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A most unusual rig, this CFB, Petawawa Red 28, seen at the OAFC Show in May. It is a 2016 UTV Achiever RT-10 2 Door/Fort Garry Wildland Dominator tracked range tender. It's equipped with a 200igpm pump, 800gwt, 25gft and a CAFS. (Ian Duke photo)

Condolences to Membership Secretary Robert Herscovitch on the passing of his wife Ruth, a great supporter to our club. Also to the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association on the passing of former firefighter and founding member Ray Rassmussen.

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President's Message...

Thirteen members gathered at the Lucknow and District Fire Station at 9 am on a beautiful, sunny and warm June 25 to begin our tour of Southern Bruce and South-western Grey counties. Chief Peter was happy to roll the apparatus out for photos and even allowed your president to move the new tanker so that he could bring out the older one. It has been a long, long time since I have been at the wheel of a piece of fire apparatus but I hadn't lost my touch, parking it with no issues. Members enjoyed a barbecue with the members of South Bruce Station 170 in Teeswater for lunch then carried on finishing the day in Durham at West Grey Station 2. Many thanks to Greg Scott and Dino Morson for organizing the tour and to the Chiefs and members of the departments we visited.

Our July tour took us into Western New York state where eight members spent July 9 & 10 touring 11 departments and shooting 104 pieces of apparatus in Monroe County thanks to Past Chief Norm Knapp of the Brockport Fire Department and Associate member Jim Gillette. Saturday saw us start off in Brockport at 9 am, visiting all four of their stations then on to Spencerport (three stations), Hilton, North Greece (four stations) and Ridge Road (four stations) before enjoying a fabulous supper at the Knapp residence in Brockport. Sunday morning saw us gathering at the new Churchville fire station at 9 am then on to Clifton, Mumford, Chili (four stations), a bonus visit to the Rochester Airport Fire Department and our final stop in Gates (three stations) before heading home.

Our August 13th tour took us to eastern Northumberland County, September 10 will see us visit Elgin County and on October 1 our final tour for 2016 will cover East Gwillimbury and Scugog. Details for these tours will be found further on in this issue and on the club website. The buffing year will round out with our 25th Annual Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale at the Toronto Fire Academy on November 5 followed by our 45th Annual General Meeting in the afternoon.

Until next time, safe buffing. Bob Rupert

From our Membership Secretary...

It appears that we have lost several members this year, who have not renewed their membership. However, I am pleased to let you know that we have gained 4 new members. The most recent is Colin Carter, who becomes our fourth member to join the OFBA from the United Kingdom and we welcome him on board. Our total membership now stands at 113.

On an unrelated topic, I was reminded how important it is to always have a camera within arms reach, even if you are just going out for a few moments, as I was doing a few weeks ago. Some of you, no doubt, saw the news and film of the successful trench rescue operation, which took place just north of Toronto. It was more complicated than an ordinary rescue because a deep trench was involved and was successfully carried out by members of the Richmond Hill and Markham Fire Departments, with assistance from several other organizations.. I came upon the scene only moments after it happened. Missed some great shots. Lesson learned.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Robert Herscovitch, Membership Secretary

PS. Fortunately I was able to add a few words just before the T/A went to press, so I would like to acknowledge the numerous e-mails and personal contacts by so many of you on the untimely passing of my beloved wife Ruth, who many of you did know on a personal basis. Your expressions of sympathy have been of great comfort to me.

From the Editor...

First off, apologies to Herb Galloway who actually sent in the two shots from Plympton Wyoming (not Gary Dinkel). Thank you for those Herb. Photos were supplied by Walt McCall, Bob Rupert, Ken Buchanan, Larry Ward, Shane MacKichan, Dependable Emergency Vehicles, Robert Herscovitch, Dave Stewardson, John Bowerman, Ken Walton, Ian Duke, Colin Carter, Kenneth Lai, Terry Yip, Harold McMann and Neil McCarten. Info came from Walt McCall, Ken Walton, John Dybus, Doug Holmes and Bob Rupert. Thanks to Walt McCall for his timely article on the club and especially to our president for providing the lengthy apparatus rosters and large collection of photos from the tours.

Desmond Brett, Editor, Third Alarm



Members Al Craig, John Holden, John Skillen, John Dybus and Walt McCall in front of the Detroit Fire Alarm office in a 1971 photo. (Walt McCall Collection)

THE OFBA TURNS 45

By Walt McCall

A significant milestone in our club's history passed virtually unnoticed in early April. It was 45 years ago – in April, 1971 -- that the Ontario Fire Buffs Association was born.

The seeds for what was to become the OFBA were sown at a SPAAMFAA antique fire apparatus muster in Syracuse, N.Y. in the late 1960s. Several Canadians at the muster exchanged addresses and phone numbers and agreed to talk about forming a club. In its original form, such a club was envisioned as a Canadian chapter of SPAAMFA, but since prospective members' interests extended well beyond just apparatus, it was decided to make the organization more general in scope. After two years of discussion and planning, the Ontario Fire Buffs Association became a reality with the publication of the very first issue of *The Third Alarm* on April 2 of that year.

The front page of Volume 1, Number 1 featured a message of welcome from Charter President Harold R. McMann of Toronto. Other officers on our first executive board included Vice President John J. Dybus, of Welland; Secretary-Treasurer John L. Holden of Oshawa, and Trustee John Skillen, also of Toronto. Incredibly, nearly half a century later all five of these esteemed gentlemen are still with us, and all are still card-carrying OFBA members! Harold McMann proudly holds OFBA membership card No. 1. John Holden published the inaugural issue of the Third Alarm – five mimeographed pages stapled together on his kitchen table. The mailing cost per member? Five cents!

Published in June, the club's first membership roster listed 20 names. The fledgling club held its first Annual Meeting in Aurora in conjunction with the annual convention of the Ontario Fire Fighters Association on August 2, 1971. Within three years OFBA membership had passed the 100 mark. The club later changed its name to the Ontario Fire Buff Associates. The OFBA marked its 25th anniversary at a dinner in Toronto on November 2, 1996. The club celebrated its 40th anniversary at a banquet in Toronto in November, 2011.

It's been an amazing ride over the past 45 years, with countless executive and general membership meetings and visits to fire departments all over Ontario and the bordering United States. Among our highlights was sponsorship of the International Fire Buff Associates IFBA Convention in Toronto in 1978 and the acquisition of two vintage fire trucks. The OFBA sponsored several fire apparatus musters, one in downtown Toronto in 1979, and published histories of LaFrance-Foamite and Bickle. Today, the club's principal activities are well-planned, carefully coordinated photo tours of fire departments large and small, and our annual Fire Flea Market and Annual General Meeting held at the Toronto Fire Academy in early November.

After more than four decades the club's lifeblood is still our bimonthly Third Alarm, newsletter, more than 250 issues of which have been produced over the years by just three editors – John Holden, Walt McCall and current editor Des Brett.

One of the OFBA's first long-range excursions was to the Windsor/Detroit border cities area in July, 1971. OFBA President Harold McMann snapped this photo of five of his fellow members on the front steps of the Detroit Fire Department's Central Fire Alarm Office in downtown Detroit. From left to right are; Alan Craig, Toronto; John Holden, Oshawa; John Skillen, Toronto; John Dybus, of Welland, and Windsor member Walt McCall. All but Alan Craig – now retired in California -- are still OFBA members.

Our next major milestone will be our 50th Anniversary in 2021 – which isn't all that far off. Hopefully, many of us will still be around to celebrate half a century of interest in, and support of, the fire service. Lord willing, I'll be among them!



The OFBA continues its excursions south of the border. This group shot of the Monroe County, NY tour was taken in Hilton on July 10.

Calendar

Photo tours for 2016:

August 13 Eastern Northumberland County – **Brighton, Trent Hills & Cramahe**

Trent Hills Fire – Rescue:

0900 hrs. **Campbellford** Station - 58 Saskatoon Ave

1015 hrs. **Hastings** Station - 51 Victoria St

1115 hrs. **Warkworth** Station - 24 Old Hastings Rd

Lunch

Brighton District Fire Department :

1300 hrs. North Station - 1256 County Rd 27, Codrington

1345 hrs. South Station - 20 Elizabeth St., Brighton

Cramahe Township Fire Department:

1430 hrs. South Station - 28 Victoria St., Colborne

1530 hrs. North Station - 2221 County Rd 25, Castleton

September 10 **Central Elgin and St. Thomas**

09:00 - Southwold Twp Stn 2 - 10586 Sunset Dr., Talbotville

 - Southwold Twp Stn 1 - 9331 Union Rd., Shedden

 - Central Elgin Stn 1 - 218 Joseph St., Port Stanley (off site . Station has NO ramp)

 - Central Elgin Stn 2 - 42702 Sparta Line, Union

Lunch - St. Thomas - numerous fast food outlets along Talbot St.

13:00 - **St Thomas** - Stn 1 - 305 Wellington St. (@ First Ave.

 - **St. Thomas** - Stn 2 - 235 Burwell Rd.

 - **Central Elgin** Stn 3 - 9538 Yarmouth Centre Rd., Yarmouth Centre

 - **Aylmer** - 323 John St. South, Aylmer

 - **Central Elgin** Stn 4 - 206 Caesar Rd., Belmont

October 1 **East Gwillimbury and Scugog**

East Gwillimbury Emergency Services

0900 hrs. Station 2-4 - 19314 Yonge St., Holland Landing

1000 hrs. Station 2-8 - 1590 Queensville Sideroad, Queensville

1100 hrs. Station 2-6 - 22 Princess St., Mount Albert

Lunch (Uxbridge or Port Perry)

Scugog Fire Department

1330 hrs. Station 1 - 30 Crandell St., Port Perry

1445 hrs. Station 2 - 3550 Durham Road 57, Caesarea

November 5 OFBA Annual Flea Market and Annual General Meeting

September 3 & 4 34th Annual St. Thomas Fire Muster Days, St. Thomas, ON

<https://www.facebook.com/FireMusterDays>

September 16 & 17 FireFest V, Chatham, ON

<http://firefest.ca/>

For the most complete list of firematic events available, please go to:

<http://www.cafaa.net/anita/anita.html>

Southern Bruce County - South-Western Grey County

Lucknow & District Fire Department

Bruce County Station 160 - 725 Campbell St., Lucknow (2010)

| | | | | |
|----------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Pumper | 2008 | Spartan Big Easy / Fort Garry | 1050/1000/20F | S#A563 |
| Tanker | 2015 | International 4400 / Fort Garry | 420/1700 | S#M0645 |
| Tanker 3 | 2001 | International 4900 / Fort Garry | PP /1700 | S#856755 |
| Rescue | 2003 | Ford F450 / home built light rescue | | |

South Bruce Fire Department

Bruce County Station 170 - 22 Clinton St. S, Teeswater

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|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Pump | 173 | 1994 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry | 1050/1000 | S#M5288 |
| Pump/Tank | 174 | 1989 Ford C 8000 / Hub | 420/1500 | |
| Tanker | 175 - | 2009 Kenworth / Pierce | 430/1780 | J#7517 |
| Rescue | 176 - | 1996 GMC C3500 / Fort Garry | | S#825728 |

Bruce County Station 180 - 9 Absalom St. E, Mildmay (1986)

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|----------|-----|--|--------------|----------|
| Pump | 183 | 1998 Freightliner FL80 / C-Max | 1050/800/40F | S#F14-98 |
| Tanker | 184 | 2007 International 7400 / Seagrave | PP/1700 | |
| Rescue | 187 | 2004 GMC C5500 / Asphodel Rescue/Command | | |
| Pick-Up | 186 | 2008 Ford F150 | | |
| Chief | 1-8 | 2013 Ford F150 | | |
| Parade - | | 1949 GMC Maple Leaf / Bickle | 420/400 | S#5014 |



South Bruce Tanker 175, a 2009 Kenworth/Pierce collaboration, 430igpm pump, 1780gwt.



Walkerton Unit 137, a 2015 Freightliner M2/Pierce walk-in rescue.



West Grey Squad 12, 2005 Freightliner M2/American LaFrance pumper with a 1050igpm pump and a 625gwt, S#27929. (All photos Bob Rupert)



Elmwood Unit 145, a 2007 International 4400/Dependable 1500igwt, portable pump.

Walkerton Fire Department

Bruce County Station 130 - 510 Napier St. East, Walkerton

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|---|--|----------|----------|
| Unit 131 | 1988 Ford CF / Hub | 840/500 | S#1375 |
| Unit 133 | 2004 Spartan Advantage / E-One /Superior | 1050/800 | S#116978 |
| Unit 134 | 1999 Freightliner FL80 / C-Max tanker | PP/1600 | |
| Unit 137 | 2015 Freightliner M2 / Pierce walk-in rescue | | J#28016 |
| Fire/Rescue UTV 2011 Ford F150 w 2015 Stealth Trailer w 2015 Deere 4x4 4 seater w 75 gal tank and 120 gpm Honda PP& Hannay hose reel (home built) | | | |

Elmwood Fire Department

Bruce County Station 140 - 29 Dirstein St. S, Elmwood (1986)

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|------------|--|---------------|---------|
| Unit 141 - | 2014 Spartan Metro Star-X / Fort Garry | 1050/1000/25F | S#M0562 |
| Unit 145 - | 2007 International 4400 / Dependable | PP/1500 | |
| Unit 146 - | 1999 Freightliner FL70 / Dependable | Heavy Rescue | |
| Unit 144 - | 1995 Freightliner FL 80 / C-Max | PP/1800 | |

Ripley-Huron Fire Department

Bruce County Station 150 - 74 Huron St., Ripley (2007)

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|--------|------|--|---------------|-----------|
| Unit | 15-1 | 2008 E-One Typhoon pumper | 1050/1000/20F | SO#133838 |
| Unit | 15-4 | 2014 Freightliner M2 / Pierce tanker | 420/1500 | SN#27406 |
| Unit | 15-6 | 2015 Freightliner M2 106 / EVI / Dependable heavy rescue | | |
| Parade | | 1947 International KB6 / Bickle pumper | | |

West Grey Fire Department

Station 1 - 610 Alfred St., Ayton (1989)

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|-------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| Pump 1 | 1995 Freightliner FL80 / Superior pumper | 1050/1100/40F | S#SE 1503 |
| Tanker 1 | 2002 Freightliner FL70 / Superior tanker | 420/1400 | S#SE 2820 |
| Rescue 3 | 2003 Dodge Pickup first response unit | | |
| Support 1 - | 1991 Chevrolet 30 / Excell cube van | | |

Station 2 - 179 George St. West, Durham

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|-----------|--|--------------|---------|
| Rescue 2 | 2009 Ford F550 / Warner light rescue | | |
| Tower 10 | 1995 Spartan / Nova Quintech 55' boom | 1050/800/30F | S#S0614 |
| Squad 12 | 2005 Freightliner M2 / American Lafrance | 1050/625 | S#27929 |
| Tanker 14 | 2005 Freightliner M2 / American Lafrance | 500/1500 | S#27930 |
| Chief | 2014 Dodge Ram 4x4 | | |
| Parade | 1946 Ford / Lafrance pumper | 500/200 | |

Station 3 - 319 David Winkler Pkwy., Neustadt

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|----------|--|--------------|------------------------------|
| Pump 3 | 1991 E-One Protector | 1050/500/25F | S#8781 |
| Tanker 6 | 2009 Freightliner M2 106 / Dependable | 840/1500/20F | S#28090 |
| Rescue 7 | 1999 Freightliner FL 80 / E-One heavy rescue | S#18710 | (ex Winslow Twp, New Jersey) |



Justice Institute of BC now runs this 2016 Spartan Metrostar/Smeal pump, with a 1555igpm pump, 500gwt, and 40gft(A) with a CAFS . (Shane MacKichan photo)



Medicine Hat, AB Rescue 2, a 2015 Rosenbauer Commander, SO# 42189 (John Bowerman photo)



This 2016 Ford F550 4x4/Acres brush unit has a 275igpm Darley pump, 400gwt and 20gft. (D. Stewardson)

The Apparatus Floor...

In **Longueuil, QC**, a new Caserne 41 will be built at 1505 Rue Boudreau. A new five bay station will be erected at 1150 Boulevard Vézina in Mistassini to replace Dolbeau-Mistassini Caserne 1. **London** is relocating Station 11 to Savoy Road and Wharnccliffe Rd on the east side of Lambeth. Moving to this location will allow 11's to back up Station 3 and 9 more easily and vice versa. It should be open sometime next year. **South Glengarry Township's** new Fire Station 1 opened in June at 6650 Bray Street, Glen Walter. It houses a pumper, tanker and rescue. The new Station 6 in **Oshawa** had its official opening on July 20. **Trent Lakes** recently opened a new station covering the south-west section of the municipality. Station 4, Nogies Creek, was transferred to the four-bay, \$1.9 million facility earlier this year, providing coverage to areas formerly run by Kawartha Lakes on automatic aid. Pumper 41 and Rescue 42 are assigned there. **Perth East** has called for RFPs for a new station to be built on Yost Crt. In Milverton. **Welland** Fire seen doing commissioning trials for their new rescue boat. It's a Kemp 20' Landing Craft/Rescue, with Volvo-Penta 260hp Diesel and Hamilton jet drive. **Clearview's** Creemore Fire Station has commenced restoring their 1941 IHC D50/Bickle pumper. The rig, known as Unit 41, has a 420igpm pump and 200gwt. Further to **Rosemere, QC** closing its fire department and contracting service to Blainville, the town has sold its entire firefighting fleet to Institut de protection contre les incendies du Québec (IPIQ).

When the new **Six Nations** Tanker 2 (ex-King City) went in service, the old IHC/Robica rig went to Dependable for a complete rebuild. It should become Tanker 3 on its return. **Haldimand** has three rescue engines on order from Dependable, they are due in December. They are also looking to order a pump from KME for Station 9. Once it arrives, Pump 9's Pierce will become Pump 2A. Pump 2A, formerly with Niagara-on-the-Lake as Pump 5, was destroyed in a wildfire on July 22, Tanker 2 was heavily damaged in the same incident. -Doug Holmes

Windsor Fire & Rescue Service broke ground July 18 for a new combined fire station and emergency operations centre. The new Fire Station No. 6 on Provincial Road near Concession 6 on the city's south side is scheduled to open about a year from now, in August of 2017. At the groundbreaking ceremony, Windsor Fire Chief Bruce Montone said the \$6.5 million station will better serve South Windsor while the Emergency Operations Centre will improve emergency management for the entire city. About 3,500 square feet of the 13,000 square foot station will be dedicated to the new Emergency Operations Centre, which will be activated during a major emergency. The new Station 6 will replace the present Station 6 – formerly Station #8 – at Windsor Airport. Windsor has a new rescue pumper on order from Rosenbauer scheduled for delivery later this year. Windsor Fire & Rescue also plans to replace the current Station 5 on Cabana Road with another new station on the city's west side. – Walt McCall

McNab/Braeside has purchased through Arnprior Fire Trucks, a 1995 Freightliner FL80/Dependable heavy rescue that once served Cobourg. MBFD also has their 1996 Spartan/American Eagle at Arnprior Fire Trucks for a complete refurb. Ottawa is expected to go to tender shortly for tankers. The previous tender for tankers was over budget, so a redesign was implemented. The new tender calls for a commercial cab instead of the original custom cab. – Ken Walton

Hamilton Fire is now down to its last yellow rig, Training Ladder 90 is a 1995 Nova-Quintec-Spartan 1050-400-65' it will be replaced when the new ladder arrives next year. Hamilton's first yellow rigs appeared in 1972, the change to red and white started in 2000. –Ken Buchanan

Terry Yip just passed along the following list from Hub Fire

Job #1201 Coombs/Hilliers B.C. Spartan MS pumper under construction

#Silver Star Ski Resort B.C. FL M2 pumper under construction

#1203 Sahtlam B.C. FL M2 pumper

#1204 Hub Stock Unit Ford F550 CAFS Unit

#1205 Chetwynd B.C. FL M2 pumper

#1206 Salmon Valley B.C. FL M2 tanker

#1207 Silver Creek B.C. FL M2 tanker under construction The rest of the list will appear next issue.



Blue Mountains new P.191 is a 2016 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry product with a 1250igpm Hale pump, 800gwt and 25gft. It also has a FoamPro 100 FS. S/N M731



Iroquois Falls Unit 11, a 2016 Freightliner M2/Fort Garry pumper equipped with a 1050igpm Hale pump, 800gwt and 25gft. S/N M704 (Dave Stewardson photos)



Prince Edward County received a Pierce Ascendant 107' quint for their Picton station. It has a 1666igpm pump and 417gwt. (Photo courtesy Darch Fire)

Apparatus Roundup:

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|---------------------|--------|------|--|
| S. Huron (Exeter) | | 2000 | Pierce Dash 1250gpm/150gwt/105' ex-Seminole, FL L.29* |
| Blue Mountains | P.191 | 2016 | Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry 1250igpm(H)/800gwt/25gft FoamPro 100 FS s/n M731 |
| Brock Twp. | T.82 | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/DEV 2500gwt |
| Essa Twp. | | 2016 | Freightliner 114SD/Dependable pumper 1050igpm/850gwt |
| Iroquois Falls | U.11 | 2016 | Freightliner M2/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/800gwt/25gft FoamPro s/n M704 |
| Delaware | C.5 | 2016 | Dodge Ram 1500 |
| Central Frontenac | R.441 | 2016 | Ford F550/Eastway light rescue |
| Prince Edward Cnty. | | 2016 | Pierce Ascendant 1666igpm(W)/417gwt/107' rearmount |
| Seguin Twp. | | 2016 | Freightliner M2/Pierce 1050igpm(W)/840gwt SN 27485 |
| North Grenville | | 2015 | IHC/Arnprior tanker |
| Norfolk Cnty | T.9 | 2016 | Spartan Metro Star/Arnprior pumper/tanker |
| South Glengarry | T.5 | 2015 | IHC/Arnprior tanker 2500gwt (N. Lancaster) |
| McNab/Braeside | 9714 | 2016 | IHC/Arnprior 1050igpm/2500gwt |
| Gravenhurst | U.7 | 2016 | Chevrolet 3500HD/Darley brush unit |
| Hamilton | Box 43 | 2012 | Utilimaster/Venture Food Trucks rehab unit |
| Strathroy-Caradoc | L.17 | 2014 | Rosenbauer Commander 1665igpm/430gwt/101' Cobra SN#7376 ex-stock unit |

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| Yellowknife, NWT | | 2016 | Spartan Gladiator/SVI command unit job no. 927 |
| Salmon Valley, BC | | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Hub 420igpm(H)/1500gwt |
| Quadra Island | E.11 | 2016 | Spartan/Metalfab pumper/tanker |
| Vancouver | L. 3 | 2016 | Spartan Gladiator Sirius/Smeal 1870igpm/440gwt/63gft(A)/CAFS/105' |
| Kootenay Boundary | E.12 | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Hub 840igpm(H)/500gwt FoamPro 1600 FS (Rossland) |
| NanOOSE Bay | E.19 | 2016 | Spartan/Hub 1250igpm/810gwt sn 5680-1200 |
| Penticton | | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Hub heavy rescue |
| Kelowna | R. 1 | 2016 | Spartan Gladiator/Hub 420igpm(H)/300gwt heavy rescue s/n 1197 |
| Fort St. John | B. 1 | 2014 | Dodge Ram 5500 4x4/SVI/2016 Profire 200gpm/300gwt/10gftA (Safetek demo) |
| Sicamous | | 2016 | Chevrolet 3500 Silverado 4x4 utility+ |
| North Cowichan | UTV | 2016 | Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX LE 4x4/CET fire skid |
| Chetwynd | | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Hub 1050igpm(W)/1000gwt FoamPro 2001 FS |
| Richmond | B.1 | 2016 | Ford F250 4/4 |
| Medicine Hat, AB | R.2 | 2015 | Rosenbauer Commander heavy rescue, SO# 42189, |
| Cypress County | E.7 | 2016 | IHC 7400 4x4/Fort Garry 840igpm(W)/1000gwt/25gft s/n M700 |
| Lacombe | E.3 | 2016 | Rosenbauer Commander (SN# 17014) |
| Bon Accord | | 2016 | IHC 7400 4x4/Pierce pumper |
| Lesser Slave River | | 2016 | Freightliner M2-/Pierce pumper |
| Lakeland & Dist. (Christopher Lake), SK | | 2016 | IHC 4400/Fort Garry 840igpm(W)/1000gwt s/n M735 |
| Notre Dame de Lourdes, MB | | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Rosenbauer 1050igpm(R)/1000igwt/20gft s/n 1718416 |

QUEBEC & THE MARITIMES

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|-----------------------|--------|------|--|
| Trois-Rivières | 211 | 2016 | E-One Typhoon 1500gpm(H)/1030gwt/30gft SO# 140097 |
| Sorel-Tracy | 252 | 2016 | IHC 4400/Maxi Métal 1050igpm/840gwt/30gft |
| Rawdon | 280 | 2016 | Freightliner M2-106/Rosenbauer 1050igpm/1400gwt/20gft SN 17082 |
| Cap-Saint-Ignace | 602 | 2016 | Freightliner M2-112/Maxi Métal 1250igpm/2500gwt |
| Ste.-Anne-des-Plaines | U. 692 | 2016 | Rosenbauer Commander 1250gpm/1500gwt/20gft(A) |
| Glace Bay, NS | R. 3 | 2016 | Dodge/Lantz light rescue |
| Upper Stewiacke | U.1932 | 2016 | Freightliner/Metalfab Heavy Rescue |
| Brooklyn | Twr 6 | 2016 | Pierce Arrow XT 1750/300/100' rear-mount SN 29315 |
| Brooklyn | S.3 | 2016 | Pierce Enforcer PUC 1250/500 SN 29327 |
| St. John, NB | Fire 1 | 2016 | Dodge Charger AWD V8 HEMI (Chief of Department) |
| Blackville | E. 5 | 2016 | International/Metalfab 1250igpm/2000gwt |
| Havelock | E. 1 | 2016 | Freightliner/Metalfab HEAT series 1050igpm/1000gwt/15gft |
| Dieppe | E.26 | 2016 | Pierce Enforcer PUC 1500gpm/500gwt SN 29328 |
| Bathurst | P. 8 | 2016 | Pierce Saber1500gpm/800gwt/30gft SN 29587-1 |
| New London, PEI | U.6 | 2016 | Western Star/Metalfab 840igpm(H)/2500gwt/??gft |
| Montague | U. 3 | 2016 | Freightliner M2/Metalfab pumper |



Yellowknife, NWT was the recipient of this 2016 Spartan Gladiator/SVI command unit. (John Bowerman photo)



Delta, BC Squad 1, delivered in April, is a 2016 Dodge Ram 5500 HD/ITB/ProFire collaboration, with a 200igpm pump, 167gwt and 8gft(A) with a CAFS.



Cypress County, AB Engine 7 is assigned to the Seven Persons station. It is a 2016 IHC 7400 4x4chassied Fort Garry rig, 840igpm Waterous, 1000gwt, 25gft with pump & roll. s/n 700 (Dave Stewardson photos)



Cobourg, ON 391 is a command/rescue built by Arnprior this year on a 2010 Spartan Gladiator chassis.



Isles-de-la-Madelaine, QC Unité 356 is a 2016 Freightliner M2-106/Carl Thibault pumper/tanker with a 1050igpm pump, 1500gwt and a 30gft. SN#2707



East Zorra-Tavistock, ON put this 2016 Freightliner M2-106 / Metalfab pumper/tanker into the Innerkip station. It has an 840igpm pump and 2500gwt. (Ian Duke photos)



While attending the Monroe County photo shoot, Ian Duke also took in a nearby parade. This 1938 Ford chassis engine is East Avon, NY's first piece of apparatus. Known as "Old Henry", the front-mount pumper was built by Rochester Equipment and was restored to original condition earlier this year.



Another retired parade piece, this 1964 Dodge Power wagon is still owned by the Mendon, NY Fire Department. Used as a brush unit, GF 367 was still working in 2010. (Ian Duke photos)



This issue we welcome a new UK member, Colin Carter, with the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service. The brigade, in Southern England, operates these all-wheel drive off-road vehicles. Station 2 in Rushmoor has a 2015 Iveco 55-170/E-One with bodywork by Strongs. It has a portable pump and 1000L tank. Station 32, Eastleigh, operates this 2015 Landrover Defender TD6/E-One light pump. It has a portable pump and carries a 400L tank. (Colin Carter photos)





Seen on the Bruce County Tour, this is the station in Lucknow, ON (Neil McCarten photo)



2012 Utilimaster - Ford
2016 Venture Food Trucks
Ken Buchanan Photo

Box 43 has taken delivery of our new Rehab Unit. it is a 2012 Utilimaster on a Ford chassis with V-10 engine (former Fed-Ex truck). The rehab portion was built by Venture Food Trucks in Napanee ON. the rig has a commercial refrigerator and freezer, a 6 burner electric stove, hot dog roller, steam tray, heater light and a microwave as well as a slow cooker for soup, stews and chili. The fully electric appliances are powered by a truck mounted 12 KW Diesel Generator

The truck also has a 4 sink wash station in the truck and a hand wash station at the rear of the truck. It has an amber light bar and sports the bell from our 1942 Bickle Seagrave pumper. The \$199,000. conversion was paid for by the Hamilton Fire Department who are also paying for all fuel and maintenance. Our old truck has been sold to a group starting a rehab service in Bellville.

The Box 43 Association is extremely grateful to the Hamilton Fire Department for the provision of this vehicle.





Quebec City 204 2006 Spartan Metro Star/Maxi Métal pumper 1250igpm, 580gwt, 2x20gft.



Quebec City 504 is a 2016 E-One Cyclone II 100' rear-mount aerial.



U.902 is a 1994 Spartan Gladiator/NOVAQuintech heavy rescue, rebuilt by the shops in 2008 as a tech rescue vehicle. It originally served in Ste.-Foy. (Rick Loiselle photos)



Shots from the Monroe County Tour: Brockport Fire District Quint 230, a 2014 Rosenbauer Commander Cobra 105' Platform equipped with a 2000gpm pump and 300gwt. S#737114



Chili, NY Engine 4334 is a 1992 Pierce Lance reserve piece, 1250gpm, 750gwt. Job # E-6979.



Monroe County Hazmat 8 is a 2000 E-One/Saulsbury Heavy Rescue. S#121771. (Bob Rupert photos)

Roster - OFBA Photo Tour - July 9-10, 2016
Monroe County, NY
by Bob Rupert

Brockport Fire District

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|-------------|---|-----------|----------|
| Quint | 230 - 2014 Rosenbauer Commander Cobra 105' Platform | 2000/300 | S#737114 |
| Pumper | 232 - 1999 ALF Eagle / RD Murray | 1500/1000 | S#F13210 |
| Pumper | 233 - 1993 Pierce Saber | 1250/1000 | J#E 7741 |
| Pumper | 234 - 2009 E-One Typhoon / Saulsbury | 1500/1000 | S#134651 |
| Pumper | 235 - 2004 Pierce Saber | 1250/1000 | J#15182 |
| Tanker | 236 - 1986 GMC Top Kick / Four Guys | 425/1800 | S#F957 |
| Rescue | 238 - 1993 International 4400 / Marion | | S#47599 |
| Squad | 2327 - 2002 Ford F550 / Stahl | | |
| Van | 2317 - 2005 Ford E350 XLT 14 passenger | | |
| Fire Police | 2357 - 2008 Ford Explorer | | |
| Chief | 2C-23 - 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe (Fire Chief) | | |

Spencerport Fire District

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|--------|---|--------------|------------------|
| Squad | 2916 - 2011 Ford F250 Super Duty | | |
| Pumper | 2912 - 2003 Pierce Saber | 1500/750 | J#14703 |
| Pumper | 2914 - 2004 Pierce Saber | 1500/750 | J#15353 |
| Pumper | 2923 - 2006 Pierce Enforcer | 1500/1000 | J#18450 |
| Pumper | 2932 - 1996 Pierce Dash | 1500/1000 | J#E9629 |
| Pumper | 2935 - 2016 Pierce Enforcer | 1500/1000/30 | J#29321 |
| Ladder | 2911 - 1998 Spartan / RD Murray / Aerial Innovations 105' | | S#025136-6172-98 |
| Rescue | 2918 - 2012 Pierce Impel Heavy Rescue | | J#25578 |
| Bus | 2947 - 2004 Ford / Goshen | | |
| Chief | 2C-49 - 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe | | |
| Parade | - 1961 Seagrave | 1000/500 | |

Hilton Fire District

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| Quint | 260 2003 ALF Eagle / LTI 110' | 1500/300 | S#0203897 |
| Rescue | 268 2013 Spartan Metro Star / SVI Heavy Rescue | | S#849 |
| Pumper | 263 2015 Sutphen | 1500/750 | S#2299 |
| Pumper | 262 1999 Spartan Gladiator / RD Murray | 1500/750 | S#026150-6208-98 |
| Squad | 267 2007 Ford F550 / Fouts Bros. | | |
| Car | 1 2002 Chevrolet Suburban (Fire Chief) | | |
| Amb | 2619 2014 Ford E450 / Braun | | |
| Amb | 2629 2006 Ford E350 / Braun | | |
| Van | 2618 2006 Chevrolet | | |
| Parade | 1936 American LaFrance | 500/150 | |



North Greece Quint 270 runs this 2015 Sutphen 100' tower, with a 2000gpm pump, 300gwt, 30gft.



North Greece Rescue 278 is a 2004 American LaFrance Heavy Rescue/Special Operations unit.



Clifton, NY Pumper 4413, a 2010 HME/4 Guys product, 1750gpm pump, 1250gwt, 100gft. S#F-2719

North Greece Fire District

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|--------------|------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Quint | 270 | 2015 Sutphen 100' | 2000/300/30 | S#HS 5504 |
| Engine | 273 | 2007 Spartan / Crimson | 1500/ 650 | J#6028 |
| Engine | 274 | 2008 Spartan Metro Star / Crimson | 1500/500/40 | J#07056-001 |
| Engine | 275 | 2004 Spartan / Crimson | 1500/500/40 | J#04A0572 |
| Engine | 276 | 2005 Spartan / Crimson | 1500/650/40 | J#04153-001 |
| Engine | 277 | 2005 Spartan / Crimson | 1500/650/40 | J#04153-002 |
| Rescue | 278 | 2004 American LaFrance Heavy Rescue / Special Operations | | J#N14733 |
| Brush | 2717 | 1998 Ford F350 Super Duty / Knapheide Skid unit | | |
| Utility | | 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD | | |
| Duty Officer | 2013 | Chevrolet Tahoe | | |

Ridge Road Fire District

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|-----------------|------|--|----------|-------------|
| Engine | 252 | 2013 Spartan / ERV | 1250/500 | S#212185-01 |
| Engine | 253 | 2007 American LaFrance Eagle | 1250/500 | S#X83689 |
| Engine | 254 | 2007 American LaFrance Eagle | 1250/500 | S#X83690 |
| Quint | 250 | 2014E-One 100' Aerial | 2000/450 | S#138558 |
| Rescue | 258 | 2012 IHC Terra Star / Rosenbauer | | S#41616 |
| Squad | 256 | 2008 Ford F550 / EVI (ex West Webster, NY) | | S#RM2759 |
| Squad | 257 | 2015 Chevrolet 3500 HD / Rosenbauer | | |
| Battalion Chief | | 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe | | |
| Car | 2518 | 2001 Ford Excursion (Fire Prevention) | | |

Churchville Fire Department

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|--------|-----|----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Pumper | 423 | - 2010 Pierce Impel | 1250/1000/40 | J#22934 |
| Rescue | 428 | - 2013 Pierce Impel | | J#26726 |
| Pumper | 424 | - 2004 Pierce Enforcer | 1250/1000/40 | J#15391 |
| Car | 426 | - 2001 Chevrolet Silverado | | |

Mumford Fire District

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| Pump | 4712 | 2011 E-One Typhoon | 1500/1000 | SO#136439 |
| Pump | 4713 | 2000 Spartan / RD Murray | 1250/680 | S#035143-6254-00 |
| Brush | 4716 | 2005 Ford F350 / Darley Skid Unit | 500/200 | |
| Res | 4718 | 2000 Ford F550 / ALF / 3D Med Rescue | | S#A22958 |
| Tank | 4717 | 1994 FL80 / S&S (new tank and body '01) | 300/3000 | |
| Car | 4C-17 | 2008 Chevy Tahoe | | |
| ex | 4718 | 1973 Ford C750 / Swab rescue | | S#3064 |

Clifton Fire Department

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|--------|-------|---|---------------|----------|
| Pumper | 4412 | 1999 HME / 4 Guys | 1250/1500 | S#F-1948 |
| Pumper | 4413 | 2010 HME / 4 Guys | 1750/1250/100 | S#F-2719 |
| Brush | 4416 | 2004 Ford F350 / Wildfire | 100/200 | |
| Rescue | 4418 | 2009 Ford F550 / Four Guys | | S#R-2662 |
| Car | 4C-14 | 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe | | |
| ATV | 4426 | 2006 Polaris Ranger Tracked ATV 2.5 hp PP / 95 gwt with Atlas trailer | | |



Chili Engine 4332 is a 2015 Pierce Impel with a 1250gpm pump, 1000gwt and 30gt. Job# 27949-03.



Chili Rescue 4338 is a 2005 Spartan Diamond/ALF/RD Murray heavy rescue.



Monroe County covers Rochester Airport, their Rescue 5 is a 2013 Oshkosh Striker 4x4 with a 1500gpm pump, 1500gwt, 200gt and carries 500lbs Purple K. S# F9DA764896. (Bob Rupert photos)

Chili Fire Department

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| Quint 4310 - 2009 Pierce Velocity 100' Platform | 1500/300 | J#22389 |
| Quint 4320 - 2002 ALF Eagle / LTI 75' aerial | 1500/400 | S#0110174 |
| Engine 4312 - 2015 Pierce Impel | 1250/1000/30 | J#27949-01 |
| Engine 4322 - 2015 Pierce Impel | 1250/1000/30 | J#27949-02 |
| Engine 4332 - 2015 Pierce Impel | 1250/1000/30 | J#27949-03 |
| Engine 4342 - 2007 Spartan Diamond / KME | 1250/1250 | S#GSO-6637 |
| Engine 4334 - 1992 Pierce Lance (reserve) | 1250/750 | J#E-6979 |
| Rescue 4318 - 1998 Spartan / RD Murray Air / Light Rescue | | S#023766-6175-98 |
| Rescue 4338 - 2005 Spartan Diamond / ALF / RD Murray Heavy Rescue | | |
| Car 4306 - 2005 Chevrolet Suburban (EMS) | | |
| Car 4317- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe | | |
| Car 4327 - 2008 Ford F250 Super Duty (EMS) | | |
| Brush 4336 - 1997 Ford F350 / Fire Apparatus Unlimited 11 HP PP / 300 gwt | | |
| Car 4337 - 2008 Ford Expedition | | |
| Rescue 4348 - 1997 Ford F350 / Fire Apparatus Unlimited | | |
| Antique - 1946 Ford front mount pumper | | |

Greater Rochester International Airport Fire Department

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| Rescue 1 - 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe | | |
| Rescue 2 - 2009 E-One Typhoon | 1250/900/100 ARFFFP foam | SO#134827 |
| Rescue 3 - 2006 Oshkosh Striker 4x4 Snozzle | 1500/1500/200F/500#Halotron | S#SO87129 |
| Rescue 4 - 2016 Rosenbauer Panther 6x6 (new) | 1800/3000/400F/500# PPK | S#104099 |
| Rescue 4 - 1995 Oshkosh T1500 4x4 | 1500/1500/200F/500#PPK | S#S1051522 |
| Rescue 5 - 2013 Oshkosh Striker 4x4 | 1500/1500/200F/500#PPK | S#F9DA764896 |
| Hazmat 8 - 2000 E-One /Saulsbury (County unit) Heavy Rescue body | | S#121771 |
| Rescue 9 - 2005 Ford Excursion | | |

Gates Fire District

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| Engine 4512 2012 E-One | 1500/500/30 | S#137151 |
| Engine 4562 2012 E-One | 1500/500/30 | S#137152 |
| Engine 4522 2012 E-One | 1500/500/30 | S#137150 |
| Engine 4532 2012 E-One | 1500/500/30 | S#137149 |
| Engine 4523 1992 Pierce Lance | 1500/500/40 | J#E-7165 |
| Quint 4520 1996 E-One 95' Platform | 1500/500 | S#15834 |
| Quint 4530 1998 E-One 75' RM | 1500/500 | S#18933 |
| Rescue 4518 2009 Pierce Velocity | | J#21872 |
| Rescue 4528 2001 FL 60 / Saulsbury Med. Rescue | | S#200175 |
| Car 4C-15 2015 Chevrolet Suburban (duty officer) | | |
| Car 4537 2011 Chevrolet Suburban | | |
| Utility 4508 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD | | |
| County Special Operations - 2012 Kenworth / Hackney | | S#12F09419 |



Three from Greater Rochester International Airport; Rescue 4, a 2016 Rosenbauer Panther 6x6 just delivered with an 1800gpm pump, 3000gwt, 400gft and 500# Purple K. S#104099



Rescue 2 is a 2009 E-One Typhoon, 1250gpm pump, 900gwt and 100g ARFFFP foam. SO#134827



Rescue 3 is a 2006 Oshkosh Striker 4x4 with a 50' Snoodle. It's also equipped with a 1500gpm pump, 1500gwt, 200gft and 500lbs Halotron, SO87129. (Bob Rupert photos)



Sad news out of Haldimand County. As mentioned earlier, Pump 2A and Tanker 2 from Hagersville were caught in a fast-moving field fire when the wind changed. The pump, a 1977 Pierce Arrow, was originally with Shaker Rd. FC in Loudonville, NY, then sold to Niagara-on-the-Lake, running as P.5. It had a 1050igpm pump and 600gwt. The tanker was a 2000 Freightliner FL80/Swent 2000 gallon rig.
(Ken Buchanan photos)



More from the southwest...



1991 Dependable - IHC 450-1800
sold to Six Nations FD 2016
Ken Buchanan Photo

This is the original look for the tanker depicted in Six Nation livery in the last issue. It was purchased new by King Township in 1991 and was rehabbed by Dependable earlier in the year. Six Nations Pump Rescue 1 is sporting a new look and was also given a good going over. It's a 2010 E-One Typhoon pumper with a 1250igpm pump and 800gwt. These projects resulted in considerable savings for the municipality. (Ken Buchanan photos)



Six Nations Fire Department
2010 E-One Typhoon 1250-800
Ken Buchanan Photo

More from la Belle Provence...



Quebec City U.202 is a 2007 Spartan Metro Star/Maxi Métal pumper, with a 1250igpm pump, 580gwt, and 2x20gft.



Quebec City U.408 is a 2015 Rosenbauer Viper quint. Built on a Commander chassis, it came with a 1750igpm Hale pump, 300gwt, twin foam tanks and a 100' aerial ladder. (Rick Loiselle photos)

More new stuff...



Fort St. John, BC just put this 2014 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4/SVT/2016 Profire mini in service as Brush 1. It sports a 200igpm pump, 300gwt and 10gft(A). It was purchased from Safetek, having been used by them as a demo. (Safetek Fire photo)



North Vancouver Dist. Engine 4, 2016 Pierce Arrow XT pumper, is one of two delivered in the spring. They have 1750igpm pumps, 330gwts and 25gfts. S/N 28956-2. (Terry Yip photo)



Vancouver, BC recently received several 2016 Ford F550/Profire medic units. (Shane MacKichan)



More views of the new Vancouver Ladder 3. Here is a shot with the old rig.



The officer's side.



And with the pump panel. (Shane Mackichan photos)



High River, AB Engine 41 is now running a 2016 Pierce Velocity PUC with a 1500gpm Hale pump, 750gwt and a Husky 12 FS s/n 29027 (Terry Yip photo)



Wood Buffalo, AB placed this 2016 Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry pump in their Fort Chipewyan station back in the spring. It has a 1050igpm Darley pump, 900gwt and 20gft.



Lethbridge, AB recently acquired a 2015 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry pumper. Engine 6 has a 1050igpm Darley pump, 800gwt and 25gft. s/n 692. (Dave Stewardson photos)



Lakeland and District (Christopher Lake), SK Engine 15 is a 2016 IHC 4400/Fort Garry rig with an 840igpm Waterous pump and 1000gwt. s/n M735 (Dave Stewardson photos).



Brandon, MB received this light rescue from Fort Garry last fall, built on 2015 Ford F550 4x4 chassis.



Back in May, Notre Dame de Lourdes, MB took delivery of this 2016 Freightliner M2-106/Rosenbauer pumper with a 1050igpm Rosenbauer pump, 1000igwt, and 20gft. s/n 1718416.



Two from the OAFC. Alfred-Plantagenet Station 2 in Alfred was the recipient of this 2016 IHC/LaFleur heavy rescue. Norfolk Township's Otterville station was assigned this 2016 IHC 7600/Arn prior tanker, below. It has a 500igpmpump and 1800gwt. (Ian Duke photos)



Ripley-Huron got of this 2015 Freightliner M2-106/EVI/DEV rescue last year (Bob Rupert)



Brock Twp., ON 2016 Freightliner M2-106/Dependable pumper/tanker 2500igwt



Mapleton, ON just received this 2016 Freightliner M2-106/Dependable pumper/tanker. It has a 1250igpm pump, and a 2000gwt. (Dependable Emergency Vehicles)



This 2015 Freightliner M2-112/Maxi Métal tanker has a 3000gwt and belongs to Saint-Narcisse-de-Beaurivage, QC. It runs as Unité 642.



Saint-Michel-des-Saints, Unité 856 - 2016 Freightliner M2-106 / Maxi Métal VIO pumper (1050/840/30F/CAFS)



Oak Bay, NB put this 2015 Freightliner M2-106/Metalfab pumper into service late last year.



Photographed on the June Tour, this is Lucknow Tanker 3, a 2001 International 4900/Fort Garry rig equipped with a portable pump and a 1700igwt. S#856755 (Bob Rupert photo)



From the May tour: Wasaga Beach Car 2, a 2004 Ford F-150 pick up, and Pumper 2, a 2001 Freightliner FL80/Superior product with a 1050igpm pump, 1500gwt and 20gft. (Larry Ward)





A few line-up photos for you, first up: Arcelor-Mittal, Hamilton.



Also from the Steel City, the trucks from Station 1. (Ken Buchanan photos)



Lakeland,SK runs four units from their Christopher Lake station. (Dave Stewardson photo)



From Singapore, some of the rigs at West Command HQ on the platform. (Kenneth Lai photo)

Fire museum doesn't need a 'Taj Mahal'

By Allan Benner for the Welland Tribune



OFBA member John Dybus in front of the old hall.

After 32 years of disappointment, John Dybus isn't holding his breath. Since 1984 there have been four Welland city council resolutions and several reports recommending transforming the Central Fire Station into a museum. At their Tuesday night meeting councillors asked for yet another staff for a report on the feasibility of a plan by Heritage Welland advisory committee to renovate the 97-year-old building and use the first two floors for a volunteer-run museum, and lease the third floor to generate income.

But Dybus, who retired from the Welland fire department as a Platoon Chief in 2002 after spending most of his 35 year career working at Central Fire Station, has heard similar resolutions from city council several times – and nothing was ever done to make the dream a reality. After finding only disappointment many times in the years since the Welland Merrittsville Fire Brigade began efforts to create the museum to display it, Dybus is starting to become doubtful that it will ever happen.

"It's sad because if it doesn't happen, the people who are going to lose out are the citizens and the kids," said Dybus, a founding member of the Welland Merrittsville Fire Brigade. He said past councils have apparently been unable to see the potential that building holds as a museum. "Here we have something that nobody else has," he said.

Welland still has a 1900s "big city fire hall," with the brass pole, oak stairs, and clock tower and few similar buildings remain intact. "There's so much here like no other municipality has. We still have all the stuff," Dybus said. The group has restored several pieces of antique firefighting equipment, including an 1876 hand pumper – Welland's first firefighting equipment, and several antique fire trucks.

Although Dybus said he'd object to spending millions of dollars on the project, it shouldn't cost as much as has been estimated in the past. "We don't need a Taj Mahal," he said. But he fears that instead of realizing the dream of transforming the building into the museum, the building will instead be sold off to private interests. "It's unbelievable," he said. "It's so sad."

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Toronto's High Pressure Monitor No. 1 operating at a multiple alarm downtown. (Harold McMann photo)



Toronto Fire Services Aerial 226 was running a 1999 Spartan Gladiator/Smeal 105 midmount when they attended this 3rd Alarm at 2754 Danforth Ave. on May 28, 2005. (Desmond Brett photo)