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Welcome to the photo issue. You will find 45 shots in the print version and a whopping 103 in the digital one. Starting things off is Ionia, NY's parade rig, a 1939 Chevrolet pumper, it has a 500gpm pump and a 300gwt. (Ian Duke photo)

Your hard working executive has come up with five great tours for this year, as follows.
May 12: Bradford, New Tecumseh, CFB Borden, June: Northern Wellington County, July: London (2 day tour) August: Six Nations & Haldimand County, September: Brampton.

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President's Message...

Welcome to our Annual All Photo Issue and, hopefully, another year of good buffing. I know that our editor had a large number of photos in the archive, so this should be another spectacular newsletter.

Over the past few months I have been digitizing my collection of fire related slides & negatives and, in perusing past issues of the Third Alarm for information, in order to organize them, have come across photos of past photo tours in which there have been anywhere from 35 to 40 members present at these events. Over the past few years a good number of our tours have been within a 1-1/2 to 2 hour drive of downtown Toronto and with at least 60 of our members living within that zone I wonder why we don't seem to get anywhere near those numbers of people out to the tours anymore.

Speaking of our photo tours you will note there are only five noted on the calendar for this year (May to September). This came about as a result of a discussion at the Annual Meeting this past November at which those members present approved a motion to drop future October tours as it is becoming more and more difficult to arrange them due to other pressures on the fire services.

Finally, our webmaster would appreciate receiving any suggestions and contributions you may have (stories, articles, photos, etc.) for inclusion on the website.

Bob Rupert

From our Membership Secretary

I am pleased to report that as of the middle of February, almost 85% of the member's dues have been collected. This is very much appreciated and I would again like to give a special thanks to a number of members who also made generous contributions. Several members have also paid for several years in advance. So this is a reminder to those of you whose dues are still outstanding.

Excluding clubs and organizations, our membership now numbers 109, up slightly from last year. We are always on the lookout for new members, so if any of our readers know of someone who would like to join our organization, we would welcome them.

As this is our Annual All Photo Issue, we hope that you enjoy it. Our editor is always on the look out for new and interesting photos, so if you have any that you think may be of interest, please don't hesitate to send them in. We look forward to another successful year and hope to see many of you at the photo tours and annual flea market. Have a healthy and safe New Year.

Robert Herscovitch, Membership

From the Editor...

Welcome to the annual photo issue. This time around the pictures that are so central to this issue were provided by Terry Yip, Walt McCall, Gary Dinkel, Robert Herscovitch, Dave Stewardson, Ken Buchanan, Bob Rupert, John Bowerman, Ian Duke, Rob Simpson, Gary Wignall, Ken Walton, Anthony Pisani, Colin Carter, and Neil McCarten. Thanks Maxi Métal Fire Trucks, AeroFeu, Midwest, Pierce Manufacturing, Safetek, Wholesale Fire & Rescue and Metalfab for photos and info.

Thanks also to Ken Buchanan, Rob Simpson, Ken Walton, Doug Holmes and Bob Rupert for providing info, and of course, to Walt for his column.

Desmond Brett, Editor, Third Alarm

The **2018 IFBA Convention** will be from Sunday to Wednesday this year, August 19-23 in **Racine, WI**. The program is now available and it looks quite entertaining, the hotel is quite inexpensive...

2017 Annual General Meeting & Flea Market



With this issue, a new feature entitled Looking Back, featuring rigs from the past, specifically from the 20, 30, 40 years ago, etc. The first pair are actually from last year but there wasn't room in the last issue.



West Vancouver, BC ran this 1947 Jeep as a brush unit for many years. Body by American Marsh with additional work by Sterling Ind. of Owen Sound. It has a 300igpm pump and 60gwt. It was restored in 1990 and is now owned by West Vancouver Fire Service Museum & Archives Society. (John Lindsay photos)



Mt. Forest, ON's superbly restored 1937 IHC/Bickle pumper. (Neil McCarten photo)



Red Earth Creek, AB, received this 2017 Freightliner M2-114SD/Rosenbauer four-axle tanker late last year. It has a 840igpm Darley pump and a 4000gwt. s/n 21653 (John Bowerman photo)



The first of four new rescue pumps for Winnipeg, MB. They are all 2018 Spartan Gladiator Classic/Fort Garry units with 1500igpm pumps, 600gwt and 25gfts. s/n M851.



Petitcodiac, NB Engine 2, a 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry pumper-tanker with a 1050igpm Hale pump, 1200gwt, 25gft and a FoamPro 2001 foam system. s/n M877 (Dave Stewardson photos)

The Apparatus Floor....



An architectural drawing of the new hall to be built in Campdown.

The town of **Lincoln** has awarded a contract to Brouwer Construction to replace Station 2 in Campdown. The present 60-year-old, two bay hall will give way to a larger, three-bay station in the spring of 2019. Construction is slated to begin this May on a property on Fly Road near the Mennonite church. **Estevan, SK** purchased a vacated car dealership at Third St. & 11th Ave. downtown back in 2016 and modified it into a large fire hall, moving in during November. The new facility is more centrally located and has 10,900 sq ft. of space, up from 6200 in the old hall. It only cost \$2.3 million to buy, versus more than \$ 7 million for a brand new station. **Vancouver** is going to demolish Station 17 and build a much larger facility that will also serve as the regional emergency command centre.

Ottawa Fire officially opened the new Station 36 on Cyrville Rd. on February 1. The new station 55 in Cumberland is also open, and was occupied on February 8. Both new halls feature two drive-through bays. The new **Hornby Island, BC** firehall opened for business on February 12.

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The Town of Innisfil is hiring new firefighters to accommodate for thousands of people who will be coming to the community. The town has to prepare for all the people the all-season resort Friday Harbour will bring to the area. A new permanent fire station is now being built at Big Bay Point Road and the 25th Line. Another temporary station is also going up. "They're putting the driveway in right now. There'll be a trailer parked over here and there'll be a hut that'll house the two fire trucks," says Innisfil fire chief John Pegg. The town has also fast-tracked a plan to hire eight permanent positions this year and four more next year. "It'll also be manned by volunteer firefighters too," says Innisfil Mayor Gord Wauchope. The cost for the temporary station is \$400,000. Friday Harbour is paying for half of it and provided the land. "I think it's a great win, win situation for the Town of Innisfil to have Friday Harbour partner with us and get this station up and going," says Wauchope. The fire chief says there is also a benefit for the people already living in this area. "It can take up to 20 minutes for firefighters to get here from that existing station. A speedier response won't be the only benefit," Pegg says. The temporary station is expected to be up and running by November. The permanent station down the street is expected to be finished by April 2018.

Welland has a new pumper coming in and **Grimsby** a new tanker. **Cambridge** has ordered a new platform from Pierce. **Burlington** has ordered two new pumpers from Smeal through Safetek on Spartan chassis. They will have 1500gpm Waterous pumps, 1000gwts and 40gfts. **Quinte West** is ordering a pumper through Darch Fire, specifying a demonstrator so as to stay within the \$456,000 budgeted by council. It will be station in Trenton. Council also authorised \$16,000 for a six person ATV for the Bayside hall and \$29,500 to equip the Battawa station with auto ex tools.

Eastway, just a year after their grand re-opening in 2016, have acquired Arnprior Fire trucks. Commercial Truck Corp. of Vancouver, distributors for Pierce in Western Canada, have now added Ontario to their sales and service area for fire apparatus. They already have a 12-bay truck repair facility in Woodstock. Hub has delivered new pumpers to Sun Peaks and Pilot Mountain, BC, and to the Whitefish FN in Alberta, all on Freightliner M2 chassis, and on a Spartan Metro Star chassis to the McBride Fire District. Asphodel delivered a pumper, also on a Spartan Metro Star, to Tofino, BC.



Norfolk County, ON Pump 7, a 2017 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry rig equipped with a 1250igpm Hale pump, a 800gwt and a 25gft. Job number M855.



Norfolk County Tanker 6 is a 2017 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry collaboration with a 289igpm pump and a 2000gwt. Job Number M853. The new Tanker 1 is identical. (Dave Stewardson photos)



Hamilton's new Engine 23, a 2017 KME Severe Service pumper, 1050igpm pump, 600gwt. (Ken Buchanan photo)

Apparatus Roundup:

ONTARIO *-corrected or added information for a previous listing

Prince Edward County		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Custom Fire tanker
Ottawa (4)		2017	Freightliner M2 112/Carl Thibault 1250igpm/2500gwt
Grand Valley	P32	2017	Spartan Gladiator
Mattawa	Unit 4	2016	HME Ahrens-Fox Silver Fox pumper 1250igpm (Stock unit)
Scugog Twp.	T. 61	2017	Freightliner M2 106/Pierce 840igpm/2500gwt SN 31484-1
Wainfleet		2017	Dodge Ram 5500/Fort Garry mini rescue, 12' box
Wainfleet		2017	IHC/Fort Garry 840igpm/3000gwt
Hastings Highlands		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Metalfab 1050igpm/850gwt
Hamilton	E. 8	2017	KME Severe Service 1050igpm/600gwt
Hamilton	E.12	2017	KME Severe Service 1050igpm/600gwt
Hamilton	E. 23	2017	KME Severe Service 1050igpm/600gwt
Hamilton	L. 1	2017	KME Severe Service 1050igpm/500gwt/100'
Hamilton	T.16	2017	KME Severe Service 840igpm/1600gwt
Hamilton	T.25	2017	KME Severe Service 840igpm/1600gwt
Six Nations		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Pierce 840igpm/3000gwt
N. Dumfries		2017	Pierce FXP 840igpm/1800gwt
Guelph		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Pierce 840igpm/2500gwt j/n31447
Norfolk Cnty	T. 1	2017	Spartan Metro Star /Fort Garry 286igpm/2000gwt SN M854
Norfolk Cnty	T. 6	2017	Spartan Metro Star /Fort Garry 286igpm/2000gwt SN M853
Norfolk Cnty	P. 7	2017	Spartan Metro Star /Fort Garry 1250igpm(H)/800gwt/25gft s/n M855
Champlain Twp.		2017	Freightliner M2 112/Metalfab 1050igpm/2000gwt
Muskoka Lakes	P.9	2017	Freightliner M2 106/Metalfab H.E.A.T. Series 1050igpm(W)/800gwt
Bruce Power	P. 3	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2000igpm/375gwt/675gft s/n 216148
Oro-Medonte	P. 3	2018	Spartan Metrostar/Spartan-ERV/Dependable pumper 1250/840/20 SN 216144
Quinte West	P.431	2017	Freightliner M2-106 / Pierce top-mount 1050igpm/750gwt SN27534 (ex-demo)
Chatham-Kent	1-11	2017	Spartan Metro Star Classic/Dependable rescue-pumper



In Hamilton, a new assignment for this 2004 KME pumper, now running as reserve Engine 44. It has a 1050igpm pump and a 500gwt. (Ken Buchanan photo)



Lake Country (Winfield), BC R.71 is a 2017 Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry medium rescue (SN M843)
(Dave Stewardson photos)



Edmonton, AB is getting no fewer than 13 of these 2017 Spartan Gladiator/Smeal pumps, all with 1500 igpm pumps, 400gwt and 60gfts. Shop Number 478 arrived in October. (Shane MacKichan photo)



Fisher River Cree Nation, MB just took delivery of this 2017 Ford F350 4x4 /Fort Garry brush rig with a 312igpm Darley pump, 200gwt and 10gft. s/n M881 (Dave Stewardson photo)

Apparatus Roundup:

OUT WEST

Vancouver, BC	E. 9	2017	Spartan Gladiator Sirius LFD/Smeal 1875igpm/440gwt/63gft(A)/CAFS
Lake Country (Winfield), R71		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry medium rescue SN M843
Ness Lake		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Hub 420igpm/1500gwt j/n 1227
Langford	R.1	2015	Spartan Metro Star X / MCB Responder (ex-Demo)
Musquash		2017	Dodge Ram 2500 4x4
Pineview		2018	Freightliner 108SD/MaxiMetal 1250igpm/1000gwt/30gft/FP2001
North Vancouver	E.10	2017	Pierce Arrow XT, 1770 IGPM(W), 328gwt, 25gft, Husky FS, SN 27188
North Vancouver	U.236	2018	Ford Transit
Trail	E. 4	2017	Spartan MetroStar/Hub 1505igpm/808gwt/20gft(A) j/n 1222
Burnaby	CU.1	2017	Freightliner M2-106/1999 ERS/2017 Hub refurb
Yellowhead , AB	E.12	2017	Rosenbauer Commander 4000 1500igpm/950gwt/30gft
Blue Ridge		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Rosenbauer pumper 1250igpm/1000gwt/30gft S#17382
Hinton		2017	Rosenbauer Commander 4000 heavy rescue
Sandy Lake		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Rosenbauer pumper/tanker 1250igpm/2000gwt/20gft
Hussar	W-40	2017	Freightliner M2 112/Rosenbauer pumper/tanker 1050igpm/2500gwt
Clearwater	S.613	2017	Rosenbauer Commander R3711 1250igpm/840gwt/15gft
Camrose Cnty (New Norway)		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Rosenbauer 1050igpm/840gwt
Calgary	E.27	2017	Spartan Gladiator Classic MFD/Smeal 1500gp/500gwt/30gft(A)/CAFS
Calgary	E.31	2017	Spartan Gladiator Classic MFD/Smeal 1500gp/500gwt/30gft(A)/CAFS
Red Earth Creek		2017	Freightliner M2-114SD/Rosenbauer 840igpm(D)/4000gwt s/n 21653
Bigstone		2017	Ford F550 / Rosenbauer mini-pumper 500igpm/300gwt/30gft Chipewyan Lake
Tsuu T'ina		2017	Dodge Ram/Rocky Mountain Phoenix light rescue
Suncor Fort Hills	Med. 1	2017	Ford F550/Road Rescue ambulance
Medicine Hat	E. 1	2017	Pierce Enforcer 1600igpm/540gwt Husky 12 FS SN 30910-01
Medicine Hat	E. 3	2017	Pierce Enforcer 1600igpm/540gwt Husky 12 FS SN 30910-02
Medicine Hat	L. 2	2017	Pierce Enforcer 1250igpm/ 400gwt/40gft/107' Ascendant Husky 12 FS SN 30911
Calling Lake		2017	Freightliner M2-114SD/Rosenbauer 1050igpm(R)/3000gwt s/n 21654
Suncor (Fort Hills)	Med. 1	2017	Ford F-550/Road Rescue
Taber	R.5-4	2017	Dodge Ram/ITB light rescue
Kronau, SK		2017	Freightliner M2 106 / Rosenbauer pumper 1050igpm/1000gwt/40gft
Prudhomme	E.402	2003	Ford F550 / Superior 625igpm/? SN SE3090 (Ex-Yarnell Fire Department)
Lumsden	E. 3	2017	IHC Workstar 7500 4WD / Acres 1050igpm/800gwt/25gft SN 170224150
Winnipeg, MB		2018	Spartan Gladiator Classic/Fort Garry 1500igpm/600gwt/25gft s/n M851
Winnipeg	T. 23	2017	Freightliner M2 112/Acres 420ugpm/3500gwt SN 170616155
Fisher River Cree Nation		2017	Ford F350 //Fort Garry 312igpm(D)/200gwt/10gft s/n M881

QUEBEC & THE MARITIMES

Gracefield, QC	211	2017	Freightliner M2-112/Amiral AC2500-2/Maxi Métal pumper-tanker 1050igpm/2500gwt
Incentraide	1023	2017	Freightliner M2-106 / Maxi Métal walk-in heavy rescue
Hillsborough, NB	T. 6	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab tanker 420igpm/2000gwt
Atholville	No.2	2017	IHC 4400/Metalfab medium rescue
Petitcodiac	U.2	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/1200gwt/25gft FP 2001 s/n M877
Campbellton	E.2	2017	Pierce Sabre FR 1250igpm(W)/1500gwt/25gft Husky 3 FS
Ste. Marie- St. Raphael		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab tanker 1050igpm(H)/1250gwt
Upper Miramichi		2017	Freightliner M2 112/Metalfab 1050igpm(H)/2000gwt
Hoyt		2018	Honda Pioneer 1000 4x4 ATV
Chipman		2017	Freightliner M2 112/Metalfab 1250igpm/2000gwt
North River, PEI	U.3	2017	Freightliner M2-114SD/Metalfab1250igpm(W)3000gwt/50gft FoamPro 2001 FS*
Petite Riviere, NS		2017	Rosenbauer RBM Warrior 1250igpm/1270gwt SN 17411
Margaree Forks		2017	Ford F550/Metalfab mini-pumper 625igpm/250gwt
Glance Bay		2017	Dodge Ram 3500 brush tender (Transferred from North Sydney)
North Sydney		2017	Dodge Ram 5500 brush tender 500igpm/250gwt
Trenton	19-01	2017	Spartan Gladiator / Dependable 1500igpm/1000gwt
Indian Brook		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab HEAT 1250igpm/800gwt/20gft FP 2001
Plymouth		2017	Kenworth K270/Metalfab medium rescue
Cartwright, NL		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab HEAT 1250igpm/800gwt/20gft(A) S#M17-19390

Windsor Fire & Rescue recently opened two impressive new fire stations. The new **Fire Station No. 6**, on Provincial Road in the south end of the city, was dedicated in late September. The \$5.2 million complex includes a 3,000 square foot Emergency Operations Centre where area emergency services – fire, police, EMS, Enwin Hydro, Union Gas etc. – can work together during major emergencies. The new Station 6 replaces a temporary single-bay station at Windsor Airport. The new two-bay, drive-through hall houses Pumper/Tanker #6 and the city's joint services Windsor Fire/Police emergency mobile command unit. The new **Station No. 5** on Northwood St. near Huron Church Rd. opened in late October, replacing the former Station 5 on Cabana Rd. W. The three-bay hall houses Engine 5 and Truck 5, a 95' Sutphen aerial tower which was relocated to the new hall from Station 4 near the Ambassador Bridge. Station 5 is the city's fourth new fire hall constructed as part of a plan to strategically relocate stations to cover the city's changing population. Future plans include replacement of Station 4. WFRS placed a new heavy rescue into service at Station 3 last year and has ordered two new pieces of apparatus – a pumper and a new Emergency Support Unit, the latter to replace the current ESU, an 18-year-old Saulsbury/ Spartan.

– *Walt McCall*



Windsor's new Station 5 above, and Station 6, below became operational last fall. (Walt McCall photos)



2018 WINDSOR FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE APPARATUS ROSTER

By Walt McCall

Station No. 1 – 815 Goyeau St. WFRS Headquarters Opened 1970

Engine 1	2013 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/600	Shop #4032
Truck 1	2013 Sutphen SP70 1050/300/70; Mini-Tower Quint	#4033
E.S.U. 1	2000 Saulsbury/Spartan MetroStar Air & Light Unit	#4013
Command 1	2013 GMC Pickup, 4-Door with Cap	#3023
Fire Investigation	2012 Ford E-Van	

Station No. 2 – 3121 Milloy St. at Chandler Road (2015)

Engine 2	2010 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/600	#4025
Truck 2	2013 Sutphen SP70 1050/300/70' MiniTower Quint	#4034
Command 2	2013 Ford F250 4-Door Pickup with Cap	#3030
Special Ops	2012 GMC Van (White)	#3024

Station No. 3 – 2750 Ouellette Avenue at Edinborough St. (1972)

Rescue 3	2017 Rosenbauer Commander Heavy Rescue 500/500	#4043
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Station No. 4 – 2600 College Avenue near Huron Church Rd. (1964)

Engine 4	2008 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/500	#4026
Spare Pumper	2007 Pierce Velocity 1050/750	#4022

Station No. 5 – 2650 Northwood at Daytona St. (2017)

Engine 5	2013 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/600	#4023
Truck 5	2013 Sutphen SP95 1050/300/95' Aerial Tower Quint	#4035
HazMat Unit	2014 Freightliner (White)	#4039

Station No. 6 – 1587 Provincial Road –EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) (2017)

Tanker 6	2010 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/1000 Pumper/Tanker	#4027
Command Post	2007 SVI/Spartan Mobile Command Unit (White) WFRS/Windsor Police	#4037

Station No. 7 – 1380 Matthew Brady Blvd. at Lauzon Parkway (2012)

Engine 7	2010 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/600	#4031
Truck 7	2013 Sutphen SP95 1050/300/95' Aerial Tower	#4036

Apparatus Shops – 2885 Kew Drive (1982)

Spare Pumper	2008 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/400	#4024
Spare Pumper	2003 Rosenbauer/Spartan 1050/600	#4020
Spare Pumper	1995 E-One Hurricane 1050.300	#4004

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Fredericton NB - Canada's First: 1960 Trump/GMC 65' Snorkel – (Walt McCall Collection)



Burlington ON - 1961 Ford/Hi-Ranger 85' Snorkel with 840 gpm pump – (Walt McCall Collection)



Winnipeg MB - 1962 Trump/GMC 90' three-boom Snorkel. (Dave Stewardson photo)



Quebec City QC - 1962 Mussons/Mercury Trump 65' Snorkel - Walt McCall Collection

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: CANADA'S FIRST SNORKELS By Walt McCall

Strolling back to his office after lunch one day in 1957, Chicago Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn paused to watch tree-trimmers at work in a city park. Quinn was amazed at the mobility the men in the bucket of their public utilities-type elevating platform had – the ease with which they could move up or down, around and over objects. Why, Quinn thought, couldn't his firefighters have this same kind of aerial mobility? Commissioner Quinn shared some of his observations with other senior members of the Chicago Fire Department who decided then and there to explore this novel concept. So it was that in 1958 the Windy City placed the first firefighting elevating platform – nicknamed Quinn's Snorkel -- into service, sparking an aerial revolution.

But there's a little-known Canadian prequel" to this tale. Three years before Commissioner Quinn took his noon hour walk, the December 1954 issue of Fire Engineering magazine carried a story about a fire in New Westminster, B.C. Under the heading Mechanical Giraffe Aids Firemen, the story included a photo of a Pitman Giraffe public utility elevating platform lobbing two streams into the fire. That photo was a glimpse into the future. Pitman Mfg., of Grandview MO, built the pioneering 50-foot articulating aerial platform on a GMC truck chassis for Chicago and ultimately became a major player in the firefighting aerial platform industry with its famed Pitman Snorkel. Chicago's experimental snorkel was a huge success. The CFD immediately ordered several more with Hi-Ranger booms on Ford chassis. Soon, other fire departments in the Greater Chicago area also began ordering snorkels. Within a few years fire departments large and small across the U.S. and Canada added elevating platforms to their aerial fire apparatus rosters.

The first elevating platform placed into service on a Canadian fire department was built for Fredericton, N.B. in 1960. On a GMC chassis, its 65-foot boom was made by Trump Ltd., a maker of public utility aerial platforms trucks located in Oliver, B.C. Canada's second firefighting aerial platform was delivered to Burlington, Ontario in 1961. Built by Duke Equipment of Burlington, it was an 85' Hi-Ranger articulating boom on a Ford flatbed . The Burlington snorkel was also equipped with an 840 GPM pump.

In the early 1960s, the BC company delivered Trump Snorkels to a number of Canadian fire departments, including the industry's first 90-foot, three-boom platforms, the first of which went to Winnipeg in 1962. An identical 90-footer went to suburban St. James MB in 1963, later joining the Winnipeg roster through amalgamation. Saskatoon SK and Penticton BC also got Trump Snorkels on commercial chassis. Montreal and Quebec City bought Trump Snorkels with bodies by Mussons, a Quebec truck body builder. In 1963, Thibault delivered ca 65' platform of its own design on a Ford tilt-cab chassis to Aylmer QC. Closer to home, the Hamilton Fire Department got a 65' Trump Snorkel on heavy-duty Ford F-Series chassis with King-Seagrave bodywork in 1964.

The Toronto Fire Department got its first elevating platform in 1965 – but that's a story for next time!

Flashback February, a random assortment of rigs from the past...



This 1934 Chevrolet/Bickle pumper, now owned by the Centre Wellington FD, resides in the Fergus fire hall and still runs in parades.



Palmerston, ON's 1944 Ford/ALF 500gpm pumper. They still have the nicely preserved rig.



Now owned by Haldimand, this 1966 Chevrolet/Thibault pumper served Walpole, ON for many years. It has a 625igpm pump and a 300gwt. (Neil McCarten photos)



The last custom ALF rigs bought by the TFD were a pair of 1963 900 Series pumpers for Stations 9 and 19. The identical rigs had 840igpm pumps and 250gwts.



Etobicoke ran three of these rescue units, Rescue 2 was a 1977 Ford F600/Dependable.



The TFD had many of these IHC CO1950B chassis for all types of rigs. Aerial 15 had a 1983 Pierreville 100' aerial. (desmond Brett photos)



Yukon Wildland (DS)



Kingait, NU 2017 Freightliner M2/Fort Garry 1050igpm Hale/1000gwt s/n M818 (Dave Stewardson photos)



Nanaimo Airport, BC Red 2 2004 Fort garry Sterling Acterra 4x4 420/600/35/300# DC (TY)



Wabasca, AB used to run this 1999 IHC 4900/Superior pumper, equipped with a x1050igpm pump, 900gwt and 30gft. It is now with the Foam Lake, AB FD.



Regina SK, Unit 403, a 2014 Rosenbauer Commander 1500igpm/247gwt/102' Raptor aerial.



Russell MB, a 2004 Dependable International 4400 heavy rescue. (Terry Yip photos)



Kitchener, ON Rescue 1: 2008 Spartan Gladiator Classic/Dependable. (Gary Dinkel photo)



Gatineau, QC Unité 202, a 2011 Pierce Impel pumper 1050igpm/550gwt/2x30gft (SN#24954)
(Desmond Brett photo)



Stanley, NB Unit 1: 2014 Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab 1250igpm/1200gwt. (Metalfab)



Georgetown, PEI Unit 3 - 2003 Sterling L7500 / Metalfab 1050igpm/1000gwt/40gft.
(SNM03-16476) (Ken Buchanan photo)



Enfield, NS No. 2 is a unique 1999 IHC 4900/Superior midmount teleboom. It's equipped with a 1250igpm pump/500gwt/10gft(A) and 20gft(B) with a 50' aerial. #SE1937



Miawpukek FN in Conne River, NL received this 2017 IHC 7400/Fort Garry rig last May. It has a 1050igpm Darley pump, 1000gwt, 25gft and a FoamPro 1600 foam system. (Dave Stewardson pics)



Changi Airport Red 3, a 2012 Striker 6x6, 2000gpm pump/3000gwt/420gft/550lbs DC.



Changi Airport T.11, a 2017 Rosenbauer Panther 6x6 CRT, with an N80 9,000LPM pump, 12,000LWT, and 1500LFT. (Kenneth Lai photos)

In the photo issue, as usual, we celebrate fire services that sport unusual livery, starting with this all white scheme with gold accents used by a city in Monroe County, NY.



Ridge Rd., NY Battalion Chief 1 - 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4.



Ridge Rd., NY Squad 257 - 2015 Chevrolet 3500 HD / Rosenbauer light rescue



Ridge Rd. Engine 253 - 2007 American LaFrance Eagle, 1250gpm and 500gwt. SN X83689.
(Ian Duke photos)



Ridge Rd., NY Rescue 258 - 2012 International Terra Star / Rosenbauer. SN 41616.



Ridge Rd. Engine 254 - 2007 American LaFrance Eagle, 1250gpm, 500gwt. SN X83690



Ridge Rd., NY Engine 252, a 2013 Spartan / Spartan ERV pumper, equipped with a 1250gpm pump and 500gwt. SN 212185-01. (Ian Duke photos)