

A list of names compiled by Mr. W. E. Henna, and taken from the records, for the years of 1916 and 1917, of the Hose and Hand Pumper Company and the Hook and Ladder Company, consists of:

HOSE AND HAND PUMPER COMPANY

ORGANIZED IN 1884

1916

A. Bradley	James Walsh
J. C. Jenkins	Seth Sullivan
J. R. Cooker	Lawerence Stone
William Sisk	J. E. Sullivan
W. A. Gantt	

1917

R. M. Crimm	Charles Bustin
Ernest Mattson	L. Sodberg
H. V. Sunden	Fritz Caswell
W. B. Bradley	A. W. Blad

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY

ORGANIZED JULY 24, 1907

1916

M. L. Blacklock	W. E. Henna - President
T. W. Mayfield	O. L. Brady - Secretary
A. W. Engstrand	A. K. Anderson
R. L. McDonald	J. A. Holloway
E. R. Carlson	H. W. Ganzert
Clark Buckner, Sr.	W. K. Fouse

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY

O.A. Voight	B. H. Allen
B. J. Mayfield	H. L. Stockbridge - Chief
G. E. Gustafson	S. Brady
E. M. Black	Dr. T. J. Cole

Listed below are a few Firemen who served during the period of 1925 to 1960.

Cody Adolphson	O. J. Carlson	Q. W. Jennings
C. D. Anderson	Roy McMurtrie	R. B. Crimm
L.O. Ramsey	Lenord Hanson	Henry Anderson
Fred C. Olson	M. O. Deison	Bill Baker
Paul Olson	Pete Hester	Jack Jordan
Dick M. Mayfield	J. E. Merrell	John Hester
Floyd Carlson	Billy Sellstrom	Leon Carlson
R. E. Pennington	Ozzie Crain	L. O. Bradley
C. S. Boatner	Mike Olson	Elvin Schagland
C. G. Brotheman	E. W. Johnson	John Hester
R. L. Egger	R. W. Elsey	Allen Brandley
Jack McCann	Cleanence Orn	Einer Streid
Leroy Behrens	Henry Daffern	Charles Bradley
LaRue Mackenson	Edwin Carlson	E. W. Bradley
C. R. Sellstrom	Luke Robertson	Virgle Dailey
Martin Hackermesser	H.L. Stockbridge	H. V. Sunden
Arden Johnson	S. E. Loving	O. C. Garner
Robert G. Griffith-Chaplin	R. E. Berglund	Archie Holloway
Elmer Hester	Brandy Anderson	Boyce Crimm
Oscar Bengston Sr.	Roy Ross	A. J. James

Firemen who served during the period of 1925 to 1960 continued:

Willie Walsh	Guy Irman	Elmer Orn
Bob Roberts	Rev. G. W. French	Dick Anderson
Jno. Dailey	Leroy Forrest	Curtis Anderson
W. E. Henna	Walter Noren	Connie Rex Womble
Marion F. Womble	Moody G. Mayfield	S. A. Womble
F. W. Ferrell, Sr.	Ben Fyke	
O. A. Voight	W. W. Rucker, Jr.	
A. L. Ledbetter	R. E. Johnson	
A. L. Ferrell	Ben Bustin	
Eric Quick	Bill Kavanaugh	
Leslie Jester	Rev. M. G. Moore	
	Oliver Leppin, Sr.	
	R. W. Elsey	

Some of the men serving in the Fire Department from 1961 through 1984 are:

Chief Cody Adolphson	Allen Boutwell
C. G. Brotheman	Charles Gumby
Billy Sellstrom	Paul L. Lees
Bennie T. Bustin	Clarence A. McKenzie
Ollie Leppin, Sr.	Jack Biggs
Theo Zimmerman, Sr.	Reg Griffith
Harvey Meiske	Marc P. Cummings
Raymond Sellstrom	Greg A. Guthrie
Robert Elsey	James W. Honea
Ted Galloway	Douglas A. Johnson
Henry Bradley, Jr.	Michael H. Kincaid
Edward Townsend	Donald Nechol

Men serving in the Fire Department from 1961 through 1984 continued:

Chaplain Robert G. Griffith (25years)	Leo Pachek
Theo Zimmerman, Jr.	Jerry Powell
Travis Mercer	Mark W. Selby
Moody Mayfield	David H. Smith
Elmer Hester	James P. Spillane
J. B. Johnson	Michell B. Stiles
Paul Nicks	Larry E. Walrath
V. Rabb	Warren L. Weidler
Johnny Roepke	Warren M. Weidler
Robert Barrington	Don G. Withrow
C. J. Swinden	Richard (Rick) Ward, Jr.
Tim Swinden	Paul Jones
Derryl Swinden	Larry Connell
Delfino Torrez	Stuart Rohre ⁷
Robert Behrens	

Men served as Chaplains,

Rev. G. R. Grimes (years served unknown)

Rev. Milton Moore (years served unknown)

Robert G. Griffith - 1959-1984

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE ROUND ROCK
FIRE DEPARTMENT PAID STAFF

Oct. 1, 1978	Bruce A. Watson	RRK's 1st paid Firefighter
Oct. 16, 1978	John D. Burton James N. Honea	2 Additional Firefighters
Nov. 1, 1978	Mark W. Klaus	New Firefighter
Nov. 2, 1978	Bruce Watson John Burton	Mon. - Fri. 3pm to 11pm Shift
Nov. 2, 1978	James Honea Mark Klaus	Mon. - Fri. 7am to 3pm Shift
Dec. 1, 1978	Lynn M. Bizzell Richard W. Bunte G. Wayne Freeman	New Firefighters
Dec. 31, 1978		402 Alarms for year
Apr. 1, 1979	Lynn M. Bizzell (Capt.) A John D. Burton (Lt.) A Richard W. Bunte(Lt.) B Bruce A. Watson (Lt.) C	Capt. and Lts. appointed by Volunteer Chief Bernie Bustin
Oct. 1979	1250 GPM Pumper	Ordered
Nov. 3, 1979	David H. Smith	New Firefighter
Nov. 5, 1979	Kieth W. Tamer	New Firefighter
Nov. 7, 1979	Roger N. Anderson	New Firefighter
Dec. 17, 1979	Roy Krienke	Fire Marshal
Dec. 31, 1979	250 GPM Pumper	712 Alarms for year
Jan. 1980	Lynn M. Bizzell	RRK's First Paid Fire Chief
Aug. 22, 1980	Salvage	Came to the Department
Dec. 1980		964 Alarms for year
Feb. 1981	1250 GPM Seagrave Pumper	Arrival of
Apr. 1, 1981	Robert W. Stephenson	New Firefighter
Nov. 11, 1981	Mark W. Selby	New Firefighter
Dec. 31, 1981		1031 Alarms for year

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE ROUND ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT PAID STAFF CONTINUED:

Mar. 16, 1982	Paul Reynolds	New Firefighter
June, 1982		Opening of new Central Fire Station
Aug. 7, 1982	Lewis King	New Firefighter
Aug. 11, 1982	Ken Gould	New Firefighter
Sept. 20, 1982	Bill Capen	New Firefighter
Dec. 31, 1982		945 Alarms for year
Apr. 17, 1983	Phil Cozart	New Firefighter
Nov. 18, 1983	Pat Girard	New Firefighter
Nov. 23, 1983	John Addison	New Firefighter
Nov. 28, 1983	Kaye Copeland	Secretary
Dec. 2, 1983		Personnel changes Stations
Dec. 4, 1983	Stuart Hamilton	New Firefighter
Dec. 29, 1983	100' Aerial Quint	Bids opened
Dec. 31, 1983		903 Alarms for year
Jan. 30, 1984	Lynn M. Bizzell John D. Burton Richard Bunte Bruce Watson James Honea	Awards given for Five (5) Years of Service

History of City of Round Rock, Texas Paid Firemen submitted by Chief Lynn Bizzell.

In 1975, the Round Rock Fire Department added an important branch to their Fire Department. The Jollyville Company is a well trained and active Fire Department. Their members are:

Chief Ray Johnson - Department Chief

Captain John Golding - Training Officer

Lt. John Kiracofe - Secretary/Treasurer

Jackie Johnson - Mascot

Lt. Bill Lawson

Darrell Gentry

John Hagen

Phil Reynolds

James McCune

James Pesons

Gorden Draper

Greg Shumaker

Charles Carter

Larry Sutherland

Lt. John Shumaker

Robert Smith

Jerry Cates

Greg Racino

Roger Brayley

Clyde Hardy

Chuck Huck

Brant Kelly

Fernando Solari

Richard Ball

Richard Elliot

The Sam Bass Company of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department started in 1981. Their members are:

Rick Ashbacker - President

Tony Ewing - Vice President

Larry Walrath - Chief

Bob Steinmann - Captain

Andy Grimes - Lieutenant

Donald Koum - Lieutenant

Greg McNicol - Training Lieutenant

Todd Goodwin

Lou Romer

Art Zavala - Secretary

Paul Pettit - Treasurer

Dexter Anderson

Jesse Butler

Gary Dalton

David Haun

Kevin Brandt

Marcus Carpenter ⁸

for years and faithful services of jobs well done.⁹

Listed below are the only recorded Fire Chiefs of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

Clarence Woodard - 1892 (He went on to be the first paid Fire Chief for the Austin Fire Department)

S. E. Loving - Years service not known

O. A. Voight - Years service not known

H. L. Stockbridge - 1898 to 1938

C. D. Anderson - 1938 to 1939

H. L. Stockbridge - 1939 to 1943

Cody R. Adolphson - 1943 to 1975

Bernie T. Bustin - 1975 to 1981

Clarence McKenize - 1981 to 1981

Roy A. Krienke - 1981 to 1983

David W. Smith - 1983 to

CHIEF EMEPTIUS

H. L. Stockbridge Dec.

Cody R. Adolphson Dec.

Bernie T. Bustin

Raymond Sellstrom 1st Asst. Chief

RETIRED FIREMEN IN 1984

Bernie T. Bustin Moody G. Mayfield

O. G. Leppin, Sr. Dick M. Mayfield

Elmer Hester

FIREMEN'S WIDOWS

Mrs. Cody Adolphson	Mrs. F. W. Ferrell
Mrs. O. T. Bengston, Sr.	Mrs. M. F. Womble
Mrs. O. G. Brotherman	Mrs. J. W. Ledbetter
Mrs. Ted Galloway	Mrs. M. O. Deison
Mrs. Fred Olson	

FIRST GIRL PUMPER TEAM OF TEXAS
(United States or World)

In 1941, H. L. Stockbridge, President of Central Texas Volunteer Fire Department, decided to put some highlights in the pumper races. Most of the young boys had gone off to war, so the Chief picked six of the most athletic girls from the Round Rock Champion soft ball team. He taught the girls the routine of fire fighting and pumper racing.

On May 18, 1941, at the Central Texas Fire Convention at Taylor, Texas, Chief H. L. Stockbridge presented his unique girls pumper racing team. The girls dressed in the regulation firemen racing uniforms were:

Artie Louise Ferrell	Lerlene Womble
Jean Jennings	Velda Ruth Hill
Marie Robertson	Olene Stockbridge

ALTERNATES

Betsy Ross	Ruby Williams
Bonnie Burk	

The girls participated in the contests and proved to be strong competitors for high scores. Excelling some and making time above the average men teams.

July 4, 1941 was the girls second competition race at Seguin, Texas. They completed a perfect demonstration and had the stream going in 24 seconds. At that time, 17 seconds was the Countrys best record, with Veteran Firemen.

In 1942, the girls were Honor Guest and in the racing competition at the dedication of the new Fire Station in Llano, Texas.

The team disbanded in 1943 during World War II. They reorganized in 1951. Their best racing time was 17.5 seconds in 1951. They recruited new girls through the years and raced until 1964. Then disbanded again. In 1982, a new team was organized and they have won several first place trophies.

Through the years, many Fire Departments in Texas have organized women pumper teams.

In June, 1976, the First Girls Pumper team was invited to be Honor Guests at the 100th Annual Convention of the Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal Association, in Austin, Texas. They rode in the Parade and raced in an exhibition race.

The girls met in Round Rock for a practice run. Being 35 years older and 35 pounds heavier, the energetic grandmothers clocked 19 seconds on their second practice run. But on June 9, 1976, at their Austin exhibition run, they only clocked 26.5 seconds.

The State Fireman presented the First Girls Pumper Team with a brass nozzle.

The original team participating was, Artie Ferrell McLaurin, Lerlene Womble Ward, Jean Jennings Bustin, Marie Robertson Woolsey, Olene Stockbridge Grigsby, and Betsy Ross Nehring.

In 1978, at the Annual Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department Banquet, the first team were made Honorary Firemen and in 1982 they were made Honorary Auxiliary Members of the Round Rock Fire Departments first Auxiliary.

January 30, 1983, the first team were Honored at the Round Rock Volunteers 100th year Banquet.

When the pumper team reorganized in 1951, the new recruits were:

Jean Bustin	Leah Jennings	Maudie Zimmerman
Virginia Matoska	Gloria Matoska	Betty Adams
Betty Sellstrom	Reba Roberts	Elizabeth Arm Brotherman
Nell Flyn	Ruby Burk	Betsy Ross

In 1956, the new recruits were:

Inez Elsey	Ruby Adolphson	Mabel Miller
Wanda Cook	Joyce Cook	Dorris Cook
Bonnie Cook	Mary Robertson	Darlene Robertson
Barbara Bassford	Ida Mae Prinz	Nancy Hester
Marilyn Kelly	Gayle McKenzie	

More recruits in 1977 were:

Glenda Rose	Linda Cummins	Carol Lepin
Suzie McKenzie	Kay Lee Cox	Debbie Adams
Mandy McQuay		

There was no girls team for a few years. In 1982 a new team was organized. The girls were:

Betty Till Burton	Jinx Ward	Paula Powell
Elsie Rohre	Cindy Bizzell	Cindy Cozart
Vickie Johnson	Sandy Rohre(alternate)	

The first Round Rock Fire Department Auxiliary was organized in 1982.

Officers for 1982:

President - Betty Till
 Vice-President - Charyl Lilly
 Secretary - Cindy Cozart
 Treasure - Cindy Bizzell
 Historian - Teresa Smith

Members:

Vicky Johnson
 Ronnie Briggs
 Sherrel McWilliams
 Trudy Smith
 Bredna Pophin
 Terry Honea
 Patty Balli

Officers 1983:

President - Cindy Bizzell
 Vice-President - Jinx Ward
 Secretary - Mary Ann Girvan
 Treasure - Nora Garcia
 Historian - Elsie Rohre
 Parl. - Ellen Girard

Officers 1984:

President - Mary Ann Girvan
 Vice-President - Teresa Smith
 Secretary - Elsie Rohre
 Treasure - Paula Powell

Honary Members:

Lerlene Ward
 Jean Bustin
 Artie McLaurin
 Marie Woolsey

Historian - Cindy Cozart

Olene Grisby

Parl. - Betty Burton

Betsy Nehring

Helen Griffith

Ruby Adolphson

The Auxiliary ladies have had many money making projects. They have had garage sales, raffles, photo taking booths, Christmas wrapping booths, and have started an annual Harvest of Arts and Crafts Show each year. The money they make goes to the Round Rock Fire Department.

The ladies help the Firemen with refreshments during fires and any other kind of disaster. They are trying to educate the public on disaster relief shelters.

MASCOTS

In 1955, Bobby Brent Bustin, son of Bernie and Jean Bustin, became the first Mascot of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department. The State Convention was dedicated to him in 1970. He was made Honorary Fireman in 1961. September 13, 1971, the Round Rock City Recreation Board dedicated a City Park, the Brent Bustin Memorial Park, in his memory.

Other Mascots through the years were:

David Leppin

Jack Swinden

Cris Zimmerman

Ronnie Barrington

Gleen Behrens

Randy Berkman

Ollie Leppin III

Mack Bengston

Mary Beth McQuay (first girl)

Steve Behrens

Robert E. (Reg) Griffith

Charles Rohre

Johnnie Johnson

Kimberly Krienke

Steve Williams

Jason McWilliams

Some of the outstanding fires in Round Rock in the pass 100 years are:

A whole City block in 1877

School - April 27, 1883

School - 1913 (two story Public School)

Euhl Hotel - Early 1900's (the Department saved one story of the hotel)

Round Rock Motor Company - July 29, 1929

A building housing a meat market and bakery on the north side of the

100 block of East Main St. - 1925

Gin (Managed by C. D. Anderson)

Stockbridge Grocery Store

Kelly Cleaners (north side of East Main) - 1968

Texas Baptist Childrens Home work shop

Clothing Store 118 East Main - 1920's

Broom Factory(corner Mays & Main) - Early 1900(after 1912)¹⁰

A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am Called to Duty, God,
Wherever Flames May Rage,
Give Me the Strength to Save Some Life
Whatever Be Its Age
Help Me Embrace a Little Child
Before it is too late,
Or Save an Older Person from the Horror
Of That Fate,
Enable Me to be Alert
And Hear the Weakest Shout
And Quickly and Efficiently
to Put the Fire Out
I Want to Fill my Calling and
To Give the Best in Me
To Guard My Every Neighbor and
Protect His Property
And If, According to Your Will,
I have to Lose My Life,
Please Bless with Your Protecting Hand
My Children and My Wife.

FOOT NOTES

- 1 Round Rock Library
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INTERVIEWS

Jan. and Feb. 1984

Mrs. J. W. Ledbetter

Mr. Walter Biel

Mrs. Helen Griffith

Ruby Adolphson

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Hester

John D. Robertson

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