

Hall of Flame

Newsletter

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FDNY Rescue 4 Joins the Hall of Flame Permanent Collection

In the Autumn of 2018 the museum received the donation of FDNY's Rescue 4 from retired FDNY firefighter Bob Allen. Mr. Allen purchased the rig from the Rescue Remembrance Project, which had owned the truck since 2011. It was on exhibit in San Diego when Firefighter Allen, an officer in the Remembrance Project, purchased it and donated it to the Hall of Flame. The truck is the most important museum holding because of its role in responding to the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



Parked on Broadway, Rescue 4 is partially destroyed in the collapse of the South Tower on the morning of September 11, 2001.

The truck is a 1996 HME / Saulsbury, one of five identical rigs purchased by FDNY in 1996; one for each of the city's five boroughs. This rig was assigned to Rescue Company 4 in Queens. On the morning of September 11, 2001, Rescue 4 responded to the attack on the World Trade Center, arriving two blocks east of the South Tower, at 195 Broadway. The truck carried eight firefighters to the South Tower: five regular crew members plus three firefighters detailed from Squad 288, Rescue Company 5 and Ladder Company 136. Rescue 4's Captain Brian Hickey was detailed to Rescue 3 and went to the Trade Center on Rescue 3. Captain Hickey was killed in action. All eight of the firefighters who responded in Rescue 4 were also killed while rescuing victims in the South Tower. The crew members were Lieutenant Kevin Dowdell and firefighters Terrence P. Farrell, William J. Mahoney, Peter A. Nelson, Darrell V. Pearsall, Peter Brennan (detailed from Squad 288), Alan Tarasiewicz (detailed from Rescue 5) and Michael J. Curley (detailed from Ladder 136). 343 FDNY firefighters, one volunteer firefighter, 23 NYPD officers, and 37 Port Authority officers died in the collapse of the Towers. A total of 2,819 people died in the collapse.

98 FDNY vehicles were destroyed, including Rescues 1

and 2. Rescues 3 and 5 were heavily damaged. Rescue 4 was moderately damaged and returned to service after about a month. Rescues 3 and 5 returned to service within about a year.

Rescue 4 remained in service until 2011, when it, together with Rescues 3 and 5, were scrapped. At this point a group of Chicago area firefighters organized a foundation, called the Remembrance Rescue Project, to purchase Rescue 4, restore it, and drive it around the United States to honor the firefighters of New York City. The rig's cab doors had been removed. They were replaced by the cab doors of Rescue 3, which was beyond repair. Later in 2011 the Project purchased Rescue 5 from the scrapyard. The Project trucked the two Rescues to the Chicago area, where both were restored to original condition. Since 2012 the two Rescues were driven to dozens of venues where they were placed on display.

The Hall of Flame has an extensive exhibit which honors the firefighters and police officers who died on 9-11, and hosts annual memorial ceremonies. Rescue 4 complements these exhibits in a very powerful way. On the exterior of the rig are the names of the Rescue 4 and Rescue 3 crews, as well as the names of other members of Rescue 4 who have died in the line of duty.

1958 Van Pelt / Diamond T Fire Engine Joins Exhibit



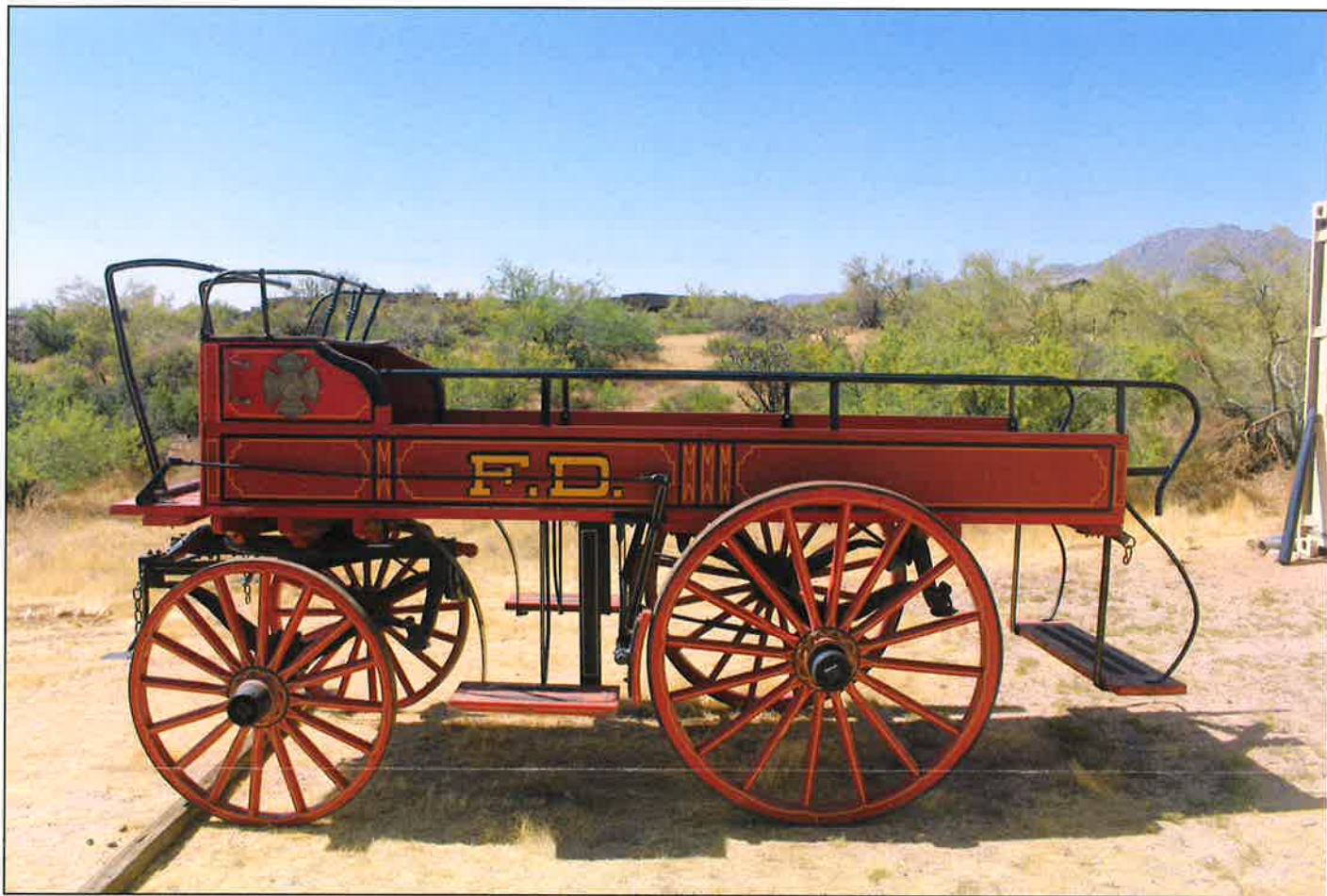
Last year The museum received the donation of a beautifully restored fire engine from a collector in Carmel, California. The Mesa, Arizona Fire Department purchased the rig in 1958 and used it until 1987, when the department sold it to a local collector. In 1982 the department replaced the original Hall Scott gasoline motor with a Detroit Diesel motor, but made no other major improvements. The collector generously made the rig available to a small Arizona fire department. He donated it to the Meadville, Arizona FD, and it served there until 2007, when it was sold to a California collector, who did a complete restoration. The rig will be placed in the museum's rotating exhibit and used for parades.

1974 Seagrave Fire Engine Joins Exhibit



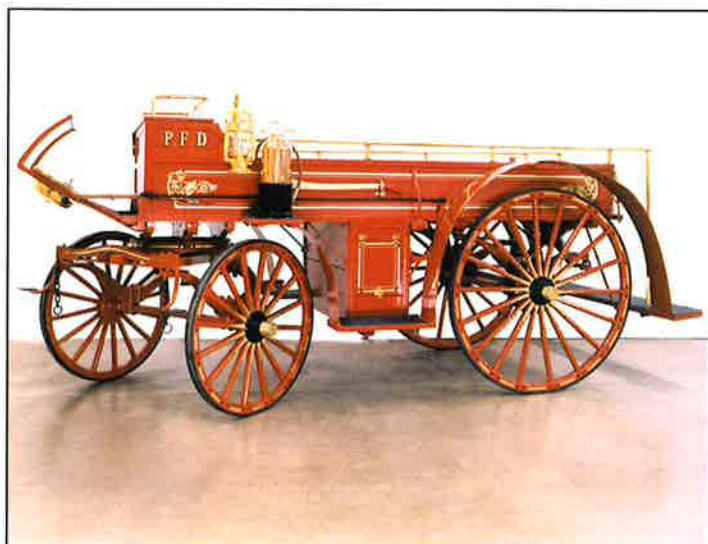
In February of this year the museum acquired a Seagrave Model P canopy cab forward fire engine from the volunteer fire department of Benson, Arizona. Benson is a small town nearby Tucson, Arizona. It purchased the rig new in 1974 and used it until replacing it with a new rig in 2017. The rig is in original condition with a powerful Detroit Diesel motor, standard transmission, a 1250 gpm two stage centrifugal pump, a 500 gallon booster tank and a Stang deluge water nozzle. Paint and decoration are original. It will be used for exhibit and outside events.

1910 Seagrave Hose Wagon Joins Exhibit



In May a local collector donated a nicely restored Seagrave hose wagon built in 1910 for the volunteer fire department of South Saint Paul, Minnesota. The wagon had been stored on his ranch for several years. It had been purchased at auction. Little is known about its career since 1910, when it was listed as having been painted at the Seagrave Fire Apparatus factory in

Columbus, Ohio. The wagon was refurbished by a Craftsman in Iowa City, Iowa. It is one of the lightest hose wagons built by Seagrave and is very similar to a 1909 Seagrave wagon from Petosky, Michigan that has been on exhibit at the museum for several years (shown at the lower left). Efforts are underway to learn more about the wagon.



Because hose wagons were still in wide use in the early 20th century fire departments in the process of acquiring motorized fire engines tended to sell their hose wagons to local businesses or farmers. Departments were much more likely to save their steam fire engines, which they often set up to be towed by motorized hose trucks. The wagon at the left was sold to a Michigan farmer who used and abandoned it in the 1950s. A Florida based fire museum bought the wagon in the 1950s and it eventually landed at the Hall of Flame. Museum restorer Don Hale spent several months restoring the dilapidated wagon.

Updated Fire Extinguisher Exhibit



This ca. 1890 Obenchain Boyer chemical cart served for years as a demonstrator at the Boyer company headquarters in Logansport, Indiana.

The museum recently added to its fire extinguisher exhibit with the display of twenty two portable fire extinguishers ranging from water / soda acid, plain water, foam, dry chemical and carbon tetrachloride. Museum volunteers Larry Peterson and Richard Stuve put the exhibit together.

In addition to the portable extinguishers an Obenchain–Boyer single tank Babcock style chemical cart is also displayed. The cart, pictured at left, contained 40 gallons of water mixed with sodium bicarbonate, with a suspended bottle of sulfuric acid. At a fire the acid bottle was broken by a hammer, allowing the acid and soda–water to mix. The resulting carbon dioxide gas propelled the water from the tank through a one half inch rubber hose with a nickel plated nozzle. The cart has its original paint and decoration. It was donated by an executive at Boyer Fire Apparatus.

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White Helmet Brigade—\$250

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Life Member — \$3,000

Battalion Chief Thad Dahl	Ron Saeger
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Family Member—\$40

Susan Adams	Edward Czuker	Anne Hribar
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The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5, and on Sundays from Noon to 4.

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