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Accession #2018-05 Davenport Fire Department Photographic Images

Background: Central Fire Station [4th Street] underwent a major remodeling project around 2016. The fire chief at the time, Chief Lynn Washburn, worked with Davenport Public Library’s Amy Groskopf, City Archivist Amy Driskill, and Special Collections Supervisor Jessica Mirasol to develop a duplication and preservation plan for images that were on display in the Fire Department during the construction.

Amy Driskill and Cristina Amador-Perez picked up the bulk of the items from the fire station May 18, 2016 under the direction of Chief Washburn.

Randy Justis from *Imaging Solutions* was hired to make duplicates of 14 historically significant items. In August 2016 he returned the originals he had been given as well as multiple duplicates and two cd’s containing 14 PNG format images – one “as is” and one with the images “adjusted”.

An original certificate honoring fire fighter Chas. F.W. Meyer from 1879 was sent to conservator Andrew Huot after photographing. Per Amy Groskopf, he still has the original document and is due for a reminder. [January 8, 2018]

In December 2016, when the ribbon cutting date for the newly remodeled building was announced, it was pointed out seven of the prints needed to be framed. Amy Driskill worked with Major Art and Hobby Center [2nd Street] to order frames and items were returned to the library in January 2017.

The Fire Station received newly framed “adjusted” images for their display purposes. Special Collections retained the “originals” and duplicate “as is” and “adjusted” prints.

There are fourteen unique items in this collection. Special Collections retained 8 original items, 33 duplicates, and 28 PNG digital files.

The following names come from the digital files created by Boyd-Fitzgerald Imaging Solutions.

Digital image location: J: and K:\Local History\2018-05 Fire Department Images

Two boxes of originals and reproduction images located in Range 13 Section 3.

Temp IMAGE ID #	Randy’s ID		Original? Dimensions	# of Dups Dimensions	DESCRIPTION
.001	Chief	bw	No	3 8.5 x 10.5”	Fire Chief Lester Schick standing in front of new car ca 1955-1959.
.002	HorseDrawnAerialTruck	Color	No	3 8.5 x 10.5”	Enlargement of a postcard-see PostCard Collections Government Facilities-Fire Department PC002

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.003	FightingFireSixShots	bw	Yes 11 x 14"	2 11.5 x 14.5"	Six different images on one print of firefighters in action at Nu-Way Rug Co. Fire, 1956 March. See also Accession #2010-07 [Rg. 37 Sec. 8] that includes prints of both Nu-Way and State Furniture firefighters in action. Nu-Way prints identical.
.004	Composite	bw	No	3 8.5 x 10.5"	Composite "Members Davenport Fire Department"; Chief John C. Pienning, Asst. Chief Michael M. Heeney names along bottom of composite; Pienning was chief in 1911. See SC 352.3 DAV Souvenir
.005	ModernTrucks	Color	No	3 8.5 x 10.5"	Firetrucks parked along levy; bridge in background; snow on ground; ca 2000's
.006	FireCoNo1	bw, sepia	Yes 12.5 x 19.5" mounted on 15 x 20"	2 13.25 x 20.5"	"No. 1 Fire Co. Davenport Iowa"; 8 horses, 12 men standing on brick street in front of building with oval windows; ankle deep snow; verso "Sindts"; different hands "Taken about 1910-1912" "This picture was a picture postcard"; not found in DPL collection. 425-431 West 4 th Street "Central Fire Station"
.007	LaborDay1920	bw	No	3 5 x 20"	"Labor Day Davenport Iowa 1920"; motorized fire trucks decorated for holiday with flags; firefighters and trucks posed on street in front of courthouse
.008	HoseNo3	bw, sepia	Yes 13.5 x 20" mounted	2 14 x 20"	Two different fire wagons drawn by teams of two horses posed in front of "Hose 3" a 2-story building with big door open; seven men in uniform hats and long coats; window of next door building has 1229 above door – Crescent Saloon / beer; verso "Sindts"; Davenport City Directories list Hose Company Number 3 at 1231 Harrison Street; ca 1910
.009	HoseNo3Oval	Sepia	Yes 13.5 x 20" mounted	2 14 x 20"	"Hose 3" on 2-story building with door closed; one fire wagon drawn by team of two horses H&L No 2; four men; Davenport City Directories list Hose Company Number 3 at 1231 Harrison Street; ca 1910

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.010	Ice	Sepia	Yes 20 x 12"	2 20 x 12.5"	Image taken during sub-freezing conditions causing ice to form on building next to Scharff's store. Scharff Building is located at 101-105 West 2 nd Street in the 1930's-1960's. Original print is curling
.011	CentralFireStationAerial	bw	Yes 14 x 20" mounted	2 14.5 x 20.25"	3-horse team; ladder extended upward with men posed on it; building has oval windows as in "No. 1 Fire Station"; old courthouse next door with statues somewhat visible; "Fred Bishel" written on back; matches postcard Gov Facilities/Fire Department PC001 and 001b [formerly VM89-001375]; digitized for UMDIA; DPLVolume 155
.012	DFDNo4	Sepia	Yes 13 x 20" mounted	2 20.25 x 13.5"	Two firefighters seated in motorized fire truck, three firefighters standing beside; brick street; 3 houses in background; no leaves on trees
.013	RecruitingPoster	Color	kmo removed from frame; 22 x 28"	2 22 x 28"	Original has ten bw and one color small prints mounted on poster board with caption "Do you measure up? Apply now" and a picture of a ruler drawn in red magic marker. Removed from black frame. Wrapped with archival paper. Images ca 1970's of firefighters in action and in training.
.014	CertificateOriginal	Color	Undergoing conservation treatment	2 18 x 21.5"	Certificate of recognition for 10 years of service from Davenport City Council presented to Chas. F.W. Meyer, Liberty Fire Co. No. 1 dated Jan. 1, 1879. Liberty Steam Fire Engine Co. organized April 1865. They owned the house on West Second Street, near Brown. It disbanded in 1881.

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