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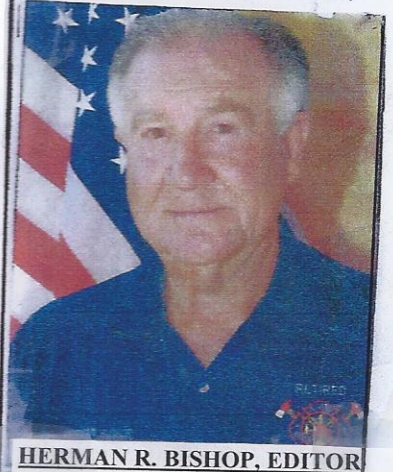


**HONOR GUARD, AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION
L-R, JOE MARTINEZ, AND JOHN SERINO
FUNERAL URN, PAT MASCARENAS, (2-18-2013)**

PRAYER OF A RETIRED FIREFIGHTER

**LORD HELP US TO BE PATIENT,
KIND, NOT ENVIOUS, NOT BOASTFUL,
RUDE, OR SELF-SEEKING. LORD GIVE
ALL RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S STRENGTH
AND COURAGE TO CONTINUE SERVING
OUR FELLOWMAN AND THE COMMUNITY**

"AMEN !"



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ANNUAL PICNIC, REUNION
 On Saturday August 24, 2013
 The annual retiree picnic/reunion will be held in downtown Bernalillo, N.M. @ 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..
Prices Are: \$5.00 adults, and Children Age 12 and under free. Call Eddie Torres 867-2631 or Ray Flores 898-8948 for information.
Directions: Go to downtown Bernalillo, turn west on Calle Don Francisco (About 1/2 mile) Picnic is At Rotary Park.



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Sam Trujillo

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By: Sam Trujillo

As we approach mid year 2013, I want to thank all of our members for their generous support of our AFD Retiree Association . In my encounters with our members, I hear from them of how much they enjoy receiving the quarterly newsletter and that they enjoy the old photos and stories that are published. We are blessed in that we have a rich history and in that we have been able to salvage much of our history. I encourage you to donate any old photos and other AFD memorabilia to our historian as this will ensure that we salvage as much of our history as possible. My dream is to one day have some sort of museum where AFD will display it's rich history. Please look through all your old photos/documents and if you locate anything that you may want to share, let us know and we can make copies. Again I want to thank you for your generous financial donations that allow us to publish the AFD Retiree Association quarterly newsletter. Anyone having suggestions or ideas regarding our associations function can call myself or Herman Bishop as we welcome any feedback that you may have. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as President of The AFD Retiree's Association.

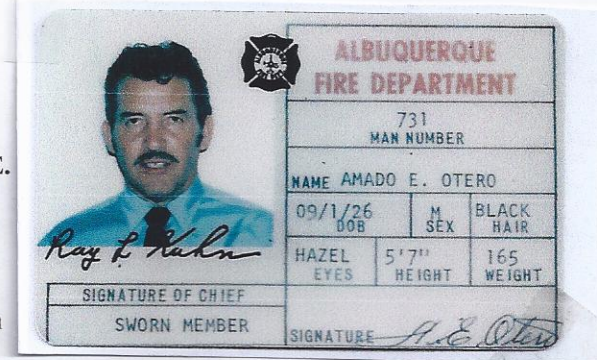
I also want to remind you to keep us informed on any address / telephone number changes. This includes e-mail address changes. Our e-mail network has grown extensively and this allows us to communicate with our members on a daily basis if needed. Thank you for your support !

***** **ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION, SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2013** *****

You are cordially invited to bring your family to the annual Picnic/Reunion for members of the AFD Retiree's Association. It will be held Saturday August 24, 2013 in downtown Bernalillo, N.M. at Rotary Park, on Saturday August 24, 2013, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Prices are: \$5.00 for adults and Children 12 and under are free. Directions: Go to downtown Bernalillo and turn west on Calle Don Francisco, go about ½ mile. If you need more information call Eddie Torres @ 867-2631 or Ray Flores @ 898-8948. We hope to see you there for a good get-together. "Please Come !

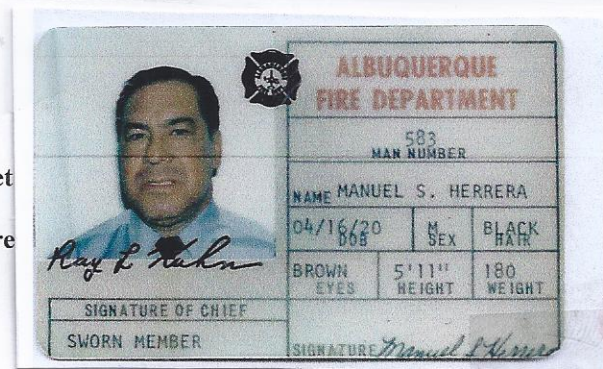
DEATH, AMADO E. OTERO

Regretfully we report the death of our brother retired firefighter Amado E. Otero, age 86, who passed away on February 26, 2013. Amado joined the Albuquerque Fire Department during August, 1954. Fire Station #8 had just opened at Graceland and Menaul NE. There was only 280 firemen and eight fire stations when he joined AFD. Training was on the job and there was no Fire Academy and No Fire Prevention Bureau. In 1954 firemen worked 60 hours a Week. Amado was promoted to Driver in 1957 and promoted to Lieutenant in 1967. He was part of Rescue # 13 Crew when Station # 13 opened in early 1964 at 6400 Indian School Road N.E. Amado Was a good firefighter and was well liked by everyone. After serving 24 years with the department he retired on February 27, 1978. Our sincere Condolences to the entire Otero family.



AFD RETIREE MANUEL S. HERRERA DIES

On March 17, 2013 AFD retiree Manuel S. Herrera age 92, passed away. He joined AFD in April, 1953 when Art Westerfeld was Fire Chief. There was only seven fire stations. Station # 1, AFD Headquarters was Located in the old City Hall building at 2nd Street and Tijeras N.W. There was only 265 firemen then and the fire academy had not been built yet. Training was on the job and the fire training tower was behind the main Station downtown. It was not until 1957 that the training tower was moved To 1510 Kit Carson S.W. The Training officer was usually the Lieutenant assigned to Engine 1-A running out of Station # 1. Also there was a second Engine running out of Station # 1, Engine 1-B, usually commanded by a Captain. Two fire engines were required in the downtown area because of requirements set by the Fire Insurance Underwriters. In those days when a rookie fireman completed training he was designated firefighter 4th class. After a successful 1 year probation he was promoted to fireman 3rd class. In his 3rd year he was promoted to fireman 1st class.



Manuel joined the fire department later in life after serving several years in the building construction trades. He was promoted to driver in late 1955. In 1958 he left the fire department and resumed his fire department career one year later in 1959. The department had Chief's drivers during those years and Manuel served as a Chief's driver at the old Station # 3 @ Bryn Mawr and Central N.E. He drove for Assistant Chiefs Carl Macaluso and S.B. Skidmore. Their fire district encompassed the entire East side of the City from University Boulevard to the City Limits, north and south. Bear in mind Eubank Boulevard was a dirt road and there was little development or houses East of Eubank.

After more than 25 years with the department Manuel retired during March, 1979. He was active with the retired firefighters association for many years until his health prevented him from attending monthly meetings. Upon his death it is believed that he was the oldest AFD retiree. He spent the last few months in an assisted living center. He is survived by several nephews and nieces. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Herrera family. Funeral

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May 8, 2013 Monthly Meeting- The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:13 P.M. by President Sam Trujillo at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. After the Pledge of Allegiance Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased members.

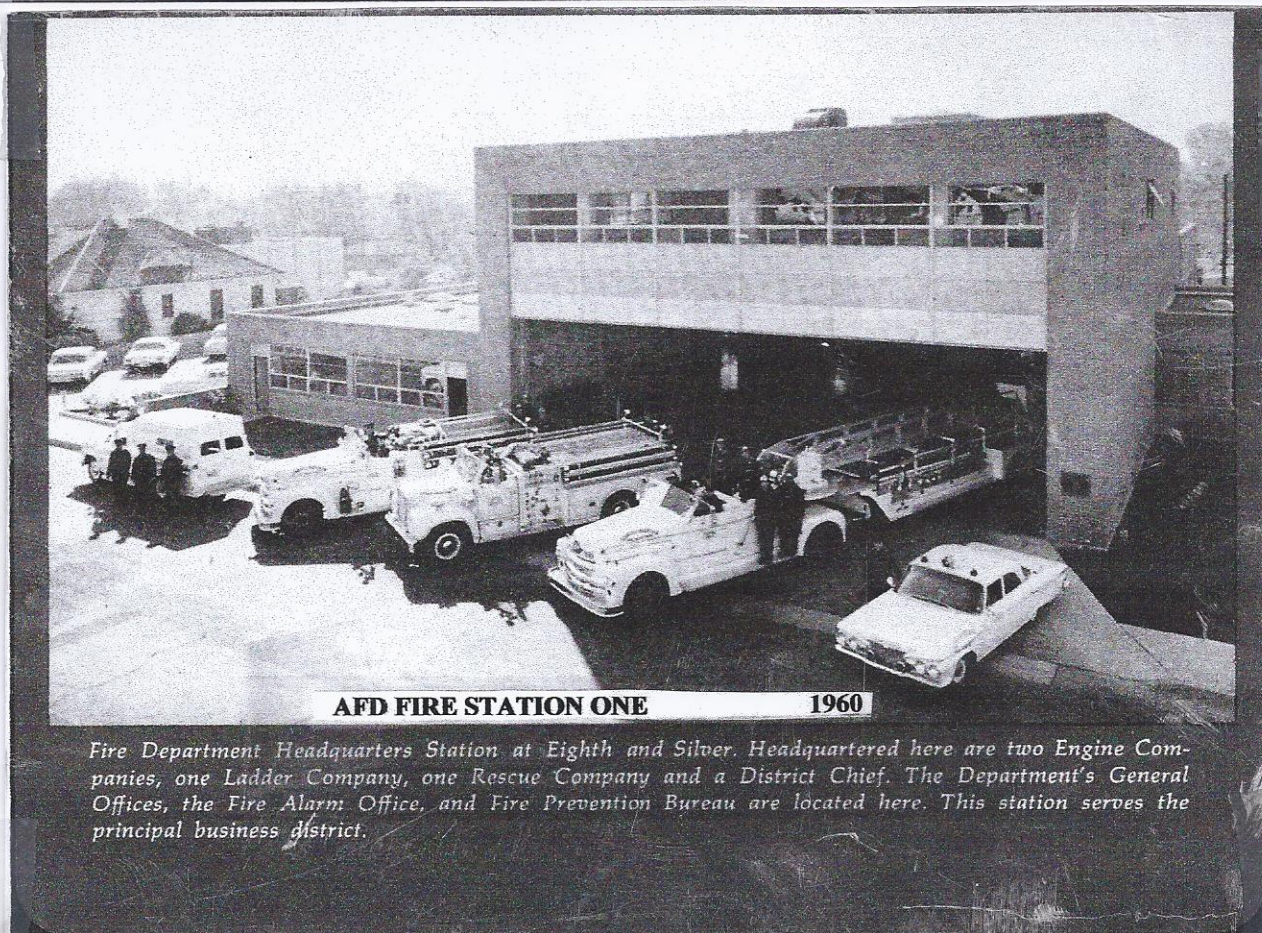
Our guest Monica Gallego, wife of retiree Ramon Gallego was presented a retiree axe by Sam Trujillo honoring Ramon's fire department service. A meeting was held on April 25th with Fire Chief Jim Breen and members of the AFD retiree's executive board. Agreement was reached with the Chief about setting SOP's and protocol for retiree funerals. The Chief agreed to update some maintenance work on the funeral truck.

Fred Casias read the minutes from the April meeting. Winners of our raffle were: Bill Raupfer won a Firefighter's lamp, Fred Casias won the carving knife (he donated it back to the association) Manuel Aragon won the popcorn machine, Ray Sedillo won the model fire truck, and Fred Casias won the fire extinguisher. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Eddie Abieta and seconded by Gerald Grimm. The motion passed. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that we have money to purchase a public address system, \$450, and money to purchase a photo ID system, \$1,000. Louie Trujillo made a motion to buy the public address system. It was seconded by Eugene Baldonado. The motion passed. David Junick made a motion to buy a photo ID system. The motion was seconded by Jose Salaz. The motion passed. The Historian's report was suspended because Herman Bishop was out of town on vacation.

Bill Raupfer showed 2 framed portraits of the Honor Guard, one to be displayed at the Firefighter's Union Hall, and one to be displayed at the TLC Uniform Store. A few months ago members voted to give members of the funeral detail \$25 for each funeral they attended. So far none of the members of the funeral detail have accepted the money. At the May raffle Joe Costales won the hand made cross, Mark Chavez won the George Foreman grill, and Jose Salaz won the Carving Knife.

Louie Trujillo and Eddie Abeita discussed the importance of voting for a representative for the Conservancy District. Louie Trujillo asked eligible members for their vote. Mark Chavez gave a talk about the motorcycle run, "Run For The Wall," to be held on May 17, 2013. Call Mark for details. Joe Stone donated a BBQ grill to the association.

Chaplin Mark Chavez led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned @ 8:55 P.M.



TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION**(By Sam Trujillo, President)****May 30, 2013**

In honor of our senior retirees who were born prior to 1930 we recognize and pay tribute to these men who served our department honorably for many, many years. We are blessed to have worked with all of these dedicated firefighters who were the backbone of our department and they were instrumental in leading our current Fire Department where it is today.

<u>AFD Retiree</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>AFD Service</u>
1 ... Maclovio Olivas	5/17/1923	2/28/1953 – 10/31/1977
2 ... Jimmie Chavez	9/22/1924	7/09/1951 – 7/01/1983
3... Florenio Sanchez	6/06/1926	4/01/1955 – 7/01/1981
4 ... Joe Hernandez	7/16/1926	9/09/1948 – 5/01/1980
5 ... Tom D. Baca	11/20/1926	2/14/1957 – 6/04/1982
6 ... Martin Romero	12/26/1926	1/03/1951 – 2/01/1981
7 ... Isidro Garcia	12/31/1927	7/14/1951 – 12/01/1981
8 ... Moises Dauber	3/18/1928	7/13/1951 – 2/04/1980
9 ... Juan Sanchez	8/15/1928	1/14/1951 – 7/01/1981
10 .. Joe Candelaria	10/23/1928	5/16/1953 – 8/01/1975
11 .. Gregory Armenta	3/12/1929	3/01/1957 – 6/04/1982
12 .. Leonard C. Ortega	3/17/1929	9/26/1960 – 12/31/1985
13 .. Silverio Sanchez	5/22/1929	5/18/1953 – 1/01/1984
14 .. Johnny Elwell	6/24/1929	2/14/1956 – 2/24/1984
15 .. Jose Maldonado	8/22/1929	8/21/1953 – 9/01/1983
16 .. Tony V. Jaramillo	10/31/1929	7/31/1954 - 12/31/1983

Facts: Joe Candelaria has AFD oldest retiree date ... 8/01/1975

Joe Hernandez has earliest AFD hire date ... 9/09/1948

Maclovio Olivas is our oldest living AFD retiree .. 5/17/1923 (89 years old)

On August 11, 1914, at the age of 52, Scott Knight died from a sudden heart attack. The notice in the newspaper stated that, "Scott Knight had many friends and acquaintances. He was one of the real old-timers of Albuquerque, generous and big-hearted, of a happy and optimistic disposition, and his passing will be sincerely regretted by all who knew him." The specific gravesite for Scott Knight is unmarked but lies within the boundaries of the old Albuquerque Santa Barbara Cemetery. Looking southwest from the cemetery the prominent downtown Albuquerque skyline dominates the horizon. I think Scott Knight would enjoy the view.

The ties to New Mexico and Albuquerque that were started by Scott Knight continue. One line of the Knight family is centered in Gallup, the other in Albuquerque. One great-grandson, Charles R. Ward, Jr., retired as a patrolman from New Mexico State Police and a great-great grandson, Kurtis Ward is currently working in the same capacity for that agency. Another great-grandson, Bill Ward, retired as a Chief Warrant Officer from the New Mexico National Guard after serving in Iraq.

MEMBERS, W. SCOTT MOORE HOSE COMPNY, ALBUQUERQUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
(CIRCA, 1890'S)



AFD RETIREE'S DECEASED ROSTER, SINCE 2000
(Prepared May 30, 2013)

Deceased 2000

Mora Billy
 Aguilar Manuel
 Turrietta Elloy
 Velarde Alex
 Espinosa Gilbert Sr.
 Aragon Frucino F.
 Jiminez Manuel
 Murphy Robert L. "Bob"

Deceased 2001

Luna Marino
 Romero Jose "Joe"
 Sandoval Dional G.

Deceased 2002

Lucero Richard
 Montoya Nerio
 Mora Freddie
 Gonzales Nicolas

Deceased 2003

Lujan Alfonso "Al"
 Tapia Nestor
 Jaramillo Donicio "Danny"
 Gregg Jerry
 Chavez Raymond "Ramo"
 Padilla Esequiel "Skippy"
 Gonzales Roy
 Griego Benito "Bennie"

Deceased 2004

Reckaway Victor
 Saracino Lawrence

Deceased 2005

Kuhn Ray L.
 Teupell Albert
 Padilla Jose T. "Teddy Bear"

Deceased 2006

Vigil Horace V.
 Major John "Jack"
 Cordova Alfredo Jr. "Al"
 Chavez Alex "Sarge"
 Garcia E. J. "Gene"
 Maestas Celestino "Tino"
 Barraras Joe R.

Deceased 2007

Sierra Frank
 Winters Richard "Rick"
 Gonzales Eutimio "Tim"

Deceased 2008

Gonzales Bennie "Bulldog Plachas"
 Zamora Leonard "Toastie"
 Mares Paul M.
 Carrasco Ernest "Ernie"
 DeBlassie Donald J.
 Gonzales Nick M.
 Chavez Robert V. "Bobby"
 Vallejos Valentin
 Martinez Chris
 Lucero Antonio
 Chavez Gregory "Greg"

Deceased 2009

Cheromiah Irvin Ray
 Dennis Randy
 Gurule Alfonso "Al"
 Mares "Purple" Loyd
 Jacobson "Bill" William
 Vigil "Tony" Anthony
 Benavidez James J.
 Torres "Jimmy" Santiago Jr.
 Thomas Donald

Deceased 2010

Maes Estaban "Steve" H.
 McIntyre Craig Joseph (Joe Mac)
 Sanchez Connie (Secretary)
 Garcia Paul Sr.
 Gomez Ralieggh
 Ochoa Ralph

Deceased 2011

Quintana Horacio
 Graham Donald
 Cordoba Armando
 Martinez "Mike" Michael
 Robert "R.B." Sanchez

Deceased 2012

Doughty Lanny
 Deer Marx
 Marquez Orlando
 Myrick Dorrence A.
 Delgado Henry "Hank"
 Gutierrez Edward "Ed"
 Davidson John C. "Slim"
 Parra Joe F.
 Mirabal Cruz M.
 Rhodes Allen N. "Dusty"
 Hernandez "Zeke" Hernandez
 Armijo "Ernie" Ernest
 Chavez Sam S.
 Suarez Joe S.
 Mascarenas Eloy "Masky"

Deceased 2013

Lopez Tom. E
 Mascarenas Pat J.
 Otero Amado E.
 Herrera Manuel S.
 Garcia Efren (Fred)

90 Total Deceased since January, 2000

not been found but we'll assume, in the interest of family and community pride, that Albuquerque's volunteer firefighters put on a good show. Mr. John F. McCormick, a noted wrestler and boxer submitted a letter to the Albuquerque Weekly Citizen that was published on December 29, 1894. In the letter he mentions the presence of a Boston sport in Albuquerque who's name is Scott Knight. He goes on to say that, "He is the father of the sports here. He goes out every day and does twenty-five or thirty miles on a bicycle on those mountain roads. I was his guest yesterday, and when we came home from riding I was pretty tired, for it is no cinch riding a wheel up a mountain road, but it is all right to coast down them."

In 1886 the Scott Moore Hose Company received a cream-colored new Gleason and Baily two-wheel hose cart. The wheels on these carts were 6' 3" tall and were loaded with lengths of 2 ½" hose. These carts were pulled though the streets by the volunteer fire fighters. It is no wonder that good health was a requirement for our firefighters of the past and present.

Scott Knight was elected foreman of the Scott Moore Hose Company No. 1 on December 21, 1898. There are stories about his working a small fire that required two buckets of water to extinguish with Chief Ruppe and working larger fires with the Scott Moore Company.

When the transition was being made from a volunteer fire department to a paid department the existence of the volunteer companies was coming to an end. The Scott Moore Hose Company presented Scott with a gold Hamilton watch on June 27, 1900. The inscription read, "Presented to H. S. Knight by the Scott Moore Hose Company, No. 1, June 26, 1900." For a time, the Scott Moore Hose Company continued as a social organization.

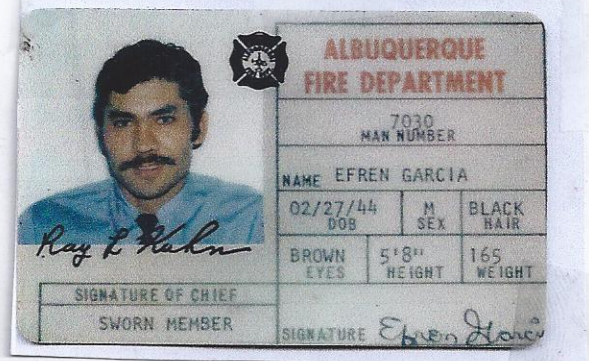
In April of 1902 and again in January 1903, Scott's name was brought forward by the Albuquerque Daily Citizen as a quality candidate for chief of the Albuquerque Fire Department. It is evident that others received these appointments but it's nice to know that he was well thought of and viewed as capable of handling such a position.

Life as a volunteer fire fighter does not pay the bills. During his tenure with the Scott Moore Hose Company No. 1 Scott worked as an auctioneer, a U.S. Deputy Marshal, an assistant interpreter for the territorial legislature, and an assistant county assessor. After 1900 his work focused on promoting and announcing for the territorial state fair for several years and as a prominent auctioneer in Albuquerque.

In 1901 Scott Knight married Miss Anna Price in her hometown of Oswego, NY. This was truly a long distance courtship as they meet during her visit to Albuquerque in 1899. Their sons, Edwin Price and Henry Scott Knight, Jr. were born in 1901 and 1904 respectively.

DEATH, EFREN GARCIA

We regret to announce the death of retired Fire Captain Efren Garcia, age 69, who passed away on Saturday March 30, 2013. He joined AFD in March, 1966 and retired in June, 1988 after serving 22 years with the department. He was hired by the late Fire Chief Simon Seligman and firefighter training was only Eight weeks long at the old Fire Academy at 1610 Kit Carson S.W. As part of firefighter training jumping into the life net From the 3 rd floor of the drill tower was a requirement. Many Long hours were spent drilling with ground ladders and self-Contained breathing apparatus. The first few years of his Career was spent at Fire Station # 1. He loved giving tours to the school children and he was their favorite fireman. Later he was promoted to driver, then Lieutenant and in 1987 he was promoted to Captain. Efren was well liked by fellow firefighters and was respected by his supervisors. He was an all around good firefighter who knew his job, was faithful and dependable to the fire service. We are Sad to loose Efren. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Garcia family. He will be missed.



March Meeting- President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order on 3-13- 2013, 7:10 P.M. at the Firefighter's Union Hall. Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. After the pledge of allegiance Chaplain Mark Chavez led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was held observing the last alarm of our deceased members. After roll call a quorum was determined and the meeting continued.

Our guests were Pete Dinelli who is running for Mayor of Albuquerque. He asked members to sign his nominating petition and asked for our support in the upcoming election this fall. He was introduced by fellow retirees Jim Summers and Ross Aranda.

Sam Trujillo welcomed one of our long lost retirees, Raymond Carillo and his daughter, Tina to the February meeting. Raymond attended his first retiree meeting. After retiring he lived in Mexico for a few years and then during the past few years he moved back to his home town of St. John's Arizona. Recently he moved back to Albuquerque to be close to his children. Welcome back Raymond !

Ron Martinez, retired firefighter with the Bernalillo County Fire Department addressed our members. He and several retired firefighters from Bernalillo County are planning to organize their retirees and asked for our assistance and support. He invited our officers to his home next week to address their group and to provide information to get their retiree association underway.

Fred Casias gave the Secretary's report from the February, 2013 meeting. A motion to accept was made by Eddie Torres and was seconded by Al Armenta. The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was suspended due to the absence of Treasurer John Serino who was out of town.

Herman Bishop gave the Historian's report and read two letters, one from the Pat Mascarenas family and a letter from the Tom Lopez' family expressing their thanks and gratitude for the honors paid to Pat and Tom during their funerals. The services conducted by the retiree's and the Honor Guard was impressive and most sincerely appreciated. Both families expressed their heartfelt thanks to all retirees. Herman thanked all who sent donations to support our association during our recent annual fund drive.

Bill Raupfer gave an update on the Honor Guard and their activities with the funeral detail and ringing of the four-fives with our fire bell. Things are running smoothly and people, especially family members of our deceased brothers are most complimentary of our actions and activities. Many thanks to Ray Flores our trumpeter who faithfully plays taps at our funerals and special functions.

Our best wishes go to our members on the sick roster, Moe Dauber, Sid Garcia, and Benjamin Dimas' father.

Fellow retiree Louis Trujillo is running for the board of directors with the Rio Grande Conservancy district. He is asking all retirees their families and friends to support him during the up-coming election. He needs your help.

The closing prayer was conducted by Juan Sandoval. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

AN EARLY VOLUNTEER, HENRY SCOTT KNIGHT (By Jan Ward, April, 14, 2013)

Genealogy research can lead one to meet some of the most interesting people and so we came to meet my husband's great-grandfather Henry "Scott" Knight. His was a name that was unknown to most of the family. As it turns out Scott Knight was an individual with the pioneer spirit of the west and developed strong ties to the early Albuquerque Fire Department.

Scott Knight was born in Lisbon Falls, Maine in January 1862 during the second year of the civil war. His father, Mark Knight was a farmer as had been his father and his father before him. At an early age he left Maine for Boston, Massachusetts where he attended school for a time before heading west. The first mention of Scott's adventures in the west comes from an article that appeared in an early Albuquerque Newspaper, The Evening Herald on August 11, 1914. This article states that, "He was scarcely more than a boy when, in the 70's he pioneered in Arizona with a railroad construction gang. While engaged in that work he figured in a dynamite accident that came within an ace of ending his life."

It would seem that shortly after the incident with the railroad Scott decided to seek his fortune elsewhere and traveled to Trinidad, Colorado arriving in about 1878. The 1880 U.S. Census documents his residence at 366 Main Street in Trinidad, Colorado and his employment as a clerk. He was 18 years of age. It is about this time that infamous Bat Masterson and his brother, James, are reported to have walked the streets of Trinidad as City Marshals in the early 1880's. In the 1885 Colorado State Census, Scott's recorded occupation is that of City Marshal. It is probably more likely that he was a deputy city marshal. In the late 1880's Scott Knight left Trinidad for Albuquerque.

The Scott Moore Hose Company No. 1 (named for a prominent businessman) in Albuquerque, NM was organized in November of 1885 three years after the first Albuquerque fire company was organized in 1882 under the leadership of Chief William Sanguinette. This was a company of 23 volunteers members.

An Albuquerque newspaper article dated August 12, 1914 reported, "In 1889, Mr. Knight came to Albuquerque, brought here primarily for the purpose of training a hose team. Albuquerque at that time, in common with other southwest towns, made much of volunteer fire companies. In southern Colorado Mr. Knight had made a record as a sprinter and trainer of athletes. As a young man he was an all around athlete, being a ten-second runner in a hundred-yard dash and a good ball player. Albuquerque turned out winning hook and ladder and hose teams for years under the direction of Trainer Knight." In April 1891 he was elected as first assistant foreman to the Scott Moore Hose Company No. 1.

In June of 1894 Scott was elected as a delegate to the territorial fire department tournament in Las Vegas, NM. Information on the outcome of the tournament has

AFD HISTORY, TIMELINE

(By Herman R. Bishop, Historian)

December 10, 2012

The following information was taken from Albuquerque Fire Department daily logs hand written and maintained by firemen at the Fire Station .

- 1706- Albuquerque founded (site now known as Old Town)
- 1843- A railroad survey party arrived in Albuquerque surveying a route from Ft. Smith, Arkansas through Albuquerque along the 35 th parallel, to Barstow, California.
- 1880- Atkinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad reached Albuquerque on April 25, 1880.
- 1882- The population of Albuquerque in January, 1882 was 3,500.
- 1882- In February 1882 origins of the Albuquerque Volunteer fire company was formed and was headed By Chief William Sanguinette. The railroad brought many people and numerous fire hazards Creating the need for an organized fire department.
- 1882- William Sanguinette was re-elected Chief in July, 1882. The name "Albuquerque Fire Company" Was changed to "Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company."
- 1882- The newspaper "Nubs of News," reported on October 8, 1882 that the firemen erected a fire building On Front Street (First Street).
- 1883- The first fireman's ball was held in March, 1883.
- 1883- In April, 1883 the firemen received their first official badges.
- 1883- August, 1883 the Atlantic and Pacific railroad organized a fire department. (Separate from AFD).
- 1883 A City Water Works Company was proposed in August 1883 due to limited water supply.
- 1883- In December, 1883 a Water Works Company was approved.
- 1884- The Maiden store suffered a heavy fire loss during April, 1884.
- 1884- A new 40 foot fire escape extension ladder (Bangor, Ladder) arrived during April, 1884
- 1884- The first fireman's tournament was held in October, 1884
- 1885- Albuquerque citizens voted to incorporate in June, 1885
- 1885- A contract was approved to install an improved City water system in June, 1885.
- 1885- The first hand drawn hose company was organized in November, 1885. (comprised of 23 volunteers) William Sanguinette was re-elected to Chief.
- 1885- A contract was awarded in December, 1885 to purchase 2- hand drawn hose carts equipped with 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose.
- 1886- The hose carts were named, "Scott Moore Hose Company," and "Angus A. Grant Hose Company," In January, 1886. Mr. Moore and Mr. Grant were prominent business men and members of the Volunteer fire department.
- 1886- In February, 1886 two new Gleason and Bailey 2-wheel, hand-drawn hose carts arrived. The "Scott Moore," hose company was cream colored and the "Angus A. Grant" hose company was brown. (The cart wheels measured 6 feet 3 inches high).
- 1886- During February, 1886 volunteer members of both hose companies held their first drill. Joining the Drill as well was the members of the "Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company.
- 1886- An election was held in March, 1886 and members of both hose companies and the ladder company Re-elected William Sanguinette Chief.
- 1887- An early version of a fire alarm street box system was installed in June, 1887.
- 1887- Records in late 1887 show Albuquerque's volunteer firemen wore leather fire helmets.
- 1900- In June, 1900 Albuquerque's population was 6,238, the City was 3 square miles and there was one Fire Station downtown with 3 volunteer fire companies.
- 1900- By mid-year, June 6, 1900 the City Council approved a small paid fire department. The volunteer Fire companies were re-organized and re-named , "Albuquerque Fire Department."
- 1900- June 6, 1900 2 men were hired full time, Eugene Southerland and Tony Ortiz. Their salaries were \$65.00 and \$60.00 per month respectively.
- 1900- When the fire department was re-organized 20 volunteer on-call firemen were authorized and they Were paid \$40.00 annually. Four on-call firemen were allowed to live at the fire station.

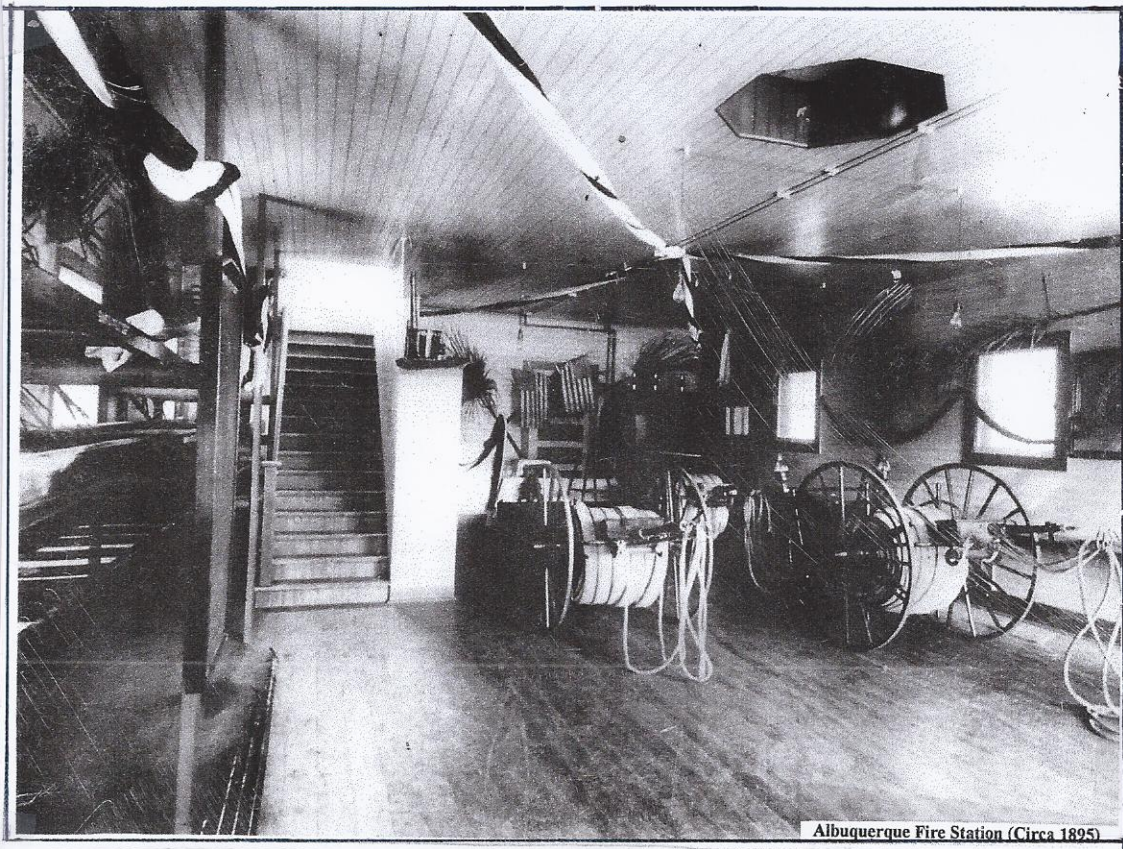
**HENRY SCOTT KNIGHT,
ALBUQUERQUE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN,
W. SCOTT MOORE HOSE COMPANY,
(LATE 1800'S)**

Recently we were contacted by Mrs. Jan Ward who lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico seeking information about a family relative, an early volunteer fireman, Henry Scott Knight, who served with Albuquerque's W. Scott Moore Hose Company in the late 1800's. Mr. Knight was the Great Grandfather of her husband Charles R. Ward Jr. We found reference to Mr. Knight in the Fire Department's old hand written ledger dated November 11th 1900. A Special meeting was held to organize the fireman's Masquerade dance to be held Thanksgiving eve. It was decided to ask some of the ex-volunteer Firemen to act on the reception committee. The following names are notable: Henry Scott Knight, P. F. McCanna, M.S. Tierney, Thomas McMillan, P.J. Murphy, W.H. Erickson, F. Scotti, Doctor McBeth, C.O. Young, and P. Lillie.

The story on Page 12 was researched and Submitted By Jan Ward including photos of Henry Scott Knight.



**HENRY SCOTT KNIGHT, FOREMAN
SCOTT MOORE HOSE COMPANY (12-21-1898)**



Albuquerque Fire Station (Circa 1895)

- 1900- Along with the new fire department in June, 1900 a part-time Fire Chief was included and was Authorized payment of \$100.00 annually. Bernard Ruppe was the first paid Fire Chief. He was A local business man/Pharmacist; part-time Fire Chief.
- 1900- There was one fire house in June 6, 1900, a four-wheel hand-drawn hose wagon, 2 hand-drawn Hose carts, and a hook and ladder company. The 4 wheel hose wagon had a large reel mounted On the back with 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose which could be quickly reeled out and connected To a fire hydrant. (each fire company had about 23 volunteer firemen assigned).
- 1900- Shortly after the new fire department was in place (June, 1900) the City Council purchased a pair Of fire horses and a set of hanging harness. The first fire horses were named Tom and Jerry and Weighed about 1200 pounds each. The horses were weighed daily and exercised twice daily at 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The horses were given routine check-ups by local Veterinarians.
- 1886-1900- Photos show the "Fergusson Hook and Ladder Company," which was hand drawn. Usually it Was led by the Fire Chief, sometimes by the Foreman (Captain). It was accompanied by 20-23 Volunteer firemen.
- 1900- October 1, 1900 the daily log shows the crew on duty: Chief Ruppe, Fireman Southern, Fireman Ortiz, and Fireman Hale.
- 1901- May 7, 1901 the Harvey House suffers a terrible fire and heavy losses are reported. The Railroad Fire Department responded and lent valuable assistance to their neighbors.
- 1901- In early May, 1901 a new log was begun. The crew was: Chief Ruppe, Captain Southerland, Lieutenant Cosgrove. Driver L.H. Hanlin, Fireman Hungate, and Fireman Hale. The horses were Exercised at 7:00 A.M. and at 5:00 P.M. one hour each time.
- 1901- Samples of daily log entries during June, July, August, September, October and November, 1901 Were: received one ton of hay, took horses to Korbers livery stables for new shoes. D.A Bittner Delivered 600 pounds of oats and one sack of brand. J. Korber delivered a hoof brush, 1-axe Handle, 5 gallons of kerosene. November 4, 1901 received 2,000 pounds of coal.
- 1901- Late December 1901 daily log: Bernard Ruppe is Fire Chief, and the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Driver, and Fireman have been established.
- 1902- A new horse-drawn combination hose- chemical wagon is delivered on January 13, 1902.
- 1902- Alarm box # 4 came in on March 5, 1902. A fire is reported in a barn in the rear of Vienna Bakery.
- 1902- Chief Ruppe resigns during April, 1902 citing personnel problems as the reason.
- 1902- Mr. Hubbs succeeds Bernard Ruppe as Fire Chief. Hubbs serves as Chief from April 1902 to March, 1903.
- 1903- Mr. Nash succeeds Chief Hubbs during April, 1903 and becomes Fire Chief.
- 1903- September 19, 1903 a big fire occurred at the Santa Fe railroad shops. Assistance was requested From the Albuquerque Fire Department who made a prompt response. Their assistance was Effective in bringing the fire under control.
- 1904- A serious fire occurred in a building owned by Franz Huning on March 20, 1904 causing a loss Of \$5,000.
- 1904- The July 1, 1904 daily log shows A.C. Burtless replacing Mr. Nash as Fire Chief. Chief Burtless Served as Chief six years from 1904 to 1910.
- 1905- In late 1905 the City Council made the Fire Chief's position fully paid. There were 6 paid firemen And 40 on-call volunteer firemen at that time.
- 1906- August 15, 1906 a second alarm fire occurred at the Alvarado Hotel that lasted 5 hours. The hotel Was owned by the Santa Fe railroad. Assistance was requested and received by the Albuquerque Fire Department.
- 1906- Log entry November 3, 1906: while responding to a fire the fire wagon turned over and fireman G. Bassett was thrown off and broke his collar bone.
- 1906- Pay raises were reported for the firemen in December, 1906. Chief \$100 monthly, Captain \$75 Monthly, Lieutenant \$70 monthly, and Private \$66 monthly.
- 1906- The December daily log shows horses still serving active duty with the department.

1931- During 1931 the fire department had an unusual mascot, a monkey named "Spider." One day Chief Westerfeld Returned from lunch to find "Spider" pulling flowers from the flower garden in front of Station # 1. He admonished the monkey and "Spider" punched the Chief leaving him with a red And swollen nose. For years many of us thought the monkey story was only a fire house tale, with No truth. However, we recently found the actual news article published by the local newspaper.

1931-1962- Chief Westerfeld served 31 years as Fire Chief, the longest serving Chief of our department. He served over 43 years as a member of AFD. He joined the department in 1919 as an assistant driver. He was hired mainly because he could drive an automobile and was a mechanic a skill he had learned while Serving in the United States Navy. In those days very few people could drive a car. Later he was the fire department mechanic and was promoted to Assistant Chief. He was still Fire Chief when he died of cancer in 1962.

On the day of Chief Westerfeld's death, February 21, 1962 John Glen the famous Astronaut circled the earth in outer space orbit in his space capsule. Chief Westerfeld built the department from almost nothing in 1931. The department had only two fire stations and about 25 firemen at that time. He is credited for having one of the best managed and equipped fire departments in the country.

During his tenure he built ten new fire stations and they were equipped with modern state of the art Seagrave fire trucks. There were 12 fire stations and 300 firemen when he died in 1962.

Upon Westerfelds death Simon Seligman was appointed to Fire Chief and he served from 1962 to 1968. Seligman was the first Albuquerque Fire Chief to officially retire. There was no retirement system for the early Fire Chiefs. Chief Russell and Chief Westerfeld died while serving as Fire Chief.

In 1968 Ray Kuhn became Fire Chief after Simon Seligman retired. Chief Kuhn served as Chief from 1968 to 1974. He was a modern Fire Chief and was one of the most beloved and respected Chiefs in the department's history. He had served under both Chiefs Westerfeld and Seligman.

After Ray Kuhn's retirement Arthur Martinez became Fire Chief. Following him Leonard Ortega became Fire Chief and served six years. In 1986 Gerald Grimm was appointed to Chief and served four years.

This historical timeline brings us from the early fire department in 1882 through the era of Fire Chiefs A. Westerfeld, S.Seligman, R.Kuhn, A. Martinez, L. Ortega, and G.Grimm. There is much more history to be written in the future about the Albuquerque Fire Department.

Sources: AFD hand written daily logs 1896 - 1920, AFD annual reports 1913- 1931. 1958, 1960.
Two mini- research papers on AFD history, Dave and Linda Windle (5-30-1978),
Marilyn Lobdell (12-1-1978)

APRIL 10, 2012 MONTHLY MEETING - The 152nd monthly meeting was called to order @ 7:10 P.M. on April 10, 2013, 4100 Edith N.E. Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, by President Sam Trujillo. After the Pledge of Allegiance Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was held in observance of the last alarm for our deceased members.

President Sam Trujillo reported that the New Mexico State Legislature approved lowering the annual Cost of Living raise from 3% annually to 2% annually for retired firefighters along with other State, Municipal and County retirees. This step was necessary in order to save our retirement benefits for the future. Governor Martinez signed the bill into law. Recently Fellow retiree Gerald Grimm was elected to the Board of Directors of the Retired Public Employees of N.M. Congratulations to Gerald. Sam advised that a meeting with Fire Chief Jim Breen will be held at the Fire Chief's Office on Thursday, April 25th @ 11:00 A.M. with the retirees Executive Board and Advisory Board.

Fred Casias read the Minutes from the March meeting. A motion to accept was made by Danny Tate and was seconded by T.V. Jaramillo. The motion carried. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He thanked everyone who contributed to our annual fund drive recently. He reported that we have adequate funds available for our annual picnic/reunion to be held on August 24th. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eddie Torres and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The motion carried.

Historian Herman Bishop reported that recently he was contacted by Mrs. Jan Ward of Rio Rancho, N.M. requesting information about her Husband "Charlie" Ward's Great Grandfather, Henry Scott Knight who served with the W. Scott Moore Hose Company of Albuquerque during the late 1800's. We found his name in and old log entry from the F.D. ledgers during November, 1900. After exchanging information with Mrs. Ward she submitted photographs of Mr. Knight and wrote a story about him for our June 1, 2013 newsletter. The Closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval. The meeting adjourned @ 8:45 P.M.

- 1906- End of year daily log, December 31, 1906 shows the following personnel employed with the Fire Department: Chief A.C. Burtless, Captain J. Klein, Lieutenant L. Howell, 2 pipe men, G. Bassett. And W. Collister.
- 1908- Highland fire station # 2 goes into service during June, 1908 at 418 Elm Street S.E. The Fire Chief Gets a new horse and buggy.
- 1908- An order was placed in June, 1908 for a Seagrave combination wagon with 1,000 feet of 2 ½ inch Hose from the Eureka Company. The wagon was delivered on September 17, 1905 along with a 50 Gallon Chemical truck equipped with 300 feet of fire hose.
(this truck used bicarbonate of soda and sulfuric acid)
- 1908- A second alarm fire occurred at Continental Oil on June 12, 1908 resulting in a loss of \$25,000. On July 13, 1908 a fire occurred at American Lumber Company. This was a strange fire that Was reported to have burned itself out according to a log entry. " The fire department never reached The fire due to the wrong alarm box being pulled, causing irreparable delay."
- 1908- Highland Station # 2, Daily log, September 1, 1908: noted was a crew of four firemen. An Assistant Chief's position was created. He was in charge of the station and was a member of the crew.
- 1908- A new team of horses was delivered to the department in September, 1908 along with a new Seagrave combination hose- chemical wagon. The new wagon went into service at Station # 1 and The old wagon was sent to the Highland Station # 2.

Note: During the horse era (1900 - 1914) Albuquerque had 11 fire horses at one time.

- 1908- A tragic fire occurred on October 14, 1908 at the home of Doctor and Mrs. Chamberlin. This fire Resulted in the tragic death of Mrs. Chamberlin and total destruction of the family home. The fire Was caused by the unfortunate misuse of gasoline.
- 1909- As 1909 ends the paid fire department is well established with 2 well equipped fire stations and 9 paid firemen including a paid Fire Chief. There are lots of fire hydrants and a fire alarm street box System is in place and operational.
- 1909- The year end fire alarms were reported at 188 calls during 1909.
- 1910- April 18, 1910 Jacob Klein is appointed to Fire Chief. He succeeds A.C. Burtless. James Cosgrove Is appointed to Captain at Highland Station # 2.
- 1910- A new Chief's buggy and horse is purchased on June 1, 1910.
- 1911- On November 9, 1911 a contract is let to the American La France Company for a motorized Pumping fire engine.
- 1911- November 10, 1911 a new switch board and 14 fire alarm boxes arrived. Shortly after 55 battery Jars, four fire alarm boxes and a battery rack with insulators arrived. The new fire alarm boxes Were placed in service on December 18, 1911.
- 1911- Fred Russell is appointed to Assistant Chief in December, 1911. Years later Russell was named Fire Chief where he served until his death in 1931 while still serving on active duty as Chief.
- 1912- Albuquerque accepted delivery of it's first motorized pumping fire engine on February 28, 1912. It was gasoline driven with a chain drive and was capable of pumping 600 gallons per minute.

Note: There are no records showing that Albuquerque ever used horse-drawn steamer fire pumpers or That large hand powered fire pumpers pumped by firemen were ever used here.

- 1913- The April 15, 1913 Annual report submitted to the Mayor and City Council by Chief Jacob Klein Gave a summary of a cost analysis he conducted regarding motorized fire trucks VS. horses. His Report concluded that there was a savings of \$ 732 per year in favor of motorized trucks VS. Horses. He recommended that the department convert entirely to motor-driven apparatus and that Horses be eliminated. His recommendations were accepted.
- 1913- A new motorized Fire Chief's car was approved by the City Council on August 18, 1913.

- 1914- The American La France company delivered a second motorized pumping fire engine to Albuquerque during September, 1914. The new pumper went to Station # 1 and the 1912 pumper went to Highlands Station # 2.
- 1914- The City continued using horse drawn apparatus as back-up after purchasing motorized equipment.
- 1914- The last regular fire call made by horses was October 19, 1914. However, horses were used as back-up until September 18, 1918 according to fire department logs.
- 1915- Annual Report April 19, 1915 Chief Jacob Klein recommends the purchase of a motor driven 75 foot aerial ladder truck. A few years later in 1920 the City took delivery of a 1920 American La France 75 foot aerial ladder. This truck is now displayed in the AFD Fire Museum.
- 1915- Mr. Cohen resigns as Chairman of the Fire Committee on July 19, 1915. The Fire Committee represented the interests of the Fire Department and made recommendations to the City Council. The Chief usually worked jointly with the committee on budgets and other improvements.
- 1915- On December 6, 1915 Fire Chief Jacob Klein was removed from office by the Mayor and City Council. Due to some type of disagreement. He had served as Chief from 1910-1915.
- 1915- A.C. Burtless replaced Jacob Klein as Fire Chief on December 6, 1915. Mr. Burtless had previously served a six year term as Chief from 1904 to 1910.
- 1916- J.W. Burnett was appointed to Assistant Chief in January, 1916 and H.P. Dennis was appointed To Captain.
- 1916- The new Mayor and City Council met on April 17, 1916 and discharged A.C. Burtless as Fire Chief. He had served less than a year. J.W. Burnett was appointed Fire Chief.
- 1916- The Fire Department daily log on April 17, 1916 showed the following people on the department Roster: William Collister, Assistant Chief, H. Fredricks, Captain, H. Dennis Lieutenant, Fred Renfro Lieutenant, Firemen, Ray Serna and Tom Collister.
- Note: Turmoil continues within the fire department, between the Mayor, City Council, the Fire Chiefs and The firemen. Apparently there was strong disagreement over the attempts by firemen to organize A union during 1917.
- 1916- In May, 1916 benefits for firemen were improved. They were given every 6th day off. Previously They only had every 8th day off.
- 1917- In March, 1917 Fred Russell is appointed to Fire Chief. He replaced J.W. Burnett who had served About one year as Chief.
- 1917- Continental Oil Company went up in smoke on July 22, 1917. This was a pretty tough fire which Taxed the strength and stamina of the firemen. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.
- 1917- During September, 1917 the firemen got a pay raise and an election was held to pass a new City City Charter. The new City Charter was passed.
- 1917- On November 6, 1917 New Mexico Citizens voted to become a dry State by a majority vote of 20,000 and Bernalillo County voted to go dry by a majority of 490 votes.
- 1917- December 31, 1917 the following members are shown on the fire department roster: Chief, Fred M. Russell, H. Fredricks, O.McMullen, Chic Anderson, J.W. Ryan, D. Grande, William Collister, Fred Renfro, O. Larson, Ed Donahue, and Ray Serna.
- 1917- From March, 1917 to about the early 1920's Fred Russell was in and out of favor with the Mayor And City Council over attempts by the firemen to unionize. Over about a four period it is not Clear from the records when he served as Chief or stepped down to Assistant Chief from time to Time. Several annual reports are missing and some are not signed.
- 1923- During this year it is clear Fred M. Russell is Fire Chief.
- 1927- May 24, 1927 Pumper # 1 collided with the Fire Chief's car while responding to a false alarm. Chief Russell and his Driver Simon Seligman were seriously injured in the wreck but both Recovered from the accident. (Simon Seligman became Fire Chief many years later).
- 1931- After serving several years as Fire Chief Fred M. Russell passed away while serving as Fire Chief On August 21, 1931.
- 1931- A few days after the death of Chief Russell Art Westerfeld who joined the department in 1919 Was appointed to Fire Chief on August 28, 1931