

History of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company

Pictures and stories of the Fire Company from the time of organizing to present. The more than 10 years of research by Jim Dixon Past President.



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from a 100% Volunteer Fire
Station serving you for over
100 years.**

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1890

Fire protection for the Town of Brunswick gets its first mention.

Several water companies are formed in the community, one of which has, as one of its stated purposed, also for fire protection.

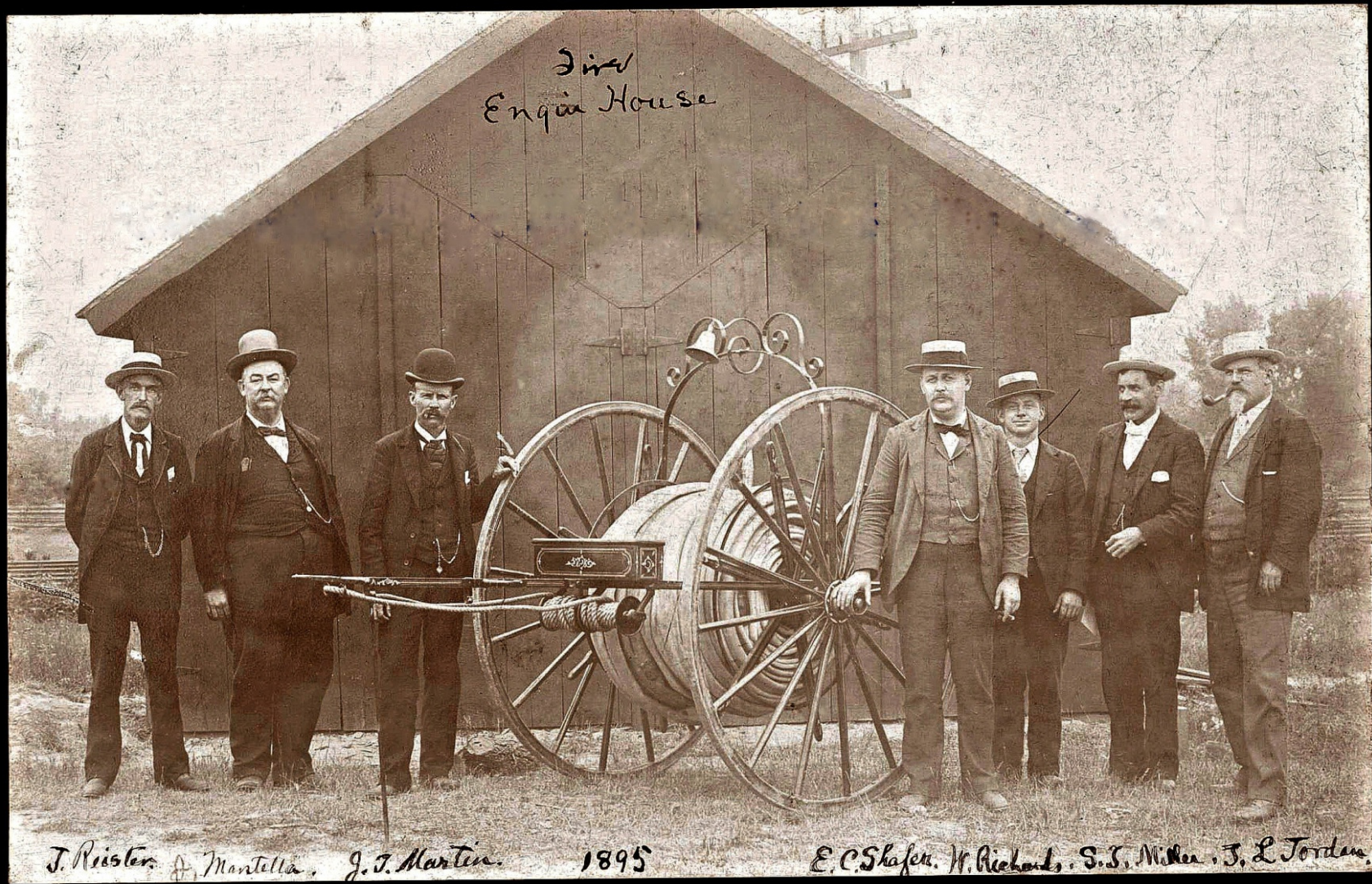
The earliest facilities after the waterbucket brigade were the "reel houses." They became possible only with the installation of a central water system and fire plugs. Well water was pumped from the Pump House to the standpipes where reel houses were located. A "reel" consisted of a rod between the hubs of two large wheels; a hose was wrapped around the cross rod awaiting use.

Reel houses, owned by the city, were located conveniently around town, one in each of the three wards. There was one on the south side of Potomac Street opposite the east side of First Avenue. This was built on stilts because of the terrain. A fire wagon was also stored here. Another reel house was on New York Hill on the east side of Ninth Avenue at the end of Park Avenue. A third was on Wenner's Hill at the corner of Maple Avenue and "F" Street. There was a stand pipe on New York Hill and a wooden water tower on a steel framework at Maple Avenue and "F" Street on Wenner's Hill. A fourth reel house was located in the 600 block of West Potomac Street. Fire plugs were used for downtown reels. Gravity provided the pressure.

There was an organization of a sort at each reel house, in that each had a chief and anyone else could help. There were expenses, so an annual fire company picnic was an early tradition. To attract a crowd, contests were held to see which reel house could hook up the hose fastest.

In the side of each reel house was a glass-covered hole with a key. One had only to lift the glass to reach the key to unlock the door to the equipment. There were a nine-man (pulling) reel and two three-man reels. Equipment only was kept at the reel house; no people were stationed there.

One of the First Wheel Houses for Brunswick 1895
The Reel house was at the bottom of 1st Ave on the
south side of Potomac Street.



1897

The first organized fire protection unit is formed in Brunswick. The equipment includes a Howe Hand Pumper, Hook and Ladder Wagon and a Wirt and Knox Heavy Hose Cart. Horses of the B.P. Crampton Company pull the apparatus for out of town fires. This unit will soon be phased out.

The hose cart had 72 inch wheels; complete weight was 530 lbs., carried 600 foot of 2.5 inch hose with hose roller off the back. New cost \$228.00. The cart was hand pulled and had eighty foot of drag rope.

After many years of disrepair the fire company repurchased the reel and member Clarence Webber took on the job of restoring the reel

One of the first hose reel for Brunswick



Restored Hose Reel that served Brunswick until
motorized engines came to Brunswick
Restored By **Clarence Webber** a member of the
Company



BRUNSWICK VFC HOSE CART FROM 1800'S ON DISPLAY
AT MARYLAND STATE FIREMENS CONVENTION 2010

1900 Application for Membership

Brunswick Fire Department.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

IN

Company No. 3.

BRUNSWICK, MD., 190

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BRUNSWICK FIRE
DEPARTMENT :

I hereby present my application for ^{honorary}
active membership in
the above Company and if elected I promise a faithful compliance
with the Constitution and the By-Laws of the said Company.

Membership fee of \$..... accompanies this application.

Signed.....

Age.....

Recommended by :

.....
.....

Democratic Advocate.,
Westminster Maryland May 29,
1908

At a special election at Brunswick the proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$15,000.00 for municipal water works system was carried by a majority of 194.

May 10th 1910

The First Official Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company is formed. Edward C. Shafer Editor of the Brunswick Herald news paper is president. A fire hall is erected under the supervision of Mr. Lorenzo S. Gardner. Across from the Imperial Theater on West Potomac Street.

In July 20th 1910, the Company joins the Maryland State Fireman's Association as the **first official non-city fire company in Frederick County, Maryland becoming a charter member**

Edward C Shafer Past President of the BVFD
1910 and Mayor of Brunswick



The first official Fire House of Brunswick built on the lot across from the Imperial Theater used between 1909 and 1928. A new building built later on this site. (Oct 7 1948)



July 20th 1910



This is to Certify that

Volunteer Fire Company of Brunswick, Maryland

IS A MEMBER OF THE

Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Date of Membership *July 20th 1910*

Instituted 1893.

Incorporated 1894.

John B. Baker President.

Joseph E. Hollar Secretary.

C. W. Dickm Chairman Ex. Com.

July 20th 1910 First large Fire to use Hose reels

B.&O. Warehouse Burned at Brunswick

It was a 40x80 Feet in size and Leased by George & Company.

“New Fire Company does splendid work---Flames held in check by three streams.”

The warehouse, 40x80 feet owned by the B&O Railroad at Brunswick and leased by Samuel W. George & Company., was destroyed by fire of unknown organ at 3:30 o'clock last Tuesday morning. Some coal bins nearby and a quantity of feed owned by the railroad were also consumed. The warehouse contained a carload of cement, a large lot of farm implements, along with some green groceries owned by J.H.Beachley, of Hagerstown, to whom part of the property was subleased. Loss between \$2,000 and \$3,000. George & Company placed their loss at \$1,000.

The warehouse was situated along the railroad near a store building and close to a number of structures, one being the D.C. Winebrenner & Sons warehouse, operated as a branch of the Frederick wholesale concern.

The new fire company recently organized at Brunswick did fine service and confined the flames to the big warehouse. Three streams were played on the blazing structure Owing to the intense heat, train No.3 was unable to pass for half an hour.

September 18, 1912

The Brunswick fireman were given the opportunity to see themselves in motion pictures in the Red Men's Hall, that place, Monday night when a reel of pictures taken during the recent convention(June 12, 1912) in Hagerstown was show for the benefit of the Brunswick Fire Department.

Westminster Maryland 12 June 1914

Brunswick Fire Company takes third place in a Hook and Ladder race at Westminster, Maryland. As many as 35 fireman attended this convention from Brunswick.

Officers Of Brunswick Volunteer
Fire Company 2 June 1917

President Harry Chew

Vice President Hiram N Werntz

Secretary J.R.Mathias

O.P. Karns Treasurer

Chief Ollie O. Baer,

Trustees Samuel T Hogan, Francis

P.G Hill, Wm. Schnauffer, Stanley

Virts, and Wilbur Sigafoose

29th June 1917

The Company is incorporated as the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company of Frederick County, Maryland, a non-profit, non-stock corporation. The first out of Frederick City fire companies.

1921

The Company is buying its first motor driven apparatus, a 1922 American LaFrance, 750 Gallon Pumper with 2. 1/2" hose. The purchase price is \$12,500

The first motorized fire truck for Brunswick
note the hard rubber tires



**The First motorized Fire Truck For Brunswick
Sitting in front of the Peoples Nation Bank of
Brunswick. On West Potomac Street.**



This is the first official Fire House of Brunswick used between 1909 and 1928. A new building was built on this site much later (Oct 7 1948) at West Potomac Street



26 July 1917

Big Fire Near Brunswick, A large barn and wagon shed on the Andrew D Arnold farm near Brunswick, this county, with hundreds of bushels of grain, 27 hogs, two calves, farming implements, ect. Were destroyed by fire Saturday night. All this season's wheat crop was in the barn. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.00 with insurance of about \$4,000.00. A negro farm hand is accused of starting the fire, and disappeared.

The Democratic Advocate., October 17, 1922

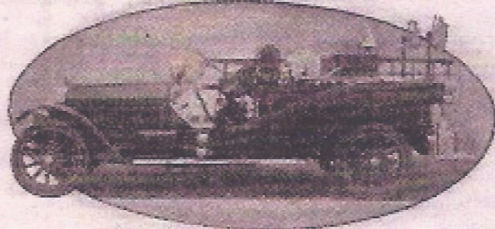
John R Mathias, Secretary of the Brunswick Vol Fire Company. Attempted to board the moving fire engine and fell beneath the wheels of the truck. He was taken to the B&O. Emergency hospital and later transferred to the Frederick City Hospital. Where the injured member was given attention. He suffered a broken leg near the hip.

The first motorized fire engine for Brunswick



Officers for Company 5 date is about 1923

AND
Business Men's Directory
OF BRUNSWICK, MARYLAND



New American LaFrance Fire Engine,
Authority of
THE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1910.

OFFICERS:

E. C. SHAFER, President.	C. F. FEETE, Treasurer.
H. A. BURNS, 1st Vice-Pres.	JAMES EURY, Sergeant-At-Arms.
B. L. FEETE, 2nd Vice-Pres.	W. C. NUSE, Chief.
J. R. MATHIAS, Secretary.	REV. E. E. BURGESS, Chaplain.
CHESTER COOPER, Engineer.	

DIRECTORS:

J. HENRY RINKER	A. L. W. HORINE	E. C. COMPHER
E. P. ORRISON		O. W. KEYSER

Officers for about 1923

President	E.C. Shafer
1 st Vice President	H.A.Burns
2 nd Vice President	E.L.Feete
Secretary	J.R. Mathis
Treasure	C.F.Feete
Sergeant At Arms	James Eury
Chaplain	Rev E.E.Burguess
Chief	W C Nuse

Directors

J.Henry Rinker , A.L.Horine, E.C.Compher
E.p. Orrison and O.W.Keyser

Feb 1928

The City of Brunswick turns over the building on North Delaware Avenue, to the Company to use as a fire station. The old garage and lot on Potomac Street across from the Imperial Theater that was used to house the fire equipment will later (1948) become the property where the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company builds a new building.

Brunswick New Model AA Ford Pumper, the second motorized pumper



April 30, 1930 Brunswick purchase of a new Fire truck from Rosemont Motors in Brunswick Model HT Howe-Ford AA with a Chemical pumping.

Invoice N ^o	5408.	Anderson, Indiana	April 30th, 1930.
The Volunteer Fire Company,			
Brunswick, Maryland.			
Howe Fire Apparatus Company			
Modern Fire Apparatus and Equipment			
Terms As per contract.			
Shipped Via Overland.		Shop Order No. 3148.	As per your order.
1	Model "HT" Howe-Ford triple combination chemical, pumping and Hose Fire Engine complete as per contract and specifications.....	\$2900.00	\$ 2900.00
Ford Model AA truck chassis furnished by the Rosemont Motor Co., Brunswick, Md.			
Truck No. 6208. Motor No. AA - 3034370.			
Lettered on each side of Hose Body "Volunteer Fire Co. Brunswick, Md."			
Lettered on each side of Hood "B. V. F. Co."			
Delivered to you overland vir our Mr. R. M. Walton.			
Invoice No. 5408.			

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1930 Membership Certification

No.	Brunswick, Md.,	19
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE		
This is to certify that		
<i>is an active member of the Volunteer Fire Company of Brunswick, Maryland, and is entitled to all such benefits as are provided by the Maryland State Firemen's Association.</i>		
This Certificate expires on the day of 193		
..... Secretary.	 President.

1930's Honorary Membership Certificate

<p>450</p> <p>\$3.00</p> <p>Honorary Membership</p> <p>Year _____</p> <p>To _____</p> <p>Collector _____</p>	<p>\$3.00</p> <p>Date _____ 193_____ 450</p> <p>Year _____</p> <p><i>Honorary Membership Certificate</i></p> <p>In Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Year _____</p> <p>_____ Sec. _____ Pres.</p>	<p>450</p> <p>\$3.00</p> <p>Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co.</p> <p>Honorary Membership</p> <p>Temporary Receipt</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Collector</p>
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1930 Chevrolet Pickup believed to be used as a rescue pickup



Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Membership List for 1930

Roby A.F.

Barker Claude

Grams G.E.

Conner Lester

Walker Isaaca E

Barnhart Claude

Rinker C.E.

Decker Vernon

Moler H.I.

Grams Roy E.

Coffman C.B.

Roby J.S

Grams Calvin

Wenner Herbert

Cribs Harry R

Hawkins Donald

Anderson Albert

Burch Edgar

Donavan J.A.

Willen G.

Moler R.G.

Cary Howard

Magaha John

Runkles Norman

Coffar J.B.

Merrimen Leon

Jones Harman

Burch Ernest

Day H.

Smith H.A.

Hawes G.W.

6 July 1932

The Ladies Auxiliary becomes a Charter member of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Ladies Auxiliary 6 July 1932 becomes a member of the Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary.

This is to Certify



That the Ladies Auxiliary of Brunswick Md.

is a member of the

Ladies' Auxiliary
of the -

Maryland State Firemen's Association

Date of admission Charter Member, July 6

Mrs Mary Fairlee, President.
Mrs Gertrude C. Stewart, Secretary.



1932

In this year the company formed a Drill Team with the following officers of the team.

Business Mgr, Stanley T. Virts, Captain, Grayson Cummings, Lieutenant, James Schamel, Secretary, J.W. Gladstone

18 May 1932 will be Election Day, for the team.

R.D Funk elected Captain, Floyd Strickler elected Lieutenant and H. Curry elected Secretary.

9 May 1934

Member of the Drill Team as of **9 May 1934**
are:

HL Barger, RD Funk, Fred Shafer, CB Langley,
HE Cannon, CN Beacht, Walter S Rice, Eugene
B Smith, GW Smith, DF Strickler, JW Gladstine,
CW Shafer, Glen Weller, John Morris, J
Schamel, W Connor, JB Coffman, SD Langley,
Donald Hawkins, J Shaby, CA Strickler, RM
Hutts, LC Connor, Stanley T Virts, Roy Cannon
and H Curry.

December 3, 1935

New Steel Rims are received for the Pneumatic tires replacing the original solid-tire wheels on the American LaFrance Pumper. The cost of the rims are \$258.75 this is not including the new tires.

1936

Over 100 fire calls will be
made this year.

Engineers or Drivers for the Company

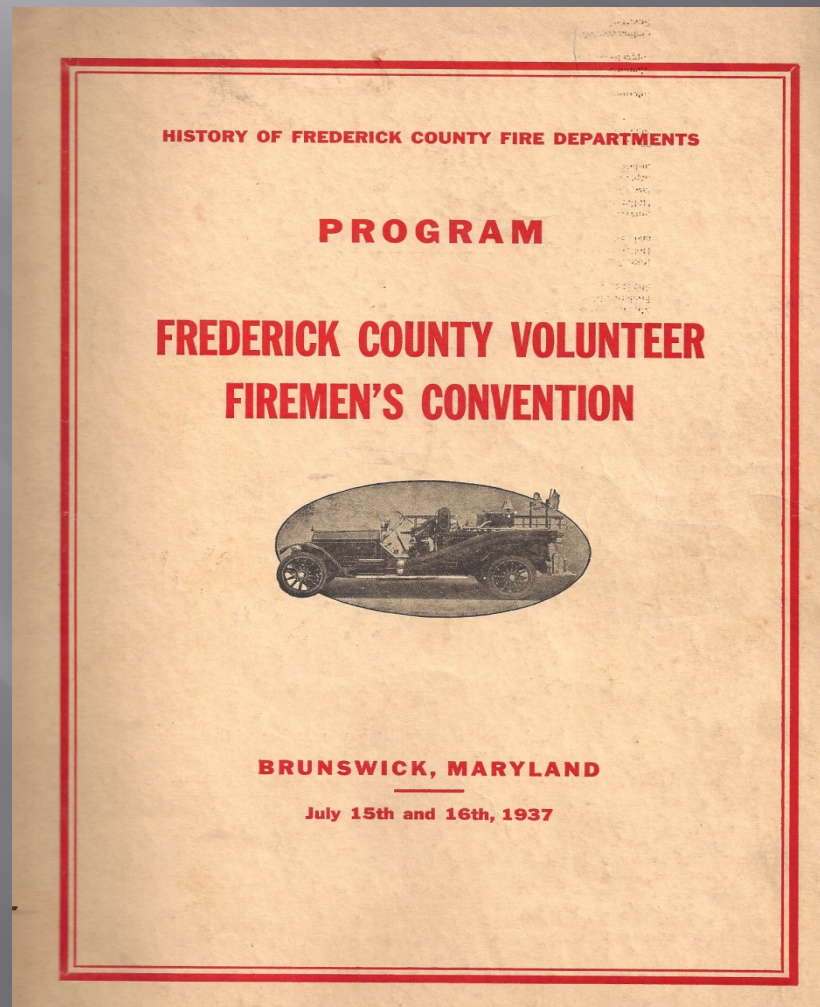
Engineers (Drivers) for the Fire Company as early as we have a record for is 1930

1930 to 1937 F.J. Shafer who was paid a sum of \$40.00 Dollars every two weeks

1937 until passing away 26 May 1966 Walter S Rice who was paid in 1947, a sum of \$55.00 every two weeks later increased to about \$74.00 every two weeks.

Luther Darrell Snoots who was a part time driver who relieved the full time drivers.

15th/16th July 1937 Frederick County Fireman's Convention is at Brunswick



H.E. Harvey(Sonny) Cannon Before the New Fire Hall was Built



June 1939

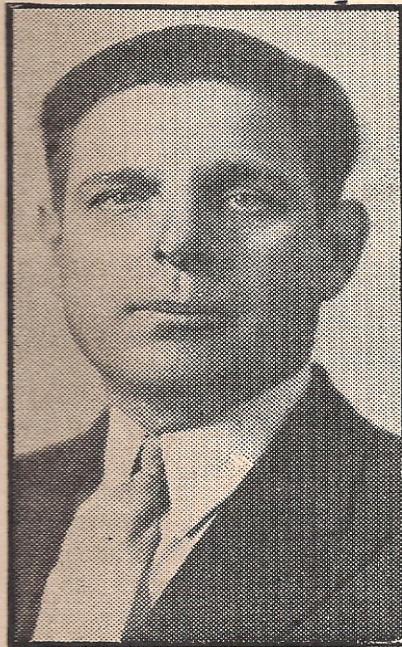
The Company has purchased a 1938 Ford Howe 350 Gallon Piston pumping engine with a booster tank. It carries 1,000 feet of 2 1/2" hose. It will be used to get to out-of-town fires over bad country roads. The truck is Blue! Truck later sold to the town of Brownsville, Maryland.

1938 Ford Howe pumper



1940

Stanley T. Virts is President of the County Firemen's Association and also the BVFD Fire Co.



Stanley T. Virts
President of Frederick County Vol-
unteer Firemen's Association.

THE BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

AND THEIR LADIES' AUXILIARY

Extend To The Walkersville Fire Company

*The Very Best Wishes For a Most
Successful Convention*

BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

S. T. VIRTIS President

C. A. STRICKLER Vice-President

D. A. MOATS Secretary

B. B. BURCH Treasurer

H. E. CANNON Chief

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Chief

LADIES' AUXILIARY

MRS. IRENE McNEW President

MRS. ISABEL SMITH Secretary

MRS. PEARL CAREY Treasurer

1940 Officers of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire
Company

In the years of WW11 women did
a lot of men's jobs

Women Ran Brunswick'



Running board

Peanut Howe is standing on the running board. Dot Burns, Helen Woods, and Mary Barger are in front of the old La France fire engine, which is parked in the fire company hall in the days when it was on first block of North Delaware Avenue. (It was a rather long, narrow room," Betty Lou Cavalier recalls, "that had a big, wide door opening: the type one would see for a garage.") The license plate reads:

FIRE DEPT.	E
BRUNSWICK	2
MD	

1945

President	Stanley T Virts
V President	John H Moore
Treasurer	George W Strickler
Secretary	F L Spitzer
Chief 5	Harvey E Cannon

Stanley T Virts Past President 1945



Stanley T. Virts
President of Frederick County Vol-
unteer Firemen's Association.

1945 John Howard the first black
firefighter for BVFD



1946

President	Stanley T Virts
V President	John H Moore
Secretary	Frank L. Spitzer
Treasurer	George W. Strickler
Chief 5	Harvey E. Cannon
Trustees	Martin M Blessing
	George Wm. Thomas

Banquet about 1946



Jan 25 1946

Special Meeting: Discussion of the Fire Company moving into a new Community Building to be built on “A” Street.

July 26, 1946

With the possibility of the Brunswick Hospital closing, ambulance service for Brunswick is discussed at a special meeting.

Officers for 1947/48

President	Stanley T Virts
V President	Glenn Cooper
Secretary	Martin M Blessing
Treasurer	George W. Strickler
Chief 5	Harvey E. Cannon

Glenn I Cooper Past Vice President of the Brunswick Vol Fire Company 1947/48



Nov 20, 1947

Motion is made by H.E. Sonny Cannon and carried at a membership meeting to build a new fire hall and auditorium on 300 block of West Potomac Street. This will be built largely by volunteer workmanship. Lee Keller gave a cost of construction at \$25,000 dollars.

1948/49

President	Eugene B Smith
V President	Glenn Cooper
Secretary	Martin M Blessing
Treasurer	George W Strickler
Chief 5	Harvey E Cannon

January 5, 1948

Meeting called to organize building committee, appointments were as follows: Sonny Cannon, Chairman, S.T. Virts, Vice Chairman, Martin Blessing, Secretary, George Strickler, Treasurer, and Richard Magalis, Solicitor.

October 7, 1948

The old garage and lot on West Potomac Street used to house the fire equipment in 1923 thru 1928 become the property where the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company will build their new fire house.

Footers for building are completed and block laying is to start Monday. Brunswick Moose Lodge is constructing a new building; lumber from the old is donated to Fire Company and used on the roof and sub floor of new fire house.

Dec 30th 1948 Deed to Potomac Street Property From Lee Horine, cost of property was 10.00

At the request of Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company
the following Deed is received for record and re-
corded Dec. 30, 1948 at 10:15 o'clock A. M.

TEST: Ellis C. Wachter, Clerk.

✓ THIS DEED, made this 30th day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight,
by us, A. Lee W. Horine and Margaret E. Horine, his wife, of Brunswick, Frederick County,
Maryland, WITNESSETH:

That for the sum of Ten Dollars and other considerations to us paid, we, the said A.
Lee W. Horine and Margaret E. Horine, his wife, do hereby grant and convey, in fee simple,
unto the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, all of the following-described real estate, located
in Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland, to-wit:

All that lot of land having a frontage on the North side of West Potomac Street of 77½
feet, more or less, and extending back in a Westerly direction to the old Cemetery lot, and
being the same real estate which was conveyed to us from Arlington G. Horine, widower, by
deed dated July 15, 1947, and recorded in Liber No. 466, at folio 505, one of the Land
Records for Frederick County, Maryland.

TOGETHER with the improvements thereon and all rights, ways and easements thereto belong-

Officers for 1949/50

President	Eugene Smith
V President	Wilbur Thomas
Secretary	Martin M Blessing
Treasurer	George W. Strickler
Chief 5	Harvey E Cannon

April 1949

The Company moves into its new Potomac Street quarters (still not complete). The auditorium, once completed will be a show place for some of the biggest dance bands in the country. Included among performing artists in this hall will be Jimmy Dean, Patsy Cline, Roy Clark, George Jones, Billy Grammer, Les Elgart, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lombardo, Tex Ritter, Lester Flatts and Earl Scrugg, Don Reno, George Hamilton IV, Tex Ridder, Little Jimmy Dickens to name a few.

New Fire House on West Potomac Street 1949



1950

The first ambulance, privately operated, is housed at the fire company. This will be short-lived, however, and ultimately the ambulance service in the community will be formed as a separate company, Ambulance Company 19.

Hardwood flooring to be installed in upstairs auditorium by Mr. Demory at a total cost of \$2957.40 dollars.

President	Eugene Smith
V President	Wilbur Thomas
Treasurer	George W Strickler
Secretary	Martin M Blessing
Chief 5	H.E. "Sonny" Cannon

**Walter S Rice, Jim Welty, Moonie Forest, Donald Smith,
Phillco Phillips, two unknown, and Sonny Cannon**



1951

President	Eugene Smith
Vice President	Wilbur Thomas
Secretary	Martin M Blessing
Treasurer	George W Strickler
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

Harvey E. Cannon is appointed as Auditorium Chairman. Mr. Cannon served as chairman for 26 years after this appointment.

The office of Financial Secretary is voted on and added to the by-laws.

1952/1953

On November 18, 1953, a well-attended ceremony was held in the Fireman's Banquet room of the fire hall. The ceremony was the burning of the mortgage for the fire hall by former President and now Mayor Stanley T. Virts.

The new American LaFrance truck is put into service. This new Class-A pumper will eventually be converted into a tanker. It will be in service for 28 years.

President	Eugene Smith
Vice President	Wilbur Thomas
Financial Secretary	Harry E. Nicholson
Secretary	Russell McMurry
Treasurer	George Strickler
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

1953 American LaFrance



Mrs. Robinson, Mayor Cummings, And Sonny



Walter Rice & Pete Virts showing off new Fire Truck



November 3, 1954

Installation of radios in the trucks has now been accomplished. Central Fire and Rescue Communications is established with the central alarm board in Frederick County, Maryland. All fire calls will be dispatched from the Central Alarm in Frederick.

President	H.E.Nicholson
Vice President	Paul Tritapoe
Financial Secretary	Charles R Virts
Secretary	Roy Lee George
Treasurer	Floyd Strickler
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

Charlie Smith, Sonny, Mayor Cummings, Ed Shipley as Santa, Walter about 1955 ?



1955

This year a new bridge is being built to linking Brunswick with the state of Virginia; this will make it possible for the fire company to respond to Virginia without a wait for the B&O Railroad trains passing. The new bridge will pass over Potomac Street and the B&O Railroad.

A letter is read from James Main pertaining to organizing a rescue squad the letter was tabled until later when Mr. Main could explain in more detail.

President	H.E.Nicholson
Vice President	Paul Tritapoe
Financial Secretary	Richard Snoots
Secretary	Charles Virts
Treasurer	Floyd Strickler
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

1956

President	H.E.Nicholson
Vice President	Paul Tritapoe
Financial Secretary	Russell McMurry
Secretary	Lyman Crawford/ Charles Virts
Treasurer	Floyd Strickler
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

June 6th 1956 check made to Litten Chevrolet for the purchase of a new Chevy Four Door Cab Fire Truck.

February 6, 1957

New Chevrolet pumper engine is put in to service. This pumper was purchased with funds received from fundraisers that included shows and dances provided by **JIMMY DEAN**, and **The Texas Wildcats** along with **PATSY CLINE**, **ROY CLARK**, **BUCK RINE**, **BILLY GRAMMER**, **SMITTY ERWIN**, **GEORGE HAMILTON 4th** and many more well known country and western stars

Jimmy Dean and The Texas Wildcats



Roy Clark

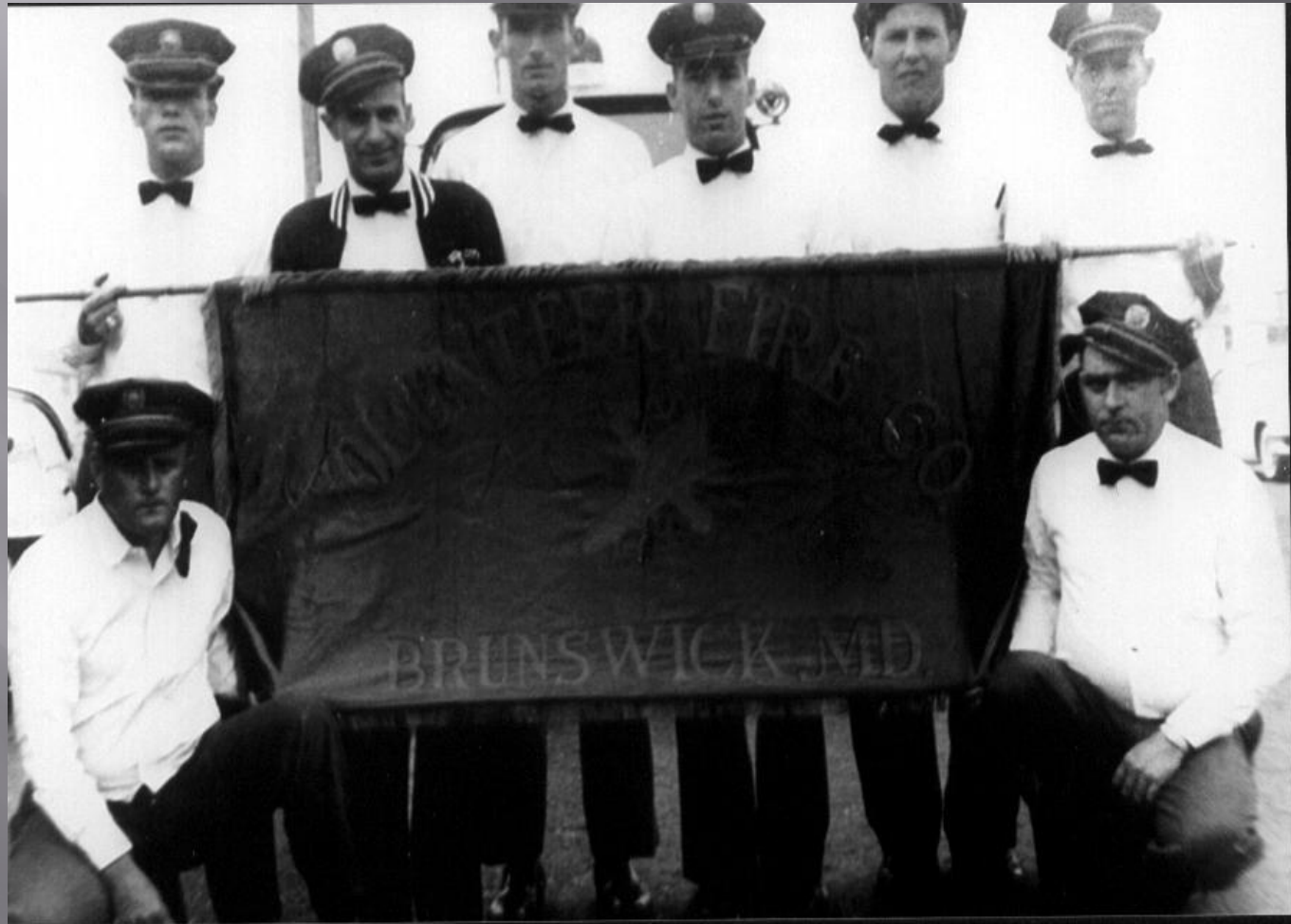


Patsy Cline

Brunswick's New 1956 Fire Truck Put in service Feb 6th 1957



Member on the way to Ocean City convention
showing off new Chevy Fire Truck. 1957



May 1958

May 20th of this year Capital Airlines and U.S. Military airplanes hit in mid air and crash on the O.C. Smith farm off Point of Rocks road near Brunswick, Maryland. Four crew, seven occupants perished. Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company responded.

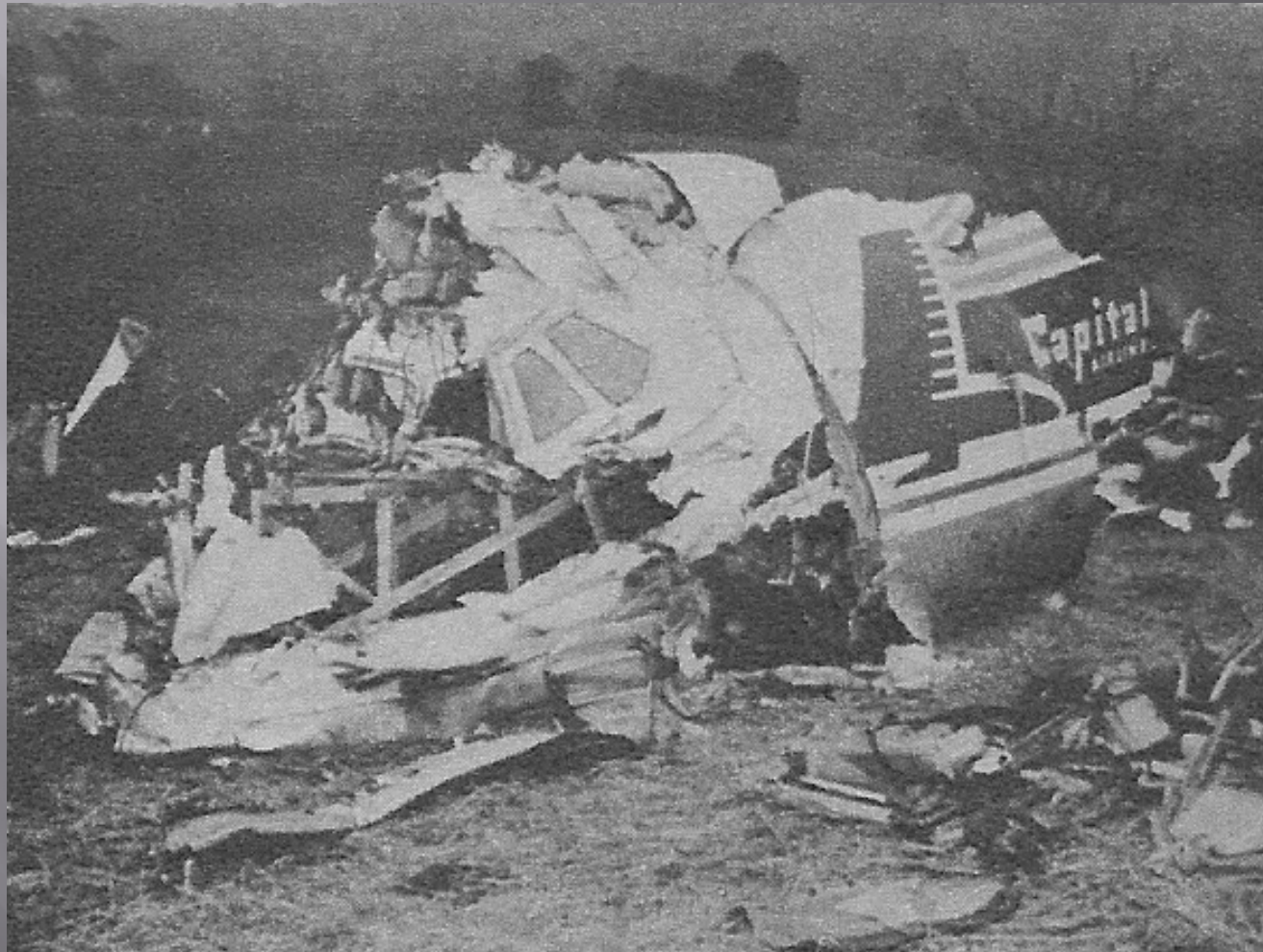
Milt Grant and his sock hop come to the fire company for the first dance this year.

Brunswick sells 1936 Ford fire truck to Pleasant Valley Fire Company.

May 20th 1958 tail section of Capital Airline mid air collision



Nose section of the Capital Airliner



Officers 1958

President	Paul Tritapoe
Vice President	Floyd Strickler
Financial Secretary	Russell McMurry
Secretary	Charles Virts
Treasure	Clair Ebersole
Chief 5	H.E. Sonny Cannon

1958 Election of Officers



Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Officers

Among the recently elected officers of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company that were installed last Wednesday night are as follow: sitting, from the left: Walter S. Rice, in his 29th year as engineer; Paul Tritapoe, president; Clair Eversole, treasurer. Standing: "Bobo" Grimes, trustee; James Nicholson, trustee; Richard Magalis, trustee; Frank Miglio, trustee; Harry Nicholson, trustee, and H. E. "Sonny" Cannon, in his 20th year as fire chief.

About 1958



1959

Walter S. Rice the companies paid driver is in the hospital. Walter has many years of devoted service to the company. Walter started his employment about 1937. Walter is a live in driver.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Secretary

Treasure

Chief 5

Charles Virts

Floyd Strickler

Richard Snoots

Russell McMurry

Frank Miglio

H.E. Sonny Cannon



Walter
Rice

Officers 1960

President

Charles S. Virts

Vice President

Floyd Strickler

Financial Secretary

Richard Snoots

Secretary

Russell McMurry

Treasurer

Frank Miglio

Chief 5

H.E. Sonny Cannon

Trustee are

Harwood Watson, Harry Nicholson Sr.

Calvin A. Grams, Benny L Harsh and Richard
Maglis

1960

Frederick County Fireman Convention is held in Brunswick the week of July 11th thru 16th. Brunswick member Paul L Tritapoe is President of the Frederick County Volunteer Association.

1960

Guy Lombardo band comes to the fire company and
a well attended dance was held for the public.

Sammy Kay's Orchestra comes to the fire company
this year on Nov 25th.



Guy Lombardo



Sammy Kay

1961

A new base station radio is installed at the fire hall the total cost is \$1365.00.

The Harry James band comes to the fire company for a dance.

President

Vice President

Financial Secretary

Secretary

Treasurer

Chief 5

Charles Virts

Harwood Watson

Robert Caniford

Harry Nicholson

Richard Snoots

H.E. Sonny Cannon

Officers 1962

President

Charles Virts

Vice President

Harwood Watson

Financial Secretary

Robert Caniford

Secretary

Harry Nicholson

Treasurer

Chief 5

H.E. Sonny Cannon

1962

Guy Lombardo is back at the fire company on April 13th.

The new building for the Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance Company is dedicated on Sunday Feb 25th.. The Fire Company takes part in the dedication.

1963

In the 60's came a local Band who made it very BIG
in the Area and appeared at the Fire Hall



Damion and The Classics

1963

President

Harwood Watson

Vice President

Floyd Strickler resigned

H.E. Nicholson is
appointed

Financial Secretary
Secretary

Robert Caniford

Tom Watson appointed to
replace Nicholson

Treasurer
Chief 5

Lenwood Moss

H.E. Sonny Cannon

Passed President Harwood Watson



1964

President

Harwood Watson

V President

Gary Cooper resigned Jess
Orndoff appointed

Secretary

Tom Watson

Treasurer

Floyd Strickler

Financial Secretary

Robert Caniford

Chief

H.E. Sonny Cannon

J P Karns 24th July 1963



July 24 1963 Fire guts J P Karns Lumber Company



1965

Motion is made and carried to have bells hooked up to the telephones of the extra engineers, which would ring at their homes. The phone would be rung from the fire hall whenever there is a fire.

The phone company will install these bells in the homes of Thomas Watson, Bob Caniford, Donald Smith and Pete Virts.

Warren Covention band to be at Fire Company on Feb 6th and Guy Lombardo is to return on May 12th. Fire Company buys lot in rear of company from Mrs. Wenner for \$400.00 cash.

Officers 1965

President

Harwood Watson

V President

Jess Orndoff

Second Vice

Harry Nicholson

Secretary

Charles Virts

Treasurer

Floyd Strickler

Financial Secretary

Robert Caniford

Chief

H.E. Sonny Cannon

1965

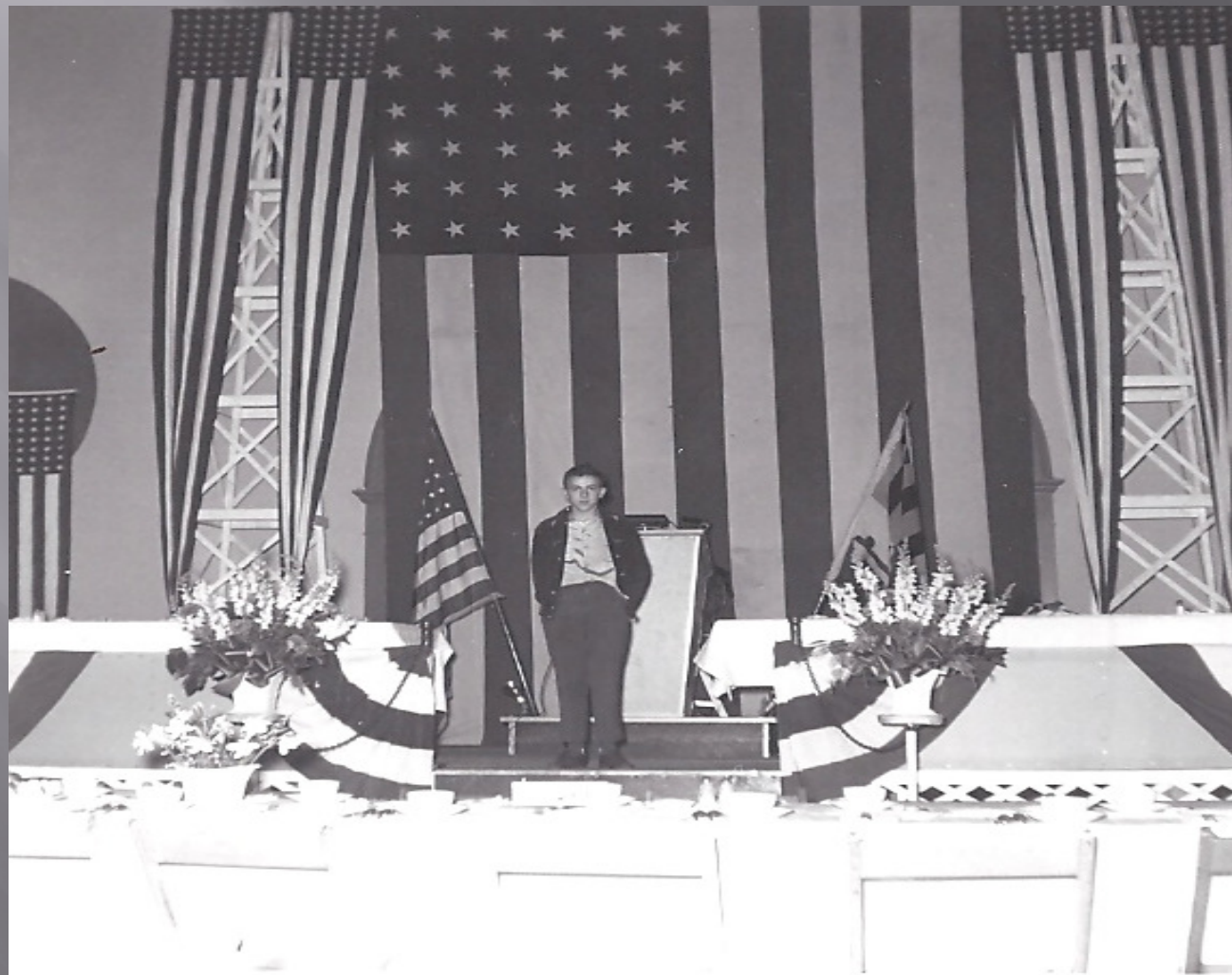
George Jones country western star, comes to
Fire Company on Sept 10th for two shows



George Jones



Harvey Snoots Past Mascot for many years



Officers For 1966

President

James Dixon

V President

Donald Minnick

Second Vice

Russell Eury

Secretary

Charles Virts

Treasurer

Floyd Strickler resigned

Richard Snoots appointed

Financial Secretary

Robert Caniford

Chief 5

H.E. Sonny Cannon

James M Dixon Past President 1966



Walter Sylvester Rice, Died 26 May 1966

After a long illness, Walter Sylvester Rice engineer driver, for the Brunswick Vol. Fire Company passed away 26 May, 1966.

Walter was born and raised in Hollywood, Maryland came to Brunswick to work on the railroad. Later becoming a full time paid driver for the fire company. He leaves a brother Leroy Rice of Brunswick.

Burial will take place 27 May 1966, at the Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland

26 May 1966 Walter S Rice Passes away



1967

President

H.E. Nicholson Sr.

1st Vice President

Robert (Chick) Moyers

2nd V President

George Thomas

Secretary

Charles R Virts

Fin Secretary

Robert Caniford

Treasurer

Richard Snoots

Chief

H.E. Cannon

Harry E Nicholson Sr. Past President



1968

President

H.E. Nicholson Sr.

1st Vice President

George Thomas

2nd V President

Russell Eury

Secretary

Charles R Virts

Fin Secretary

William F Woulard

Treasurer

Robert Caniford

Chief 5

H.E. Sonny Cannon

Officers 1969

President

H.E. Nicholson Sr.

1st Vice President

George Thomas

2nd V President

L.S. Lucas

Secretary

Charles. R. Virts

Fin Secretary

William.F. Woulard

Treasurer

Robert Caniford

Chief 5

H.E. Cannon

1969

June 2nd motion made to sell 1922 American LaFrance to anyone who would purchase for \$1000 dollars. Motion carried and sold to Leonard King.

This year Guy Lombardo comes back to the Fire Company for a public dance.

1970 Officers

President	Robert Wheeler
1 st V President	Robert Minnick
2 nd V President	Leonard S Lucas
Secretary	Charles R Virts
Fin. Secretary	William F Woulard
Treasurer	Robert Caniford
Chief 5	Harvey E Cannon

Officers 1971

President	Robert Wheeler
2 nd V President	Leonard S Lucas
Secretary	Charles R Virts
Fin. Secretary	William F Woulard
Treasurer	Robert Caniford
Chief 5	Harvey E Cannon

Samuel Steven Kidwiler

March 28, 1971 the Company lost a Volunteer, Samuel (Steve) Kidwiler who fell from the rear of a fire truck returning from a fire. Steven will be missed by his fellow firefighters and the community.



1972 Officers

President

Leonard Lucas

V President

C.A. Webber

2nd V President

Charles Leopold

Secretary

Charles. R. Virts

Ass't Secretary

William F. Woulard

Treasurer

Robert Caniford

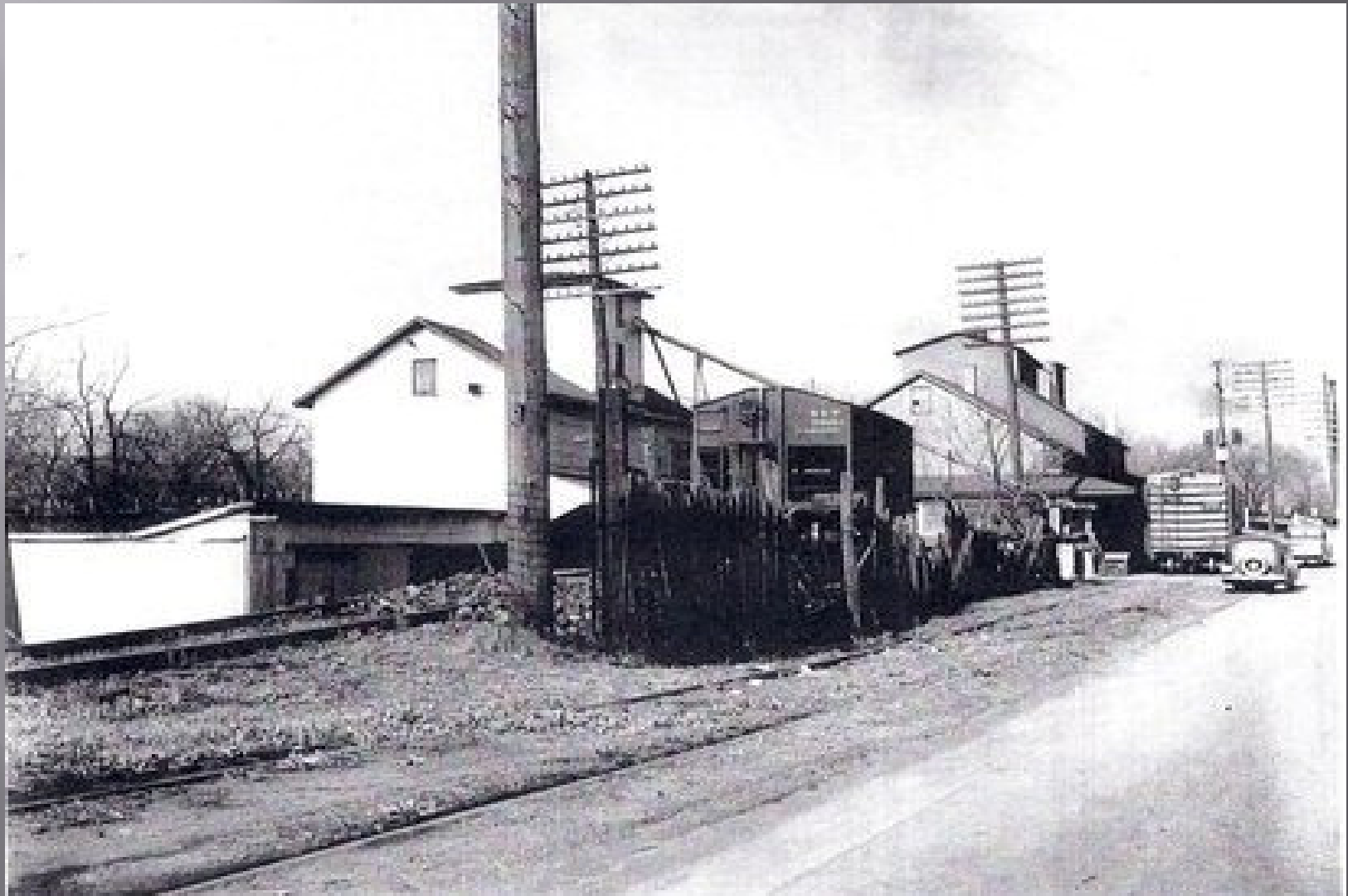
Chief 5

H.E. Sonny Cannon

1972

The Fire Company has a major fire on the south side of the B&O Railroad. The Old Brunswick Mill burns to the ground.

Old Brunswick Mill



1973

President

Leonard S. Lucas

1st V President

James Fawley

2nd V President

Charles Leopold

Secretary

Scott Stauffer

Treasurer

Robert Caniford

Fin Secretary

William Woulard

Chief 5

H.E. Cannon

1974 Officers

President	Leonard S. Lucas
1 st V President	James Fawley
2 nd V President	Charles Leopold
Secretary	Scott Stauffer
Treasurer	Robert Caniford
Fin Secretary	William Woulard
Chief 5	H.E. Cannon

1974

The company takes delivery of a new 1973 GMC Oren pumper. It carries 750 gallons of water and has a 750 GPM pump. This unit was placed into service as Engine 51.

The company takes delivery of its new 1973 Chevrolet Van. The unit will be used to carry extra equipment that is needed at a fire scene. The unit was placed into service as squad 5.

1973 GMC Pumper with Oren Pump



1973 Chev Squad 5 Van



1973 GMC Pumper with a Oren Pump



BVFD Squad 5



Officers 1977

President

Harvey E Cannon

1st V President
resigned

Harvey M Jones

2nd V President

Gary Cooper appointed

Gary Cooper resigned

Tony Webber appointed

Secretary

James E Holder Jr.

Fin Secretary

William Woulard

Chief 5

Russell Eury

H.E.Sonny Cannon's Retirement Party after 37 years as Chief 5



Left to Right
Unknown person
Sonny Cannon
Chiefs
Judge William Wenner
George Bennett

1977

Bob Crosby band comes to the fire company on Oct 30, 1977 for a public dance. Dance is sold out.

1978

The company receives a 4x4 army jeep from the Civil Defense and turns the truck into the company's first brush unit. The truck carries 208 gallon of water and has a 250 GPM pump. This unit was placed into service as Brush 55

Note:

As of 2006 this unit is still in service and serves the fire company very well on mountain and brush fires.

Brush 55 4x4 Jeep



1978 Officers

President	Delmar Brown
1 st V President	William Martin
2 nd V President	Alderidge Longerbeam
Secretary	Richard Campbell
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Fin Secretary	William Cook
Chief 5	Russell Eury

Acquired 1978



1978 Chief 5 Russell Eury



1979 Officers

President	Delmar Brown
1 st V President	William Martin
2 nd V President	Harvey Cannon
Secretary	
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Secretary	Ralph Welsh is
Appointed on	14 th Feb of this year.
Fin Secretary	William Cook
Chief 5	Rick Campbell

February 16th 1979

The company has a major fire, directly across from the fire house, the old Hovermale property burns to the ground. This property housed the Shoe repair shop, the Goodwill store and a Furniture refinishing business (where the fire started) and apartments on second floor.

1979



February 16th 1979



1980 Officers

President

Delmar Brown

1st V President

Jay Main

2nd V President

Ronald Lowe

Fin Secretary

Bill Cook

Secretary

Thomas Dawson

Treasurer

Tony Webber

Chief 5

Richard Campbell

Company 5 First Patch



Nov 1980

Brunswick loses Historical Land Mark as a multi alarm fire destroys the B&O YMCA. This very large building did not burn completely down although it had to be demolished later.



At the annual membership banquet this year Chief Campbell stated with the help of the Jefferson and Lovettsville Volunteer Fire Companies he had over a million dollars in fire losses. This statement was a fact but we all know this was Chief Campbell's loss. Lovettsville and Jefferson have for many years been very helpful to the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company and we are very grateful for their help in protecting the town of Brunswick.

Brunswick's YMCA



The Night of the Fire



The Day After the Fire



August 6th 1980

Building committee talks about purchase of a lot for a new building. The Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance Company is asked if they would like to join this effort, but they declined the offer.

Company has a major crack in the front of the building. Yingling Construction Co. was low bid on repairing the crack in the front of the building at a cost of \$9200.00.

1981

The company places into service a New 1980 Ford class "A" pumper with Caterpillar Diesel engine, a 1000 GPM pump and Deluge Gun.

Purchase of lots on West Brunswick Street is done this year with hopes of building a new fire station.

Officers 1981

President	Richard Campbell
1st V President	William Sauser
2nd V president	Jim Dixon
Secretary	Ralph Welsh
Fin Secretary	William Cook
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Chief 5	Gary Eury

1980 Ford Class "A"



1982 Officers

President

Charles Leopold

1st V President

Rick Campbell

2nd V President

William Nichols

Treasurer

Tony Webber

Secretary

Lewis Dominick

Fin Secretary

William Sauser

Chief 5

Gary Eury



1982

The company purchases a 1960 Pirsch 100 foot. Arial Ladder Truck for \$100.00 from Washington, D.C. This truck will require 2 drivers, one on the front end and one on the rear end. This unit was placed into service as Truck 5.

Charlie Smith a member was responsible for making the deal with the Washington, D.C. fire service.

The company has a new metal building erected on our carnival grounds, west of the Acme Market to house the Ladder truck. Total cost of building is \$35,000.

1960 Pirsch 100 foot arial Ladder. Company 5's First Ladder



Picture taken about 1982



1983 Line Officers



CO. 5 OFFICERS

Line officers for 1983 at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company were, from left: Assistant Chief Charlie Smith, Bill Sauser, Chief Gary Eury, Assistant Chief Slim Longerbeam, Rick Campbell, Assistant Chief Dave Taulton, and Dwight Hoffman. At the annual banquet, Eury was named Driver of the Year. He was also the Top Responder for 1982, answering 189 calls.

Our week

25
YEARS AGO

19th Dec 1982

On 19th Dec 1982, 1st Assistant Chief Dave Taulton died in the line of duty. The company and community mourn the death of this dedicated volunteer.



Funeral of Dave Taulton 1982



Firefighters mourn loss

Firefighters, friends and family attended funeral services Thursday morning for David Taulton, Brunswick's volunteer assistant fire chief. Over 40 pieces of fire equipment draped in black (left photo) led the funeral procession from services at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire House to Brunswick's Park Heights Cemetery.



Two Frederick County ladder trucks formed an archway at the entrance to the cemetery. Representatives from the fire companies stood close at hand (lower photo) during the final service.

(Photos by Richard T. Meagher)

1983 Officers

President	Ronald Lowe
1 st Vice President	Charles Leopold
2 nd Vice President	Dennis Moore
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Fin Secretary	Rick Campbell
Secretary	Lew Dominick
Chief 5	Gary Eury

Motion made and passed to have a plaque made in memory of Dave Taulton, and to have the name of the Top Responder of each year inscribed on this plaque with trophy going to that individual. This became known as the Dave Taulton Award.

1983 the Fire Company Cadets is
formed



1984 Officers

President	Jim Dixon
1 st Vice President	Charles Leopold
2 nd Vice President	Dwight Hoffman
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Fin Secretary	Nancy Nichols
Secretary	Anna Lowe
Chief 5	Gary Eury

1984

Company sales 1953 American La France truck for \$1000.

The town of Brunswick purchases a 1984 International Tanker from 4 Guys for the company. It carries 1800 gallon of water and has a 500 GPM pump. The color of the tanker is red and white. Purchase price of this unit is \$60,000 the unit is placed into service as tanker 5.

Engine 52 which was a 1956 Chevrolet is sold for \$500.00.

Contract signed for Harvey and the Hubcap 50/60's music March 10th 1984. Very large turnout for this band.

1984 International Tanker



1985

President Charles W. Leopold Jr.

Chief 5 Gary Eury

1986

President

Charles Smith

1st Vice President

Bo Hane

2nd Vice President

Bob Eury

Treasurer

Tony Webber

Fin Secretary

Winnie Hollar

Secretary

Charlie Dalton

Chief 5

Gary Eury

Trustee - Nancy Nichols, Roy Lipscomb, Ken
Fauble, Mark New and Russell Eury

Charles Smith Past President 1986



Oct 13th 1987

On October 13th Past Fire Chief (Sonny) Harvey E. Cannon dies, the company and community lost a lifelong devoted volunteer. Sonny was Chief of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company for 37 years from 1938 thru 1976.

Sonny was responsible for many of the fundraiser at the fire company over the years we had entertainers' like Jimmy Dean, Patsy Cline, Roy Clark, Billy Grammer, Buck Rine, George Jones just to name a few.

1987

This year is the first year for the Frog Eye Mud Bog being held on the Albert Roelkey Farm off of Route 67 on Frog Eye Road, Washington County, Maryland. The Mud Bog came to life at the Himes country store. A discussion between Jim Dixon and store owner Gary Himes. The day of the Mud Bog started out with heavy rain in the morning and ending up to be a very nice day, with a lot of trucks and well attended by the public.

President

1st Vice

2nd Vice

Secretary

Treasurer

Chief 5

Carroll Webber

Charlie Leopold

Bobby Eury

Larry Shew

Dave Young

Gary Eury

1988 Officers

President

Carroll Webber

1st Vice

Charles Dalton

2nd Vice

Charlie Leopold

Secretary

Bill Curry

Treasurer

Dave Young

Chief 5

William Sauser

Trustees

Roy Lipscomb

Russell Brightwell

Mark New

Arnold Martin

Russell Eury

1988 Top Man Hours



Putting in
the Top Man-
Hours for the
Brunswick
Fire Com-
pany in 1988

were, from
left: Roy Lipscomb (No. 1, with
695 hours), Mark New, Charles
Leopold, Marguerite Myers, Rus-
sell 'Stump' Brightwell, Donnie
Lucas, Frankie Foster, R.C. Fore-
back, Sonny Danner and (not
pictured) Raymond Cooper.

WHAT YOU DID
25
YEARS AGO!

1998 ~~1990~~

William Bill Sauser

Past Chief



William (Bill) Sauser served as our Lawyer, Historian and Fire Chief and other offices.

1988

H.E. Sonny Cannon is placed into the Maryland State Firemen's Associations Hall of fame.

The company places an order for a New Class "A" pumper, a Pierce Dash. The truck is to be built to the specification of the pumper committee which consisted of 9 company members.

1988 Clinton “Bud” Harrison Life
Member passed away this year.



1988

The company purchases a 1971 Seagrave straight chassis 100 foot Aerial Ladder Truck from the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company in Baltimore County to replace the old truck 5 ladder, damaged in an accident. The truck is purchased for \$58,000.00 it is placed into service as Truck #5

1971 Seagrave Ladder



1989

The company takes delivery of its New Pierce Dash Class "A" pumper, it carries 750 gallon of water and has a 1000 GPM pump. The color of this pumper is red and white. Purchase price of the unit is \$145,000.00 and an additional \$20,000.00 was spent on new equipment for this unit. The New pumper was put into service as Engine 52

The company also purchases a 1979 Chevrolet Malibu, from the Brunswick Police Department. Invested \$1000.00 in the vehicle placed it into service as a Chief's car. The car is red in color.

In November a Hazmat drill was held in the CXS Railroad yard. There were 9 fire/rescue companies and the Public Safety Division that participated in the drill with over 100 volunteers participating. The drill consisted of a tank car leaking a dangerous chemical. Although it was not an actual incident everything was handled as through it was, it was a great learning experience for all.

President
Chief 5

Carroll Webber
Roy Lipscomb



1989 Pierce Dash Pumper



Roy Lipscomb Chief 5, 1989



1989

A plaque in Memory of “**Harvey E. Cannon** “**Sonny**” who was Chief for 37 years, was erected on the outside front of the Potomac Street Fire House at a County meeting held at Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, in September.

This plaque is now at the new station on display

1990

The Company purchased a 1978 Pierce Dodge mini pumper from Glennrock Hose and Ladder Company, in Pennsylvania purchase price \$18000.00. The unit carries 250 gallon of water and pumps 400 GPM. Is a 4X4 wheel drive unit. Unit was painted red and white and placed into service as brush #56.

Engine 53 is painted red and white, all vehicles that are not red and white at this time will eventually be repainted red and white and the lime yellow being phased out.

President	Carroll (Tony) Webber
Vice President	Charles Leopold
2 nd Vice President	Robert Fleming
Secretary	Karee Danner
Treasurer	David Young
Fin Secretary	Robert Fleming
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

Trustee

Jim Dixon Cooper	Bud Harrison	Russell Eury	Bill Curry	Raymond
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1990 Officers

The Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company:

Last Saturday, January 27, was Banquet time for Brunswick's volunteer firemen and their supporters — and at least 300 people crowded into the Fire Hall for the celebration . . . one of the largest number ever to come to this annual event.

It was a cheerful crowd, with

people enjoying themselves.

The program — after the dinner — was MC'd by Warren Stevens, chief of Frederick City's Company 3. The welcome was made by Mayor Fauntleroy, who congratulated the company on a very successful year.

Many of the fire companies of the

County were represented. A number of elected officials were present, including County Commissioner Anita Stup.

1989 Chief Roy Lipscomb gave his report of the year. He had special thanks for his line officers: RC Foreback, Frankie Foster, Wayne Spring, Raymond Cooper,

and Robert Fleming.

Chip Jewell of the County Fireman's Association gave the company a color photo of its new engine, taken during the Ocean City parade.

Lipscomb and Webber called to the front of the room the winners of the big awards for the year: the

Top Ten Responders and the Top Ten Volunteers of Manhours (see box). They were applauded loudly.

Councilman Bill Hortman won the drawing.

The officers for 1990 were then installed — and it was time to enjoy the band.



The 1990 Directors

Left to right are: Bill Curry, Trustee; Russell Eury, Trustee; Bud Harrison, Trustee; Jimmy Dixon, Trustee; Roy Lipscomb,

Chief; Dave Young, Treasurer; Karee Danner, Secretary; Robert Fleming, 2nd Vice President; Charles Leopold, 1st Vice Presi-

dent; and Tony Webber, President. Not in the picture: Raymond Cooper, Trustee.

1978 Pierce Dodge Brush 55



1991 Officers

President	Robert Foreback
1 st V President	Charles Leopold
2 nd V President	Dwight Hoffman
Fin Secretary	Robert Fleming
Treasurer	David Young
Secretary	Tony Webber
Chief 5	Roy Lispcomb

Trustees

Jim Dixon Russell Eury Bryan Green

Robert Foreback President 1991



1994

President	Jim Dixon
1st Vice President	R.C.Foreback
2nd Vice President	Charles Leopold
Secretary	Troy Lloyd
Fin Secretary	Bobby Fleming
Treasurer	Tony Webber
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

This year there was a very large fire in down town Brunswick. The fire started in the rear of formal Darr's Tavern (Later known as The Crabhouse) and spread to two other building formally Coffman Dept store and on the corner Triangle Food Services (Later known as Katz's jewelry store.)

The fire was the work of an arsonist, investigation found the owner of the crabhouse was responsible.

The second floor of all these buildings was apartments with families living in them, no injuries from the fire was reported.

Crab House Fire 1994



1995

President

Charles Leopold

1st Vice President

R.C.Foreback

2nd Vice President

Dave Young

Secretary

Troy Lloyd

Fin Secretary

Kevin Myers

Treasurer

Bobby Fleming

Chief 5

Roy Lipscomb

Charles Leopole President 1995



This Year 1995 we placed in service a 1995 Seagrave 105 foot Aerial Ladder Truck



October 24, 1996

Gazette-Community News

Thursday, Oct. 24, 1996 mb

Brunswick fire company wants new station in Rosemont

Some residents fear increased noise, traffic with move

by V. Diann Devart
Staff Writer

If wishes were bricks, then Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co. would have a new fire hall. But for now all they have are wishes.

The Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co. is hoping to use profits from their Karaoke nights and other fundraising efforts to fund a move from its downtown Brunswick home to a plot of land on the south side of Rt. 17, a portion of which is owned by the town of Rosemont.

Rosemont Burgess John Votipka explained that just over four acres on that side of the road is in Rosemont.

David Young, a firefighter and a building committee member, said the fire company desperately needs a new building.

"The building we're in now was built somewhere around 1943, and it was originally only a two-bay building. We knocked out a wall to keep the tanker there. But we still have the ladder

truck about a mile away from the fire hall at the carnival grounds," Young said.

He said the company needs another place where all of its equipment can be kept in one place and where there is adequate parking.

Both Young and Votipka stress that all plans are still preliminary. Cost estimates for the project

"Brunswick is a fiercely loyal community and they don't want to lose the fire company."

— Mayor Tom Smith

have not been made because the plans for the new building are only in talking stages.

Brunswick Mayor Tom Smith said there are still a number of issues to be addressed.

"Brunswick is a fiercely loyal community and they don't want to lose the fire company," Smith said.

Smith said he is in a difficult position because at one time he advocated moving the ambulance company. But now, as mayor, he will voice the opinions of the resi-

dents of Brunswick.

The move to the proposed site will be less than a mile from the present fire hall.

Mark Smullen, branch manager of the Brunswick office of Frederick Underwriters said the move should not mean an increase in insurance rates.

"This [insurance] rating is established by rating the community on a list of criteria such as response times, apparatus available from the fire company and water supply available in the city," Smullen said.

Votipka said response in Rosemont about the fire company's proposed move is mixed.

"Some residents are for it and some are against it. They're against it because having the station there will increase noise and traffic in an otherwise quiet town," he said.

Before any decision is made about a new building in Rosemont, public approval must be attained, Votipka said.

In the first week of November, there will be another meeting to gain public input and to gather more information on the subject. Rosemont officials have asked Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission members to attend the meeting.

News briefs

1998 Officers

President

George Clary Jr.

Vice President

RC Foreback

2nd Vice President

Ronald Lowe

Treasure

Robert Fleming

Fin Secretary

Kevin Myers

Secretary

Cheryl Curry

Chief 5

Roy Lipscomb

Trustees *****

Jim Dixon

George Houser

Tony Webber

Mike Fauble

Rick Pierce

Honorary Trustee

Russell Eury

1999

President
Chief 5

Charles Leopold
Roy Lipscomb

This year Company 5 purchased a new chief vehicle a 1999 Ford Explore.

1999 Ford Chiefs Car



2000 Officers

PRESIDENT	Charles Leopold
Vice President	Todd Webber
Past President	George Clary
Treasurer	Harry Elliot
Fin Secretary	Jim Dixon
Secretary	David Young
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

Trustees

Tony Webber Ronald Lowe Debbie Fauble
Kenneth Fauble Jeff Simons

2001 Officers

President	Charles Leopold
Vice President	Todd Webber
Treasurer	Harry Elliot
Secretary	Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Fin Secretary	Jim Dixon
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

2002

26 Members are fitted for Class A uniforms.

Engine 51 has Rescue Equipment installed and all drivers are trained on the equipment.

President

George Clary

Vice President

Tony Webber

Treasurer

Harry Elliott

Fin Secretary

Dave Young

Secretary

Lyndi Carter D'Amico

Chief 5

Roy Lipscomb

Chief 5-1

Wade Watson

Chief 5-2

Todd Webber

Chief 5-3

Harry Elliott

George R Clary President 2002



Members in their new Class A uniforms 2002



BVFD members with their new class a uniforms



2003

President	George Clary
V President	Tony Webber
Treasurer	Marilyn McKenzie
Fin Secretary	Dave Young
Secretary	Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

Annual Gun Calendar is started this year with Brunswick, Wolfsville, Jefferson and Emmittsburg going together on this project. Later Wolfsville and Jefferson Dropped out.

9/17/2003

Motion made to purchase the Old American LaFrance engine back from Leonard King and restore.

2004 Officers

President
V President
Treasurer
Fin Secretary
Secretary
Chief 5
Chief 5-1
Chief 5-2
Chief 5-3

George Clary
Tony Webber
Marilyn McKenzie
Dave Young
Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Roy Lipscomb
Wade Watson
Todd Webber
George Houser

2004

Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company repurchased for the sum of \$20,000 from Leonard King the 1922 American LaFrance pumper sold to Leonard King in 1969. This engine was the first motorized piece of equipment for the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company. It is now going through the stages of being restored completely by **Wade Watson** and committee.

Wade has put his heart into the rehab of this antique and is doing a very good job.

1922 LaFrance



1922 LaFrance on its way home Hot Dog Driving and Wade riding



2005 Officers

President

George Clary

Vice President

Tony Webber

Treasurer

Marilyn McKenzie

Fin Secretary

Dave Young

Secretary

Lyndi Carter D'Amico

Chief 5

Roy Lipscomb

Sept 26th 2005

The Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company loses a very devoted volunteer in an accident. Past President and Life member. CHARLES LEOPOLD was killed while steel is being unloaded from the truck he was driving.

CHARLES for years in the past was very active in volunteering his time for fundraisers and other Fire company business. Charles was a guy who couldn't say NO to the fire company.

Charlie also held other offices at the fire company.

Charlie will be missed by his fellow firefighters and the community.

Born May 14 1942
Died Sept 26 2005
Charles W Leopold



In Memory

May 14, 1942 - September 26, 2005

Mr. Charles Leopold



Charles W. Leopold Jr., 63, of Knoxville, Maryland, died Monday, September 26, 2005. He was the husband of Freda L. Leopold. They were married for 25 years.

Born May 14, 1942 in Loudoun County, Virginia, he was the son of the late Charles W. Leopold Sr. and Mary A. Leopold of Knoxville, Md.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Burkittsville, Md.

Mr. Leopold was a long-time and very active member of the Brunswick Vol. Fire Company for over 30 years. He served as a past President. He was chairman of the new building committee and chairman of the LOSAP committee. He was also co-chairman of the Bingo committee and chairman for many years of the mud-bog. He also helped out with many fund-raising events with the fire company. He was also an active member of the Frederick County Vol. Fire and Rescue Association.

He retired from the U.S. Park Service, Monocacy District, after 31 years. He also had his own business with snow removal and hauling. He worked as a part-time driver at Canam's Steel. He was very active in the City of Brunswick with varied events and activities. He was a committee member of the Patty Pollatos Memorial Fund.

Mr. Leopold served as past president of the Burkittsville Ruritan Club. He was chairman of the Burkittsville Carnival Committee. He was also a member of the Brunswick MOOSE Lodge 1582, the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1136.

He loved horse back riding and farming. He was an avid worker and enjoyed driving trucks.

In addition to his wife Freda and mother Mary he is survived by three children, Tracy Reed and husband Leeroy of Charles Town, W.Va., Timothy Leopold and wife Amy of Brunswick, Tammy Gerstner and husband John of Knoxville, Md.; two stepchildren, Dianne Fleming and husband Robert of Knoxville, Md., and Thomas "Bo" Overton Jr. and fiancé Geri Reynolds of Rosemont, Md.; eight grandchildren, Lori, TJ, Ashley, Shannon, Cole, Shane, Deanna and Heather; three sisters, Sandra Violet, Karen Hoffman and Cindy Cramer; a grand-dog Merlin. He will also be remembered by his numerous close and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Ethel Pomeroy and a foster son, Robert Tucker.

The family will receive friends at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1100 North Maple Ave., Brunswick, Md., on Thursday, September 29, 2005 from 1 to 9 p.m. where a fire-fighter memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Dave Colbentz officiating. The family will also receive friends on Friday, September 30, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., where the services will begin at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kimberly Nunberg and the Rev. Charles Beekley.

Serving as pall bearers will be Clarence Webber, Roy Lipscomb, Jeff Simons, AJ Smothers, Tim Leopold, George Clary Jr., Todd Webber and Tommy Watson. Honorary pall bearers will be Tony Webber and RC Foreback.

Interment will be in Knoxville Reformed Cemetery, Knoxville, Md.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Brunswick Vol. Fire Company, 223 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716 or the Brunswick Vol. Ambulance Company, 200 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716.

Online condolences may be shared at www.staufferfuneralhome.com.

2006

President	George Clary
V President	Tony Webber
Treasurer	Marilyn McKenzie
Secretary	Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Fin Secretary	Dave Young
Chief	Roy Lipscomb

This year is the 19th annual Frog Eye Mud Bog

2007

President	George Clary
V President	Tony Webber
Treasurer	Kevin Myers
Secretary	Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Fin Secretary	Dave Young
Chief	Roy Lipscomb

August 2007

This year is the 20th annual Frog Eye
Mud Bog.

Past President Carroll A Tony Webber



Tony was a Past President and Life Member. He also held other offices in the Fire Company. Tony was very active in the fire company even up until his passing.

He was a very devoted Volunteer until passing 9 Oct 2007

2007, We Placed in service a 2007 Pierce Rescue Engine



2008

President

George Clary

Vice President

Tony Webber

Treasurer

Kevin Myers

Secretary

Lyndi Carter D'Amico

Fin Secretary

Dave Young

Chief

Roy Lipscomb

**Gary Webb Bennett, A Life
member with over 50
years of Volunteer service
passed away this year. 2008**



2009

President	GEORGE CLARY
V President	Tony Webber *Deceased
V President	Tom Watson
Treasurer	Kevin Myers
Secretary	Lyndi Carter D'Amico
Fin Secretary	Dave Young
Chief 5	Roy Lipscomb

After a hard day of training at the training center about 2009



2010

President

George Clary

V President

Tom Watson

Secretary

Lyndi D'Amico

Financial Sec

David Young

Treasurer

Kevin Myers

Chief

Roy Lipscomb

Board of Directors

RC Foreback

Clarence Webber

Todd Webber

Jeff Simons

Sandy White

Top Man Hours for 2010

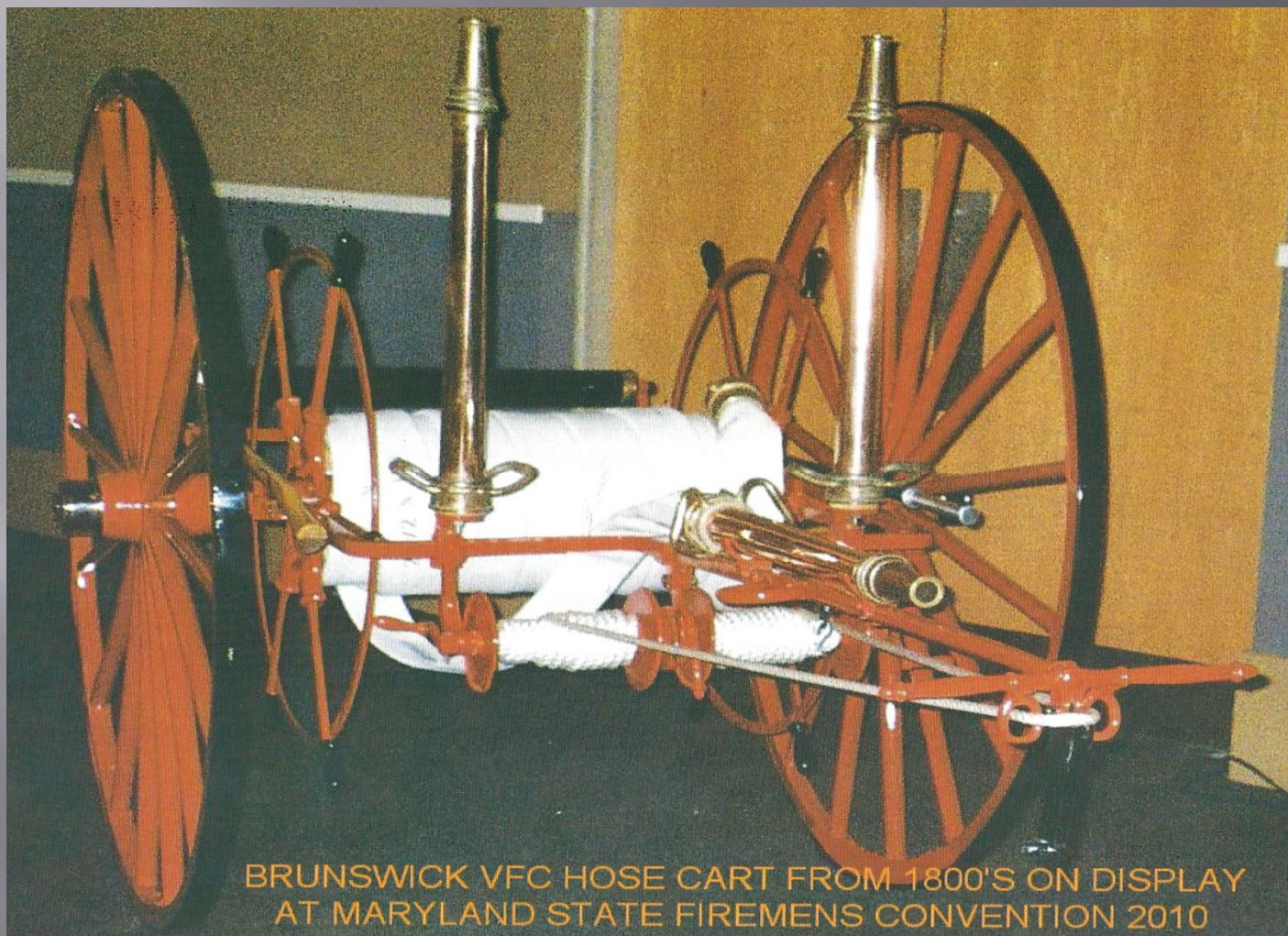


2010

At the annual Banquet this year the Old hand pulled hose reel is put on display after many years in disrepairs. It was completely restored. **Clarence Webber** is responsible for doing the work of restoring the Old Hose Reel.

The Hose Reel was taken to the annual State fireman's convention at Ocean City, Maryland this year and place on display in the convention hall. A lot of good comments were made about the fine job of restoring the reel.

2010 Annual Banquet



BRUNSWICK VFC HOSE CART FROM 1800'S ON DISPLAY
AT MARYLAND STATE FIREMENS CONVENTION 2010

8th June 2010

From the office of Roscoe Bartlett
Washington, D.C.

Congressman Roscoe Bartlett announces a \$2,431,161 dollar grant to the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. its fire station.

“Most of the fire companies in western Maryland, like Brunswick’s are Volunteer companies,” said the Congressman Bartlett. These volunteer fire companies are the back bones of our small towns. Firefighters give their time and energy and put their lives in harm’s way to protect all of us. A disaster in our Nation’s Capitol or hurricane or snowmelt that brings flooding along the Potomac, might call upon First Responders from the entire region. The \$2,431,161 grant brings federal taxpayers’ money back to Frederick County to provide the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department with an improved station that will better protect its firefighters as well as all of the residents and worker in Brunswick and southern Frederick County’s homes and businesses.”

June 2010

Construction is expected to start in the month of March 2011 or very soon thereafter on the new building.

Company 5 sold the 1984 International 1800 gallon tanker, built by 4 Guys of Pa.

A Volunteer Fire Company of Fairmount, Pa. purchased this tanker for \$18,000.

August 2nd 2010

Aug 2nd 2010 the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company put in service a Mack 2010, 3000 gal tanker known as Tanker 5. Color of this Tanker is Red and White. Tanker is equipped with two portable 2100 gal fold up tanks and many other kinds of equipment. Tanker 5 was purchased by the Frederick County Government for the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company.

Placed in service Aug 2nd 2010



**TANKER 5 2010 PIERCE ON A MACK CHASIS WITH A 3000 GALLON TANK
PICTURE TAKEN AT PIERCE FACTORY IN APPLETON WISCONSIN**

July 2010

July 1 of this year Company 5 put in service a new Chief Vehicle, Chevrolet 2010 Suburban equipped with a command center and other equipment.

The old 1999 explore will be retained and used as a first responders vehicle.

Sept 2010



CHIEF 5 2010 SUBURBAN COMMAND UNIT

2010 Fire Prevention at the Brunswick elementary School



Officers of 2011

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Secretary	Lyndi D'Amico
Fin Secretary	Dave Young
Treasure	Kevin Myers

Directors

Kenny Nicewarner, Todd Webber, Jeff Simons,
Sandy White and David Nalborczky

Chief 5 Roy Lipscomb

This will be our 8th year for the
Sportsman Calendar

Sportsman's Calendar Gun Raffle 2011



NEW THIS YEAR
THE 12 DAYS OF
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IS \$1000 A DAY
PRIZE



Annual Joint Fundraising Event
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Donation \$50

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Todd Webber's Life Saving Action 9 Jan 2011



Life Saving Action by Member Todd Webber 9th January 2011

January 9, 2011 at 12:14 hours when the box alarm was sounded for a house fire across from 1511 Jefferson Pike. The first arriving officer went on the scene with a structure well involved. The first arriving units began the initial attack of the fire, and then a neighbor reported to command that the elderly man that lives there may still be inside. Additional Units were arriving at the same time that information was given to command, so a unit was immediately given the assignment for the primary search. The crew made entry through the back porch door and once on the enclosed back porch they encountered heavy smoke conditions and could not locate the door that went into the house, and they came back out. Firefighter Todd Webber was outside the back door when they came out and reported to him that they could not locate the door to make entry into the house. Already bottled up Todd went in to the enclosed back porch and located the interior door that opened into the house and made entry. Once inside Todd began a search of the structure, found the unconscious body of Robert Pearson on the kitchen floor, and removed him from the fire-engulfed structure. He was flown to John Hopkins Bay View Burn Center and I am very happy to report that he is alive and recovering from his injuries.

Presented to Todd A. Webber for outstanding performance in search and rescue at the house fire on January 9, 2011 at 1510 Jefferson Pike in Knoxville Maryland. Your exemplary performance resulted in saving the life of Robert Pearson.

Given this 12th day of March 2011 by Chief Roy E. Lipscomb on behalf of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company.

Ground Breaking, 5 April 2011 for the Brunswick Vol Fire Co. New building



Ground Breaking 5 April 2011



2011

This year is the 25th year
of the Fog Eye Mud Bog

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Treasure	Kevin Myers
Fin Secretary	Dave Young

Directors

Danny D'Amico, Dave Nalborczyk, Kenny Nicewarner,
Todd Webber and Jeff Simons.

Chief 5 Roy Lipscomb
Chief 51 Wade Watson
Chief 52 George Houser
Chief 53 George Clary Jr

Ronald West Lowe

Died 05/25/2012

Ronald West Lowe

Born 10/04/1943 died 05/24/2012 at home.

He was Passed President, Passed Vice President, and Passed Board of Director.

He was the Tag Chair person for 32 years.

He became a LIFE Member 1984/85.

He was always the Parade Chair person for all the Fire Companies Parades. Always doing a great job with a lot of fire companies showing up.

Past Captain line officer.

Captain of the Fire Police from 22 Feb 1983 until his death.

Delegate to the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Frederick County for Brunswick.

Volunteering at the Fire Company for many years.

Passed Delegate to the Maryland State Firemen's Convention.

Top Fire Police responder for many years.

Ronnie took pride in being a member of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company. After retiring from his Government job he spent many hours just hanging out at the fire house. Waiting on the next call.

Ronnie also had another love of his life other than his family who always came first, and that was his Antique Cars.

Ronny can be remembered for his Jokes and remarks at the company banquet. He once addressed the Past Mayor Jess Orndorff as Boss Hog what a laugh ever one got.

Ronald West Lowe
10-04-1943 - 05-24-2012



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Treasure

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Robert D Fleming, Todd Webber, Jeff Simons.

Chief 5 Roy Lipscomb

Chief 51 Wade H Watson

Chief 52 George Houser

Chief 53 George R Clary Jr

Officers for 2014

President

Nathan W Gesse

V President

Kenneth Nicewarner

Secretary

Terry Pryor

Treasure

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Fin Secretary

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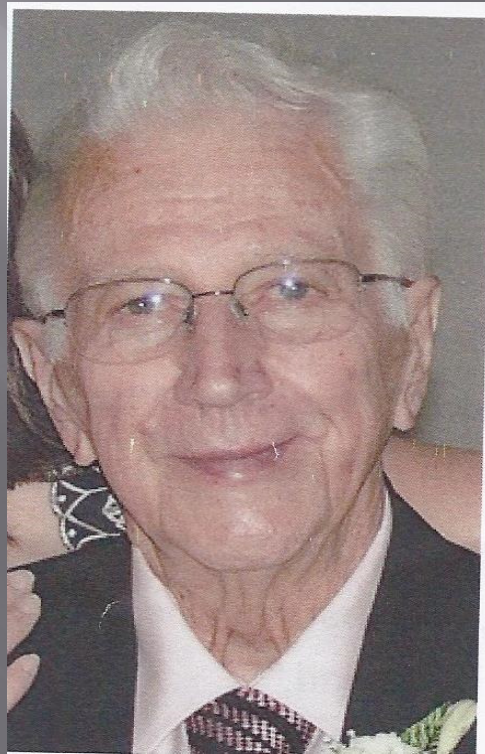
Directors

Robert Fleming, Angie Nicewarner,
Kellie Shackelford, Jeff Simons, Todd Webber
Chief 5 George R Clary
Chief 51 Todd Webber, Chief 52 Steve Shook,

2014 Banquet Jr. Members



Life Member Donald C Smith
Jan 5, 1927– June 4, 2014
Over 70 years service



Officers for 2015

President

Nathan Geese

V President

Kenny Nicewarner

Secretary

Robin Bell

Treasure

Kevin Myers

Fin Secretary

Dave Young

Directors

Todd Webber, Angie Nicewarner, Robert D Fleming,
William Beacht and Jeff Simons.

Chief 5 George Clary

Chief 51 Todd Webber

Chief 52 George Houser

Chief 53 Steven Shook

Truck Eng Dave Nalborczyk

Officers For 2016

President	Kenny Nicewarner
V President	Todd Webber
Secretary	Robin Bell
Treasure	Kevin Myers
Fin Secretary	Dave Young

Directors

Angie Nicewarner, William Beacht, Clarence Webber,
Jeff Simons and Steven Shook

Chief 5 George Clary

Chief 51 Todd Webber

Chief 52 Brian Jefferson

Chief 53 Steven Shook

2016 Top Responders

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|--------------------|--|
| #1 Benton McCarthy | Benton also had top training hours 126 |
| 2 Lawrence Pierce | |
| 3 Steven Welch | |
| 4 Stevne Shook | |
| 5 Kevin Myers | |
| 6 Ben Harlow | |
| 7 George Clary Jr. | |
| 8 George Houser | |
| 9 Kenny Nicewarner | |
| 10 Coady Boyer | |

2016 Top Man Hours

Robin Bell	662.75
Kellie Shackelford	618.45
Angie Nicewarner	537.25
Anna Lowe	481.25
Judy Zito	424.25
James Dixon	419.00
Benton McCarthy	392.25
Carla Hidalgo-Gato	378.40
William Beacht	362.70
Kay Nicholson	336.85

2016

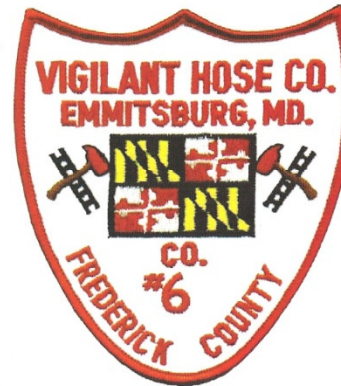
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14 Sept 2016

Dixie Lee Lipscomb born 23 July 1954 Brunswick. Died 14 Sept 2016 Brunswick by her side was family members and friends.

Dixie a Life member of the BVFD worked very hard along side her loving husband Chief 5 Roy Lipscomb, and other members for many years to serve the BVFD and Community.

Dixie will be missed by her family and all who knew her.



2016

This year the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company
lost three life time members.

Dixie Lee Lipscomb born Brunswick, Maryland 23
July 1954, Died 14 Sept 2016 at home.

Danny Lerch born Charlestown W.Va Sept 6
1962 Died Oct 14 2016 Knoxville Maryland.

James M Welty born Oct 22, 1927 Keyser W.Va
Died April 3 2016 Frederick Memorial Hospital

26 July 2016 Near Fatal Fire

Unit Citation Award Narrative

07/26/16

206 East "G" Street Brunswick MD 21716

IR# 16019511

On July 26, 2016 at 07:21 hours, Box 5-1 was sounded for a reported house fire with people trapped at 206 East "G" Street Brunswick MD 21716. Chief 5 arrived just before A198 to find a single story rancher with heavy smoke showing from the roof area. Neighbors as well as one resident advised Chief 5 that one person was still in the house in an unknown location. Shortly after arrival, fire began to burn through the roof area in the B/C corner of the house. Chief 5 established "G" Street Command and advised Frederick he would be deviating from the SOG and utilizing A198 to attempt the rescue. A quick face to face was completed with the crew from A198, Jennifer Wilson and Chad Johns, to advise them of the situation and my wishes to have them make the rescue. At this point in the incident, RE52 and Truck 5 were both en route but had not arrived. Without hesitation, FF Wilson and FF Johns made entry to attempt the rescue. FF Johns advised of heavy fire conditions in the bed room area and that they would continue to search. At 07:32, just minutes after arrival, A198 made the rescue and evacuated the victim out of the entrance on Side "D". A198 advised the person was still breathing. Command requested ALS. At the point Coady Boyer arrived POV and immediately started to assist A198 with patient care. FF Boyer ran to the command post and advised A198 was requesting aviation. FF Boyer then returned to the patient and assisted FF Johns with retrieving the needed EMS equipment from A198 parked almost a block away and then assisted A198 with setting up the bag valve mask, 02, and airway. FF Boyer also assisted with loading the patient on the cot and assisted with taking her to A198 and helped load her. FF Boyer then returned to the command post and was assigned as additional staffing for Truck 5. FF Boyer could have easily dressed out and started firefighting activities but instead choose to assist A198 first. Because of the actions taken by FF Wilson, FF Johns, and FF Boyer the victim was transported via aviation still breathing and at one point talking to the ambulance crew.

It should be noted that when Chief Clary requested A198 to make the rescue, a hose line was not yet in place and no additional resources were on the scene yet. FF Wilson and FF Johns should be recognized for their courageous acts of heroism and efforts.

I would like to nominate Firefighter Jennifer Wilson, Firefighter Chad Johns, and Firefighter Coady Boyer for a unit citation award.

Respectfully Submitted;

George R Clary, Jr

Chief Brunswick Vol Fire Company



BVFD Places in service a new 2016 Dodge 4X4 2500 Pickup Utility



2017

With nearly 650 call for the year of 2015 and after over ONE HUNDRED years of 100% volunteer service, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company #05 are to gets three county paid firefighters to house in there station.

To quote Chief 05 George Clary “But it’s time to swallow our pride,” When we get a call, we need to provide the level of service the community deserves. One person passing away” because personnel weren’t available” would be one too many to me.

Officers 2017

President

Todd Webber

V President

Kenny Nicewarner

Secretary

Robin Bell

Treasure

Kevin Myers

Fin Secretary

Kelly Shackleford

Directors

Angie Nicewarner, William Beacht,
Clarence Webber, (Jeff Simons resigned) and Steven Shook

Chief 5 George Clary

Chief 51 Steven Shook

Chief 52 Todd Webber

Chief 53 To be filled

2017 President of BVFD



Officers for 2017

