

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL  
REPORT  
1975

CITY OF WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

TO: Mr. Wendell Seldon  
Winchester City Manager

Members of the Common Council  
City of Winchester, Virginia

I hereby submit the 1975 Annual Report for the Winchester City Fire Department.

The total fire loss for the year was \$176,063.00, the majority of which occurred at four fires. January and February claimed three lives, two children and one adult. It is my intention to decrease both these figures through increased training, fire code inspections and enforcement.

We have initiated many new programs and reports. The majority of statistics accumulated for this report are from July through December, since records were not available prior to July.

#### VOLUNTEER:

The five Volunteer Companies have given me one hundred percent cooperation since my appointment as Chief in May 1975. They have accepted and are participating on such programs as training, improved running procedures, and uniforms for all personnel. There are one hundred and fifty trained professional volunteers from these companies who give unlimited man-hours to the citizens of the City of Winchester. We have trained and certified twenty-four volunteer drivers, and these men are equally qualified and capable as the paid firemen. They not only man the extra equipment in emergencies, but also relieve the paid firemen in the case of illness and vacations. The volunteers help to insure constant fire protection for the community. The five volunteer companies have united to form a fine professional Fire Department.

At the present time Sarah Lane Company 3, is operating as a total volunteer company. During the month of December the volunteers have kept the station open more hours than when they had two paid firemen assigned to their station.

One Assistant Chief has been elected in each company from a list of qualified men submitted by this office. I meet monthly with the Assistant Chiefs and the Company Presidents, and find this has contributed greatly to united interest and participation by the volunteers.

Each volunteer is given a test once a month in order to measure the success of our training program. Eventually, all volunteers will have to be certified in order to be a member.

#### PAID PERSONNEL:

The department has thirteen paid firemen at this time; three men are assigned to Companies 1, 2, 4 and 5, and maintain these stations in service twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, without meal breaks. This program along with the volunteer driver program allows for true pre-planning of equipment at high hazard locations in the event of any emergency. The remaining fireman is working as Fire Marshal on code enforcement, and also serves as relief driver. These men are under a rigorous training program and monthly tests are given in order to keep increased emphasis on training and professionalism.

The paid firemen's duties are many and varied, some of which are building pre-planning, equipment and station maintenance, familiarization with the water system, Fire Prevention inspections, fire hose testing and other related duties..

The department has adopted a standard uniform for both paid and volunteer firemen. The uniforms have been issued to all paid firemen, and the volunteers are in the process of buying uniforms. This policy projects a professional image.

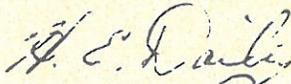
Five paid firemen and two volunteers are enrolled in the Fire Science course at Lord Fairfax Community College.

This small group of men, with the volunteers, supply a valuable service to the City of Winchester.

This report would not be complete without mentioning my secretary, who has the full responsibility of my office in my absence, and serves as secretary for the entire department.

I feel the Winchester Fire Department would not have to take a back seat to any Fire Department in the state of Virginia. I am extremely proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of men.

Respectfully,



Chief H. E. Dailey  
Winchester Fire Department

# WINCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PERSONNEL

Chief .....1  
Inspector .....1  
Fire Marshal .....1  
Secretary .....1  
Firemen .....12

## EQUIPMENT

### FRIENDSHIP COMPANY 1

Wagon 1 1968 American LaFrance, 1000 GPM  
Tanker 1 1966 Ford, 500 GPM Pump and 1500 Gallons Water  
Utility 1 1965 Chevrolet, Light Unit and Deluge Set

### ROUSS COMPANY 2

Truck 21 1969 Pirsch, 100' Aerial Ladder  
Wagon 2 1969 Pirsch, 1000 GPM Pumper  
Truck 22 1941 Pirsch, 75' Aerial Ladder

### SARAH ZANE COMPANY 3

Wagon 3 1967 Ford, 750 GPM  
Engine 3 1951 FWD, 750 GPM

### SHANNON COMPANY 4

Wagon 4 1968 Ford, 1000 GPM  
Engine 4 1959 Mack, 1000 GPM  
Salvage 4 1967 Ford

### SOUTH END COMPANY 5

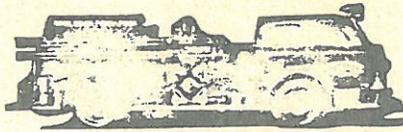
Wagon 5 1974 Seagrave, 1000 GPM  
Engine 5 1962 Seagrave, 100 GPM  
Brush 5 1972 Ford

TOTAL FIRE LOSS FOR 1975 \$176,063.00

Fire Loss since May \$34,505.00

Inspections .....	354	
Reinspections .....	84	
Violations Cited .....	283	
Violations Corrected .....	180	
Total Fire Alarms .....	357	
Mutual Aid, Frederick County .....	18	
Fires Investigated .....	143	
Investigations Other than Fire .....	89	
Buildings Pre-Planned .....	85	(Since July)
Man-Hours Training .....	10,667	(Since July)
Man-Hours Public Service .....	1569	(Since October)
Man-Hours Fire Fighting .....	7633	
Total Mileage (Alarms) .....	3260	
Men Responding Per Call (Average) .....	24.5	

"The Boys Who Render Service"



**Friendship Fire Company No. 1, Inc.**  
Winchester, Virginia 22601

TOTAL ALARMS RUN FOR 1975 - 196

		<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Wagon	1	164	10
Tanker	1	19	19
Utility	1	40	6

Volunteer Response Per Call

8.5 Men

Man-Hours Expended Per Call

13.5 Hours

Training

210 Hours Monthly (Average)

Man-Hours Fund Raising Per Year

15,000 Hours

Hose Used

1 1/2" 2700 Feet  
2 1/2" 1200 Feet  
3" 3800 Feet  
6" 10 Times  
Booster Pulled 33 Times

Circle D's 12 Times  
12 Foot Ladder 15 Times  
Attic Ladder 10 Times  
Axes 23 Times  
Pike Poles 25 Times  
Bolt Cutter 1 Time  
Crash Axe 7 Times  
Portable Pump 12 Times  
Deck Gun 1 Time  
Co2 Extinguisher 6 Times  
Generator 10 Times  
Pry Bar 2 Times  
2 1/2" Nozzle 4 Times  
Dry Powder 6 Times  
Salvage Covers 7 Times

Equipment Used

Salvage Master 10 Times  
Scotts 48 Times  
Smoke Ejector 19 Times  
Handlights 23 Times  
24 Foot Ladder 15 Times

*Scott Cullers*  
Scott Cullers, Assistant Chief

THE STRONGEST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES

ORGANIZED PRIOR TO  
MAY 20, 1789



MOTORIZED  
MAY 3, 1907

WINCHESTER, IN THE HEART OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY...  
"WHERE OPPORTUNITIES REACH OUT TO YOU"

WINCHESTER, VA.

TOTAL ALARMS RUN FOR 1975 - 248

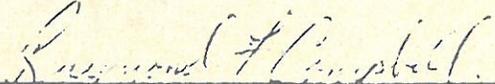
Total Man-Hours Expended at Fires - 2120.5 Hours

Man-Hours Training - 2738 Hours

Man-Hours Fund Raising - 300 Hours

Hose Used - Total Feet - 9850

Booster	950
1 1/2"	1350
2 1/2"	3000
3"	4550

  
Raymond Campbell, Assistant Chief

# SARAH ZANE FIRE COMPANY, Inc.

ORGANIZED 1840

301 North Loudoun Street ♦ Winchester, Virginia

January 29, 1976

TO . H. E. Dailey, Chief  
FROM Ed Loy, Assistant Chief Company 3  
SUBJECT Yearly Report

The following is a list of man-hours of the Sarah Zane Fire Company from January 1, 1975 to October 1, 1975.

<u>Fires</u>	<u>Public Service</u>	<u>Training</u>
600	200	300

The progress of the Sarah Zane Fire Company for this period was reported to be at a standstill.

**SHAWNEE VOLUNTEER**



**FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

2333 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Winchester, Virginia 22601

To: Chief H.E. Dailey

From: Asst. Chief Co.4 Charles E. Kerns

For the year 1975 the Shawnee Fire Department responded to a total of 246 calls. The Wagon responded to 120, the Engine 27, and the Salvage unit 222. These calls consisted of 3,041 man hours.

A total of 4,371 man hours was recorded for training which we anticipate doubling next year. With combining these figure of training and fire calls, 7,412 man hours were used.

We feel this is pretty good for a company which was not doing half of this last year. This only proves that you have given the men of this company and the city a chance to see and know the volunteer and paid system can and does work if only given a chance.

*Charles E. Kerns*

Charles E. Kerns Asst. Co.4

Shawnee Vol. Fire Dept.  
 Co. 4  
 Winchester, Virginia

Fire attendance for the year 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Drives</u>	<u>Total</u>
Charles Kerns	79	15	94
Lee Holler	105	3	108
Jerry Caton	138	48	186
Paul Snyder	94	48	142
Frank Wright	109	27	136
Steve Harman	207	0	207
Steve Hoover	48	117	165
Larry McKay	155	0	155
Terry Wolverton	126	0	126
Lee Wilson	104	16	120
Ray Hess	108	9	117
Scott Manuel	97	3	100
Zack Thomas	99	0	99
David Nixon	98	0	98
Glen Lee	90	0	90
Mike Baptist	65	8	73
Dave Barnett	52	16	68
Fred Snyder	66	0	66
Mark Barnett	61	1	62
Jack Taylor	60	0	60
Omer Middleton	45	4	49
Jay Bailey	38	0	38
Steve Peters	38	0	38
Mike Keller	36	1	37
Dave Partlow	38	1	39
Eddie Yost	36	0	36
Steve Holliday	22	10	32
Doug Bowers	27	0	27
Kenny Burcham	26	0	26
Rick Combs	24	4	28
Robert Smith	22	1	23
Robert McKay	24	0	24
Robert Whitacre	18	0	18
Tommy Warner	10	5	15
Jay Paige	8	0	8
Hassel Rood	8	0	8
Paul Sirk	6	0	6
Gary Boyd	1	0	1
Ponnie Coffman	78	33	111

*South End Fire Company*  
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

ORGANIZED 1895

VOLUNTEERS SERVING YOU

MOTORIZED 1922

January 17, 1976

Sir:

The following report briefly surmises the activity, both Emergency and Non-Emergency, of the South End Fire Co. Inc., for the year 1975.

In January we placed into service our new pumper, a 1000 gallon per minute Seagrave, which replaced our old 1939, 500 gallon per minute Seagrave. This pumper runs as Wagon 5, and is the newest addition to the Winchester Fire Department.

After several years of controversy over the matter we began to train volunteers to drive and operate our pumpers, and in July the first was deemed competent to keep the station in service when our paid men were off. From that time until December the volunteer drivers maintained service of the company approximately 35% of the 40% scheduled OUT OF SERVICE TIME created by the off duty of our paid men. This meant that we were in service, as it turned out, 95% of the time for the period mentioned as opposed to the 60% we would have been. Needless to say this was a milestone for the company.

Another milestone for the company was the addition of a third paid man, Wayne Braithwaite, in December. Now we are insured of 100% service time to the City, and citizens, and are also afforded a better opportunity to function more efficiently as a two piece engine company.

Many things improved at Company 5 in 1975; new innovations, a more intense desire in it's firefighters to learn and function more efficiently and professionally, a higher sense of dedication and obligation to the City and citizens of our town, and an increased feeling of pride in the company by its' firefighters and members.

It would be improper to conclude without saying that much credit is due Chief Dailey for helping instill to a higher degree the afore mentioned attributes at South End, and at the other stations. We all feel that the Winchester Fire Department is now operating as a Fire Department, and with the promise of an even better Fire Service yet to come.

A man-hour and equipment use summary is provided on the next page.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Terry C. Braithwaite*  
Terry C. Braithwaite  
Assistant Chief  
South End Company 5

# South End Fire Company

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### BREAKDOWN OF MAN-HOURS 1975

<u>MAN-HOURS</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
	(Fire Fighting and Related)
516	Unrecorded Training
2239	Recorded Training
1196	Station Clean Up (Routine)
250	Station Maintenance and Repair
200	Equipment Maintenance and Repair
140	Public Services
885	Emergency Calls (Fires)
542	Returning Apparatus and Equipment to Service After Calls
	(Company Business)
225	Committee Meetings
802	Company Monthly Meetings
2848	Company Fund Raising
	(Civic Functions Conducted at the Station Through Lending of the Hall)
20	Preparing for C.V.V.F.A.
30	Preparing and Aiding National Muscular Dystrophy Drive
40	Preparing for Apple Blossom Reception
25	Christmas Baskets Given to Needy Families by Company
9958	TOTAL FOR THE YEAR OR AN AVERAGE OF 27.28 MAN-HOURS DAILY

195	Fire Calls	Wagon 5	153 Responses	
40	Public Service Calls	Engine 5	43 Responses	Average 7.1 Men
235	TOTAL CALLS	Brush 5	52 Responses	Per Call

FIGURES INVOLVE 29 FIREFIGHTERS AND 8 SENIOR MEMBERS (NON FIREFIGHTERS)

HOSE USED

1 1/2"	4400 Feet
2 1/2"	2150 Feet
3"	2300 Feet
Booster	16 Times

OTHER MAIN EQUIPMENT USED

Smoke Ejectors and Light Unit	25 Times
Breathing Apparatus (Emergency)	56 Times
Breathing Apparatus (Training)	40 Times

NOTE - MANPOWER TALLY HOURS DO NOT INCLUDE

1. Duty pulled by the firefighters, both night and day, when there were no calls or incidents.
2. Firefighters standing by at the station on incidents run by other companies.
3. Firefighters reporting to the station when other companies were dispatched to calls.
4. Firefighters responding directly from home to assist other companies on the scene.

