-to-door last Monday.

By noon yesterday, they'd raised their total to almost $13,000.

The department kept one truck at the station in case of fire, but its other four trucks were all on Crusade duty yesterday.

Truck 8833, was canvassing in the area bounded by Frankfort Avenue, Lexington Road and McCready Avenue.

Firemen and three helpers, Danny Doyle, 14, Ernie Lehan, 15, and Mike Temple, 10, would jump off the truck and go house-to-house down the street and come back to the truck with boots full of money, which was dumped into a pickle barrel in the front seat.

Danny was helping because his brother, Gary, is a member of the department. This was Danny's third year.

This was Ernie's first year helping, because, he said, "I want to help the Crusade — people who are crippled — and because it's fun."

"I just came with Ernie," said Mike.

When Fire Captain Tim Golden blew 8833's siren on the way up Eline Avenue, kids came running.

"It's neat the way they do it," said one of them, Nick Vaccaro, 10, referring to the Crusade collectors.

Near Cannons Lane and Ingle Avenue, a helper lugged his boot back to the truck with more than usual effort. The boot was filled with pennies that a child had been saving for a year.

At 142 Weisser Ave., Mary Lou Dobelstein let son Andy, 3, put the money in the boot. Then she took 1-year-old Clint in her arms and Andy by the hand and, along with Josh, 7, went looking for the fire truck, which was around the corner.

All of a sudden it appeared, siren screaming and lights flashing. Andy's eyes grew large. The Crusade had brought joy to still another child.

When the parade of firefighters begins today, the tote board really begins to jump.

At the end of last year's telethon, the tote board read $1,179,340, but by August, when the books on that Crusade closed, the total had risen to $1,243,500.

There's no official goal at Crusades, but except for one time, each year's total has exceeded the previous year's.

And of course that's what a lot of people are hoping for tonight.

May 23, 1979, *The Voice*:

$1,217,572 raised

Crusade for Children--a 26th annual success

IN THE CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN studios, groups tell of their pledges, while a row of operators waits for calls behind them. The crusade netted a record $1 million-plus for charity. (Staff photo by Ruth MacFarlane)

By Ruth MacFarlane
Staff Writer

Louisville. Sunday afternoon, May 20, 1979. Incredibly, here we sit in the WHAS-TV studio, watching the 26th Crusade for Children.

We have been wafted in by the magic of a letter from Phyllis Knight, past police barricades, the WHAS guard shack, and stern-faced young Marine guards. Here we are, right in the middle of the chaos: lights, noise and excitement. Alice through the TV screen.

Two ragged lines of participants inch along either side of the studio, on their way to one of two microphones at the front, presided over by Kirstie Wilde and Jim Walton, respectively. Up on a platform behind them, telephone operators in a row answer phones, taking pledges.

Three young Marines in full-dress uniforms stand at three vantage points, intent, serious, scanning the crowd. In one corner a combo of piano, drums, trumpet, bass and sax plays on and on. The trumpet player is last night's star, Vince DeMartino, good but loud in this confined space.

Staff writer Ruth MacFarlane was on hand for the Crusade for Children telethon. This story contains her observations and conclusions.

The center studio is a welter of cameras, technicians, messengers, officials in casual dress, and TV celebrities. There they are, so close we could reach out and touch them, those famous familiar faces. Phyllis Knight, in an ivory silk shirt, later to be replaced by a green jacket emblazoned with fire department emblems, talks earnestly in someone's ear.

Behind us in time lies last night's razzle-dazzle beginning show, the all-night gradual buildup, the morning's scenes of handicapped children and the ways in which Crusade dollars have helped them. All yesterday we—husband Richard and I—toured volunteer fire department road blocks, photographing and interviewing. Today we drove in past the Middletown, Lyndon, and St. Matthews departments, still out there, collecting dimes and dollars into their boots.

We are here in time for the presentation of the G.E. employees' gift. First, red roses are presented to Phyllis Knight, Director of the Crusade. Originally a dozen, the roses were increased to two dozen by the florist when he learned who was to receive them. The G.E. total was: $60,000! Lights dip, the combo plays, "We're in the Money," cameras zoom in and out. Applause moves to clapping in unison. The tote board reads $2b6,077.

The lines move in. A small boy, Danny, drops $1 into the fish bowl. A tiny girl unclutches four dimes. A cerebral-palsied child, in a wheel chair donated by the Crusade, lights up in a smile as he gives a jar of bills and coins.

On camera right now is a group of kids in a variety of clothes—tee-shirts, pants, skirts, shorts, a dress—all wearing shiny red fireman's hats.

"We're just a bunch of friends from Audubon Park. We had a show last night—dancing, a play and everything. I played 'Stars Wars' on the organ."

"I was the announcer."

Another was in the concession stand.

"We hooked up the floodlights. We sold tickets. Some people didn't come, but they bought tickets anyway."

The total is $72.30. "We hoped we'd make $50 but we made $72.30."

Into the fish bowl, with a satisfactory thump and chink, cash money.

One after another they come.

American Legion commanders and their wives appear, followed by representatives of such diverse groups as the Kentucky Arm-bender's Association, and Harry's Bar.

All the time there is the confusion of a carnival. A clown with multi-colored rag-mop hair passes out fire hats. A man in a spotted dog suit and mask stands in line. Little kids wriggle, clutch money, smile shyly, are abashed to see themselves on the TV monitors, but wave anyway. City faces. Farm faces, deeply sunburned. Freshly coiffured women.

They bring their gifts of money, painfully accumulated by saving, by going without, by holding bake sales, spaghetti-and-meatball suppers, yard sales, flea markets, fish frys, raffles.

Pretty girls hold up placards showing the number of each volunteer fire department as it comes on camera. And they come, one after the other, dumping their treasure into the rectangular fish bowls.

St. Matthews V.F.D., No. 25, a large troupe, money in canvas bags, is headed by Rick Alberts at the mike. Their $25,500 takes the tote board over $400,00.

The Middletown V.F.D., No. 38, wears trim uniforms of bill caps, white shirts, dark pants. Jerry Smith, "Mr. Crusade," reads acknowledgements. The grand total, an increase of $5000 over last year, is $20,00.41.

On and on, the droning lists, the patient waiting, the money trickling or cascading into the fish bowls.

The staff acknowledges with courtesy and enthusiasm all donations, even the smallest. They well realize that the large totals are made up of the nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, the hours of time, the goodwill of every last one. Many leaders of delegations today came as children, years ago, bearing their fifty cents.

Later, back home again, we'll watch the Catholic Archdiocese of Kentucky and the rapid-fire reading of donations totaling $67,700.78.

Fern Creek, 20% over last year, will bring in $17,189.86.

We'll see Okolona V.F.D., with a cast of thousands, bringing in $41,000 and Pleasure Ridge Park coming back to respond to their good-natured rivalry $58,346.76. "We're No. 1! We're No. 1!"

The final tote-board figure, an all-time high of $1,217,572 will bring pandemonium. "When the Saints Go Marching In," by the combo. Phyllis Knight presenting a silver Crusade memento to retiring Jim Walton. "God Bless America."

June 6, 1979, *The Louisville Times:*

JUL 6 1979
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chronic shortage has grown worse in recent years, and short rosters worry some area officials

Fire Dept-Voluteers

Few volunteer to fight fires

Times July 6, 1979

By BRYAN ARMSTRONG
Louisville Times Staff Writer

The trouble with volunteer fire departments, according to Bernie Grady, is that there aren't enough volunteers.

Grady, president of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association and a member of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, says all but one of the county's 21 volunteer units are understaffed.

His department should have 14 more firefighters, he said.

Other fire-department officials differ on how serious the shortage is, but almost all say they have had to make concessions in recent years to a chronic lack of volunteers.

For example:

- The Harrods Creek, Worthington and Middletown volunteer units recently hired several full-time firefighters to work during the day. They say too many volunteers hold jobs outside those areas and they can't find enough volunteers nearby.

- For about 10 years, the county's volunteer departments, which protect about half of Jefferson County's residents outside of Louisville, have relied on a mutual-aid system.

If one unit has few firefighters available when a fire breaks out, others nearby will help out.

- Shively, one of the county's three paid departments along with Louisville and St. Matthews, pays its volunteers. But the Shively chief still doesn't have as many firefighters on call as he would like.

The departments say the shortage hasn't caused serious problems. But the danger is there, according to Don Thom, assistant chief of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

"The potential has been there many times," he said. "There has just happened to be enough (firefighters on hand) at the right times.

"I shudder to think . . . given the right circumstances, there's going to be a disaster, no doubt about it," he said.

While some fire officials say it always has been hard to attact volunteers, others say it has become increasingly difficult in recent years.

The departments rely on young men to fill their rosters, said Bob Martin, president of the Jefferson County Alliance of Firechiefs and chief of the Middletown department.

And when the men join the departments, they're often quickly scared away, he said.

"Most come into it thinking it's all glory," he said. "It takes a special kind of breed. I think the biggest thing is that

See LACK
Back page, col. 1, this section

Illustration by Staff Artist Wes Kendall

June 6, 1979, *The Louisville Times:*

Lack of volunteer firefighters worries some officials in the area

Times July 6, 1979

Continued from Page One

people ow are living too fast; they've got toomany things to do."

Grad said women haven't been eager to lunteer, either. He said the 21 departments have about 10 women members.

Sometimes, there are problems with women volunteers, he said. One applicant for the Middletown department was rejected, because she refused to cut her hair to fit the department's standards.

"It gets to be a touchy subject," Grady said. "A lot of wives said they'd make their husbands quit if they got women in the fire departments."

But mostly, Grady said, "we just don't have that many women applicants. I don't know if they're not interested or just don't know how to go about applying."

Thom said his department also faces obstacles in getting volunteers. People in the Worthington area are transient, often switching jobs, and many better-off families do a lot of traveling on weekends and holidays, he said.

"You can't count on them being here," he said. "We have to play the percentages and hope 10, 20, 30 percent show up."

Don Espy, chief of the Fern Creek Volunteer Fire Department, said its coverage is weakest during the day. The department has two stations, one in the center of the the area and the other on Vista Hills Boulevard in southeast Jefferson County.

"We just don't have the people," Espy said. "A lot of people out here have some acreage or work a regular job."

Even though James Jenkins, the Shively chief, has a paid, full-time staff of 25 firefighters supplemented by volunteers, he still has problems.

Volunteers are paid for each run, but Jenkins said he still doesn't have all the volunteers he wants. He has 16 but would like 20.

Departments willing to pay a few full-time firefighters report little difficulty in filling those positions.

The Middletown and Harrods Creek department said that, by having eight paid firefighters on hand, his department can "always respond with a full complement of equipment."

Dennis Clare, county fire protection coordinator, said a study several years ago estimated the cost of paid fire departments for each county district at $30 million a year.

That price is far out of reach, he said. The county's allotment to volunteer departments for 1979 is $30,000.

So how can the shortage be eased?

The answer, Middletown Chief Martin said, may lie in promotion. The volunteer departments don't do enough to attract new firefighters, he believes.

"What we need is a perpetual recruiting program," he said. "For the most part, we don't get to the right people.

"We're not at the point where we can't fight a fire," he said. "But if we don't do some recruiting and get some more men, we may get to that point.

(E)

June 13, 1979, *The Voice*:

Bolton, retired St. Matthews policeman, dies

By Suzanne Darland
Staff Writer

One of St. Matthews' first police officers, Albert Bolton, died Sunday morning after a bout with cancer.

He was 66, and served St. Matthews from 1955 to 1976, 21 years on the force. He claimed the distinction of being St. Matthews' first policeman to retire, and St. Matthews' only retired policeman.

"Al was a gentle man, and a gentleman police officer," said Col. J.W. Burton, St. Matthews chief of police. He said he had known Bolton for 12 years and noted he always treated others the way he wanted to be treated himself.

"Even when he made an arrest, he treated the suspect with respect," explained Chief Burton.

Bolton was hired only a year after St. Matthews was incorporated, one of a handful of officers compared with a much more substantial force nowadays.

He was given the "Chief's award", Col. Burton recalls, after the April 3, 1974 tornado when St. Matthews "made more than 30 emergency runs while some of the larger departments were just getting organized," said Chief Burton.

The tall, lanky man Burton told of

ALBERT BOLTON

the time was sent to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green for in-service training.

"I got a call from him the next day," said Chief Burton. "Here he was at a police training school and someone stole the siren from atop his car."

About three months ago, Bolton was discovered to have lung cancer. The prognosis was dim.

He passed away quietly in his sleep Sunday at 1:25 a.m.

He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 31, the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite. He also was a member of Hazelwood Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, two daughters, Melanie Bolton and Deborah Doll, and a son, Richard Bolton. Also, a sister, Pauline Smiley, and two brothers, Brian Bolton and Terry Bolton. All are Louisville residents.

The funeral is scheduled for today, Wednesday at 11 a.m. Uniformed pallbearers and the presentation of the flag will be customary for the former police officer.

June 13, 1979: *The Voice*, The Potato Festival: St. Matthews fireman Joe Wheatley uses his microphone to lure gambler into place a bet on the roulette wheel.

1979

June 14, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on June 14,1979.

Directors present:
J.C.Nuckols
Geo. Miller
Marty Kamer
Al Haeberlin
Bill Andriot

Minutes of meeting held on May 10,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Haeberlin reported that the firemen appointed Bill Andriot to represent them on the board of directors for the coming year.

Mr. Nuckols presented a letter of congradulation to the firemen for the work they did for the crusade. He asked that all directors sign said letter and requested it be posted for all firemen to read.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Haeberlin, that a 6 month contract, July 1,1979 thru Dec 31,1979, be sent to Windy Hills at the 7¢ per $100 rate based on Jan. 1,1978 assestments. Then in 30 days Windy Hills will be sent another contract for 1 year. This contract will be on Jan. 1,1979 assestments and will cover the period from Jan. 1,1980 thru Dec. 31,1980. Said motion was voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin reminded all members present that the next meeting would be the annual meeting and will be held on Wed, July 11,1979.

There being no further bus ness, motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

July 11, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular annual meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on July 11,1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	J.P.Terry
Durward Maynard	Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot	J.C.Nuckols
Marty Kamer	

Minutes of meeting held on June 14,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Nuckols, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that minutes be accepted as read.

With terms as directors expiring on this date for Marty Kamer and Durward Maynard, a motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that Mr. Kamer and Mr. Maynard be re-elected as directors with terms expiring in July 1983. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Also Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that Bill Andriot be elected for 1 year as a director representing the firemen. Motion voted on and so carried.

Directors and their terms are as follows:

Geo. Miller ----Term expires 1980
Al Haeberlin----Term expires 1980

J.P.Terry-------Term Expires 1981
J.C.Nuckols-----Term expires 1981

John Monohan----Term espires 1982
Tom Jerry Smith-Term expires 1982

Durward Maynard-Term expires 1983
Marty Kamer-----Term expires 1983

Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that the following be re-elected for 1 year with terms expiring July 1980.

Geo. Miller, Chairman
Al Haeberlin, President
A.E.Andriot, Vice President
Marty Kamer, Secretary
J.C.Nuckols, Treasurer
J.P.Terry, Process Agent

A vote was taken on above motion with all in favor.

July 11, 1979, Board meeting:

The next order of business was the election of Chief and Asst. Chief's. Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that the following be re-elected for a period of 1 year with terms expiring July 1980.

Al Haeberlin, Chief
Jack Monohan, Asst. Chief
Frank Florence, Asst. Chief

Said motion was voted on with all in favor.

Under new business Mr. Nuckols gave a financial report. Also Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that Mrs Sharp's salary be raised to $7200 per year. ($600 per mo.) Motion voted on with all in favor. Raise will be effective July 16.

Mr. Haeberlin reported that the new aerial truck is now on the assembly line and possibly the delivery date will be in Sept.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Haeberlin, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

July 30, 1979, Letter:

LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOURTH AND YORK STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40203
1816

RONALD S. KOZLOWSKI,
DIRECTOR

Children's Department
July 30, 1979

Mr. Al Haeberlin, Fire Chief
St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
4114 Lyndon Way
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Mr. Haeberlin:

Thank you so much for making it possible for one of the St. Matthews Fire Department's engines and crew to be part of our summer programs at the library. From the reports I received, the Jimminy Cricket film, the presentations by Richard Albers and assistant Gary Doyle and the "live" fire engine with "hands on" experience of the water hose all combined to make this program both instructive and enjoyable for the children who attended.

Please convey our appreciation to Mr. Albers and Mr. Doyle for their time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Mary R. Somerville

Mary R. Somerville
Coordinator of Children's
Services

1979

July 1979: From Rick Albers private collection:

1979

Unknown date, Letter:

St. Francis School
Goshen, Kentucky

Dear St. Matthews Fire Dept.,

"The Kindergarten went on the school van to the St. Matthews Fire Station. We watched a movie about Fire. Jimminy Cricket told us to be careful of fire. They showed us the truck that two people drive. He let us hold the hose. The fireman let us climb in one door and out the other. We got in the van and came back to school. Climbing up the tall ladder was the most exciting part."

The children dictated the above. The trip was a big success. We want to thank you for your interest and let you know how informative and interesting the visit was for all of us.

Thank you.

Margaret Campbell

1979

August 9, 1979, *The Voice:*

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Aug. 9, 1979.

Directors present:
Geo. Miller
Al Haeberlin
Bill Andriot
Marty Kamer

Minutes of annual meeting held on July 1[illegible], 1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Haeberlin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the Chief and asst. Chief be sent to the Chief's Convention to be held in Kansas City. From there they will go to Wisconsin to inspect the new aerial truck. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin reported that he received a phone call from Mack Truck advising him that they are refunding $8500 toward the claim that was presented to them.

Mr. Haeberlin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that a committee of 3 be appointed to review total building needs, such as painting ect. This committee will consist of Al Haeberlin, J.C.Kuckols and Marty Kamer. Motion voted on and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Haeberlin, seconded by Mr. Kamer, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

August 14, 1979, 8857 and 8898 recap of cost:

RECAP - EQUIPMENT COST - 8857/8898

(AERIAL)	AUTHORIZED BY BOARD-8857	$ 32,561.68
(VAN)	" " " 8898	2,070.00
	TOTAL AUTHORIZED	34,631.68
	CITIZEN'S ACCOUNT 3/8/79	$ 2,691.15
	DEPOSITED FROM SAVINGS	35,000.00
	TOTAL IN ACCOUNT	37,691.15
	LESS TOTAL SPENT	- 34,240.45 (1)
	CITIZEN'S BALANCE 8/14/79	$ 3,450.70

(1) ITEM A4 - NOT PURCHASED $ 190.35
ITEM C-3, C-8, C12 - PAID 1ST NAT 362.12
ITEM A5 - STILL 2 DUE 60.00
INCLUDES MISC. FREIGHT CHARGES

1979

August 15, 1979, *The Voice*:

Totten argues tax issue

By Suzanne Darland
Staff Writer

John Totten is getting a little fed up with the whole thing.

All he wants is an answer to what he thinks is a simple question. But it's taking an awful long time.

Totten, who lives on Virginia Avenue, lives in one of four subdivisions that are in the city of St. Matthews and are served by the Lyndon Fire Department instead of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

That presented no problem to the Lyndon volunteer firefighter.

That is until Totten got this year's tax bill from St. Matthews. This year, the fire department has doubled its assessment, from 3.5 cents per $100 to 7 cents per $100. Lyndon's department is still at 3.5 cents per $100.

Totten thinks that since he's served by Lyndon's fire department, he shouldn't have to pay the extra assessment through his city taxes. St. Matthews assesses its residents for fire protection, and mails out the fire bill along with its regular tax bill. Later, the two fire departments — St. Matthews and Lyndon — bill the city for the assessment.

It's an inequality. St. Matthews mayor Bernard F. Bowling even said so at the June 12 council meeting when Totten presented his case.

But the mayor determined the question a legal one — whether St. Matthews would be allowed to set up two separate taxing districts. The Lyndon Department serves those St. Matthews residents who live east of the Watterson Expressway, including Warwick Villa, Camelot, Windhurst, and Forest Retreat.

When attorney J W Jones couldn't make a determination, he was instructed to prepare a letter. Totten had asked that if he couldn't be taxed differently, he and his neighbors should receive a refund or the extra money be donated to the Lyndon fire department.

At the next council meeting, a two page letter from Jones didn't answer the question, and Jones was instructed to rewrite it again.

At each meeting, Totten has sat quietly in the back of the hall, waiting for an answer.

"I think it's getting ridiculous," he said. "The city attorney hasn't understood what I'm asking, and I'm still waiting.

"It's simple. They're charging me seven cents when it only costs them 3½ cents."

Totten says he really doesn't expect any kind of refund for this year's taxes. And talking with a friend has persuaded him it might not be constitutionally proper to have two different tax rates in the same city. He figures it didn't hurt to try. If only it didn't take so long.

The question is whether St. Matthews simply acts as a collection agency for the fire department or whether the money goes into a general fund, said city clerk Gretchen Kaiser. And she said that's a legal question she's not prepared to answer.

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association chairman George E. Miller says the department, unlike every other in the county, is not a separate taxing district. Other departments have Jefferson County collect their fire assessment along with county bills.

Miller is proud the department is not a separate taxing district, and says the fire bill would be much higher if it were. Except for Lyndon, other fire assessments in the county range from 7 cents to 10 cents per $100.

Meanwhile, Totten says he's getting his first view of city government, an "interesting" one.

STMFD member:

1979

August 22, 1979, *The Voice*:

Baptist hospital wants complex on Kresge Way

By Roger Harris
Managing Editor

Baptist Hospitals, Inc., operators of Baptist East and Highlands Baptist hospitals, was to have filed today for a zoning change that, if approved, would allow construction of a medical complex on Kresge Way across from Baptist East Hospital.

C.H. Richardson, member of the Baptist Hospitals Board of Directors, said the complex is designed to "improve the quality of health care," while being "attractive and of value to the community."

Plans filed with the city-county planning commission show three, 4-story office buildings, and two 2-story office buildings near Kresge Way. Also shown are nearly 700 parking spaces, extensive landscaping and screening, bike paths and bus "pullovers." Two entrances are shown on Kresge Way and one on Browns Lane.

The 12-acre site is now zoned R-4, residential and the application asks for a change to R-9, office zoning.

Hospital officials have informed adjacent property owners by mail of their intentions and have available at Baptist East for public inspection, copies of the drawings filed with the planning commission, according to Ed Womack, design engineer for the project.

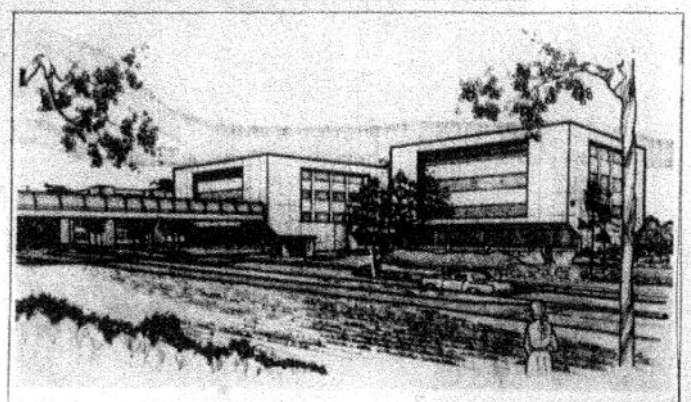
This general area has been the subject of numerous zoning conflicts in recent months. The proposed Cypress Station development that is still before Jefferson Circuit Court is nearby. A citizen zoning watch group, PEACE, that is suing to stop Cypress Station, will discuss the Baptist's plans at their next meeting, PEACE president Paul Saurer said.

"I'd say that their proposal has a definite bearing on what we're discussing now (Cypress Station). We'll definitely discuss it at our next meeting," Saurer said.

The project, as proposed, will be strictly for doctor's offices and hospital administrative offices, according to Homer Coggins, president of Baptist Hospitals.

The plans on file show the taller office buildings at the west end of the site with the two smaller buildings near Browns Lane. The total office space would be approximately 147,000

Continued to Page 12



THE ABOVE is an architect's rendering of part of the medical complex Baptist Hospital, Inc. plans to build on their Kresge Way property.

Medical complex planned

Zone change for Kresge

Continued from Page 1

square feet with a maximum height of 55 feet.

The north boundary of the property is the back property line of single family homes on Brownlee Road. Womack said a wide band of grassy mounds and trees is planned to buffer the parking area and the residences.

Traffic circulation is designed to "minimize the impact" on public streets. Womack said the designers had met with the Air Pollution Control District and discussed the project.

Womack said changes could be made in the design after discussion with the planning commission and other public agencies, but preliminary meetings have indicated a spirit of "cooperation," he said.

Commenting on the intent of the plan, Coggins said, there will be no commercial development of the property and the present design is intended to create "a campus type effect."

Baptist Hospitals, Inc., owns and operates the two local Baptist hospitals in addition to hospitals in Lexington and Paducah. Baptist Hospitals purchased the Kresge Way site in 1966 from J. Graham Brown.

Richardson said the 18-month study of the property indicated that there was a definite need for additional doctor's office space in this area.

He also said the plan is in keeping with the hospital's interest in using the property for hospital related uses.

Ed Womack, vice president of Schimpler-Corradino, the consulting firm that designed the project indicated several features that were included to help hold down the traffic that a project of this size would generate. Womack said they hope to incorporate bike paths into the design and walkways that will show patients of Baptist East easy access to the medical complex. Specifically, the designers hope to get approval for a pedestrian walkway over Kresge Way that will link the present hospital with the medical complex.

The development would be built in phases, but a construction timetable depends on the speed of the zoning process, according to the hospital attorney Mark Davis. Construction could start in spring 1980 or 1981, Davis said.

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

INTRODUCTION

TO

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Revised, September 1979

WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTER

He's the guy next door.

He's a man's man with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines, sirens, smoke and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with warts, worries and unfulfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us. He's a firefighter. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.

A firefighter is the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men.

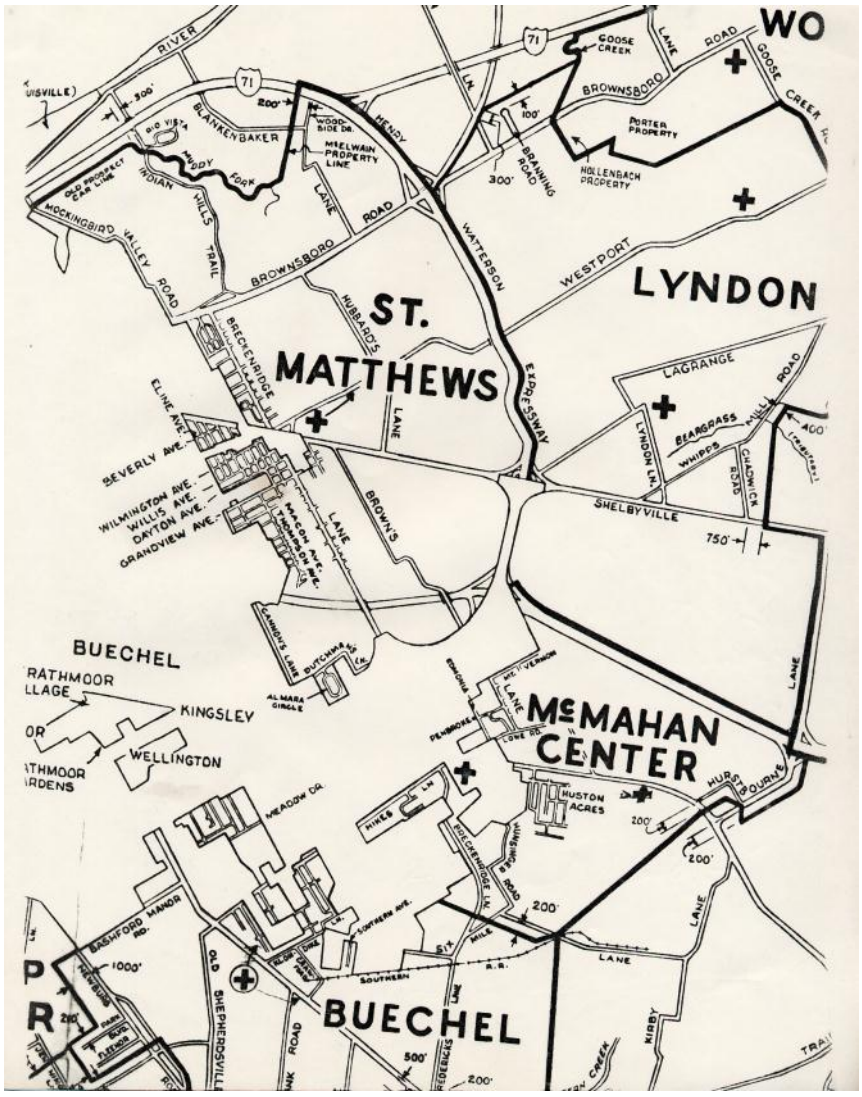
He's a man who savors life because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much awesome power of violent force out of control. He's a man responsive to a child's laughter because he has held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life... hot coffee held in numb, unbending fingers... the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire convulsed lungs... the comraderie of brave men... a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling... the divine peace of selfish service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities and when he marches it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of men.

He lives it.



1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department was started in 1919, by a handfull of dedicated men with very little equipment. During the time the department has existed, it has had five locations and is presently located in it's new house on Lyndon Way. Now the department has one of the most modern fire stations in the country. Six pieces of well equipped fire apparatus are kept in a state of readiness.

Since 1977 the department has been headed by Chief Albert R. Haeberlin. The Chief and his two Assistant Chiefs are appointed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. They in turn appoint the officers of the department.

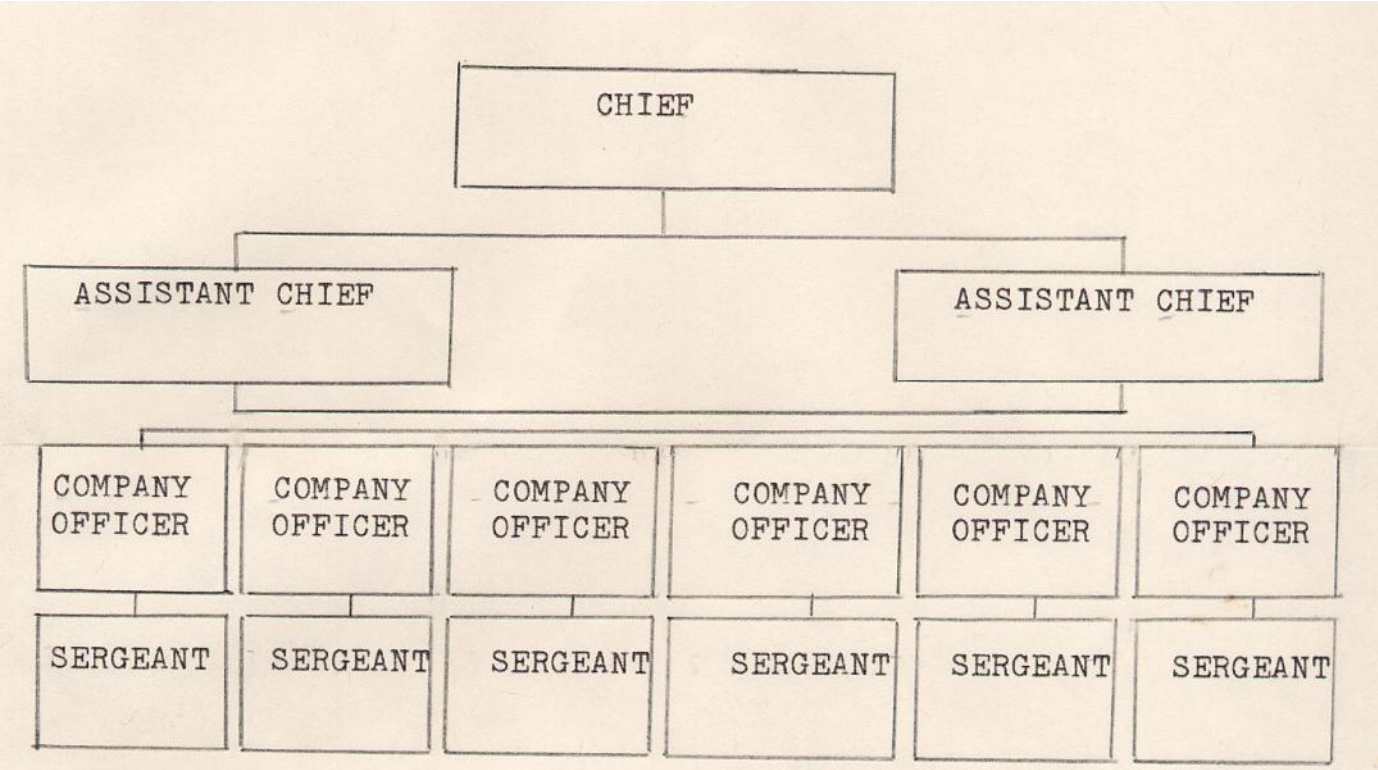
In fire suppression, the St. Matthews Department is staffed by unpaid firefighters, who donate their time and energies for the betterment of their community. The department employs 4 paid personnel to perform insurance related duties, maintain the station and handle the daily responsibilities of it's business.

The department receives it's monies by contracting it's services to the various cities and individuals that lie within it's fire protection area. The department is not connected with the City of St. Matthews in any way, other than on a contractual basis for fire service. The Board of Directors are responsible for all the business and financial matters of the department.

The present firefighters are proud of their position in the fire service as well as the community and look forward to the departments future with cinfidence and continuing to improve and expand their overall operations. We hope that you too will seriously consider becoming a dedicated firefighter, with the goal of helping this department become one of the finest in the country.

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**



The Chief Officers, which are the Chief and two Assistant Chiefs are appointed by the Board of Directors of this Department.

The Officers, which are all Captains and Sergeants, are appointed by the Chief Officers.

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

APPARATUS

8822 - 1931 Seagrave - 500 G.P.M. - Single Stage Pumper Retired from service and maintained only for parades, etc.

8833 - 1963 Seagrave - 1250 G.P.M. - Two Stage Pumper with 500 gal. tank - completely equipped with hose, nozzles, ladders, breathing apparatus and other related tools and equipment. Maintained as second line apparatus.

8834 - 1976 Mack - 1500 G.P.M. - Two Stage Pumper with 500 gallon tank. Completely equipped with hose, nozzles, ladders, breathing apparatus and other related tools and equipment.

8835 - 1976 Mack - 1500 G.P.M. - Two Stage Pumper with 500 gallon tank. Completely equipped with hose, nozzles, ladders, breathing apparatus and other related tools and equipment.

8836 - 1973 Mack - 1500 G.P.M. - Two Stage Pumper with 500 gallon tank. Completely equipped with hose, nozzles, ladders, breathing apparatus and other related tools and equipment.

8855 - 1957 Seagrave - 75' Aerial (Also equipped with 750 G.P.M. Pump) completely equipped with a full complement of various size ground ladders, tools of all kind, rescue and ventilation equipment, breathing apparatus and other related items. Maintained as second line apparatus.

8857 - 1979 Seagrave Tractor Drawn - 100' Aerial. Completely equipped with a full complement of various size ground ladders, tools of all kinds, rescue and ventilation equipment, breathing apparatus and other related items.

8898 - 1979 Fore Van - Not equipped with fire fighting equipment (other than fire extinguisher), as this vehicle is maintained to transport personnel and equipment as may be required.

All the above apparatus equipped with two-channel radios, both mobile and portable.

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

RESPONSIBILITY of MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To set up programs to secure new members. also to work on programs that help the moral of the firefighters.

To check out all applicants for membership and either deny or accept them as new members.

To be sure new members, or members coming back from being inactive are issued gear, key, red light and siren card and monitor.

To keep records on all firefighters on this department, including active or inactive, fireruns, training participation, extra activities, leave of absence for health reasons and any other information pertaining to the firefighters.

To report to the chief officers of this department the findings of this committee and to make recommendations of action to be taken.

INSURANCE PROVIDED FOR

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

All insurance is provided to the firefighter free, by various government agencies and not the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. At no time do any of these agencies including the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department provide insurance for your automobile. We strongly recomend that every firefighter carry good insurance on his own automobile.

Under the Kentucky Workman's Compensation Law, every person who is a member of a volunteer fire department shall be deemed to be in the employment of the political subdivision of the state where the department is located and will be provided coverage under the Workman's Compensation Law.

Also provided to all Jefferson County Firefighters, under the direction of the Jefferson County Fire Protection Program, from the Office of the County Judge, will be an insurance policy covering medical and disability.

It is the policy of the Department that all medical bills and personal lost work time due to disability, to be compensated to the involved individual. Therefore, with current double policys, all insurance monies will be signed over to the department.TheDepartment will pay all medical bills and compensate the individual for lost wages after taxes.

All insurance that is provided starts at the time you are notified of an emergency and start responding, and stops when you make your first stop after leaving the fire station

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

GIFT OF APPRECIATION

Approved by the Board of Directors, June 1972

A gift certificate will be given all eligible persons within one month of his resigning the Department. The amount of the certificate will be determined by the sum of the active service the person has been a firefighter or a board member.

To be eligible:

(1) The individual must be approved by the Board of Directors.
(2) Resign in good standing.
(3) Meet minimum time requirements. Required time need not be consecutive.

The following is a listing of the time requirements and the businesses where the gift certificates may be redeemed.

10 Years	$25.00
15 Years	$50.00
20 Years	$75.00
25 Years	$100.00

K. Brown Jewelers
Merckley-Kendricks Jewelers
Rodes
Bycks

Levy Brothers
Penneys
Oakwood Sporting Goods
Allied Sporting Goods

The firefighter will also be allowed to keep his firefighting helmet.

A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am called to Duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage;
Give me strength to save some life,
What so ever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late:
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently,
Put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and
To give the best of me;
To guard every neighbor and
Protect his property,
And if according to Your will
I have to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand,
My children and my wife.

1979

September 1979: Revised **"Introduction to St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department."**

TO: Prospective Applicants
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can welcome your solicitation for membership into one of the finest firefighter groups in the State of Kentucky. If accepted, you will become a member of one of the most modern, well-trained fire departments in our area. We are very demanding in some respects, but also are known throughout our community as a group of serious men that can have fun together.

I am sure that after you have been through our initial training sessions you will realize the sincerity and the seriour dedication that is expressed by our body of men. Should you need to request my services, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Assistant Chiefs.

I remain,

Albert R. Haeberlin, Chief

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Engineers----------Pg. 1

RULES AND REGULATIONS, General----------Pg. 2-4

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Life Time Membership----------Pg. 5-6

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Reimbursement for Loss, Damage or Destruction of Personal Items-Pg. 7

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Firefighters Reimbursement Program----------Pg. 8

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Firefighter Training Program-----Pg. 9

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTAINED ARE UPDATED AND EFFECTIVE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1979

Chief Albert R. Haeberlin

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Engineers

Effective Date: 9/1/79
Supercedes No.: 9/1/74

1. Engineers shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have a valid State of Kentucky driver's license. They shall also have completed fifty-two (52) weeks training, be a Class "A" firefighter, and satisfactorily completed the engineers examination procedures.

2. Engineers shall be qualified by the officer and appointed by the chief. They shall be qualified for their driving ability and mechanical ability and shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of all apparatus.

3. Before leaving the scene of an emergency and after returning to the station the engineer using each piece of apparatus shall make a service check and advise the officer of any discrepancies.

4. No member shall drive the apparatus except the qualified engineer unless directed to do so by an officer in charge.

5. Each engineer shall be thoroughly familiar with the territory to be served, including the conditions of routes during the different seasons, and the locatinns of all water supplies.

6. Engineers shall observe speed limits which are consistent with safety, considering traffic, weather and road condition. Special care shall be taken when approaching all intersections, the apparatus being kept under control at all times.

7. Engineers shall maintain familiarity with all apparatus.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: General

Effective Date: 9/1/79
Supercedes No.: 1/1/76

1. Do follow the apparatus run schedule.

2. No apparatus is to be started or moved, except in an emergency, without the permission of an officer.

3. Do not dress on the apparatus while it is in motion.

4. Never ride the tailboard of an apparatus that is laying hose.

5. Upon arrival at the scene of an emergency, do not leave the apparatus until ordered to do so.

6. At the scene of an emergency, you are a member of a company, and you will receive your assignments from that company commander.

7. If at the scene of an emergency you should accidentally break something be sure to report it to an officer.

8. Report all injuries to an officer immediately.

9. Do advise the engineer of any and all equipment removed from the apparatus.

10. All clothing must be worn on an emergency until an officer deems otherwise. If three quarter boots are worn they must be pulled up. No bare chest will be allowed.

11. Immediately upon returning from an emergency, sign the roster sheet, designate apparatus number and also designate engineer with an "E" and officer with an "O".

12. Personnel remaining at the station will be expected to help ready the returning apparatus.

13. No firefighter shall be permitted to leave any emergency, department function, or training session for any reason unless excused by his officer.

14. No parking on or in front of the fire station ramp, or in front of rear doors.

15. No alcoholic beverages other than beer will be allowed on the premises at any time. No one under the age of twenty-one (21) will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages at any department function. No beer may be consumed until after training is completed and no alcoholic beverages will be brought on the premises.

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: General

Effective Date: 9/1/79
Supercedes No.: 1/1/76

16. Do not sit or stand on the pool table, desks, air conditioners, and apparatus fenders, or any other object not intended for that purpose.

17. You are responsible for any guests you may bring into the fire station.

18. Always address an officer by his rank or title.

19. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.

20. If you are out of the St. Matthews fire area and learn of an emergency, you are not to use red lights and/or siren until you enter our area.

21. If an alarm comes in during a department gathering or meeting, report to the apparatus to which you are assigned in an orderly manner.

22. We only discuss emergencies in the fire station. Do not engage in conversation with any private citizen concerning any emergency while at the scene or at a later date. Always direct this person to an officer.

23. Passing other apparatus on the way to an emergency will not be tolerated.

24. All apparatus shall follow the proper response route.

25. Any firefighter who has been ordered to report direct to the scene of an emergency will check in with the command post and be relieved from there.

26. Apparatus Load Limit:

8833 - 5 men: 2 in front seat, 3 on tailboard
8834, 8835, 8836 - 5 men; 3 in front seat, 2 in jumpseat
8855 - 5 men; 2 in front seat, 3 in jumpseat
8857 - 5 men; 2 in front seat, 2 in jumpseat, 1 tillerman

27. Radio procedures will be as follows:

10-6 Responding - All units with first company unit verifying location.
10-7 Arriving at scene - All units with the first reporting conditions.
10-8 In service - Officer in charge of emergency.

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: General

Effective Date: 9/1/79
Supercedes No.: 1/1/76

28. Define Working Fire: Be alert for more information and instructions; fire conditions are working upon arrival.

29. Code 1 Response - Normal driving procedures--nonemergency
This is used when responding to another departments area for standby service.

Code 2 Response - Warning lights only--nonemergency
This is used when weather conditions, etc. warrant it. Use at the officer's discretion.

Code 3 Response - Warning lights and siren--emergency
This is used when responding to the scene of an emergency either inside or outside the boundaries of our fire or contract area.

30. Response - All first alarm units will respond to the emergency unless cancelled. If another emergency call is received during an existing emergency the officer in charge of the first emergency will determine the other response. If additional help is needed at the scene of an emergency, beyond the first alarm, the apparatus will be called for as needed.

31. Firefighting Gear - Firefighters shall wear only equipment issued and approved by the department.

32. All equipment issued by the department shall remain at the station at all times; except bunker pants and short boots and jumpsuits.

33. Going Direct - Firefighters and officers shall not at any time go direct to the scene of an emergency, unless ordered to do so by the officer in charge; except the Chief Officers.

34. Training - All personnel shall attend 75% of the Tuesday evening training sessions or be dropped from the department, unless excepted conditions are approved by the Chief.

1. Personnel with a personal hardship;
2. Personnel working at their regular jobs or going to school shall attend the alternate training session;
3. Personnel on sick leave;
4. Department approved activity.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

1. Do follow the apparatus run schedule.
2. No apparatus is to be started or moved without the permission of an officer except in an emergency, without the permission of an officer.
3. Do not dress while the apparatus is in motion.
4. Never ride the tailboard while the apparatus is laying hose.
5. Upon arrival at the scene of an emergency, do not leave the apparatus until ordered to do so.
6. At the scene of an emergency, you are a member of a company, and you will receive your assignments from that company commander.
7. If at the scene of an emergency you should accidentally break anything be sure to report it to an officer.
8. Report all injuries to an officer immediately.
9. Do advise the engineer of any and all equipment removed from the apparatus.
10. All clothing must be worn on an emergency until an officer deems otherwise. If three quarter boots are worn they must be pulled up. No bare chest will be allowed.
11. Immediately upon returning from an emergency, sign the roster sheet, designate apparatus number and also designate engineer with an "E" and officer with an "0".
12. Personnel remaining at the station will be expected to help ready the returning apparatus.
13. No firefighter shall be permitted to leave any emergency, department function or training for any reason unless excused by his officer.
14. No parking on or in front of the fire station ramp, or in front or rear doors.
15. No alcoholic beverages other than beer will be allowed on the premises at any time. No one under twenty-one (2l) will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages at any department function.. No beer may be consumed until after training is completed, and no alcoholic beverages will be brought on the premises.
16. Do not sit or stand on the pool table, desks, air conditioners and apparatus fenders, or any other object not intended for that purpose.
17. You are responsible for any guest you may bring into the fire station.
18. Always address an officer by his rank or title.
19. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, or shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.
20. If you are out of the St. Matthews fire area and learn of an emergency, you are not to use red lights and/or siren until you enter our area.
21. If an alarm comes in during a fire department gathering or meeting, report to the apparatus to which you are assigned in an orderly manner.
22. We only discuss emergencies in the fire station. Do not engages in conversation with any private citizens concerning any emergency while at the scene or at a later date. Always direct this person to an officer.
23. Passing other apparatus on the way to an emergency will not be tolerated.
24. All apparatus shall follow the proper response route.
25. Any firefighter who has been ordered to report direct to an scene of an emergency will check in with the command post and be relieved from there.
26. Apparatus Load Limit:

8833 – 5 men: 2 in front seat, 3 on tailboard. 8834 & 8835 -5 men, 3 in front seat, 2 in jump seat.
8855 – 5 men, 2 in front seat, 3 in jump seat. 8857 – 5 men, 2 in front seat, 2 in jumpseat, 1 tillerman.

27. Radio procedures will be as follows:
    10-6 Responding - All units with first company unit verifying location.
    10-7 Arriving at the scene – All units with the first reporting conditions.
    10-8 In service - officer in charge of the emergency.
28. Define Working Fire: Be alert for more information and instructions; fire conditions are working upon arrival.
29. Code 1 Response – Normal driving procedures – non-emergency—This is used when responding to another departments area for standby service.
    Code 2 Response – Warning lights only – non-emergency – This is used when weather conditions, etc. warrant it. Use at the officer's discretion.
    Code 3 Response – Warning lights and siren – emergency – this is used when responding to the scene of an emergency either inside or outside the boundaries of our fire or contract area.
30. Response - All first alarm units will respond to the emergency unless cancelled. If another emergency call is received during an existing emergency the officer in charge of the first emergency will determine the other response. If additional help is needed at the scene of an emergency, beyond the first alarm,, the apparatus will be called for as needed.

31. Firefighter Gear – Firefighter s shall wear only equipment issued and approved by the department.

32. All equipment issued by the department shall remain at the station at all times; except bunker pants and short boots and jumpsuits.

33. Going Direct – Firefighters and officers shall not at any time go direct to the scene of an emergency, unless ordered to do so by the officer in charge; except the Chief Officers.

34. Training – All personal shall attend 75% of the Tuesday evening training sessions or be dropped from the department, unless excepted conditions are approved by the Chief.
    1. Personnel with a personal hardship;
    2. Personnel working at their regular jobs or going to school shall attend the alternate training session;
    3. Personnel on sick leave; 4. Department approved activity.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Life Time Membership

Effective Date: 11/1/7[illegible]
Supercedes No.: None

To qualify for the Life Time Membership you must reach the magic number seventy (70). This is determined by your age at the time you joined the department. The chart following will tell you how many years of service you will need to qualify for the program. The first column is your age at the time you joined. The second column is the years of active service needed. Those two columns added together total seventy (70). But as we obtain one year of service we also become one year older, thus, the third column denotes the actual number of years needed to qualify. The fourth column gives you your age at the time you qualify.

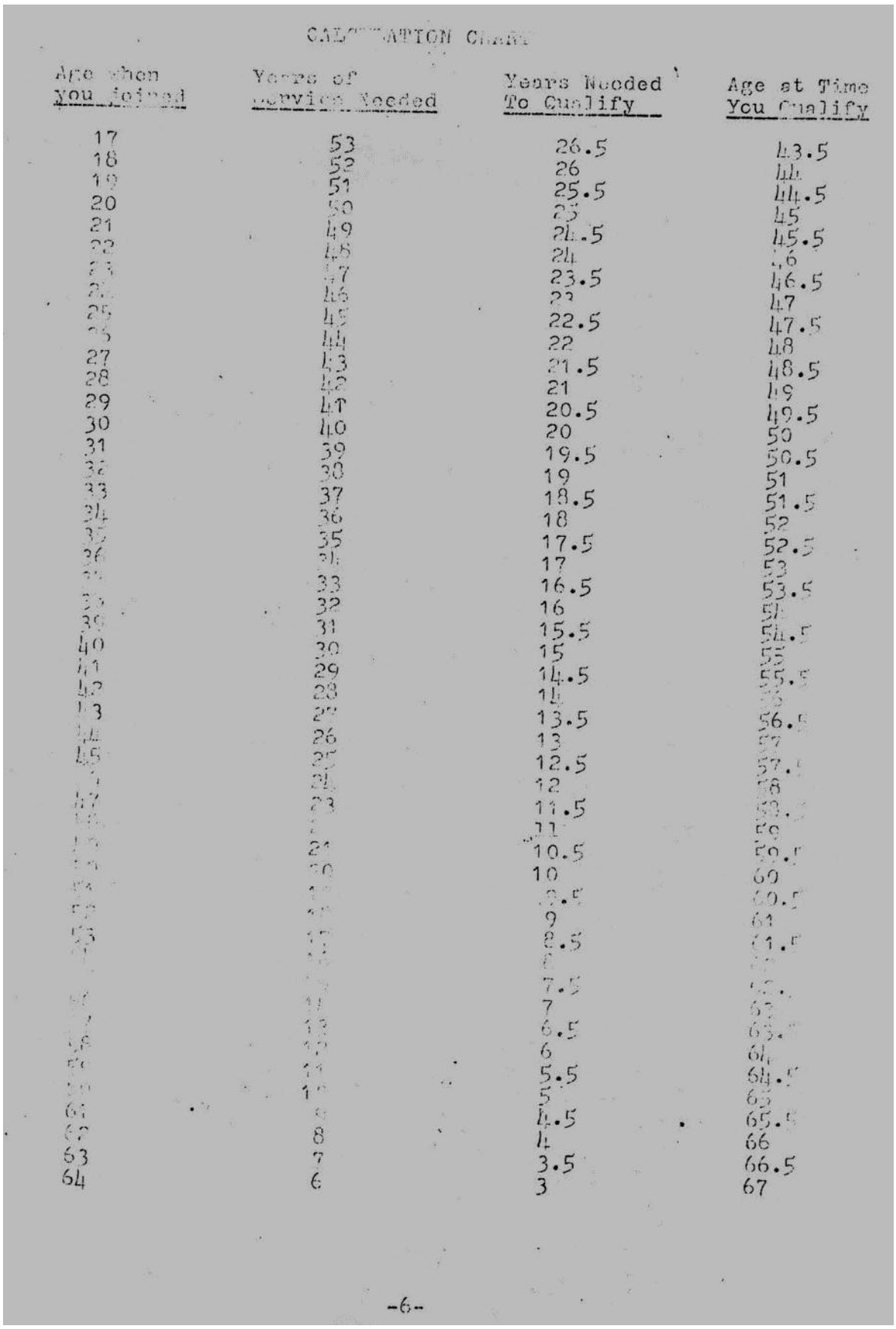
Any temporary medical disability or any compulsory relocation out of the district with a minimum of ten (10) years of active service maintains continuity of time towards Life Time Membership, but only if you return to the department.

Permanent disability while you are an active member regardless of the time of active service qualifies you automatically as a Life Time Member.

When you have become a Life Time Member you will be relieved of all mandatory participation. However, all other by-laws and rules and regulations must be observed. All Life Time Members will also receive a plaque and a personalized lapel pin.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

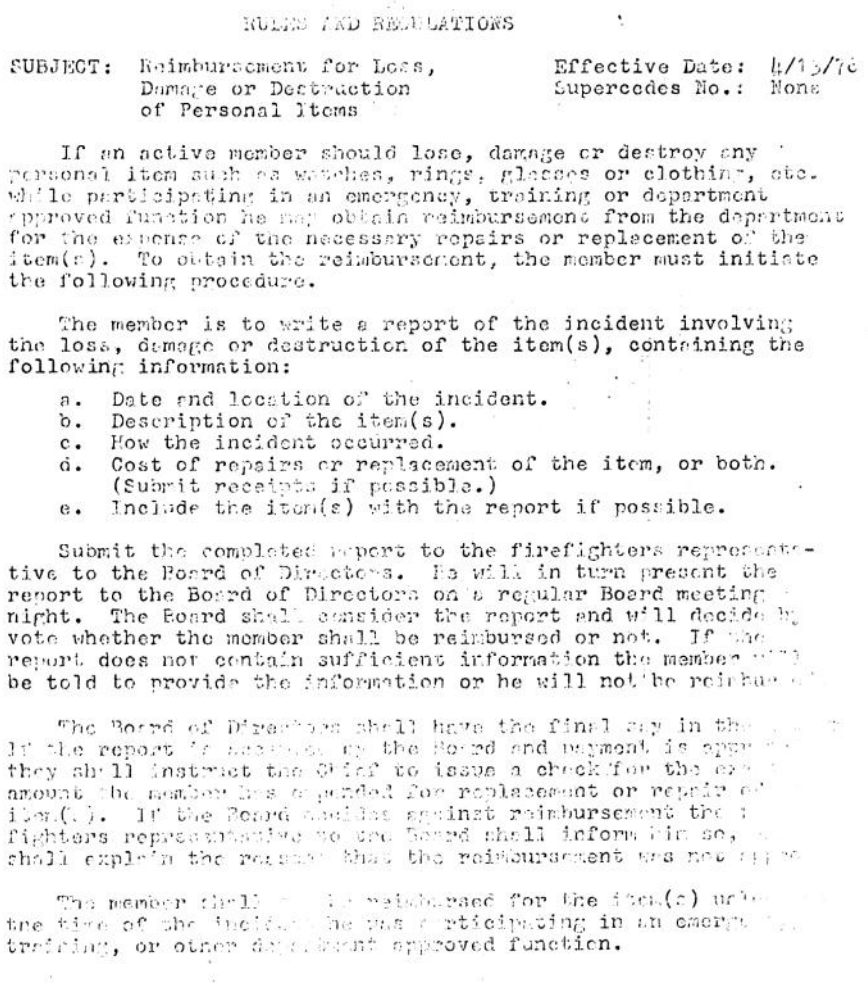


CALCULATION CHART

Age when you joined	Years of service needed	Years Needed To Qualify	Age at Time You Qualify
17	53	26.5	43.5
18	52	26	44
19	51	25.5	44.5
20	50	25	45
21	49	24.5	45.5
22	48	24	46
23	47	23.5	46.5
24	46	23	47
25	45	22.5	47.5
26	44	22	48
27	43	21.5	48.5
28	42	21	49
29	41	20.5	49.5
30	40	20	50
31	39	19.5	50.5
32	38	19	51
33	37	18.5	51.5
34	36	18	52
35	35	17.5	52.5
36	34	17	53
37	33	16.5	53.5
38	32	16	54
39	31	15.5	54.5
40	30	15	55
41	29	14.5	55.5
42	28	14	56
43	27	13.5	56.5
44	26	13	57
45	25	12.5	57.5
46	24	12	58
47	23	11.5	58.5
48	22	11	59
49	21	10.5	59.5
50	20	10	60
51	19	9.5	60.5
52	18	9	61
53	17	8.5	61.5
54	16	8	62
55	15	7.5	62.5
56	14	7	63
57	13	6.5	63.5
58	12	6	64
59	11	5.5	64.5
60	10	5	65
61	9	4.5	65.5
62	8	4	66
63	7	3.5	66.5
64	6	3	67

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:



RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Loss, Damage or Destruction of Personal Items

Effective Date: 4/13/76
Supercedes No.: None

If an active member should lose, damage or destroy any personal item such as watches, rings, glasses or clothing, etc. while participating in an emergency, training or department approved function he may obtain reimbursement from the department for the expense of the necessary repairs or replacement of the item(s). To obtain the reimbursement, the member must initiate the following procedure.

The member is to write a report of the incident involving the loss, damage or destruction of the item(s), containing the following information:

a. Date and location of the incident.
b. Description of the item(s).
c. How the incident occurred.
d. Cost of repairs or replacement of the item, or both. (Submit receipts if possible.)
e. Include the item(s) with the report if possible.

Submit the completed report to the firefighters representative to the Board of Directors. He will in turn present the report to the Board of Directors on a regular Board meeting night. The Board shall consider the report and will decide by vote whether the member shall be reimbursed or not. If the report does not contain sufficient information the member will be told to provide the information or he will not be reimbursed.

The Board of Directors shall have the final say in the matter. If the report is accepted by the Board and payment is approved they shall instruct the Chief to issue a check for the exact amount the member has reported for replacement or repair of item (s). If the Board decides against reimbursement the firefighters representative to the Board shall inform him so, and shall explain the reason that the reimbursement was not approved.

The member shall be reimbursed for the item(s) only if at the time of the incident he was participating in an emergency, training, or other department approved function.

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Loss, Damage or Destruction of Personal Items: Effective Date: 4/13/1976, supercedes No.: None.

If an active member should lose, damage or destroy any personal item such as watches, rings, glasses or clothing, etc. while participating in an emergency, training or department approved function he may obtain reimbursement from the department for the expense of the necessary repairs or replacement of the item(s). To obtain the reimbursement, the member must initiate the following procedure.

The member is to write a report of the indecent involving the loss, damage or destruction of the item(s), containing the following information.

a. Date and location of the incident.
b. description of the item(s).
c. How the incident occurred.
d. Cost of repairs or replacement of the item, or both. (Submit receipts if possible.)
e. Include the items(s) with the report if possible.

Submit the completed report to the firefighters representative to the Board of Directors. He will in turn present the report to the Board of Directors on a regular Board meeting night. The Board shall consider the report and will decide by vote whether the member shall be reimbursed or not. If the report does not contain sufficient information the member will be told to provide the information or he will not re reimbursed.

The Board of Directors shall have the final say in the matter. IF the report is accepted by the Board and payment is approved they shall instruct the Chief to issue a check for the exact amount the member has reported for replacement or repair of item (s). If the Board decides against reimbursement the firefighters representative to the Board shall inform him so, and shall explain the reason that the reimbursement was not approved.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Firefighters Reimbursement Program

Effective Date: 1/1/79
Supercedes No.: None

The Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department passed a motion that, effective January 1, 1979, money will be budgeted each year to cover a reimbursement program for the expenses of a volunteer member. The reimbursement program will be based on participation and contribution, with department training being mandatory.

In 1979, the qualifying members will be reimbursed monthly as follows: SEE NEXT PAGE

"C" Level Firefighter - $2.00 per fire run
"B" Level Firefighter - $3.00 per fire run
"A" Level Firefighter and Engineers - $4.00 per fire run
Sergeants and Company Officers - $5.00 per fire run

Each participating member must sign his name after each run on the expense account roster sheet.

The Board of Directors wants to be sure each firefighter understands, this is not considered payment for making fire runs. It is and is only intended to be reimbursement for actual, out of the pocket, expense by the firefighter.

Approved by Board of Directors

REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSES

	CURRENT (Since Jan.,1978)	PROPOSED (July,1981)
Firefighter Applicant	$ 00	$ 00
Firefighter - C Level	2.00	2.00
Firefighter - B Level	3.00	3.00
Firefighter - A Level/Engineer	4.00	4.00
Firefighter I	--	4.50
Firefighter II	--	5.00
Sergeant	5.00	5.50
Company Officer	5.00	6.00

Note: I - Multiple Storm Runs - Maximum of 3 Runs Credit

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: Firefighter Training Program — Effective Date: 9/1/79
Supercedes No.: None

Firefighter training is perhaps the most vital function of our organization. Each of us, from the Fire Chief down to the newest recruit, is a perpetual student. Although many of the techniques used in the fire service today are the same as those used years ago, new materials, as regards, chemicals, packaging, transportation and the like; create interesting and challenging "problems" for the fire service.

Firefighter education begins with a six week introduction to this fire department. Following formal application to the department and approval of the application by our Membership Committee, the "Applicant" starts a program whereby the department's instructors make a commitment to the applicant and the applicant makes a comaitment to the department to successfully complete each phase of the program to the best of the abilities of all concerned.

National Fire Protection Association guidelines are employed by this fire department regarding training and education programs. Specifically, N.F.P.A. Pamphlet No. 1001, Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, is the basic guideline. Other guidelines are: Pamphlet No. 1002, Fire Apparatus Driver-Operator Professional Qualifications, Pamphlet No. 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, as well as pamphlets pertaining to Fire Prevention, Fire Inspection, Fire Investigation. Also, we have an outstanding library of training manuals and texts, one of the most complete visual-aid sections of any library in our state and a group of instructors capable of producing a knowledgeable, effective firefighter.

Evaluation of our program is essential. We evaluate each phase of our program before allowing any applicant or apprentice to advance to the next level of progression. These evaluations are in two forms - written and practical or demonstration.

Training is required weekly. Following applicant level training, we have a one-year apprentice program consisting of three levels. The first level must be successfully completed within ninety days following completion of the applicant evaluation. The second level apprentice or "B" must be successfully completed within ninety days of the first level ("C") and finally successful completion of the last phase earns the apprentice the designation of Firefighter "A".

It is our sincere belief that a citizen interested in becoming a firefighter must have not only the desire to become a firefighter but also the knowledge and the ability to function safely and effectively.

1979

September 1, 1979, Rules and Regulations:

SUBJECT: Firefighter Tainting Program: Effective Date: 9/1/1979, supersedes No.: None.

Firefighter training is perhaps the most vital function of our organization. Each of us, from the Fire Chief down to the newest recruit, is a perpetual student. Although many of the techniques used in the fire service today are the same as those used years ago, now materials, as they regard to, chemicals, packaging, transportation and the like; create interesting and challenging "problems" for the fire service.

Firefighter education begins with a six week introduction to this fire department. Following formal application to the department and approval of the application by our membership Committee, the "Applicant" starts a program whereby the department's instructors make a commitment to the applicant and the applicant makes a commitment to the department to successfully complete each phase of the program to the best of there ability of all concerned.

National Fire Protection Association guidelines are employed by this fire department regarding training and education programs. Specifically, N.F.P.A. Pamphlet No. 1001, Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, is the basic. Other guidelines are: Pamphlet No. 1002, Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Professional Qualifications, Pamphlet No. 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, as well as pamphlets pertaining to Fire Prevention, Fire Inspection, Fire Investigation. Also, we have an outstanding library of training manual and tests, one of the must complete visual-aid sections of library in our state and group of instructors capable of producing a knowledgeable, effective firefighter.

Evaluation of our program is essential. We evaluate each phase of our program before allowing any applicant to apprentice to advance to the next level of progression. These evaluations are in two forms – written and practical or demonstration.

Training is required yearly. Following applicant level training we have a one-year apprentice program consisting of three levels. The first level must be successfully completed within ninety days following completion of the applicant evaluation. The second level apprentice or "B" must be successfully completed within ninety days of the first level ("C") and finally successful completion of the last phase earns the apprentice the designation of Firefighter "A".

It is our sincere belief that a citizen interested in becoming a firefighter must have not only the desire to become a firefighter but also the knowledge and the ability to function safety and effectively.

1979

September 12, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held at Big Springs Country Club on Sept. 12, 1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	Geo. Miller
J.C.Nuckols	Marty Kamer
Bill Andriot	Durward Maynard
Tom Jerry Smith	John Monohan

The meeting was opened by Mr. Haeberlin with the reading of minutes of meeting held on Aug. 9, 1979. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that minutes be accepted as read. Motion so carried.

Under old business Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the bid for painting of the station from Abe Earl be accepted.Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin reported that he had talked again to Mack truck and they assured him that a refund check was forthcoming. It would just be a matter of time to process through proper channels.

Under new business Mr. Andriot reported the the firemen would like to have approval from the board for a dinner-dance. Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that the board approve giving a dinner-dance for the firemen. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin recommended that the Dept. purchase foam to be carried on each pumper.
Mr. Miller made a motion that a committee consisting of Mr. Haeberlin, Mr. Nuckols, Mr. Smith and Mr. Monohan meet on Sat. Sept 15 to discuss said purchase. The board would than go along with recommendation made by this committee. Motion voted on and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Haeberlin, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

September 15, 1979, Special Board meeting:

A special meeting of the board of directors of the St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn. was held on Sept I5, I979 at I0:00 AM.

Directors present:
Al Haeberlin
J.C.Nuckols
John Monohan
Geo. Miller
Bill Andriot

Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that cracks in concrete be repaired by Gene Wells Concrete Co. on time and material basis. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that we purchase foam to be carried on 4 trucks. Motion voted on and so carried.

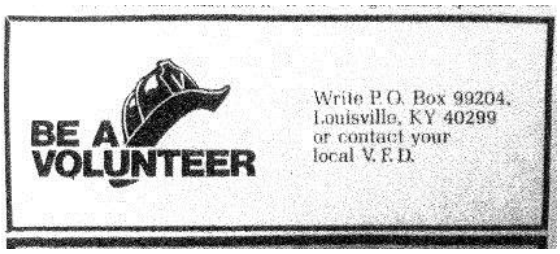
There being no further business, motion made by Mr.Miller, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

September 26, 1979, *The Voice*:



October 11, 1979, Board meeting: **To become 5th Class November 1, 1979.**

The regular meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn; was held on Oct. 11,1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	Geo. Miller
J.P.Terry	Durward Maynard
Tom Jerry Smith	Bill Andriot
J.C.Nuckols	Merty Kamer

Minutes of meeting held on Sept. 12,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Andriot, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that minutes be accepted as read.

Mr. Haeberlin reported that at the present our dept has a 6th class rating and as of Nov. 1st we will aquire a 5th class rating.

Mr. Haeberlin also reported that according to latest information we can expect delivery on the new truck about the first of the year.

The next order of business was a financial report by Mr. Nuckols.

Under new business Mr. Haeberlin expressed his desire to get a fire hydrant installed on Fire Dept. property at the rear. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that Mr. Haeberlin look into getting a price on installing said hydrant and report back to the board.

Also Mr. Haeberlin asked the board to give him the authority to try to find a deisel engine for 8V33. Mr. Haeberlin was instructed to find out what an engine would cost and report back to the board.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Miller, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

October 17, 1979, *The Voice*:

Thanksgiving parade planned for Shelbyville Rd.

By Suzanne Darland and Pat Noonan
Staff Writers

It's a Thanksgiving morning tradition. A colorful parade complete with floats, antique cars, bands and beautiful girls.

This year, area residents won't have to gather around a television set to see it.

This year, such a parade will march down Shelbyville Road in the heart of St. Matthews.

Under the joint sponsorship of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association, Inc. and the St. Matthews Jaycees, about 40 units are expected to march an hour and fifteen minutes in "The Christmas Parade."

That should include from four to six large commercial floats plus four or five small floats sponsored by local organizations. At press time the Kosair Shriners and WZZX radio had committed floats. Also expected are antique cars, a police motorcycle unit, and high school bands, said Ernie Kuhn of the Jaycees. The University of Louisville band is likely to march, he added.

"I think we have enough commitment to get it off the ground," said an enthusiastic Kuhn. "It's a challenge at this short notice, but we're going to give it our best shot."

The short notice is what worries St. Matthews police chief J.W. Burton. And while he says St. Matthews officers "will perform the necessary duties" of crowd and traffic control, he's afraid planning will be too hasty to keep Thanksgiving morning from being complete chaos.

He said residents, who may be attending church services or visiting relatives' homes that day, should be adequately informed about the traffic rerouting. At least 18,000 are expected.

Kuhn said Thanksgiving day was chosen for the parade rather than the next day, Friday, Nov. 23, because fewer cars would be on the road. The Friday after Thanksgiving traditionally kicks off the Christmas shopping season in Louisville, and Chief Burton said he begins planning months in advance to handle the increased traffic at Shelbyville Road and the Watterson Expressway near Oxmoor and The Mall. Up to 15 officers direct traffic that day and each weekend before Christmas.

"I feel it's an undue burden placed on the public and the police," he said. He said he wants parking areas and plans for crowds viewing to be carefully worked out before he issues a parade permit. Burton said he would agree to the permit if the community supports the parade.

The parade will run down Shelbyville Road from Trinity High School to the Shelbyville Road Plaza. Chief Burton said traffic will be rerouted onto Westport Road, from Wilks Avenue to Breckenridge Lane, and onto Sherburn Lane and Browns Lane.

Jack Macy, president of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association, Inc., said his organization was approached around the first of October by a firm called Exhibition Decorators Inc., to sponsor a Thanksgiving parade in St. Matthews.

In the past, Exhibition Decorators was responsible for Christmas parades held in downtown Louisville annually, but last year the Chamber of Commerce discontinued them for lack of community response. The St. Matthews parade is to be bigger than the Louisville parade, he said.

At a special meeting called Tuesday, Oct. 9, the directors of the business

Continued to Page A-3

Thanksgiving parade planned

Continued from Page A-1

group were told by Kuhn of the jaycees that his organization was willing to "do all the work" for the parade if the businessmen would back the idea, according to Macy. John Gruber represented the parade firm at the meeting and Chief Burton was also in attendance.

The Board agreed to back the parade with not more than $1,000, first, if more details were presented at teh business organization's regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 16, and second, that final approval would be given on Nov. 1 only after the board was satisfied that there was sufficient community support and participation to make the parade large and successful. That support is to come in the form of sponsoring the $800 to $1,000 floats and sponsoring bands for a $100 transportation fee.

Macy said that the Exhibition Decorators have floats already built "all across the Midwest," that are unused for that time period. The company does not expect to make money this year but hopes to get a foothold in Eastern Jefferson County and build on it in subsequent years, while making use of the idle floats. The firm has provided floats for the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl and local Pegasus parades. They would make minor alterations such as color changes for use here.

Eunice Sears, executive director of the Louisville float firm that provides floats for 36 parades a year, said interest is high for the St. Matthews parade. The firm "rents" floats to local businesses and personalizes them for that parade before sending the frame to another parade. She said she wanted to assist the Jaycees in putting on a "quality event."

"There's no doubt there'll be a problem getting this together," said Kuhn. "But we're going to give it a try."

October 17, 1979, *The Voice*:

St. Matthews fire department classification, rates, lowered

By Suzanne Darland
Staff Writer

Businesses in the St. Matthews area will begin paying less for their fire insurance come Nov. 1.

That's because of a recent evaluation by the Insurance Services Office, state-licensed insurance rating firm. The firm recently improved the St. Matthews Fire Protection Area from class six to class five. That new classification will lower fire insurance rates for businesses, but not for homes. Rates for private residences are unchanged from sixth to fifth class.

John Sayre, of the services office who prepared the evaluation, said businesses should check with their insurance agents for specifics, but can expect to save between .6 percent and six percent on the building itself and .4 percent and 3 percent on its contents.

The classification affects businesses within a five mile road distance of the fire station which have adequate fire hydrant protection. Sayre said most insurance companies rely on the firm's rating system to set their own insurance rates.

Individual rates depend on the type of business, brick or wood, and whether the building houses a manufacturing or retail business.

The new rating is somewhat of an honor to the St. Matthews department, said Chief Albert R. Haeberlin.

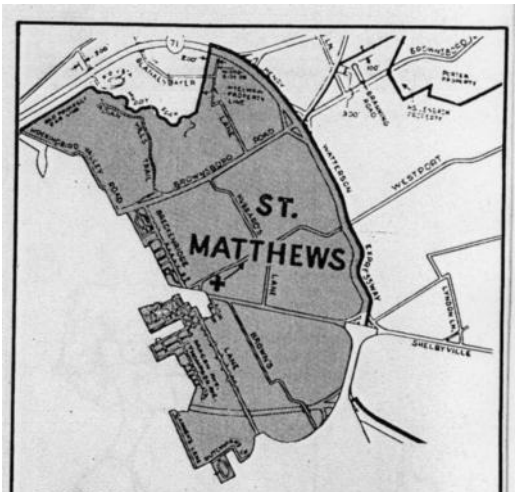
"We're quite proud of having achieved this," he said. "It speaks for itself as to the amount of training our men put in and their abilities."

Some of the criteria used in evaluating the classification of a department can't be influenced. said Sayre. The rating firm had conducted a study of the Jefferson County alarm system, which dispatches fire alarms to individual departments this spring. An evaluation of the Louisville Water Company's output capacity was made in June.

But individual fire departments can affect other points in their rating. They can purchase the proper equipment, conduct special training programs for new recruits and improve their own communication systems.

The St. Matthews department did these things. It recently hired its first

Continued to page A-3



THE SHADED PORTION of the map above shows the boundary area of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Not all of the city of St. Matthews is included in its boundaries, and the district covers some small cities and unincorporated areas of the county in the St. Matthews area.

Firemen 'proud' of classification

Continued from Page A-1

full time fire inspector and three full time firefighters who were able to do more thorough testing of the equipment and more regular inspections of area businesses. The volunteers have also turned to a radio page for communication. While other departments have the personal systems, Captain Mike Noland said St. Matthews is one of the few to issue a page to each firefighter. Other plusses for the force, said Chief Haeberlin, is updated equipment. The department recently ordered a second aerial ladder, for instance.

The department's biggest asset, said Captain Rick Albers, is its recruit training program.

"We're one of the few that requires a written and a practical test," he said. "Our training is very demanding. If a recruit doesn't measure up, out he goes."

He explained an applicant for the volunteer fire department, which is at its ideal quota of 55, completes a six-week training program before he sees his first fire.

After that, he'll be termed an apprentice for a year or so while he works with seasoned firefighters. "He's not called a firefighter until he's completed the apprenticeship," said Capt. Albers.

After the training period, firefighters are encouraged to attend Jefferson Community College fire science classes to specialize and hone their skills.

About four or five other fire departments have achieved the class five rating, sayd Sayre, and several are working on a class four rating. Only Louisville, rated class two, has a better rating than county units.

Capt. Noland pointed out that this week, National Fire Prevention Week, was a good time to hear about the new rating.

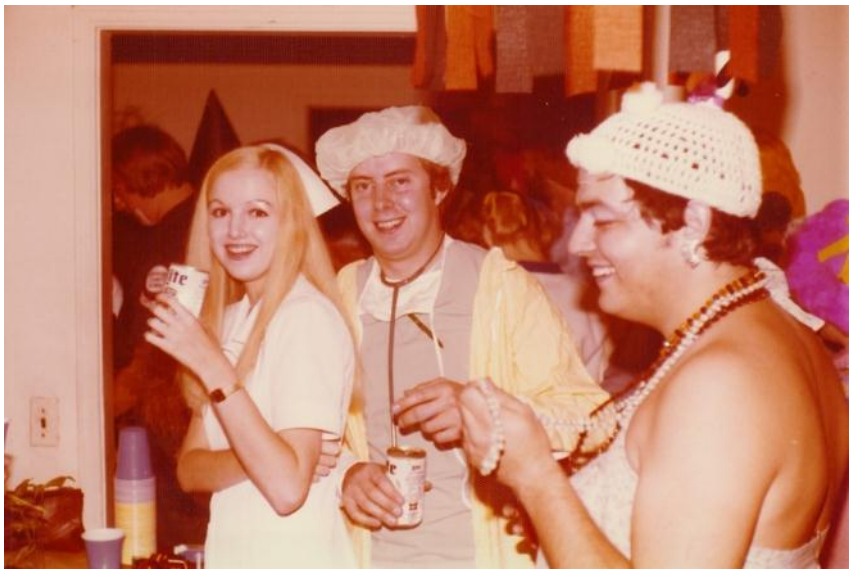
"This is a goal we've worked hard to reach," he said. "And this is our grade — a good report card."

1979

Courtesy Jim Hytken: **1979 Halloween**

Pat Noland, John Walling

Mike Noland & Tim Golden



Jack O'Toole, and Mike Noland

1979

Courtesy Jim Hytken:

1979 Dinner Party

Doddie & Frank Florence

Al & Mrs. Haeberlin

Tamera & Dave Kamer

Mrs. & Bill Andriot (Fireman Bill)

John & Susan Walling

Jack O'Toole, Gary Doyle, Frank Florence, Doddie Florence, Al Haeberlin

1979

Courtesy Jim Hytken:

1979 Dinner Party

????? & Rick Albers

Jim Graven & Family

Marilyn & Jack Monohan

1979

November 7, 1979, *The Voice*:

Col. Harlan Sanders is parade grand marshall

By PAT NOONAN
Business Editor

Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m., nearly 40 units will move down Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews for The Christmas Parade, sponsored by the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association and the St. Matthews Jaycees.

Colonel Harlan Sanders has agreed to be grand marshall. He will be accompanied by his wife, Claudia Sanders, as well as a boy and a girl whose names will be drawn to be co-marshall in a contest run by the business association. (An entry blank can be found in an ad for the parade elsewhere in this newspaper.)

Organizers say the parade will consist of at least three marching bands, including Carroll County, Seneca and Valley High Schools; seven or eight professionally done floats, a mule team, clowns, Fair Bear, antique cars, horses, fire engines, a unicyclist, and more. The Shriners have promised several units, and several dignitaries and celebrities will participate.

"We could have had a much larger parade," says a spokesman. "But we've controlled the quality of what we will let in. This should be a fine parade."

St. Matthews Police Chief Burton has contacted officials in small cities along the parade route, and he has been promised the assistance of 12 policemen, to date, for crowd control and security.

Businesses along the route are being asked to provide free parking for parade-goers, and a map of the route, parking areas and alternate routes around the parade will be published Thanksgiving week.

"Publicity is the most important thing now," said a member of the Business Association. Posters will be distributed to schools and businesses, and WZZX-FM has promised a vigorous campaigd to publicize the event.

The parade will last one hour, and run from Trinity to Shelbyville Road Plaza.

Former Country Day site

Church of Christ plans school on Browns Lane

By DEBBY GRAVES
Staff Writer

A private Christian school will open next fall at the former site of the Kentucky Country Day School on Browns Lane if the purchase of the site by a corporation representing area Churches of Christ is concluded successfully Monday.

Browns Lane Christian Schools, Inc., has entered into an agreement to purchase six acres of the 24-acre site near Dutchmans Lane now owned by Wrecker Creek Development. Realtor Martha Owen is president of Wrecker Creek, which purchased the property in September for $1 million at a public auction.

Planners of the Christian school envision "a high quality academic program eventually to include grades one through 12," according to Ernie Williams, a member of the corporation's board of directors and their attorney.

Other board members, all members of the Westport Road Church of Christ, 1500 Westport Road, include Don Peden, Hoba Sparks, Gale Heaton, and Dick Brackett.

Current plans are to open the school in September, using the existing facilities which include a gymnasium and school building, Williams said. The facilities have a capacity for about 400 students, but Williams said he expects the school will open with about half that amount.

He said he expects the school to open with grades kindergarten through six, adding a grade each year through grade 12.

Plans for the school's curriculum aren't established yet, Williams said those plans will be decided after an administrator for the school is hired.

Board members have begun a preliminary search to find an administrator for the school, he said.

Williams said plans for a Christian school took shape about one year ago, after members at the Westport Road church surveyed about 14 other area Churches of Christ to determine if there was enough interest in the project.

The corporation was formed last spring, after its members learned that the property on Browns Lane was for sale. They were outbid on that sale by Harold Frame Homes, Inc., however, which purchased the site for $1.1 million.

Also disappointed on that sale was the St. Matthews YMCA, which was hoping to expand their facilities through the purchase of the site.

The property went on the auction block again in September. Browns Lane Christian Schools didn't bid a second time, Williams said. Instead the corporation worked and opened negotiations with Ms. Owen for six acres after her company purchased the entire tract.

Williams said the corporation is delighted with the site for several reasons. The facilities are suitable for the planned school and need only some minor repair and renovation, he said. And the site is easily accessible from both the nearby I-64 and Watterson Expressway.

The location is convenient for members of east end Churches of Christ and for members of churches including the Okolona and the Taylor Blvd. Churches of Christ who might wish to enroll their children, he said.

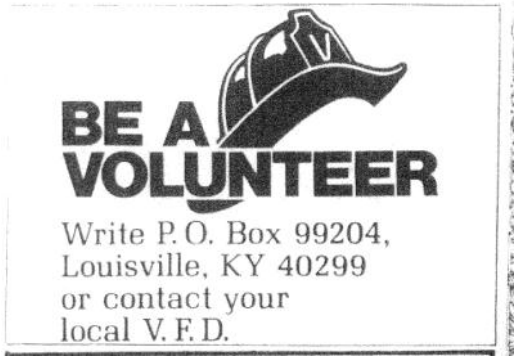
Enrollment will not be restricted to children of church members, however, Williams said.

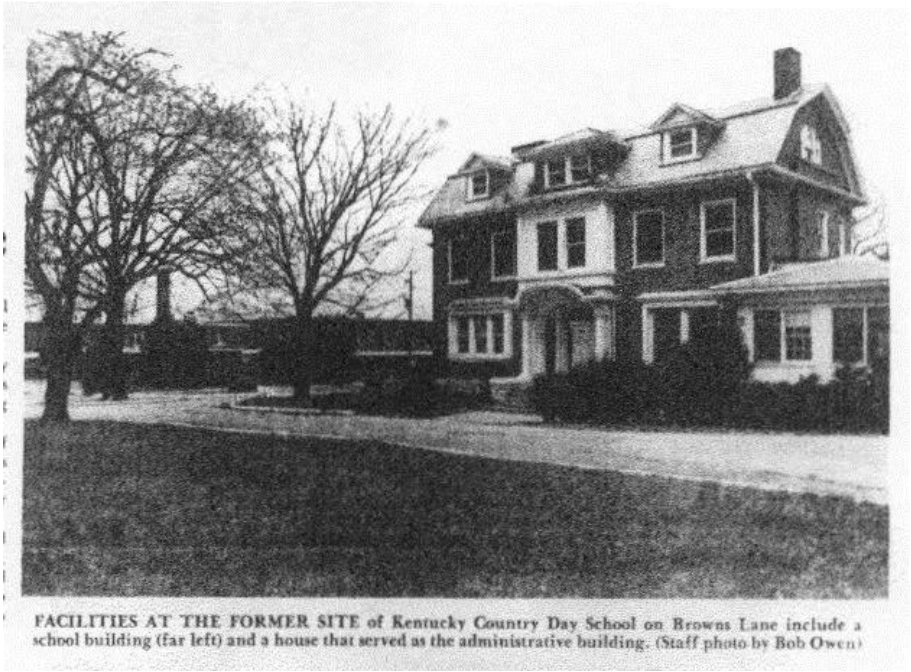
The purchase of the property will be financed through two Louisville banks, Williams said.

The school's founders hope to pay back those loans within several years through donations and fund-raising activities.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us," Williams said. "But we think it's going to be really good. We're looking forward to getting the other churches involved."

Tuition at the school probably will run about $900 to $1,000, he said, adding it is hoped that the school eventually can establish a scholarship fund for students who can't afford to pay tuition.





FACILITIES AT THE FORMER SITE of Kentucky Country Day School on Browns Lane include a school building (far left) and a house that served as the administrative building. (Staff photo by Bob Owen)

1979

November 8, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn; was held on Nov. 8,1979.

Directors present:

Al Haeberlin	Durward Maynard
J.C.Nuckols	Bill Andriot
Tom Jerry Smith	Marty Kamer
J.P.Terry	Geo. Miller
John Monohan	

Minutes of meeting held on Oct. 11,1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Smith, that minutes be accepted as read.

After some discussion in regards to the E.M.S. personnel using our facilities a motion was made by Mr. Smith, that a letter be sent to County Police Chief. This letter will state that in 30 days the E.M.S. will return, to Chief Haeberlin , the key to the fire station which they now have and at this time it will be understood that in the future our facilities will be available to E.M.S. only during Emergency situations. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Motion voted on and so carried.

Under old business Mr. Haeberlin announced that the Dept received a refund check from Mack in the amount of $0849. Also Mr. Haeberlin gave a report in regards to the effort he put forth trying to get a fire hydrant installed on the rear lot and also the results of getting the hydrant out front moved.

After Mr. Haeberlin gave his report as to the cost of a new engine for 8833, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that a new engine be bought. Along with this motion Mr. Nuckols stated that he would like to make an amendment to said motion which would be to restore 8533 to first class condition at a cost of approx. $20,000. Motion voted on and so carried.

Under new business Mr. Haeberlin gave a report in regards to the Scott Packs the dept. now have. He noted that we have 10 new packs that will be modified by Scott at no cost. Than we have 14 packs that are 5 years old that need to be modified. Also have 13 packs that are too old to be modified. Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monohan, that the 14 Packs be modified at a cost of $200 each. Motion voted on and so carried.

At this point Mr. Nuckols said he thought we should comend Mr. Haeberlin for the time and effort he has put in on the fire hydrants and engine for 8833. All directors present were in agreement.

Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terry, that turkeys be purchased and given to firemen and directors for Thanksgiving. Motion so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

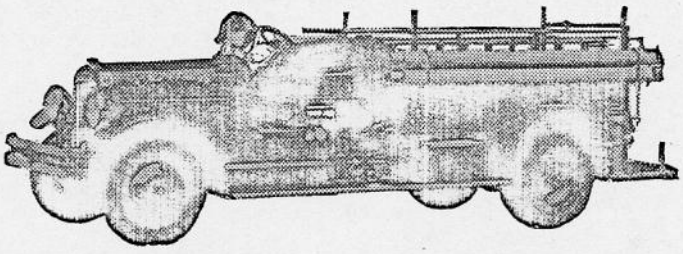
Marty Kamer

1979

November 10, 1979, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P.O. Box 7283
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

November 10,1979

Col. Edgar Helm, Chief
Jefferson County Police Department
600 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear Col. Helm:

Subject: Use of the St. Matthews Fire Station by the Medical Units.

In the early second quarter of this year, I meet with a Sgt. Bob Jones of your department at our fire station. He appraised me of your serious gas allotment problem and requested to use our facilities on a temporary basis, as a staging point to reduce the gas usage by a medical unit. I agreed to the request. We established an effective date to allow me time to communicate the situation to my people and procure another fire station key. This key was offically passed to your medical unit on the established date.

Since that date, we have futher built on our already excellent working relationship with your people, developed a true respect for their techanical capabilities, and established some lasting personal relationships. It was a warm and reassuring feeling to have them respond with us or atleast know they were close by to assist us in case of an injury to one of our firefighters.

There have also been many changes in the fuel availability and in your medical unit organization since the start of this temporary condition but I have not had one of your management people communicate with me since the original temporary agreement.

We are in the same business of protecting lives and saving property, but are funded through different channels with separate accountabilities.

1979

November 10, 1979, Letter:

The time has come where I must have complete control of our station facilities and eliminate some possible insurance coverage complications. Therefore, I am requesting that, within the next thirty days, different arrangements be made for your medical people, and the return of our key as the official end to the current temporary arrangements.

Let me hasten to add that our facilities are still available for emergency situations like snow storms or as a command post during other emergencies. As usual, our station is always open to the public any time a firefighter is there to accept the responsi= bility for our equipment and total facility.

I thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this request and I am sure our organizations can continue our excellent working relationships during common emergencies.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Haeberlin

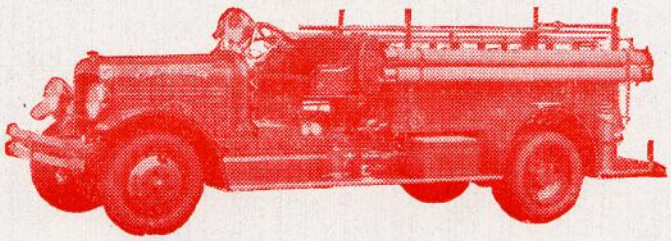
Albert R. Haeberlin, Chief
President, Board of Directors
ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

1979

November 14, 1979, Letter:

ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCORPORATED



4114 Lyndon Way - P.O. Box 7283
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207

November 14, 1979

The St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce that the results of a recent evaluation by the Insurance Service Office of Kentucky will improve the insurance classification from Class 6 to Class 5 on November 1, 1979.

Please see the attached letter from Mr. John W. Sayre for the details.

Yours Very Truly

Albert R. Haeberlin

Albert R. Haeberlin, Chief
St. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

"ORGANIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"

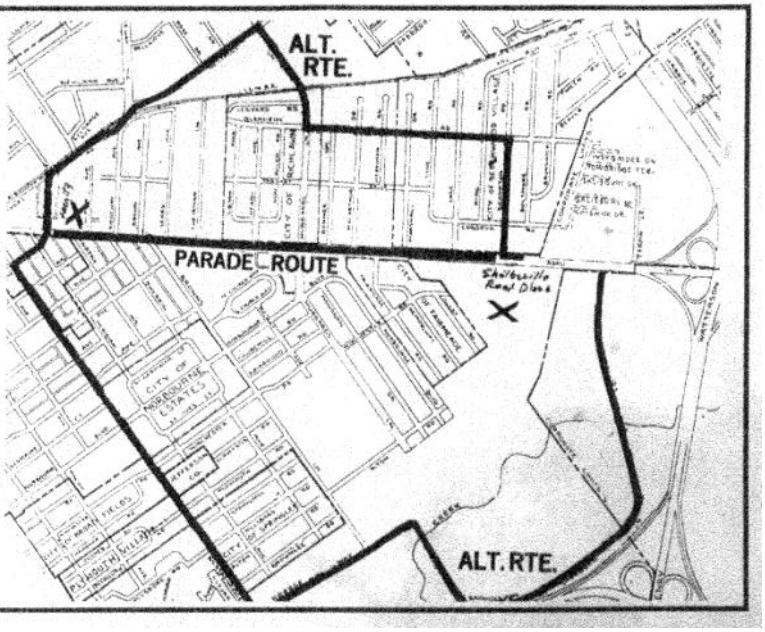
1979

November 14, 1979, *The Voice*:
THE ST. MATTHEWS Volunteer Fire Department answered the call for a house fire at 11:30 Saturday morning at 408 Wallace Avenue. No one was injured, but the house suffered smoke damage. (Staff photo by Bob Owen) Charlie Davis, Charles McCune & George Soules

November 21, 1979, *The Voice*:

Parade route is set

THE CHRISTMAS PARADE sponsored by the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Business Association and the St. Matthews Jaycees will be held Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m., and run down Shelbyville Road from Trinity High School to Shelbyville Road Plaza. Shelbyville Road will be closed to traffic, both east and west bound, with traffic being rerouted along roads outlines on the adjoining map. Spectator parking will be available in parking lots of businesses along parade route.



December 12, 1979, *The Voice*:

Some say yes, fire chief says no to 2nd St. Matthews fire station

By SUZANNE DARLAND
Staff Writer

John B. O'Leary, who lives on Jennison Avenue, would like to see another St. Matthews firehouse built — on the other side of the tracks.

He, along with 100 others who've signed a petition on in the past year, are afraid that a stopped train could block easy access to homes on the opposite side of the track from the St. Matthews volunteer Department firehouse on Lyndon Way.

While he acknowledged the emergency vehicles could find a clear access road either in Crescent HIll or farther north and then come back to the St. Matthews district, he's worried precious minutes would be wasted in the event of a fire.

St. Matthews Fire Chief Albert Haeberlin says he understands those concerns, but he's not sure they're justified.

"Of course we wouldn't mind having another station," he explains, "we'd be silly to say we wouldn't like having another one. But we feel we can properly protect the area with what we've got."

Haeberlin said that with radio communications, it's a simple matter to locate where a train might be blocking the tracks and make a decision on the best way to get fire equipment to a fire.

He also pointed out that rescue equipment is installed in the cars of volunteer fire officials living on both sides of the tracks who often go straight to the scene of a rescue.

Also, he said, the fire department often relies on the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department to zip down U.S. 42 on the north side of the tracks for backup.

O'Leary, along with past president of the St. Matthews and East Jefferson County Businessmen's Association, Don Merley, isn't satisfied.

He points out that other fire departments in the area have two fire stations — Harrods Creek, Middletown, Jeffersontown, and thinks St. Matthews ought to construct another one to better serve its residents.

He said he remembers times when all the crossings have been tied up from Hubbards Lane to Chenoweth Lane. One that sticks out in his memory was a 45-minute delay. "And every minute means a whole lot, even with a five minute delay in getting to a fire," he said.

Haeberlin timed his equipment recently racing out Shelbyville Road to the Watterson Expressway, then Brownsboro Road back to the small city of Cherrywood, which the district serves. He clocked the difference at four minutes more than the time it would have taken straight across the tracks at Westport Road.

"Yes," it makes a difference," he said. "But it's not that much of a dif-

Continued to Page 3

1979

December 6, 1979: Unknown, Fire Destroys restaurant in St. Matthews; no injuries

Fire destroyed Dons Big Burger at Lexington Road and Bauer Avenue. Louisville and St. Matthews departments fought the fire.

Courtesy Louisville Division of Fire Multiple Alarm Book:

12-6-79 – Special Alarm on Box 2682 – Lexington Road & Bauer Avenue

Alarm	Engines	Quad	H. & L.	BAT. CHIEF	Special Instructions
1st	4 – 21		6	4	St. Matthews F.D.
2nd	3 – 20 – 11		10	2	
3rd	8 – 5 – 9		7	1	
4th	15 – 7 – 2				

3624 Lexington Road
In at 0629
Extra engine by F.C.B. at 0632
Out time 1047
St. Matthews F.D. also responded
L. Needy

December 12, 1979, *The Voice*:

Does St. Matthews need second firehouse? Opinions clash

Continued from Page 1

One of the reasons Haebelin says he isn't worried about his department's response time is the number of fires in the district. There have only been three in the last year, a phenomenal record. Haeberlin says if there were more fires, and if they were difficult to get to, he'd be thinking about a new station.

Presently, the Insurance Service Organization, which regulates the fire departments for response time, stipulates a five mile radius limit from the fire station to any place within the coverage area. Everything in the St. Matthews district is within a three mile radius.

If there were to be another station constructed, said Haeberlin, ISO suggests it be in the DuPont and Mall area because of the total value of businesses there. But there is no need for another station now, he said.

But Haeberlin said he'd be willing to work with anyone who'll raise the $100,000 for a new firehouse and put it where they'd like. He said he'd rather see the money go towards an overpass over the tracks for all emergency vehicles as well as personal vehicles to use, however.

O'Leary plans to take his petition and concerns to the St. Matthews City Council for support. But he doesn't expect much response because not much of the city is involved. While 40 percent of the fire district coverage area is on the north side of the railroad tracks, only a small portion of that is actually in the city of St. Matthews.

Haeberlin doesn't see much future in the drive.

"If I as the chief of the fire department and president of the board of directors felt there was a real need for another fire department, I'd be appearing before everyone I could think of to get the money," he said.

1979

December 13, 1979, Board meeting:

The regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Vol. Fire Assn was held on Dec. 13,1979.

Directors present:

Geo. Miller	Al Haeberlin
Tom Jerry Smith	Marty Kamer
Bill Andriot	J.P.Terry
J.C.Nuckols	John Monohan
Durward Maynard	

Minutes of meeting held on Nov. 8, 1979 were read by Mr. Haeberlin. Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that minutes be accepted as read.

Under old business Mr. Haeberlin gave an up to-date report in regards to Scott Packs that the dept. now has. Realizing that some of these packs are too old to modify, Mr. Monohan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andriot, that the dept. buy 15 new packs in order to bring the dept. up to needed requirments. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin announced that the annual dinner-dance will be held on Dec.22 at Holiday Inn East. Directors, firemen and their wives or friend are invited.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nuckols, that Hams be purchased and given to firemen and directors for Christmas. Motion voted on and so carried.

Mr. Haeberlin gave a report on the new apparatus. Said he would be going to the factory this week-end to inspect it.

Under new business Mr. Nuckols made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, that beginning January 1980 all directors will be given $25.00 expense money if they are present at ~~each monthly~~ any meeting, or if they are sick and cannot attend. Motion voted on and so carried.

There being no further business, motion made by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Terry, that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Kamer, Sect.

Marty Kamer

1979

From Rick Albers private collection: Laying hose lines with Rookies in Saturday Training with Capt. Albers.

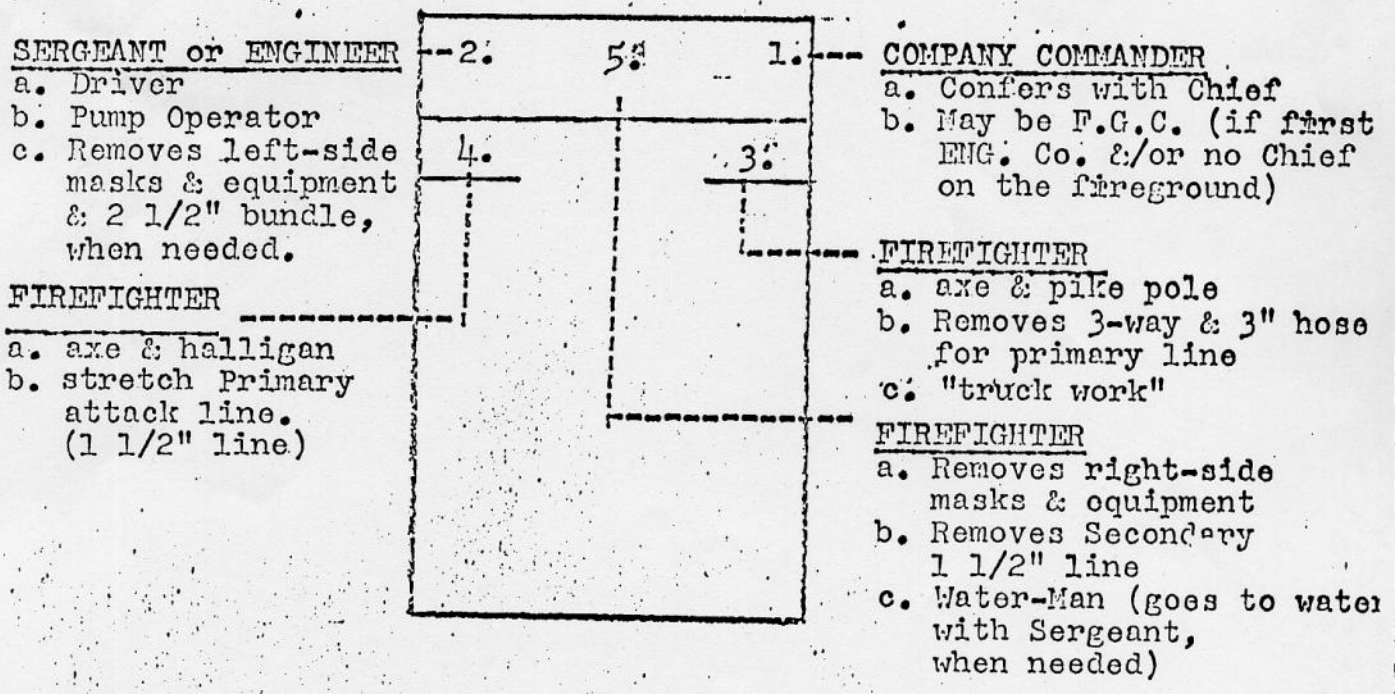
Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:

ENGINE COMPANY - BUNDLE LAY

Engine lays a 3" line (fire to water) & supplies 1 1/2" lines.

(Possible addition : 150' bundle of 2 1/2" hose with a 300 GPM nozzle may also be requested)

This Company is expected to effectively operate one line.

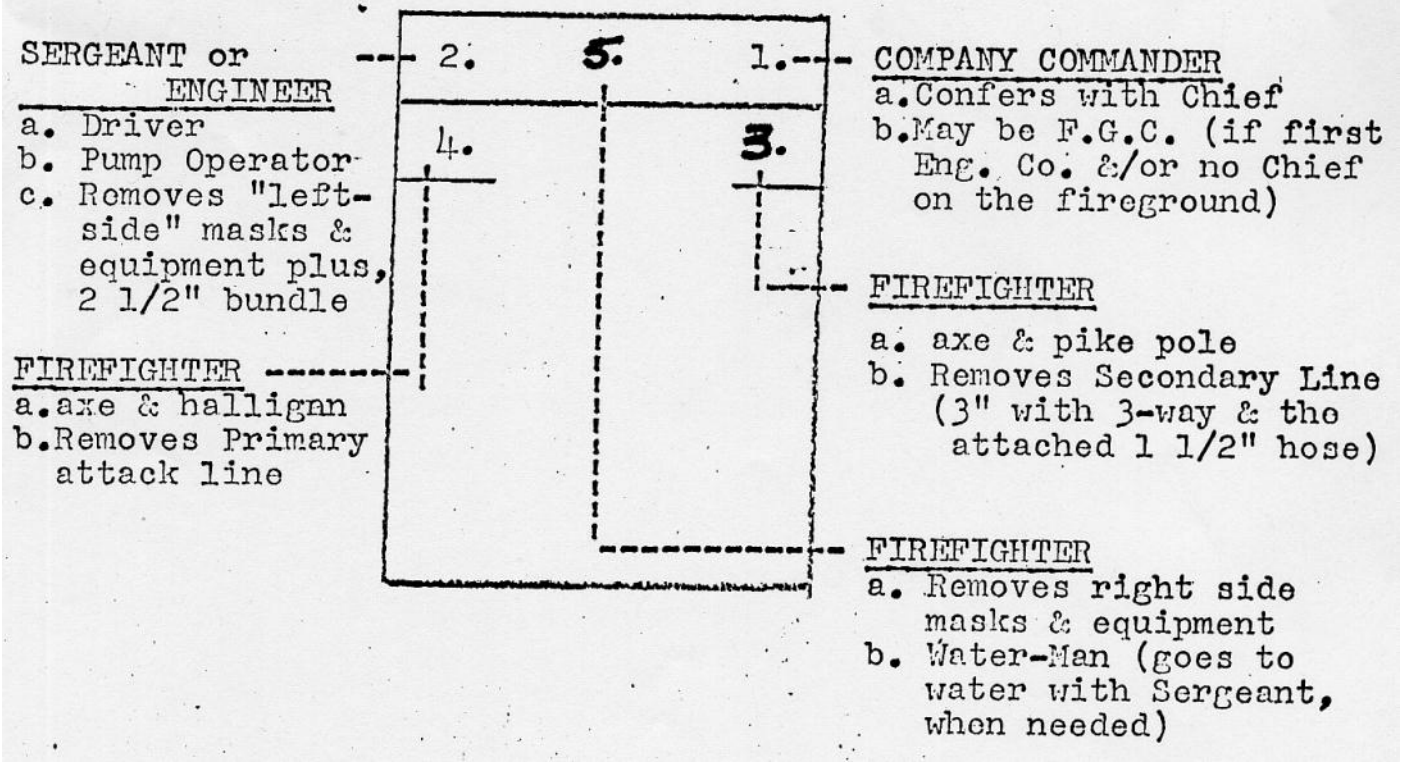


Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:

ENGINE COMPANY - " TWO 300 GPM NOZZLES "

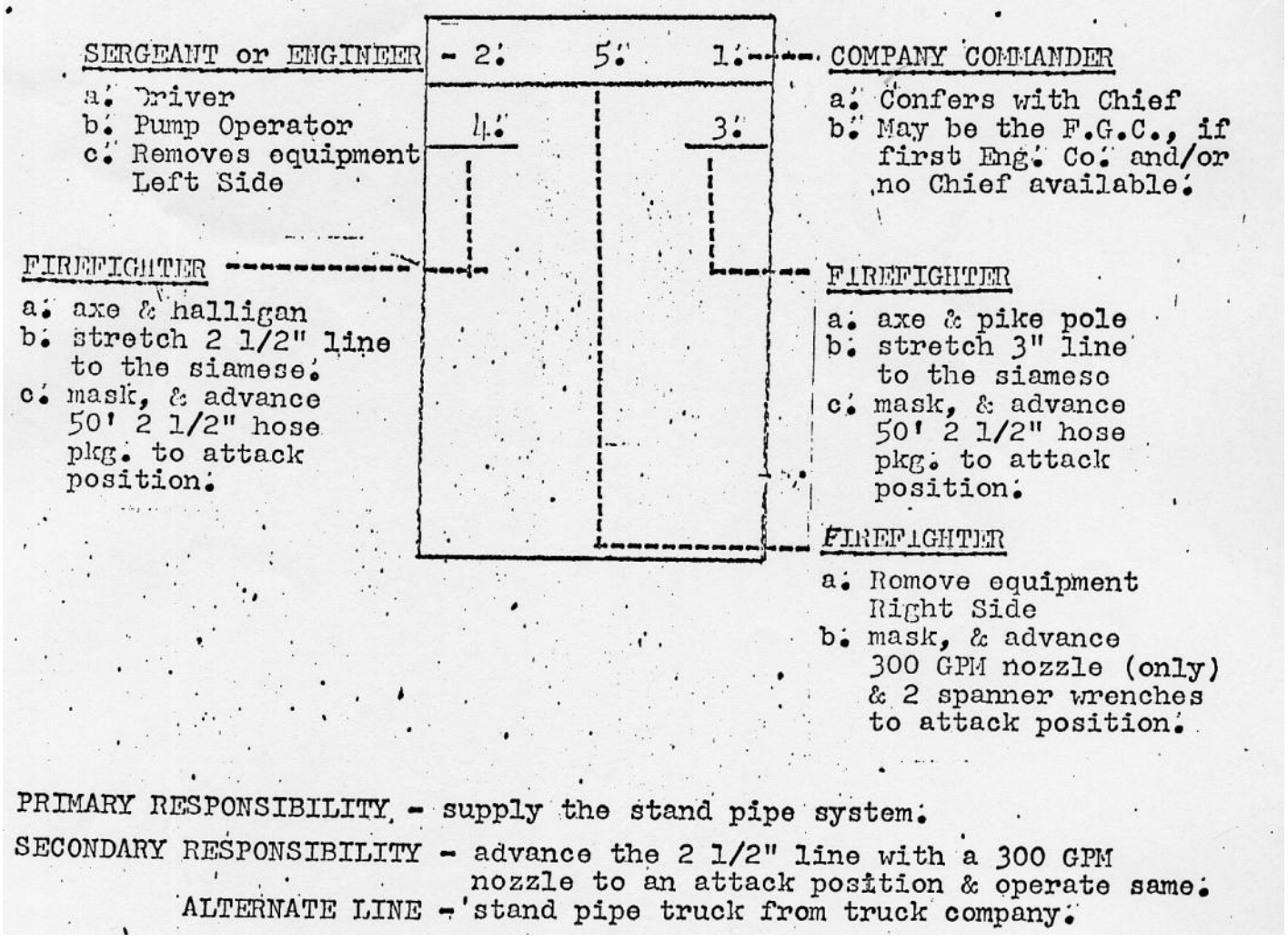
Engine lays a 2 1/2" line & a 3" line (fire to water)

Primary attack line to be operated by this company will be the 2 1/2" line. The extra 2 1/2" bundle will be attached to the 3-way and will be operated by others.



Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:

ENGINE COMPANY OPERATION - STAND-PIPE SYSTEM
LAY TWO LINES, A 2 1/2" & A 3", FROM SIAMESE TO WATER.
165 psi plus 5# per floor elevation, at pump. (Time : 2 1/2 min.)
This assignment applies to the first Eng. Co., or the Eng. Co. delegated to the stand pipe system.



PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY - supply the stand pipe system.
SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY - advance the 2 1/2" line with a 300 GPM nozzle to an attack position & operate same.
ALTERNATE LINE - stand pipe truck from truck company.

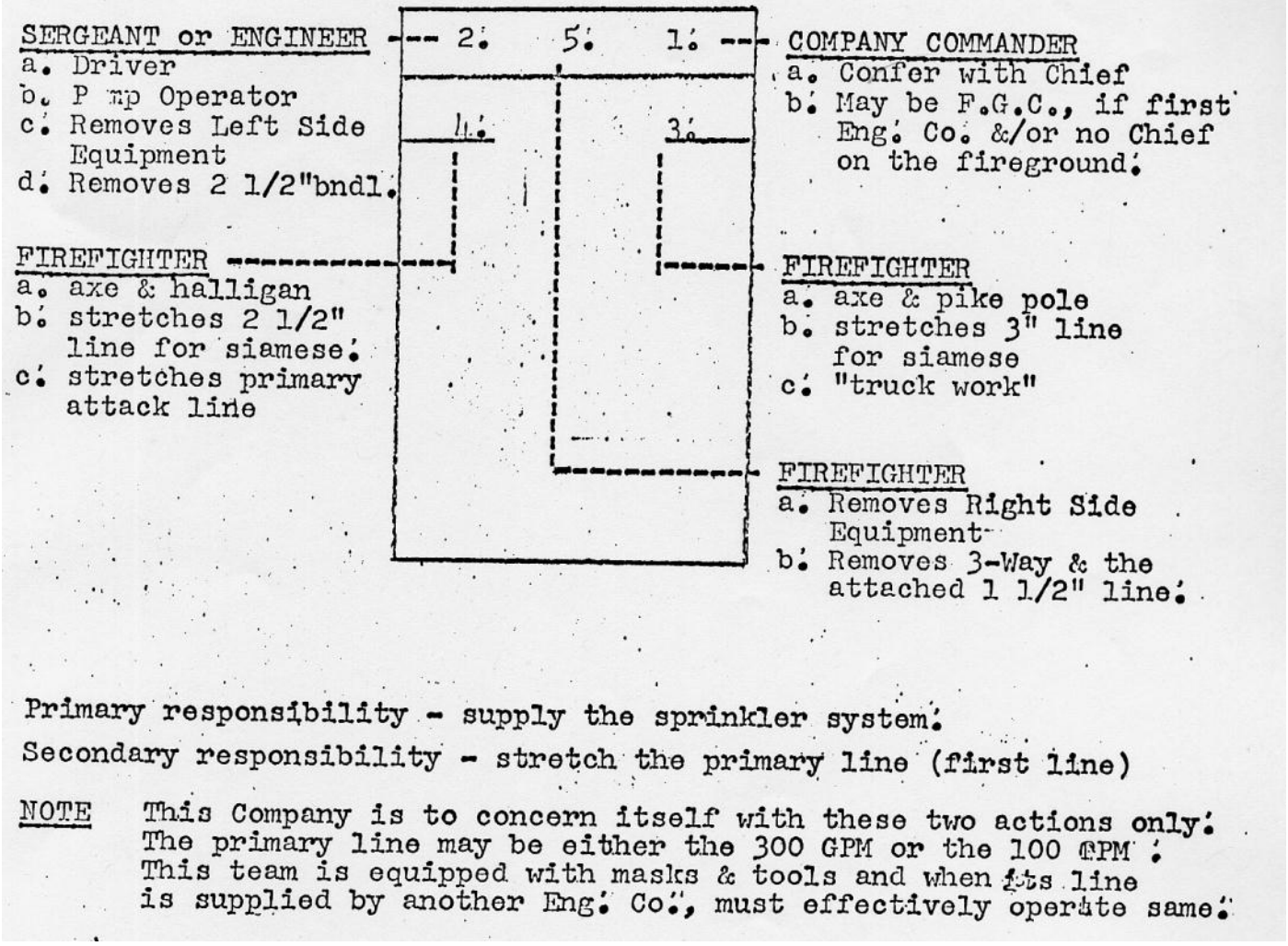
Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:

ENGINE COMPANY OPERATION - SPRINKLER SYSTEM

LAY TWO LINES, A 2 1/2" & A 3 ", FROM SIAMESE TO WATER.

125 psi plus 5# per floor elevation, at pump. (Time : 2 1/2 min.)

This assignment applies to the first Eng. Co., or the Eng. Co. delegated to the sprinkler system.

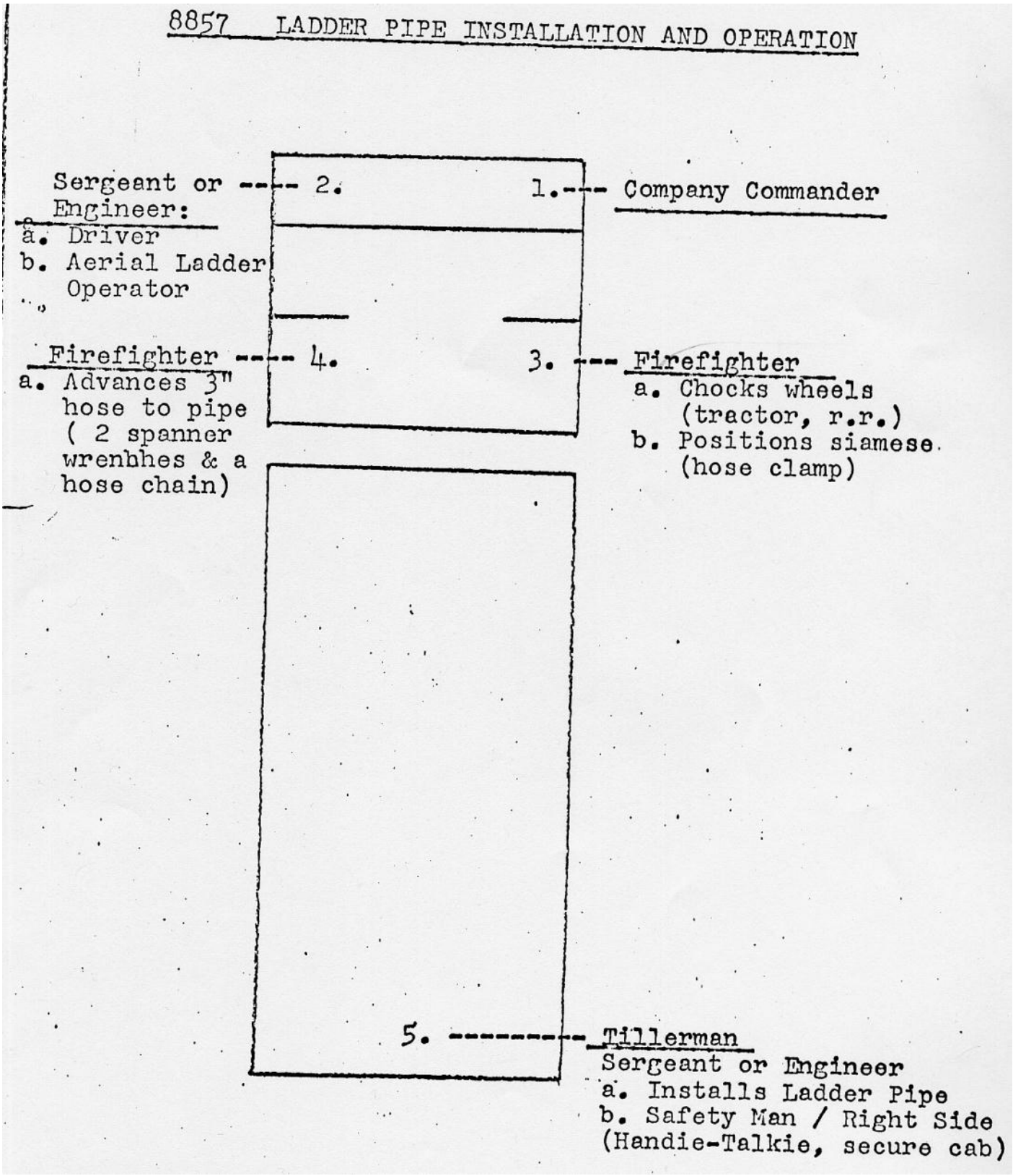


Primary responsibility - supply the sprinkler system.

Secondary responsibility - stretch the primary line (first line)

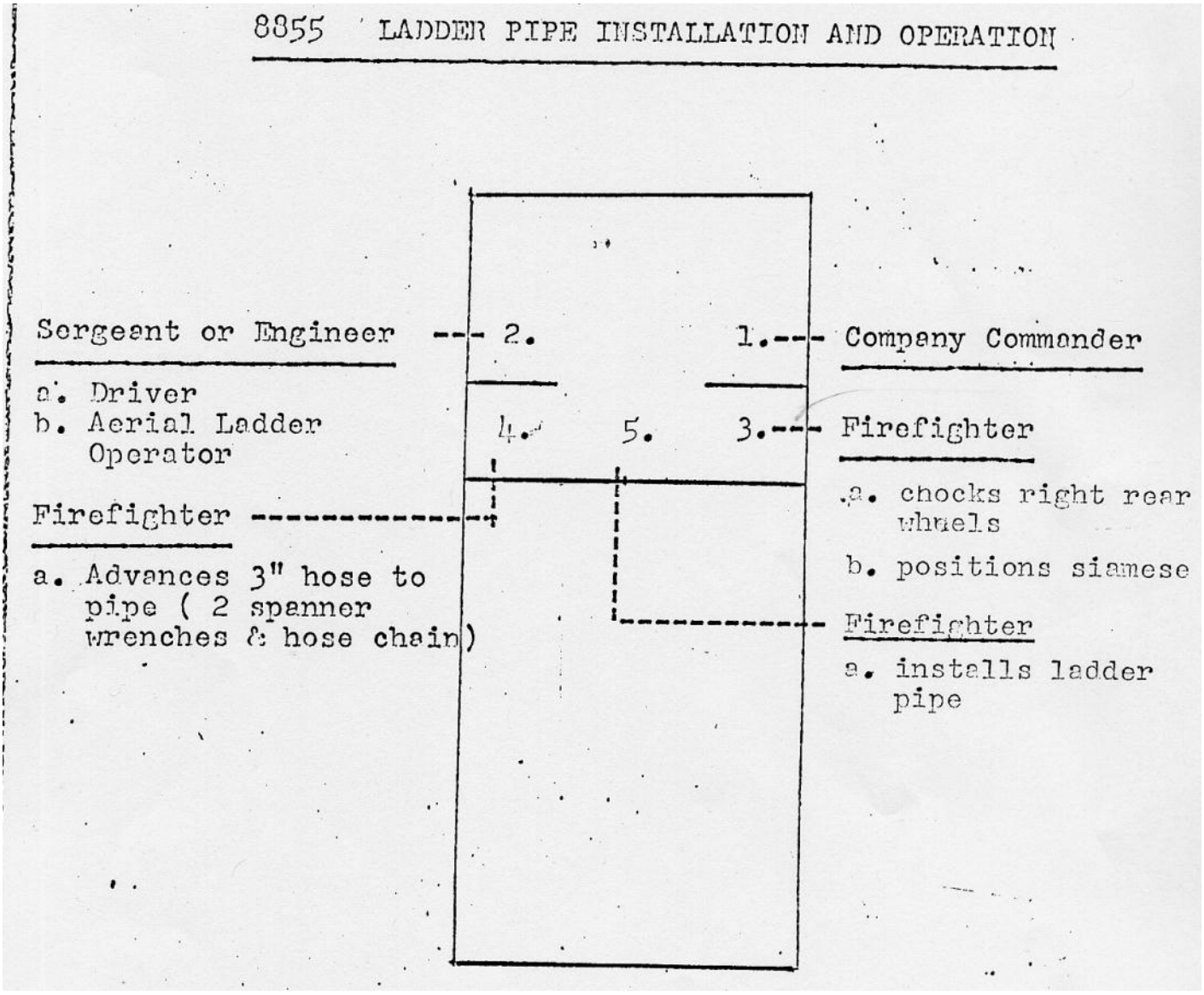
NOTE This Company is to concern itself with these two actions only. The primary line may be either the 300 GPM or the 100 GPM. This team is equipped with masks & tools and when its line is supplied by another Eng. Co., must effectively operate same.

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:



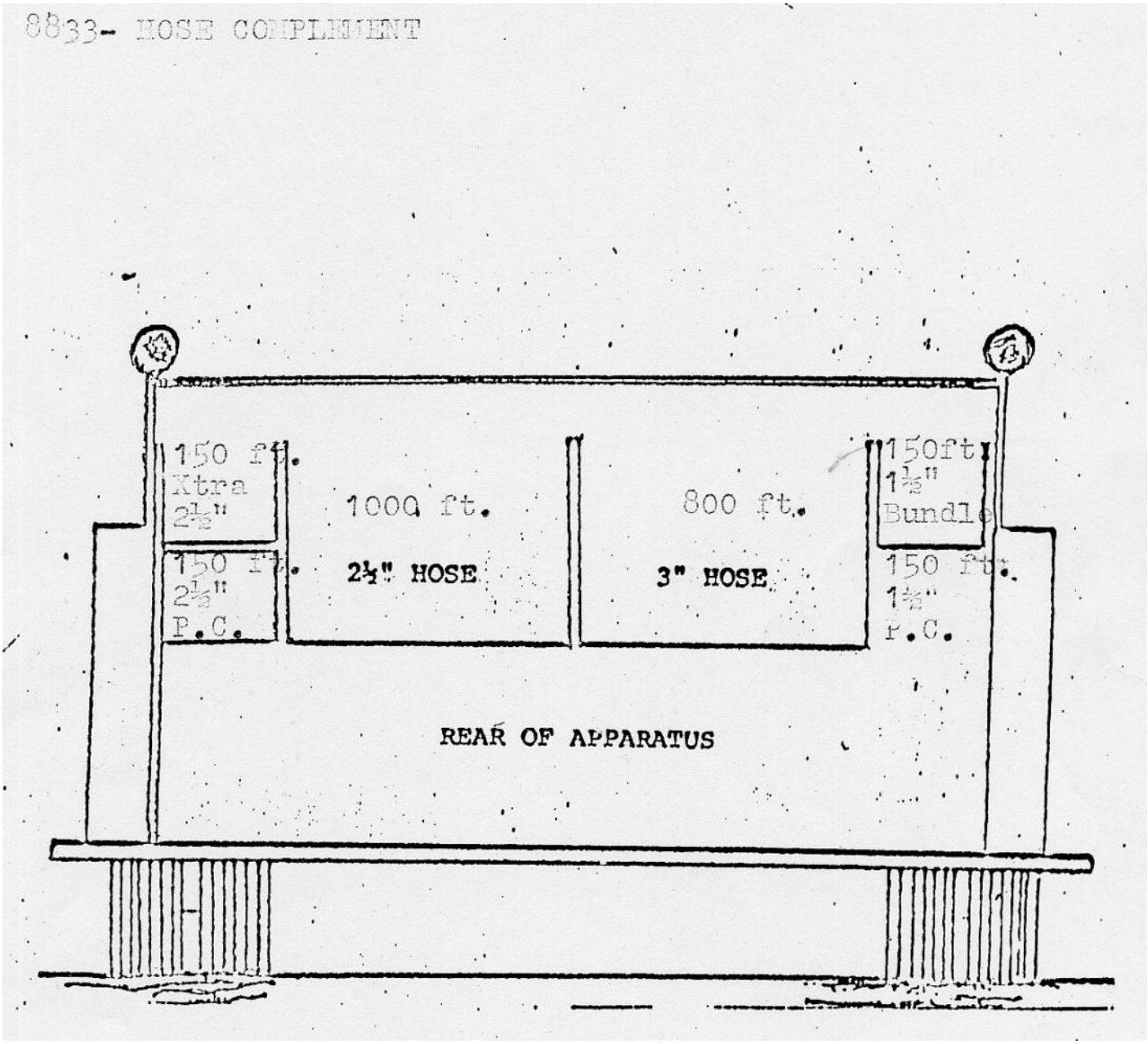
1979

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:



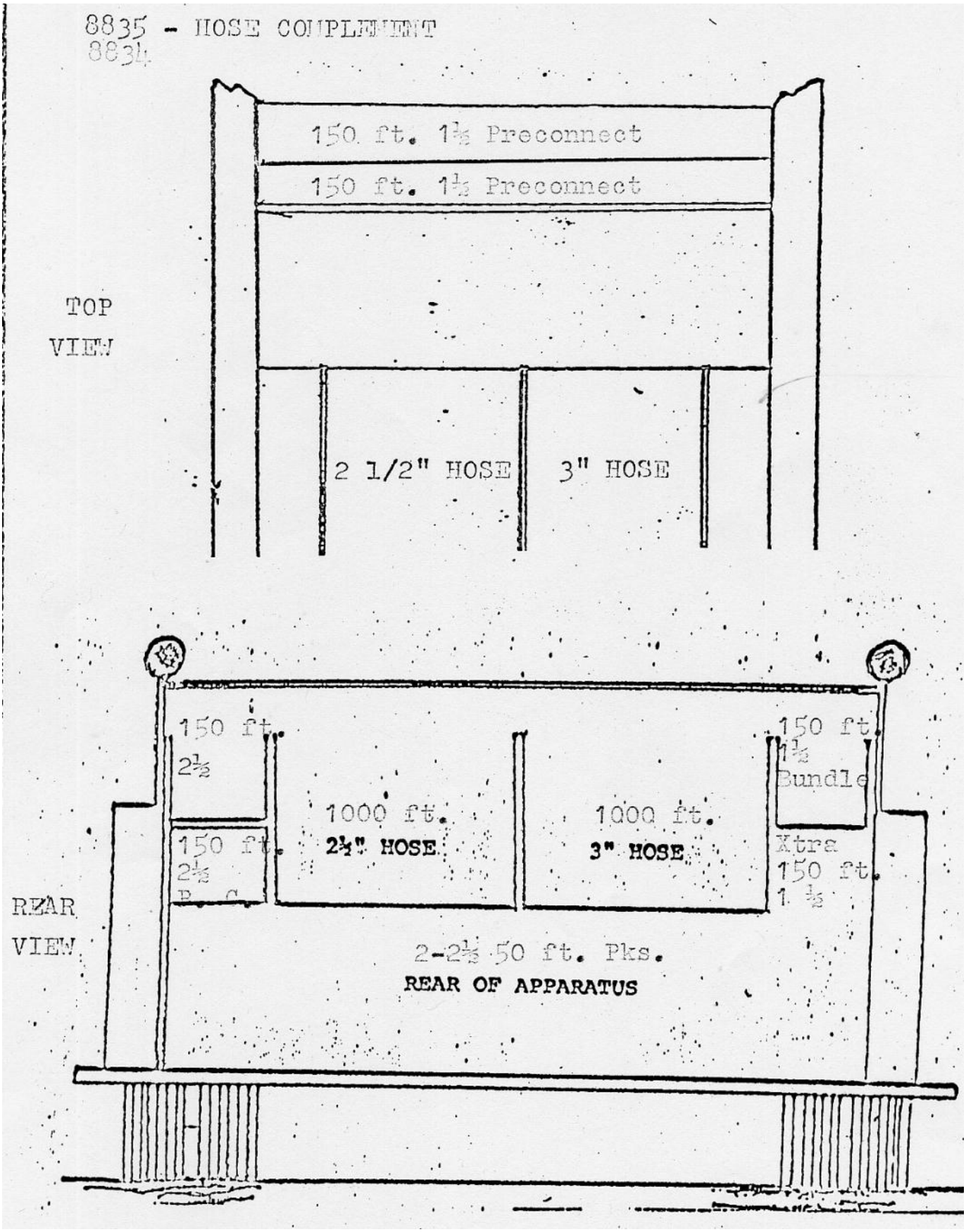
1979

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:



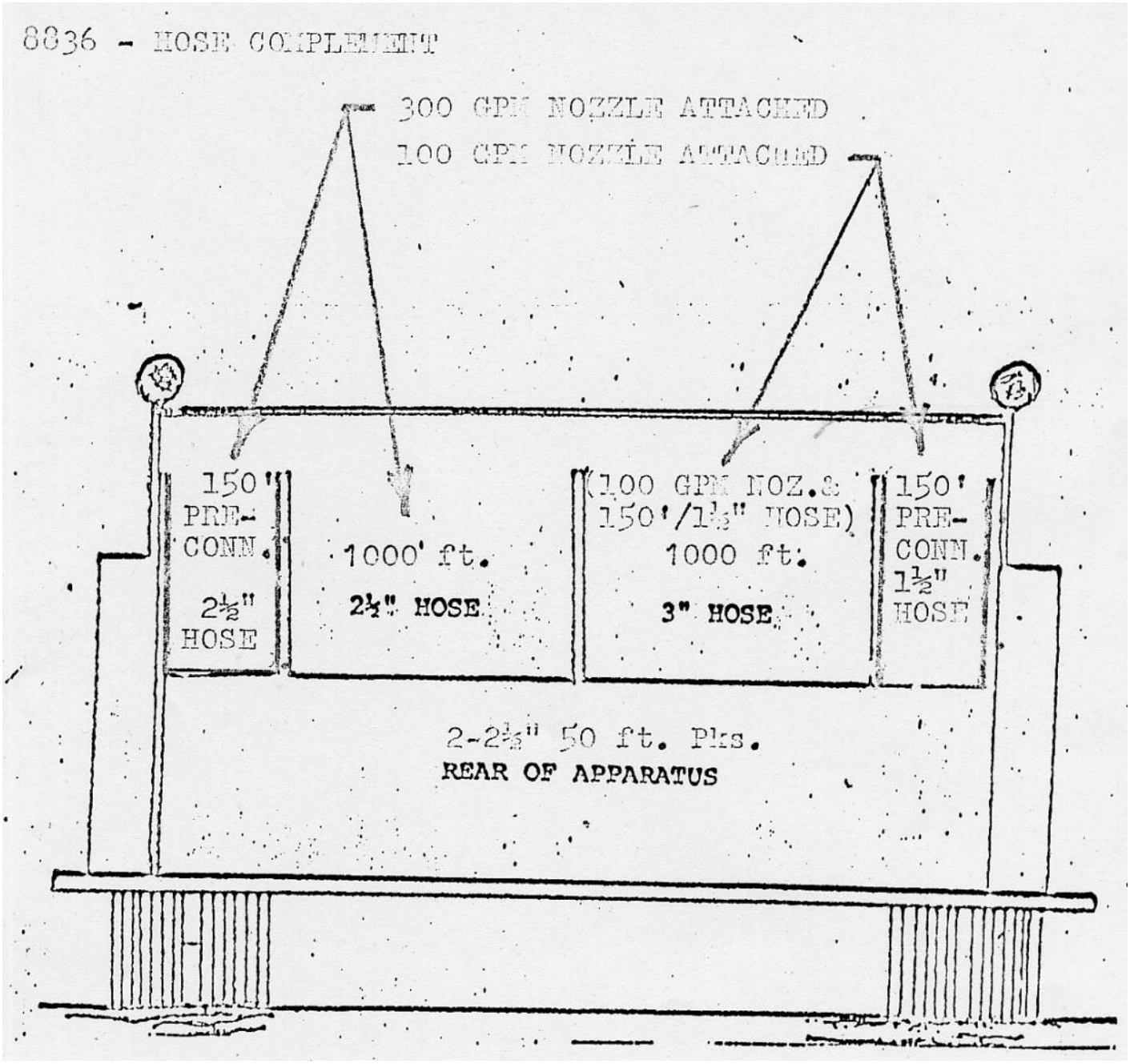
1979

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:



1979

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:



1979

Unknown date—1979/80: Standard Operating Procedure for St. Matthews Fire Department:

HOSE STORAGE POLICY

HOSE RACK # 1

CLEAN, DRY HOSE, READY TO USE
600' 1½" HOSE
1400' 2½" HOSE
1000' 3 " HOSE

HOSE RACK # 2A

RESERVE HOSE RACK FOR RACK # 1
DO NOT USE HOSE FROM THIS RACK
THIS WILL BE UTILIZED BY PAID
PERSONNEL TO CYCLE HOSE USAGE.

HOSE RACK # 2B

TESTED, CLEAN, DRY HOSE ALL SIZES.
RESERVE FOR RACKS 2A & 1.

HOSE RACK # 2C

TESTED, CLEAN, DRY HOSE.
RESERVE FOR RACK 2B.

HOSE RACK # 3

TESTED, CLEAN, DRY HOSE.
RESERVE FOR RACK 2B.

THE PORTABLE HOSE RACK SHOULD BE CLEAR OF HOSE & AVAILABLE.

HOSE COMPLEMENTS

	8832	8833	8834	8835	8836	8855	8857
1 1/2"	600'	300'	600'	600'	300'	200'	200'
2 1/2"	1400'	1400'	1400'	1400'	1100'	10'	10'
3"	1000'	800'	1000'	1000'	1000'	100'	100'

1979

Firefighters Inc, 1979 Directory, courtesy Chief Rick Albers:

OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT TITLE: ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, INC

MAILING ADDRESS: 4114 Lyndon Way, P.O.Box 7283, Louisville, Ky.40207

DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:

CHIEF:
(8801) Administration
Colonel Albert Haeberlin
4066 Elmwood 40207
895-2679

ASST. CHIEF:
(8803) Apparatus and Equipment
Lt. Colonel Franklin R. Florence, Sr.
4092 Gilman Avenue 40207
895-0813

TRAINING OFFICER:
None

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER:
Lt. Marty Kamer
4103 Hillsboro Rd. 40207
896-4331

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN:
None - not in a district

COUNTY ALARM REPRESENTATIVE:
Lt. Colonel John M. Monohan, III

FIREFIGHTERS INC. REPRESENTATIVE:
(any one of the three listed
Colonel Albert Haeberlin
Lt. Colonel Franklin R. Florence, Sr.
Lt. Colonel John M. Monohan, III

SPONSOR CHAIRMAN:
none - not in a district

DISTRICT TREASURER:
none - not in a district

BOARD CHAIRMAN:
none - not in a district

DEPARTMENT TAX NUMBER: none - not in a district

RADIO CALL LETTERS: KIH-890 (154.24 mhz) and KK9-435 (154.40 mhz)
All units listed on page 2 have 2-channel
mobile radios and 2-channel portable radios.

FUEL PUMPS: Gasoline and Diesel fuel at Station #1

1979

Firefighters Inc, 1979 Directory, courtesy Chief Rick Albers:

APPARATUS INFORMATION:

UNIT #	DESCRIPTION	STATION HOUSED IN
8801	Chief's car - Col. Haeberlin	Home
8802	Asst. Chief's car - Lt. Col. Florence	Home
8803	Asst. Chief's car - Lt. Col. Monohan	Home
8804	Fill-in car - Maj. Ring	Home
8805	Fill-in car - Capt. Strange	Home
8811	Fire prevention car - Lt. Kamer	Home/Sta. #1
8833	1963 Seagrave - pumper - 1250 G.P.M.	Sta. #1
8834	1976 Mack - pumper - 1500 G.P.M.	Sta. #1
8835	1976 Mack - pumper - 1500 G.P.M.	Sta. #1
8835	1976 Mack - pumper - 1500 G.P.M.	Sta. #1
8855	1957 Seagrave - 75 ft. aerial	Sta. #1
8857	1979 Seagrave - 100 ft. aerial	Sta. #1
8898	Service truck	Sta. #1

BREATHING APPARATUS:

UNIT #	DESCRIPTION
8803	1 - 30 min. air pack
8833	4 - 30 min. air packs; 4 spare bottles
8834	4 - 30 min. air packs; 4 spare bottles
8835	4 - 30 min. air packs; 4 spare bottles
8836	4 - 30 min. air packs; 4 spare bottles
8855	10 - 30 min. air packs; 18 spare bottles
8857	10 - 30 min. air packs; 10 spare bottles
Extra	2 - 30 in. air packs; 2 spare bottles

CASCADE SYSTEM: 8 cylinders and compressor located at Sta. #1

HOSE: HOSE THREAD: 1 1/2" National Standard
2 1/2" Louisville Standard

UNIT #	AMOUNT OF HOSE
8833	500 ft. 1 1/2"; 1050 ft. 2 1/2"; 900 ft. 8"; 400 ft. 1"
8834	900 ft. 1 1/2"; 1050 ft. 2 1/2"; 1100 ft. 3"; 400 ft. 1"
8835	900 ft. 1 1/2"; 1050 ft. 2 1/2"; 1100 ft. 3"; 400 ft. 1"
8836	900 ft. 1 1/2'; 1050 ft. 2 1/2"; 1100 ft. 3"; 400 ft. 1"
8855	200 ft. 1 1/2"; 100 ft. 3"
8857	200 ft. 1 1/2"; 100 ft. 3"

1979

Firefighters Inc, 1979 Directory, courtesy Chief Rick Albers:

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

K-12 Saw - 1 - 8855
1 - 8857

Jaws of Life - 1 - 8855
1 - 8857

Oxygen Inhalators - 1 - 8855
1 - 8857

Porto-Power - 1 - 8855
1 - 8857

Air Bags - 1 - 8857

Air Chisel - 1 - 8857

Portable Generators - 4 - 8855
2 - 8857

TRAINING & MANPOWER INFORMATION:

Paid personnel - 4 (8a.m-5p.m, 5 days per week)

TRAINING NIGHT: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. DAY: Saturday 11:00 a.m.

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: 50

CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS: 4

CERTIFIED FIRE INSTRUCTORS: 6

NAME, ADDRESSES, & PHONE:

no list

TRAINING & DRILL FACILITIES:

Drafting pit and classroom at Station #1

TRAINING AIDS:

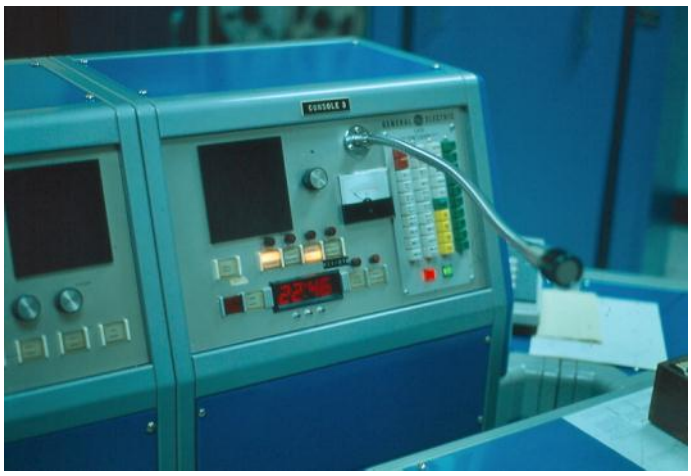
Rescusci-Annie for C.P.R. training
Library of books and manuals
Slides on Sprinklers and Standpipes, Building Construction, Aerial Ladders and St. Matthews Fir Department Training Program
Transparencies: Automatic Fire Protection Systems and Devices
Hose Layouts and Procedures
Transportation Fires
Rope
Hose Fittings and Appliances
Ventillation Practices
Forcible Entry
Aerial Operations
Ladders

Carousel projector for slides
overhead projector for transparencies
16 mm. movie projector with sound

1979

Believed 1979, courtesy Kyle Brown: **County Alarm Pictures**

Fire Alarm Office, showing the big wall map of the city, consoles for receiving alarms from street fire alarm boxes, 2 dispatch consoles, 24 hour tape recorder, street flex-o-lines, and David Thomas watching TV.



City Fire dispatch console showing buttons for setting off the knockout tones.

County Alarm dispatch console in the foreground

David Thomas looking up a street & box number in the flex-o-line

View of map, box receiving consoles, etc. and Rick Albers on the telephone at the Captain's console, David Thomas watching TV.

Ronnie Bond taking a call at the primary City Fire dispatch console.

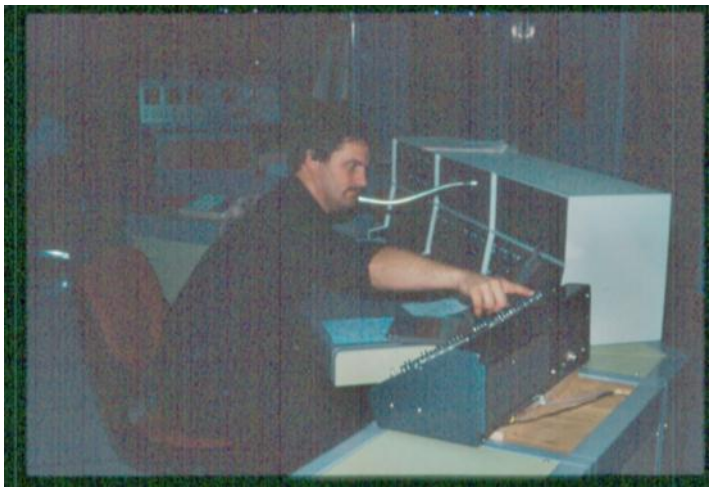
1979

Believed 1979, courtesy Kyle Brown: County Alarm Pictures

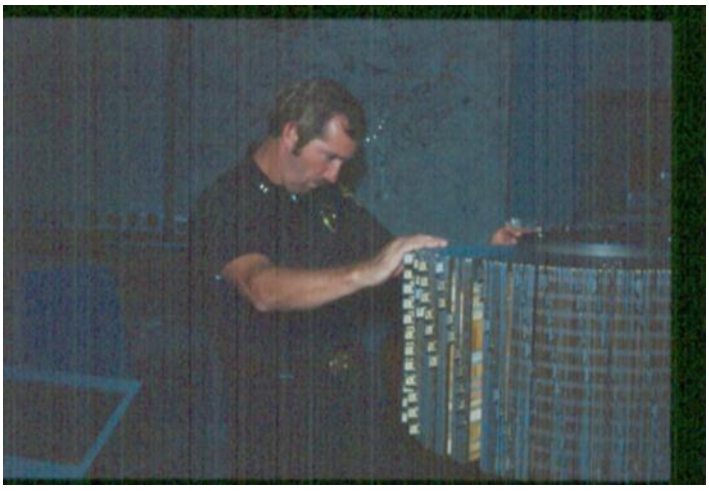
View of map, box receiving consoles, etc. and me on the telephone at the Captain's console, David Thomas watching TV.

View of the primary County Alarm dispatch console

Primary City Fire dispatch console



Rick Albers dispatching a run on the County Alarm console, setting off somebody's tones



David Thomas looking up a street and box number on the flex-o-line

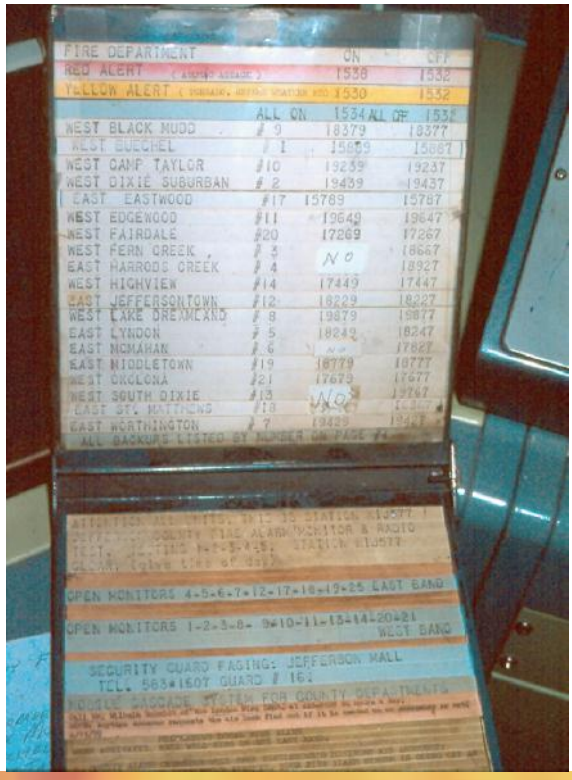


Chart showing the tone and siren activation codes for the county departments

1979

Fire Statistics For 1979

Total number of fire runs:	367
Total working fires:	3
Back up City of Louisville:	1 time
Number of A. M. runs:	122
Number of P. M. runs:	245

Number of runs made by fire apparatus:

8801:	223
8802:	239
8803:	212
8804:	24
8805:	7
8833:	75
8834:	163
8835:	187
8836:	215
8855:	166

Types of fire runs:

House	98
Commercial	95
Automobile	69
Field & trash	30
Miscellaneous	66
Malicious false	9

WORKING FIRES

4/22/1979	5:33 p.m.	House, 418 Macon
9/22/1979	2:44 a.m.	House, 3501 Warner Avenue
11/10/1979	10:53 a.m.	House, 408 Wallace Avenue, Basement

1979

Board Of Directors

A. E. Andriot, Jr.
Al Haeberlin
Marty A. Kamer
Durward W. Maynard
George E. Miller
John M. Monohan Jr.
J. Cecil Nuckols, Jr.
Dr. Tom Jerry Smith
James “JP” Terry

Officers

1979

Chief Al Haeberlin
Assist. Chief Franklin R. Florence
Assist. Chief John M. “Jack” Monohan, III
Major Al Ring.
Captain Rick Albers
Captain E. Gar Davis
Captain Tim Golden
Captain Kenneth “Ken” L. Strange
Lieutenant Marty A. Kamer

Firefighters

Steve Anderson
A. E. Andriot, Jr.
Charile T. Davis
Mike P. Davis
Gary Doyle
Denny Engnehl
Ran Florence
Steve Florence
Jim Graven
Larry Heaphy
R. N. Helm
Doug Hickerson
Greg Holt
Jim F. Hytken
Tony Justice
Sgt. Dave Kamer
Marty Kamer
Hugo Koehler

AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTERS

Lt. Bill Dieckman
Hugo Koehler
Joe Noland

Brian Martin
Keith McBride
Charles McCune
Sam McCune
Doug Mitchell
Kent Monohan
Sgt. Mike E. Noland
Patrick H. “Pat” Noland
John L. Noon
John M. “Mike” Noon
Walter “Wally” Ochs
Patrick M. “Jesse” Owens
David Reed
Dwayne Reed
Ken C. Reising, Jr.
Philip “Leakey” Schneider
Richard Harvey Schultze
William “Bill” Seng
Allan R. Scott
George L. Soules, Jr.
Richard E. Tackett
Alan D. Unthank
Sgt. Ron D. Unthank
John Volkerding
Sgt. John Walling
Joseph “Joe” Wheatley
William F. “Bill” Wilke
Joseph R. “Joe” Wolfe
James W. “Woody” Woodring