

Title: Milwaukee. Fire Department

Reference Code: Mss-2037

Inclusive Dates: 1843 - ongoing

Quantity: 2.5 cu. ft. total

Location: LM, Sh. 186-187 (2.3 cu. ft.)
MV, Sh. 080 (0.2 cu. ft.)
OS SM "M" (2 items)
OS LG "M" (1 item)
OS XLG (2 items)

Abstract: The Milwaukee Fire Department was originally formed as a volunteer organization in 1837 and evolved into a full-time service by 1874.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of annual reports, scrapbooks, log/attendance books, and clippings.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English and German

Notes: The collection was processed on Nov. 17, 1992, by Nicholas L. Neylon. Material was added to the collection on June 5, 1996, and was processed by Steve Daily. Additional material was added on Oct. 1, 2002, and was processed by K. Abing.

See Also: Milwaukee. Fire Department Photos M-15, M-34, M-35; and Fire Prevention Bureau boxes listed below as well as glass plate negatives (database available in library)

Contents	Box #	Folder #
German Fire Training manual (German text), 1865	1	1
Germania Co. #7 constitution and by-laws, 1863		
3rd Ward Fire, 1892 - maps (2), two accounts, photos, insurance account	1	2
Engine Co. #1 - log book, 1843-46 - attendance book, 1853-56	1	3
Engine Co. #1 - log book, 1852-59	1	4
Engine Co. #1 - log book, 1859-61.	1	5
Stock subscription list to build Milwaukee Auditorium early 1900s	1	6

Insurance related materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dwelling and house schedules (3) - City of Milwaukee reports, 1903 (2) - National Board of Fire Underwriters report, 1920 (2) 	2	7
Firemen Relief Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - constitution and by-laws, 1852, 1858, 1933 	2	8
Miscellaneous (small items) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - booklet to alarm box locations, 1922 - Milwaukee price guide to electrical inspections, 1916 - Fire prevention pamphlet by Jaycees - Fire prevention pamphlet, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 1920 - Party invitation hosted by Hose Co. #1 at Albany Hall, 1858 - Common Council letter declaring new Chief, 1849 - memo about traffic signals, 1933 - Invitation to Firemen & Military Ball hosted by Engine Co. No. 1, Jan. 17, 1856 - Invitations to annual balls hosted by Engine Co. No. 1, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1857 - Invitations to annual balls hosted by Oregon Engine Co. No. 3, 1851 & 1856 (2 copies) - Invitation to 2nd Annual Ball hosted by Ocean Engine Co. No. 5, Jan. 1, 1856 - Invitation to picnic party for benefit of Oregon Fire Co. No. 3, 1851 - Souvenir program for first annual benefit, Jan. 13, 1886 - Notices re meetings of Supply Hose Co. No. 1, 1853 and 1857 - Membership certificate for George Richardson in Supply Hose Co. No. 1, Jan. 30, 1861 - Wisconsin State Fire Prevention Association. Citation letter, July 1918 regarding Phoenix Knitting Company - Flyers (5) from the Advance Fire Appliance Co., Milwaukee - Typescript history of Milwaukee Volunteer Fire Department - Diagrams of Fire Alarm, Police & Municipal Telephone Box (includes CD) 	2	9
Statistical data, 1937-43 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire salary comparison of North American cities, 1945 	2	10
<i>Milwaukee Fire Fighter</i> magazine Summer 1971 (2) <u>M.F.D. Register</u> Athletic Association Oct. 1961, Aug. 1965	2	11
Miscellaneous lectures and news copies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Account of Milwaukee Dump fire, 1969 - lecture "When the Boys Run Things" 1942 (Bendlin) - <i>Milwaukee Sentinel</i> "M.F.D. One of Best in U.S." 1938 - <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> "Fighting the Fire Demon with a 300 Pound Punch" 1921 (rewrite 2 copies) - <i>Fire Bugle</i> by E.F. Arvan report (2 copies) - Fire Co. #1 report on quarters, 1894 	2	12

- "Fire Chief's Proposals Deserve Immediate Attention"		
Envelope	Box #	Envelope #
<i>The Fire Laddie</i> Milwaukee publication with stories, cartoons, and ads, 1893	2	13
<i>The Fireman's Herald</i> story regarding Chief Foley's death at Schwaab Stamp and Seal acid spill, 1903	2	14
Contents	Box #	Folder #
Articles on the Milwaukee Fire Dept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Western Fireman and Journal of Public Works</i> Feb. 11, 1903 - <i>Fire and Water</i> March 3, 1909 - <i>Fireman's Herald</i>, Sept. 16, 1911 - <i>Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen's Magazine</i>, Dec. 1, 1922 	2	15
Milwaukee Fire Dept. Ledger of Burn Victims (indexed in Mss. drawers)	2	16
Milwaukee Fire Department, General Paper	2	17
<i>Glimpses of Milwaukee: Its Fires, Fire and Police Departments</i> 1893	2	Loose in box
City of Milwaukee Report No. 4 <u>Fire Department</u> study done by City consultants, 1949	2	Loose in box
Rules and regulations of M.F.D., 1924 (2), 1928, 1939, 1954	2	Loose in box
1996 Milwaukee Fire Department calendar.	2	Loose in box
Report on Milwaukee, Wisconsin by National Board of Fire Underwriters, 1956	2	Loose in box
1964 Supplement and Revision to Proposal for Fire Defenses, 1963	2	Loose in box
Annual Reports, 1875, 1878-1879, 1881-1883, 1885, 1892, 1917, 1938, 1940-1943, 1945-1958	3	Loose in box
Annual Reports, 1959-1981	4	Loose in box
Annual Reports, 1982-1988, 1991-1997, 2000, 2009, 2012-2013, 2015-2018, 2020	5	Loose in box
Scrapbooks and Microfilm	Location	
Scrapbook of clippings and photos, ca. 1908	MV, Sh. 80	
Scrapbook of clippings, 1903-08 (M.F. #538) original discarded		
Scrapbook of clippings, 1909-15 (M.F. #538) original discarded		
Oversize Items	Location	
Certificate of gratitude to Milwaukee Fire Dept. from the city of Chicago for aid given in 1900	OS SM "M"	
Resolution from Common Council upon death of 5 firemen in fire of March 24, 1911	OS SM "M"	
Certificate of gratitude to Milwaukee Fire Dept. from city of Sheboygan for aid given in 1934	OS LG "M"	
Certificate of membership in National Assoc. of Fire Engineers for James Foley, Sept. 9, 1889	OS XLG	
Resolution from Milwaukee Common Council upon death of James Foley,	OS XLG	

Andrew White, Thomas Droney, and Edward Hogan fighting fire at Schwaab Stamp and Seal Co., Feb. 3, 1903	
PHOTOS: Fire Prevention Bureau (Location: NE, Sh. 015)	
Fire prevention demonstrations showing alarm boxes	1
Fire prevention illustrations, visual aids, etc.	1
Drill School, Bureau of Instruction and Training	1
Fire scenes and ruins	2
Fire prevention demonstrations-outdoor scenes (also envelope 3A)	3
Fighting fires	3
Fire prevention booths and exhibits	4
Substandard buildings and locations	5-6
Engine Houses, Damaged Vehicles and Group Photos/Special Events	7