

# Raleigh Fire Department Historical Society

## Who?

Alan Walters, Mike Legeros, and everyone here.

## What?

Historical society, a formal organization to preserve and present history.

## Why?

Because it's needed. Though numerous individuals have helped with history, a formal organization is needed to take things to another level.

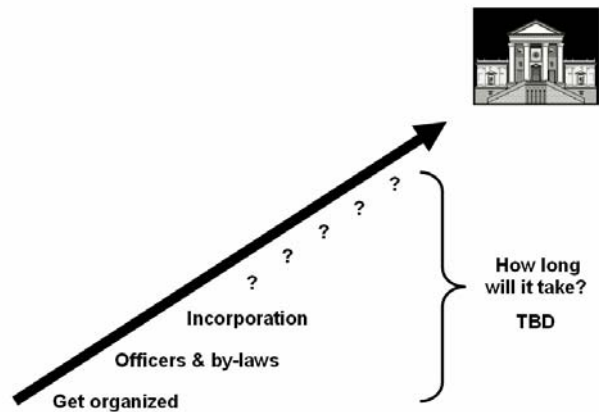
## What's Been Done Lately?

- 1870 fire bell retrieval (McGrath, McLaurin, etc.)
- Apparatus restoration (Amato, Duke, Perry, etc.)
- Log book inventory (Legeros)
- Log book storage (Legeros, Walters)
- Oral history recordings (Legeros)
- Public Safety Center design liaison (Walters, Legeros)
- Smokehouse plaque (Walters, Legeros, McLaurin, etc.)
- Yearbook (Walters, Summers, Carter, Legeros, etc.)

## Where We Want To Go



## How to Get There



## What We Need From You

- Ideas now and later.
- Tell us your availability.
- Plan for a January meeting.
- Tell others what we're doing.

## History of History

- 1936 – Six-page history by **WPA writers**.
- 1944 – Six-page historical sketch by **Sherwood Brockwell and others**.
- 1951 – **Ladies auxiliary** formed. Member create scrapbooks for many years.
- 1970 – City fire protection report, with five-page history by **Elizabeth Davis Reid**.
- 1973 – Newspaper clippings compiled by city for several years.
- 1984 – First year book, with history by **Captain B. T. Fowler** and **Elizabeth Reid Murray**.
- 2001 – Web pages created by **Mike Legeros**. Content seeded with 1984 history and newer content by **Captain Peter Brock**.
- 2002 – Second yearbook, reprints 1984 history plus Captain Brock history.
- 2003 – *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* by Legeros.
- 2004 – Legeros starts researching at Station 1 and Clerk's office.
- 2006 – Elizabeth Reid Murray Collection donated local history library.
- 2007 – Third yearbook, with history essay by Legeros.

## Surviving Artifacts

- 1870 alarm bell, at Keeter Training Center.
- 1880s (or later) hose reel, in basement at Station 8.
- 1887 hose house on W. Morgan Street, private owned.
- 1905 steam fire engine, at Station 28.
- 1920s or later alarm gong, hanging at Keeter Training Center.
- 1926 American LaFrance pumper, at Station 28.
- 1926 fire station on Jefferson Street, private owned.
- 1950 Mack pumper, at Station 28.
- 1950s rescue boats, at Station 28.
- etc.

## Surviving Records

- 1900s photographs, hanging at Fire Administration.
- 1917 panoramic photograph, hanging at Station 1.
- 1910s personnel record book, at Station 1.
- 1920s alarm system bid documents, off-site through City Clerk's office.
- 1920s and later station log books, at Station 1.
- 1920s and later fire report books, at Station 1.
- 1920s and later photographs, at Keeter Training Center.
- 1920s or later alarm gong, hanging at Keeter Training Center.
- etc.

## Other Sources

- Annual Reports, 1880s-1910s, City Auditor's Office
- Annual Reports, 1950s-present, City Clerk's Office
- City Directories, 1900-present, Local History Library
- City Minutes, 1890s-present, City Clerk's Office / Local History Library
- News & Observer / Raleigh Times photos, 1938 to 1990s, State Archives
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1884-1914, 1950
- State Archives photographic collections
- State Library
- Wake County Local History Library