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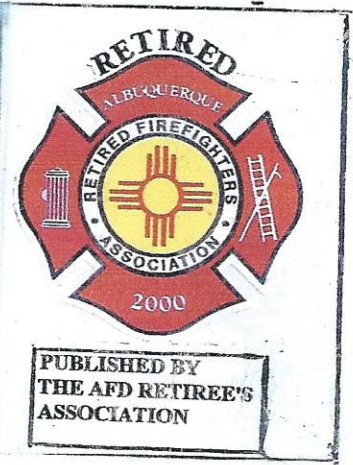
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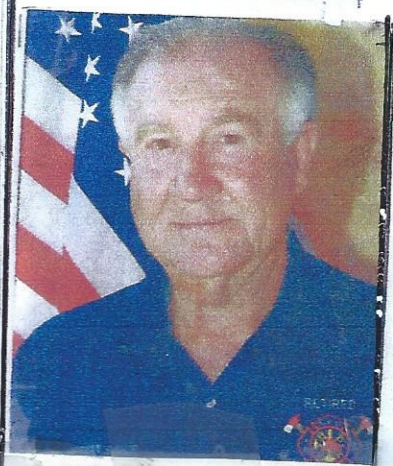
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(1961)- RESCUE # 1, 1960 GMC. 250 GPM Pump. 150 gal. Water Tank

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. IT IS PLANNED FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M. IT WILL BE HELD IN DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO AT THE ROTARY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. ADMISSION WILL BE \$5.00 FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE. GO TO DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO, TURN WEST ON CALLE DON FRANCISCO. IT IS ABOUT 1/2 MILE ON THE RIGHT. CALL EDDIE TORRES, @ 867-2631 OR RAY FLORES @ 898-8948 IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS !"



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Sam Trujillo

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By: Sam Trujillo

I want to thank our members that responded to our fund pledge drive. We had great success and we will be able to continue printing our newsletter on a quarterly basis. I am hoping that some of our members that did not respond will lend support in the future. Many of our retirees have started sending monthly pledges and we sure appreciate the help. I get feedback from many of our members on how they appreciate our newsletter, especially some of the pictures and stories about the good old days. Please feel free to contact myself or Herman bishop on any ideas / suggestions that you may have regarding our association or our newsletters.

I am also sending out regular e-mail information on a regular basis especially on issues regarding the health of our members. I try visiting or calling our members that are having health related issues then I post FYI updates as needed. Please contact me if you need the support or prayers of our association members. Please know that we are there for each other. I want to encourage all of you to support the bond that we share as Fire Fighters. Know that united we are stronger. Our association officers are ready to lend support 24/7.

I also want to remind you to keep me informed (899-1500) 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 !



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, @ 6: 00 P.M. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, @ ROTARY PARK, DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO. ADMISSION WILL BE \$5.00 FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE. SANTA WILL BE THERE WITH GOODIES. GO TO DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO, TURN WEST ON CALLE DON FRANCISCO, IT IS ABOUT ½ MILE ON THE RIGHT. CALL EDDIE TORRES @ 867-2631 IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST.



From the Picnic & Christmas Party Chairmen:

On August 24th, our 13th annual picnic reunion was held at Rotary Park in Bernalillo. We continued our tradition of a successful gathering. The weather was good, food was plentiful and tasty, and as usual the event was well attended.

Our Christmas Party will be held in December, date to be determined, so attend the meetings or read the newsletter for more information. It will again be held in Bernalillo, at the Community Center next to Rotary Park. It promises to be another get together of friends, good food and fun to put you in the Holiday spirit.

These occasions would be impossible if not for the hard work and dedication of a special group of ladies who shop, cook, set-up and serve at these events. Their efforts help ensure that we all have a wonderful time enjoying ourselves and maintaining the strong bonds that we have created over the years.

We would like to give special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude to all the ladies who went that extra mile to make sure that we all had a great time.

Our association is grateful for all your efforts and your caring attitudes.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Torres, Jr.

Ray Flores

MARTIN ROMERO DIES

On July 26, 2013 fellow retiree Martin Romero, District Chief, age 87, passed away. He joined AFD in 1951 and retired in 1981 after serving over 30 years with the Dept. Marty was a sincere and dedicated F. F. And was looked up to as a role model for those firefighters who served under him.

He grew up in Bernalillo, New Mexico and was a U. S. Army Veteran. His Military service took him to Switzerland. After the Army he joined the Fire Dept.

During his time as a Lieutenant and Captain he served mostly on the east side. After his promotion to District Chief in 1972, he served mostly downtown at Station # 1 and Sta.# 4. He joined the department in 1951 when the department was expanding. Later that year Stations # 6 and # 7 opened. After the new hires there were about 200 firemen in the dept.

He enjoyed going to Las Vegas with his fire department buddies and was a regular at the Horse races during New Mexico State Fair each year. Our condolences to the Romero Family.

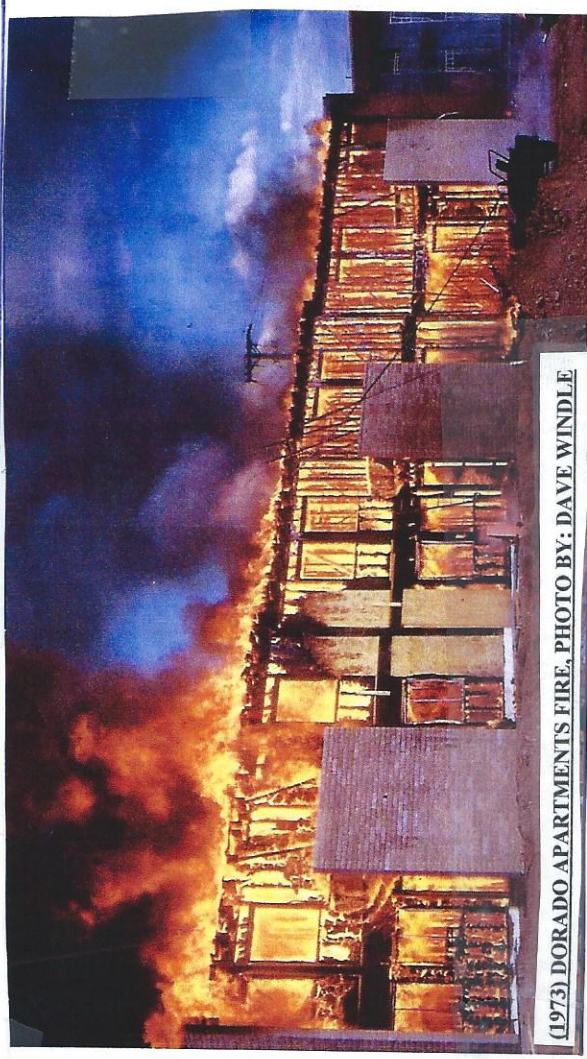
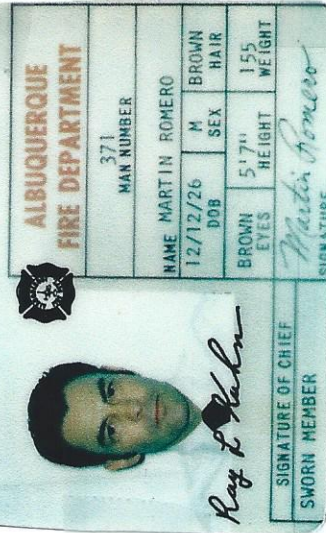
SEPTEMBER MEETING- On September 11 th the monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Trujillo at 7:10 PM at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith NE. After the Pledge of Allegiance the opening prayer was led by Louis C. Trujillo. For our Last Alarm we held a moment of silence for our deceased members. We honored retired District Chief Martin Romero who passed away on July 26, 2013

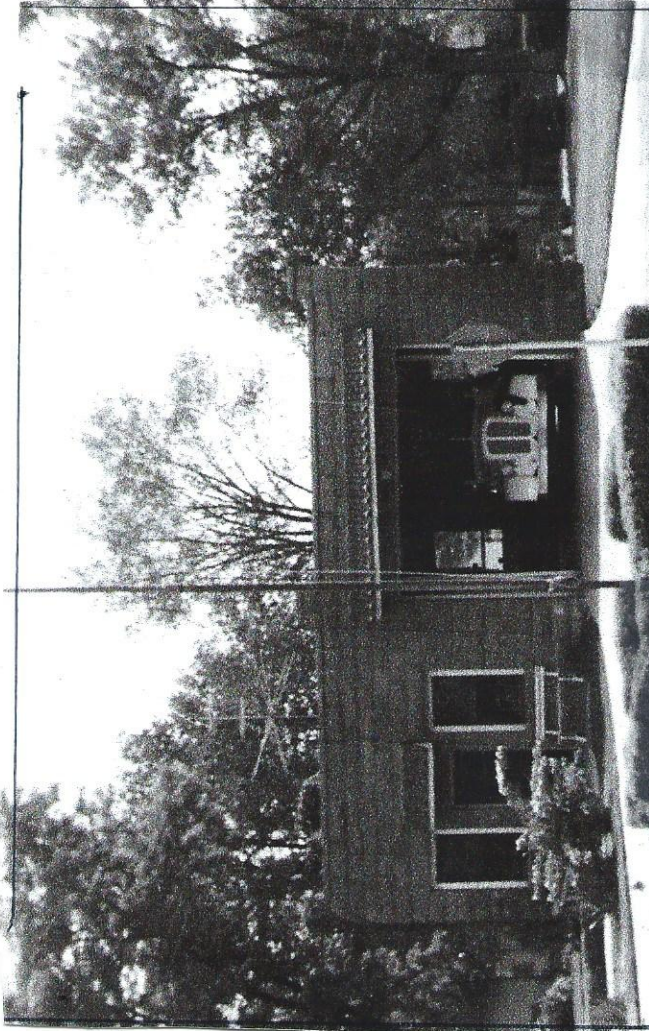
After roll call Sam introduced our guests. Lucas Conner of the Firehouse Subs Restaurant spoke to us and said he is an avid supporter of AFD and the retired firefighters. Recently he was a sponsor at the battle of the badges football game between the Firemen and Policeman. He is working with us to display AFD photos in his two restaurants. He gave free tickets to our members for a sandwich at his stores. He brought a big box of potato chips which was a big hit with our members. Firefighter Greg Vallejos spoke to us about his participation in the N.Y. City marathon on November 3rd and thanked the retirees for their support. Our friend Frank Maestas from Buena Vista, Colorado spoke to the group. We thanked him for the great door prizes that he donated for our picnic. Fellow retiree Robert Jaramillo invited our members to join him as a member of the American Legion.

Sam, Eddie Torres, and Ray Flores thanked all who attended our picnic and expressed special thanks to all who helped. A special note of thanks was given to all the ladies who worked so hard and really made the food preparation possible. These ladies are the backbone of our picnic and are the ones who makes it such a great success.

The Secretary's report was given by Herman Bishop due to the absence of Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Jimmy Candelaria and was seconded by Eugene Baldonado. The motion carried. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report and thanked everyone for their support and generous donations. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eddie Torres and was seconded by Greg Armenta. The motion carried. Herman gave the Historian's report. He said he is working with Lucas Conner to display AFD photos in his Firehouse Restaurants. He is working with the Albuquerque museum to review old AFD ledgers dating back to the late 1800's to the 1920's. He and Sam Trujillo are writing a story about the history of the AFD Rescue/EMS/ Paramedic program. Dave Windle is assisting in writing the story. Congratulations to Pablo Garcia Jr. who was given the "Man Of The Year," award at the annual picnic.

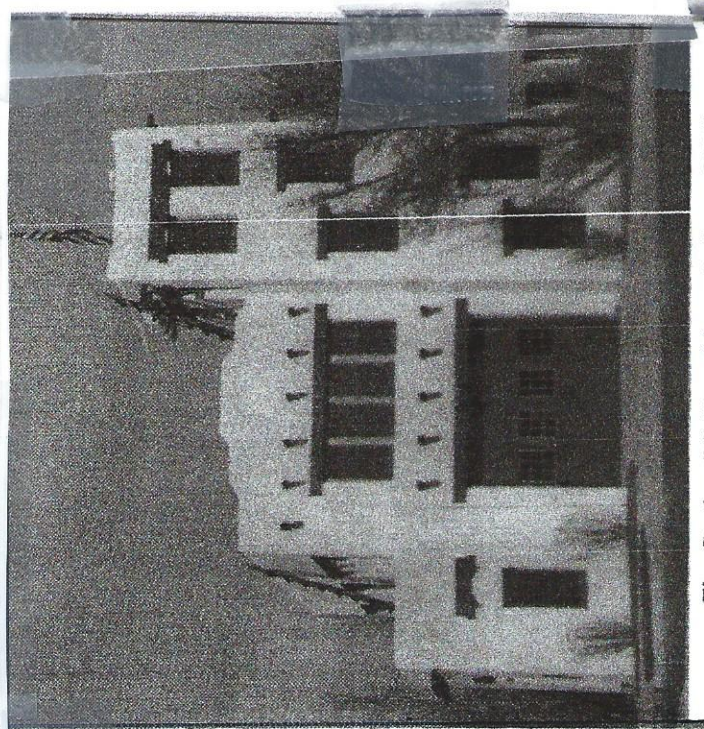
Bill Raupfer reported that the Retiree Honor Guard played an active role during ceremonies at Civic Plaza in memory of 911. We received many complements and recognition for ringing the Four-Fives ceremonies. "THANKS TO THE HONOR GUARD." On our sick roster we send best wishes to: Moe Dauber, E.V. Marquez, Bart Vallejos, Jake Perea, Louie Trujillo, Ralph Chavez and Sid Garcia. The raffle was won by: Greg Armenta and Eugene Baldonado. Mark Chavez led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned @ 9:05 PM.



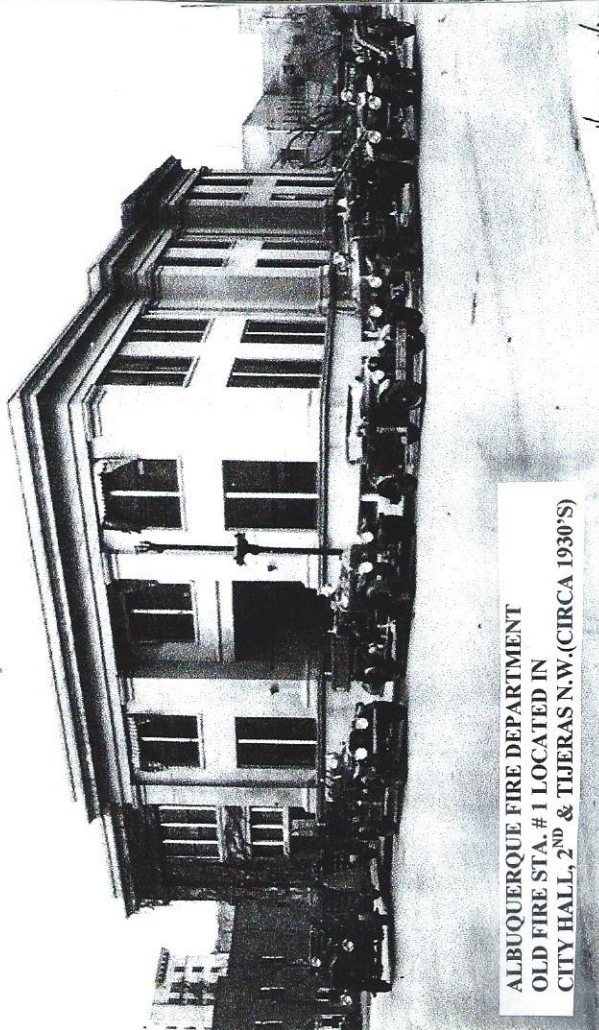


STATION # 2, HIGHLAND FIRE STATION
HIGH & SILVER S.E. (CIRCA 1948)

PHOTO, RAY KUHN COLLECTION

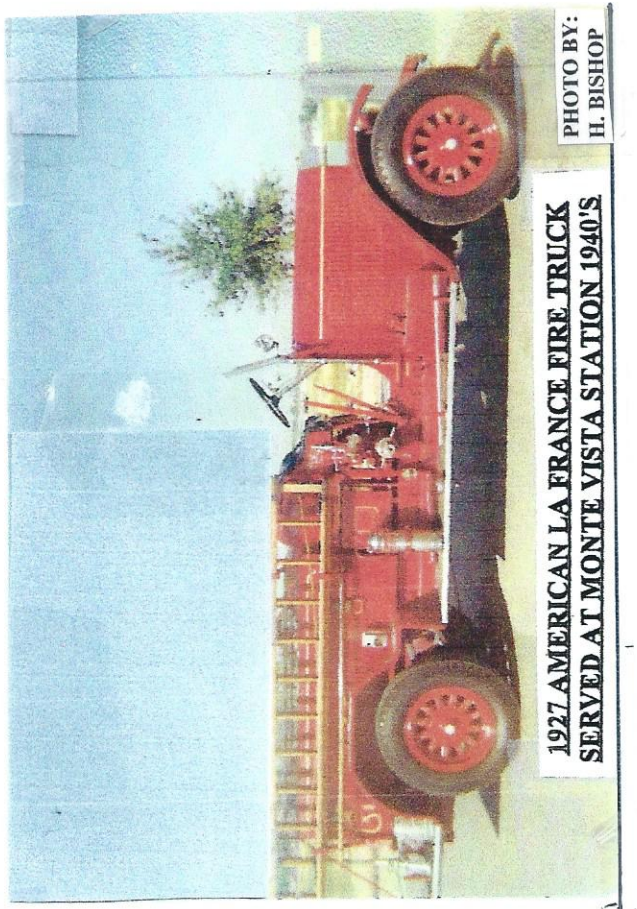


Fire Station # 3, Bryn Mawr & Central N.E.
(Circa, 1941)



ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT
OLD FIRE STA. # 1 LOCATED IN
CITY HALL, 2ND & TUERAS N.W. (CIRCA 1930'S)

Manna & Mann



1927 AMERICAN LA FRANCE FIRE TRUCK
SERVED AT MONTE VISTA STATION 1940'S

PHOTO BY:
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(10-15-2013)

The Life and Times of Toby Pino

Unusual Things that People do - Firefighters will tell you it's Not that Unusual!

By Eddie Abeita

Toby started his career in 1964 under Training Captain Ray Kuhn, Lieutenants Skippy Padilla and Joe Gonzales. Toby said he and Ray Padilla were friends after their military days and heard about the city fire department taking applications. Ray said to Toby let's try it we need a job.... yeah Toby said so we applied.

It will be 30 years since I have been retired said Toby and I still think about the first years in the fire department. Back then we worked 2 weeks of days and 2 weeks of nights, I was also assigned to what was called "floating crew".

Back in them days the tillermen's position driving the back part of the aerial ladder truck was done by a Lieutenant. It later changed to a driver's position. Fire station camaraderie and hazing was something that only us firefighters would understand and appreciate. Every time someone saw a monkey on TV or in a magazine they would say hey look it's Toby. The troops said I had long arms like one however there were firefighters that were actually called monkey but for other reasons.

While I was a pipemen Toby recollects, we had a fire call in the Barrales neighborhood an apartment was fully involved so there was a lot of water flowing. Three of us were standing in about 6 inches of water when Tom Lopez grabbed onto a wire he could not let go of, Vince Holcomb grabbed Tom and he could not let go of Tom, I grabbed Vince and I could not let go of Vince lucky we fell back onto the ground to break free heck we were energized.... Like the Bunny. Yes the electric meter had been pulled just someone running electricity from another source. Unusual things that people do - firefighters will tell you it's not that unusual! Toby said, I remember the first years of working on the rescue the officer was Lieutenant Eloy Mascarenas, the main piece of equipment was the Emerson respirator. Back then the procedure was to give the patient oxygen for just about everything! The oxygen tanks for that respirator were large and heavy. The respirator case had 2 holes where the tanks would stick out it seemed like it weighed about 100 lbs. At rescue calls Nidel Martinez would grab the back of the tanks and I would carry the front part of the respirator into the house, what a workout just getting it to the needed location.

Our rescue trucks received a lot of runs and would need repair. We did not have good reserve vehicles back then so when we spared out it was to an old panel truck referred to as unit 61. It was a real death trap.....!

Toby said I was recruited into the Paramedic program which was great. One particular incident I remember was; a new ambulance paramedic was trying to take over our patient he got a little physical. Well one thing led to another and let's just say, he had to lock himself in the ambulance for his own safety! Some calls that I am proud of was the delivery of three babies in my career they went down with not too much recognition but we (crew) will always remember them.

During the war years of WW II (1941-1946) the following firemen were drafted or enlisted in the U.S. military. They were: C. G. Silva, Walter Clark Max Miller, Reno Stebleton, Ray Kuhn, Matt Ortiz, Carmel Padilla Sr. Jack Major, J. C. "Slim" Davidson, Louie Jurado, S. B. Skidmore, Floyd Watts, Tony Sanchez, Johnnie Mares, Larry Felecitti, and Nerio Montoya.

Special Log Note: On December 19, 1942, while on furlough from the U. S. Navy, Ray Kuhn came back to work at the fire department and worked five days.

Log Notes: - Maxwell Miller was promoted to Lieutenant on September 15, 1942.
- On October 1, 1942 Thomas Morgan was promoted to Lieutenant. He resigned on February 13, 1943. No reason was given. We do not know what happened to him.

In the late 1930's and early 1940's the University of New Mexico partnered with the fire department in coordination with their football program. Several AFD firemen were UNM students and football players. While attending the University they were part-time firemen and lived at a fire house. Although the logs do not provide a complete list of those students/firemen we did find the following people listed : Stanley Frogge, James Talouse, Larry Felicetti and S. B. Skidmore. In 1938 S. B. Skidmore joined AFD and after playing football for UNM and serving in the U. S. Navy in WW II he made a career with the fire department. He attained the rank of Assistant Chief and in 1973 after serving the department 35 years he retired. Jim Talouse completed UNM Law School and became a prominent Albuquerque Lawyer.

Additional Log Notes: On July 26, 1941 Pat Kane a popular and well respected Captain with AFD Resigned and took the Fire Chief's job at Kirtland Air Force Base (U. S. Army, Airfield) when it opened in 1941 and a new fire department was organized. Several Albuquerque firemen left and joined the new fire department on Kirtland Base. Leaving AFD were: S. W. Walsh, Max Gutierrez, Pete Sheyka, and P. Bradley. There were others who left as well but we do not have all their names.

Lieutenant Simon Seligman was appointed to Captain and replaced Captain Pat Kane. In 1941 there was no rank of Deputy Chief, however, Captain Seligman was third in command after Assistant Chief Milton Grande and Fire Chief Art Westerfeld. Seligman had joined the department in 1927 and many years later was appointed to Chief in 1962 after the death of Chief Westerfeld. Seligman served as Chief for six years and retired in 1968 after serving 41 years with the department. Seligman was the first AFD Fire Chief to retire. Prior to that Fred Russell died while serving as Chief in 1931 and Chief Westerfeld was serving as Chief when he died in 1962. Prior to that (1900-1931) the fire chiefs served short terms, one to six years and also there was not a retirement system in place.

Log Notes: On October 15, 1948, 61 firemen are listed on the fire department roster including 15 new firemen recently hired. They were: Eleno Zamora Jr. Joe H. Hernandez, Charles A. Sandoval, Ezequiel Candelaria, Caprio F. Martinez Jr. Herminio H. Martinez, Ernest Montoya Samuel De Haan, George V. Miller Jr. Arthur G. Ortiz, Benjamin Sandoval, Kenneth Mead, Warren G. Sallie, Richard A. Sanchez and Adelino Jiron.

Log Note: A new man was hired on January 19, 1949, Arthur B. Martinez. After serving the department 25 years in 1974, Martinez was promoted to Chief at the age of 45. He served with the department 31 years and retired on April 1, 1980.

The last log book we reviewed ended on April 1, 1949. 60 firemen were listed on the fire department rolls. That year old fire station # 5 opened on July 1, 1949 at Chico and Dallas N. E.

We would like to express a special note of thanks to Commander Espisito and to retiree Charles Alderete for calling our attention to these historical documents and sharing them with us. Many of the current retirees joined the department in the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's and we had the privilege of knowing and working with many of the old timers listed in the log books. What great memories this information generated among our gang!

Another call that I will never forget was; we responded to a call reported as a man that had been shot in his house. Upon our arrival a police officer yelled out he's right in here get him out the shooter is still here. Lieutenant Fuqua and I immediately pulled him out of the house to the sidewalk it looked bad for the victim. I happened to look up to the second floor where the shooter had climbed out to. The bad part was he had his rifle sight fixed right on me.....Luckily the police had their weapons drawn on him so he reluctantly dropped his!

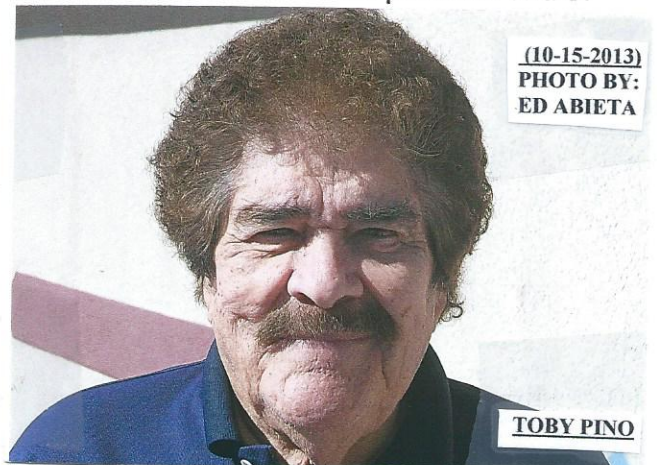
While assigned to Rescue Four the AFD agreed to help Pocatello Idaho Fire Department in providing field experience to their new paramedic(s). One of their paramedics assigned to our crew was a pleasant quite person. However after a shift or two with the guys at the station four he became one of the boys quickly, we enjoyed his company.

At fire station one I would cook for the troops some would say how about some pay-day stakes for lunch but others would say there too expensive. I would compromise with hamburger, Mexi-corn and 5 pounds of potatoes. If the menu was Green Chile Stew the chow list would start out with 10 -15 people. However the word would get out and requests to get on the chow list would come from the Fire Chief s Office (the Chief's office was located on the west side of station one), Fire Prevention Bureau, Alarm Room and even Training Staff. So the joke was "just add more water" and hope we had enough bowls and spoons for all. However all these meals always turned out great, Green Chile Stew in the fire department was a tradition.

I played fast pitch softball with the firefighters our uniforms were red with white pin stripe. I played 3rd base and HH Chavez was the 1st basemen, he was a big target to throw to. After the games were the fun times win or lose because we drank beer and joked. The picnics we had for the entire department were something we all looked forward to each year at our old camp grounds on south hwy 14 in the Manzanos. One year our shift at station one got together and had our own Matanza, we pitched in to buy a pig butchered it, cooked it and devoured it.....the guitars were played until dark now that was a good party!

After my retirement most of my time was dedicated to my family we did a lot together and just had fun together. Tragedy hit my family where we lost five family members in a motor vehicle accident that changed our lives, but our faith, family and friends helped us through it. I recently lost my wife where this coming February would have been our 50th wedding anniversary.....

Looking back I think a firefighter will have always have two families their own personal and of course their firefighter family.



OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT LOG BOOKS, PERSONNEL ROSTERS (1939-1949)

(By Herman R. Bishop)

During a recent meeting at the Fire Academy with Commander Scott Espisito, director of training, he led me to a store room where numerous handwritten AFD log books from the past are kept. A short time later Sam Trujillo met with retiree Charles Alderette, AFD supply officer, who showed him additional log books in the storage room. These hand written books list all AFD personnel by year from September, 1939 to March 1949. These logs are personnel leave records of each fireman showing time taken for sick leave, vacation, injuries, military leave, and other personal leaves of absence.

The most important information gained from these records was the number and names of all firemen for a particular month and year of that era. On September 15, 1939 there 44 people in the department and only three fire stations. Names of firemen listed were:

W.A Westerfeld	Reno Stebleton	Ed Snapp	Gabriel Montoya
Milton Grande	S. Novaria	Thomas Morgan	J.G. Mares
Pat Kane	Ed Lucero	Henry Baca	Pete Augustino
Harry Savage	Joe S. Bowdich Jr.	Pedro Gutierrez	Joe Gutierrez
Carpio Martinez	E. B. Cleveland	Harry Fletchall	W. O. Moore
C.G. Silva	Maxwell Miller	Phillip Alarid	S. B. Skidmore
Simon Seligman	Frank Parenti	Louis Jurado	V. L. Caldwell
S.W. Walsh	J. H. Kimbrough	Floyd Watts	Matthew Ortiz
J.E. Horne	Michael Lashy	Salvatori Grandi	W.L. Devine
W.L. DoBell	George Tafoya	Paul Grove	P. S. Sheyka
Joe Silva	Carl Macaluso	Mauricio Cordova	J. E. Hubbell



**ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1939
A CELEBRATION OF WESTERN DAYS**

Photos enhanced by Eric Jones

October Monthly Meeting: On October 8, 2013 the AFD Retiree's Association monthly meeting was held at the F. Union Hall, 4300 Edith N.E. The 158 th meeting was called to order by President Sam Trujillo at 7:10 P.M. After the pledge of allegiance, Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was observed for our deceased members.

The Secretary's report was read by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Eddie Torres and was seconded by Victor Escarcida. The motion carried. John Serfino gave the Treasurer's report. John thanked everyone who made donations for our recent fund drive. We were able to pay all expenses for the annual picnic and for publishing the September 1 st newsletter. A motion to accept the report was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Noel Baca. The motion carried.

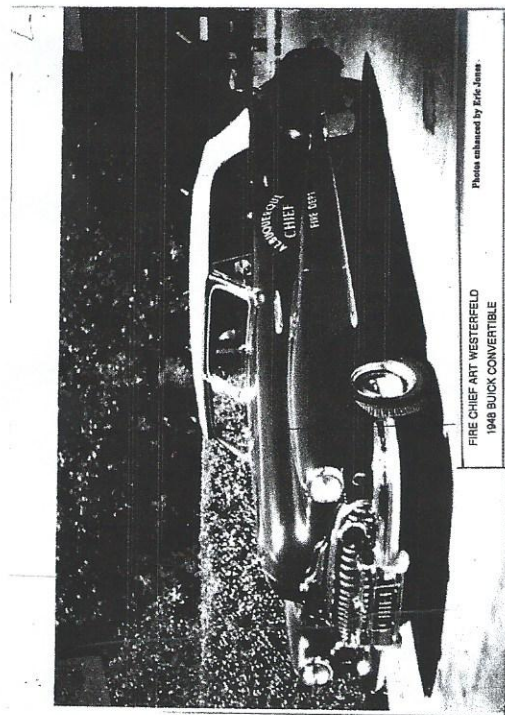
Historian Herman Bishop thanked Fred Casias for the articles he submitted for the December newsletter after attending the N.M. State Fire School in Socorro, N.M. this summer. Herman thanked Eddie Abieta for the article he submitted about his brother "Porky" Abieta, former Fire Chief of Gallup, N.M. "Porky" received the "Meritorious Service Award," at the N.M. State Fire School. Sam Trujillo heard from fellow retiree Florino Sanchez' daughter. Her dad is in an assisted living center and is 87 years old. He said to tell all his fire buddies "Hello," and that he sure enjoys getting the newsletters.

Eddie Torres and Ray Flores gave sincere thanks to all who assisted in making our annual picnic a great success this summer. They particularly thanked the wives who so graciously donated their time and loving hands to ensure the food was prepared and presented in a tasteful manner. The Christmas Party will be coming up in December. Date and time to be announced.

Those retirees on our recent sick leave roster are: Juan Sandoval, L.C. Trujillo, Moe Dauber, Toby Pino, E.V. Marquez, O.G. Duran, Herman Bishop, and Dan Johnson. Members of the association send their best regards and best wishes to our buddies who were recently under the weather.

Eddie Abieta and Ralph Sedillo conducted our monthly raffle. Eugene Baldonado won the fire truck, Joe Salas won a fire photo, Juan Sandoval won the tool box and Kerry Horton won the fire photo (London Fire Brigade).

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:35 P.M.



FIRE CHIEF ART WESTERFIELD
1948 BUICK CONVERTIBLE

Photo enhanced by Eric Jones

Death: Sid Garcia-Our friend and fellow Retiree Sid Garcia, age 85, passed away On November 8, 2013 after a long term illness. He is the brother of fellow retiree Felix Garcia. Sid spent 30 years with AFD. Sid joined in July, 1951 and retired in 1981. He had a long and distinguished career with the department. He served many years with the negotiating committee to protect and to improve benefits for firefighters. Today F.F. And retirees alike can thank Sid Garcia for All the hard work he did over the years to improve pay, and retirement benefits for the Rank and file firefighters.

Sid worked many years as a Lieutenant at Station # 1. The last few years of his career he worked as an engine officer at Station # 6. When he joined in 1951, Station # 6 had just opened that spring and there were only 200 firemen in the entire department at that time. There was no fire academy and training was with 2 1/2 inch fire hose. The new trainees caught the fire hydrant on the run while the truck was moving @ 10 mph. During each evolution the truck speed was increased until the new trainee fell and skinned his knees and elbows. The rescue division was started until the new trainee that time rescue calls were made by the Fire Chief and a fireman on the Chief's car or an engine company. With a first aid kit and oxygen resuscitator. Sid was a good role model for young firefighters and they looked up to him and gave him their respect. Our sincere condolences go out to the entire Garcia family.


Herman R. Bishop, Historian Albuquerque Fire Department Retiree's Association

Death: Danny Tate - Fellow retiree Lieutenant Danny Tate, age 67, passed away on Saturday November 9, 2013. He had been hospitalized at Veteran's Memorial Hospital and was Cared for in the intensive care unit at the time Of his death. His loving family was at his Beside at the time of his passing. He was Born in Wichita, Kansas and was a Viet Nam Veteran. He joined AFD in February, 1968. After serving the department for twenty years He retired as a Lieutenant in the Arson Div. His early fire department career was spent Fighting fires on pumpers, ladders, and rescue Assignments.

During October, 1975 he was promoted to Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Bureau. He had an excellent Knowledge of the Fire Code and his application of the rules were firm and even handed. Danny was of Pleasant Demeanor and he was able to soothe feelings of disgruntled business owners when he applied the fire code. He was part Of the night inspection program which usually entailed policing night clubs for over crowding, fireworks violations, And correcting locked exit doors at public places. He was well respected by his supervisors and coworkers alike.

During the past 13 years he was a good and faithful member of the AFD Retiree's Association. Danny was a big Man, 6' 3" tall, and was a strong and robust guy. When he entered the room his presence was felt and he was known For his sense of humor, congenial, and gentle nature. Danny will be greatly missed by his fellows. Our most sincere Condolences to the entire Tate family. Funeral services are pending at this time.

Herman R. Bishop, Historian
AFD Retiree's Association



**ALBUQUERQUE
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

430 MAN NUMBER	
NAME ISIDRO GARCIA	BLACK HAIR
12/30/27	M SEX
BROWN	5' 8" HEIGHT
BROWN	162 WEIGHT

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF: *Ray L. Huling*

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: *David Garcia*



ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT




Danny L. Tate

SS#: 585-01-3366
RETIRED

DOB: 12/78/1945

Morris L. Huling
MORRIS L. HULING, FIRE CHIEF

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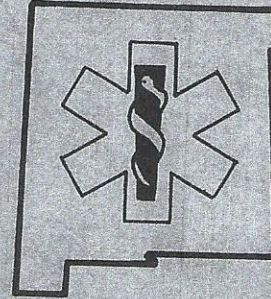
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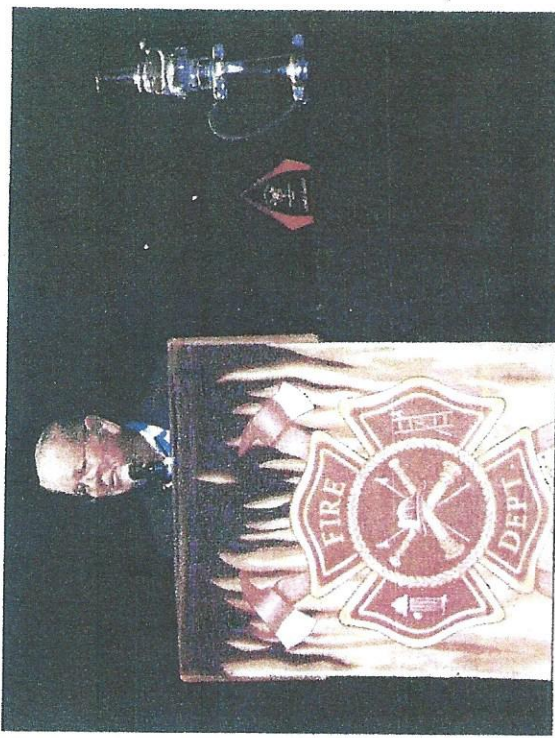
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Mr. Paul Noland	Bernalillo County Manager
Chief Arthur B. Martinez	Chief, Albuquerque Fire Department
Mr. Don Naylor	Bernalillo County Fire Marshal
Mr. Corky Morris	Chairman, Bernalillo County Commission
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Jarrett Galbreth, M.D.	Director, EHS
Mrs. Joyce Krause, R.N.	Program Director

Presentation of Certificates

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Former Gallup fire chief honored at New Mexico Fire & EMS Expo



By Bernie Dolson
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SOCORRO — Alfred Abeita Sr. was honored Monday at the second annual New Mexico Fire & EMS Expo, officials announced.

Abeita, who was hired by the city of Gallup as its first fire chief in 1970, was awarded the New Mexico Meritorious Service Award for his years of service to the New Mexico Fire Service, the McKinley County community and the state of New Mexico as a whole.

State Fire Marshal John Standerfer presented the award to Abeita. The ceremony was held at New Mexico Tech's Macey Center.

"(Abeita) received a standing ovation before and immediately following the presentation of his plaque," Gerald Garner, administrative services coordinator for the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, said.

A past president of the New Mexico Firefighters Association, Abeita, 74, became a volunteer firefighter in 1957. He was hired by the city in 1959 and was promoted to captain in 1961. Abeita started the Emergency Medical Technician program in Gallup and McKinley County. He also served on the state Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

Courtesy photo
Alfred Abeita Sr. speaks as he receives the New Mexico Meritorious Service Award at the second annual New Mexico Fire & EMS Expo Monday in Socorro.

In 1972 Abeita became a structural fire instructor for the New Mexico Fire Marshal's Office and taught structural fire suppression at state fire schools. Abeita was also instrumental in establishing the Bureau of Indian Affairs Firefighting School at Fort Wingate in 1975.

In 2008, Abeita — the father of Gallup City Clerk Alfred Abeita and Gallup-McKinley County Schools Director of Procurement Marco Abeita — was appointed to the New Mexico Emergency Management Homeland Security Advisory Board.

SUBMITTED BY: EDDIE ABIETA

Medal Of Valor Recipient: Lieutenant Greg Aragon (Albuquerque Fire Department)



On April 28, 2013 a mentally ill man, attacked the choir director at St. Jude Thaddeus Church.

Greg Aragon saw the scuffle and rush over to subdue the man. After subduing the man with the help of the other Parishioners. Greg continued to assist parishioners who were injured/stabbed (Gerald Madrid and Michael Tungate who were injured helping subduing the attacker). After Greg made sure everyone was taken care and Triaged, he was told by a police officer to sit down that he was also injured. No one lost their life that day, thank to Greg and the parishioners who helped him.

Medal Of Gallantry: Division Chief Of Operations Darrel Lindsey (Bernalillo County Fire Department)



June 13, 2013 Chief Darrel Lindsey was on his way to work, when he came across an apartment fire. He radioed to fire control to dispatch the Albuquerque Fire Department. He then proceeded to evacuate and rescue residents from apartment fire, at the 100 block of Glorieta NE. Chief Darrel Lindsey, APD Officer R. Mitchell. and Mr. Baca a Worker with the Water Authority, evacuated/rescued the 12 residents, which included a new born baby, from the eight-plex apartment fire without injury to the residence.

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Albuquerque Adds Third Rescue Unit

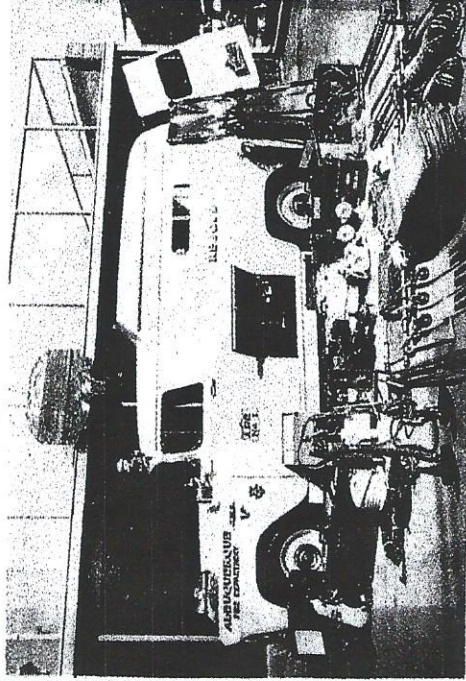
By FRANK MAESTAS

The Albuquerque Fire Department now has three rescue units operating in our city. Our third unit started service on May 22, 1972. Their first alarm came within an hour after being put into service.

This unit is assigned to District No. 2. The city is divided into three districts with each now having their own rescue unit in service.

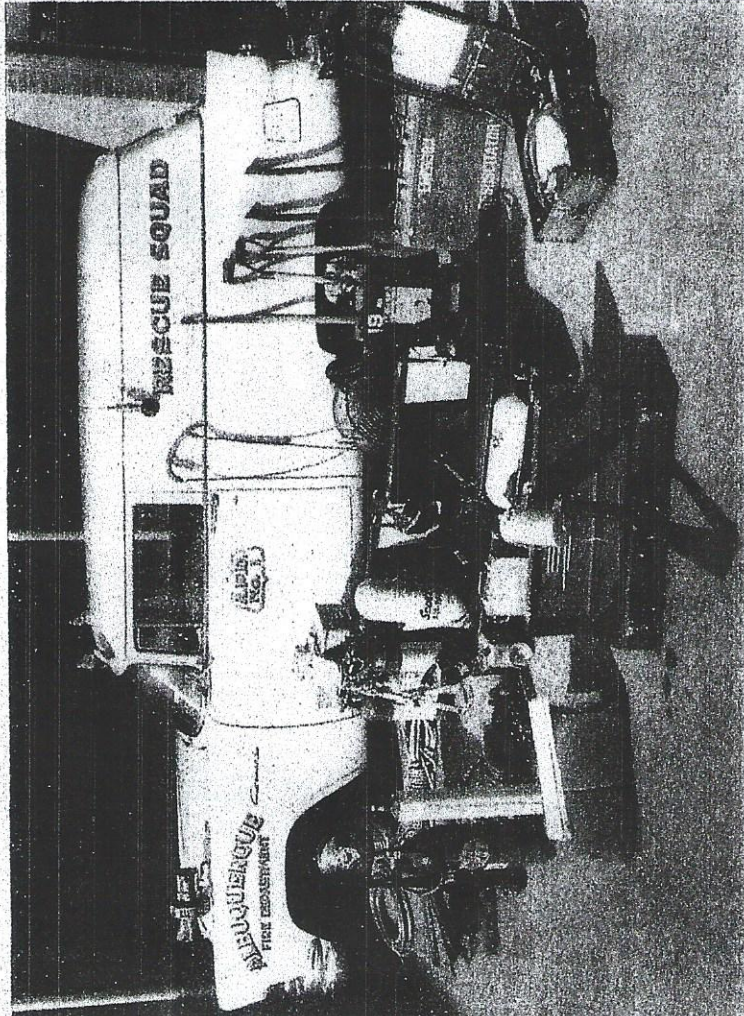
The operation of the new rescue does not shorten their responding districts. They must respond as far as the North and South city limits. When responding in their districts, the average response time is three to five minutes. The back up rescue takes a little longer when simultaneous alarms are received in the same district.

The need for more Rescue Units is evident as our city expands. The public must be informed of future needs for more engine companies, rescues, ladder trucks and manpower.



Some Of The Equipment Carried On Rescue Units

ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT
1ST RESCUE SQUAD, FORMED 1956



Rescue Division

**HISTORY OF ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICE
AS IT EVOLVES INTO EMT/PARAMEDIC SERVICE**

(By: Herman R. Bishop & Sam Trujillo)

The Fire Department was running rescue calls on pumpers and Chief's cars during the 1940's and 1950's before the rescue squads were placed into service in 1956. The apparatus was equipped with well equipped first aid kits and Emerson Oxygen resuscitators. The firemen were trained in advanced first aid by the American Red Cross. Many of the firemen were certified as First Aid Instructors. By 1956 the need for a rescue squad was established. Fire Chief Art Westerfeld placed a rescue squad into service at fire station # 1. It was manned by a Lieutenant, a Driver and a pipeman. The Chief purchased a 1956 Ford panel wagon and equipped it with Rescue tools, oxygen resuscitators, self contained breathing apparatus, back boards, ropes, fire extinguishers, picks, shovels, pry bars, and other assorted tools, and tool boxes. In 1960 a special designed rescue squad was purchased. It was a 1960 GMC panel truck with a 150 gallon water tank and a 200 GPM fire pump. It had 2-ten foot length hard suction suitable for drafting from a pond or ditch. This unit was placed at Station # 1 and the old rescue wagon was assigned to Station # 8, located at Menaul and Graceland NE. By the spring of 1962 a second GMC panel truck was ordered and a third rescue was placed into service during May 22, 1972. The three rescue units were manned by three personnel, a Lieutenant, driver, and a pipe man.

In 1973 and early 1974 Fire Chief Ray Kuhn, Bernalillo County Fire marshal Don Naylor and staff members of the Regional Medical program operated under the School of Medicine of the University of New Mexico to began proposals to provide a full paramedic system for the City and County.

On February 4, 1974 the City Government directed the fire department administration to proceed with with implementation of the Paramedic Service. R.D. Allyn, AFD District Chief was appointed as first Director of AFD's Paramedic Division on November 11, 1977. From here our story is picked up by our Fire Department friend, Fire buff/photographer Dave Windle who wrote an article for "Fire Engineering Magazine." and it appeared in the October, 1977 issue, Development of Paramedic Service, Albuquerque."

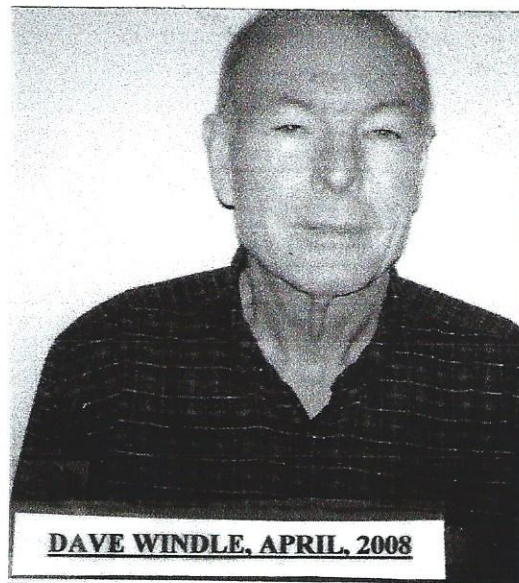
DAVE WINDLE

Dave Windle who is a local fire buff/photographer wrote this article, "Development of Albuquerque's Paramedic Service." The article was published in October, 1977 in "Fire Engineering Magazine." On June 11, 2008 Dave was awarded an "Honorary Membership," with the AFD Retiree's Association.

About Dave: Fire Buff Dave Windle reported that he lived in Albuquerque during the 1970's and early 1980's. During this Time he became friends with most of the members of the Fire Department in Albuquerque. His hobby was photographing fire Apparatus and major fires. During those years he shot thousands Of photos and has them archived in his personal collection. Currently he is sharing those photos from the past and is in the Process of putting them on CD Rom's and making them available To the AFD Retiree's Association. So far the ones we have seen Are spectacular. There are great photos of our members during That period and photos of our apparatus in use then, which have Long since been retired.

After leaving Albuquerque Dave began collecting old fire alarm boxes which were being phased out in Cities all across the nation. For several years he had his own business buying and selling fire Alarm boxes to collectors. Presently he has some left which are in storage. As soon as he can inventory the remaining boxes he will be listing them for sale to our members. More on this in Coming months

After the fire alarm business he moved to Denver where he took a job with the Denver Fire Department to work in the fire alarm communications center. After serving ten years with the Denver Fire Department he moved back to Albuquerque where he now resides.



Albuquerque fire fighter/paramedics soon realized that an important link in the emergency care system was still missing—active citizen help in emergency situations. Therefore, they pushed for the establishment of a training program for the public in basic life support. The result was the citizen emergency medical assistance program, or CEMAP, which was started in July 1976.

Developed and taught by paramedics, CEMAP is a six-hour course concentrating on keeping the patient alive until the arrival of a rescue squad. Prime emphasis is on clearing the airway, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiac compression. The course more lightly covers the treatment of severe bleeding and burns, and the Heimlich maneuver for obstructed airways. Of the six hours, approximately half the time is spent in practicing CPR on a training mannikin. CEMAP training has been accredited by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association and at the time of this writing has been presented to approximately 300 persons.

EMS growth in county

The development of EMS in Bernalillo County closely paralleled that in Albuquerque, the county seat. The 11 volunteer fire districts which protect the county were already providing rescue and first aid services of varying degrees prior to the consideration of a paramedic system in the Albuquerque area.

In the initial plans prepared by city, county and Regional Medical Program personnel, Naylor, who was county fire marshal at that time, proposed that two paramedic rescue squads be activated in the county. One would be located in the area north of the city and the other to the south, as these areas were the most populous sections of Bernalillo County. Each The first county apparatus of any type would be manned 24 hours a day, and each would have a crew of two paramedics per shift. As in the city, the units would respond to fire calls also.

Although more rescue units and manpower were desirable, budgetary limitations did not allow them at this time. To provide prompt response in areas distant from the paramedic units, the county would have to continue to depend on its volunteer fire fighters and paid drivers, so an important part of the proposal was to train as many volunteers as possible to the 81-hour EMT level. In addition, a new rescue unit was to be placed in service by volunteers at Fire District 6 in the Sandia Mountains east of Albuquerque, one of the few county districts not having some type of rescue vehicle.

Two vehicles ordered

With the approval of the EMS program by county officials in February

1974, two new modular rescue vehicles, like those ordered by Albuquerque, were placed on order. One of these was specified as a four-wheel drive unit to be assigned to the District 6 mountainous area because of snow and ice encountered during the winter. Fortunately, Fire District 9, which would have the paramedic squad in the northern county area, already had in service a new rescue vehicle of the same design as those ordered.

In early September 1974, 14 men were hired to be trained as paramedics. All were given basic fire fighting training, and then eight men began training in the 480-hour paramedic class along with the first group of men from the Albuquerque Fire Department. The other six new personnel were simultaneously trained to the 81-hour EMT level and were used to place the rescue squads at Districts 3 and 9 in service in October 1974 with one man per shift.

Upon completion of the first paramedic class, the two rescue units operated with one paramedic and one EMT until the second group of men completed the 480-hour course in April 1975. As in Albuquerque, drug kits were placed in service in May 1975 and were used on a limited basis until full paramedic operations began with the arrival of telemetry and cardiac monitoring equipment in December 1975.

Women in paramedic squads

Bernalillo County is still operating two paramedic squads with fully paid personnel, but each now has a crew of three. The additional members were added last February. These units are unique in New Mexico in that the new personnel included the state's first paid female paramedic/fire fighters.

One paid paramedic is now assigned to the rescue unit at Fire District 6 for 10 hours a day on weekdays only. This unit covers all aid calls in the mountain areas of the county, which also include Districts 10 and 11. It does not operate as a full paramedic squad at this time because it lacks telemetry and cardiac monitoring equipment, but plans are in progress to equip this squad fully as soon as possible.

District 7, west of Albuquerque, also operates a paramedic squad but without telemetry and monitoring equipment. It has two volunteer paramedics, both of who completed the same 480-hour course as the paid personnel. Purchase of the needed items for this unit is also planned in the near future.

The two paramedic units with telemetry capability use the same type equipment and the same frequencies as those used by the Albuquerque squads. The bi-monthly conferences held by the EMS Academy are also attended by county personnel for refresher training. To keep the units in service, the county

men who attend are off-duty paramedics. They get overtime pay for this.

Initial response by EMTs

In most county areas, local fire district rescue units, manned by EMTs, respond initially to aid calls and begin treatment until the arrival of the paramedic units. All paid drivers, normally one man per district during day shift weekdays only, have received EMT training and they also respond as needed.

Apparatus used by the various fire districts ranges from the modular vehicles at Districts 3, 6 and 9 to several vans and at least two combination mini-pumper/squad units.

Equipment carried on the county rescue squads differs somewhat from unit to unit due to the ability of each fire district to purchase additional equipment if its own funds permit. Basic equipment is essentially like that carried by the Albuquerque Fire Department units, but several Hurst tools are in service and one squad, that operated by District 9, has a set of MAST trousers.

Fire District 8 operates the only fire department aquatic unit in the county. Two men are certified divers and an additional eight men are trained in water rescue and recovery. These men respond with their van and equipment to incidents along the Rio Grande and the many irrigation and water diversion canals in the area.

Calls are rapidly increasing

As in the city, aid calls in Bernalillo County are rapidly increasing. During the first six months of 1977, county rescue units responded to approximately 2000 calls.

To provide prompt response of paramedic units in both Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, the advantage of a mutual aid arrangement between the two departments soon became apparent. In January 1976, such an agreement was made and units from each department began routinely responding to the jurisdictional area of the other. This was especially helpful to the city in several areas where strip annexation or rapid growth of the city had occurred, and to the county where city fire stations were conveniently located by the major east-west highway and could respond quickly into county areas for auto accidents.

Dispatch of mutual aid responses is handled by the respective department's alarm office. A direct-line telephone connection links the two and additional direct lines connect to local law enforcement agencies and to the 911 emergency operators at Albuquerque's Police Building. Radio communications between rescue units and either alarm office is provided by the statewide mutual aid frequency on all fire department radios. □ □



Rescue squad members also fight fires in Albuquerque. Here a pump operator helps a member of Rescue 3 adjust his breathing apparatus at a fire. Rescue unit is in the background



Paramedics of Bernalillo County, N. Mex., District 9 work at an auto accident scene with the aid of Albuquerque Ambulance Company personnel. This was a mutual aid response —Dave Windle photos.

Development of Paramedic Service

BY DAVE WINDLE

In a recent University of New Mexico survey of citizen attitudes toward city-provided services in Albuquerque, the fire department received a satisfaction rating of 86 percent, the best received by any city department. A large part of this rating was due, believes Albuquerque Fire Chief Arthur Martinez, to the emergency medical services provided by the department's six paramedic rescue units.

The Albuquerque Fire Department has provided first aid and rescue service for over 20 years, responding to any type of emergency or sick call. By early 1974, three rescue units were in service, each manned by three fire fighters per shift. These companies responded not only to aid calls, but also as fire fighting units to perform truck company-type work in residential areas, the majority of which consist of single-story, single-family dwellings. In addition, they augmented manpower on alarms in areas where ladder companies did respond.

In late 1973 and early 1974, Chief Ray Kuhn (now retired) worked with former Bernalillo County Fire Marshal Don Naylor and staff members of the Regional Medical Program operated under the School of Medicine of the University of New Mexico, to initiate proposals to provide a full paramedic system for the city. A total of five rescue units were to be used, and training was to be provided by the Regional Medical Program in a course to be developed specifically for that purpose.

Proposal approved

A two-tier system was proposed whereby initial care and stabilization of patients was to be provided by the rescue units, with transport to hospitals performed by a local ambulance service. Fire department paramedics would ride

with the patient as necessary to continue need life support and treatment.

On February 4, 1974, the city government directed the fire department to proceed with implementation of the plan.

Initially, two new rescue units were placed on order. Specifications for these vehicles called for a box-type modular body with outside compartments, as opposed to the smaller-bodied, compartmented rescue units then in service. The new rigs would have a full-height door on the right side for entry into the patient area, as well as double rear doors. Essentially, they were the same as modular ambulances currently on the market. They would not only have the capability of transporting patients should the need arise, but would also be suitable as a small first-aid station for fire fighters at major incidents.

A request for volunteers for the paramedic program was issued to all fire department members with a least one year of experience. This requirement was necessary regardless of previous medical training some members may have had (such as medical corpsmen in the military) because of plans to continue the response of rescue units to fires. Sixty-three fire fighters, a number of whom were already serving on rescue units, volunteered.

EMT, paramedic training

These men were trained to the 81-hour EMT level beginning in March 1974 and were assigned to existing rescue units where possible. Those who could not be given full-time assignments were transferred to stations where rescue units were in service so they could be rotated to the rescue for relief or fill-in purposes.

Concurrently, planning was begun by

the Regional Medical Program staff to develop a paramedic training program. The result was a 480-hour course, approximately two thirds of which was classroom study and practice, and the remaining third was clinical experience working with patients under medical supervision in various wards of Albuquerque hospitals.

The first of the new rescue vehicles was delivered in June 1974, allowing the activation of Rescue 4 at Station 14 in the far western part of the city. Manning was with the previously trained 81-hour EMT personnel.

Training of the first paramedic class began in September 1974 with 15 lieutenants who would act as company officers on rescue units. While this class was in progress, the second new rescue vehicle was delivered and placed in service in November 1974 as Rescue 5. Manning again was provided by EMTs from the 81-hour program.

Three classes completed

The first paramedic class completed training in December 1974 and a second class of 15 drivers was begun in January 1975. The third and final class of the initial program began in May 1975 and included not only the remaining 15 pipemen, but also several relief personnel.

In late May 1975, drug kits were installed on the rescue units, the first advanced care equipment to be provided. These kits included intravenous administration equipment, plasma expanders and a selection of drugs needed for various medical emergencies.

Because of the lack of telemetry equipment, however, only limited use could be made of the drugs due to the inability to transmit direct information from the field to cooperating hospitals and to receive authorization for drug use



Injured fire fighter is aided by Rescue 3 men at lumber yard fire.



Accident victim at school crossing is treated by Rescue 3 crew.

in response. Therefore, interim provisions were made whereby in certain clear-cut situations specific steps could be taken. For instance, in cases of full cardiac arrest, intravenous administration of D5W solution could be performed along with administration of sodium bicarbonate.

The third paramedic class graduated in August 1975, but full operation of the program still had to be delayed due to the lack of telemetry and cardiac monitoring equipment which had not yet been received. Finally in December 1975 and January 1976, the needed items arrived and, after refresher training on the equipment, full paramedic operations began on January 19, 1976.

Incident at opportune place

On that day, an incident occurred which served to bring the paramedic service to the public eye. A middle-aged man collapsed in cardiac arrest just one block from the studio of one of Albuquerque's television stations. Rescue 2, under the command of Lieutenant Bill Busick, responded and, in full view of portable television cameras and a citywide audience, proceeded to restore cardiac operation and perform its first "save" using the new equipment.

The paramedic operations of the Albuquerque Fire Department have been well accepted by the public as reflected by the increase in emergency responses over the last several years. For fiscal year 1974, the last year of non-paramedic operations, the city's three rescue squads responded to 3145 aid calls. In calendar year 1976, the units responded to 10,247 aid calls.

Six rescue units are now in service with the Albuquerque Fire Department, the last having been activated in December 1976. All rescue vehicles are manned by three fire fighters per shift and all now have modular bodies. A minimum of two paramedics and one EMT are in each crew, with all three personnel being paramedics in most

cases. These companies provide an average response time of less than four minutes to medical emergencies within the 85-square-mile area of the city.

Use of rescue men at fires

The rescue companies still respond to fire calls for search and rescue duties and to turn off utilities to involved buildings. After these initial operations, the paramedics' involvement in fire fighting is at the discretion of the officer in charge of operations. If sufficient manpower is available, the rescue crew may stand by to treat any injured. If manpower is short, they are used for necessary fire fighting duties just as any other company.

The drug kits supplied to each unit are stocked by the pharmacy at Bernalillo County Medical Center, where spare kits are kept ready for exchange with those depleted by the rescue squads. In addition, emergency trunk kits contain backup supplies to be used for major incidents or when activity is such that a delay is encountered in going to the hospital to exchange drug kits.

Communications

Communications between the rescue units and local hospitals is provided by portable radio units on each vehicle. These units have a nine-channel capability, five of which are presently active. Two channels are used for communicating and transmitting telemetry data to the two Albuquerque hospitals which have telemetry capability. These are full multiplex channels, allowing the transmission of telemetry data and two-way voice communications simultaneously. Two other channels are simplex channels, which can be used for voice communications to all five local hospitals. The fifth channel is on the frequency used by the Albuquerque Ambulance Company, allowing direct contact between the rescue units and ambulances. Radio repeater systems are active on several channels to ensure adequate signal levels.

As field experience has been gained,

the paramedic training program at the University of New Mexico's EMS Academy, the successor agency to the Regional Medical Program, has been altered to reflect this experience. Clinical rotation time in local hospitals has been shortened somewhat, with a commensurate increase in classroom time and especially in practical training and exercises in the classroom. Emphasis in clinical training has also been shifted more toward emergency room and coronary care unit activities.

At the present time, trainees spend a total of 24 hours in the coronary care or intensive care units, 72 hours in the emergency room, and 8 hours in the operating room, the latter primarily in starting IVs. This time is not served consecutively, but is interwoven with classroom training to bring emphasis to various experiences encountered on clinical duty. An additional 40 hours is served on active paramedic units under the supervision of experienced field personnel.

Twice each month, two of the six rescue companies are sent to a half-day conference held by the EMS Academy. These feature speakers from the local medical community, as well as from the academy staff, who discuss medical problems and methods of treatment and review actual cases. This serves not only as refresher training, but allows field personnel to ask specific questions regarding the most appropriate treatment in patients they have encountered.

Recertification test

New Mexico paramedics must be recertified every two years by the New Mexico Health and Social Services Division. Recertification testing is administered by the EMS Academy and consists of a written test of approximately 160 questions plus practical tests of paramedics' abilities in patient assessment and performance of life-support maneuvers.

Even with the advanced care being provided by the new program, Albu-