

MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE-RESCUE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



SERVING
YELLOW SPRINGS
SINCE 1907

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1867

Village Passes First
Fire Ordinance

THE XENIA TORCHLIGHT

Yellow Springs Town Council Meeting

The town council, with a view to the prevention of fearful destruction of property by fire, to the extinguishing of vast sheets of flame, to the saving of thousands of dollars worth of property to the citizens, purchased, one day last week, six of the "Gardener Fire Extinguishers" for the infinitesimal sum of \$275. This is only a beginning in the right direction. O city fathers, in your infinite wisdom why don't you hearken unto the voice of a united people! Called by Providence to guard the best interest of this village, why don't you do it in such a manner as becomes your exalted stations. 'Tis humble petition of an outraged people that you "do the right thing at the right time," namely, create and organize a competent and sufficient fire department, not a niggardly one. It is the people's money you are chosen to control, and they demand that you use their thousands in the purchase of cisterns and fire engines, and everything belonging thereto, and their blessing will go with you now and forever henceforth and hereafter.

05/28/1873



MIDNIGHT BLAZE

GREAT FIRE AT YELLOW SPRINGS

**Nine or Ten Buildings Completely
Destroyed, With a Loss of
\$50,000 Worth of Property**

The little city of
Yellow Springs ex-

perienced a large and
destructive fire at an
early hour this morn-
ing. Being without
any fire department
whatever, even a
bucket brigade, they
had to call on Xenia
for help and by the
time our department
could get there the

flames had marked a
whole block of build-
ings for destruction.

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SWEPT BY FLAME ONCE MORE THE FIRE FIEND IS UPON US

**And with Reeking Red Tongue Licks
up a Whole Square of Buildings.
Stopping Only When a Providential
Change of the Wind Turns Back the
Tide of Wreck and Ruin**

The greatest conflagration that even visited Yellow Springs came

in devastating fury, on last Monday, leaving in its track a desolated mass of ruins, blackened chimney stacks, gaunt ghost of trees, stripped of the fresh tender foliage of Spring, and yawning holes filled with twisted and seared iron roofing and heaps of smoldering ashes to mark the place where a whole block of buildings which had

stood as monuments of local enterprise and progress; changing in a twinkling and for all time, the whole appearance of the village as she used to be, but never will be again.

THE YELLOW SPRINGS TORCH

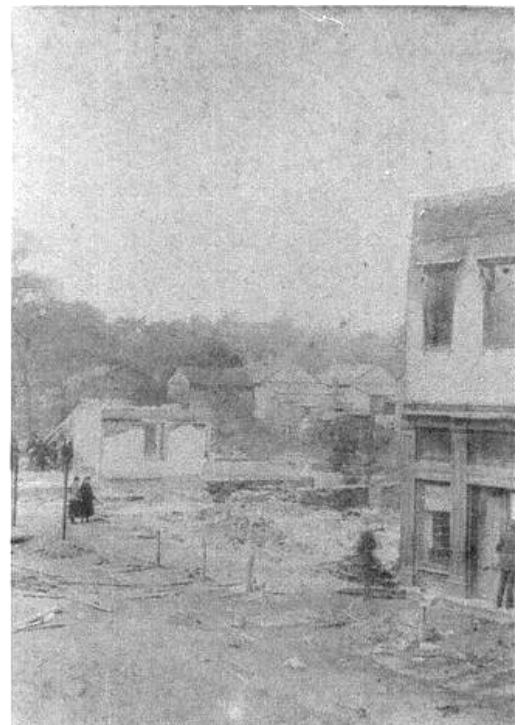
05/10/1895

Destruction from the fire of 1895



**View from Short St. looking
toward Xenia Ave at the site
of the Tavern**

**On Dayton Street looking at
the destroyed stables**



Protection Against Fire

The serious question that confronts us in this question of what to do in regard to furnishing some means by which we may protect our property and lives against the ravages of fire. Something must be done, all will admit, but what is best?

Yellow Springs Torch
08/16/1895

09 - 1985 Special Election

\$23,000
to build waterworks plant

☒ **NO**

☐ **YES**

THE SAME OLD THING

**Poor Old Unprotected Yellow
Springs Again Fire Swept**

OUR AID ASKED FOR

**The Fire Boys Start But a Mes-
sage Stops Them**

XENIA REFUSES HER AID

**Captain Timmon's Action in An
Appeal For Help**

Yellow Springs was again visited by a bad fire Sunday morning and as a consequence of

neglect to heed warnings to procure some sort of fire apparatus, the town sustained another heavy loss and the unprogressive and stingy people of the town who have succeeded in defeating the movement for better fire protection are being roundly roasted as THE SUN found out on a visit to the scene of the conflagration yesterday.

Just eight months ago the Little grain elevator and several other buildings were consumed by a fire at a loss of

\$12,000. About five months ago the portion of Xenia avenue lying probably 300 feet south from the post office was destroyed at a loss of about \$10,000 and yet the town is not protected by fire apparatus of any kind, save several sections of lawn hose that be attached to any force pumps.

Springfield Sun

01/06/1896

OUR NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

At last Yellow Springs is to have a fire company. Owing to the attempts to burn the Schlientz elevator and the common need of one, steps were taken last Monday evening by a number of persons to organize a company. A meeting was called at the Mayor's office and with the Mayor as chairman a committee was appointed to draft a constitution.

It is the purpose of the new company to equip the engine and repair the apparatus in general.

Council has proposed to furnish rubber coats and lend any assistance to make the fire protection better.

That this is a move in the right direction no one doubts and it is hoped that a first class company can be organized.

Yellow Springs
April 19, 1907

Horance Mann House, Antioch College
5 - 15 - 1924



Little Art Theater, Projector Fire 1949



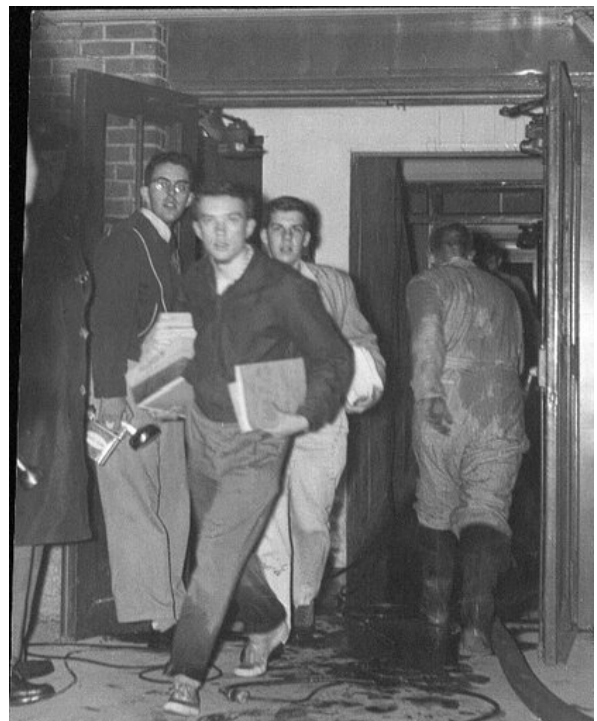
MTFR Chief James Dalrymple trains with
Antioch FD members



Science Building Fire 1959



Students fought the fire side by side with MTFR along with many other departments

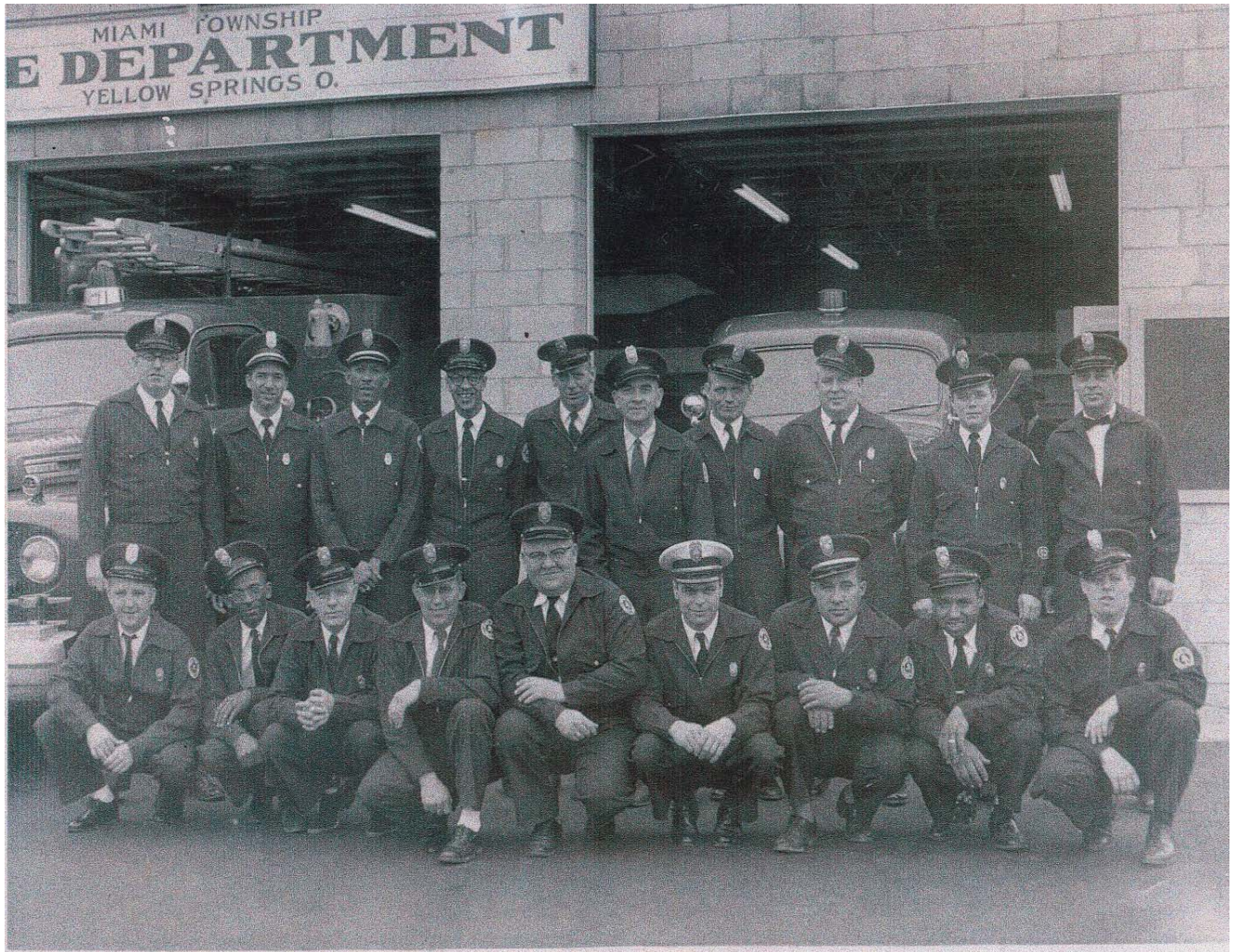


Students remove items from the building before they are destroyed



North Hall Fire 1957





Miami Township Fire Department,
Early 1960's



**MTFR on a job
Late 80's**



**Training at MTFR
1990's**



**Burn Down
1994**



**Training Fire 1
997**



**Motor Vehicle Crash
1996**



Medic struck head-on while responding to a fire in Clifton June 2005



MTFR on the job of a house explosion 2005

MTFR Today

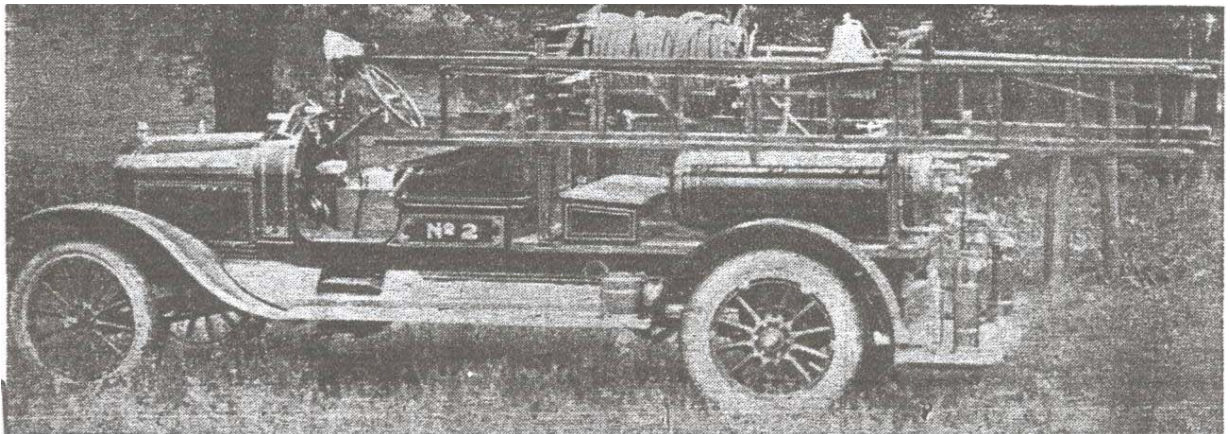


Answering the Call 24/7

MTFR A History in Fire Apparatus



Howe Co. Hand
Drawn Pumper
1895 –1897



Model “T” Ford; Second Self - Propelled Fire Engine of MTFR



MTFD 1945 Ford 750



JEEP Fire Engine 1965



Seagrave Fire Engine 1996

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