



NFHC Annual Meeting Set for October

The National Fire Heritage Center has announced plans for its 2014 Annual Meeting. All NFHC members and supporters are welcome to attend.

When: Friday, October 10, 2014 (with carry-over to Saturday morning, October 11, possible)
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern (8:00 - 8:55 a.m. Social Hour with coffee, juice and pastries beforehand).

Where: Vigilant Hose Company fire station, 25 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727.

Lunch: sandwiches ordered in at attendee's cost.

Parking: in rear of fire station off West Lincoln Avenue (limited) with additional parking at the town pool, 1 block west. Shuttle service for mobility challenged individuals available upon request.

Attire: Business / Business Casual.

RSVP's are appreciated (but not mandatory) to waynepowellnfhc@gmail.com / 240-344-7390.

Board Vacancy to be Filled during Annual Meeting

Her intense work schedule has led **NFHC Secretary Vickie Pritchett** to withdraw from our organization. President Ronny J. Coleman has accepted her resignation with regret and sympathy.

This creates an opportunity to reach out to the general membership to become involved at at the Board level. Her replacement will be selected during this year's annual meeting.

A call for applications for the position of Secretary of the National Fire Heritage Center has been issued. This is a key position in our organizational structure. The Secretary provides documentation of our meeting activities and helps us create our own history.

Individuals interested in the position should be reasonably familiar with Roberts Rules of Order and the methods of meeting management. Currently the Board meets once a yearly in Emmitsburg concurrent with The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation. There are sometimes two to three teleconferences during the year also.

Interested candidates should file a letter of interest to ron@fireforceone.com. A copy of your current resume is desirable. Those individuals who submit an application should consider attending the meeting.

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Message from the President

Time to De-Mob

Ask most firefighters about the part of firefighting they dislike the most, and a significant number of them will bring up the task of cleaning up after the mess. Firefighting can often be dirty, as well as dangerous. And, if the fire is big enough, you're going to have an awful lot of people who can help you do the clean-up. In the vernacular of the incident command system, this series of tasks is often referred to as demobilization. De-Mob for short.

There's not much glamour in the demobilization process. Yet it is essential to organizational effectiveness. The reason is simple. In order to be operationally ready for the next event, we need to bring closure to the current one. De-Mob is also where we take the time to rehabilitate ourselves. It helps us be prepared to come out as strong on the next call as we were on the last.

I am using this concept to explain a phenomenon in my own life that relates to the National Fire Heritage Center. A serious medical problem got me to thinking that I am no longer on the front line as a firefighter, so I must be in the De-Mob stage of my career. One of the things that was brought to my attention is that I have now achieved three quarters of a century as a person and over 50 years as a firefighter. Not once in the past have I ever had to contemplate the fact that I would not be able to respond to an event. Yet, here I sit, with a huge library and a limited amount of time to start planning for its ultimate home.

However, I have a secret weapon. It's the National Fire Heritage Center. Part of my life plan is to make

sure that my wife and children are never tasked with having to decide what I do with my 50 years of being a fire groupie/packrat.

I am sharing this as part of my Presidential message, because I know that there are many others out there who are a lot like me. You know you are. You may have already had similar thoughts about the preservation of your own life's work. I would like to encourage those of you that have had this thought to do something about it. Start thinking about the identifying, cataloging, and decision points that you need to make with respect to what you want to have done with your legacy library. Do you know where you want your collection to end up?

Personally, I consider this wake-up call to me to be entirely appropriate. I have gained new insight into what my collection looks like by having to inventory it. I have acquired a new enjoyment by handling and evaluating items that I had long ago forgotten I had collected. I am now ready to forward the majority of my library into the capable hands of Frank Schmersal. I know that when I attend our next Board of Directors meeting, that some of these documents will have found a home where they will be preserved and protected.

You might want to consider doing the same thing yourself.

Ronny J. Coleman

President, National Fire Heritage Center

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NFHC News and Views

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NFHC also welcomes the following new members:

Scott Barthelmass of Kirkwood, Missouri, has become a member. His accompanying note stated, "You all are doing great work. I have been to NFA over 30 times and greatly appreciate all that you do." He can be reached at:

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New NFHC member **Michael Capozziello** met Director Schmersal at our Firehouse Expo Booth in Baltimore. He works part-time at the Nassau County, NY, Fire-fighting Museum. His contact information is:

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New member **Ron Kanterman** was recently appointed chief in Wilton, Connecticut. He is the past chief at Mohegan Tribal Fire Department in Connecticut, and served on the fire department at Merck & Co. fire department in New Jersey, and has been Chair of the NFA Alumni Association. Chief Kanterman started many years ago with FDNY. He can be reached at:

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Thank you to members of the NFA Executive Fire Officer Program "**Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations**" class for their \$215 donation.



NFHC 2014 Calendar

August 13-16. FRI (IAFC), Dallas, TX.

September 3-6. IFBA Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

September 20-24. Fire Museum Network Annual Seminar, New York City, NY.

September 22-25. North American Fire Training Directors Annual Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.

October 10. NFHC Annual Meeting, Emmitsburg, MD.

October 11-12. NFFF/Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, Emmitsburg, MD.

NFHC News and Views

Notes from the Archives

The State of the Archive

As of the end of July 2014, the archive has reached nearly 8,000 objects cataloged, not counting the boxes and boxes of materials that we still have to process.

Among the donations we have received in the last few months are:

- 22 cartons of videotapes from **Dennis Rubin**;
 - seven cartons of books from the family of the late **Mo Fitch**;
 - 13 cartons of training materials from **John McNeece** and the folks at the **Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute**;
 - 22 cartons of books (so far!) from President **Ronny J. Coleman**;
 - the embroidered patch collection of the late **Eugene Lichtman** of Mt. Airy, Maryland.
- This last is a real show-stopper: 131 loose-leaf binders containing a total of 21,254 patches and other emblems, all sorted by country or state and arranged more or less alphabetically! We suspect it might be the largest such collection in existence.

We are compiling an updated archive directory which should appear on www.thenfhc.org shortly. It's a whopping 313 pages in length!

We hope everyone takes the time to visit the archive whenever they are in Emmitsburg. It has grown to an impressive size, and continues to grow even larger every day.

Sponsor a Bookcase Campaign Update

Thanks to **Jack Dinaburg** of Safe Children and **W. Parker Browne** for becoming the first donors to our Sponsor a Bookcase campaign. We still are inviting members and supporters of

the NFHC to sponsor bookcases for the archive, at a cost of \$150 per unit. Sponsors will have their names engraved on brass plates that will be placed on a plaque in the Heritage Center.

Please consider sending a tax-deductible donation of \$150 to the NFHC (P.O. Drawer 76, Emmitsburg MD 21727). Become a bookcase sponsor today!

The Archivist's Wish List

The archivist's wish lists ebbs and flows as we receive items that we wished for and as we identify additional equipment that we need. We received a VHS tape player (and a box of tapes!) from **Gary Long** of Delaware, for which we are very grateful. We also have been offered a filmstrip projector and 16mm movie projector by **J.D. Jenkins** of Virginia, which he will bring the next time he comes to Emmitsburg. At the same time we have received some microfiche for the archive, so we have added a microfiche viewer to the list. Here is the current list; if you have any of these items gathering dust and can donate them to the NFHC, please contact Executive Director Wayne Powell (waynepowellnfhc@gmail.com) or archivist Frank Schmearsal (accobonack@aol.com).

- 16mm reel-to-reel movie viewer with splicer
- Fluorescent light box, 18 x 24 inches (or larger)
- Flat file or drawing file, 24 x 36 inches, 5 or 10 drawers – we could use two of these
- Audio tape player/CD recorder (also known as a “dubber”)
- U-matic tape player
- Video projector
- Copy stand with lights (to use for photographing accessions)
- Microfiche viewer, preferably with printer

Frank Schmearsal
Archivist, NFHC

NFHC News and Views

Connecting the Dots...

The potential of NFHC as a resource is beginning to reveal itself as more and more individual collections are cataloged and the bibliographic information is added to the NFHC website: <http://thenefhc.org/library/national-fire-heritage-center-collections/>.

These catalogs become a tool to see who was collecting what type of information and how that information may have shaped the career (or at least opinions) of the fire industry leaders who came before us.

The website is also adding specific references that can be downloaded and reviewed. These archival documents provide a glimpse of the fire service of the past. You can see the evolution of fire operations, for example, and compare it with the fire operations of today. A report entitled “Trade Analysis of Fire Engineering (Gowell, Tibbetts, and Baker, 1932)” posted to the Report Section of the Website, reveals not only the job functions of a firefighter of the time—but also includes value statements for each of those jobs. These are the key components of the fire service culture of yesteryear and we can still see them operationally in the mission and value statements of the fire service of today.

Job specific tasks from fire chief to firefighter are broken down in a chart entitled “Firefighter’s Occupational Analysis” This is an updated document compiled by Chief J.W. Just in 1935 and then updated by Chiefs J. Pavlik and C. Rule in 1968. The same job functions and the value statement of those jobs found in the “Trade

Analysis of fire Engineering” are charted for easy reference. This chart can be located in the Charts and Graphs Section of the NFHC website (www.thenefhc.org).

These two documents can be used as references to document how much the fire service mission has evolved in the span of 50-to-60 years. This then can be a point of reference when developing an argument for the reallocation of critical resources.

Rodney Slaughter
Board Member, NFHC



We Will Never Forget

It's a phrase that we hear all too often: we will never forget! But, the truth is that most of us will forget. Even more serious is the fact that some of us will never know what it is that we're not supposed to forget.

I often engage with senior members of the fire service about the concept of institutional memory. You know what that is, it is what all of us old-timers know, that the new kids on the block never knew in the first place. Maybe that is too harsh a description, because there are some of the new kids on the block who are paying attention to institutional memory out of curiosity. Moreover, we are building various types of memorials and monuments into the fire service today that may help us keep some of that memory alive. Of course, I'm talking primarily about the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg. Each year a large contingent of firefighters travel cross-country to participate in a memorial service for our fallen comrades.

I am also talking about the hundreds, if not thousands, of memorials that have been raised to remember fire-
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fighters who have been allowed to lapse into anonymity. While it is important for us to put a placeholder into the system to recognize our national losses, it is equally important that we remind ourselves that almost all firefighters who die in the line of duty are serving a specific community. All losses are local. Granted, there are situations, such as the great fires of 1910 where massive numbers of firefighters died. And, there are the more recent events like September 11, 2001 that cry out for a constant reminder of the price of eternal vigilance. What I am talking about now are the monuments that were created to remember one or two firefighters.

I make it a habit when I'm traveling to find memorials and document them. I have visited most of the major ones, Kansas City and Colorado Springs. I have also gone to numerous cemeteries to review a Circle of Honor that has been created for firefighters over 100 years ago. A year or so ago, two other fire chiefs and I went to Storm King Mountain to see the memorial that have been placed there for the wildland firefighters who died there. If you have read about the event, you may have one type memory of it. I will guarantee you that if you go to visit the memorial yourself, then read off the bronze plaques, you have a totally different impression.

The context I'd like to put this commentary into has to do with a quiz I often give to modern firefighters. I've been issuing Challenge Coins ever since September 1, 2001. When I give the coin to a recipient, I ask them this question: what were you doing on September 1, 2001? I then ask them if they will ever forget that day. Then I ask them what happened on December 23, 1910?

Almost everyone can answer the first question. However, the younger the firefighter is, the more often the memory of 9/11 is blurred and lacking in detail. The older the firefighters are, the more specific their memory generally is. You may not believe this, but I have actually found contemporary firefighters with almost no memory of 2001. Yet, we constantly say

we will never forget. But, we will, if we are not careful.

What is more troublesome is how very few firefighters can remember what happened on December 23, 1910. On that date, a fire in a warehouse at the Chicago Union Stock Yards took the lives of 21 Chicago firemen (there were no females in the fire service during that era, so the word firemen is appropriate). Fire Chief James J. Horan was among those killed. There were also three civilian fatalities. In 2010, there was a tribute paid to these firefighters by the development of a memorial. It took 100 years from the date of the event to the creation of the memorial.



Yes, this fire was way in the past and may not be totally relevant to us today. But I would disagree with those who say it is not important to remember that the phenomenon of firefighters dying in the line of duty is something of recent origin. We need to remember that these events are part of our history. We need to

constantly remind ourselves of the diligence that is required to avoid future fatalities.

As of the day that I'm writing this column, I received a notice from a friend who served as the Honor Guard for a ceremony involving the Chicago Memorial. This event is now part of the memory bank here at the National Fire Heritage Center.

I hope that you never have to build a memorial in your community. But, as long as we're going to continue recognizing those who lose their lives in the line of duty, we should keep track of where these memorials are and recognize their role as part of the institutional memory of the modern fire service.

If you know where there is a memorial to a fallen firefighter, drop us a line here at NFHC and tell us about it. A digital photo would be even better.

Ronny J. Coleman,
President, NFHC

Above: Chicago's Union Stockyards.

History Makers: Chief Dennis Compton



Chief Dennis Compton is a respected executive advisor, a well-known speaker, and the author of several books, including his latest titled *Progressive Leadership Principles, Concepts, and Tools*. His previous books include a three-part series titled *When in*

Doubt, Lead, and another titled *Mental Aspects of Performance for Firefighters and Fire Officers*. He has authored chapters and articles for many publications, and was co-editor of the textbook *Managing Fire and Rescue Services*.

Dennis was the Fire Chief in Mesa, Arizona, for 5 years and Assistant Fire Chief in Phoenix, where he served for 27 years. Chief Compton is Past Chair of the Executive Board of the International Fire Service Training Association, and Past Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Institute's National Advisory Council. He is currently chair of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors and Co-Chairman of the Fire Service Based EMS Advocates Steering Committee. Chief Compton is also a member of the Arizona State University Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Chief Compton is a past recipient of the National Fire Service Instructor of the Year Award, and was named the American Fire Sprinkler Association Fire Service Person of the Year in 2000. Dennis was the University of Phoenix 2001 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, and has received the National Fire Service Leadership Award presented by the Congressional Fire Services Institute and Motorola Solutions. He also received the 2007 Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Dennis received the 2014 Dr. John Granito Award for Excellence in Fire Service Leadership and Management Research from the International Fire Service Training Association, Fire Protection Publications, and Oklahoma State University. Chief Compton is a charter member of the Arizona Fire Service Hall of Fame.

What first attracted you to working in fire safety?

I served in the United States Army in 1968 and 1969. After being discharged, I returned home to Phoenix, Arizona, looking for work. A friend of mine from high school told me that I should take the test to join the fire department. He had been hired about six months earlier and was sure I would like it...so I tested. He couldn't have been more right – I loved it and still do!

How did your career path change? What was your biggest surprise?

I don't think my career path has ever really changed. My positions certainly have, as have my responsibilities, but I am – to this day – a firefighter dedicated to serving the missions of fire and emergency services. Like a lot of people, once I got into the fire department, career opportunities became more obvious to me, as did my desire to take a stronger role in the direction of the Phoenix Fire Department – and later on – that of fire and emergency services in the state and at the national level.

I don't think I have a "biggest surprise," but I do think I had the good fortune of a "huge opportunity." I entered the fire service on the very front end of an era that has seen more substantive change than ever before in the history of our nations' fire service. It's been big change, not minor change, and has permeated literally every aspect of the way a fire department functions. I would never have foreseen that up front in my career, and I have even been directly involved in it.

About "History Makers"

The "History Makers" feature of the *NFHC Newsletter* will profile living members of the fire protection community who have made history by making a difference. Look for it in future issues – and suggest potential subjects by contacting pamelaapowell@msn.com. *Editor*

In your view, what has been your greatest contribution to fire safety and why?

I hope my greatest contribution has been (and continues to be) providing vision and leadership by not only identifying ways fire and emergency services can be improved, but just as importantly, creating systems, programs and mechanisms to bring those improvements to life through people. I have not focused solely on any one aspect of our industry. My involvement has been quite diverse.

Who were your mentors and how did they help you?

Paul Mungo of Maryvale High School in Phoenix was my economics teacher and literally turned my life around. He gave me a sense of purpose at a time when I needed it very much.

Captain Robert Clark, Phoenix Fire Department, was my first station captain. He not only taught me about being a firefighter, he convinced me that I could do it well and perform at any level I chose.

Chief Clell West, Phoenix Fire Department, showed me how to deal with people in the best and worst of situations. I also benefited greatly from his sense of humor, composure and interpersonal skills. As an on-scene incident commander, I never worked with anyone better.

Chief Alan Brunacini was the Fire Chief in Phoenix when I was Assistant Fire Chief. As I told him often, working for him was like going to school every day. I still use what he taught me – especially how to see and interpret things. He helped me understand how important it was to serve in outside the fire department and encouraged me to do so. That has served me so well.

Harold Mace of the International Fire Service Training Association/Fire Protection Publications at Oklahoma State University, knew people inside and out, knew politics, and could analyze situations better than anyone I have ever met. He was kind enough to share that analytical gift with me.

He also gave me my first opportunity to participate in a national fire service organization.



Patrick Cantelme, President of the United Phoenix Firefighters Association (Local 493) was a mentor. Together we studied and helped each other learn the importance and power of a positive labor/management relationship and compromise.

Phoenix Fire Department physician (and many other things) Dr. James Schamadan taught me confidence and the importance of having someone trustworthy to go to in difficult times. He also encouraged me to become that for others.

Mesa City Manager Chuck Luster gave me the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief in a great organization. If I was successful in Mesa, he deserves a great deal of the credit for it. In him, I saw what the true humble leader looked and acted like.

Dr. John Granito -- Consultant Extraordinaire -- has so much history and is so smart. He was kind enough to share his knowledge and experiences with me and became a dear friend in doing so.

Assistant Chief Carl Holmes of the Oklahoma City Fire Department was ahead of his time in questioning the management systems in fire departments. He helped me see what might be possible in the future, as well as the importance of equity in the treatment of members in the organization.

I could continue with the list, but these are definitely people who have mentored me along the way. My wife, Sheri, certainly belongs on this list as well. She taught me to care for family, friends and each other while going about my fire service business.

**What are the biggest challenges in the next 5 years?
10 years?**

This is always an interesting question, because it is so much in the eyes of the beholder.

5 Years

- Convince and cause the fire and emergency services community to put fire and injury prevention, as well as fire and life safety education, on equal status with emergency response.
- Fire department leaders (management and labor) must become familiar with opportunities that might be integrated into existing fire service-based EMS systems. The sustainability of fire service based EMS could hinge on this issue.
- As available revenue improves for government, create and implement service delivery and deployment models that allow fire departments to innovate and become more effective and efficient.
- Sustain the positive public image of the fire and emergency services.
- Enhance the level of cooperation between labor and management leaders in fire departments and among national fire service organizations.
- Improve the political skills and knowledge of fire department leaders.

10 Years

- Significantly reduce firefighter injuries and line-of-duty deaths.
- Incorporate cancer and mental health prevention, management and benefits into health, safety, and wellness models for firefighters.
- Significantly increase the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in all types of occupancies.
- Keep standards and regulations that guide fire department service delivery and support relevant.
- In some fire departments, greater diversity within the workforce must be achieved.
- Embrace the diversification of revenue streams to fund public services.

What is fire safety's biggest unfinished business?

First, we must significantly reduce the number of firefighter injuries and line-of-duty deaths. And we must

increase the installation of home fire sprinklers in new construction.

If you could start your career over, what would you do differently?

I don't think I would change the path of my career much at all. I have to be one of the most fortunate people who ever worked in the fire and emergency services. There are decisions I would have changed after the fact because they ended up being mistakes on my part, but I'm not going to go into those. I don't have enough paper or time to do them justice.

Any regrets?

I don't have any regrets. I have tried to deal with situations as they arose and was able to do a course correction most of the time. I'm also fortunate that my family life and my fire service life have complemented each other pretty well over the years.

What is your advice to those who are just starting a career in fire safety?

This is the greatest career in the world. There is nothing nobler than being committed to protecting the lives and property of others. Don't ever lose sight of that or set an example that is contrary to this belief.

People stay around for a long time in the fire and emergency services field. It is safe to say that once people enter the field, they will likely spend the majority of their adult lives working in fire departments or other fire service organizations. It is critical that we remain as positive, productive and healthy as possible as on our long individual journeys. This helps us personally and those we come in contact with as well.

And finally, be a giver to the fire service – not just a taker. The fire service gives us so much on an individual basis. No matter what positions you ever hold, do them well and be sure to give back in an effort to create a better future for others.

Notes from Fire Protection's Colorful History

Dr. Anne Phillips:

Pioneer and Advocate

The name Dr. Anne Phillips is strongly linked to her minority report to *America Burning*, the 1972 report of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. Her report called for a greater emphasis on fire safety education, a somewhat radical notion at the time.

It turns out that Dr. Phillips was no stranger to being a pioneer and an advocate, both in fire protection and other arenas.

She had always wanted to be a physician, but medicine was very largely a male profession when she graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1939. Since her first choice of Harvard Medical School only accepted men, she entered the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, she was one of only five women in a class of 122.

After graduating from medical school in 1943 she did her residency at Laird Memorial Hospital in Montgomery, West Virginia, because it was one of the only hospitals in the country that would let a woman become chief surgical resident. After her residency, she trained at the Oakridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and served as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1949, she secured an appointment to the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Harvard Medical School. The next year, she became the first

woman surgeon to operate at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

At Mass General she worked with Dr. Oliver Cope, who had developed expertise in burn treatment, having treated many of the victims of the 1942 Coconut Grove Nightclub fire in Boston.



Her work with Dr. Cope and others at the MGH on treating burn victims and her empathy for those patients set her on her life-long pursuit of alleviating the suffering of burn

patients and burn prevention.

During the Korean War, she undertook research for the U.S. Army into the cause of varying mortality rates among soldiers who had suffered similar burns and developed burn treatment protocols for the Army.

With funding from the U.S. Army, Dr. Phillips continued her burn research and, in 1961, she and Dr. Cope presented a series of research reports asserting that respiratory damage through smoke inhalation was the leading cause of fire deaths, an assertion that was initially rebuffed by others in the field. Within a year, her research findings became widely accepted and helped to propel her to national prominence in the field of burn research.

In 1970, she was appointed by President Nixon as the only doctor to the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. Always an independent thinker, despite pressure to issue a unanimous report, she authored the lone minority report in which she urged a greater emphasis on firesafety education. (She also opposed the creation of a new fire agency.)

In 1973 Dr. Phillips founded and for more than thirty years tirelessly directed the National Smoke, Fire and Burn Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to burn prevention research and education. Through the institute, she developed the first school "smoke drill," which was taught to over 25 million school children across the country, and participated in the creation of many firesafety films and the advancement of flammable fabrics



standards. She wrote, lectured, and taught extensively, particularly delighting in imparting common sense fire safety concepts to school children and teachers.

She was the first woman to win the "Fire Protection Man of the Year Award" from the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, was an honorary lifetime member of the National Fire Protection Association, and received the American Burn Association's highest award. In her honor, the Home Safety Council has named its award for fire safety education the Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award, which is now administered by the International Fire Service Training Association.

In 2005, Dr. Phillips published her first novel, *The Corners in Time*, a fictional account of a young woman's struggle to become a surgeon despite parental and professional opposition. She finished her second novel, *The Foothills of Happiness*, immediately prior to her death in 2009 at the age of 91.

Photos of Dr. Phillips courtesy of Asa E. Phillips, III.



"Widespread public education in fire safety principles should be our first concern."

Minority Report

America Burning, 1972

Looking Back: First Line-of-Duty Deaths in Charlotte in 1914

On June 30, 1914, three Charlotte (NC) Fire Department fire stations were probably hot, but quiet. The Central Station on North Tryon Street, Station 2 on South Church, and Station 3 way out on South Blvd on the other side of Templeton Street (later re-numbered Station 2). It was the last normal night in the department's history: the eve of its most tragic loss of firefighters at a single incident.

When the bells rang for Box 32 on July 1, 1914 it was probably just another run for those jumping on their pieces of apparatus. Old Sue, Engine 3, tore out of Station 2, along with the

Chemical/Hose wagon (Engine 2). Engine 1 (a 1913 Knox Chemical Engine that was CFD's first motorized piece) and Ladder 1 left the Central Station.

Captain William B. Glenn was the first line-of-duty death in the Charlotte Fire Department's history after the department became totally paid. He was formerly chief of the Fire Department. At the end of his appointment he chose not to take re-appointment and took a captain's position at Station 2.

Chief of the Fire Department J. Harvey Wallace was the second line-of-duty death at the Charlotte Fire Department.