

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

from: HUNDREDS OF HUNNEMAN'S by Edward R. Tufts (Carlton Press 1978)

Delivery of Hunneman Hand Engines to Chelmsford, Mass.

1822 - Reg.#81 to cotton mill

1823 Reg.#89 to Chelmsford

1824 Reg.#96 to Boott Cotton Mill, Chelmsford

1826 - The City of Lowell, Massachusetts was incorporated. Included within the city of Lowell Limits was the area once the Village of East Chelm. (The 1824 Hunneman Engine above; still owned by Boott Mills, became Engine Co.No.2 of Lowell's eleven engine cos. of the era)

FORMATION OF THE NORTH CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

from: HISTORY OF CHELMSFORD, MASS. by Rev. Wilson Waters (pub. Courier-Citizen 1917)

1893 - Shaws Store (w. church under it) destroyed by fire (Dr. NB Edwards rode horse to Lowell to summon Fire Dept. About 3 yrs. later, thru influence of Mr. George Moore & others; water pipe laid to Village via Moore & Spinning Co.

1906 - Legislature passed act allowing North Chelmsford to take water from Lowell or bld. its own system. A fire district was est. w. Committee composed of George C. Moore, FE Varney MD, James P Dunnigan, John E Hoagn, & Royal S Ripley. Ten 2 1/2' wells driven nr. Newfield Pond & standpipe of 354,000 gal. cap. & pumping sta. erected; Cost-\$80,000.

1907 - 1st Annual Report of NORTH CHELMSFORD FIRE DISTRICT.

1915 - NORTH CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPT.:

Joseph D Ryan-Chief; James P Dunnigan-1st Asst; John H Butterworth-2nd Asst.

North Village Mills & Manufactories:

- 1) MERRIMACK MANUFACTURING CO. (bought prop. of Waldos' Mills est. 1695; sold to Locks & Canals Co; in turn to Mr. Lincoln Drake, in turn to Mr. Charles Blood; & later to others. Sawmill was taken out; in place a drug mill for JC AYER & CO.. Gypsum was ground here; & then yarn for SHARP & AXTELL & still later manf. for hosier. In 1868 JAMES DODGE bought the plant & into partnership w. JOHN SHERBURNE. 1872-82 was the shoddy business of GRAY, PALMER & PENDERGAST. In 1887 Mr. George C. Moore bought the plant told down the old grist mill; and used blgs. for storage
- 2) CHELMSFORD FOUNDRY CO. (est. 1888) cast & wrought iron works
- 3) SWAIN'S MACHINE SHOP (est. 1867) site of old saw mill on rd. to Dunstable
- 4) BALDWIN MILL (est. 1841) worstered yarn & carpets
- 5) MOORE'S MILL (est. 1872) site of old GT Sheldon Foundry; erected several mill blgs.; some large brick blgs. (wool scouring)
- 6) NORTH CHELMSFORD MACHINE & SUPPLY CO. (est. 1832) former Silver & Gray Co.
- 7) SILESIA MILLS (belonging to US Worstad Co) largest est. in North Chelms. (George Moore sold his plant to Moore Spinning Co c. 1902 for \$1,600,000. They sold to US Worstad Co. for \$3 Million in 1912).

FORMATION OF CHELMSFORD WATER DISTRICT:

1911 - Committee (Arthur M Warren, George M Wright, Edwin R. Clark). also Comm. formed to investigate est. of a Chelms. Centre Fire District (Charles E Bartlett, C George Armstrong, Herbert E Ellis, Josiah E Marshall, & William B. Northrop).

1913 - Act of State Legislature created CHELMSFORD WATER DISTRICT. 16 wells driven & pumping sta. bld. at ft. of Warren Ave. on River Meadow Brook. 225,000 gal. cap. covered circular reservoir constructed on side of Robbins Hill. Value of District \$995,605.00

1914 - CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPT.

Minot A.Bean-Chief

Arthur House-Captain

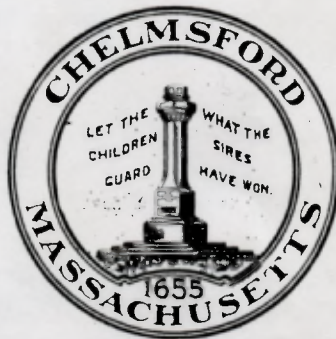
DE Haley-Lieut.

(21 men)-Ralph P Adams,George M Seeton,Victor L Parkhurst,Moses C. Wilson,John W Wilson,Walter Fletcher,CG Nickles,Ralph Spaulding,Wm. Baker,Fred Russell,E.Ayotte,Wilhelm Johnson,Ralph W Emerson,Hosmer W Sweetster,James F Byam,Charles House,Anslow Spaulding,Chas Balser,Roy Bliss,Arnold C Perham,& Geo W Pickard.

1917 - FOREST WARDEN-ARNOLD C PERHAM;DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN-WALTER SHOLDER

Chelmsford Centre Businesses:

- 1)BYFIELD MANUF.(machine shop est 1888;BEAVER MANF.(knit good)same blg. est. by Mr.Byfield(blg. burned 1893)
- 2)CHELMSFORD SPRINGS CO.(ginger ale)est.1901 on Byfield Blg. site.
- 3)MARSHALL'S SHOP est.1845(at South & Warren Sts) burned 1893.
- 4)FJ WHITTENMORE CARRIAGE SHOP
- 5)PERHAM FARM VINIGAR CO.
- 6)ECLIPSE CHEMICAL CO.
- 7)CHELMSFORD MILL CO.(sold to EDWIN DUTTON 1884)(sold again 1889 to HC SWEETSTER who went into part. w. GEORGE DAY)
- 8)ADAMS SAW MILL on Great Brook(later called RUSSELL'S MILLS)



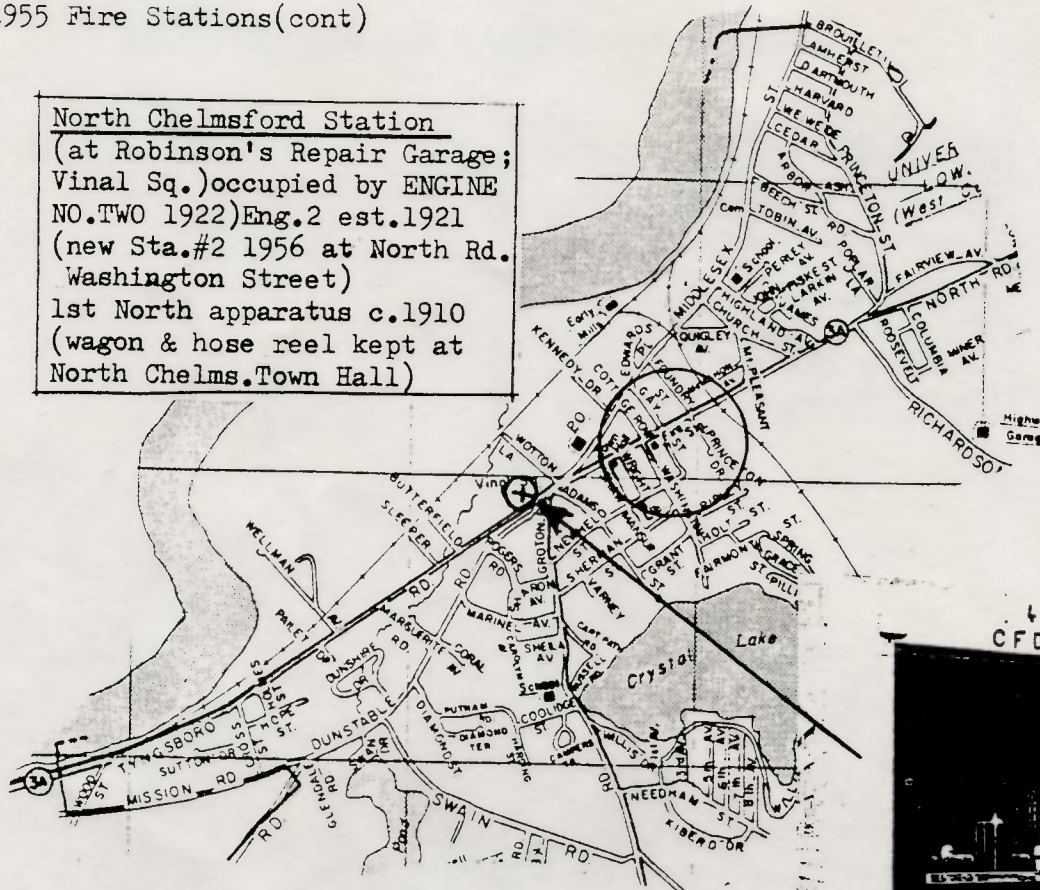
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS FIRE STATIONS - 1955

Central Station #7 North Rd.
 (blt.1953) for ENGINE ONE,
 EMERGENCY TRK, FOREST FIRE TRK
 (former Sta. was Chelmsford
 Garage occupied by auto HOSE
 NO. ONE 1921; & ENGINE NO. ONE
 1926; 1st apparatus in Centre
 c.1904; by 1908 H&L & Protect.
 Wagon; Chem. Eng. One est. 1909)

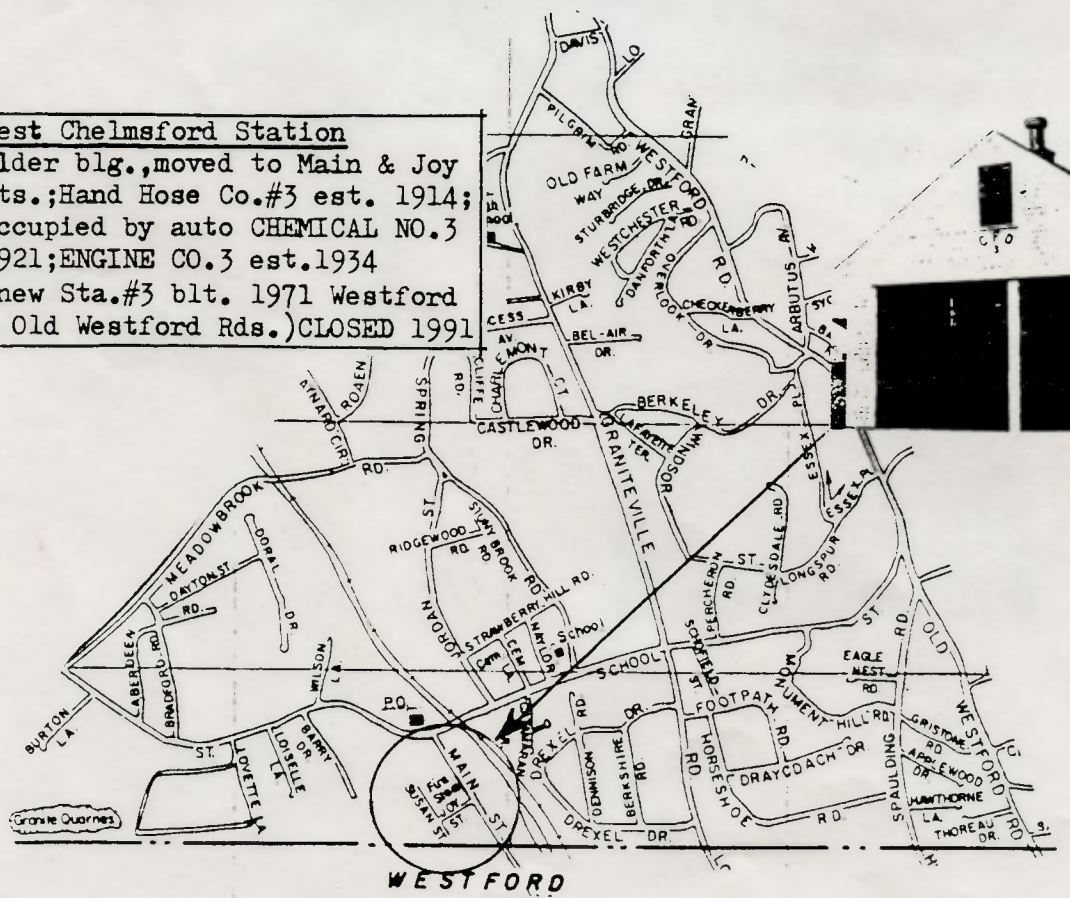


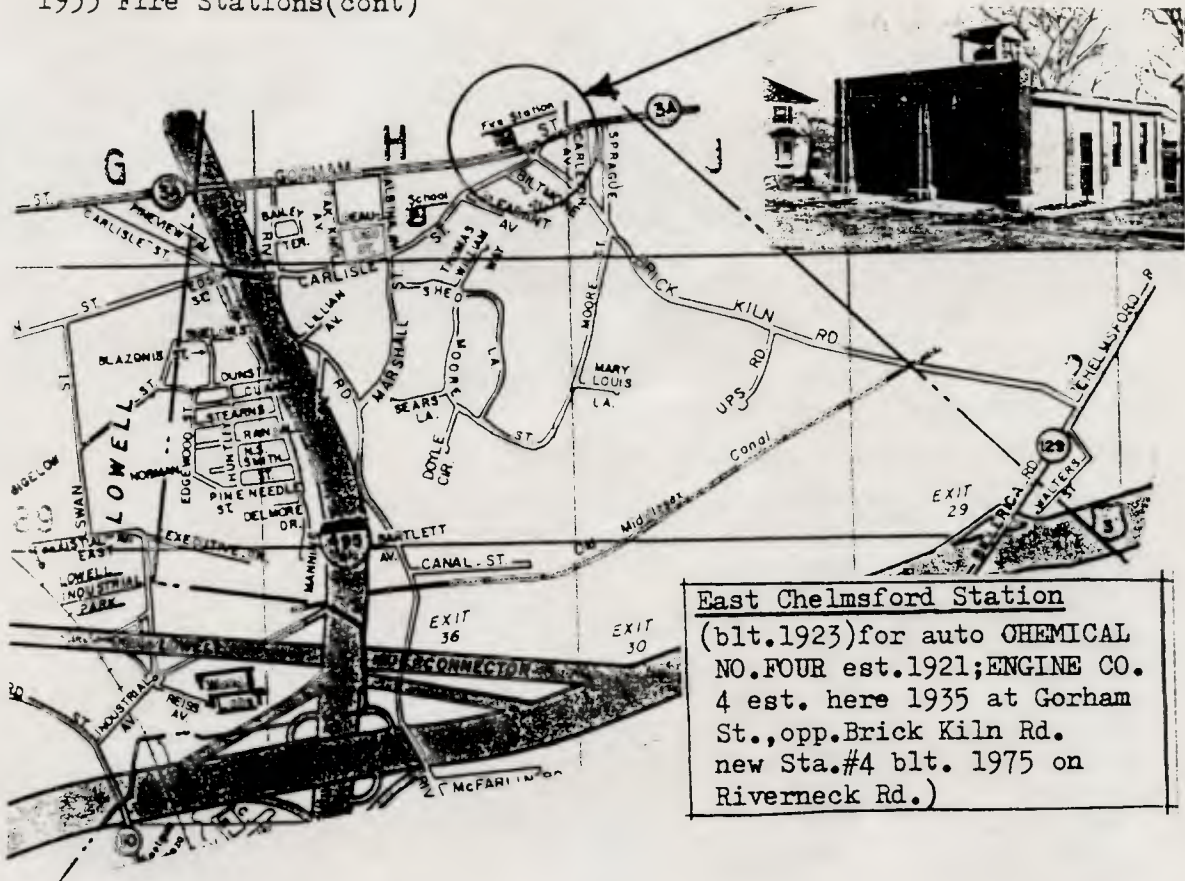
1955 Fire Stations(cont)

North Chelmsford Station
 (at Robinson's Repair Garage;
 Vinal Sq.) occupied by ENGINE
 NO.TWO 1922) Eng.2 est.1921
 (new Sta.#2 1956 at North Rd.
 Washington Street)
 1st North apparatus c.1910
 (wagon & hose reel kept at
 North Chelms.Town Hall)

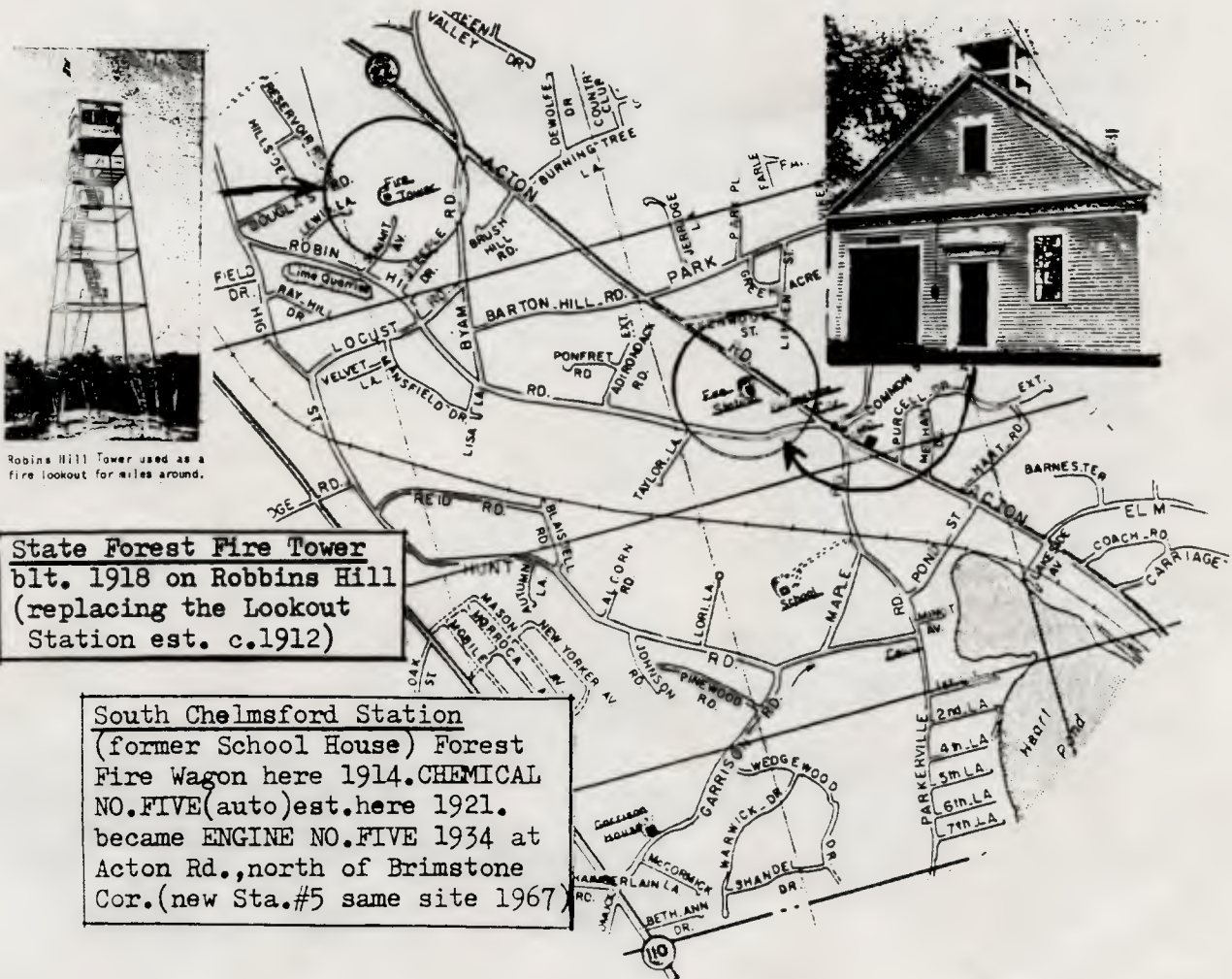


West Chelmsford Station
 older bldg., moved to Main & Joy
 Sts.; Hand Hose Co.#3 est. 1914;
 occupied by auto CHEMICAL NO.3
 1921; ENGINE CO.3 est.1934
 (new Sta.#3 blt. 1971 Westford
 & Old Westford Rds.) CLOSED 1991





East Chelmsford Station
 (blt.1923)for auto CHEMICAL
 NO.FOUR est.1921;ENGINE CO.
 4 est. here 1935 at Gorham
 St.,opp.Brick Kiln Rd.
 new Sta.#4 blt. 1975 on
 Riverneck Rd.)



State Forest Fire Tower
 blt. 1918 on Robbins Hill
 (replacing the Lookout
 Station est. c.1912)

South Chelmsford Station
 (former School House) Forest
 Fire Wagon here 1914.CHEMICAL
 NO.FIVE(auto)est.here 1921.
 became ENGINE NO.FIVE 1934 at
 Acton Rd.,north of Brimstone
 Cor.(new Sta.#5 same site 1967)

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEPARTMENT - from Annual Town Reports

1900 - FIREWARDS: Frank C. Byam, Warren Berry, Walter B Emerson, E Hamlin Russell, George M Wright, Ervin W Sweetster, John O'Connor, George C Moore, Charles F Scribner, Wm J Quigley, Fred A Hazer, Charles Fennick Jr, Samuel Naylor. FOREST FIRE WARDS: George M Wright, Warren Berry, Fred A Hazen, Frank C Byam, E Hamlin Russell, George O Spaulding, John Marniel Jr, Ervin W Sweetster, Samuel Naylor (SAME LIST, BOTH LISTS 1901)

TM voted \$500 to purchase Johnson Pumps (or similar) & pails & chemicals to be placed in Town Bldgs. & to applicants who, pay \$1 (all pumps are prop. of Town & subject to reg. of the Fire Wards) purchase or same referred to Comm. of 5: Joseph E Warren, Henry S Perham, George F Snow, Preston L Piggott, Frank C Byam.

1901 - FIRE APPARATUS ACCOUNT: total \$497.96 (50 Johnson pumps, pails, extracts)

FIRE WARDS & FOREST FIRE WARDS (same list after 1901)

FC Byam	1900-1908
W Berry	1900-1908
WB Emerson	1900-1905
GM Wright	1900-1905
J'Oconnor	1900-1908 (Fire Ward only)
GC Moore	1900-1905
CF Scribner	1900-1904
WJ Quigley	1900-1907
FA Hazer	1900-1904
John P Eaton	1902 only
Melvin Walker's	1902-1905
John Marinel Jr.	1902-1905
Charles Finnicks Jr	1902-1905
Abram A Sherman	1902-1906
George Spaulding	1902-1908
Elmer E Hildreth	1903-1904
Frank E Bickford	1903-1904
Fred M Brown	1904-1905
Isaac H Knight	1904-1905
Thomas Sheehan	1905 only
Ralph P Adams	1906-1908
Pliney C Bliss	1906-1907
Dennis J Sheehan	1906-1907
James Hackett	1907-1908
Fred Fletcher	1907-1908
John P Upton	1907-1908
James W Stevens	1907-1908
John E Hogan	1907
Charles Worden	1908
Fred Chandler	1908
Arthur C Burton	1908-1908
John H Wilson	1908
Daniel Hagley	1908

note (ABOVE LISTS ONLY COVER from 1900 to 1908; not before)

1902 - WARREN BERRY, SECRETARY, FIRE WARDS pd. 162.51/yr
Lowell Fire Dept. pd. \$25.00 for their services

1903 - new LADDER TRUCK pd. pd. GE Martindale \$41.00; Ervin Blaisdell \$13.00 (truck & barrel covers); George M. Wright \$8.00 (irons for barrels); Wm Berry 24.00 (painting trk & pails for trk); HB Shattuck & Son 3.60 (axe, bar & hooks); Melvin Walker 7.00 (water barrels); Natl. Manf. Co. 115.46 (pumps, etc.); TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$212.56.

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1901 APPARATUS ACCOUNT & 1902 REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDS

FIRE APPARATUS.

Standard Extract Co., 24 extracts and charges	\$324 00
National Mfg. Co., 50 Johnson pumps....	162 50
Bartlett & Dow, pails.....	11 46

Total \$497 96

Annual Report of Fire Wards.

1901.

Mar. 9. L. Schultz's ice house burned; amount of damage	\$ 1,500 00
Expense, F. A. Hazen, 4 hours at 30 cents	1 20
H. C. Sweetser, team.....	3 00
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Apr. 27. Silver & Gay Machine Shop burned; amount of damage.....	\$16,000 00
Expense, 64 men, 5 hours at 20 cents	
Geo. C. Moore, 5 hours at 20 cents...	\$1 00
Jno. O'Connor, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Geo. Stetson, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Chas. P. Holt, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
Clarence DeRoehn, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Michael Kinch, 5 hours at 20 cents ..	1 00
Michael Shea, 5 hours at 20 cents....	1 00
Wm. J. Shea, 5 hours at 20 cents....	1 00
Henry O. Miner, 5 hours at 20 cents ..	1 00
Jno. Callahan, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
Edgar Dixon, 5 hours at 20 cents....	1 00
Wm. P. Dunigan, 5 hours at 20 cents.	1 00
Frank McCluskey, 5 hours at 20 cents.	1 00
Dennis McCluskey, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Jas. J. McCluskey, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Michael J. Layden, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Robert Moore, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
John H. Davis, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
Geo. Lumbert, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
Jas. Briggs, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
L. A. Mosier, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Perley Constantino, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Jno. T. McMahan, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Pat'k T. McMahan, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Michael J. Gallagher, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Jeremiah O'Connor, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00

Wm. H. Corrigan, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Chas. F. Scribner, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Fred Cully, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Clifford A. Moore, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Walter A. Leigh, 5 hours at 20 cents.	1 00
Hy. Leake, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Stephen Ward, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Fred Vinal, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Jno. E. Holmes, 5 hours at 20 cents..	1 00
Jno. E. Hogan, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Owen F. McGrath, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
A. B. Magnant, 5 hours at 20 cents..	1 00
John Larkin, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Patrick Hoyt, 5 hours at 20 cents ...	1 00
Mark McGrath, 5 hours at 20 cents ..	1 00
Ed. Keyes, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Pat'k Raybald, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Jno. B. Morrill, 5 hours at 20 cents ..	1 00
Michael J. Walsh, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
A. Coburn, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Frank Hall, 5 hours at 20 cents.....	1 00
Owen F. McNally, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Philip A. McEaney, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
N. F. Spaulding, 5 hours at 20 cents .	1 00
Rob't B. Scribner, 5 hours at 20 cents.	1 00
Rob't B. Polley, 5 hours at 20 cents..	1 00
Carl Spaulding, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Lester Hall, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Wm. J. Quigley, 5 hours at 20 cents .	1 00
Fred Downs, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Frank Foote, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Wm. Adams, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Ed. Silver, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Otis Wheeler, 5 hours at 20 cents....	1 00
Arthur Wheeler, 5 hours at 20 cents.	1 00
Archie L. Rogers, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00
Frank Merrill, 5 hours at 20 cents...	1 00
Winifred Larkin, 5 hours at 20 cents	1 00

\$64 00

GEO. C. MOORE, Fireward.

- 1903 - NORTH CHELMSFORD WATER SUPPLY-pd.Drummond & Co.; pipe \$442.10
 EXPENSES: Talbot Chemical Co. 1.34 oil of vitrol
 G Parkhurst, printing 1.75
 Melvin Walker 2.00(charging chemicals); 1.75(painting water cans)
 May 5th pd Chelms.Foundry Co. 3.50(services, fire at Joseph Carpenter's house)
 May 24th-bigs. of John Ward Estate damage \$1300 bigs, \$300 contents (struck by lightning)
 Total fires reported this year-30

There have been 417 acres of woodland burned with a damage of \$560. 150 M. lumber, \$2,015.00; 1,310 cords wood, \$1,670.00; loss on buildings, \$1,500.00; loss on contents, \$325.00.
 Total amount damage \$5,970 00

WARREN BERRY,

Secretary.

- 1904 - from Expenditures:
 Well, Pump, Trough, North Chelms. 696.68
 constructing, painting ladder house, West Chelm. 18.18 (pd. Wm. Edwards & George Smith)
 Repairs on Fire Truck, Centre \$4.50 (EH Blaisdell)
 Apr. 30 to May 1st - fire on land of WC Edwards & 9 others damage \$9,000
 May 16th - Chemical Bldg. in West Chelms. (incendiary)
 May 24th-27th fire on land of P Savage, O Spaulding, J Daly, E Richardson & others \$4,000 damage
 July 4th - house & barn of Mrs. Minot Bean \$5,000 damage (extended to Bapt. Church \$100 damage)
- 1905 - June 10th dwelling of George Gray \$1800 damage
 Nov. 4th house & barn of EF Dorr \$3,000 damage
- 1906 - May 28th, 29th fire on land of D Gage Estate, JA Bartlett, & George Spaulding (100 acres) \$1,000 damage
 May 30th house of Mr. Pasho \$2,500 damage
 October 25th - house & barn of AM Warren \$6,000 damage
 Nov. 23rd house & barn of WB Emerson \$4,000 damage
 Feb. 24th, 1906 ice house of John Marinel \$2,500 damage
- 1907 - TM voted \$200 pd. to Lowell Firemens' Relief Assoc. for services of Lowell FD in Chelmsford.
 under expenses: Sta. #1 24.90; Sta. #2 6.80; Sta. #3 20.40; Sta. #4 4.10; Sta. #5 23.75 (SHOWS FIRE APPARATUS LOCATED IN FIVE LOCATIONS)
 Oct. 8th - barn of Geo. Parker \$1,500 damage
- 1908 - TM voted \$1,500 for hydrant service in North Chelms. for year (this amount voted each succeeding yr)
 TM voted \$800 for fire apparatus for North Village of 18 fires for the year (most brush; none over \$1,000 damage)
 Apparatus in Service-Centre:
 1 HOOK & LADDER TRK: (1-30' extension; 1-24', 1-20', 1-12'; 1-30' ladders);
 1 PROTECTIVE WAGON: (2-13' ext. ladders, 6 hand chemicals, 2 doz. galv. pails, 6 round pointed shovels, 2 doz. Johnson Pumps, 3 doz. water cans, 2 crow bars, 2 axes, 1 doz. leather buckets, 2-50' ropes, 3 horse blankets, 2 lanterns, 1 wire hose basket, 1 Deming Force Pump; 100' 1" rubber hose

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1908 (cont) equip on Centre Wagon-& 30' 2" rubber hose
signed:GEORGE P MANSFIELD,WALTER B EMERSON,PC BLISS

1909 -

Engineers of Firewards at Centre

Ralph P. Adams	Arthur E. Barton	Fred M. Chandler
Charles D. Worden	Arnold C. Perham	F. W. Santamour
John H. Wilson	Victor L. Parkhurst	R. W. Emerson
Daniel E. Haley	Benjamin Cole	Curtis A. Aiken

Firewards and Forrest Firewards

Warren Berry	Frank C. Byam	Ralph P. Adams
Dennis J. Sheehan	Fred L. Fletcher	James J. Hackett
James W. Stevens	John E. Hogan	William J. Quigley
John O'Connor	John Marinell, Jr.	George O. Spaulding
Isaac Knight	Fred M. Chandler	Arthur W. Barton

TM voted \$1,200 for purchase of fire apparatus at Centre.
CHEMICAL ENGINE NO. ONE(purch Howe engine & hose from Callahan Hose Co.;
harness fr. Donovan Co.; ladders fr. Adams Hardware Co. & Bartlett &
Dow Co, extinguisher supplies fr. Badger Co, delivery charge to American
Express, & badges fr. CO Grover.

1st ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN-RALPH P. ADAMS:

Deputy Fred Chandler (Secretary); also Deputies George O Spaulding &
Fred L Fletcher & Arnold C Perham

unusually dry weather this year; list shows 53 fires
(a no. were incendiary; several caused by sparks fr. NY, NH, & H RR)
Oct. 18th-24th-fire on Chestnut Hill area; damage to several estates.
Jan. 9th, 00-mill of George C Moore destroyed

1st ANNUAL REPORT OF CHELMSFORD CENTRE FIRE DEPT.-RALPH ADAMS, CHIEF:

1st Lt-Arthur E Barton; 2nd Lt-Charles D Worden; Steward-Fred LaVigne.
apparatus: 1 Howe Comb. Engine; 1 H&L Truck; comb. Hose Wagon w. 800'
ccc 2' hose (comb. wagon arranged so hose can be raised by falls in
seconds; making it suitable for brush fire work)

Fire Alarm arrangements-bell on Unitarian Church for house fires;
Whistle on Chelmsford Spring Co. for brush fires.

Apr. 6th-barn of Thomas Sheehan (total loss).

1910 - Property of the NORTH CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPT.:

1 Wagon & 1 Hose Reel (w. 950' 2 1/2' hose, 4 Underwriters chemicals,
2 steel bars, 1 doz. Tabor spanner, 150' 3/4" rope, 2 nozzles, 1-40' ext.
ladder.

Report of FOREST FIRE WARDEN-AE BARTON-of 35 calls for the Centre FD:
May 26th-fire on land of CM Potter \$1,000 damage

1911 - of 37 fires (report of Forest Warden):

May 7th fire on Adams Estate (100 acres) \$1,000 damage

1912 - Report on new FOREST FIRE WARDEN-ARNOLD PERHAM

noted: A Massachusetts Forest Fire Lookout Sta. in our town (fires re-
ported as soon as observed to nearest Deputy Warden)

TM voted \$120.00 to pay janitor for North & Centre Firehouses.

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- 1913 - Fire Wards: Arthur House, Ralph P Adams, Arnold C Perham;
Deputy Fire Ward: Wm H Shedd
TM voted to lay on table 1 yr. recommendations of Committee est. for both water district & better fire prot. in Chelms. Centre.
APPARATUS:
Chelms Centre-1 comb. chem/hand fire eng.; 1 hose & prot. wagon; 1 H&L Trk
N. Chelms.-1 Wagon & 1 Hose Reel
S. Chelms.-1 Wagon (w. 17 water pails, 1 rope, 4 ladders)
Prop. in charge of Forest Warden-(30 chemical extings.; 30 boxes of charges for above, 30 shovels, 30 Johnson pumps; 30 cans, 10 badges)
noted NORTH CHELMS FIRE DISTRICT TAX-total collected-\$149,303.52
EW SWEETSTER, TREASURER
- 1914 - (1st Calendar Year Report)
TM voted \$1500 to be pd. to Chelms. Water District for yr. as well as North Chelms. for hydrant service.
TM voted \$1500 for purchase of equip. by Fire Dept., Centre
TM voted \$200 " " by East Village
TM voted \$600 " " by Westlands
TM dismissed installing signal apparatus in Ctr. Village
TM tabled new hose & equip. for North Village
Hydrant Service N. Chelms. Dist.-C Frank Butterfield, Treasurer
Hydrant Service, Chelms. Water Dist.-Harry L Parkhurst, Treasurer
new HOSE REEL, WESTLANDS FIRE DIST blt. by OF Kress & Sons \$468.40;
fire sta. work by MD Johnson & FG Pratt at cost 82.66 lumber & 48.36 labor; + 500' 2 1/2" hose, 6 chemicals, Boston Playpipe, 1 Callahan nozzle, & fittings.
new HOSE WAGON, CHELMS. CENTRE blt. by OF Kress & Son \$382.55 + 1500' hose CCC Fire Hose Co. \$1050.00
pd. Badger Exting. Co. \$200 for apparatus for East Chelmsford.
Janitors for North & Centre Firehouses-Victor L Parkhurst, Ephraim Ayotte & Henry O. Miner.
APPARATUS:
Centre-1 Comb. chemical/hand fire engine (1909 Howe)
1 hose & protective wagon (1914 Kress)
1 H&L Wagon (blt. 1908)
North-1 Wagon, 1 Reel (procured 1907)
Westland-1 Hose Reel (1914 Kress)
East Chelms.-1 Wagon w. chemical extings.
- 1915 - Forest Warden-still Arnold Perham; Deputy Fire Warden-Walter S Holden
TM voted \$500 for fire hose & equip. North Chelms. Dist.
Report of Forest Warden-108 brush fires.
1st ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS, CHELMSFORD CENTRE
(Arthur House, Hubert H Richardson, Arnold C Perham)
of 17 fires listed: March 30th 2nd alarm (house of Wm Roper)
June 27th-house & barn of AH Parks, S. Chelms.
(report does not cover fires occurring in North Chelms. Dist.)
North Chelms. Fire District Treasurer-now C. Frank Butterfield
pd. \$465 for new fire hose, N. Chelms. (fr. CCC Fire Hose Co & Empire Tire Rubber Co.)
- 1916 - No water payments this year (subs. years 750.00 to each District/yr)
TM voted \$300 for fire prot. in West Village & other parts of Town.
Jan. 3rd, 1917 Engineers report on Town (found frozen extinguishers, or not enough extinguishers in various town blgs; recommend unused gas fixtures at Farm House be remd.; & ashes stored in noncombustible containers. noted increase in no. of chimney fires.
Recommend purchase of chemical & hose truck.

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- 1917 - TM voted Committee to Purchase Motor Fire Apparatus & Equipment (Arnold C Perham, Patrick S Ward, Wilbur E Lapham).
new Engineer Clarence G. Nickles (repl. Hubert Richardson)
Proposed new State Forest Fire Tower to be erected on Robbins Hill with cost \$2,000 (town's share \$300); orig. tower 1st one erected in state.
- 1918 - TM dismissed arts. for motor fire apparatus (Ctr. & North) in service, new CHELMSFORD FIRE TOWER, Observer-C.E. BLOOD
new Chairman of Fire Engineers-Arthur W. House; Chief is still A. Perham
- 1919 - TM voted for survey to investigate combining North Chelms. FD with Chelmsford Water District.
new board of Engineers-WALTER R FLETCHER-CHIEF: EDGAR G. FAY, & WILHELM JOHNSON.
telephone nos. to report fires:
Day-CO Rollins, Chelms. Garage, Falls Drug Store, SW Parkhurst.
Nite-CO Rollins, VL Parkhurst
were-4 bell alarms (3 house, 1 grass fire); also 2 dumps, & several chimney fires.
Report of Forest Warden Arnold Perham-67 forest & grass fires.
- 1920 - TM approp. \$500 total for operation of Centre Firehouse
TM approp. \$500 total for expense of Fire Warden
Center Fire Co.-Chief WS Fletcher; Capt. WT Johnson, Lt. GH Morton
- 1921 - Fire Engineers CHIEF ARNOLD C. PERHAM: 2nd Ast. John E Hogan (Clerk); 1st Asst. JE Ellinwood
TM voted to est. Comm. to investigate motor fire apparatus in North Chelms. & blg. firehouse in West Chelms.
TM voted \$600 to purchase additional fire equip. West Chelms.
TM of Feb, 1921 auth. PURCHASING COMMITTEE which has furnished the town with 5 pieces of motorized fire equip. to be housed in the following manner in the 5 Districts est. by the Committee.
Dist. #1 (Chelmsford Center) double tank COMB. CHEMICAL/HOSE CAR
District Chief Walter S. Fletcher
Dist. #2 (North Chelms) TRIPLE COMB. PUMP/CHEMICAL/HOSE CAR.
Dist. Chief Joseph D. Ryan 1921 American La France
Dist. #3 (West Chelms) double tank CHEMICAL CAR
Dist. Chief Elmer Trull
Dist. #4 (East Chelms) double tank CHEMICAL CAR (1921 Ford)
Dist. Chief Henry Quinn
Dist. #5 (South Chelms.) double tank CHEMICAL CAR COST OF APPARATUS:
Dist. Chief Wm. E. Bellville \$13,400.00
note (District Chiefs appointed annually)
Dist 1, 2, & 5 apparatus housed in property owned by town, Dist. 3 & 4 apparatus housed in rented property.
Districts #1 & 2 have permanent man on duty 24 hrs. a day, 7 days wk.
Fire Alarm-use church bells in Center, North & South villages.
East & West Cos. have raised money to install electric sirens.
Instruction cards have been distributed to all homes in West Chelms.
(is our hope rest of town will follow.
new FOREST WARDEN-HERBERT M. STURTEVANT

1921(cont)

Fire Department	\$2,700.00	
Engineers		\$ 325.00
Salaries		182.23
Janitors		35.00
Fuel		198.75
Light		5.10
Repairs		707.94
Stationery and printing		81.01
Fires		212.83
Repairs on apparatus		151.18
Equipment for men		230.01
Rent		120.16
Chemicals		86.48
All other		46.13
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		2,381.82
West Chelmsford Fire Equipment	600.00	
Paid		492.39
Hydrant service	1,500.00	
Chelmsford Water District		750.00
North Chelmsford Fire District		750.00
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		1,500.00

- 1922 - TM voted \$600 for purchase of fire hose
 TM voted to auth. Board of Eng. to sell 2 hose reels, 2 wagons, & small blg. located nr. North Chelmsford Town Hall.
 TM voted to auth. Engineers to store apparatus on other property in their charge fr. time to time.
 new District Chiefs #1-Wilhelm Johnson; & #3 Archibald Cooke.
 purch. 1300' new standard size fire hose.
 Centre fire apparatus moved fr. rear of Town Hall to new, modern CHELMSFORD GARAGE.
 INSTALLED AT Unitarian Church (Centre Village) a fa striker hammer.
 Urge citizens to purchase at cost of 10¢ a pub. of US Information Bureau "Safeguarding the Home Against Fire" & also Bullitab #904 "Fire Protection on the Farm".
 Owners of property remd. fr. the water pressure service can help save property by excavating good sized pockets in brooks nr. blgs.
 Property in North & Centr. Districts now "Class C" (raised fr. "B" giving lower insurance rates.
- 1923 - TM auth., at request of Westlands Improvement Assoc., removal of fire-house now on Chelmsford St. nr. so called "Subway" to SE cor. Dalton Rd. known as Westland School Property; granted to Selectmen & Board of Engineers. (see 1924)
 new District #5 Chief Sidney E. Duppe.
 new EAST CHELMS. FIRE STATION (total cost \$1,119.83 (not turned over to the auth. of this Board, but arrangements made w. Blg. Comm. to allow Chemical Trk. of that District to be stored in new sta.)
 500' of new hose purchased.
 An improved fire alarm system is needed.
 Careful consideration should be given to erecting new stations in Ctr. & North Villages; recommend a small committee.
 only costly fire this yr. - Boston Ice Houses, Crystal Lake, North Chelm. (total loss; saved only large barn & contents).

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- 1924 - TM voted \$2,000 to improve & install new fire alarm system.
 TM auth. Engineers to sell old fire wagon kept. in South Chelms.
 TM voted to accept gift fr. Village Improvement Assoc. fire whistle electric motor, air compressor & 2 air tanks installed at Town Hall, Ctr.
Fire Alarm Equip.-
 Center-motor generator set, 2 circuit switch board, transmitter, iron rack w. 30 cell battery; 1 outside street fire alarm box; and whistle set up described above.
 North Village-duplicate of above (In this Dist. Silesia Mills of US Worstad Co. furnishes steam power for whistle at no expense to Town) Street boxes being installed at Middlesex Cnty Training School, Geo. Moore Wool Scouring Co, Proctor Lumber Co & Southwell Wool Combing Co. (boxes furnished by cos. & installed by the North Firemen who also donated \$500 towards this project)
 the LADDER HOUSE blt. 1886 in West Chelms ordered remd. fr. land by owner & rebt. on prop. of EL Ellinwood at the West Fire Station. 400' of new hose purchased.
- 1925 - TM voted \$2,200 to purch. land in North Chelms. owned by Walter Marinei on Middlesex St. as site for new Fire Sta.
 TM voted \$3,250 for new chemical trk for East Chelms. District.
 new District Chiefs #3 Anthony B Anderson; #4 Otto Grantz
Fire Alarm-In Ctr. & Westlands, wiring completed for future installation of street fire alarm boxes. In West Village, men installed box in square & working to connect North Village system to theirs. Ne siren purch. for District #4.
 new CHEMICAL TRUCK NO. FOUR 1925 Federal/Knight (3rd tank installed off the former Ford truck).
- 1926 - TM appointed comm. to investigate site for new fire sta, West Chelms.
 TM voted \$1,000 to extend fire alarm system.
 TM appointed comm. to investigate need for better protection in Centre, South & West Villages. Report (Centre-site should be secured immediately for new Central Station large enough for apparatus, fire alarm system & supplies; FA system-should be grad. extended; purchase triple comb. eng. for Ctr. Dist. rather than install pump on the present double comb. which is too small.... South Village-should install dry hydrant by pond (are several spots where water can be pumped from.... West Vil- can be covered by pumper fr. North Village except where fire a distance fr. Stony Brook.... Prop. owners in sections without adequate water supplies should provide water holes or basins nr. their blgs.
 TM voted \$7,500 to purchase new pumping engine for Ctr. Dist.; new ENGINE NO. ONE 1926 Maxim 500gpm triple comb. pumper (replacing the 1921 hose wagon).
 Engineers now Arnold C. Perham, Archibald Cooke, David Billson.
 2 new fire alarm boxes installed (Centre & West). North Village installed 2 new boxes (Town Hall & Princeton St. School);
 West Village-new Gamewell system; 2 miles of wire; & 5 outside alarm boxes. Centre & North Cos. sent to Pollard Fire in Lowell.
 Board recommends new Centre Sta. be erected at the old Grammar School & that a new sta. be erected at site purch. at Vinal Square, North Village at conference-agreement w. officials of Carlisle, Westford, Tyngsboro as to price for use of our apparatus at their fires.

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- 1927 - TM defeated both arts. to bld. new station in North Village and to reconstruct Grammer School in Centre Dist.
new Dist.Chief#2 is Percy T.Robinson(Johnson,Robinson,Anderson,Grantz & Dupee are the 5 Dist.Chiefs)
Fire Alarm-In Centre,wire installed on Acton,High & Bartlett Sts(3 new boxes);1 new box in Westlands;replaced about 1 mile of wire in North Village & added 2 new boxes & battery system.
Engine No.2 now housed in GARAGE OF DIST.CHIEF ROBINSON,NORTH VILLAGE.
- 1928 - new Board of Engineers-ARCHIBALD COOK-CHIEF:SIDNEY E DUPEE(CLERK & FOREST WARDEN):& Willis L.MacComb
Retirement-Chief Arnold C.Perham
District Chiefs-now #1 William T Johnson;#2Percy Robinson;#3Norman Edwards;#4 Fred Baldwin;#5 Arthur W.House.
Force-now 125 men
have 5 Vol.Fire Depts w.7 pieces of apparatus(5 major pieces,1 aux. trk.,1 forest fire trk w. 25 gal.chem.tank & 10-2 1/2 gal.extings.)
of 88 calls(Dist.1 responded to 44;D2 to 31;D3 to 4;D4 to 7;D5 to 3)
Engine 2,North Village(1921 AmerLaFr) needs considerable work.
- 1929 - TM voted \$250 to install 5 new fire alarm boxes in North Chelms.
TM voted accident & life insurance for members at cost \$1 per man.
New District 4 Chief Henry Quinn.
new fire alarm system installed East Village.
Firehouse at Centre painted & roof resingled.
Engine 2(North Village)painted & pump reconditioned;but piece is fast approaching its limit.
- 1930 - TM voted \$500 for new fire hose.
new District 2 Chief Joseph D Ryan
new Engineers-Harry L Shedd & John W.Dixon(Clerk)
Centre Firehouse sheaved w. new plaster board & Maxim trk. sent out (pump brought up to cap.);West Village men remodeled their station;; roof in East Village House repaired;new siren on South Village House.
Board recommends new pumping engine of at least 500gpm North Village.
- 1931 - TM voted \$7,500 for new 500gpm pumper North Village ENGINE NO.TWO
new FOREST WARDEN-RAYMOND SARGEANT. (1931 Maxim triple combination)
- 1932 - new FIRE CHIEF-HARRY L.SHEDD
AsstChiefs John W.Dixon & John Kemp(Clerk)
West Village rebld.their chemical trk(no mo cost to town)under Dist. Chief Edwards & Capt. Trull.
East Village procurred some fill & have landscaped their station.
Need for a portable pump to be ,ounted on a light trk.for use in sections where water supply not adequate for large pumpers.
Telephones have been installed for men detailed in watches.
- 1933 - new District 2 Chief Elmer Trull.
Dept. responded to 3 major fires in Lowell,& North Village trk. to fire in Tyngsboro at Marist Bros. School.
Death-member Observer Blood.
new FOREST WARDEN-GILBERT PERHAM
- 1934 - TM voted \$1,200 to purchase new auto trk.for FD & equipment,new ENGINE NO. FIVE at South Village w.250 gal.tank(old wood floor at South Sta. taken up & perm concrete floor laid down.)
new District 3 Chief Walter Edwards(Elmer Trull resigned)
w.assistance of E.R.A. 5 water holes est. at strategic locations.
East Chelms.Water Dist. now nearing completion,& will be necessary to install a 500gpm pumper w. 1000' 2 1/2" hose there.

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- 1935 - TM voted \$500 towards hydrant service in South Chelmsford.
 new District 5 Chief Charles House(Arthur House resigned)
 TM voted \$7,500 for purchase of new 500gal.pumper w. 1000' hose.
 Delivery:new ENGINE NO.ONE 1935 Maxim 500gpm pumper(Eng.ls 1926
 Maxim pumper reassigned to East Village as ENGINE NO.FOUR).The
 East Village Chemical truck turned over to Forest Warden Gilbert
 Perham as a FOREST FIRE TRK (1925 Federal).
 There is mention of extensive repairs to the West Village pumper
 (prob. blt. or purchased c.1934).
major apparatus:
 E1 1935 Maxim 500gpm
 E2 1931 Maxim 500gpm
 E3 1934 blt. 1920 Brockway 250gpm (XChemical 5 or Hose 1)
 E4 1926 Maxim 500gpm(XE1)
 E5 1934 /Maxim 250gpm
- 1936 - Roster-53 men
- 1937 - Firehouses in East & South Villages have recd extensive repairs w.
 aid fr. W.P.A. labor.
 South Village Sta. now has running water.
 Centre Co.men rendered aid to 3 men trapped in collapsed sand bank
 on Mill Rd.
 Deputy Forest Wardens are-Herbert M.Stutevant,Walter H.Merrill,Fred W
 Merrill,Fred L Fletcher,Spencer W Chamberlain,Adam C Zabierek,Ernest
 C Soulis,Mark Norton,Robert Henderson.
- 1939 - TM voted \$1,200 for purchase of pump and hose for Forest Fire Dept.
 new Deputy Warden George A Parkhurst & Lester W.Ball(Observer)
 During past yr. called to extinguish 200 forest fires(c.250 acres;
 about 1/2 of which swept by hurricane lasy year).Many fires incindiary.
 Assisted US Forest Service in removal of hazardous material left fr.
 hurricane.New prttable pump,booster tank & hose placed in service.The
 Federal/Knight trk in use 14 yrs. needs to be replaced.(above fr.
 REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN). new FOREST FIRE TRK 1941 Chevrolet.
 have purch. gas masks & new tires.
 33 firemen have taken Red Cross First Aid coirses.
- 1940 - new FOREST WARDEN-HERBERT M.STURTEVANT.
- 1941 - Resignation-Fire Chief Harry L.Shedd.
- 1942 - serving in military-South Dist.Chief Charles House;Centre Capt.Allen
 Kidder.
 have cooperated w. Defense Committee & org. grp.of Auxiliary Firemen.
- 1943 - new Board of Engineers- CHIEF JOHN W.DIXON;Asst.Chief & Clerk Edward
 Hoyt;& Asst.Chief Theodore Reed.
 8 of our force now in the Armed Services.
 have purch. port. generator lighting outfit w. 2-500watt floodlights
 a 250watt spot light,cable,fittings,etc.
- 1944 - Engineers' Report CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT
Geographical:22.5 sq.miles,divided into 5 villages(each w. own signal
 system,men & truck) & a separate unit under Forest Warden handles
 brush fires(w,no signal system other than telephones).
Water Suppy:adequate(but not all areas covered)
Personnel:inadequate:only 2 permanent men(no 24 hr.coverage);no con-
 trol over volunteers who average 38 1/2¢ a wk.
Quarters:inadequate & inefficient.No Central control.Rapid depreciation
 of equip such as hose(w.no drying facilities)Rents pd. are a dead
 loss to town(almost \$800 per year)

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1944 Report of Engineers (cont)

Recommendations:

- 1) 2 new firehouses (Centre & North Villages) w. large enough force of perm. men to insure 24 hr. coverage by trained men; a centralized signal system w. one phone & central dispatcher.
- 2) extension of water to all sections.
- 3) replacement of obsolete trucks.

Death of 2 members-Silas Garthier of North Co. & Eugene Crockette of East Co.

Report of Forest Warden: many large fires occurred this past dry summer in neighboring communities (Chelms. was somewhat spared having had 130 call, of which only 6 required outside assistance). the new FOREST FIRE TRUCK w. portable pump & tank has proven its usefulness (hope a radio will soon be added) 1943 TM voted \$900 for above.

1945 - Board of Engineers: JOHN W DIXON-CHIEF; H. Edward Hoyt-Asst Chief & Clerk, & Theodore W Reed-Asst. Chief.

TM voted \$1,400 for Comm. to plan 2 new fire stations (Centre & North)

District Chiefs: #1 Johnson, #2 Ryan, #3 Edwards, #4 Quinn, #5 Dupee.

new Alarm Box installed Highland Ave. School

District 1 Chief Wilhelm T Johnson resigned (32 yrs. service)

1946 - new District 1 Chief Allan Kidder

District	Make	Type	Capacity	Age
West	Brockway	Pumper	250 g.p.m.	26 years
West	Chandler	Brush fire	—	25 "
Center	Brockway	Hose wagon	—	23 "
East	Maxim	Pumper	500 g.p.m.	21 "
North	Maxim	Pumper	500 g.p.m.	15 "
South	Maxim	Pumper	250 g.p.m.	12 "
Center	Maxim	Pumper	500 g.p.m.	11 "

1947 - the Board of Fire Engineers RESIGNED; new CHIEF ENGINEER-WALTER EDWARDS

Fire Engineers		
Charles D. Harrington	Walter W. Edwards	Samuel A. Parks
William L. Colmer	George W. Nold	Ralph A. Knight
	Gilbert H. Perham	

(The following were appointed as Fire Engineers and later resigned)

John W. Dixon	Theodore W. Reed	Harold W. Stewart
H. Edward Hoyt	Roger W. Boyd	

new Board (org. Oct.) has delved into Centralization of the Dept. Each Dist. Chief has been asked to call for help immediately instead of working w. only his District's men & apparatus. Also have conferred w. NE Telephone & Telegraph Co. concerning this. Most equipment is 12 to 21 yrs. old; plan to start asking for replacements in 1949; also are asking in 1948 to est. a call co. in Precinct #6 (Westlands) District Chief 2 (North) Joseph G. Ryan has resigned & succeeded by Chandler Robinson

TM voted \$4,000 for new fire trk. for West Chelm. new ENGINE NO. THREE 1947 Studebaker pumper w. 500gpm front mt. pump.

new FOREST WARDEN-ALLAN KIDDER (thanks to Town for use of South Engine during forest fire season. Were 165 calls for forest or grass fires. Town recd. \$46.90 fr. NY,NH.&H RR for fire caused by train(one of worst fires this spring).Regular firemen responding to forest calls pd. at their rate;all others pd. 75¢ hr,instead of usual 50¢/hr.Two offenders apprehended who confessed to setting fires.A no. of slash conditions were remedied.New forestry equip:1000' 1 1/8"forestry hose; 200' 3/4" booster hose,12 pump cans,2-3/4" fog nozzles,12 fire brooms, 2 tires & tubes for truck;1 battery,50 gals.of wetting agent

1948 - are now 7 permanent men working 48 hrs. per wk;supplemented by Volunteer Cos. in 5 Districts.The West Dist. now has skeleton force of 5 vols. & is dependent on the Center for fire apparatus. installed this yr.-a central switch board at Center Sta.(giving residents only one no. to remember);new air compressor at Center. Fire Alarm-Center,Westlands & North sections have outgrown existing fire alarm circuits;circuits need to be extended;at least 10 new boxes needed. The various water districts have made major extensions.

Forest Warden Report-pump on Forest Fire Trk. gave out this yr. & had to be replaced.

1949 - TM appointed comm. to investigate replacement of North Engine
TM voted \$1,680 to replace gas masks
new boilers installed East & South Stations.
Roof on Center Station repaired.
new 40' ladder installed on overhead ladder rack Center Trk;new ladders on North trk as well(overhead ladder racks)
Center whistle improved;boxes added to schools that had no systems.
Forest Warden Report-radio added,also new booster reel to Forest Trk.
of 183 forest fire calls,one major fire off Graniteville Rd,West Chelm.

1950 - Board of Engineers-ALAN KIDDER,CHIEF(ALSO FOREST WARDEN),Wm.L.Colmar, Samuel A Parks,Gilbert H.Perham,Charles D Harrington
TM voted #14,000 for purchase of new engine;and also auth to Engineers to dispose of the engine presently in East(1926 Maxim)
the nr. hurricane did considerable damage to fire alarm system.
TM voted comm. of 3 to revise plans for new Center Station.

Fire Department:

Salaries of Fire Engineers	470.00
Salaries of District Chiefs (5)	1,040.00
Salaries of Captains (5)	175.00
Salaries of Lieutenants (5)	170.00
Salaries of Janitors (3)	375.00
Salaries of Drivers (7)	18,507.00
Call Men Yearly	1,200.00
Labor at Fires	1,600.00
Fire Alarm System	2,000.00
Rental of No. Section Quarters	735.00
Fuel, Electricity and Telephone	1,910.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00
New Equipment	2,050.00
Oil Burner Inspections	200.00
Insurance	690.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	200.00

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- 1951 - new Engineer Leo A Williams (replaced Mr. Parks)
 Delivery: new ENGINE NO. TWO 1951 Maxim (closed cab) 750gpm triple comb. pumper placed in service at North Chelmsford Sta (Eng. 2s 1931 Maxim pump redes. Eng. No. 4 & trans to East Chelms. Sta; Eng. 4s 1926 Maxim pump in Reserve). Former Eng. 2 painted at cost \$1,250.
 TM voted \$1,800 for purch. of 3/4 ton pick up trk. EMERGENCY TRK 1951 Studebaker outfitted with equip. for drownings, highway accidents, etc. Fire Alarm systems of North & West villages linked; also line extended from Center Sta. to East Sta. (hope to hook up to South 1952) (via Civil Defense) a comb. air raid/fire whistle installed at North. 2 serious big fires - Emerson's barn & Spurr home.
 The 2 dumps were sources of troubles this yr.
 Board hopes when old Princeton School Bldg. in North turned back to Town can remodel into a North Chelmsford Fire Station. Also still need a simple sta. in the Center.
 Forest Warden Report - of 123 brush fire calls, one major blaze May 2nd off Groton Rd (source of fire, the public dump) - aid fr. Tewksbury, Lowell & Concord FDs.
- 1952 - TM voted \$5,000 to extend water main to N. Chelmsford Dump.
 TM voted \$80,000 to construct new Central Fire Sta. on easterly side of North Rd.; Bldg. Committee (Board of Engineers, Ulysses S. Lupien, George W. Marniel, Arnold C. Perham)
 Sent 2 Cos. to Tewks. one day (Regional Civil Defense Test)
 Fire Alarm fr. Center tied into South Chelms. system
 North Co. members had fund drive to purch new resuscitator.
 Civil Defense Comm (U. Lupien, Chairman) have procured port. power unit for North Firehouse & new oxygen tank for FD.
 Forest Warden Report - considerable forestry hose has become unusefull, need is evident for a tank trk.
- 1953 - 3 new Engineers - Harry L. Shedd, Richard B. Carr, Vinson C. Reid. (replaced Harrington, Colmar, & Perham)
 TM voted \$2,850 for retaining walls, fencing, grading, landscaping at new CENTRAL STATION... opened August 1, 1953; apparatus:
ENGINE NO. ONE - 1935 Maxim 500gpm (refurbished 1953)
 FOREST FIRE TRK - 1941 Chevrolet
 EMERGENCY TRK - 1951 Studebaker
 RESERVE ENG. - 1926 Maxim 500gpm (XEng1, Eng4)
 radiator installed at S. Chelms Sta (remd. fr. old Princeton School)
 Board has decided against extending Fire Alarm system until can modernize what we have.
 CD Committee - purchased handi-Talki Port. unit for FD
 Forest Warden Report - 174 brush fire calls this yr.
- 1954 - The Board of Fire Engineers & the Forest Warden position DELETED.
 new FIRE CHIEF - ALLAN KIDDER (salary period 6/1/54 to Dec. 31st - \$2,392.
 TM dismissed art. for traffic control signals at Central Sta.
 NE Rating Bureau surveyed the Dept. (of 5 engines tested, 1 passed)
 TM voted - Committee (composed of Fire Engineers) to engage architect to formulate plan for a new North Chelmsford Fire Sta. to be erected on the old Princeton School site; \$1,500 for expenses.

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- 1955 - TM voted _____ to construct new North Chelmsford Fire Station. (photo in Tri Centennial book of FD Personnel): Wm Sheed, Thom Shedd, Don Smith; Capt. Clarence Dan; Arthur Cutter, Anthony Ferriera, Edward Hoyt, Lt. Hoard Christianson, Capt. George Waite, Raymond Marchand, Melmon Smith, Forrest Philbrook, Royce Parker, Charles Miller, Eugene Pudsey, George Baxendale, Capt. Asa Robey, Ira Spaulding, Arthur House, John Hallberg, Neil Moores, John Breen, Arthur Caster, Lt. Robert Spaulding, Bradford Emerson, Capt. Ernest Byam, Edward Quinn, Chief Allan Kidder, Ray Pickard, Wm. Thayer, George Dixon, Warren Wetmore, Thomas Miskell, James Robinson, Edward McGovern, Lionel Marchand, Capt. Roland Marr, George Parkhurst, Charlie Fuller, A. Louis Bennett, Foster Braga, Wm. Dutton, Farley Kemp, Wallace Greig, Morton Pickard.
- 1956 - TM voted following wage scale: (Maximum pay)
 Chief-\$4,700; Perm Capt-\$4,000; Call Capt.-\$200 + 1.85/hr; Lt-\$3,850;
 Call Lt-100per yr + 1.75/hr; Reg. FF-\$3,700; Call FF-\$35.00 + 1.65hr;
 Janitor-\$140.00.
 Have asked the last 3 yrs. that Town purchase minimum of 2-750gpm pumpers (to replace trks 31 & 26 yrs. old, both undependable). At meeting w. Board of Selectmen & Finance Comm, agreed to NOT spend any money on apparatus needing major repairs. Also the Forest Fire Truck needs to be reconditioned.
 Report of Fire Station Bldg. Committee, Roger Welch, Sec-new NORTH CHELMS. FIRE STATION occupied Dec. 30, 1956. Firemen's Relief Assoc. has supplied some furnishings & equipment. Grading & seeding has been contracted for spring. 1956 TM voted additional \$5,000 for cost of project.
- 1957 - TM voted \$22,000 to purchase a fire trk. Delivery: new ENGINE NO. ONE 1957 Maxim semi cab 750gpm triple comb. pumper placed in service at Central Sta. (Eng. Ones 1935 Maxim 500gpm pump redes. Engine No. 4 & trans to the East Company replacing the 1931 Maxim pump).
 present force has 11 permanent fire fighters. There is urgent need for additional perm. fire fighters. ie recent fire (3 cos. responded, each co. has roster of 10 Callmen.... 3 callmen responded).
- 1958 - Death-Fire Chief Allan Kidder died Nov. 4, 1958 (appointed Call FF 1931; served WWII, appointed as regular FF 1946; & 1st Full Time Chief 1954).
 new FIRE CHIEF-ERNEST G. BYAM.
 TM voted \$22,000 to purchase new fire trk.
 DELIVERY: new ENGINE NO. TWO 1958 Maxim semi cab 750gpm triple comb. pumper placed in service at North Chelm. Sta. (Eng. 2s 1951 Maxim 750gpm pump redes. Eng. No. Three & trans to West Station; Eng. 3's 1947 Studebaker 500gpm pump redes. Engine No. 5 & trans to South Station; Eng. 5s 1934 pump discarded).
 new overhead doors installed at West & South stations.
 Upstairs of Central Station has been finished by dept. members.
 Delivery: new RESCUE NO. ONE 1958 Chevrolet fully compartment rescue trk. w. walk-in half body. Cost \$12,000 (procured thru dept. fund drive) (the 1951 Studebaker pickup trk. outfitted as a brush truck).
 Asking TM for 3 additional permanent Firefighters (at present only 1 man on each shift at North Sta). Will give us two-man shifts.
 Need for both a new ladder trk & a new Forest Fire truck to replace the 1941 Chevrolet (18 yrs. old)
 CD has procured for the Dept. a mobil radio; & a megaphone & radio receiver for the North Station.

1959 - TM voted \$12,400 for new piece of brush fire fighting apparatus; Delivery: new ENGINE NO. NINE 1959 Ford 4-wheel drive forest fire trk. placed in service at Central Sta. (1941 Chevrolet trk trans to North) new circuit added to Fire Alarm board; new system at new High School connected; pkus 2 new street boxes.

Apparatus:

Headquarters: E1 1957 Maxim 750; E9 1959 Ford Forest trk; R1 1958 Chevy; trailer deck gun; trailer light plant.

North: E2 1958 Maxim 750; E7 1941 Chevrolet 500.

West: E3 (XE2) 1951 Maxim 750

East: E4 (XE1) 1935 Maxim 500

South: E5 (XE3) 1947 Studebaker 500

1960 - Total responses-388 (45 blg. fires; 110 brush; 43 resuscitator calls) Need to replace the 1951 pick up trk; & to add a 75' aerial ladder trk. Much work need to be done on fire alarm system due to Highway construction (State has pd. part of cost).

1961 - TM voted \$2,575 for FD STATION WAGON 1961 Chevrolet.

1962 - TM voted \$17,000 to purch. a 75' aerial ladder truck; LADDER NO. ONE 1962 S Model Maxim MM service aerial trk. in service at Central Sta.

1963 - a very dry yr. w many serious brush fires; most serious fought 8 days at Thanksgiving Ground Forest.; 2) Town dump again (thanks to Supt. of Highway Fred Greenwood & dump caretaker Isodore Needham for their help). Other serious fires at Grossmans Lumber Co & also serious B&M train wreck.

1964 - TM voted \$3,499 for new FD PICKUP TRK. & sale of 1951 Studebaker. Death-Deputy Chief Raymond J McGlinchey Recommend-new station wagon; replacement of 2 old 500 gpm pumpers; & also purchase of land for new fire sta. w. plans to be drawn up at 1966 Town Meeting.

1965 - Death-Fire Chief Ernest G. Byam died fr. injuries in auto accident. while responding to an alarm new FIRE CHIEF-FREDERICK H. REID Fire Alarm-installed new transistor units (doing away w. old storage batteries; added 18 new streetboxes & 5 miles of wire. Quessy School, McFarlin School & new Jr. HS all connected to system.

1966 - TM voted \$21,364 for new fd pumping engine. Delivery: new ENGINE NO. ONE 1966 S model Maxim semi Cab 1000gpm triple comb. pumper placed in serv. at Central Sta. (Eng. 1s 1957 Maxim 750gpm redes. Eng. No. 5 & trans to South; Eng. 5s 1947 Studebaker 500 Reserve) TM voted \$75,000 to construct new Fire Sta. in South Chelmsford on Acton Rd; Building Comm. appointed to carry out same (Raymond Greenwood, Chairman) Tm voted \$800 to remove present South Fire Sta. (same site) Position of 2 Lieut. abolished (2 additional Cpts appointed). 5 miles of Fire Alarm wire added, & 20 new boxes installed (all but 5 pd. for by developers)

APPARATUS

Central Sta. E1 1966 Maxim 1000gpm; E9 1959 Ford Forestry trk, L1 1962 Maxim 75' aerial, R1 1958 Chevrolet, trailer gun & generator.

North Sta. - E2 1958 Maxim 750gpm; E7 1941 Chevrolet; FA trk 1947 Stude.

West Sta. - E3 1951 Maxim 750gpm (XE2)

East Sta. - E4 1935 Maxim 500gpm (XE1)

South Sta. - E5 1957 Maxim 750gpm (XE1)

1967 - new SOUTH CHELMSFORD FIRE STATION occupied Jan, 1967 (apparatus 1957 Maxim 750gpm pumper, former Engine No.1). furnishings donated by the Ernest G. Byam Memorial Fund.

FIRE CHIEF

Frederick H. Reid

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Charles E. Jangraw

CAPTAINS

Edward G. Quinn

Robert C. Spaulding
Allen C. Mello

William H. Thayer,
Temp.

PRIVATEES

Thomas P. Miskell	Robert A. Bennett	James T. Cutter
Arthur G. Anderson	Robert R. Gagnon	Richard P. O'Neil
Bertrand E. Dixon	Harold J. Pierce, Jr.	Gerald D. Tonks
Charles Ferreira	Donald A. Weber	Joseph F. Lynch
Edward J. McGovern	Paul D. Henderson	Robert L. Hughes
Robert K. Adams	Peter T. Wetherbee	Thomas J. Curran
Alvin F. Wetmore	Francis J. Conlin	Charles Galloway, Jr.
Jack D. Hadley	James M. Spinney	James P. Flaherty
Harvey M. Miller	Donald A. Drew	Paul D. Hayes

1968 - Dept. recommends Committee to investigate blg. new Fire Station in West section of town; replacement of 1965 Station Wagon and the 1941 brush fire trk in the North Station.

1969 - TM voted Comm of 5 (one being the Fire Chief) to find site & proceed w. plans to construct new West Fire Station; \$1,500 for expenses. TM voted \$2,337.19 to purchase FD 4-DR. SEDAN for Fire Chief. TM voted \$11,785 for purch of new brush fire apparatus. 4 men added to dept. (now have 5 man shifts at Central Sta., 2 men at North and 2 men at South round the clock)

1970 - Total budget for year-\$440,740.00 voted TM voted \$90,000 for new Fire Sta. in West Chelmsford; Fire Station Building Comm (Eugene Gilbet, Chairman; Edward Hoyt, Sec). Site selected at Westford St. & Old Westford Rd. Delivery: new ENGINE NO. SIX 1970 Ford/Farrar Forest Fire Truck. placed in service at Central Station (replacing the Chevrolet Rescue trk and the 1959 Ford brush trk Eng. No. 9 trans to new South Station). Recommend 1000 gal. pumper to replace the 1935 pumper at East.

CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN 1970

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Auto Accidents	2	0	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	5	2	29
Bomb Scares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brush Fires	0	4	3	52	29	18	11	4	7	19	5	1	153
Building Fires	13	6	8	10	10	8	8	7	6	7	3	8	94
Drownings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dump Fires	0	0	0	11	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	20
False Alarm—Accidental	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	9
False Alarm—Malicious	1	4	2	3	3	4	10	4	1	6	11	4	53
First Aid	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Lock Outs	2	6	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	20
Misc Calls & Investigation	17	22	15	18	18	28	22	25	23	25	25	30	268
Mutual Aid Given	1	0	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	12
Resuscitator	10	8	12	12	8	10	8	4	4	4	14	6	100
Vehicle Fires	4	7	5	11	8	9	4	8	6	4	2	4	72
TOTALS	50	57	53	128	85	85	71	56	50	68	70	63	836

1970(cont.)

FIRE CHIEF

Frederick H. Reid

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Edward G. Quinn

CAPTAINSRobert C. Spaulding
William H. ThayerAllen C. Mello
Charles S. Galloway, Jr.**PRIVATEES**

Thomas P. Miskell	Donald A. Weber	Joseph F. Lynch
Arthur G. Anderson	Paul D. Henderson	Paul D. Hayes
Bertrand E. Dixon, Jr.	Peter T. Wetherbee	Terrence A. Goode
Charles Ferreira	Francis J. Conlin	William H. Hadley
Edward J. McGovern	Donald A. Drew	Philip Dube
Robert K. Adams	James T. Cutter	Emil A. Magiera
Alvin F. Wetmore	Gerald D. Tonks	Leo Martin
Jack D. Hadley	Richard P. O'Neil	Ronald J. Sawicki
Harvey M. Miller	Robert L. Hughes	Joseph E. Staveley
Robert A. Bennett	Thomas J. Curran	Walter F. Adley, Jr.
Robert R. Gagnon	James M. Spinney	John P. DePalma
Harold J. Pierce, Jr.	James P. Flaherty	Dennis Vargeletis

1971 - TM voted \$300 to secure appraisals to procure land in East Chelmsford for a new Fire Station.
During yr. 186 inspections made on commercial & mercantile property. During Fire Prev. Week, and all day seminar conducted for several hundred Boy Scouts at blgs. & grds. of S.Chelm. Rod & Gun Club. Your dept. (w. Billerica & Dracut FDs) now have a fire safety film library. as result of ban on outdoor burning; brush fires reduced fr, 257 calls in 1969 to 95 calls in 1971.
new WEST CHELMSFORD FIRE STATION opened Feb, 1971 (apparatus, Eng. No. 3 1958 Maxim 750gpm pumper, former Engine No. 2).

1972 - Delivery: new ENGINE NO. ONE 1972 F model Maxim 1000gpm triple comb. pumper placed in serv. at Central Sta. (Eng. 1s 1966 1000gpm Maxim redes. Eng. No. 2 to North; Eng. 2s 1958 Maxim 750 redes. Engine No. 3 to new West Sta.; Eng. 3s 1951 Maxim 750 pump redes. Eng. No. 4 to East; Eng. 4s 1935 Maxim 500 in Reserve.)
Recommend replacing the 1964 3/4 ton pickup trk.
APPARATUS:
Central Sta.: E1 1972 Maxim 1000; E6 1970 Ford Rescue/Brush trk; L1 1962 Maxim 750; 1964 pickup trk; Chiefs car 1969 sedan
North Sta.: E2 (XE1) 1966 Maxim 1000; FA trk (XE3, 5) 1947 Studebaker
West Sta.: E3 (XE2) 1958 Maxim 750
East Sta.: E4 (XE2, E3) 1951 Maxim 750
South Sta.: E5 (XE1) 1957 Maxim 750; E9 1959 Ford brush trk.
assigned to Fire Prevention Program-Capt. Robert Spaulding.
new FIRE PREVENTION CAR 1972 model (courtesy of Bounival Chrysler/Plymouth Dealer) replaced the 1971 car.
all churches w. Kindergartens now equipped w. fire detection & alarm systems.
newest brush truck (the 1970 Ford) has been converted to a Rescue vehicle. (ENGINE NO. SIX).
Recommend purchase of sedan to replace the 1969 4-dr.

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- 1973 - Force-49 Permanent (Chief, Deputy, 5 Capts, 44 Pvts).
 TM voted compensation for FFs w. college defree in Fire Science.
 TM voted auth. Selectmen to grant as gift to Amer. Legion Post #366,
 land & blgs. now occupied as East Chelms. Fire Sta. when no longer
 used as such.
 Town's Insurance Rating fr. 5th to 4th Class.
 1972 Fire Prev. Car replaced by 1973 model (coutesy Bounival Co.)
 (1973 Chevrolet replaced the 1969 Ford)
- 1974 - Force-51 permFFs (Chief, Deputy, 5 Capts, 48 pvts).
 1973 Fire Prev. Car replaced by 1974 Chevy sedan (courtesy Hallissey
 Chevrolet Co.)
 Recommend purchase of a new 1000gpm pumper.
 In place-East Chelmsford Fire Station Blg. Committee.
- 1975 - 1st yr. total no. of calls exceeded 1,000 total-1,074
 concern now vehicles being stolen & burned.
 Requesting funds for 8 additional men for new station.
 TM voted \$53,263 for a new 1000gal. pumper.
 TM voted \$275,000 for blg. new EAST CHELMSFORD FIRE STATION (succesful
 bidder petruccelli Const. Co. of Lynn); contract signed 12-29-1975.....
 Walter R Hedlund, Chairman of East Chelms. F.S. Blg. Comm.
- 1976 - W. the opening of the new Fire Sta. in East Chelms., the Dept. has com-
 pleted its expansion program which began in 1952... ALL FIVE STATIONS
ARE NOW PERMANENTLY MANNED.
 Roster-63 permanent (Chief, Deputy, 5 Capts, 56 pvts.) plus 1 Clerk
 Retirements: Capt. Robt. C Spaulding & FF Edward C McGovern.
 Resignation: FF Michael A Blazonis
 via Insurance Service Office in Boston-Town now has Class "B" Rating.
 Delivery: new ENGINE NO. ONE 1976 CF Model Mack 1000gpm pumper w. 500
 gal. tank placed in serv. at Central Sta. (Eng. 1s 1972 Maxim 1000 to
 Eng. No. 2; Eng. 2s 1966 Maxim 1000 to Engine 4; Eng. 4s 1951 Maxim 750 in
 Reserve).
- 1977 - Surprise snow storm of May knocked out all fire alarm circuits & downed
 several miles of wire. Available-a FD pamphlet on safe use of wood
 burning stoves.
 Retirement-Capt. Wm. H. Thayer.
 TM approved funds to repower the ladder trk w. diesel engine.
 Request replacement of the 1973 car.
- 1978 - "great Blizzard of '78"; had to double the manpower of the dept.
 were 2 major fires: 1) Dec. State Line Lumber Co; 2) Dec. the Fiske House.
 Recommend replacement of the 1972 Pickup Trk & the 1973 sedan.
 new on dept. roster MECHANIC-JACK SMITH.
- 1979 - problem facing the dept today-cost of heating 5 fire stations and
 maintaining 14 pieces of equipment.
 Recommend replacing a 1957 pumper (Engine 5)
 TM voted \$8,000 to purch. new 4dr Sedan w. sale of the 1973 Chevy.
- 1980 - noted increase in blg. fires related to burning wood & also increase
 in medical assistance.
 TM voted \$107,071 to purchase a new 1,000 gal. pumping engine.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Norman LeBrecque moved to amend line #68 (severance Pay) from 13,111. to 0.. Chief Reid explained that this is a negotiated item by union contract. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the Motion to amend, the motion was defeated by voice vote.

Salaries:

66. Officers and Administration	168,640.00
67. Regular and Substitute Account	1,336,284.00
68. Severance Pay	13,111.00
Total	1,518,035.00

Expenses:

69. Maintenance and Equipment	79,271.00
70. Outlays	5,867.00
71. Out of State	400.00
72. Stabilization Fund (Equipment)	19,000.00
Total	104,538.00

Total Fire Department	1,622,573.00
Appropriations from Federal Revenue	
Sharing, for Salaries	172,500.00
COST TO TOWN	1,450,073.00
Motion Carried, Unanimously	

PERSONNEL

Fire Chief
Frederick H. Reid

Deputy Fire Chief
Edward G. Quinn

Captains

Thomas P. Miskell (Acting)	Ronald J. Sawicki
Charles S. Galloway, Jr.	Ronald O. Wikander (Res.)
James M. Spinney	James A. Sousa

Firefighters

Arthur G. Anderson	John P. DePalma
Bertrand E. Dixon, Jr.	Walter F. Adley, Jr.
Charles Ferreira	Dennis Vargeletis
Robert K. Adams	Richard L. Grenon
Alvin F. Wetmore	Ronald L. Johnson
Jack D. Hadley	(Retired 3/19/80)
Harvey M. Miller	Wallace V. Maybury, Jr.
Robert A. Bennett	William V. Cady, Jr.
Robert R. Gagnon	William F. Curran
Harold J. Pierce, Jr.	Daniel T. Reid
Donald A. Weber	Joseph J. Spinazola
Paul D. Henderson	Michael McTeague

Peter T. Wetherbee
Francis J. Conlin
Donald A. Drew
James T. Cutter
Gerald D. Tonks
Richard P. O'Neil
Robert L. Hughes
Thomas J. Curran
James P. Flaherty
Joseph F. Lynch

Ernest J. Frobese
James P. Curran
Charles A. Schramm
Peter C. Johnson
William M. Burke, Jr.
Edward J. Nolet
Michael F. Curran
Michael D. Ridlon
William H. Jamer
Raymond R. Kydd

Paul D. Hayes
Terrance A. Goode
William H. Hadley
Leo A. Martin
Emil P. Magiera
Philip Dube
Joseph E. Staveley

James Boormeester
William Dalton
Thomas D. Miskell
David Gelineau
Brian J. Stanton (Prov.)
Richard Miller
Dennis Keohane (Prov.)

Mary Ann Koulas

Jack Smith

CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE 1980

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Vehicle Accidents	2	4	6	7	6	8	2	10	12	6	5	4
Brush	37	45	30	55	29	17	9	10	10	15	28	8
Building	13	11	9	10	10	9	8	8	8	5	18	20
Dump	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
False-Malicious	5	3	3	2	1	3	2	5	6	4	2	1
False-Accidental	8	8	5	8	5	10	9	5	1	11	7	7
Misc.	26	22	16	27	25	33	33	17	18	15	26	19
Lock Out	4	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0
Med. Assist.	19	17	19	18	24	29	36	23	19	18	28	26
Vehicle	5	7	11	8	5	3	10	4	4	7	9	5
Mutual Aid	2	5	1	1	5	1	3	0	1	4	3	3
Total = 1305	121	124	101	136	110	113	117	82	86	86	128	101

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- 1981 - Noted-as yet no loss of manpower due to passage of Prop. 2 1/2 Prop. Tax Reform; though a trying year w. budget problems.
 Roster-64 permanent(Chief, Acting Deputy, 5 Capts, 1 Acting; & 57 pvts) plus secretary and 1 mechanic.
 Retirement-Deputy Fire Chief Edward G. Quinn.; also FF Charles Ferriera
 Acting Deputy Chief-Charles S Galloway Jr.
 Acting Capt-Thomas Curran
 Resignation-Joseph E Staveley
 serious loss this yr.-NORTH CSHOOL destroyed(4th Alarm)
 Mutual Aid.-Eng. 1 responded to the conflagration in Lynn, Mass, November
 Delivery: new ENGINE NO. ONE 1981 CF Model Mack 1000gpm pumper w. 500 gal. tank (Eng. 1s 1976 Mack 1000 to Eng. 2; Eng. 2s 1972 Maxim 1000 to Eng. 3; Eng. 3s 1958 Maxim 750 in Reserve.)
Apparatus
 Central Sta (E1 1981 Mack 1000; L1 1962 Maxim 75'; E6 1970 Ford 500; Chiefs Car, FP Car, & Pick up trk)
 North Sta (E2 1976 Mack 1000; E7 1959 Ford forestry)
 West Sta (E3 1972 Maxim 1000)
 East Sta (E4 1966 Maxim 1000; Reserve 1951 Maxim 750)
 South Sta (E5 1957 Maxim 750; Reserve 1958 Maxim 750)
- 1982 - Promotion-Deputy Chief James A Sousa (topped Civil Service Exam)
 Retirement-FF Thomas P Miskell
 2 serious blg. fires this yr-1) Raquet Club; 2) Comet Plastic Products Co
- 1983 - Retirement-FF Bertrand E Dixon Jr.
 Resignations-FF Wallace U Madbury Jr, FF James J Durkin.
 Recommend a new 1000gpm pumper to replace a 1957 Maxim (Engine No. 5)
- 1984 - Retirements-FF Alvin F Wetmore, Robt R Gagnon, Joseph F Lynch
 Resignation-FF Philip Dube
 TM voted \$125,000 to purchase a new pumping engine (not delvd. until 1987) note-ALL APPARATUS PURCHASES SINCE MADE THRU CAPITAL PLANNING PROGRAM.
 TM voted \$34,325 for new roofs on North & South Fire Stations and for a new 12 circuit entrance cabinet w. accessories to receive fire alarms- Requesting a new pick up trk w. plow & radio.
- 1985 - Death-Capt. Thomas Curran died Apr. 3, 1985
 Promotion Capt. James Boermeester
 Acting Capt-FF Jack D Hadley
 Retirement-FF Robt K Adams
 new Mechaic-George Fetzer
- 1986 - recd. thru Capital Planning Program:
 Delivery: new LADDER NO. ONE 1985 Pirsch cab forward 100' rear mt. aerial ladder trk (painted white/red) replacing the 1962 Maxim trk.
 Delivery: new 4-whl. drive PICKUP TRUCK.
 (after discussion & comments of Acting Fire Chief James Sousa) \$35,000 article to rebld. the front portion of the North Fire Station ammended to use funds to reconstruct the 2nd flr. of the Central Fire Station to give more office space & a ladies rm....note (within the the next couple yrs., the North Fire Station was rebuilt).
- 1986 - Retirement of Chief Fred Reid on April 30, 1986. Deputy James Sousa served as acting Chief until early 1987 when Firefighter Hughes appointed to Chief.
- 1987 - Delivery: new ENGINE NO. FOUR 1987 CF model Mack 1000gpm pumper w. 1000 gal. tank placed in service at the East Fire Station. This piece was blt. by the FMC Co. (Engine 4s 1966 Maxim 1000 pumper to Engine No. 5; Eng. 5s 1958 Maxim 750 in Reserve)
 Chief reports bids recd for a new FD Rescue Truck & for the generator system for the Central Station.

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1987 cont -Fire Stations are in process of being upgraded to coincide w. energy audit done by Mass.Electric.

Retirements-Harold J.Pierce Jr(deceased Feb.13,1987);Ronald J.Sawacki;
Donald Weber.

1988 - (Delivery thru Capital Planning Program):

new ENGINE NO.FIVE 1988 Chevrolet/Emerg.One 1000gpm pumper w.500 gal. tank(conventional cab,painted white/red)placed in service at the South Chelms.Station(Eng.5s 1966 Maxim 1000 pupmer,X Eng.s.1,2,&4 placed in Reserve;the Reserve 1957 Maxim pumper discarded)note(the 1958 Maxim pumper X Eng.s.2,3 & Reserve had been stipped of parts to keep the '57 in service).

Delivery:new FIRE ALARM TRUCK.

Engine No 2s 1976 Mack pumper reblt. by the RANGER CO. w. 4 dr.forward cab this yr(painted white/red).

All 5 stations painted inside & out;lighting has been changed to provide energy efficient lights.

Have purch. small amount of Haz Mat equipment.

Retirements-FF Gerald Tonks(appointed 1966;superannuation) & Secretary Mary Ann Koulas(after 20 yrs)

Transfer-FF Robt.Villare to Police Dept.

Appointments-FFs James Durkin & John Robinson.

1989 - Promotions-Deputy Chief of Operations Charles Galloway;
Capt.Michael Burke.

1990 - total calls-1,762

approp budget 1990 TOTAL-\$3,119,103

General Fund-\$2,902,952; Capital Projects-216,151.

delivery:new ENGINE NO.ONE 1990 Emergency One/Hush 1250gpm pumper w. 750 gal.tank placed in service at Central Fire Sta.(Engine 1s 1981 Mack 1000 to Engine No.3 at West Chelms Sta;Eng.3s 1972 Maxim 1000 Reserve). note:both the '81 Mack and the '72 Maxim repainted white/red.

DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL

NAME

POSITION

Adley, Walter	Firefighter
Anderson, Arthur	Firefighter
Bennett, Robert	Firefighter
Boormeester, J.	Captain
Burke, Michael	Captain
Cady, William	Firefighter
Campbell, David	Firefighter
Campbell, Wm.	Firefighter
Carroll, John	Firefighter
Cincevich, A.	Firefighter
Clancy, David	Firefighter
Clarke, Kevin	Firefighter
Conlin, F.J.	Firefighter
Conlin, Mark	Firefighter
Curran, James	Firefighter
Curran, Michael	Captain

Curran, William	Firefighter
Cutter, James	Firefighter
Dalton, William	Firefighter
DePalma, John	Firefighter
Desaulnier, M.A.	Senior Clerk
Donovan, Bruce	Firefighter
Drew, Donald	Firefighter
Durkin, James	Firefighter
Flaherty, James	Firefighter
Foster, Jesse	Firefighter
Frobese, Ernest	Firefighter
Galloway, Charles	Deputy
Goode, Terrance	Firefighter
Grenon, Richard	Firefighter
Griffin, Anna	Junior Clerk
Hadley, David	Firefighter
Hadley, William	Firefighter
Hayes, Paul	Firefighter
Henderson, Paul	Firefighter
Hughes, Robert	Chief
Jamer, William	Firefighter
Johnson, Peter	Firefighter
Keeley, James	Mechanic
Keohane, Dennis	Firefighter
Keohane, William	Firefighter
Kydd, Raymond	Firefighter

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1990 - Dept. Personnel
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Magiera, Emil	Firefighter
Martin, Leo	Firefighter
McTeague, Mike	Firefighter
Merrill, Leslie	Firefighter
Miller, Richard	Firefighter
Nolet, Edward	Firefighter
O'Neil, Richard	Firefighter
Reid, Daniel	Firefighter
Reid, James	Firefighter
Reid, John	Firefighter
Ridlon, Michael	Firefighter
Rivard, Arthur	Firefighter
Schramm, Charles	Captain
Sousa, James	Deputy
Spinazzola, Joseph	Firefighter
Spinney, James	Captain
Stanton, Brian	Firefighter
Ubele, John D.	Firefighter
Vaccaro, Anthony	Mechanic
Vargeletis, Dennis	Firefighter

1991 - (missing)

1992 - Force-now 58 (Chief, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 5 Capts, 50 Fire Fighters) plus, 2 clerks and 2 mechanics.

Deaths-FF Francis "bud" Conlin (32 yr. veteran) &

FF David Gelineau (15 yr. veteran)

Retirement-FF James Cutter (27 yrs. service).

All laid off personnel have been rehired and are hoping for the re-opening of the Westside Station & hiring of civilian dispatchers.

1993 - REOPENED: Engine House No. 3 (West Chelms)

Retirements-Chief Robt. L Hughes, Deputy Charles S Galloway, & FFs Robert A Bennett, Paul D Henderson, Peter T Wetherbee, Richard P O'Neil, James P Flaherty, Terrace A Goode & Richard L Grennon.

8 new FFs Appointed-Donald E Peterson, Gary Ryan, Kevin O'Brien, Michael L Donoghue, George E Ryan Jr, Kevin M Sheehy, Martin Boormeester Jr, Leo F Manley.

8 new DISPATCHERS-David DeFreitas, Richard Demers, Wm Vaughan, Richard Marchand, Michael Cassella, Edward Over, James P Flaherty, Terrace A Goode. Acting Fire Chief-James A Sousa.

1994 - new FIRE CHIEF-JOHN E PAROW

24 Firefighters have been trained as EMTS & all 1st response vehicles have been equipped to reflect same upgrade (includes 5 semi automated defibrillators thru efforts of Emblem Club & FFs Union Local #; 839). new training program (via Deputy Chief Sousa) to train all personnel according to Natl. Standards for FF1 & FF2 (2 yr course)

Budget restraints have forced alternating closings of Eng. Hose 3 (West) & Engine House 4 (East) 30 times in the last 6 mos. & in addition has dropped staffing at Central Sta. fr. 6 (1 Capt. & 5 ffs) to 3 (1 Capt. & 2 FFs) to stay within budget.

total calls- 3,426 (242 more than 1993)

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1994 (cont)

Fire Chief
John E. Parow

Deputy Chief
James A. Sousa

Captains

James M. Spinney	WM Michael Burke
James P. Boormeester	Charles A. Schramm
Michael F. Curran	

Firefighters

Walter F. Adley	Dennis Keohane
Martin Boormeester	William Keohane
William V. Cady	Raymond R. Kydd
David Campbell	Emil Magiera
William Campbell	Leo F. Manley
John Carroll	Leo Martin
Anthony Cincevich	Michael McTeague
David Clancy	Leslie Merrill
Kevin Clarke	Richard Miller
Mark F. Conlin	Edward J. Nolet
James F. Curran	Kevin O'Brien
William Curran	Donald E. Peterson
William Dalton	Daniel T. Reid
John Depalma	James F. Reid
Michael Donoghue	John E. Reid
Bruce Donovan	Michael Ridlon
Donald Drew	Arthur Rivard
James J. Durkin	John Robinson
Jesse Foster	Gary Ryan
Ernest Frobese	George E. Ryan
David Hadley	Kevin M. Sheehy
William Hadley	Joseph Spinazola
Paul D. Hayes	Brian Stanton
Henry A. Houle	J. Daniel Ubele
William Jamer	Dennis Vargeletis

Peter Johnson

Principal Clerk
Martha A. DeSaulnier

Senior Clerk
Patricia A. Britton

Mechanic
James Keeley

Civilian Dispatchers

David DeFreitas	Michael Cassella
Richard Demers	Terrance A. Goode
William Vaughan	Will Amundson
Timothy Goode	