

MASON CITY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
YEARLY  
REPORT  
FOR  
1954

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YEARLY REPORT

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YEARLY REPORT OF THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1954

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To the Honorable George E. Mendon,  
Mayor,  
Mason City, Iowa.

March 22, 1955

Sir;

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the  
YEARLY REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT for the year ending,  
December 31, 1954. This being my fourth and the Forty-Fifth  
yearly report of the paid fire department of the City of  
Mason City, Iowa.

This is also the tenth yearly report under the Mayor-  
Council form of City Government.

This report will show as far as possible the record of  
operations, alarms, valuations, insurance and losses on  
buildings and contents by fire during the year and my  
recommendations for the betterment and improvement of the  
Department and fire service and increasing of its efficiency.

Any information pertaining to the Department desired by  
you and not contained herein, will be gladly supplied on your  
request.

This report is due right after the end of the year,  
but due to the slow process of adjusting fires by the  
Insurance Adjusters, these reports usually run late.  
All losses herein are the true adjusted losses as received  
from the Insurance Adjusters, as the Department makes no  
estimated losses.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Boyd Arnold,  
Chief of Fire Department.

PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1954

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Chief of Department .....                      | 1  |
| Superintendent of Fire Prevention Bureau ..... | 1  |
| Captain of Fire Department .....               | 2  |
| Lieutenant of Fire Department .....            | 5  |
| Clerk of Fire Department .....                 | 1  |
| Firemen First Class .....                      | 20 |
| Firemen Second Class .....                     | 4  |
| Firemen Third Class .....                      | 0  |
| Firemen Probationary .....                     | 3  |
| Total all grades .....                         | 37 |

Of the above Personnel, the following  
special assignments are made.

|                                                 |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Fire Alarm Operator, Fireman Second Class ..... | 3 |
| Fire Inspector, Lieutenant .....                | 1 |

| NAME & RANK                            | DATE OF APPOINTMENT<br>TO DEPARTMENT | TO RANK                 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>CHIEF</b>                           |                                      |                         |
| Arnold, A. Boyd .....                  | July 1, 1928 .....                   | June 4, 1951            |
| <b>SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</b> |                                      |                         |
| Sweeney, Vern H. ....                  | October 5, 1920 .....                | September 1, 1937       |
| <b>CAPTAINS</b>                        |                                      |                         |
| Pierce, Clifford J. ....               | May 18, 1928 .....                   | June 16, 1944           |
| Cunningham, John K. ....               | January 20, 1931 .....               | February 2, 1952        |
| <b>LIEUTENANT</b>                      |                                      |                         |
| Hutchison, Harold H. ....              | June 1, 1929 .....                   | September 1, 1939       |
| Hesse, Frank A. ....                   | August 1, 1930 .....                 | September 1, 1939       |
| Schurtz, Harold E. ....                | September 1, 1939 .....              | April 7, 1952           |
| Lauer, Vincent A. ....                 | April 16, 1946 .....                 | July 1, 1954            |
| Rice, Louis V. Jr. ....                | January 1, 1947 .....                | November 1, 1954        |
| <b>CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>        |                                      |                         |
| Waller, Ray D. ....                    | January 10, 1940 .....               | August 1, 1946          |
| <b>FIREMAN FIRST CLASS</b>             |                                      |                         |
| Grelk, Fred O. ....                    | May 1, 1933 .....                    | February 1, 1938        |
| Arnold, Lynn A. ....                   | August 1, 1935 .....                 | September 16, 1938      |
| Hesse, Alfred B. ....                  | April 13, 1936 .....                 | May 16, 1939            |
| Powers, Leo M. ....                    | December 1, 1936 .....               | February 16, 1940       |
| Carroll, Jesse J. ....                 | September 1, 1939 .....              | September 1, 1942       |
| Gardinier, Lyle E. ....                | September 1, 1939 .....              | September 1, 1942       |
| Fritz, Elmer J. ....                   | September 1, 1939 .....              | February 1, 1943        |
| Berry, Walter M. ....                  | April 16, 1946 .....                 | April 16, 1946          |
| Cunningham, Warren H. ....             | April 16, 1946 .....                 | December 26, 1947       |
| Dosen, Mike M. ....                    | April 16, 1946 .....                 | March 8, 1948           |
| Holt, John H. ....                     | July 18, 1946 .....                  | January 18, 1949        |
| McDougle, Dwaine O. ....               | July 19, 1946 .....                  | January 19, 1949        |
| Allen, Dan N. ....                     | November 19, 1946 .....              | May 18, 1949            |
| Blunt, Richard R. ....                 | March 20, 1948 .....                 | September 20, 1950      |
| Bender, John E. ....                   | June 1, 1951 .....                   | June 1, 1953            |
| Gardes, Marvin A. ....                 | July 16, 1951 .....                  | July 16, 1953           |
| Luecht, Ralph R. ....                  | November 1, 1951 .....               | November 1, 1953        |
| Vosburgh, Marvin L. ....               | June 1, 1952 .....                   | June 1, 1954            |
| Briscoe, Bernard B. ....               | August 1, 1952 .....                 | August 1, 1954          |
| Martin, Donald O. ....                 | December 1, 1952 .....               | December 1, 1953        |
| <b>FIREMAN SECOND CLASS</b>            |                                      |                         |
| Pearson, Richard L. ....               | August 1, 1953 .....                 | August 1, 1954          |
| Marsh, Harold R. ....                  | October 23, 1953 .....               | October 23, 1954        |
| Boyden, Karl N. ....                   | November 1, 1953 .....               | November 1, 1954        |
| Peterson, Marvin C. ....               | November 16, 1953 .....              | November 16, 1954       |
| <b>PROBATIONARY FIREMAN</b>            |                                      |                         |
| Hickey, Jerold E. ....                 | July 16, 1954 .....                  | July 16, 1954           |
| Swanson, Charles F. ....               | November 1, 1954 .....               | November 1, 1954        |
| Dietz, Victor E. ....                  | December 11, 1954 .....              | December 11, 1954       |
| <b>SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS</b>             |                                      |                         |
| Boyden, Karl N. ....                   | Fire Alarm Operator                  | Appointed June 1, 1954  |
| Peterson, Marvin C. ....               | Fire Alarm Operator                  | Appointed Aug. 31, 1954 |
| Pearson, Richard L. ....               | Fire Alarm Operator                  | Appointed Oct. 13, 1954 |
| <b>INSPECTOR</b>                       |                                      |                         |
| Schurtz, Harold E. ....                | Fire Inspector                       | Appointed Nov. 5, 1954  |

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| <u>NAME &amp; TITLE</u>                | <u>ADDRESS</u>                                              | <u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>CHIEF</b>                           |                                                             |                         |
| A. Boyd Arnold .....                   | 641 South Georgia Avenue .....                              | 3222 W                  |
| <b>SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</b> |                                                             |                         |
| Vern E. Sweeney .....                  | 1824 South Federal Avenue .....                             | 2036                    |
| <b>CAPTAINS</b>                        |                                                             |                         |
| Clifford J. Pierce .....               | 234-6th Street South East .....                             | 1575 W                  |
| John K. Cunningham .....               | 670-9th Street South East .....                             | 2569 W                  |
| <b>LIEUTENANT</b>                      |                                                             |                         |
| Harold E. Hutchison .....              | 803- North Jackson Avenue .....                             | 4129 W                  |
| Frank A. Hesse .....                   | 1320-South Pennsylvania Avenue .....                        | 3672 J                  |
| Harold E. Schurtz .....                | 2514 South Federal Avenue .....                             | 3915 W                  |
| Vincent A. Lauer .....                 | 201-South Virginia Avenue .....                             | 3013 W                  |
| Louis V. Rice, Jr. ....                | 512-14th Street North West .....                            | 2693 J                  |
| <b>CLERK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>        |                                                             |                         |
| Ray D. Waller .....                    | 705-9th Street North West .....                             | 4371 W                  |
| <b>FIREMAN FIRST CLASS</b>             |                                                             |                         |
| Fred O. Grell .....                    | 827-9th Street North East .....                             | 4665                    |
| Lynn A. Arnold .....                   | 230-5th Street North East .....                             | 3338                    |
| Alfred B. Hesse .....                  | 221-3rd Street North West .....                             | 2094                    |
| Leo M. Powers .....                    | 1504-South Kentucky Avenue .....                            | 5060 W                  |
| Jesse J. Carroll .....                 | 725 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -North Federal Avenue ..... | 5183 R                  |
| Lyle E. Gardiner .....                 | 113-23rd Street South West .....                            | 6230 J                  |
| Elmer J. Fritz .....                   | 1441-North President Avenue .....                           | 2403 W                  |
| Walter M. Berry .....                  | 821-8th Street South East .....                             | 2529 R                  |
| Warren H. Cunningham .....             | 202-15th Street South East .....                            | 3460 LM                 |
| Mike M. Dosen .....                    | 720-South Polk Place .....                                  | 4924 W                  |
| John H. Holt .....                     | 2715-South Jefferson Avenue .....                           | 4218 W                  |
| Dwaine O. McDougle .....               | 520-7th Street South East .....                             | 2007 M                  |
| Dan N. Allen .....                     | 2253-21st Street South West .....                           | 4852 W                  |
| Richard R. Blunt .....                 | 821- South Carolina Place .....                             | 2569 J                  |
| John H. Bender .....                   | 237-7th Street South East .....                             | 6188 M                  |
| Marvin A. Gerdes .....                 | 222-14th Street North West .....                            | 4740 R                  |
| Ralph R. Luecht .....                  | 304-1st Street South East .....                             | 5692 W                  |
| Marvin L. Vosburgh .....               | 527-16th Street South East .....                            | 5974 LJ                 |
| Bernard B. Briscoe .....               | 939-15th Street North East .....                            | 3881 LM                 |
| Donald O. Martin .....                 | 803-East State Street .....                                 | 6775 W                  |
| <b>FIREMAN SECOND CLASS</b>            |                                                             |                         |
| Richard L. Pearson .....               | 935-8th Street South East .....                             | 6559 W                  |
| Harold R. Marsh .....                  | 512-South Carolina Avenue .....                             | 5329 M                  |
| Karl N. Boyden .....                   | 212-20th Street South East .....                            | 5656 W                  |
| Marvin G. Peterson .....               | 1113-North Van Buren Avenue .....                           | 2624 J                  |
| <b>PROBATIONARY FIREMAN</b>            |                                                             |                         |
| Jerold E. Hickey .....                 | 916-8th Street South East .....                             | 6746 M                  |
| Charles F. Swanson .....               | 31-25th Street South West .....                             | 4208 J                  |
| Victor E. Dietz .....                  | 116-7th Street North East .....                             | 2573 W                  |

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1954

| RANK                   | NAME                | DATE OF ENTRY      | TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1954 |          |        |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| CHIEF                  | A.Boyd Arnold       | July 1st,1928      | 26 Years                             | 6 Months | 0 Days |
| SUPT. OF FIRE PREVENT. | Vern E.Sweeney      | October 5th,1920   | 12 "                                 | 2 "      | 26 "   |
|                        | Called back to duty | September 1st,1937 | 17 "                                 | 4 "      | 0 "    |
|                        | Vern E.Sweeney      | Total Time         | 29 "                                 | 6 "      | 26 "   |
| CAPTAIN                | Clifford J.Pierce   | May 18th,1928      | 26 "                                 | 7 "      | 13 "   |
| CAPTAIN                | John K.Cunningham   | January 20th,1931  | 23 "                                 | 11 "     | 11 "   |
| LIEUTENANT             | Harold H. Hutchison | June 1st,1929      | 25 "                                 | 7 "      | 0 "    |
| LIEUTENANT             | Frank A. Hesse      | August 1st,1930    | 24 "                                 | 5 "      | 0 "    |
| LIEUTENANT             | Harold E. Schurtz   | September 1, 1939  | 15 "                                 | 4 "      | 0 "    |
| LIEUTENANT             | Vincent A. Lauer    | April 16th,1946    | 8 "                                  | 8 "      | 15 "   |
| LIEUTENANT             | Louis V.Rice,Jr.    | January 1st,1947   | 8 "                                  | 0 "      | 0 "    |
| CLERK OF FIRE DEPT.    | Ray D.Waller        | January 10th,1940  | 14 "                                 | 11 "     | 21 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Fred O.Grelk        | May 1st,1933       | 21 "                                 | 8 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Lynn A.Arnold       | August 1st,1935    | 19 "                                 | 5 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Alfred B.Hesse      | April 13th,1936    | 18 "                                 | 8 "      | 18 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Leo M. Powers       | December 1st,1936  | 18 "                                 | 1 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Jesse J.Carroll     | September 1,1939   | 15 "                                 | 4 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Lyle E.Gardinier    | September 1,1939   | 15 "                                 | 4 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Elmer J.Fritz       | September 1,1939   | 15 "                                 | 4 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Walter M. Berry     | April 16,1946      | 8 "                                  | 8 "      | 15 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Warren H.Cunningham | April 16,1946      | 8 "                                  | 8 "      | 15 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Mike M.Dosen        | April 16,1946      | 8 "                                  | 8 "      | 15 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | John H. Holt        | July 18th,1946     | 8 "                                  | 5 "      | 13 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Dwaine O. McDougle  | July 19th,1946     | 8 "                                  | 5 "      | 12 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Dan N.Allen         | November 19,1946   | 8 "                                  | 1 "      | 12 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Richard R. Blunt    | March 20,1948      | 6 "                                  | 9 "      | 11 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | John H.Bender       | June 1,1951        | 3 "                                  | 7 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Marvin R. Gerdes    | July 16,1951       | 3 "                                  | 5 "      | 15 "   |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Ralph R. Luecht     | November 1st,1951  | 2 "                                  | 2 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Marvin L. Vosburgh  | June 1st,1952      | 2 "                                  | 7 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Bernard B. Briscoe  | August 1st,1952    | 2 "                                  | 5 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN FIRST CLASS    | Donald O. Martin    | December 1st,1952  | 2 "                                  | 1 "      | 0 "    |

## PERSONNEL

SERVICE TO  
continued

DECEMBER 31st, 1954

| RANK                 | NAME               | DATE OF ENTRY       | TOTAL SERVICE TO DECEMBER 31st, 1954 |          |        |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| FIREMAN SECOND CLASS | Richard L. Pearson | August 1st, 1953    | 1 Year                               | 5 Months | 0 Days |
| FIREMAN SECOND CLASS | Harold R. Marsh    | October 23rd, 1953  | 1 "                                  | 2 "      | 9 "    |
| FIREMAN SECOND CLASS | Karl W. Bcyden     | November 1st, 1953  | 1 "                                  | 2 "      | 0 "    |
| FIREMAN SECOND CLASS | Marvin C. Peterson | November 16th, 1953 | 1 "                                  | 1 "      | 15 "   |
| PROBATIONARY FIREMAN | Jerold W. Mickey   | July 16th, 1954     | 0 "                                  | 5 "      | 15 "   |
| PROBATIONARY FIREMAN | Charles F. Swanson | November 1st, 1954  | 0 "                                  | 2 "      | 0 "    |
| PROBATIONARY FIREMAN | Victor H. Dietz    | December 11th, 1954 | 0 "                                  | 0 "      | 20 "   |

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## MEMBERSHIP ON PENSION AND RETIREMENT LIST

| DATE OF PENSION     | RANK HELD AT<br>TIME OF RETIREMENT | NAME                  | AMOUNT OF PENSION<br>PER MONTH |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| June 1st, 1952      | Widow of Fireman First Class       | Mrs Raymond Goudreau  | \$ 50.00 Per Month             |
| February 18th, 1943 | Lieutenant                         | Earl W. Barker        | \$ 80.00 " "                   |
| March 1st, 1943     | Fireman First Class                | August C. May         | \$ 75.00 " "                   |
| December 4th, 1943  | Chief                              | Daniel H. Shire       | \$135.00 " "                   |
| July 1st, 1946      | Lieutenant                         | Lester I. Dutcher     | \$ 96.25 " "                   |
| August 1st, 1950    | Fireman First Class                | Edo D. King           | \$116.25 " "                   |
| April 1st, 1951     | Chief                              | James Kelley          | \$197.25 " "                   |
| February 1st, 1952  | Captain                            | Thomas M. Keenan      | \$141.25 " "                   |
| October 27th, 1953  | Fireman First Class                | Douglas C. Fields     | \$150.00 " "                   |
| August 1st, 1954    | Widow of Lieutenant                | Mrs Fred E. Moore     | \$135.78 " "                   |
| October 1st, 1954   | Fireman First Class                | William P. McGrath    | \$ 86.23 " "                   |
| October 1st, 1954   | Lieutenant                         | Marvin A. Lausen      | \$121.10 " "                   |
| October 1st, 1954   | Lieutenant                         | Martin J. Faktor, Jr. | \$160.00 " "                   |

MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

George E. Mendon  
Mayor

A. Boyd Arnold  
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

Vern E. Sweeney  
Supt. of Fire Prevention Bureau

Harold E. Schurtz  
Drillmaster & Inspector

Ray D. Waller  
Clerk of Fire Department

FIRE  
Richard L. Pearson

ALARM OPERATORS  
Karl N. Boyden

Marvin C. Peterson

HEADQUARTERS

FIRST BATTALION

SECOND BATTALION

SALVAGE CO. NO. 1

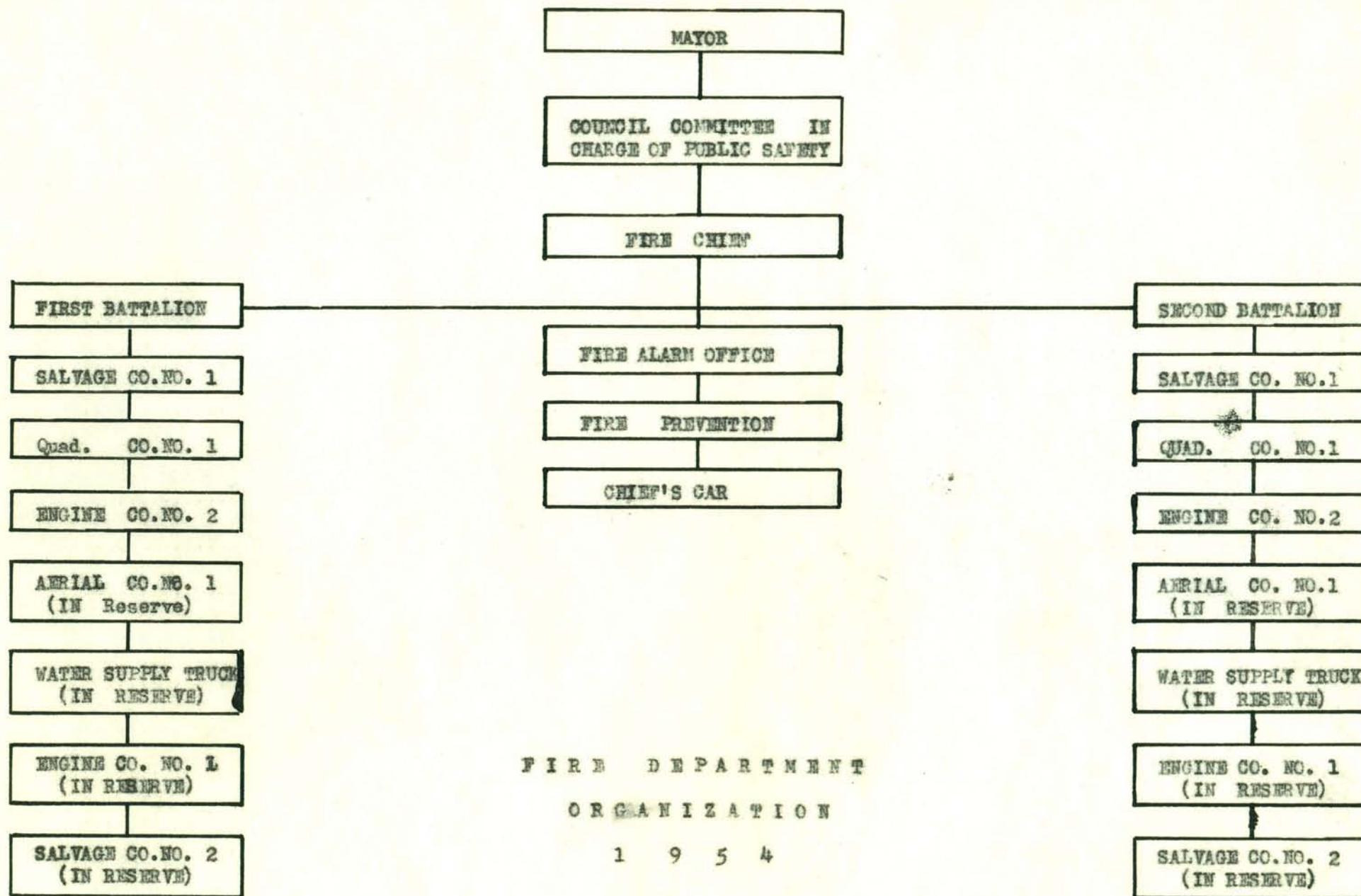
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|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Louis V. Rice .....      | Lieutenant .....  | Vincent A. Lauer   |
| John H. Holt .....       | Driver .....      | Ray D. Waller      |
| Mike M. Dosen .....      | Salvage man ..... | John H. Bender     |
| Bernard B. Briscoe ..... | Salvage man ..... | Marvin L. Vosburgh |

QUAD. CO. NO. 1

|                           |                       |                    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Clifford J. Pierce .....  | Captain .....         | John K. Cunningham |
| Leo M. Powers .....       | Driver .....          | Ignat A. Arnold    |
| Dwaine O. McDougale ..... | Ladderman No. 1 ..... | Fred O. Greik      |
| Marvin R. Gardes .....    | Ladderman No. 2 ..... | Jesse J. Carroll   |
| Dan W. Allen .....        | Ladderman No. 3 ..... | Ralph R. Luecht    |
| Harold R. Marsh .....     | Plugman .....         | Richard R. Blunt   |
| Jerold E. Hickey .....    | Pipeman .....         | Charles F. Swanson |
| Victor H. Dietz .....     | Pipeman .....         |                    |

ENGINE CO. NO. 2

|                            |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Harold H. Hutchison .....  | Lieutenant ..... | Frank A. Hesse   |
| Lyle E. Gardinier .....    | Driver .....     | Alfred B. Hesse  |
| Warren H. Cunningham ..... | Plugman .....    | Elmer J. Fritz   |
| Walter M. Berry .....      | Pipeman .....    | Donald O. Martin |



MASON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1954

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau was organized on September 1, 1937 with Vern E. Sweeney as Superintendent. He has carried on the duties of Superintendent since the Bureau's organization. On November 1st, 1954 Lieutenant Harold E. Schurtz was assigned to work with Superintendent Sweeney. Under the direction of Bureau Superintendent Vern E. Sweeney, the Fire Prevention Bureau made or supervised a total of 4,169 inspections. In addition to these inspections the department made company inspections of all places of great human hazard as well as business places and factories. Many hazards were removed or remedied due to the work of the Fire Prevention Bureau. The bureau also carried on a year around program of Fire prevention with special emphasis during Fire prevention week.

BUREAU ACTIVITIES:

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Regular inspections .....                    | 1683 |
| Reinspections .....                          | 486  |
| Special inspections.....                     | 710  |
| Total .....                                  | 2879 |
| Commercial inspections .....                 | 1331 |
| Industrial inspections .....                 | 65   |
| Warehouse inspections .....                  | 75   |
| Wholesale House inspections .....            | 71   |
| Apartment inspections .....                  | 140  |
| Hotel inspections .....                      | 43   |
| Hospital inspections .....                   | 29   |
| Nursing home inspections .....               | 131  |
| Theatre inspections .....                    | 18   |
| School inspections .....                     | 35   |
| Church inspections .....                     | 26   |
| Fire escape inspections .....                | 44   |
| Garage inspections .....                     | 118  |
| Gasoline & Oil Bulk Plant inspections .....  | 105  |
| Gasoline & Fuel Oil Tank Installations ..... | 14   |
| Miscellaneous inspections .....              | 634  |
| Total.....                                   | 2879 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

|                   | FIRST BATTALION |         | SECOND BATTALION |         | DEPARTMENT |         |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                   | Fire            | Salvage | Fire             | Salvage | Fire       | Salvage |
| Probationary      | 19              |         |                  |         | 19         |         |
| Fireman 3rd Class | 24              | 1       | 7                | 13      | 31         | 14      |
| Fireman 2nd Class | 45              | 12      | 67               | 6       | 112        | 18      |
| Fireman 1st Class | 214             | 48      | 351              | 32      | 565        | 80      |
| Officers          | 16              | 28      | 23               | 14      | 39         | 42      |
| Special           | 43              | 9       | 3                |         | 46         | 9       |
| Total             | 361             | 98      | 451              | 66      | 812        | 163     |

SOUTH STATION

|                   |     |  |     |  |     |  |
|-------------------|-----|--|-----|--|-----|--|
| Fireman 3rd Class |     |  |     |  |     |  |
| Fireman 2nd Class |     |  | 11  |  | 11  |  |
| Fireman 1st Class | 106 |  | 153 |  | 259 |  |
| Officers          | 21  |  | 24  |  | 45  |  |
| Special           |     |  |     |  |     |  |
| Total             | 127 |  | 188 |  | 315 |  |

|                                         |      |
|-----------------------------------------|------|
| Total Fire Department inspections ..... | 1290 |
| Burning Permits issued .....            | 1960 |
| Occupational permits issued .....       | 18   |

# BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

- continued -

## COMPLAINTS:

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| Complaints received and investigated ..... | 54 |
| Complaints not justified .....             | 10 |

## COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO

## CORRECTED

|                             |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----|----|
| Building Department .....   | 11 | 10 |
| Electrical Department ..... | 54 | 51 |
| Sanitary Department .....   | 6  | 6  |
| Police Department .....     | 2  | 2  |
| Police Court .....          | 1  | 1  |
| P.G. & M. ....              | 2  | 2  |

## CONDITIONS FOUND:

## REMOVED

|                                            |     |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Waste material in excess .....             | 132 | 128 |
| Rubbish found .....                        | 59  | 56  |
| Baled paper in excess .....                | 2   | 2   |
| Oily rags & mops not properly stored ..... | 15  | 15  |
| Ashes found in combustible container ..... | 2   | 2   |
| Flammable liquids in violation .....       | 11  | 11  |
| Flammable decorations found .....          | 1   | 1   |
| Xmas trees found in violation .....        | 14  | 6   |
| Garbage conditions found .....             | 14  | 14  |

## OBSTRUCTIONS FOUND:

## REMOVED

|                         |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| Fire escapes .....      | 9  | 9  |
| Hallways .....          | 31 | 31 |
| Sprinkler Systems ..... | 9  | 7  |
| Exits .....             | 6  | 6  |
| Fire doors .....        | 4  | 4  |
| Aisles .....            | 26 | 26 |

## Corrected

|                                              |    |    |
|----------------------------------------------|----|----|
| Exit lights out or not properly marked ..... | 27 | 24 |
| Exit doors found locked .....                | 4  | 4  |
| Exit doors out of order .....                | 5  | 5  |
| Fire doors out of order .....                | 7  | 7  |
| Exit doors found barred .....                | 2  | 2  |
| Panic bars out of order .....                | 3  | 3  |

## ELECTRIC WIRING

## REMOVED

|                                   |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|
| Drop cords found over metal ..... | 58 | 54 |
| Drop cords in violation .....     | 72 | 66 |
| Bad electric wiring found .....   | 18 | 16 |

## NOTICES SERVED

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Written notices served .....            | 28  |
| Verbal notices served .....             | 107 |
| Compliance with correction orders ..... | 132 |

## BUREAU SPECIAL DETAIL

|                                           |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| Fire prevention posters distributed ..... | 200 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|

## REMARKS

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Posters distributed ..... 200

Large number of Home inspection blanks and Fire Prevention pamphlets distributed.

Fire Drill was put on at all schools.

### SUMMARY

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### PAINT SPRAY ROOMS AND BOOTHS

|                                                       |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Investigation of places using paint spray guns .....  | 32 |
| Written notices served to comply with ordinance ..... | 24 |
| Number compliance with correction order .....         | 19 |
| Number discontinued spray painting .....              | 8  |
| Number that does comply with ordinance .....          | 3  |

### INSPECTION:

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Paint spray rooms and booths ..... | 135 |
| Projecting signs .....             | 314 |
| Not classified .....               | 185 |
| Total .....                        | 634 |

### PERMITS ISSUED

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Storage and handling flammable liquids .....               | 18 |
| Handling of flammable liquid in approved gasoline cans.... | 8  |
| Total .....                                                | 26 |

### FIRE ESCAPES

|                                             |   |
|---------------------------------------------|---|
| Inspection of new Fire escapes .....        | 7 |
| Fire escapes still under construction ..... | 2 |
| New Fire escapes to be installed .....      | 3 |

### NURSING HOMES

All Nursing Homes have complied with the rules and regulations governing Nursing Homes except the Good Samaritan Home, which is being taken care of. Mrs. Rodberg appeared in Police court after she ignored the written notice served on her.

# FIRE OPERATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Alarms received verbal.....              | 15  |
| Alarms received on Alarm Panel .....     | 12  |
| Alarms received Police .....             | 31  |
| Alarms received Fire Box .....           | 0   |
| Alarms Sprinkler .....                   | 6   |
| Alarms received telephone 60 or 61 ..... | 121 |
| Alarms received telephone 135 .....      | 228 |
| Total Alarms .....                       | 413 |
| Alarms False .....                       | 1   |
| Alarms received A.M. ....                | 141 |
| Alarms received P.M. ....                | 272 |

|                                                     |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Miles traveled to Alarms.....                       | 782.5         |
| Hours worked at Alarms .....                        | 255: 56       |
| Number of Firemen operating at Alarms.....          | 2,152         |
| Number of times pumps operated for booster .....    | 111           |
| Number of times pumps operated for hose lines ..... | 11            |
| 3 - Inch hose used .....                            | Feet 650      |
| 2½ - Inch hose used .....                           | Feet 5,650    |
| 1½ - Inch hose used .....                           | Feet 1,850    |
| Booster Hose Used .....                             | Feet 22,400   |
| Booster tanks used .....                            | Gallon 24,975 |
| Hand pumps used .....                               | Gallon 255    |
| Ladders Used .....                                  | Feet 1,176    |
| Hydrants Used .....                                 | 15            |
| All service gas masks used .....                    | 9             |
| McCA& Oxygen masks used .....                       | 1             |
| Chemox masks used .....                             | 7             |
| R & J resuscitator and inhalator used .....         | 4             |
| Life Boat Used .....                                | 17            |
| Light generator Used .....                          | 7             |
| 500 Watt bulb lights used .....                     | 10            |
| Smoke ejector used .....                            | 78            |
| Smoke curtain used .....                            | 2             |
| 5 lb. Dry Powder Extinguishers Used .....           | 10            |
| 30 lb. Dry Powder Extinguishers Used .....          | 4             |
| Fires Out on arrival.....                           | 22            |

## FIRE OCCURRED IN

|                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| In Reinforced Concrete Buildings .....     | 1   |
| In Brick and Stone Buildings .....         | 24  |
| In Stucco and Brick Veneer Buildings ..... | 1   |
| In Frame Buildings .....                   | 48  |
| In Concrete Block Buildings .....          | 3   |
| In Buildings Not Classified Above .....    | 1   |
| In Automobiles .....                       | 35  |
| Other Than Building Fires .....            | 81  |
| Total Fires .....                          | 194 |

## EXTENT OF FIRES

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Confined to point of origin .....    | 182 |
| Confined to room of origin .....     | 3   |
| Confined to Floor of origin .....    | 2   |
| Confined to Building of origin ..... | 7   |

# FIRE OPERATION REPORT

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## VALUES AND LOSSES

|                                                     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Value of the Buildings involved by Fire ..... | \$ 2,576,843.30 |
| Total Value of the Contents involved by Fire .....  | 992,096.60      |
| Total Value of all property involved by Fire .....  | \$ 3,568,939.90 |

|                                                     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Insurance on Buildings involved by Fire ..... | \$ 1,981,085.00 |
| Total Insurance on Contents involved by Fire .....  | 903,800.00      |
| Total Insurance on Property involved by Fire .....  | \$ 2,884,885.00 |

|                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Insurance Loss on buildings .....  | \$ 89,516.95  |
| Total Insurance Loss on contents .....   | 42,061.23     |
| Total Insurance Loss for Year 1954 ..... | \$ 131,578.18 |

|                                                      |               |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Buildings .....  | \$ 90,366.10  |
| Total Loss Insured and Uninsured on Contents .....   | 42,729.23     |
| Total Loss Insured and Uninsured for Year 1954 ..... | \$ 133,095.33 |

## LOSS PER FIRE

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| No loss .....                | 122 |
| Less than \$ 5.00 .....      | 1   |
| Less than \$ 100.00 .....    | 49  |
| Less than \$ 500.00 .....    | 14  |
| Less than \$ 1,000.00 .....  | 2   |
| Less than \$ 5,000.00 .....  | 3   |
| Less than \$ 10,000.00 ..... | 1   |
| Over \$ 10,000.00 .....      | 2   |

## PERSONS KILLED & INJURED DUE TO FIRE 1954

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Firemen Killed during the Year .....    | 1  |
| Firemen injured during the Year .....   | 18 |
| Civilians killed during the Year .....  | 0  |
| Civilians injured during the Year ..... | 4  |

## SALVAGE WORK

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| At fires .....            | 160 |
| Salvage Covers Used ..... | 1   |
| Other than fires .....    | 177 |
| Salvage Covers Used ..... | 13  |

## COMPARISON OF LOSSES

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Loss for 1953 ..... | \$ 44,133.90  |
| Loss for 1954 ..... | \$ 133,095.33 |

CAUSES OF FIRES  
YEAR - 1954

|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Anti-Freeze on motor .....                          | 6  |
| Backfire through carburator .....                   | 5  |
| Bed lamp set fire to mattress .....                 | 1  |
| Belt slipping on furnace motor .....                | 1  |
| Belt slipping on refrigerator .....                 | 2  |
| Birds nest set on fire by light bulb on porch ..... | 1  |
| Boys playing with matches .....                     | 1  |
| Burning off paint with blow torch .....             | 1  |
| Burning paper fell out of stove .....               | 1  |
| Burning rubbish, no permit .....                    | 3  |
| Camp fire built and left by boys .....              | 1  |
| Carburator flooded .....                            | 3  |
| Carton of rubbish too close to stove .....          | 1  |
| Cigarette .....                                     | 24 |
| Children playing with matches .....                 | 6  |
| Clothing set fire by electric light bulb .....      | 1  |
| Clothing ignited by electric heater .....           | 1  |
| Combustible material on heat duct .....             | 1  |
| Defective valve on gas stove .....                  | 1  |
| Emergency Brake left on .....                       | 1  |
| Fire from cutting torch operation .....             | 2  |
| Fire in auto after accident .....                   | 2  |
| Flooded oil burner .....                            | 1  |
| Fuel oil ignited by salamander .....                | 1  |
| Gas stove flared up set fire to paper sacks .....   | 1  |
| Grease caught fire under grille .....               | 1  |
| Grease in oven caught fire .....                    | 1  |
| Hot ashes .....                                     | 2  |

CAUSES OF FIRES  
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|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Hydraulic fluid on hot motor .....                  | 1  |
| Incendiary .....                                    | 3  |
| Leaking gas ignited by pilot light .....            | 1  |
| Lint on fire in clothes dryer .....                 | 1  |
| Matches in pocket of overalls in dryer .....        | 1  |
| Natural gas explosion .....                         | 1  |
| Natural gas from open pipe ignited in kitchen ..... | 1  |
| Neon sign shorted .....                             | 2  |
| Overheated brake drum .....                         | 1  |
| Overheated broiler on stove .....                   | 2  |
| Overheated furnace .....                            | 1  |
| Overheated gas heater .....                         | 1  |
| Overheated grease on stove .....                    | 1  |
| Overheated paint on hot plate .....                 | 1  |
| Overheated tar kettle .....                         | 1  |
| Rekindle .....                                      | 2  |
| Roast burned in oven .....                          | 1  |
| Rubbish fire out of control .....                   | 12 |
| Rubbish fire unattended .....                       | 2  |
| Short in wiring .....                               | 19 |
| Smoking in bed .....                                | 5  |
| Sparks from chimney .....                           | 1  |
| Sparks from dump fire .....                         | 5  |
| Sparks from incinerator .....                       | 20 |
| Sparks from locomotive .....                        | 2  |
| Sparks from rubbish fire .....                      | 13 |
| Spontaneous Combustion .....                        | 1  |
| Starting contact stuck on deisel engine .....       | 1  |
| Undetermined .....                                  | 1  |
| Unknown .....                                       | 17 |

KIND      OF      PROPERTY      FIRE      OCCURRED  
IN      YEAR      1954

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Apartment & Rooming houses .....  | 7   |
| Automobile & trucks .....         | 36  |
| Auto wrecking & parts store ..... | 1   |
| Box Car .....                     | 1   |
| Brush Pile .....                  | 2   |
| Cafe .....                        | 4   |
| Church .....                      | 1   |
| Coal storage bin .....            | 1   |
| Deisel Railroad Engine .....      | 1   |
| Department store .....            | 1   |
| Dwelling .....                    | 36  |
| Fence .....                       | 1   |
| Fuel oil tank on flat car .....   | 1   |
| Garages- Private .....            | 9   |
| Grass, Leaves & rubbish .....     | 61  |
| Grocery Store .....               | 2   |
| Hay .....                         | 1   |
| Hotel .....                       | 2   |
| Laundry .....                     | 1   |
| Motorcycle .....                  | 4   |
| Office Building .....             | 4   |
| Packing house .....               | 2   |
| Radio Station .....               | 1   |
| Railroad roundhouse .....         | 1   |
| Railroad ties .....               | 1   |
| Sand drying Bldg.....             | 1   |
| Service Station .....             | 1   |
| Shoe repair Shop .....            | 1   |
| Straw .....                       | 2   |
| Storage Building .....            | 2   |
| Tap Room .....                    | 1   |
| Tar Kettle .....                  | 1   |
| Tar Mop .....                     | 1   |
| Tree .....                        | 1   |
| Two wheel trailer .....           | 1   |
| Total .....                       | 194 |

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID CALLS  
1954

- February 20th. 2:01 PM. 1214 North Massachusetts Avenue. Resuscitator call. On arrival found Archie Gilman age 50 unconscious or dead in bathtub. E & J Resuscitator used 15 minutes. Dr Orton had been called. After two examinations he pronounced man dead. Cause Heart Attack.
- March 29th. at 4:24 PM. Scott George Hamilton age 2, son of R.W. Hamilton drowned in Willow Creek at rear of 167 Crescent Drive. Dr Hunt called by neighbor. Dr Smiley called by Police, Major Funeral Home called by Family. E & J Resuscitator used for 36 minutes. Dr Hunt Pronounced boy dead at 5:00 PM.
- March 31st. 11:20 AM Ben Rasmussen age 40 years of 323-10th Street North East fell on roof of City Hall. Aerial #1 was used to remove him from roof. Police Officer Mensley and Fireman Carroll removed patient to Park Hospital.
- May 20th. 7:48 PM. Police reported that Danny Ray age 3 and Gerald Dean Van Every age 5 were lost and presumed to be in open water filled sewer ditch near 725-17th Street South East. Searched for boys in ditch. Later children were found by Police at 1320 South Carolina.
- June 18th. Large amount of Flood evacuation work in North West Section of city. Boats used and off-shift called in.
- June 20th. Very large amount of Flood evacuation work. Boats used and off shift called in. Entire western part of City along Creek path and also North East part.
- August 19th. Salvage Co. #1 2:28 PM. 1435 North Jefferson Avenue. Robert Phillips age 10, playing in tree. Slipped and wedged leg in Tree fork. Removed by springing fork of tree with Claw tool. No apparent injury.
- August 31st. 7:05 PM. 120 $\frac{1}{2}$  2nd Street North West. Salvage # 1. Used E & J resuscitator as inhalator. Clarence Lanigan about age 35. Reported to have had heart attack. Used one bottle of oxygen. Mr Lanigan taken to Park Hospital by Snell Ambulance.
- October 13th. 4:36PM Kenneth Stiel age 9 slipped off edge of pool at Y.M.C.A. Dr McMahon attending boy. Boy appeared to be OK on arrival. Given small amount of oxygen by Salvage Co. # 1 with E & J resuscitator.

NUMBER OF ALARMS BY MONTH, DAY AND HOUR  
FOR YEAR 1954

| MONTH        | SUN. | MON. | TUES. | WEDS. | THURS. | FRI. | SAT. | TOTAL |
|--------------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|
| January ...  | 7    | 4    | 10    | 2     | 3      | 8    | 2    | 36    |
| February ..  | 3    | 4    | 4     | 4     | 8      | 5    | 10   | 38    |
| March .....  | 6    | 5    | 3     | 4     | 3      | 7    | 5    | 33    |
| April .....  | 8    | 6    | 5     | 6     | 6      | 5    | 15   | 51    |
| May .....    | 5    | 6    | 4     | 6     | 4      | 4    | 5    | 34    |
| June .....   | 11   | 9    | 4     | 4     | 6      | 17   | 5    | 56    |
| July .....   | 5    | 1    | 7     | 2     | 1      | 5    | 6    | 27    |
| August ..... | 3    | 4    | 4     | 3     | 2      | 5    | 5    | 26    |
| September .  | 3    | 4    | 2     | 4     | 3      | 4    | 1    | 21    |
| October ...  | 4    | 2    | 5     | 7     | 3      | 4    | 5    | 30    |
| November ..  | 6    | 5    | 4     | 6     | 0      | 2    | 14   | 37    |
| December ..  | 2    | 4    | 1     | 3     | 2      | 6    | 6    | 24    |
| Total .....  | 63   | 54   | 53    | 51    | 41     | 72   | 79   | 413   |

ALARM BY HOUR  
1954

| A. M.            |        | P. M.             |        |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| HOUR             | ALARMS | HOUR              | ALARMS |
| 12 - 1 .....     | 6      | 12 - 1 .....      | 22     |
| 1 - 2 .....      | 11     | 1 - 2 .....       | 25     |
| 2 - 3 .....      | 4      | 2 - 3 .....       | 33     |
| 3 - 4 .....      | 7      | 3 - 4 .....       | 25     |
| 4 - 5 .....      | 7      | 4 - 5 .....       | 21     |
| 5 - 6 .....      | 4      | 5 - 6 .....       | 30     |
| 6 - 7 .....      | 1      | 6 - 7 .....       | 17     |
| 7 - 8 .....      | 9      | 7 - 8 .....       | 29     |
| 8 - 9 .....      | 15     | 8 - 9 .....       | 24     |
| 9 - 10 .....     | 16     | 9 - 10 .....      | 12     |
| 10 - 11 .....    | 28     | 10 - 11 .....     | 18     |
| 11 - 12 .....    | 33     | 11 - 12 .....     | 16     |
| Total _____ A.M. | 141    | Total _____ P. M. | 272    |

Total alarms

FIRE ALARM OFFICE  
REPORT  
FOR

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1954

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ALARMS RECEIVED FOR EACH EIGHT HOUR PERIOD

| Month           | 8AM to 4 PM | 4 PM to 12 Mid. | 12 Mid. to 8 AM | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| January .....   | 17 .....    | 17 .....        | 2 .....         | 36    |
| February .....  | 13 .....    | 24 .....        | 1 .....         | 38    |
| March .....     | 15 .....    | 9 .....         | 9 .....         | 33    |
| April .....     | 32 .....    | 12 .....        | 7 .....         | 51    |
| May .....       | 15 .....    | 15 .....        | 4 .....         | 34    |
| June .....      | 20 .....    | 28 .....        | 8 .....         | 56    |
| July .....      | 9 .....     | 15 .....        | 3 .....         | 27    |
| August .....    | 13 .....    | 10 .....        | 3 .....         | 26    |
| September ..... | 9 .....     | 8 .....         | 4 .....         | 21    |
| October .....   | 18 .....    | 11 .....        | 1 .....         | 30    |
| November .....  | 15 .....    | 20 .....        | 2 .....         | 37    |
| December .....  | 16 .....    | 7 .....         | 1 .....         | 24    |
| Total .....     | 193 .....   | 176 .....       | 45 .....        | 413   |

FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

Richard L. Pearson

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ALARMS      FIRES      AND      LOSSES      OR      EACH      BATTALION  
BY      MONTH      FOR  
YEAR -      ENDING,      DECEMBER 31, 1954

| ALARMS    | FIRST<br>FIRES | BATTALION<br>FIRE LOSS | MONTH     | ALARMS    | SECOND<br>FIRES | BATTALION<br>FIRE LOSS |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 19 .....  | 10 .....       | \$182.70               | JANUARY   | 17 .....  | 10 .....        | \$ 737.61              |
| 17 .....  | 8 .....        | 349.90                 | FEBRUARY  | 21 .....  | 14 .....        | 810.91                 |
| 18 .....  | 12 .....       | 8,271.37               | MARCH     | 15 .....  | 10 .....        | 108,142.99             |
| 26 .....  | 16 .....       | 148.50                 | APRIL     | 25 .....  | 21 .....        | 255.50                 |
| 19 .....  | 9 .....        | 39.00                  | MAY       | 15 .....  | 7 .....         | 109.34                 |
| 37 .....  | 4 .....        | 145.00                 | JUNE      | 19 .....  | 7 .....         | 81.51                  |
| 17 .....  | 5 .....        | 20.00                  | JULY      | 10 .....  | 1 .....         | 109.63                 |
| 16 .....  | 4 .....        | 8.00                   | AUGUST    | 10 .....  | 3 .....         | 120.28                 |
| 11 .....  | 5 .....        | 4,377.60               | SEPTEMBER | 10 .....  | 5 .....         | 50.00                  |
| 12 .....  | 4 .....        | 83.00                  | OCTOBER   | 18 .....  | 6 .....         | 158.14                 |
| 24 .....  | 15 .....       | 113.84                 | NOVEMBER  | 13 .....  | 8 .....         | 5,086.41               |
| 15 .....  | 5 .....        | 4,694.10               | DECEMBER  | 9 .....   | 5 .....         | None                   |
| 231 ..... | 97 .....       | \$ 17,433.01           | TOTAL     | 182 ..... | 97 .....        | \$ 115,662.32          |

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

ALARMS  
413

FIRE  
194

FIRE LOSS  
\$ 133,095.33

DISTRICT FIRE REPORT  
For the Year  
1954  
OPERATION

| ALARMS RECEIVED BY |      |      |       |       |       |      |      |     |     | TELEPHONE |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----------|
| DISTRICTS          | A.M. | P.M. | Verb. | Auto. | Alarm | Pol. | Spr. | 61  | 135 | Total     |
| Northwest ..       | 31   | 55   | 0     | 3     | 6     | 0    | 33   | 44  | 86  |           |
| Northeast ..       | 37   | 83   | 1     | 2     | 6     | 2    | 33   | 76  | 120 |           |
| Southwest ..       | 37   | 73   | 10    | 7     | 11    | 9    | 26   | 53  | 110 |           |
| Southeast ..       | 36   | 61   | 4     | 0     | 8     | 1    | 29   | 55  | 97  |           |
| Total .....        | 141  | 272  | 15    | 12    | 31    | 6    | 121  | 228 | 413 |           |

| VALUES AND LOSSES<br>BUILDINGS |                 |                 |              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Districts                      | Total Value     | Insurance On    | Total Loss   |
| Northwest .....                | \$ 1,040,048.30 | \$ 699,950.00   | \$ 69,783.88 |
| Northeast .....                | 913,165.00      | 357,000.00      | 8,848.67     |
| Southwest .....                | 340,485.00      | 200,535.00      | 7,173.11     |
| Southeast .....                | 283,145.00      | 143,600.00      | 4,560.44     |
| Total .....                    | \$ 2,576,843.30 | \$ 1,981,085.00 | \$ 90,366.10 |

| VALUES AND LOSSES<br>CONTENTS |               |               |              |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Districts                     | Total Value   | Insurance On  | Total Loss   |
| Northwest .....               | \$ 98,781.60  | \$ 76,600.00  | \$ 3,229.20  |
| Northeast .....               | 629,815.00    | 604,000.00    | 8,935.53     |
| Southwest .....               | 219,100.00    | 191,600.00    | 29,546.11    |
| Southeast .....               | 44,400.00     | 31,600.00     | 1,018.39     |
| Total .....                   | \$ 992,096.60 | \$ 903,800.00 | \$ 42,729.23 |

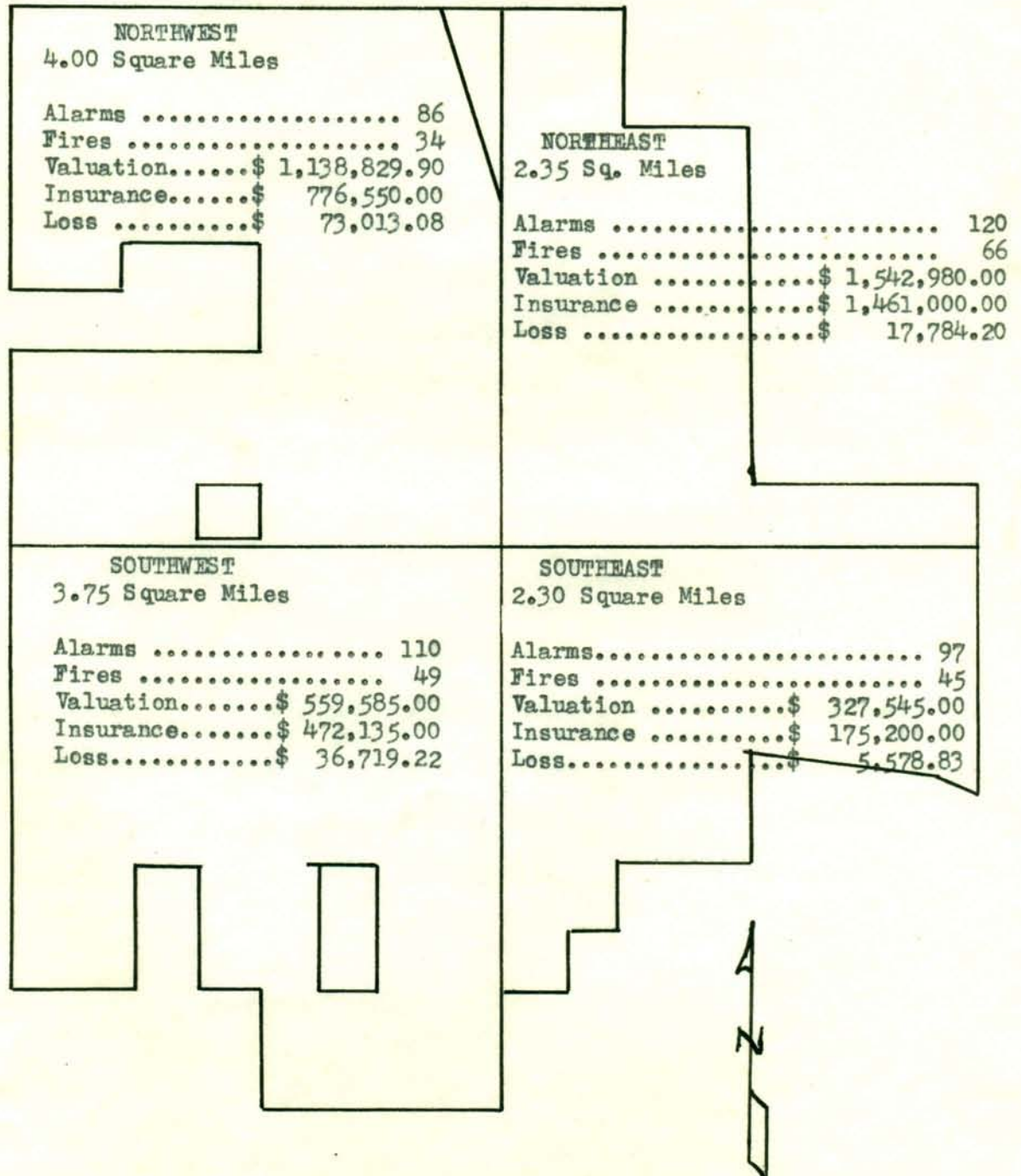
| TOTALS FOR ALL DISTRICTS |                 |               |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Total Value              | Insurance On    | Total Loss    |  |
| \$ 3,568,939.90          | \$ 2,884,885.00 | \$ 133,095.33 |  |

## ALARMS RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS

## FIRE LOSS BY DISTRICTS

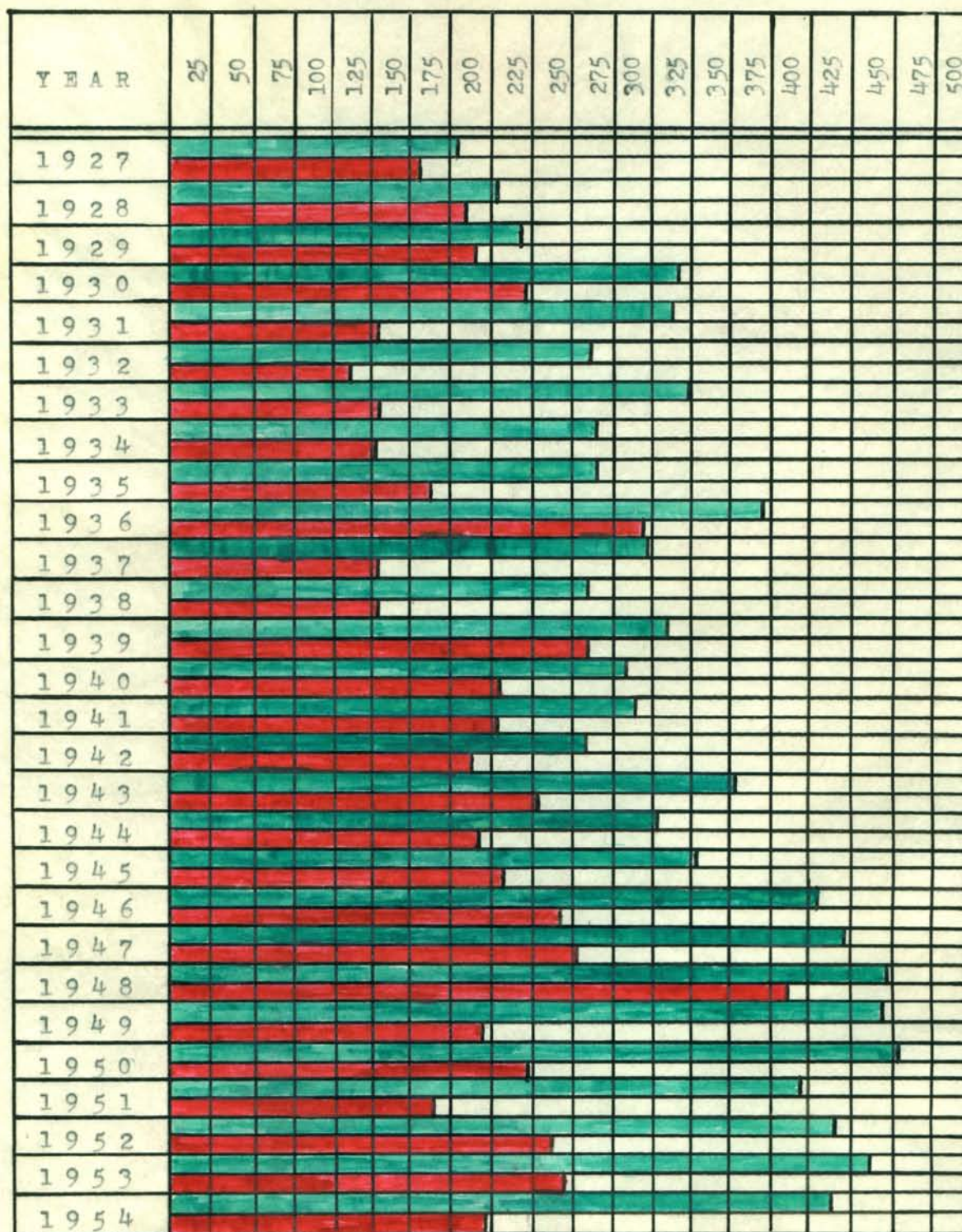
FOR THE YEAR

1954



| TREND OF FIRE LOSSES FROM 1944 to 1955 |                        |                       |                                     |                                       |                                |                           |                            |                             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| YEAR                                   | NUMBER<br>OF<br>ALARMS | NUMBER<br>OF<br>FIRES | AMOUNT OF<br>PROPERTY<br>THREATENED | AMOUNT OF<br>INSURANCE<br>ON PROPERTY | AMOUNT OF<br>INSURANCE<br>LOSS | AMOUNT OF<br>FIRE<br>LOSS | FIRE LOSS<br>PER<br>CAPITA | AVERAGE<br>LOSS PER<br>FIRE |
| 1944                                   | 304                    | 191                   | \$ 4,064,629.05                     | \$ 1,652,034.80                       | \$ 18,011.46                   | \$ 23,267.76              | .859                       | \$ 121.83                   |
| 1945                                   | 330                    | 207                   | 2,352,090.25                        | 1,702,445.65                          | 19,948.56                      | 20,836.93                 | .7713                      | 100.90                      |
| 1946                                   | 406                    | 242                   | 3,691,002.49                        | 3,070,093.00                          | 48,872.70                      | 57,299.89                 | 2.115                      | 236.78                      |
| 1947                                   | 422                    | 254                   | 3,495,793.72                        | 2,912,401.80                          | 36,450.18                      | 45,236.38                 | 1.67                       | 178.09                      |
| 1948                                   | 448                    | 287                   | 11,376,639.10                       | 9,909,669.40                          | 33,291.70                      | 45,054.72                 | 1.66                       | 156.99                      |
| 1949                                   | 440                    | 195                   | 1,407,119.58                        | 976,166.00                            | 14,876.13                      | 25,305.58                 | .934                       | 130.03                      |
| 1950                                   | 452                    | 223                   | 2,996,988.56                        | 1,945,848.98                          | 82,541.70                      | 126,226.10                | 4.216                      | 566.21                      |
| 1951                                   | 395                    | 167                   | 2,366,909.00                        | 1,816,092.00                          | 12,775.94                      | 13,646.38                 | .491                       | 81.12                       |
| 1952                                   | 416                    | 233                   | 5,047,030.22                        | 3,651,665.28                          | 79,577.31                      | 95,061.12                 | 3.397                      | 407.99                      |
| 1953                                   | 435                    | 245                   | 4,101,975.69                        | 3,465,427.69                          | 42,238.38                      | 44,133.90                 | 1.577                      | 180.14                      |
| 1954                                   | 413                    | 194                   | 3,568,939.90                        | 2,884,885.00                          | 131,578.18                     | 123,095.33                | 4.756                      | 686.05                      |

## COMPARISON OF ALARMS &amp; FIRES



Alarms



Fires

## POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AT FIRES

YEAR - 1954

| MONTH           | TOTAL NUMBER<br>OF<br>ALARMS | TOTAL ALARMS<br>NO POLICE<br>PRESENT | TOTAL ALARMS<br>POLICE<br>PRESENT | TOTAL NUMBER<br>OF POLICE<br>AT ALARMS |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| JANUARY .....   | 36                           | 13                                   | 23                                | 25                                     |
| FEBRUARY .....  | 38                           | 3                                    | 35                                | 40                                     |
| MARCH .....     | 39                           | 5                                    | 34                                | 39                                     |
| APRIL .....     | 51                           | 9                                    | 42                                | 53                                     |
| MAY .....       | 34                           | 9                                    | 25                                | 29                                     |
| JUNE .....      | 56                           | 14                                   | 42                                | 51                                     |
| JULY .....      | 27                           | 9                                    | 18                                | 22                                     |
| AUGUST .....    | 26                           | 10                                   | 16                                | 17                                     |
| SEPTEMBER ..... | 21                           | 2                                    | 19                                | 23                                     |
| OCTOBER .....   | 30                           | 9                                    | 21                                | 23                                     |
| NOVEMBER .....  | 37                           | 5                                    | 32                                | 34                                     |
| DECEMBER .....  | 24                           | 6                                    | 18                                | 21                                     |
| TOTAL .....     | 413                          | 94                                   | 319                               | 377                                    |

## APPOINTMENTS

|                     |                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 16th, 1954.    | Jerald E. Hickey.   | Appointed Probationary Fireman. |
| November 1st, 1954. | Charles F. Swanson. | Appointed Probationary Fireman. |
| December 11, 1954.  | Victor E. Dietz.    | Appointed Probationary Fireman. |

## Resigned

None

## PROMOTED

|                |                    |                               |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| February 1st.  | Richard L. Pearson | Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class |
| April 23rd.    | Harold R. Marsh    | Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class |
| May 1st.       | Karl N. Boyden     | Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class |
| May 16th.      | Marvin C. Peterson | Promoted to Fireman 3rd Class |
| July 1st.      | Vincent A. Lauer   | Promoted to Lieutenant        |
| August 1st.    | Bernard E. Briscoe | Promoted to Fireman 1st Class |
| August 1st.    | Richard L. Pearson | Promoted to Fireman 2nd Class |
| October 23rd.  | Harold R. Marsh    | Promoted to Fireman 2nd Class |
| November 1st.  | Louis V. Rice, Jr. | Promoted to Lieutenant        |
| November 1st.  | Karl N. Boyden     | Promoted to Fireman 2nd Class |
| November 16th. | Marvin C. Peterson | Promoted to Fireman 2nd Class |
| December 1st.  | Donald O. Martin   | Promoted to Fireman 1st Class |

## DEATHS

June 30th, 1954. At about 7:45 PM. Lieutenant Fred E. Moore passed away at Mercy Hospital. Due to Heart Attack suffered at Station on return from alarm to 714 North Pennsylvania Avenue 3:15 AM June 24th. Lieutenant Fred E. Moore was appointed to Fire Department October 16th, 1937 and appointed Lieutenant August 1st, 1946.

## RETIRED

October 1st, 1954 8:00AM Martin J. Faktor placed on Pension by action of the Pension and Retirement Board September 13th, 1954. Martin J. Faktor was appointed to Fire Department September 1st, 1929. He was appointed Lieutenant June 16th, 1944. Martin J. Faktor was 54 years of age and had served 25 Years and one month.

October 1st, 1954 8:00AM Lieutenant Marvin A. Lauen placed on Disability Retirement by action of the Pension and Retirement Board September 13th, 1954. Marvin A. Lauen was appointed to the Fire Department September 1st, 1939, was appointed Lieutenant February 2nd, 1952. January 14th, 1954 at 9:07 PM taken to Hospital with pains in chest which was diagnosed as a heart ailment. On March 18th returned to light duty as alarm Operator. At time of retiring had served 15 Years and one month, was 40 years of age.

October 1st, 1954 8:00AM. Fireman First Class William P. McGrath placed on Disability Retirement by action of the Pension and Retirement Board September 13th, 1954, meeting. William P. McGrath was appointed to the Fire Department November 8th, 1934. Had heart Attack December 18th, 1952. March 16th, 1953 returned to light duty. Had served 19 Years and 11 months, was 54 years of age.

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## YEARLY REPORT

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. At the present time Engine No.2, at the South Station, is sixteen years old. Engine No.1, which is in reserve at the Central Station, is twenty one years old. We are unable to get parts for the motor of Engine No.1 and it should be replaced. During 1955 I would like to take bids for a 750-gallon pumper to replace Engine No.2. Engine No.2 would then be put in reserve and the City could dispose of Engine No.1 which has more than served it's time. This new pumper would be bought for delivery in 1956.

2. The Central Fire Station has become very crowded and, due to increased traffic, has become a problem in responding to alarms, especially during hours when traffic is heavy. Also the National Board of Underwriters have, for a long time, recommended that a Fire Station be put in the north part of Mason City. In talking to representatives of the National Board they seem to feel that if our Central Station were moved north to about Fifth or Sixth and north Federal Ave. this would take care of the necessity for a north Fire Station.

In view of the above facts, I would recommend that steps be taken to replace our Central Fire Station with a new and modern station in the vicinity of Fifth or Sixth and north Federal Ave.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to extend my hearty appreciation to you and the Members of the City Council for their loyal support in all Fire Department matters, for without yours and their support the efficiency of the Department could not have been maintained.

It affords me great pleasure to commend to you the Officers and Members of the Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to all other City Departments for their hearty good will and co-operation during the year.

To the Globe Gazette and the radio stations, as well as the television station, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for their commendatory and impartial reports and articles relating to the work performed by this department.

Respectfully Submitted:

Boyd Arnold, Chief of Department.