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**ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1924
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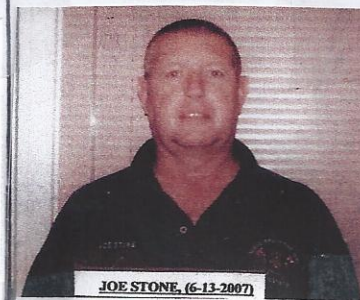
The Fire Department has a fully paid two platoon system. Personnel include a fully paid Fire Chief, one paid Assistant Chief and 19 fully paid firemen. There are two Fire stations, Central Fire Station located at City Hall on West Tijeras Avenue & North 2 nd Street. There is one Chief and 12 firemen at this station. The Chief's auto is Owned by the Chief and rented by the City. One American La France triple combination, 750 gallon pumper, a chemical 40 gallon and hose auto truck with 1200 feet of 2 ½ hose in Good condition is housed here along with one 75 foot American La France aerial auto truck. There is a reserve 750 gallon triple combination pumper with 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch hose, With a 40 gallon chemical tank here in good condition.

Fire Station # 2 is located at 214 South Edith Street. There is One Assistant Chief and 7 firemen stationed here. One American La France triple combination 750 gallon pumper, 40 gallon chemical and hose auto truck with 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch hose in good condition. The department is fully motorized. The Gamwell fire alarm system has 41 boxes which includes 12 fire boxes of A.T. & S. F. R. R. Companies box system. Their general alarm is by whistle at the pump house.

Fire alarm headquarters is located at City Hall and Central Fire Station which is of fire proof Construction. The A. T. & S. F. R. R Company maintains a fully paid Fire department consisting of one fully paid Fire Chief and 3 fully paid firemen. There are also 7 volunteer, part paid, firemen here. The railroad fire station is located on the railroad grounds near South First Street & Atlantic. This station has one American La France combination 40 gallon chemical auto truck with 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose in excellent condition. There is a reciprocal arrangement between the railroad fire department and the City fire department for responding to calls in the event of serious conflagration.

March 9, 2011 Monthly Meeting

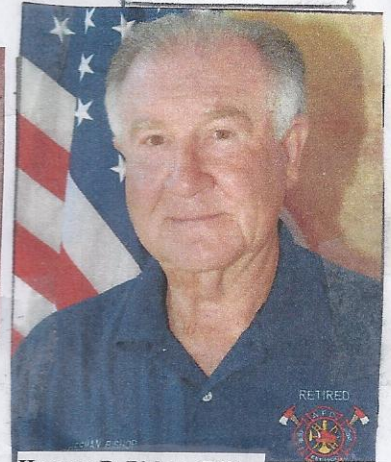
On Wednesday March 9, 2011 President Sam Trujillo called the 127 th monthly meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, located at 4100 Edith N.E. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed in honor of our deceased members. Since our last meeting retiree Horacio Quintana passed away. Special honors were given to Horace. After roll call President Sam Trujillo introduced our guest Cynthia Borrego who is running for the PERA board as well as running for the executive board of the Rio Grande Credit Union. Also Lucy Sedillo is running as a member of the executive board of the Credit Union. Both Cynthia and Lucy are friends of our firefighters.



JOE STONE, (6-13-2007)

JOE STONE

Joe is the official photographer For AFD. He is an honorary member of the Retiree's Association. Recently he has been researching the history of AFD. He Submitted this story for our newsletter.



Herman R. Bishop, Editor

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ANNUAL PICNIC
The Retiree Annual Picnic will be held In September, 2011. Details Forthcoming

The President's report was given by Sam Trujillo. He commended the retiree honor guard for their impressive showing at the Blue Mass on March 1, 2011. He also thanked the Honor Guard for the fine job they did in paying tribute and honors to our deceased brother Horacio Quintana. Sam has worked diligently with the Firefighter's Union Leadership, Local 244, Diego Arencon and Ahren Griego, Vice President at the New Mexico State Legislature to ensure that bills favorable to firefighters were maintained. Most importantly they worked tirelessly to defeat Senate Bill 204 which proposed eliminating the annual 3 % COLA for retired firefighters. Our hats are off to Sam, Diego and Ahren for their tireless efforts to gain legislation favorable to active duty and retired firefighters alike. To all three we give a hearty firefighter's salute. Sam also recognized and thanked Louis Trujillo, Bill Raupfer, Al Armentta, and Gerald Grimm for their assistance at the N.M. State Legislature.

Sam gave notice that elections will be conducted in June, 2011 for Vice President, Treasurer and Historian . The terms are for 2 years. He appointed Ray Flores and Tommy Romero to the election committee. Please submit names of candidates to Ray and Tommy.

The February Secretary's report was given by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was given by Marx Deer and Bill Raupfer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. John noted that we will began our annual donations fund drive shortly and asks everyone to please support our association. Please call John if you have any questions. Ralph Sedillo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Noel Baca. The motion Carried.

Historian Herman Bishop gave a report on the Blue Mass and commended the retirees who participated in the ceremonies. Herman gave a eulogy for our deceased brother Horacio Quintana. Chief Breen recently sent a letter to all who had signed up for the Fire Department Yearbook notifying them that the project has been cancelled. Refund checks will be sent to all who paid. Herman recognized our Honorary Members Joe Stone and Dave Windle for their photos and research on AFD history. Their work has been exceptionally valuable to our association.

Bill Raupfer heads up the retiree Honor Guard and Funeral Detail. He is pleased with recent ceremonial activities and is especially pleased with our new fire bell and the pomp and ceremonies that go with the bell. (Ringing the 4- fives).

We have been notified that the following people have been on our recent sick roster, Danny Tate's wife, Rudy Sanchez' son, Gene Baca, and Eddie Torres' Grand daughter. We wish them all the best and hopefully a speedy recovery.

Sam Trujillo led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P. M.



A. T. & S.F. RAIL ROAD FIRE COMPANY, 1905

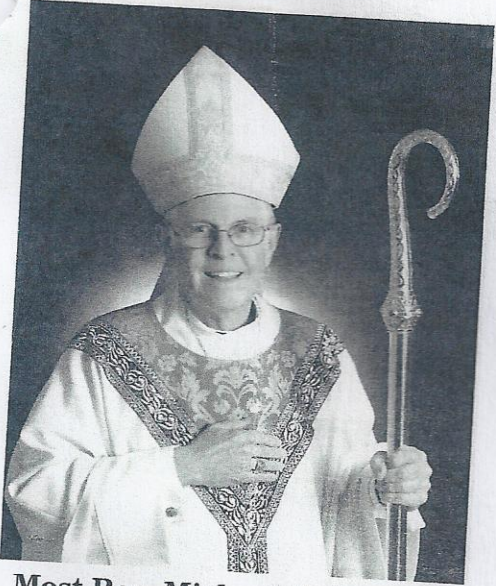


ALBUQUERQUE, JUNIOR FIRE BRIGADE, 1886

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THE 4th ANNUAL BLUE MASS

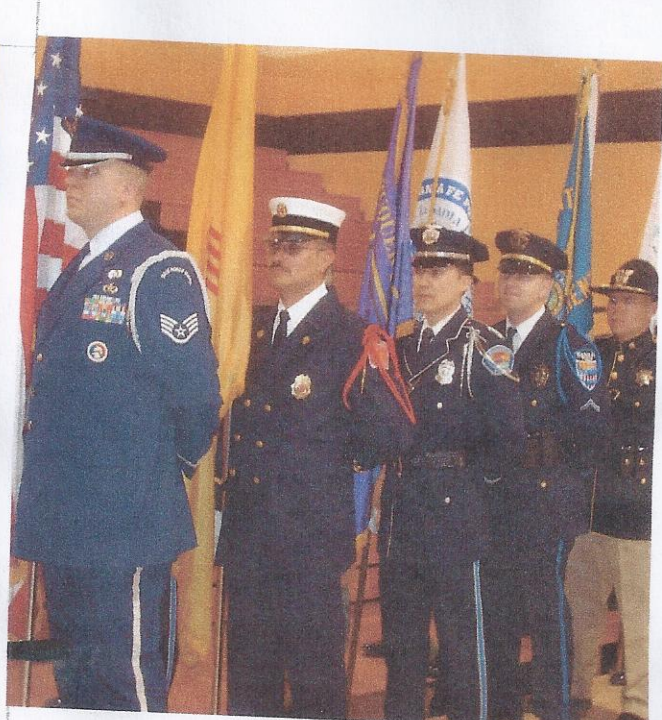
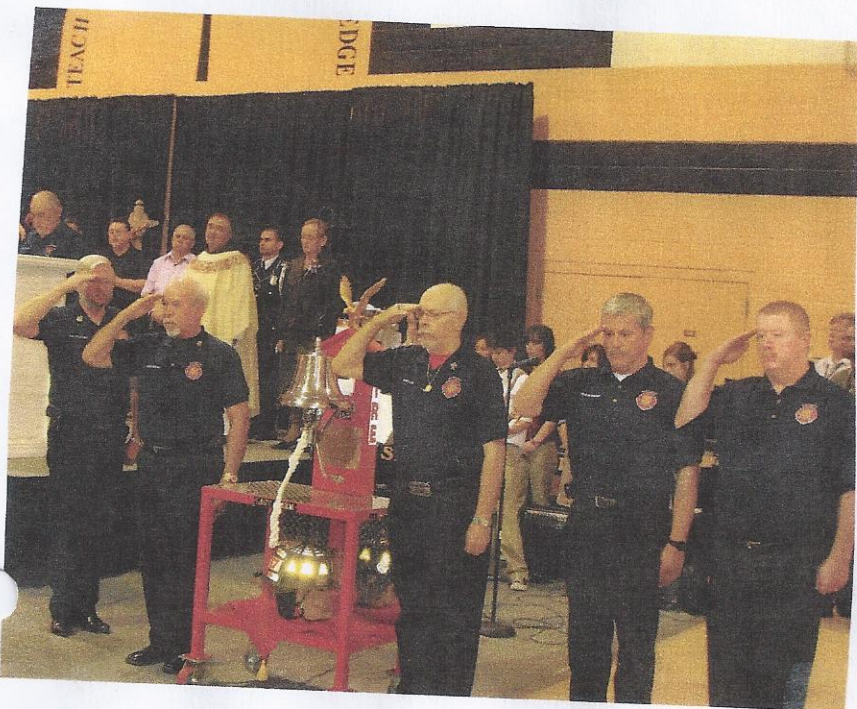
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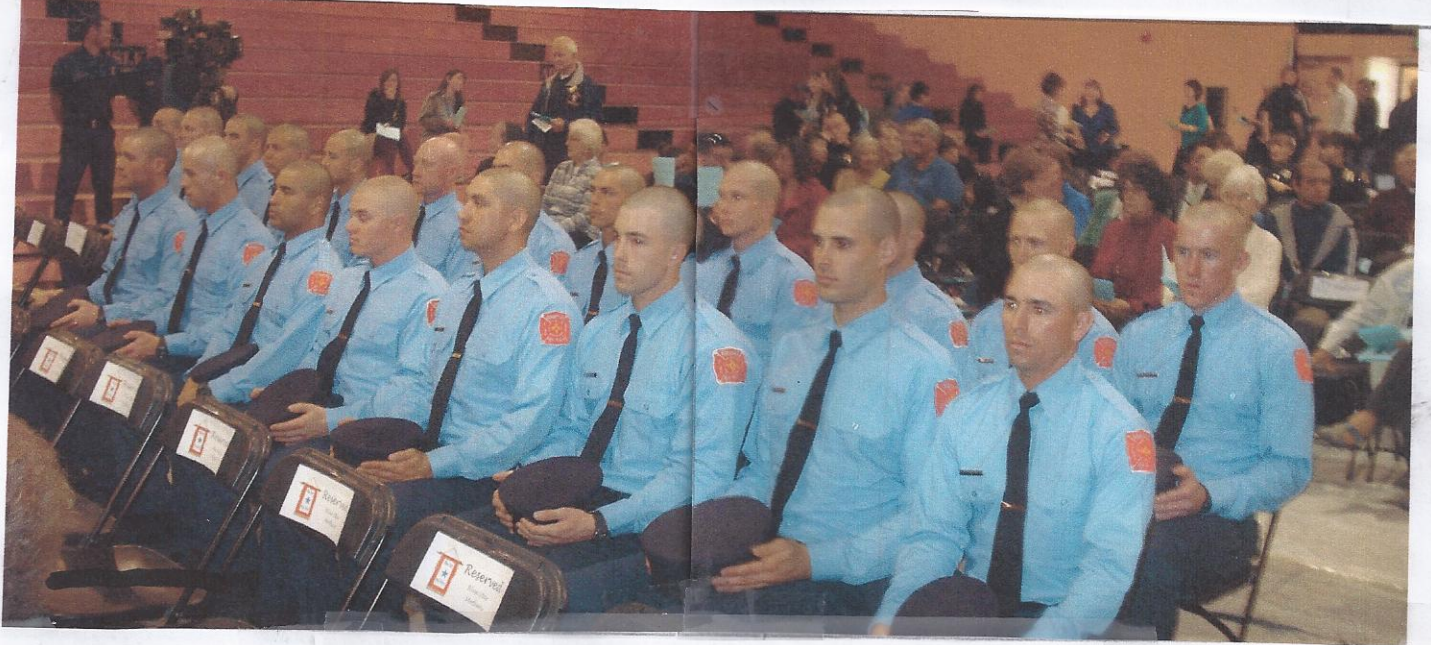


Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan
Archbishop of Santa Fe

As we gather here today for the Blue Mass, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your service to the community, on behalf of the people of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Your commitment to serve and protect our community is greatly appreciated. Because we know you put yourself in harm's way protecting us, making our community safe to live in. I know the sacrifice your families also have to make. I pray that God will protect and keep you safe as you continue to serve our communities. May the peace and love of God be with you and your families.

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan





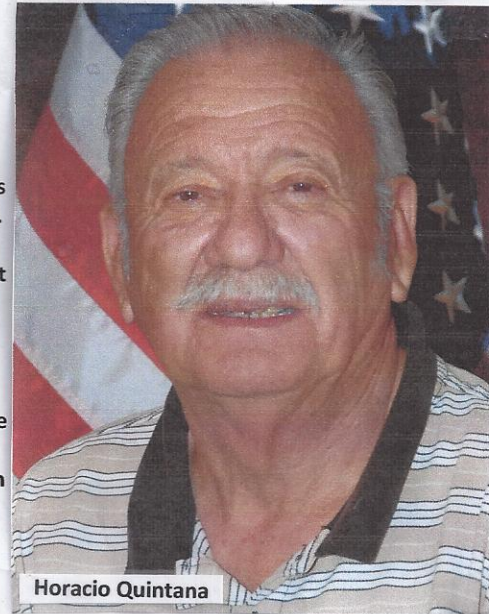
THE 4 TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS, MARCH 1, 2011



AFD RETIREE HORACIO QUINTANA PASSES AWAY

It is with regret that we report that On March 4, 2011 AFD retiree Horacio Quintana passed away after a brief illness. Horace joined AFD in August 1957 when there were 11 Fire Stations and about 200 firefighters. 8 people were hired along with Horace. Training was on the job. There was no Fire Academy and the department used 2 ½ Inch hose. That year Fire Chief Art Westerfeld formed the Fire Training School, Fire Prevention Bureau, and established the first rescue squad. He worked mostly out of Station # 1 And served on the pumpers, Ladders and Rescue Squad. In those days firemen worked 60 hours a week, 2 weeks day shifts and then 2 weeks night shifts. They had two days off each week.

He was promoted to fire alarm operator by Fire Chief Simon Seligman in the early 1960's. The Alarm Room Supervisor was Lucio "Lucky" Valdez. At that time there were no civilian staff Personnel. Just the Fire Chief's Secretary. In addition to serving as fire dispatchers The Alarm operators served as administrative Assistants to the Fire Chief. They maintained the payroll, sick leave and vacation records, Overtime rosters, City maps, fire hydrant maps. The main speciality of Horace was to update and maintain the City Maps. He served under three fire alarm Superintendents, "Lucky Valdez, Raymond "Cookie" Chavez, and Al Villescas.



Horacio Quintana

Horacio was known for giving his fellow workers nick names. Examples: Nick Saavedra (Hands) Joe Dauber (Preacher), Virgil Harcrow (Scarecrow) Anastacio Padilla (Gomer), Herman Jaramillo (Teardrops) Dale Noblett (Pinky), and Sebastain Mirabal (Sammy Davis Jr.)

Horace remembered sometime during the early 1970's that calls flooded the alarm room reporting that the volcanoes were erupting on the West mesa. Although skeptical he dispatched Engine # 14 to investigate. Sure enough columns of black smoke was coming from the volcanoes. Upon investigation it was determined that huge piles of old car tires had been set on fire by pranksters and were emitting large columns of black smoke. Engine # 14 extinguished the fire and went home.

One day while on duty Horace received a strange call. The voice of the caller seemed non-human. It sounded like a muffled electronic voice, something from an outer space movie. The caller sounded sincere yet muffled. The person was reporting an electrical transformer fire in the Northeast heights. Although apprehensive Horace dispatched a pumper to investigate. Sure enough there was a transformer on fire. The call was legitimate. The caller had lost his voice box due to cancer and was using an electronic voice device to communicate.

Horace was always proud to be a firefighter, but more importantly, he was proud to have had the privilege to serve as a fire alarm operator. Many times he thought of the many interesting people he met and the thousands of citizens he helped.

After serving 27 years with the fire department Horacio Quintana retired during April 1984. His great love was spending time with his family, especially his grand children. When the AFD Retiree's association was formed in June, 2000 Horace was one of the first members. He served as a good and faithful member of the Retiree' Association for over ten years.

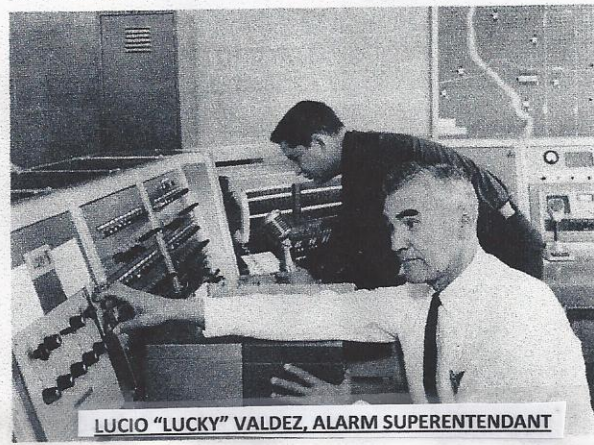
Note: Horacio's son Chris Quintana is an active duty firefighter with AFD.

CENTRAL ALARM OFFICE ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1964

A general view of the Central Alarm Office. The telephone switchboard, the telegraph alarm control panels, two-way radio control panel and the telephone recorders which record all incoming emergency calls are all located here.



Pictured here is the procedure followed after an emergency call is received. The operator in the foreground is transmitting a coded telegraphic signal to the responding station. The operator in the background prepares to announce the location of the fire. This broadcast is received at the station or stations responding.



LUCIO "LUCKY" VALDEZ, ALARM SUPERINTENDANT

JOAQUIN WILSON
FUTURE FIREFIGHTER

An eleven year boy, Joaquin Wilson Wants to be a firefighter. Thanks to John Serino, Mark Chavez and the Crews of Engine # 6 headed by Capt. Ahren Griego and Rescue # 6 crew Headed by Lt. Dan David .They made His dream come true for a day on Saturday April 9, 2011 at Station # 6. John Serino read an article in The Albuquerque Journal about Joaquin who lives at the Children Youth and Families Department Foster Home. He is looking for a Family to adopt him. He loves to Draw and plays video games. He Is a member of the Nambe tribe North of Sante Fe. He has a great Personality and a quick smile. He Makes friends easily and loves the Firemen and fire trucks.



L-R, Fire Chief Jim Breen, Liz Afhling, Joquin, Lt. Dan David

Joaquin Is enrolled in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and is in the 5 th grade. His caretaker Liz Afhling accompanied him on his day at the firehouse. Fire Chief Jim Breen welcomed him to the Fire Department and appointed him to "Honorary Firefighter." Engine # 6 crew and Rescue #6 crew presented him with gifts which included shoes, clothes and toys. He was presented an official Fire Department T-shirt, his size, donated by Pablo Garcia Jr. Joining the group to welcome Joaquin was Sam Trujillo and Herman Bishop of the AFD Retiree's Association. The firefighters at Station # 6 prepared a delicious firehouse meal consisting of hamburgers, green chile, macroni and cheese, and broccli. Also served were cakes, pies and cookies.

Joaquin was allowed to start the fire engine, blow the air horn, don a fire helmet and turnout gear, and squirt water from the fire hose. Joaquin said, "the firemen are great, and now I really want to be a firefighter." A great day it was, including Chief Breen, the firefighters and the AFD Retirees.



MEMBERS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ATTEND A PROGRAM ON THE HISTORY OF AFD. PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION (4-10-2011)

ALBUQUERQUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS VISIT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Sunday afternoon April 10 th, 2011 members of the Albuquerque Historical Society attended a program at the Albuquerque Fire Academy on the history of the Fire Department dating back to 1882. The group was led by Janet Saiers, President of the historical society. Their group is working diligently to preserve Albuquerque's history and to get members of the community interested and involved.

The program was opened by President Sam Trujillo who welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the AFD Retiree's Association. He introduced Janet Saiers President of the Historical Society. Janet thanked all who attended and gave an overview of the purpose of the Historical Society. Historian Herman Bishop gave a talk on the history of AFD dating from 1882 when the Fire Department was formed as a volunteer fire brigade to present date. He also gave a tour of the photos displayed in the auditorium and in the museum dating from the turn of the century (1900) and explained who the people and events depicted in the pictures were.

John Serino gave a talk on the memorial plaque displayed in the lobby in honor of our retired firefighters. Ralph Sedillo took the group into the museum and explained how he had restored the two antique fire trucks, a 1920, 75 foot American La France aerial ladder truck (Albuquerque's first aerial) and a 1927 American La France fire truck which was purchased after Pumper # 2 was totaled out after a wreck .

Sam Trujillo pointed out the retiree brass tags honor roll boards displayed in the museum. Tom Romero gave a tour and explained the tradition of the special displays presented by each cadet class to the department after their graduation. The plaques are displayed throughout the building and list names of instructors, cadet names, the date of graduation and number of the cadet class.

The following retirees assisted in welcoming guests and answering questions posed by the group. They were: Noel Baca, Marx Deer, Bill Raupfer and Fred Casias.

At the conclusion Janet Saiers thanked the AFD Retiree's for the afternoon's informative and interesting program. She stated, " This piece of Albuquerque's history adds to the overall of picture of our past and adds to the rich and colorful story which makes Albuquerque great !"



Albuquerque Fire Department about 1935, Center Mayor Clyde Tingley, Chief Art Westerfeld

April Monthly Meeting -The 128th monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. on April 13, 2011. The meeting was held at the firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N. E. President Sam Trujillo led the Pledge of "Allegiance and Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was held for our deceased members. **Roll Call:** President Sam Trujillo, Vice President Eddie Torres, Secretary Fred Casias, Historian Herman Bishop. Absent, John Serino, Treasurer. **Advisory Board Members:** Eugene Baldonado, Vince Holcomb, Fred Teupell, John Herrera, Ray Flores, Bill Raupfer, Noel Baca, Joe Martinez, Tommy Romero, Santos Abeyta, Juan Sandoval Louis C. Trujillo, and Pablo Garcia Jr.

The Horacio Quintana family sent a letter of thanks for the retiree's assistance and honors paid to their father at both the Rosary and Funeral Mass. Lucy Sedillo sent a letter of thanks to the retirees for their assistance and votes for her re-election to the Credit Union executive board. Eddie Torres thanked everyone who participated in the Matanza /fund raiser for his granddaughter Destiney.

Bill Raupfer head of the retiree honor guard presented Ray Flores an official retiree jacket for his faithful participation on the honor guard by serving as our official trumpeter.

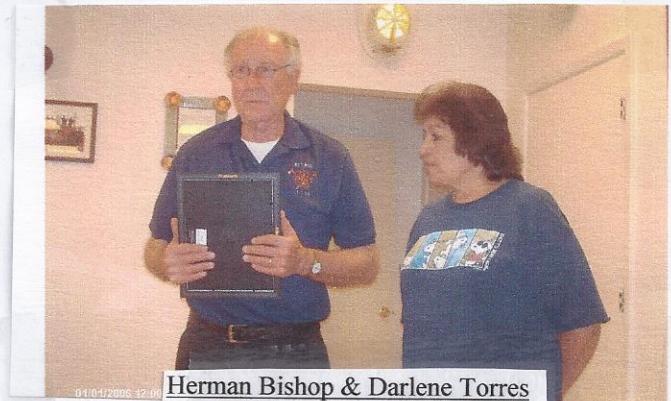
Our guests were Darlene Torres, her daughter Andrea and Grandson Xavier. There were no guest speakers. Sam Trujillo reported that Chief Breen will hold ceremonies at the Fire Academy on April 21, 2011, @ 11:00 A. M. to honor the 2010 retirees.

The Secretary's report was read by Fred Casias for the March, 2011 monthly meeting. A motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and seconded by Santos Abeyta. The motion carried. Due to the absence of our Treasurer John Serino, Louis Trujillo made a motion to suspend the Treasurers report. The motion was seconded by Bill Raupfer. The motion carried.

The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He discussed the honors given to an eleven year old boy Joaquin Wilson who was made fireman for a day on April 9, 2011 at Station # 6. (see article, P-6). Herman read a nice letter from retiree Bob Knevitt and his wife Honey who sent best wishes to the retirees on the sick roster and commended members of the Association for the quarterly newsletter, and thanked those who made the fire bell a reality. Bob can not attend monthly meetings because he works nights. The annual fund drive was kicked off in April with a special newsletter requesting donations. "We hope to hear from all of you on this fund drive !"

A special certificate of appreciation was made to Darlene Torres by Herman Bishop honoring her work for making the carriage that wraps around the base of the fire bell. Darlene was also recognized for being a good friend of the retirees and by preparing food for almost all of our events such as monthly meetings, annual picnic and Christmas Party.

Herman reported that our presentation on the History of AFD to the Albuquerque Historic Society was well received. (see story, P-7).



Herman Bishop & Darlene Torres

Best wishes to Louie Padilla and Solomon Jojola who are on the sick roster. Sincere condolences Go to retiree Dale Noblit who recently lost his dear son

The closing prayer was led by Joe Maldonado. The meeting adjourned @ 8:50 P.M.

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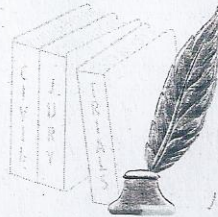
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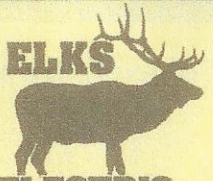
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1920 AMERICAN LA FRANCE 75' AERIAL LADDER TRUCK

On April 19, 1915 Fire Chief Jacob Klein submitted his annual report to the City Council and he recommended that the City purchase a 75' motor driven aerial ladder truck.

Fred Russell was Fire Chief and John T. McLaughlin was mayor when the City Commission approved \$20,000 for the purchase of a 75' motor driven aerial ladder truck. It was manufactured in Elmira, New York by the American La France factory. The new ladder truck arrived by train in Albuquerque on December 31, 1920.

The truck was a tillered vehicle and had a steering wheel in the front and steering wheel in the back. The wheel base was 29 feet, two inches. The wheels were cast iron steel in the front and the back wheels were artillery type. It was powered by a 105 horse power 6 cylinder engine. The engine was aluminum and cast iron with three separate heads, two cylinders per head. The bore was 5 ½ inches and the stroke was 5 inches. Other equipment included 4-kerosene lanterns, 4-rubber fire buckets, and a siren that was hand cranked by a fireman.

The first fire call occurred on January 24, 1921 to the Economist store at 308 West Central Avenue. There was a small electrical fire and the firemen quickly extinguished it.

The truck was known as Ladder # 1 and was stationed at the downtown station # 1 located at 2 nd Street and Tijeras N.W. After 23 years service it was retired in 1945. In the late 1940's it was donated to the City of Morarity, N. M. In the late 1950's it was acquired by the Longhorn Ranch, a roadside attraction directly east of Morarity, adjacent to Interstate - 40.

A gentleman who regularly drove between Albuquerque and Amarillo was fascinated by the old fire truck slowly deteriorating outside in the sun with no cover. Mr. Ross Speer was a security administrator for the old Atomic Energy Commission. First he worked for Sandia Labs and then for Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant in Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Speer bought the truck got it running and had lots of fun driving it about town, visiting neighbors and showing it off. After Mr. Speer died in 1977 his widow, Roberta Speer, offered the vehicle for sale to the City of Albuquerque. Mayor Ken Schultz and Fire Chief Gerald Grimm agreed on a price of \$7,500 and purchased the truck from Mrs. Speers.

Firefighter Ralph Sedillo was given the job along with firefighter Pablo Garcia Jr. and Frank Apodaca, fire department maintenance, to restore the old rig. The City provided the men the time and money to complete the job.

Working from American La France catalogs Sedillo and his crew used the City Maintenance yards off 4 th Street to turn the vintage truck into a restored masterpiece. They had to fabricate new fenders, a steering wheel, new ladders, reworked the motor, found new solid rubber tires, and gave the entire truck a snappy new red paint job.

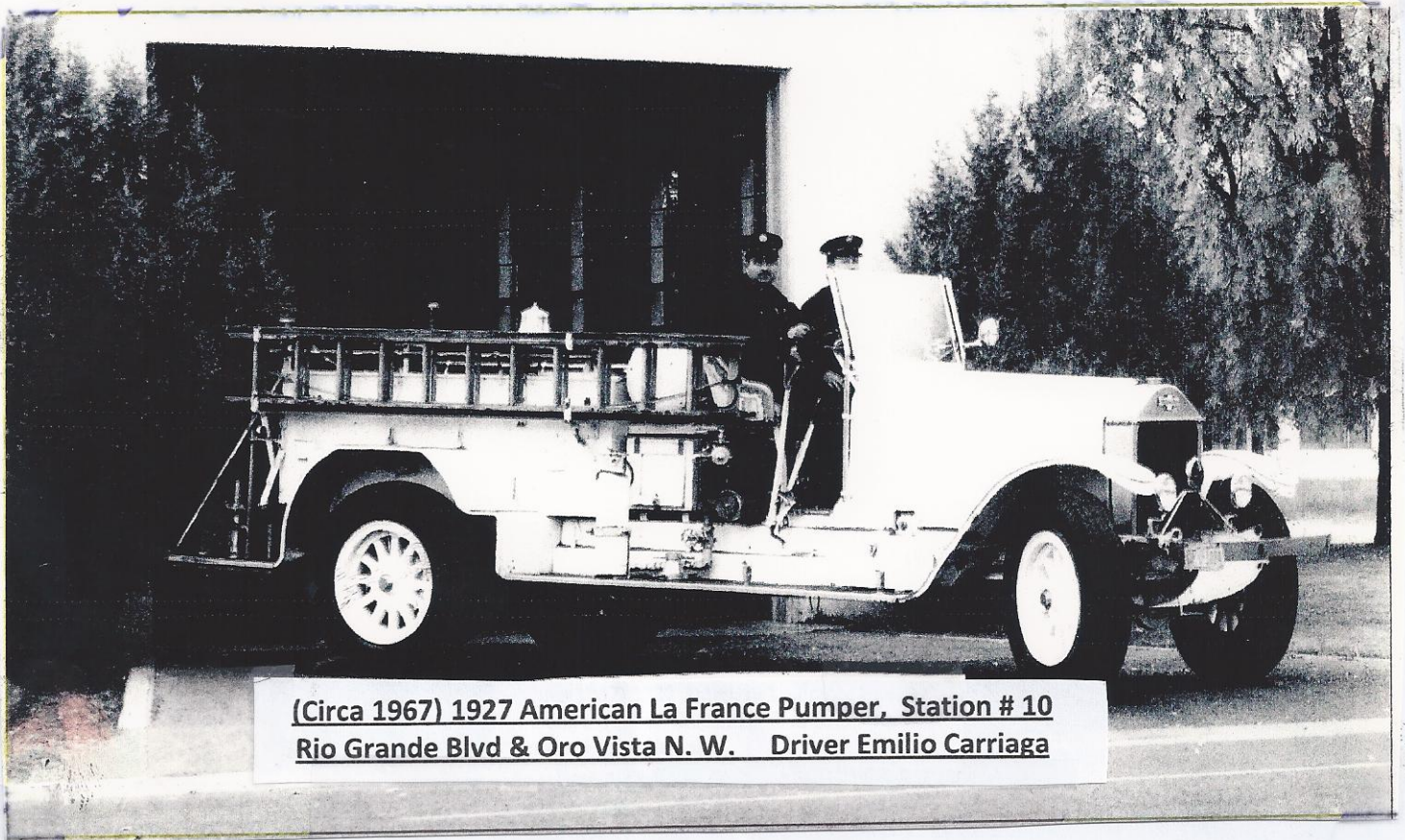
Ralph said, "there was no Pep Boys store or local parts store to find parts for this antique truck." The restoration crew led by Ralph Sedillo had to be creative and inventive to put it all together. Today the antique ladder truck is displayed at the Albuquerque Fire Department Museum, located at the West side Fire Academy, 11500 Sunset Gardens S. W.

Recently Ralph had the opportunity to give a lecture about restoring the antique truck to the Albuquerque Historical Society during their Fire Department visit to learn about the History of the Fire Department. Ralph was instrumental in forming the AFD Retiree's Association and presently serves as the Association's Advisory Board.

Prepared By: Herman R. Bishop, Historian



1920 American La France, 75' Aerial Ladder



**(Circa 1967) 1927 American La France Pumper, Station # 10
Rio Grande Blvd & Oro Vista N. W. Driver Emilio Carriaga**

1927 AMERICAN LA FRANCE PUMPER
(May 15, 2011)

The Fire Department bought this pumper truck in 1927 as a replacement for old Engine # 2 which had been totaled out in a wreck earlier in the year. It arrived on July 12, 1927. Clyde Tingley was Mayor and Fred Russell was the Fire Chief.

On May 24, 1927 Fire Chief Russell and his driver Simon Seligman were responding to a fire call when the Fire Chief's car collided with pumper # 2 causing them to collide with a City street car. It turned out to be a false alarm.

Chief Russell and fireman Seligman were both almost killed in the wreck. They were rushed to the hospital emergency room. Chief Russell had his ear torn off, had his ribs busted and a broken arm. The Doctors were able to sew Chief Russell's ear back on.

Simon Seligman had a broken leg and his ribs were busted. Both men were in critical condition but survived. Russell served four more years as Chief once he recovered. Seligman became Fire Chief in 1962 and spent 41 years with the department.

This pumper saw 30 years service on the line, about 25 years as an active pumper and then about 5 years as a reserve pumper. It was taken out of service about 1957 and retired. The truck has been refurbished twice, once when Albuquerque had white fire trucks. Later, in 1977 it was refurbished again by Firefighter Ralph Sedillo. For 40 years we used the truck in parades and fire prevention displays. Some times we used it to pump out the duck and seal ponds at the Zoo and to pump out the City swimming pool by the Zoo.

During the 1980's because the truck had frequent break-downs and repairs were expensive we built a trailer and hauled it to displays and parades rather than driving it. Two years ago when the new Fire Academy was built the truck was placed in the Fire Museum along with the 1920 ladder truck and is now on permanent display.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION - (Information provided by Fire Chief Ray Kuhn, April 28, 1972).

Taken out of service, 1957. 1927 built in Elmira, New York by the American La France Company. Cost, \$20,000. Horsepower-115, piston size- 4 ½ inch bore, 5 ¼ inch stroke, Updraft Carburetor - gravity flow, Engine- Aluminum & Cast Iron, 3-separate heads-two pistons per head

Priming cups were used on the heads in 1927 and later because the batteries were not powerful enough to turn the engine over. Sometimes gasoline was put into the priming cups and the engine had to be hand cranked to get it started.

The radiator is made by Rolls Royce, and is the only thing on the truck foreign made. The pump is a rotary gear and was originally rated at 750 GPM. The last test many years ago it only pumped 550 GPM at 120 psi.

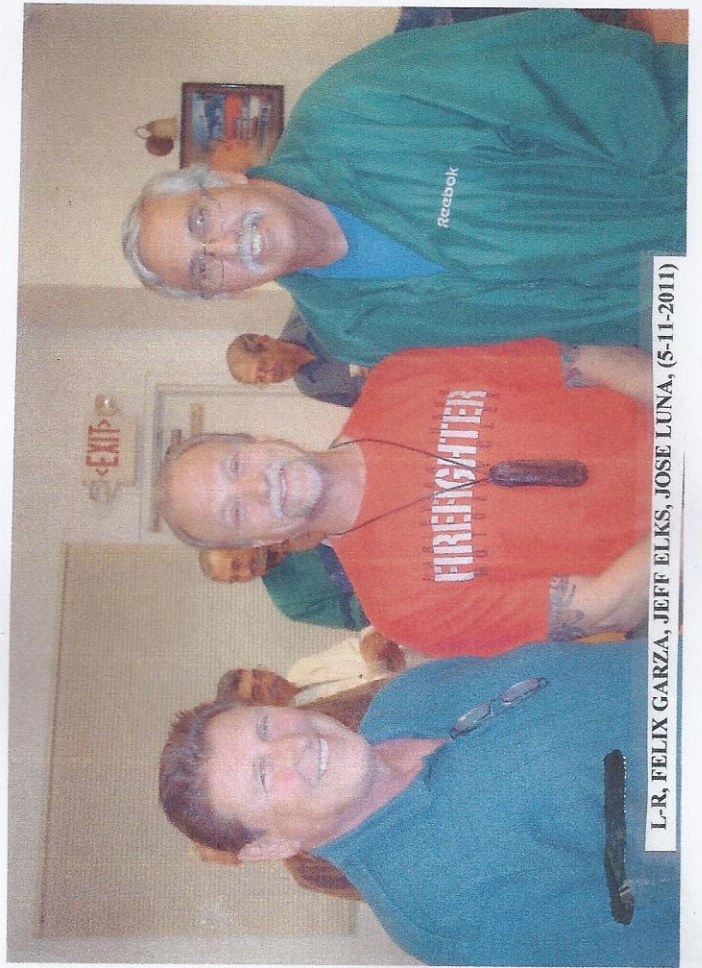
The gasoline tank is 40 gallons capacity and the steering is the cam and lever type. The "K" valve located on the right side of the pump is operated as a relief valve. The large chrome valve on the front side of the pump is a relief valve. It is used to allow water to by-pass from discharge to intake side of pump if "K" valve were to fail.

You may view this antique truck at the Fire Museum located at the Fire Academy Complex, 11,500 Sunset Gardens S.W.

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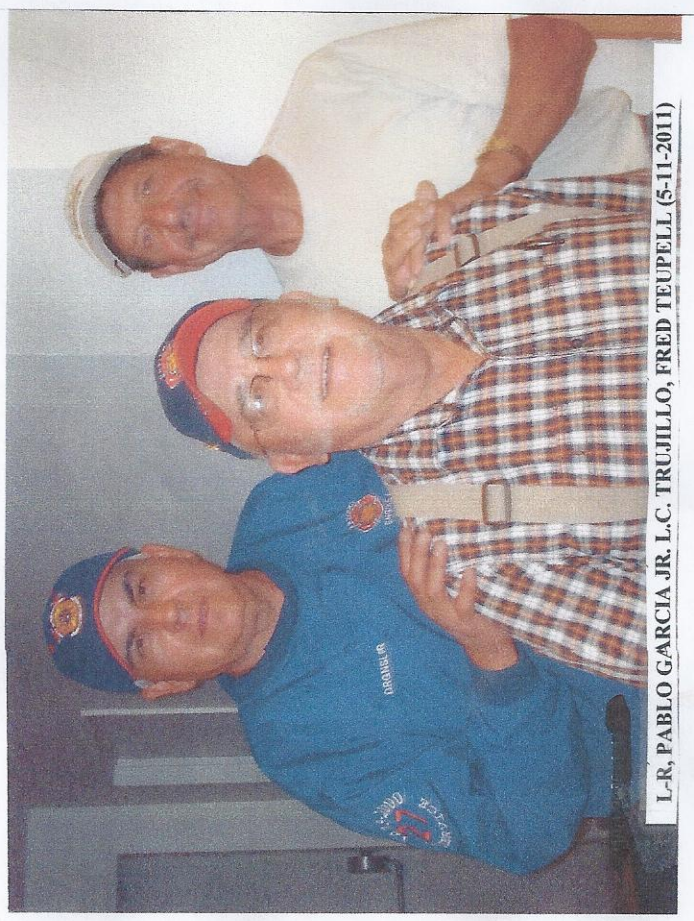
J.-R. JUAN SANDOVAL, T.V. JARAMILLO, SOLOMON JOJOLA (5-11-2011)



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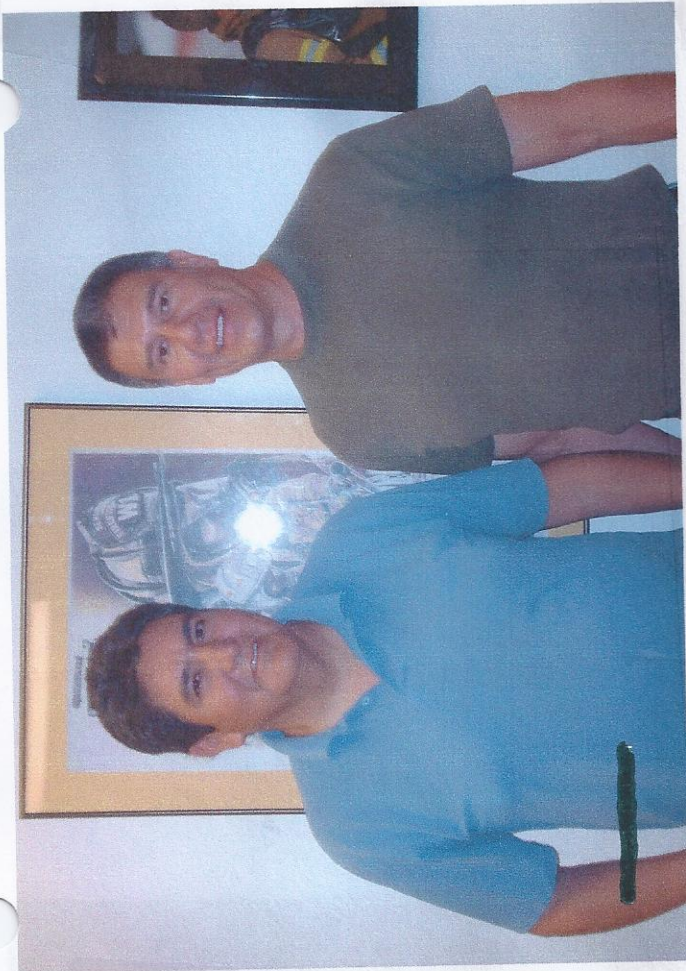
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L.-R, PABLO GARCIA JR. L. C. TRUJILLO, FRED TEUPELL (5-11-2011)



Sam Trujillo & Ray Flores (4-20-2011)
Ray is recovering from hip surgery



ELOY MALDONADO & JAMES PARRA (4-13-2011)



L-R, EDDIE TORRES, RUDDY SANCHEZ, LEROY BARBOA (5-11-2011)



L-R, TOM ROMERO, RALPH SEDILLO, DOUG SIEBEN (5-11-2011)



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April 18, 2011

Dear Captain Ahren Griego – Mike, Mark, Steve, Jerome, John Serino AFD Retiree, Mike McKinstry Fire Fighters, Random Acts, Sam Trujillo Retired FF, Esquipula from Laguna, and all the guys at Fire Station 6:

Wow, what a wonderful day!!! I watched Joaquin grow in pride and inches as he interfaced with all of you. Your professional love as Fire Fighters' was evident and your care to assist Joaquin to get to know you all with his tour of the fire station, the drawing experience that Mark created with him, the fire truck ride, shopping with you for lunch supplies each action you took to show him the life of a fire fighter. It was so very special that Fire Chief Breen came to present Joaquin with the certificate as an Honorary Fire Fighter and then that you all dressed him in fire fighters gear. What a magnificent day.

Joaquin was so happy and full from his day with you all. On Monday he took his Firefighter cap and Certificate to school to show everyone. You made such a difference in his life.

Thank you all,

Liz Ashling
Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter

Note: See Joaquin's Story P-6

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May Monthly Meeting - The 129th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was called to order at 7: 10 P.M. on May 11, 2011 by President Sam Trujillo. The meeting was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith Street N.E. After the Pledge of Allegiance Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was observed for our deceased retirees.

Roll Call- President Sam Trujillo, Vice President Eddie Torres, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, John Serino and Historian Herman Bishop. Advisory Board Members- Eugene Baldonado, Juan Sandoval, Ralph Sedillo, Fred Teupell, Bill Raupfer, Tommy Romero, Santos Abeyta, L.C. Trujillo, Pablo Garcia Jr.

President's Report, Sam Trujillo- Sam advised that the retirees have been invited to speak to the Fire Cadets on June 14, 2011, 4:00 P.M. at the Fire Academy. Also the Fire Cadet graduation will be held on June 17, 2011, Friday, 2:00 P. M. at the Kimo Theater, downtown at 5th and Central Avenue N.W. All retirees are invited to attend the ceremonies.

Fred Casias read the minutes of the April 13, 2011 monthly meeting. Ralph Sedillo made a motion to accept the minutes as read and a second was made by Marx Deer. The minutes were approved.

John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He gave a sincere thanks to all who responded to our annual request for donations. (See the April 22, 2011 fund drive newsletter). If you have not sent your donations in please contact John Serino 710-6030 or mail to AFD Retirees 1504 Hermosa S.E. Albuquerque, N.M. 87108. Your donations are tax deductible and we need your support financially. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Herman Bishop gave the Historian's report. He told about the 1927 American La France Pumper now displayed in the Fire Museum. It was a replacement truck purchased after old Pumper # 2, a 1924 American La France Pumper, was totaled out after a wreck when the Fire Chief's car collided with the pumper and a City Street Car. Chief Fred Russell and his driver Simon Seligman were both seriously injured in the wreck. Both men recovered and Chief Russell served several more years as Chief until his death in 1931. Simon Seligman later was appointed to Fire Chief in 1962.

Herman recently contacted retiree John Nash. We had lost track of John for several years. He and his wife served as missionaries with their church in Mexico for thirteen years. John now lives in Stanley, New Mexico and serves as Pastor of the Stanley Union Church. John was a Charter member of the Firefighter's Union, Local 1455 (now Local 244). He has been invited to the June 8th monthly meeting to receive a plaque honoring his contribution in forming the Firefighter's Union.

Chaplain Mark Chavez presented a nice letter from Liz Ashling, CYFD, thanking the Firefighter's, Retiree's and Chief Breen for hosting Joaquin Wilson at Fire Station # 6 on April 9, 2011 and making him an Honorary Firefighter.

Marx Deer submitted nominees for the following Officer positions coming up for election at our June 8, 2011 monthly meeting. Running for Vice President, Bill Raupfer, Treasurer, John Serino and Historian, Herman Bishop. The positions are for two terms and the Officers will be sworn in at the July, 2011 monthly meeting.

The firefighter's at Station # 5 donated a bicycle to the retirees and President Sam Trujillo conducted a raffle at the May meeting. It was won by Felix Garza. \$68.00 was raised in the raffle. A big thanks to Sam Trujillo who installed new tubes and got the bicycle in running order.

Best wishes to the following people on the sick leave roster: Ray Flores, hip fracture, Bruno Bernasconi knee replacement, Florinio Sanchez re-hab center, Hank Delgado cancer, Gary Hansen shoulder replacement. Sincere condolences to Jose Luna on the death of his son recently.

The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Mark Chavez

The May meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROFILE

(February 7, 2011)

- 7 00 - Uniformed Personnel
 - 21- Fire Stations
 - 23 - Engine Companies
 - 7- Ladder Companies
 - 18 - Rescue Units (Transport Capable)
- 182 - Square Miles, City of Albuquerque
- 448, 600 Population, City Proper
- 780, 614 - Population Greater Metro Area

Two-Tier Emergency Rescue/Medical Services

- 471 - Basic Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's)
- 202 - Paramedics

Rescue Units are equipped with semi-automatic defibrillator's for cardiac patients
There are 12 lead EKG Monitors on the Rescue Units capable of performing "Advanced" life saving measures.

EMT's follow written protocols set by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Medical Control Board

The EMS Division is comprised of an EMS Deputy Chief, EMS Division Commander, Medical Director(Doctor) Contract Pharmacist, Quality Improvement Officers, Records Management services, EMS supply coordinators, tactical medics and An EMS advisory committee and emergency preparedness staff

AFD BUDGET FY 2011-2012, 69.3 Million



FIRE DEPARTMENT/CITY HALL, 2ND STREET & TIJERAS N.W. (Circa 1924)

Photo provided by: Dave Windle



ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WESTERN DAYS, (1929)

Photos enhanced by Eric Jones

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Sam Trujillo

PREDIDENTS MESSAGE

By : Sam Trujillo

As we start our 11th year as a retiree's association I reflect back on what we have accomplished and on the brother Fire Fighter Retiree's that have responded on their " Last Alarm " and I am amazed at how fast time seems to be moving. It has been a very rewarding experience in getting together monthly, attending both our annual summer picnic and Christmas party and in providing support to the families of our deceased brother Fire Fighters. The bond that we established working together has been reinforced through our Fire Fighter Retiree Association. I am very grateful to belong and to participate in such a special organization. As I stated in the recent newsletter, we can be sure that some NM State Legislators will continue in trying to alter our PERA retirement program (especially the annual 3% COLA benefit). I am sure that our association will continue in working to protect our PERA retirement benefits that our members have earned. I need to reinforce the theory that we are much stronger as a group than individually. Please support your association. Please be pro-active.

Our annual summer picnic will be held in September this year. Information regarding the annual picnic will be posted in our September quarterly newsletter. It has been my pleasure to have served as president of our association for the past 11 years. I want to remind you to keep me posted on address and phone number changes. I will continue to maintain the AFD Retiree's master list. I can be reached at 899-1500 and e-mail samtruj@aol.com