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DELRAN FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Bridgeboro, New Jersey



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. . HISTORY . .

The Bridgeboro area was plagued by a series of fires which aroused the interest of the citizens in the need for organized fire protection in the community. On March 28, 1916, according to the original Minute Book, "A public meeting of a number of citizens of Delran Township met at Lester Fortnum's Garage to consider Fire Fighting."

Other meetings were held, and on April 18th of the same year permanent officers were elected. They were:

President	J. N. Spawn
Vice President	Howard Anderson
Secretary	W. E. Newkirk
Treasurer	William Smith
Trustees	Lester Fortnum
	George Caldwell, Clarence Gaskill
Chief	William Smith
Foreman	Earl Hubbs
1st Assistant Foreman	Frank Fenton
2nd Assistant Foreman	William Woodington

The Company was busy in its early days raising money, securing equipment, providing housing for the equipment, and providing fire protection to the Township. Activities that have been continuing ever since. Progress must have been rapid since the Chief's Book indicates that the first alarm was answered on January 18, 1917, less than 10 months after the first preliminary meeting.

January 18, 1917. 12:35 A.M. Called to the farm of Trump on Hartford Road near Fairview. All the outbuildings burned. Riverside Fire Company also present. Members present, 16.

The first apparatus of the Company consisted of a Simplex Chassis and a Chemical Tank Unit from the American LaFrance Co. Additional apparatus was purchased from time to time. A G.M.C. truck with a 300 gpm Hale pump, a Hahn truck with a pump and booster tank, and a Ford Chassis with a 500 gpm pump. Also the present equipment: a 1948 Pirsch 500 gpm 2 stage pumper with a 500 gallon booster tank, a Dodge Weapons Carrier converted to fight grass fires and equipped with a Hale FZZ pump and 200 gallons of water, a 1950 Ford 500 gpm 3 stage pumper with a 500 gallon booster tank, and the new 1962

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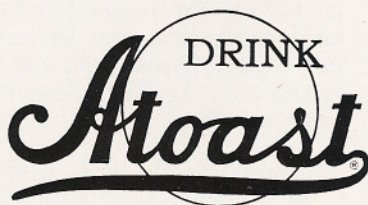
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During the first year the Fire Company responded to 8 alarms. From the first fire in 1917 until December 31, 1961, Delran Fire Company No. 1 has answered 1267 alarms. Accounts from some of the more interesting alarms are taken from the Chief's Book:

July 5, 1917. 11:00 A.M. This Company was at a fire of the Bridgeboro Bridge. One half was burned.

February 12, 1926. 7:20 A.M. This Company answered an alarm at the farm of William Barnes where a barn was on fire. Nearly all the roads were unpassable due to a big snow. This one road had been scraped the afternoon before and this allowed us to get there. We pumped water from the snow that melted and put out the fire.

July 17, 1954. 7:50 A.M. Millside Farms big barn. Total loss. About \$103,000 damage. About 150 men assisted from Delran No. 2, Riverside, Delanco, Moorestown, Rancocas, Masonville and Beverly. About 13,000,000 gallons of water was used.

This history is brief. It would be virtually impossible to record a complete history of the Fire Company. Many individual members have brought credit to the organization by their service in government, military service, and in County and State firemanic associations. The history, we feel sure, is not near completion, but we do take pride in the heritage that is ours.

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