

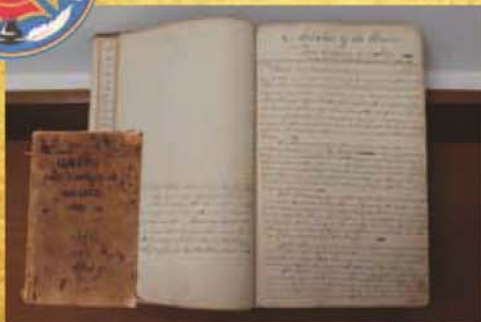


The history for future generations of American firefighters is being written today with your own actions, deeds, and stories of survival.

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*Preserving the Perishable*



The Union Fire Company record book. The first entry dated 1793

—Courtesy of Cumberland County Historical Society

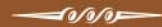
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“The fire service has been great about collecting the “things” of the business, but not the knowledge. We need to store and preserve the intellectual properties...” “We have to be the protectors of our history. We can’t afford to lose one more paper. We can’t allow it to be thrown away.”

—Dr. Burton Clark, U.S. Fire Administration.

“We’re trying to find a means to save and preserve documents and papers relating to the fire service and fire protection fields. We’re hopefully going to save more cardboard boxes, full of firefighters’ works, from ending up in the dump.”

—Ronny J. Coleman



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Fire/Rescue Museum at 300B S. Seton Ave.,  
Only steps from the NFA/USFA/NETC.

# National Fire Heritage Center

Preserving America's Fire History



## History

The National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC) is an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization incorporated in Maryland. It is ideally located near the outstanding resources of the United States Fire Administration and its National Fire Academy, the National Fire Data Center, and National Fire Programs, the Learning Resource Center, the Emergency Management Institute, the PREPNet TV studios, and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation, all located on the NETC campus.

## Purpose

The primary purpose of the NFHC is to help save important historical written work related to America's fire services and fire protection disciplines. This effort enhances the current initiatives of fire museums, which hold 3-dimensional artifacts such as fire apparatus and equipment, and fire libraries, which keep written works but not necessarily historical writings. The unfortunate reality is that much written material is discarded due to space or storage limitations. The NFHC preserves and protects unique collections for use by local, state and national groups; fire departments; fire-related businesses; fire buffs; active and retired individuals and their families; students; and researchers in the field.

Much of the rich written history of Fire in America is hard to locate and some of it has already been lost with more being lost everyday. The NFHC offers a solution by providing:

- QW* A centralized archive system
- QW* A catalog to historic collections and documents in other museums and archives
- QW* Preservation and preservation education of historic documents
- QW* Access for researchers, historians, educators, authors, the fire service community and the interested public
- QW* Documentation of the technological advances in the fire protection and firefighting fields
- QW* Electronic access to historic documents

In a way, the NFHC can be considered to be the "attic of the fire service and allied professions" — a place where important historical written materials are held, maintained and catalogued.

### Mission Statement:

*The National Fire Heritage Center exists to preserve, protect and increase the utilization of contributors to the body of knowledge of the American Fire Protection Services and Allied Disciplines through identification, acquisition, preservation, conservation and restoration.*



## National Fire Heritage Center Application

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- General Membership
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- Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$50/Year
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