

Chapel Hill, N.C.
Feb. 28, 1955.

Mr. Thomas D. Rose, Mgr.,
Town of Chapel Hill,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mr. Rose:

Following is a recap of the activities of the Chapel Hill
Fire Department for the year 1954.

Total number of investigations and alarms	88
Total number of investigations	67
Total number of alarms	21

Recap of alarms, showing number of alarms, attendance and
percentage.

P. R. Perry	21	7	33.3%
- J. S. Boone	21	15	71.4
- C. E. Vashaw	21	14	66.6
- G. S. Baldwin	21	15	71.4
- W. H. Ray	21	14	66.6
- Eric Crabtree	21	17	80.9
- Phillip Andrews	21	15	71.4
Mebane Durham	21	9	42.8
B. R. Smith	21	15	71.4
Harold Cheek	21	10	47.6
- Robert Cheek	21	3	14.3
N. F. Jackson	21	15	71.4
George Poe	21	14	66.6
J. Thayer Lloyd	21	16	76.1
Odis Pendergraft	21	8	38.1
D. T. Neville	21	10	47.6
Aggie Thomas	21	10	47.6
E. L. Merritt	21	7	33.3
- Duncan Neville	21	3	14.3
George Pickard	21	4	19.0

The men at the station made 93 inspections of business and
fraternity houses during the year.

The total fire loss for the year amounted to approximately
\$18,525.00. Most of this loss was due to two fires. One
the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the other the Gulf Service
Station. Each of these had an approximate damage of \$8,000.00.

The greater part of the investigations were caused by oil stoves
becoming flooded and overheating, also furnace and refrigerator
motors came in a good second. Grass and woods fires accounted
for 27 alarms and investigations.

Broken down in specific categories the calls were for the following:

Residences	33
Business houses	7
Fraternities	5
University Campus	5
Cars	5
Grass, trash etc.	27
Rescue	1
Use of pnealator	1
Storage shed	1
False	3

During the year we laid 2800 ft $2\frac{1}{4}$ " hose. There were only 5 times that we had to use $2\frac{1}{4}$ " hose to fight fires. The balance of the fires were controled by the booster tanks and small hose carried on the trucks.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. Perry

P.R. Perry, Chief.

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