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# Allendale Fire Department

ALLENDALE, NEW JERSEY

P. O. BOX 477

October 1, 1954

Ramsey Journal  
Ramsey,  
N.J.

Att: Mr. Tom Dator

Dear Sir:

Attached is some data you can use in connection with the Allendale Fire Department and Fire Prevention Week. You undoubtedly will want to run the history of the department first and the present data last. I have only made a rough draft as you undoubtedly will want to set it up in your own fashion.

I did not list the number of fires this year as we had a very excellent record as far as fires are concerned and would like to have this brought out as strongly as possible. Be sure to thank the citizens of the town for their excellent cooperation in keeping our calls and losses at such a minimum.

Yours truly,  
*W. J. Rumsey*

W.J. Rumsey, Chief

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enc.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK DATA

The Allendale Fire Dept. is presently composed of 50 active volunteer firemen, whose names are listed on the roster attached, including officers whose names are:

- W. J. Rumsey, Chief
- C. J. Ritter, Assistant Chief
- H. Osborne, First Captain
- R. Osborne, Second Captain
- E. B. Straut, First Lieutenant
- D. W. Prince, Second Lieutenant

The Borough of Allendale for the year 1954, has so far shown an excellent fire record, for which we want to thank the citizens of the Borough, for their cooperation and thoughtfulness in keeping our Borough's fire losses as low as possible.

~~The alarms answered during the year up until present, are as follows:~~

*Worse months -*

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(10)

<del>Automobile Fires</del>	- 39	?
<del>Brush Fires</del>	- 8	?
<del>Miscellaneous</del>	- 304	?

*no sense*  
*brush*  
*at the end*

The Department was formed in 1910, and at the time consisted of 34 Charter Members, of which there are still in the line-up today ~~members, who are:~~

*well been brush people*



9/24/54

At the time of the origination of the Department, it was a horse-drawn Department, which apparatus was drawn by horses owned by John Ackerman & Sons Coal Co. and John Winters Coal Co. *which were only from Hackensack Fire Dept.*

*Chas. Magden*

*Life members*

*G. Magden - S. Bauer - W. Dewsnap*

The present department was first formed as a fire association in 1910 and at first the men pulled the trucks to fires. Later town merchants agreed to lend their teams of horses to haul the trucks. A special harness hung from the ceiling of the fire house and could be lowered upon the horses as they backed into position, in this way the trucks could be rushed to fires a few seconds after they arrived. The harness was donated by ~~and~~ the late Dr. Harry M. Archer, Honorary Medical Officer of the New York City Fire Dept., who took a keen interest in the young organization. The association voted in 1912 to pay \$5.00 to the owner of the first team of horses reaching headquarters after an alarm. This produced considerable rivalry between a lumber company and two grocery stores. It was common in those days to see the three teams running a close race in pursuit of the \$5.00 prize. When the association was formed in 1910 it consisted of 34 members but at a special meeting on 9/23/14 the volunteers voted to place their organization under control of the Borough council. A month later Mayor Gustave Nadeler signed an ordinance creating the Allendale Fire Dept. The present life members are former Chief, *L. Bauer* *Magden* G. Magden, S. Bauer and former president William Dewsnap .



# ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT



FIRE.....DRILL.....ATTENDANCE.....TIME.....BACK TAPS.....DATE..... 19.....

RECEIVED BY..... IF PHONED, RECEIVED BY.....

TYPE OF FIRE..... ESTIMATED LOSS.....

CAUSE.....

OWNER..... TENANT..... LOCATION.....

HOSE — 2½"..... 1½"..... 1"..... EXTINGUISHER.....

TRUCK USED.....

REMARKS:.....

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REPORTED BY..... RANK.....

ALSDORF, A.  
BOGARDUS, H.  
BROWN, H.  
COBB, H.  
COLBURN, D.  
COLBURN, J.  
CONKLIN, P.  
CRITCHLEY, E.  
DOWNS, J.  
FOREIT, W.  
FORSHAY, H.  
GARRABRANT, D.  
GETSLAFF, K.  
GORDON, W.

GROSMAN, E.  
GROSSMANN, R.  
INDOE, W.  
KAHSE, H.  
KAPLAN, D.  
KAUFHOLD, R.  
KIEL, F.  
KNUDSON, N.  
KORT, L.  
KWASNICKI, A.  
LEFF, N.  
MULLIGAN, W.  
OCCHIPINTI, F.  
OSBORNE, H.

OSBORNE, R.  
PARENTI, F.  
PHILLIPS, J.  
POST, B.  
PRINCE, G.  
RITTER, C.  
RUMSEY, W.  
SCHERB, H. W.  
SCHMIDT, F.  
STEWART, R.  
STRAUT, E., Jr.  
TURNURE, E.  
TURNURE, J.  
UHLINGER, H.

VANDERBEEK, W.  
VAN HOUTEN, R.  
VARICK, E.  
WEBB, J.  
WEHNER, GEO., Jr.  
WETTERAUW, M.  
WILSON, R.

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