

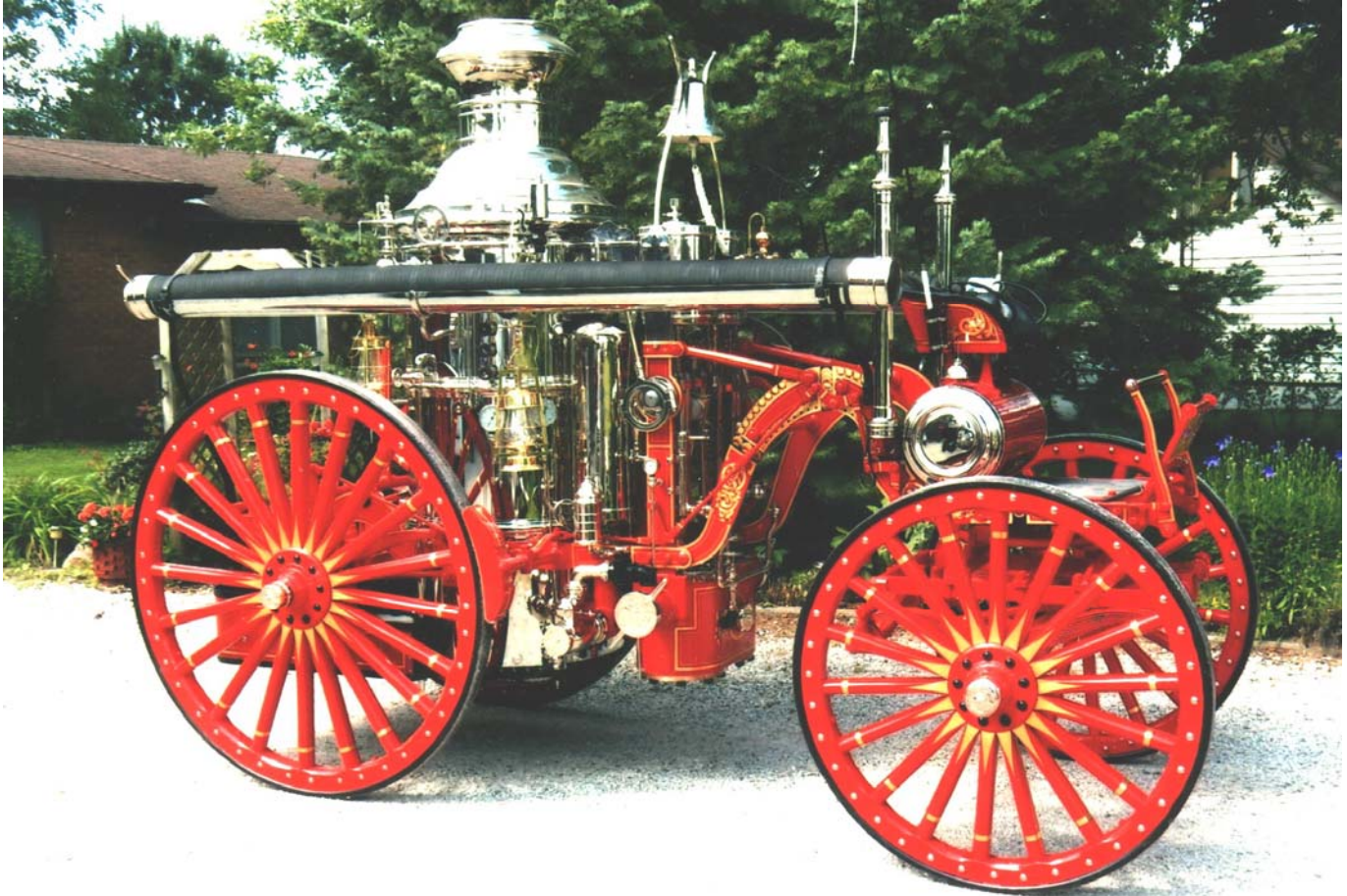
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**This beauty is an 1898 Clapp & Jones steamer that served Dawson City, YT. It underwent an incredible \$250,000 restoration and now resides in the city's museum, story on P.18.**

**(Walt McCall photo)**

**We are sad to report the passing of three Canadian Buffs: OFBA Member Bertrand Campo of Montreal and former member John Lindsay of Pickering, and former GTMAA member Steve Serheniuk. Bertrand was an active member in Greater Montreal area and travelled extensively, visiting the GTA on several occasions. John was a founding member of the GTMAA and quite active in the early years of the Scarborough Support Unit, even spending 77 hours serving at the Mississauga train derailment in 1979. Both men were avid photographers and major participants in local clubs. Steve was an active member of Toronto Fire and former dispatcher, and participated in a number of communications groups in the GTA. Our condolences to their many friends and family.**

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The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Fire Buff Associates was held at the Toronto Fire Academy on November 5, 2016.

President Robert Rupert called the meeting to order at 13:08 hrs. and welcomed the 25 members and 2 guests in attendance. He offered special thanks to Deputy Chief Debbie Higgins and the Toronto Fire Service for the use of the Training Academy for the Trade Show and meeting.

President Rupert then introduced the Executive Committee

Vice President	Dave Mollison
Secretary	Ken Jansen
Treasurer	Jim Stronach
Membership	Robert Herscovitch
Director and Editor	Desmond Brett
Directors	Larry Ward, Bob Anderson

An attendance sheet was passed around for the members and guests to sign.

Present were: Barry Turnbull-Angus, Gordie Kirkpatrick-Oshawa, Walt McCall-Windsor, Gord McBride-Markham, Stuart Healy-Pickering, Ian Duke-Toronto, Bob Sybydlo-Mississauga, Rich Middleton-Welland, Bill Middleton-St. Catharines, John Christie-Owen Sound, Harold McMann-Toronto, Rob Simpson-Brampton, Lee Burrows-Dresden, Herb Gallaway-Brights Grove, Rick Loiselle-London, Gary Wignall-Toronto, Carolyn Wignall-Toronto, Vivian Ho Tam-Guest, Louis Tam-Guest

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held November 7, 2015 were approved on a motion by Gord McBride, seconded by Rick Loiselle.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Jim presented his annual financial report. As of October 31, 2016 the club has \$3,629.44 in the bank account and the \$5,000 GIC. Jim reported that membership is down a bit, but we are saving funds because more members are receiving the electronic Third Alarm. The financial report was approved on a motion by Gary Wignall, seconded by Rob Simpson.

### **Membership**

Membership Secretary Robert Herscovitch reported that the club presently has 112 members - 102 in Canada, 6 in the USA and 4 in Great Britain. The club gained 4 new members and lost 6 in the past year - 5 did not renew and 1 passed away.

As for the Third Alarm, we sent out 83 Hard Copies and 75 Electronic - 30 receive both. 15 copies are sent to Departments and other clubs and museums.

Motion by Rich Middleton, seconded by John Christie to accept the membership report. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Nil



President Rupert congratulated Editor Desmond Brett for another great year of the Third Alarm. Des thanked all the photographers who sent pictures. Rick Loiselle suggested that the editor use pictures not included in the Third Alarm, in a special addition Third Alarm. Harold McMann brought up if it would be possible to proofread the Third Alarm and Des said he would accept corrections for the next issue. President Rupert said that he uses Fire Wiki for tour rosters and sometimes they are wrong which is beyond our control. Des thanked President Rupert for updating Stats from the photo tours.

Moved by Ian Duke, seconded by Harold McMann to accept the Third Alarm Report.

## Special Events

President Rupert reported that the attendance for the Photo Tours this year was disappointing with fewer members attending. A discussion was held on what to do going forward. Possible later starting times, finishing times and number of tours.

Robert thanked members who organized 2016 tours - Larry Ward, Ken Jansen, Greg Scott, Rick Loiselle, Jim Gillette.

Possible Tours for 2017: Huron County, Prince Edward County, two day tour of Huntsville to West Nipissing, Niagara Falls, New Tecumseh.

## High Pressure # 2

We held the turn over presentation to the City of Toronto Fire Service before our meeting with the TFS presenting the \$2. imbedded in a fire axe. The agreement allows the club to use the truck for our own interests, provided we supply a qualified driver. We also have the right of first refusal if they want to sell it. The possible hall where it might be stored is 412 on Humberline Dr. We also handed over the map of the city's High Pressure Hydrants where HP2 responded, the original of the Owner's Manual along with the dust cover which we had made for the truck.

<b>Old Business</b>	Nil
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**New Business** Discussion was held on the 1981 survey that the club sent out and Members thought it would be a great idea to send one out again.

Dean Nickerson our web master is interested in stepping down, but would stay on if need be. Rob Simpson will talk to Dean about helping out.

Harold McMann reported that John Holden is in a home in Whitby with Alzheimer's, and John Skillen is also not well.

We had a discussion on Rob Simpson's suggestion of setting up an electronic site to stream photo tours etc. for members who don't go so they can watch them. The membership felt that the status quo should be maintained as we like to see stations, firefighters, and other members.

**IFBA Report** Ian and Robert reported on the New Orleans conference:

They had great meetings, tours and apparatus.

Future conferences are - 2017 Indianapolis

2018 Racine

2019 Montreal

2020 Nashville

Nominations were opened for Region 10 VP and Gary Wignall was nominated by Robert Rupert. It was then moved by Gord McBride and seconded by Herb Galloway to close nominations.

The raffles were then held with the winning tickets drawn by Gordie Kirkpatrick:

Montreal Fire Book - Greg Schultz; Binder of Fire Truck Postcards - Rick Loiselle; 2 Binders of Truck Delivery Pictures - Rick Loiselle; Code 3 Calgary Crash Truck - Herb Galloway and Basket of Treats was won by Bob Sybydlo.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30 hrs on a motion by Rick Loiselle seconded by Gordie Kirkpatrick.

## **President's Message...**

Seven members, Larry Ward, Greg Brown, Dan Jasina, Herb Gallaway, Rick Loiselle, Walt McCall and yours truly took in the August photo tour of the Essex, Kingsville and Leamington departments on a sunny and warm day and, after visiting 6 stations photographing 27 pieces of apparatus, enjoyed a BBQ at Rick's summer home in a campground near Leamington. Many thanks to Rick and Walt for organizing a great day of buffing and camaraderie.

On September 16, 15 members, 1 guest and "Diesel" gathered at Richmond Hill Station 8-2 in Oak Ridges on another beautiful sunny and warm day for our 4th photo tour of the year. Due to a mechanical problem with Engine 841 we were unable to visit Station 8-4 but crews at the other 5 stations in the town had the doors open and welcomed us enthusiastically.

You will notice from the masthead on Page 2 that the new Vice President for Region 10 of the IFBA is Steve Garnett of the Pompiers Auxilliaires de Montreal. As Montreal will be hosting the 2019 IFBA Convention, Steve will be elected President of the IFBA at next year's convention in Racine, Wisconsin. However, according to the bylaws of the IFBA he must first have held an executive position within the IFBA in order to stand for the office of President. As you know, Gary Wignall was nominated for the office of Region 10 VP at our last annual meeting but graciously stepped aside so Steve could serve 1 year as VP thereby complying with the bylaws.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting and Fire Services Collectibles Show on November 4.

Bob Rupert

## **From our Membership Secretary**

A last minute reminder about one of the most important events on the OFBA calendar, the Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 4th. A flyer with all the details was enclosed with your last issue of the The Third Alarm. I have been advised that there are several collectors who are interested in divesting themselves of their collections and are planning to attend. There will be plenty of tables available, at no charge, for those of you who have items to sell.

The annual meeting follows in the afternoon, and as Chair of the nominating committee, I am pleased to report that the following members have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors for the years 2018 and 2019 - Bob Rupert, Rick Loiselle, Greg Brown, Jim Stronach, Larry Ward, Bob Anderson, Des Brett and Robert Herscovitch. Unless there are further nominations from the floor, these 8 members will make up the Board of Directors of the OFBA for the term from January 2018 to December 2019.

You will find the 2018 dues cards enclosed with this issue of the T/A. Those of you receiving only the electronic version will receive them by regular mail. Many of you choose to pay at the Show, which is very much appreciated, so we hope to receive them there in person. If you have any changes to addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, etc., please let us know as soon as possible, as there will be an updated Membership Roster issued in the near future.

Hope to see many of you at the show.

Robert Herscovitch, Membership

"On behalf of the IFBA Executive Board, I would like to inform all of you that the board voted to send a donation to the Greater Houston Fire Battalion, to be used at their discretion for Hurricane relief. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Chairman Paul Schaetzle has found out that member Tom McDonald has not had damage; Charlie Womack has had some (amount unknown), and over 100 fire personal have had damage to their own properties. No other information about other members is available at this time. If anyone hears anything, please let us know so we can get the word out-if they want. Thank you, Vickie Mokros

(President)"

Best Regards, Steve Garnett IFBA VP, Region 10

## **From the Editor...**

Tour weather has been consistently good this year and we've had excellent attendance numbers and lots of interesting rigs. As you will see, deliveries continue apace and contributors are sending stuff from all over. On that note, thank-you to Dave Stewardson, Kenneth Lai, Bob Rupert, Andrew Henry, Ian Duke, Bill Hickin, Colin Carter, Ken Buchanan, Rob Simpson, Doug Holmes, Ken Walton, and Neil McCarten. I also thank Maxi Métal Fire trucks and Metalfab for photos and info. Thanks also to Walt McCall for usual column, Bob Rupert for the rosters and Ken Buchanan, Rob Simpson, Ken Walton, Doug Holmes, Rick Loiselle and Gary Dinkel for keeping us up to date.

Desmond Brett, Editor, Third Alarm

## **Calendar:**

November 4            OFBA Fire Services Collectibles Show and Sale and Annual Meeting

## **Muster planned for Grand Valley next year.**

The Grand Valley and District Fire Department is hosting the Fire Fighter Association of Ontario Annual Convention next year on the August 1st, Long Weekend. Grand Valley would like to re-introduce an Antique Fire Truck Muster component to this event. If you, someone you know may be interested in attending or have ideas for the Muster please contact:

Fire Chief Kevin McNeilly at 519-939-6495 or by e-mail at [kmcneilly@gvdfd.com](mailto:kmcneilly@gvdfd.com)

In order to implement and publicize the Antique Fire Truck Muster he would like to have a response from interested parties prior to Christmas, 2017.



The happy group that attended the south-west tour and subsequent barbecue. (B. Rupert)





**From the August Photo Tour, courtesy Bob Rupert.**

**Essex Fire and Rescue Services**

Fire Station 1 - 55 Alice St. N, Essex

Built 2013

Engine 1	1991 Spartan Diamond/Phoenix	1050/1000	S#91-04-1194-291
Truck 1	1998 Sutphen 70' mini-tower	1250/300	S# HS 3293
Rescue 1	1985 Ford C8000 / Dependable		
Unit 160	1944 Dodge / Bickle pumper		

(Essex Firemen's Association)

Fire Station 2 - 2610 Essex Road 12, Gesto

Engine 2	2005 International 4300 / 1989 E-One	840/1000	S#7162
Tanker 2	2000 GMC C8500 / S&S	420/1500	
Rescue 2	2014 Ford F-550 / HME Ahrens Fox	1500/400	S#22585

Fire Station 3 - 25 Centre St. East, Harrow

Engine 3	2007 American LaFrance Liberty	1250/1000	S#93596
Engine 3A	1990 Ford F800 / Phoenix	840/1200	S#90-04-957-267
Truck 3	1998 Sutphen 95' tower	1250/300	S# HS 3290
Rescue 3	1999 International 4700 / C-Max		
Support 3	1998 Ford Club Wagon		
Chief 3	2016 Ram pickup		



Essex Engine 3, a 2007 American LaFrance Liberty with a 1250igpm pump and 1000gwt.



Essex Truck 3, a 1998 Sutphen 95' tower with a 1250igpm pump and 300 gwt. S# HS 3290 (Bob Rupert)

## Kingsville Fire Department

North Fire Station - 120 Fox Street, Cottam

Built 2006

Engine 122	2001 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry	1050/1000/20A	S#M 6631
Engine 123	2013 Spartan Metro Star Classic MFD Metalfab	1050/1000/15A	V#DC077143
Rescue 124	1996 Freightliner FL60 / C-Max		

South Fire Station - 1720 Division Road North, Kingsville

Built 1989

Unit 212	2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 chief's car / fire command		
Support 214	2004 Ford Explorer 4x4		
Brush 215	2011 Chevrolet / FD-built	60/200	
Engine 216	1996 Freightliner FL80 / Fort Garry	1050/1000	S#M 5623
<a href="#">Support 217</a>	2004 Ford F150 4x4		
Engine 218	2006 Spartan Big Easy MFD / <a href="#">Fort Garry</a>	1050/780/25A	S# A163
Aerial 219	2004 E-One Cyclone II 95' tower	1750/250	S#127555
<a href="#">Rescue 220</a>	2008 Spartan Metro Star MFD / <a href="#">Rosenbauer</a> / Central States		S#4899
Unit 221	2009 Super-Duxx 15' Boat		
Parade 1928	Gotfredson / Bickle pumper	625/80	



Engine 123, a 2013 Spartan Metro Star Classic/Metalfab 1050igpm/1000gwt/15gft V#DC077143



Rescue 220 is a 2008 Spartan Metro Star/Rosenbauer/Central States heavy squad, S#4899.



Unit 140	2009 Dodge Durango 4x4 (Fire Chief)		
Unit 141	2014 Ford F150 4x4 (Deputy Chief-Operations)		
Unit 142	1998 Freightliner FL80 / Superior heavy rescue		S# SE 1910
Unit 143	2000 E-One Cyclone II / Superior 95' tower	1650/250	SO#121787
Unit 144	2006 American LaFrance Metropolitan 134 pumper	1050/1000	S#W09834
Unit 145	2014 Pierce Saber quint 75' HAL	1250/415	S# 27364
Unit 146	1997 Ford F800 / Superior pumper	1050/1000	S# SE1701
Unit 147	2010 International Workstar / Pierce pumper/tanker	1050/1500	J#22608
Unit 148	2002 Ford F150 4x4 (Deputy Chief Pub Ed/Training)		
Unit 150	2008 SeaSwirl 23' Rescue Boat		
Unit 151	2009 Dodge Grand Caravan (Fire Inspector)		
Parade -	1930 Bickle Volunteer pumper	500/50 Chemical	



Leamington Unit 146 is a 1997 Ford F800/Superior pumper 1050igpm pump and 1000gwt. S# SE1701



Unit 145, a 2014 Pierce Saber 75' quint, 1250igpm pump and 415gwt. S# 27364 (Bob Rupert photos)





Douro-Dummer recently received a 2017 IHC 7400/Fort Garry tanker with a PP(CET)/2500gwt



Essex Engine 1 is now running this 2017 Spartan Metro Star/ Fort Garry pumper, it has a 1050igpm pump, 800gwt and 25gft. SN M870 (Dave Stewardson photos)



Burlington, ON Support 301 2017 Spartan Metro Star/SVI Command/Hazmat (Doug Holmes photo)

## The Apparatus Floor....

In **Tay Township**, a replacement building for Station 2 is now in service at 2201 Old Fort Road, across the road from the current Station 2. Opening day was September 30, it has three bays, **Canning, NS** also has a new hall, and official opening was October 7. The 1-story complex also houses the Canning Municipal Offices and a community room. It has three bays, one of them drive-through. **Rigaud, QC** recently occupied a similar edifice on the west side of the town on Jules-A.-Desjardins St. The 2-story building has four drive-through bays and also houses the town offices. It has a total of 14,000 sq ft. of space and is also equipped as an emergency coordination centre. Tenders were awarded in **Brooklyn, NS** for the construction of a new fire station to serve the Three Mile Plains area, replacing the current leased facility. The new building will be located near Exit 5 on Highway 101. It will have two bays and space for four trucks. Construction was underway as of summer 2017.

**West Lincoln** has opted out of the multi number unit identification and has reverted to their old numbering system. Sept 23 was the official open house for Grimsby Station 2. The delivery of the new P.1 in Niagara Falls, Old Pump 1 the 2008 KME will become Reserve P 2 and current Reserve P2 the 1998 E-One will become Reserve P3. With the delivery of this rig the last rig in **Niagara Falls** distinctive red and yellow paint schemes has been retired. Hamilton have received 4 new rigs as follows: Ladder 2017 KME 1050-500-103' GSO 10339, three Engines 2017 KME 1050-600-20F GSO10475 and GSO10474, There are 2 tankers on the floor at KME for delivery in Nov.. (Ken Buchanan)

**London** has put in service new Spartan/Carl Thibault 1250/500 pumpers in service at Engine 3 and 8. As well, Truck 6 is now running a Spartan/Carl Thibault/RK 1250/300/100' rear mount aerial. The new Station 11 on Savoy Rd just north of Wharnccliffe Rd on the west side of Lambeth. And the LFD has another Spartan chassised pumper from Carl Thibault for delivery late this year. the Special Operations rig is being re-chassised on a Freightliner. (Rick Loiselle)

### Second Sunday in September

The second Sunday in September of each year is now designated in memory of firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. On that day, the Canadian flag will be half-masted on all federal buildings and establishments. The Government of Canada recognizes the dangers firefighters often face when carrying out their duties, and the ultimate sacrifice of firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty. Firefighters' National Memorial Day will commemorate their courage, their selflessness, and their unwavering commitment to serving our communities.

"Firefighters put their safety on the line in service to Canadians. Firefighters' National Memorial Day will allow us to commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and with the new grant program created in our last Budget, we will demonstrate our support for their loved ones on a national scale."- Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness"

In honour of Canada's fallen firefighters and on behalf of their families, we are truly grateful for the proclamation to name the second Sunday of every September, the date of our annual ceremony, as 'Firefighters National Memorial Day.' We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Ralph Goodale who have demonstrated our government's appreciation of the sacrifice and commitment of firefighters in this country, and what they do for their local communities."

- Captain Robert Kirkpatrick, president of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The first Firefighters' National Memorial Day was September 10th, 2017. According to the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, over 1,300 firefighters died in the line of duty since 1848.

### More news:

On Wednesday, Sept. 20 the Ontario government announced it will introduce legislation to expand the use of rear flashing blue lights to include enforcement and emergency vehicles that are currently permitted to use only flashing red lights. This will include fire apparatus and EMS vehicles.

At the International Fire Buffs Association Convention in Indianapolis, The Fire Buff of the Year Award was Posthumously Presented to Ira Rubin.





2017 Front Line Emergency Vehicles - Dodge 5500  
Ken Buchanan Photo ©

New to Brant County, a 2017 Dodge 5500/Front Line Emergency Vehicles light rescue



2017 Dependable - Spartan 1500-500  
Job # 48179 Ken Buchanan Photo

In service August 2, this is the new Niagara Falls Pump 1, a 2017 Spartan Gladiator/ Dependable rig with a 1500igmpump and 500gwt, Job # 48179



2017 Smeal Spartan 1500-800 CO82436  
Ken Buchanan Photo ©

Lincoln's new 2017 Spartan Metro Star/Smeal rescue pumper has a 1250igpm pump, 835gwt and 25gft. (Ken Buchanan photos)

## Apparatus Roundup:

### ONTARIO \*-corrected or added information for a previous listing

Niagara Falls	P. 1	2017	Spartan Gladiator/Dependable 1500igpm/500gwt, Job # 48179
Hamilton	R.25	2017	KME Custom heavy rescue
Lincoln	611	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Smeal rescue pumper 1250igpm/835gwt/25gft
Douro-Dummer	T.4	2017	IHC 7400/Fort Garry PP(CET)/2500gwt
Cavan-Monaghan (Keene)		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/800gwt/25gft s/n M780
Cavan-Monaghan (Millbrook)		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 1050igpm(H)/800gwt/25gft s/n M781
Vaughan	A.716	2017	Spartan/Smeal 1750igpm/400gwt/105'
Brant County		2017	Dodge 5500/Front Line Emergency Vehicles light rescue
Loyalist Twp.	S.931	2017	Ford F550 / Eastway light rescue
Thunder Bay,		2017	Freightliner M2-112/ Fort Garry 420igpm(H)/3000gwt s/n M851
Otonabee-South Monaghan	P. 1	2017	Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry 1050igpm/800gwt/25gftSN M870
Toronto	P.142	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2250gpm/600gwt/30gft(A)
Toronto	P.221	2017	Spartan Metro Star/Spartan ERV/DEV 2250gpm/600gwt/30gft(A)
Honda, Allsiton		2017	Ford E450/Maxi Métal medium rescue
Essex	E. 1	2017	Spartan Metro Star/ Fort Garry 1050igpm/800gwt/25gftSN M870
Pelee Island		1991	Spartan Diamond/Phoenix 1050igpm/1000gwt ex-Essex, ON
Burlington	Sup.301	2017	Spartan Metro Star/SVI Command/Hazmat
Manitouwadge		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry 1050igpm/1000gwt/2x25gftSN M868
Prince Edward County		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry 420igpm(H)/2000gwt s/n M844

### OUT WEST

<b>Burnaby, BC</b>	Cmd.1	2017	Freightliner M2-106 / 1999 ERS / 2017 HUB Refurb
Hornby Island		2017	Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry 625igpm(H)/2000gwt s/n M815
Kelowna	B. 4	2017	Ford F550 Super Duty/ITB battalion chief
Kelowna	P.1	2017	Spartan Gladiator/Hub pumper SN 5780-1221
Shawnigan Lake		2017	E-One Cyclone II pumper SO#140764
Shawnigan Lake		2017	Kenworth T370 /Midwest 3000gwt
Pineview		2017	??/MaxiMetal 1250igpm/1000gwt/30gft/FP2001
<b>Grovedale, AB</b>	T.16	2017	Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry 625igpm(W)/3000gwt s/n M769
Sylvan Lake	R. 1	2017	Pierce Velocity walk-around heavy rescue SN 30417
Newell County (Bassano)		2017	Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry 625igpm(H)/3000gwt s/n M842
Newell County (Rolling Hills)		2017	Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry 625igpm(H)/3000gwt s/n M841
Edmonton	platform	2017	Spartan/Smeal 1500i0gpm/250gwt/2x25gft/100' FP 2002 FS S/O 4678
<b>Dundurn, SK</b>		2017	IHC 7400 /Acres 1050igpm(W)/1000gwt/25gft #170811156
<b>Elbow Lake, MB</b>		2017	Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry 1500igpm/1000gwt/30gft SN M796

### QUEBEC & THE MARITIMES

<b>Eastman, QC</b>	Unité 562	2017	Ford F-250 / Spacekab light rescue
Saint-Anicet	Unité 4-5	2017	IHC Durastar/ Maxi Métal medium rescue
Campbell's Bay-Litchfield	2111	2016	Kenworth T370 Battleshield 625iigpm/2500gwt*
Matapédia	Unité 201	2017	Freightliner M2-106/E-One pumper 1050igpm/860gwt/25gft SN 140875*
Saguenay	Unité 504	2017	E-One Cyclone II HM110 110' rearmount
Baie-Comeau	Unité 685	2017	Ford F-550 XL Super Duty 4x4/E-One light rescue
East Broughton	U.538	2017	IHC Workstar/ Maxi Métal tanker, 3000gwt
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield		2017	Pierce Saber /Maxi Métal 1250igpm/840gwt/25gft FoamPro 2002
Îles-de-La-Madeleine	U. 356	2016	Freightliner M2-106/Carl Thibault pumper/tanker 1050/1500/30 (SN2707)
Société de Transport de Montréal		2017	Ford F750/Maxi Métal mini-pumper 420igpm/840gwt
St. Andrews, NB		2017	Spartan/Carl Thibault pumper
<b>Amherst, NS</b>	E.1	2018	Spartan Metrostar/Metalfab 1500igpm/750gwt/20gft
West River	Truck 2	2017	IHC 4400/Fort Garry walk-in rescue with 20' box
Antigonish		2017	Pierce Saber /Maxi Métal VIO 1250igpm/1500gwt/25gft
Northfield	Engine 2	2017	Spartan Gladiator/Lantz 1250(H)/1000gwt
Lawrencetown	No.31	2017	Freightliner M2-106/Lantz heavy rescue
<b>North River, PEI</b>	U.3	2017	Freightliner M2-108SD/Metalfab1250igpm/3000gwt/50gft





Mississauga received this 2016 Spartan Metro Star/ERV/DEV collaboration last year. It has a 1500gpm Waterous pum and a 1000gwt. S/N 216016 (Ian Duke photo)



Guelph Rescue 4 is a 2017 Rosenbauer Commander heavy squad. (Ken Buchanan photo)



Cavan-Monaghan just got two of these 2017 Freightliner M2-106/Fort Garry rigs. They have 1050igpm Hale pumps, 800gwts and 25gfts s/n M781 above, went to Keene. (Dave Stewardson photo)





Dundurn, SK 2017 IHC 7400 /Acres 1050igpm(W)/1000gwt/25gft #170811156 (Dave Stewardson photo)



East Broughton Unité.538 2017 IHC Workstar/ Maxi Métal tanker, 3000gwt (MMFT)



West River, NS No.2 2017 IHC 4400/Fort Garry walk-in rescue with 20' box (DS).



## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: YUKON STEAMER RESTORATION BY WALT McCALL



A well-known antique auto restoration shop in Blenheim, Ontario recently completed the restoration of a 119-year old steam fire engine for the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Department in the Yukon Territory. *Classic Coachworks* – which over the years has restored several antique fire trucks as well as countless classic and antique automobiles – restored the 1898 Clapp & Jones steamer over a period of 18 months. The budget for the restoration: an eye-popping \$250,000!

Dawson City was the centre of the fabled Yukon Gold Rush. Gold was discovered in a creek near the frontier village in 1896. When word of the “strike” spread, the stampede of prospectors and fortune seekers that followed saw the town’s population explode from a few hundred to more than 35,000. Most of Dawson City’s buildings were of flimsy wood and canvas construction, and the city was ravaged by a series of major fires. Most of the town’s business section burned to the ground in April, 1897, after which the city fathers’ decided to organize a proper fire department. To equip the brigade, the town ordered a state-of-the-art horse-drawn steam fire engine and hose reel from the American Fire Engine Company of Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Founded in Hudson, N.Y. in 1862, Clapp & Jones had delivered some 600 steam fire engines to U.S. and Canadian fire departments by the time Dawson City placed its order. The American Fire Engine Co. was a 1891 amalgamation of four prominent steam fire engine manufacturers – Silsby, of Seneca Falls NY; Clapp & Jones, Hudson NY; the Button Fire Engine Works, Waterford NY and the Ahrens Mfg. Co. of Cincinnati. The Hudson and Waterford plants were subsequently closed and steam fire engine production was consolidated in the former Silsby plant. Ahrens (later to become Ahrens-Fox) remained in Cincinnati.

It was a long delivery journey for the steamer from upstate New York to the distant Yukon Territory. The crated steamer was shipped to the West Coast, where it continued on by steamship via the Inside Passage up the B.C. coast to Skagway, Alaska, then by rail to Whitehorse YT, where it was loaded onto a sternwheeler for the final leg of the trip to Dawson City. The Clapp & Jones was in front-line service with the DCVFD until 1927, when the city received its first motorized fire apparatus – an International truck chassis that was equipped with a locally-made hose body. When needed, the steamer was towed to fires by the International. The city didn’t purchase its first motor pumper – a Bickle-Seagrave Ford – until 1940. Both of these vintage trucks are on display today in the Dawson City Fire Museum.

The old steamer went into storage and over the following decades was sadly neglected. Harsh Yukon winters took their toll on the steamer’s paint and brightwork. By the time of its 100th birthday, it was in sorry shape. But, mindful of its long and proud history, several members of the DCFD decided to launch a campaign to restore the old engine. A fund was started, to which all DCFD members were required to contribute their training and fire call pay. Over a period of 25 years and after a major fundraising initiative a few years ago, the restoration fund totaled nearly \$250,000.

But who would do the actual restoration? The committee “struck gold” when a firefighter from Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta visited the Dawson City Fire Museum in the summer of 2015. The visitor told his guide how a small auto restoration shop in Ontario had recently restored Fort Saskatchewan’s 1931 Bickle/Model “A” Ford fire truck. The committee immediately contacted Classic Coachworks owner Stan Uher who expressed interest in the project. The Dawson City Fire Dept. flew Stan up to the Yukon to have a look at the old steamer.

*“I knew I just had to do it”,* Stan said. “It was so different from anything I’d ever done in my 37 years in the restoration business. A horse-drawn steam fire engine is right up there on the dazzle-meter. Yes, it was a formidable challenge, but it was ultimately worth it”, Mr. Uher said.

A timetable was drawn up and arrangements were made in to ship the steamer to the Classic Coach-works shop 4,000 kilometers away in Southwestern Ontario, where it arrived on a cold January morning in 2016. Stan put all of his other projects on hold and went right to work. His first step was to take hundreds of detailed photographs of the rig. Next he dismantled it piece by piece, scraping away layers old paint to reveal its original fancy gold striping and ornamentation. All through the process he sent video progress reports to the restoration committee, who were amazed at what they saw unfolding thousands of miles away.

In all, the project entailed some 1,400 man-hours over a period of 18 months. By June of 2017 it was just about done. Dawson City Fire Chief Jim Regimbal drove down to Blenheim to see for himself how it was coming along and was “blown away” by what he saw. In early July, Stan held an informal “open house” at his shop to show folks like us, who were closely following the project, the fruits of his labor.

Two weeks later the born-again Clapp & Jones steamer and the two-wheeled

Waterous hose reel which Stan also restored went into its special DCFD container for the long haul back to Dawson City. Drawn by two big Belgian horses and with a smoke machine puffing away in its boiler, the born-again steam fire engine was the star of Dawson City’s big Discovery Days parade in mid-August. Stan and his wife Jane were special guests for the historic event.

The 129-year-old steamer now occupies pride of place in the Dawson City Fire Museum on Front Street, across the street from the city’s busy ferry dock. Impressive as it is, the 1898 Clapp & Jones isn’t the only steamer in the museum’s collection. In 1901 the Vancouver B.C. Fire Department sent a Brantford-built 1899 Waterous first-size steamer to Dawson City to replace a smaller (ex-Winnipeg) Silsby which had been destroyed in a fire the previous winter. More than a century later, the ex-VFD Waterous is still there, proudly displayed alongside the born-again Clapp & Jones.







SCDF's newest hall, the Jurong Fire Station, at 22 Jurong West Street 26, in Western Singapore near the fire academy. The seven bay edifice is the largest station in the SCDF that is not a divisional headquarters. It replaces a hall built in 1975. Below is one of four dry chemical trucks distributed throughout the island. CT321 is built on a Scania P310 chassis. They carry 3000kg of dry chem and also pressurised nitrogen. (Kenneth Lai photos)





## Niagara Falls, NY from Doug Holmes

Station No. 3 2203 11<sup>th</sup> St.

Engine 3 2004 Pierce 1500gpm/500gwt/30gft

Station No. 4 740 10th St.

Engine 4 2011 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 1500gpm/750gwt/30gft

Truck 1 2011 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 100''

Station No. 7 401 72nd St.

Engine 7 2009 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 1500gpm/750gwt/30gft

Truck 2 2011 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 100''

Station No. 8 320 Hyde Park Blvd.

Engine 8 2012 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 1500gpm/750gwt/30gft

Rescue 1 2015 Rosenbauer Commander 4000 heavy rescue, 20' box

Station No. 9 1124 North Military Rd

Engine 9 2004 Emergency 1 Typhoon 1500gpm/500gwt/30gft



Truck 2 2011 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 100'' (Doug Holmes photo)



Engine 4, a 2011 Spartan Gladiator/Rosenbauer 1500gpm/750gwt/30gft (Empire Fire photo)



Indianapolis Engine 5, is a 2015 Pierce Saber pumper, 1500gpm/500gwt, J# 28205TR-01



Indianapolis Engine 19, a 2011 Ferrara Inferno pumper, 2000gpm/500gwt, S# H4856



Indianapolis Ladder 1, a 2008 Pierce Arrow XT 105' aerial, J#19920.  
(Bob Rupert photos)





Indianapolis Rescue 5, a 2011 Freightliner M2/Ferrara Heavy Rescue, S# H 4769



Indianapolis Rescue 1 is a 2004 Ferrara Inferno Heavy Rescue, J# H2792



Indianapolis former Engine 18, a 1955 Maxim "S" 1500gpm/750gwt (privately owned)  
(Bob Rupert photos)





Wayne Twp, IN Engine 82, a 2007 Seagrave Marauder, 2000gpm/500gwt, S#78F58



Wayne Twp, IN Res. Ladder 82, a 2002 Spartan Gladiator Evolution/Crimson 75' aerial. J# M1582



Plainfield Twp. IN Engine 121 is a 2017 E-One Cyclone pumper. 2000gpm/1000gwt SO# 141047  
(Bob Rupert photos)





Plainfield Twp. IN Ladder 121, a 2012 E-One Cyclone 100' tower, SO#137535 (Bob Rupert photo)



Otisco, NY TP.1 is an 1999 International/Saulsbury pumper-tanker, 1500gpm/1500gwt.



Otisco, NY TA.1 is a 1984 International Transtar tanker, 500gpm/2500gwt. (Ken Walton photos)



## New buildings...



Grimsby's new Station 2 at 167 Mountain Rd. The new training facility is also part of this complex. The building itself has three classrooms, one of which was built on the concrete pad of the old hall. The Grimsby EOC is attached to the rear of the structure. Below is the new burn house at the Grimsby training center.  
(Ken Buchanan)



This magnificent edifice is the new Brampton Fire maintenance facility, completed earlier in the summer.  
(Rob Simpson photo)





Chilliwack, BC Engine 1 - (236) - 2017 Pierce Enforcer PUC (1250/500/35F) (SN#30439)(WFR)



Leduc County P.16 2017 Spartan Metro Star/Fort Garry 1050ipgm/1000gwt/10gftA/25gftB s/n M799



Newell County, AB received two of these 2017 Freightliner M2-112/Fort Garry tankers, they have 625igpm Hale pumps and 3000gwts S/N M842, above, went to Bassano, S/N 841 to Rolling Hills.





Elbow Lake, MB, a 2017 Freightliner M2 106/Fort Garry pumper 1500igpm/1000gwt/30gft (SN#M796)



An extended look at Winnipeg's new water rescue unit, it features an interior compartment for crews to change gear and a rear storage area with a hydraulic ramp for the rescue boat. (D. Stewardson)







Saint-Anicet, QC Unité 4-5: 2017 IHC Durastar/ Maxi Métal rescue



Saint-Elzéar, QC recently received a 2017 Freightliner M2-112/Maxi Métal 3000 gallon tanker. It runs as Unité 641. (Maxi Métal photos)



North River, PEI Unit 3 a 2017 Freightliner M2-108SD/Metalfab 1250igpm/3000gwt/50gft





Ingersoll, Pump 1: 2013 Rosenbauer Centurian 1050igpm/500gwt xx76812



Pump 2: 2008 Spartan/Rosenbauer 1050igpm/600gwt xx65778



Aerial 1: 1997 Simon Duplex/LTI 2000igpm/250gwt/85' tower, S/N 9601786  
(Ken Buchanan photos)





Pump 1: 2004 Freightliner M2/Superior, 1050igpm/1500gwt. SE-3237



Rescue 2: 1998 Ford F550/Dependable light rescue



Tanker 3 2007 Freightliner M2/Metalfab 420igpm/1000gwt. (Ken Buchanan photos)





Pump 1 is a 2011 Peterbuilt Pierce pumper with a 1050igmp pump and an 844gwt. S/N 125286



Pump 2 1991 Ford/Hub – 625igpm pump amd a 1000gwt. (Ken Buchanan photos)





Wainfleet Engine 3 (Burnaby Station) received this 2002 Pierce-Kenworth rig three years ago. It has a 750gpm pump and 500gwt. US Job # 13487. Ex-Medford Oregon. (Ken Buchanan)



Stratford Mini Pump 1, a 2006 Ford F550 4x4/Rosenbauer, 300igpm/200gwt/25gft.



Pumper 2: 2008 Spartan MFD/Rosenbauer Commander 1050igpm/625gwt/2x20gfts. (SN 113018) (Neil McCarten photos)





No 1 – The newest pumping appliance in Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service is this Volvo FL260 with Emergency One (UK) bodywork. HX66 ADV is allocated to the “On Call” station at Fordingbridge in the New Forest.



No 2 – Biggin Hill Airport on the outskirts of London have an impressive line up of appliances including an identical pair of Unipower/Carmichael Crash Tenders. Both of these appliances have had new Cobra 2 cabs fitted and both saw service at Southampton International Airport before being purchased by Biggin Hill.





No 3 – Bremach appliances do feature that prominently in the UK. The West Midlands Fire Service purchased a pair of Rapid Intervention Vehicles from manufacturer Angloco after they were cancelled by a customer and used them for a period of time but found them not suitable for use in an urban area. They were subsequently sold and one is now operational at Redhill Aerodrome in Surrey.



No 4 – The London Fire Brigade only has one Land Rover in its fleet. It is stationed at the very quiet Biggin Hill Fire Station in the south east suburbs of the city.



No 5 – Surrey Fire and Rescue Service has recently updated its Water Carrier fleet by purchasing three Scania P450 appliances built by JDC. This example is based at Leatherhead Fire Station whilst the other two are at Guildford and Godstone Fire Station.





No 6 – Only a handful of Rosenbauer bodied pumping appliances are currently used in the United Kingdom. One of the early brigades to purchase from this manufacturer was the Dyfed Fire Brigade, later to be known as the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service. This 2003 Scania P94G 260 CP31 has been based at Abercrave Fire station all its working life and is to be replaced later this year.



No 7 – The smaller First Strike appliance are becoming more popular in the United Kingdom these days. One of the first fire and rescue services to use them in high numbers was the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service who purchased a number of Mercedes Sprinter 519 4x4 vans converted by JDC into Rural Response Pumps. The majority of these appliances were allocated to fire stations with two full size pumping appliances and these appliances replaced the second full size appliance. This example is based at Swansea West Fire Station due to the restricted access to a number of properties on the stations fire ground.

All photos by Colin Carter, OFBA Membership Number 565





This is the U.K.s highest reach appliance. This 2017 Scania/Angloco/Bronto 45m (150') platform is now based at Stevange in Hertfordshire. (Andrew Henry photo)



This is one of the 52 new replacement pumps being currently allocated to LFB stations, this particular one to Station E43 Beckenham in LFB South-East Area. They are supplied by Mercedes-Benz on Atego 1327F chassis with bodywork by Emergency One (UK), having 272 bhp engines, 660 gpm pumps, 300 gallon water tanks and 17 gallon foam tanks. They also have two 22mm high-pressure hose-reels, a larger diameter than fitted to previous pumps, which are said by crews to be as effective as inch-and-three-quarter hose lines. (Bill Hickin)





These are from Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands, part of the U.K. The brigade operates from one station with around 10 appliances. Unit #14 is a 2009 Iveco 1800LPM water tender which holds 1600L of water and 150L of foam. Unit #16, below, is a Pinzgauer light striker with a 600 litre water tank and 10.5 m ladder. (Robert Herscovitch photos)

