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GOVERNOR

October 11, 1997

Cary Fire Department
Town of Cary
100 N. Academy Street
Cary, NC 27511

Dear Members of the Cary Fire Department:

It is indeed my pleasure to extend congratulations to participants and distinguished guests on the occasion of the **Seventy-Fifth Anniversary** of the **Cary Fire Department**. I regret that I will be unable to attend your festivities, but my thoughts will be with you.

The Cary Fire Department certainly renders a great service and inspires others in the fire fighting profession to achieve excellence. Each of you performs an invaluable service in the community and serves as outstanding role models for our children. Your efforts are a tremendous contribution to the City of Cary and the State of North Carolina.

Carolyn joins me extending our best wishes for a successful celebration. We know it will be a productive, as well as, enjoyable time for everyone. We wish each of you much success and safety in all your future endeavors.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hunt".

James B. Hunt Jr.

JBH:lmb

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COUNTY OF WAKE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 8, 1997

M. Wayne House
Fire Chief
Town of Cary
100 N. Academy Street
Cary, NC 27511

Dear Chief House:

Congratulations on your upcoming 75th anniversary! That truly is an accomplishment deserving of celebration. You and your hard-working staff are to be commended for continuing such a long and distinguished tradition of excellence and dedication to the people of Cary. Firefighting is among the noblest of public services, and with the fast-changing and growing environment in which we live today, it has become a very demanding and challenging field.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and all citizens of Wake County, please extend to your entire staff my congratulations and best wishes for another 75 years of outstanding service to your fellow citizens and business owners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stewart Adcock".

Stewart Adcock, Chairman
Wake County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE CARY FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Cary Fire Department, which was officially organized on March 14, 1922; and

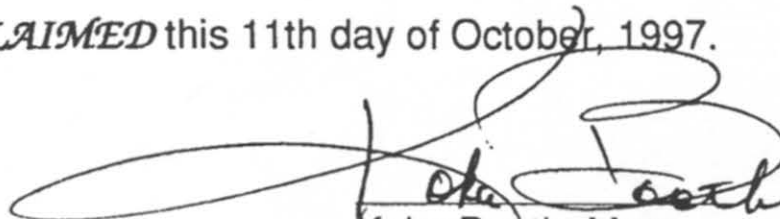
WHEREAS, for the last 75 years the Cary Fire Department has demonstrated in many ways its acceptance of the role of responsibility for the protection of the citizens of Cary; and

WHEREAS, the Cary Fire Department has grown from a small metal building in 1922, to five engine companies, two truck companies, one ladder company, and one rescue company employing 120 full-time employees and an annual budget of \$5.3 million. It serves a town of 82,000 people and 40 square miles; and

WHEREAS, the Cary Fire Department has a proven reputation across the country as an innovative leader in the Fire Service, distinguishing itself in every area of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the Cary Town Council and the citizens of Cary honors the valor, service and dedication of Cary's fire fighters - past and present - and wishes to express our appreciation to those men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, for the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Cary.

PROCLAIMED this 11th day of October, 1997.


Koka Booth, Mayor

Attest:


Sue Rowland, Town Clerk



The History Of The Cary Fire Department

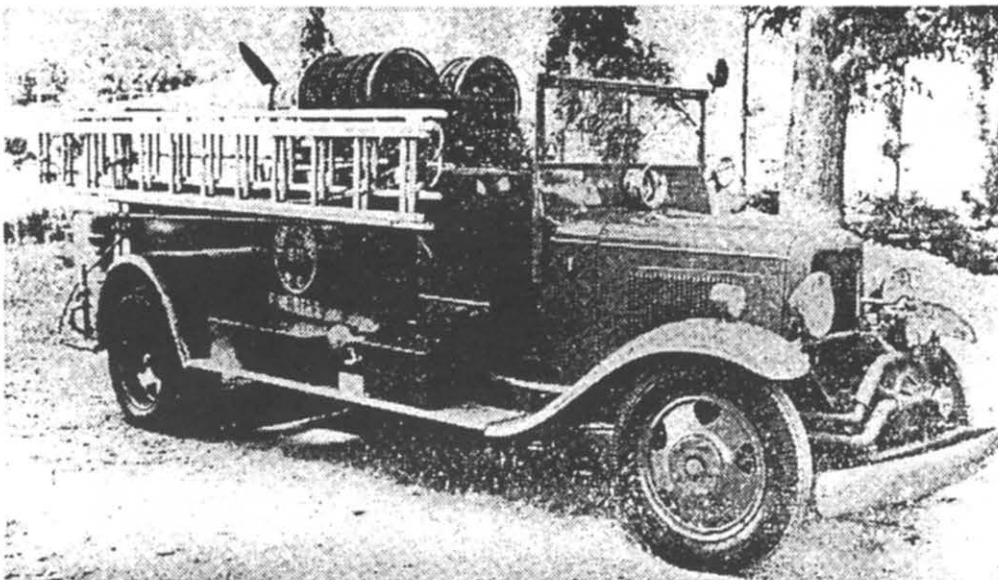
The Cary Fire Department does not have as long and colorful a history as many of our neighboring communities, but it is an interesting one. It seems that for many years fire protection was on a hit and miss basis here.

The first mention of fire protection in the Town's minutes is dated June 8, 1921. At this time, arrangements were made with the City of Raleigh for a fire truck and crew of firemen to answer any alarms for fire within the Town of Cary.

The following year, on March 14, 1922, Mr. Lloyd Matthews was appointed Fire Inspector for the Town to comply with State Laws.

Mr. L. A. Cathy, on June 6, 1922, was appointed by the Town Aldermen to organize a Fire Company so that the Town would no longer have to depend on outside help in case of fire. The Town Board on the same date passed a resolution to purchase a fire truck.

On October 10, 1922 the Board of Aldermen voted to accept bids on a fire truck; the truck to be equipped with two 35 gallon chemical tanks mounted on a one ton ford truck. (This was a Model T). The bids were received and opened on October 23, 1922. The aldermen accepted the bid from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company.



This is the 1931 fire truck operated by the Cary Volunteer Fire Department. The chassis belongs to the town; the equipment to the county-supported volunteers.

The date of delivery is not mentioned in the minutes; however, a motion does appear in the minutes on February 7, 1923 to accept the new fire truck and to have the Town Clerk to write a check for it. So it may be assumed that the truck was delivered sometime prior to this date. On December 5, 1922, a metal garage, to be used as a Fire Station, was purchased from the C. D. Pruden Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland.

At the Town Council meeting on May 1, 1923, Mr. H. H. Waddell was appointed Chief of the new Fire Department and Mr. D. C. Page was appointed assistant chief. From the records it appears that Mr. Waddell has the distinction of being the first Fire Chief in the Town of Cary.

From the date of Mr. Waddell's appointment until June 26, 1925, nothing more is said of the Fire Department. On this date, the councilmen met and passed a motion that the present fire truck be traded in on a new one, and that fire hose be purchased. On August 6, hose was purchased by the Town.

The following year (1926) on May 7, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sorrell and Mr. Moore were appointed as a committee by the Board of Alders to investigate the purchase a new fire truck. On August 5, Mr. G. C. Phillips recommended that the Board purchase a Nash Fire truck for \$1,100.00 which was passed by the Board.

On September 10, 1926, a motion was made and approved that \$1,100.00 be paid to the Nash Motor Company for the Nash truck. Again it must be assumed that the truck had been delivered before final payment was made.

Nothing more is said of the Department until July 5, 1927. At the Town Council Meeting on this date a motion was made that the old fire truck be paid for as soon as the streets were completed. (This was probably the LaFrance truck they were speaking of.)

Two weeks later on July 21, the Fire Commissioner recommended that the following men be appointed as firemen, and that in payment for their services as fire fighters, no pole tax would be charged them: W. L. Jones, Chief L. E. Sturdivant, T. F. Wilkerson, Jr., Poyce Ellington, Marvin Breeze, and Robert Atkins.

On the same date, a motion was made and passed to give Mr. Lee Matthews of the Raleigh Fire Department his pole tax in appreciation for his directing the firemen in a drill.

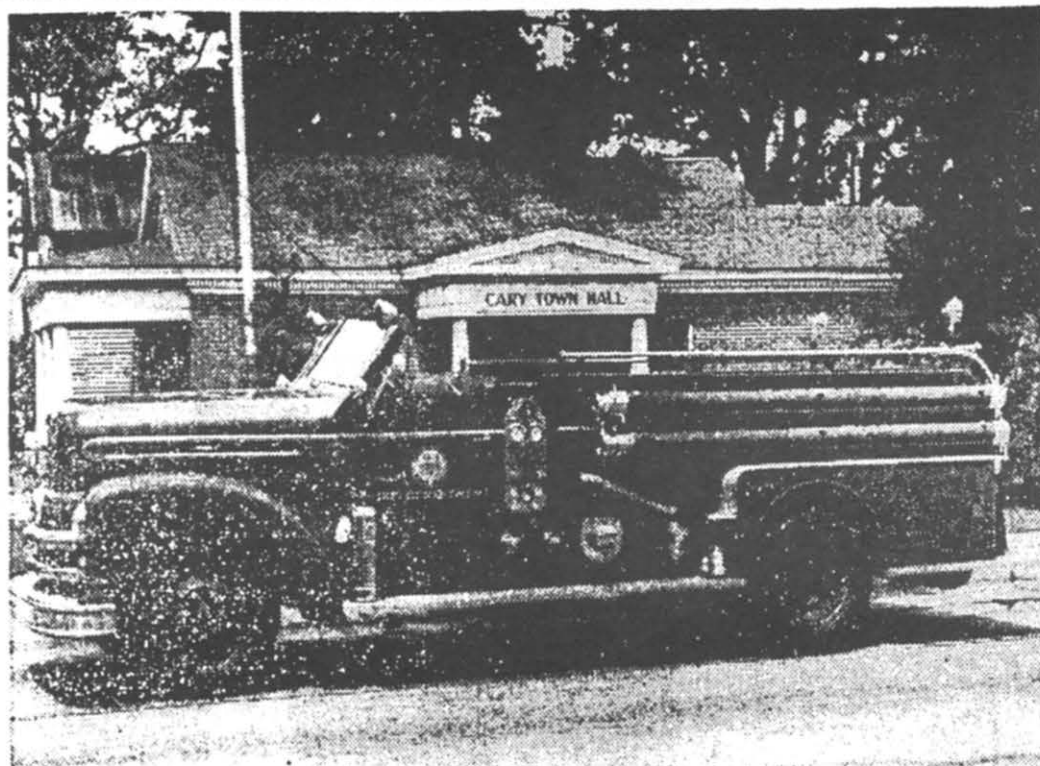
On November 17, 1927, the following men were appointed to the Fire Department: Arthur Womble, S. T. Smith, Jack Murdock, H. R. Adams, E. J. Byrum, Pat Gray, Jr., and Sam Matthews. This made a total of twelve men on the Department.

The next notation concerning the Fire Department is on January 28, 1928. A motion was made to pay at once the fire truck bill of \$647.50. (This is believed to be for the LaFrance Truck).

From January 1928, nothing more is recorded about the Fire Department until January, 1932. On the 11th of January, the Council met and agreed to accept a Chevrolet truck from the Peter Pirsch Fire Engine Company. Mr. L. R. Hunter at this time was instructed by the Council to purchase an alarm siren to alert the firemen with money from the sale of the old chemical tanks.

For the next three and one-half years, nothing more is recorded about the department until August 24, 1935. The Fire Station was then ordered to move to the new location, in back of the Masonic Lodge. At the same time, a Mr. Phillips was authorized to organize a Fire Department. The firemen were to be given their pole tax for services as firemen.

On February 18, 1936, in compliance with a resolution made August 24, 1935, a special meeting was called by the Town Council with the following men to



BIG DOINGS IN CARY—"Fireman's Day" will be observed in Cary tomorrow with a day-long celebration expected to attract more than 5,000 people. Features of the day will include a mile-long parade, prizes, a barbecue, square dances—and the first appearance of the Cary's new fire truck, above, which will replace a 22-year vehicle. The parade will begin at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and at its conclusion Cary firemen will give a demonstration of the new truck.

form a new Fire Department: Mr. M. R. Conner, Chief, L. E. Midgette, Assistant Chief, Ivan Ruth, Alf. Pleasants, Clyde B. Hawkins, C. R. Craddock W. R. Matthews, Walter Pendergraph, Alvin Sloan, Clarence Oakley, Norwood Northcutt, and C. R. Penny. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the State Fire Marshall to meet with the local department.

One month later, on March 23, 1936, Chief Holland of the Raleigh Department was invited to speak to the Town Board on April 2, to explain advantages of this department becoming a member of the N. C. Firemen's Association. At the same meeting, twenty firemen's badges were ordered and one badge each for the Chief and Assistant Chief.

At the following meeting of the Town Board, Chief Holland met with and explained to the members the advantages of membership in the N.C. Fire Association. The local department was given permission to join. At the same meeting, Chief Conner was granted permission to attend the N.C. Fire School in Wilmington, N. C. on April 21, 22, and 23. He was instructed by the Board to economize on all expenses.

On May 7, 1936, the Board made a ruling that the Town would pay for cleaning firemen's clothing when soiled in the line of duty, and to give Captain Lee

Matthews his dog tax in exchange for his services in coaching the fire department.

The budget for the Fire Department adopted September 2, 1936: \$8,651.07.

Chief Midgette was authorized by the Board December 8, 1936 to purchase fire hose for the department.

January 15, 1937: a law was passed fining anyone \$25.00 found guilty of turning in false alarms.

On April 12, 1937, the Board authorized one man's expenses to be paid to the fire school in Durham, N.C.

The history of The Cary Fire Department from 1921 through 1937 was written by Calvin F. Beck who was the first full-time paid Fire Chief in the Cary Fire Department. There is not much recorded history of the fire department from that time until 1953.

Today the Cary Fire Department has grown to almost one hundred and twenty full-time paid employees serving a population of more than 82,000 people in a forty square mile area. In 1997, the fire department will respond to almost four thousand incidents from five stations with a sixth station in the planning stages.

The fire department administrative offices are located at 100 North Academy Street, which houses the Chiefs' offices and the Risk Management and Training Divisions. There are five engine companies, two truck companies, one ladder company and one rescue company. The 1997/98 operating budget is \$5.3 million. In 1956, there were nineteen volunteer firefighters oper-

ating on a budget of approximately eight thousand dollars. There were two fire stations to house the two pumpers, one Civil Defense truck, one small tanker and one tractor trailer tanker. One station was located on West Chatham Street where the Fidelity Bank now stands and the other was located on Cedar Street behind where Rogers Motel is now located. The tin building on Cedar Street is still standing.

At Fireman's Day in 1956, ground was broken for a station to be located at 100 North Academy Street. Bricks were sold to help finance the building. Records are not clear as to when this building was completed. In 1991, this building was renovated into the Fire Administrative offices and Fire Station One was relocated to North Harrison Avenue.

In 1957, two-way radios were installed in all fire apparatus and both fire stations. On September 15, 1960, a division was made to formally create the Cary Fire Department. Before this date the fire department was known as The Cary Rural Volunteer Fire Department. This department responded to any call in the Cary area. After the division, the Cary Fire Department was responsible for any calls within the Cary Town Limits and the Rural department was responsible for any call outside the Town limits. The Cary Rural (YRAC) Volunteer Fire Department is still responsible for some areas outside the Cary Town Limits today and assists the Cary Fire Department when needed.

Since 1960, the Cary Fire Department has been an innovative leader in the Fire Service. The Cary Fire Department has continued to expand and meet the needs of a growing community without much fanfare.



ORDINANCE ORGANIZING THE CARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF CARY

Section I - General

That there is hereby created a department of the Town of Cary to be hereafter known and designated as the Cary Fire Department, hereinafter designated the Department. Said Department shall have as its purpose the prevention and extinguishment of fires and the protection of life and property within the limits of the Town of Cary. The Department shall be operated under the general supervision and control of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Cary. For the purposes of this ordinance, the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Cary is hereby defined to be the Mayor of the Town of Cary, so long as the commission form of government is in effect in the Town of Cary and hereafter the Manager of the Town of Cary. The organization, duties, responsibilities and mode of operation of said Department be as hereinafter set forth in this ordinance.

Section II - Officers

Article I . The Department shall consist of a Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain-Training Officer, and one Lieutenant, together with such other officers as the Chief and Chief Administrative Officer may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.

Article 2. The Chief shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer for an indefinite period, and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. The Chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence.

Article 3. The Chief shall be held accountable to the Chief Administrative Officer and shall make written and verbal reports thereto as said Chief Administrative Officer may require. All other Department and Company officers shall be accountable to the Chief only.

Article 4. The Assistant Chief and all other Department and Company officers shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Section III - Duties of the Chief

Article 1. The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department, and shall be responsible to the Chief Administrative Officer for the personnel, morale, and general efficiency of the Department.

Article 2. The Chief shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the Department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms.

Article 3. The Chief shall cause to be conducted a continuing program of training, including suitable drills and instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of building in the Town of Cary, fire prevention, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property from fire; drill meetings to be held at least once each month.

Article 4. The Chief, or his designated representative, is hereby required to assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or causing to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires.

Article 5. The Chief, or his designated representative, is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.

Article 6. Any person so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards, shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.

Article 7. The Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.

Article 8. The Chief shall report monthly to the Chief Administrative Officer the conditions of the apparatus and equipment; the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and date of same and loss occasioned thereby; the number and purpose of all other runs made; and the number of members responding to each fire or other run, and any changes in membership.

Article 9. The Chief shall make a complete annual report to the Chief Administrative Officer within one month after the close of the fiscal year, such report to include the information specified in Article 7, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Department.

Section IV - Membership

Article 1. The membership of the Department shall consist of such persons may be appointed by the Chief and shall be able-bodied citizens residing within the Town of Cary, preferably property owners whose business activities are normally within the confines of the Town of Cary and who have telephones in their homes. Determination of whether candidates for appointment are able-bodied shall be made by the Chief after a medical and physical examination has been made in a manner prescribed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Article 2. Any member of the Department may be suspended or discharged from the Department by the Chief at any item he may deem such action necessary for the good of the Department.

Section V - Apparatus, Equipment and Supplies

Article 1. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire.

Article 2. Requests for apparatus, equipment and supplies shall be made by the Chief to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Article 3. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the Chief Administrative Officer. Such places shall be heated during the Winter season.

Article 4. Suitable arrangement or equipment shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for notifying ad members of the Department so that they may promptly respond.

Article 5. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.

Article 6. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the Department unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the Department.

Article 7. Except in response to a call for aid from the Mayor or Fire Chief of a neighboring community, no apparatus shall be permitted to leave the Town of Cary without the consent of the Chief Administrative Officer and in Accordance with the policy established by the Governing Body.

Section VI - Badges and Insignia

Article 1. Each member of the Department shall be issued a badge designating his rank.

Article 2. Each member of the Department shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to his personal automobile or truck.

Section VII - Criminal Violations

Article 1. All motor equipment of the Department and private motor vehicles operated by the Chief and Assistant Chief shall have right-of-way over an other traffic when responding to an alarm, provided; such vehicles and equipment shall be equipped with special warning devices as specified in G. S. 20-125 and so long as said warning devices shall be operating.

Article 2. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose except upon specific orders from the Chief or other officer in charge where the hose is used.

Article 3. No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within five feet of the entrance to any fire station or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant or cisterns.

Article 4. No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

Article 5. No unauthorized person shall follow in any vehicle within six hundred (600) feet of any apparatus belonging to the Department, nor park any vehicle within three hundred (300) feet of a fire.

Section VIII - Compensation

Article I . Compensation of officers and members of the fire department shall be at such rates as the governing body shall determine from time to time.

Section IX - Enforcement

Article I . Any person violating the provisions of Section III, Article 6, Section V, Articles 5 and 6, and Section VIII, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of not less than Ten (10) Dollars or more than One Hundred (100) Dollars for each offense.

Article 2. All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

Article 3. It is hereby made the special duty of the Chief of Police and/or other peace officers who may be on duty and available for fire duty to respond to all fire alarms and assist the Department in the protection of life and property, in regulating traffic, maintaining order, and in enforcing observance of all sections of this ordinance.



ADMINISTRATION: Division Chief J. R. Poole, Admin Secretary E. Degenhardt, Deputy Chief R. A. Cain, Fire Chief M. W. House, Bulk Water Admin T. C. Fuller, Admin Secretary S. Fox, Captain G. N. Pope



FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT: Inspector K. W. Hawley, Inspector R. L. Hall, Division Chief D. E. Daniels, Deputy Fire Marshal G. M. Gregory, Fire Education Specialist K. F. Ellis, Inspector K. M. Caudle



STATION 1, A SHIFT

(from left to right)

Captain J. E. House,
Firefighter B. Williams,
Engineer R. L. McSorley,
Engineer R. E. Sumler,
Firefighter C. Earp,
Master Firefighter C. A. Daigle,
Captain P. A. Richard



STATION 1, B SHIFT

(from left to right)

Captain B. D. Drewyor,
Firefighter S. Williams,
Master Firefighter J. M. Knurowski,
Engineer J. A. Stafford,
Engineer N. Danko,
Firefighter J. F. Stephenson,
Captain M. L. Nourse



STATION 1, C SHIFT

(from left to right)

Captain K. L. Ring,
Master Firefighter K. J. Cook,
Engineer T. Jordan,
Engineer W. D. Ruble,
Captain T. L. Gouge,
Captain W. O. Davis,
Firefighter J. C. Storie



STATION 2, A SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief A. B. Hueter,
Firefighter B. A. Helsinger,
Lieutenant B. T. Jones,
Engineer D. W. Lee,
Master Firefighter M. S. Wiles,
Captain P. Y. Kemp



STATION 2, B SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief N. R. Woodall,
Master Firefighter A. Bender,
Engineer S. P. Franks,
Firefighter T. L. Byrd,
Lieutenant K. D. Geisler,
Captain G. G. Baker



STATION 2, C SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief D.C. Brandt,
Engineer S. S. Faulkner,
Firefighter R. T. Eason,
Lieutenant C. M. Hinton,
Captain C. L. Watkins,
Master Firefighter J. E. Kennedy



STATION 3, A SHIFT

(from left to right)

Engineer W. W. Freeze,
 Captain D.C. Winbon,
 Captain J. E. Belcher,
 Master Firefighter J. F. Schondelmayer,
 Master Firefighter J. C. Godwin,
 Engineer K. Stevenson



STATION 3, B SHIFT

(from left to right)

Captain R. A. Cox,
 Firefighter R. J. Whitley,
 Captain K.A. Monroe,
 Firefighter P. Felts,
 Engineer R. L. Jones,
 Engineer P. A. Hudson



STATION 3, C SHIFT

(from left to right)

Engineer C. S. Hunsinger,
 Master Firefighter C. C. Sutton,
 Captain N. D. McDuffie,
 Firefighter K. Jones,
 Engineer W. D. Braxton,
 Firefighter S. Sidney,
 Firefighter M. Jacoby



STATION 4, A SHIFT

(from left to right)

Firefighter B. R. Langston,
Firefighter M. S. Wilson,
Engineer A. L. Blankenship,
Lieutenant B. K. Janes,
Captain R. J. Casey,
Engineer R. A. Ketchum,
Master Firefighter R. A. Cox



STATION 4, B SHIFT

(from left to right)

Engineer W. E. English,
Master Firefighter C. D. Greene,
Firefighter W. Gregory,
Captain J. E. Hamilton,
Master Firefighter J. D. Fialka,
Lieutenant R. P. Bone,
Firefighter M. L. Whitehead,
Engineer E. R. Moore



STATION 4, C SHIFT

(from left to right)

Engineer D. B. Johnson,
Firefighter L. F. Caddell,
Lieutenant J. F. Frazier,
Firefighter M. Donaldson,
Captain D. J. Hilliard,
Master Firefighter J. P. Suber,
Firefighter T. E. Doran,
Engineer T. P. Mitchell



STATION 5, A SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief S. L. Matthews,
Firefighter S. E. Hamilton,
Master Firefighter D. B. Ayscue,
Engineer T. J. Luther,
Captain R. B. Coats



STATION 5, B SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief S. T. Wright,
Engineer E. R. Crews,
Master Firefighter D. F. Lindsey,
Captain D. D. Brown,
Firefighter S. L. Vogt



STATION 5, C SHIFT

(from left to right)

Division Chief B. M. Garris,
Master Firefighter R. T. Lennox,
Firefighter P. Boyer
Engineer T. R. Murphy



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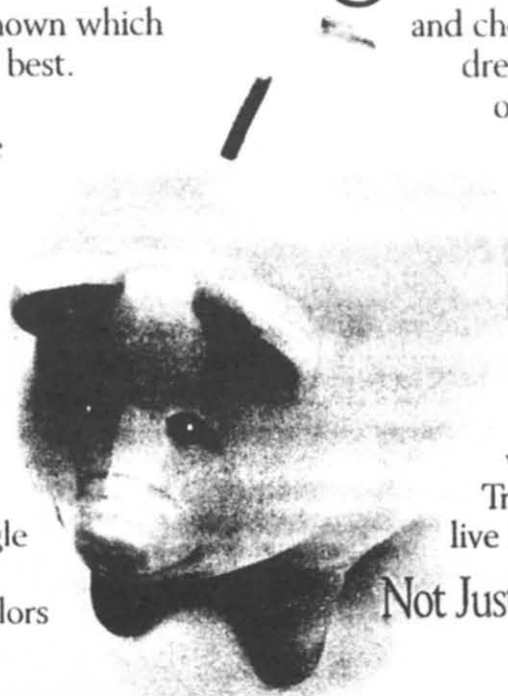
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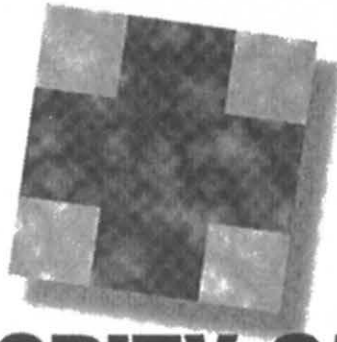
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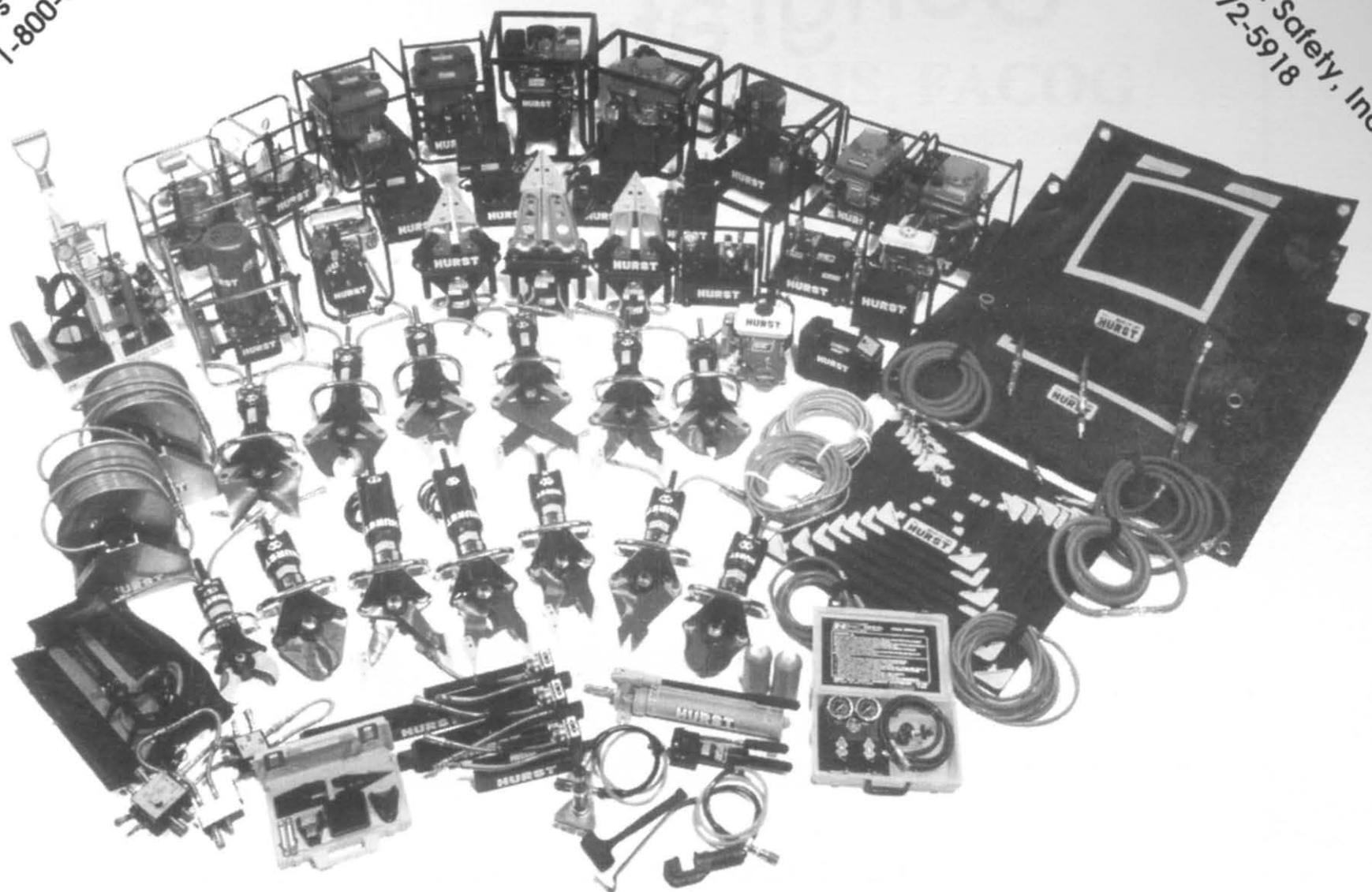
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