

MJ-13

Moose Jaw Fire Department fonds. - [textual record, graphic material]. - 1904-1967 – 18.3 cm of textual records. – 6 b&w photographs.

Boxes V-4, V-198, V-199, H-6, H-109.

Administrative history

The Moose Jaw Fire Brigade was somewhat formed in 1883, but the first Fire Hall was opened in 1888. The purchase of a Chemical fire engine, also made at this time, marked the beginning of the Volunteer Brigade. The first Fire Department came to be as Fire Chief J. McFadden and two paid men were hired in 1906.

Past Fire Chiefs include J. McFadden, C Lawless, G. Baines, R Webb, W. Cook, G. Higson, A. Higson, N. E. Harris, E. R. Beseey, Walter Stack, Maurice Lowe, Mike Barton and Barry Dewald.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of a Minute Book of the Moose Jaw Fire Department, two booklets of the Department's "Rules and Regulations." Also included is a book of inventory and accounts as well as correspondence from the Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council to City Council requesting the expansion of the City's fire limits and regulations. A Souvenir booklet of the Moose Jaw Fire Department as well as documents that illustrate a portion of the department's history is also present. It also includes documentation regarding the purchase of fire apparatuses as well as fire instruction booklets and scrapbooks.

Custodial history

A portion of the fonds was discovered filed in the library's vertical files. These portions were placed in the fonds upon their apparent relativity to the original contents of the fonds.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession Number 13.BA donated to the archives by Mrs. J. E. Pascoe through Austin Ellis. The second accession was donated to the archive by Jessie Harris, the wife of ex-Fire Chief N. E. Harris in 1984.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-folded and re-boxed in 2000. Wrapped in Mylar 2004. The second accession was re-folded and re-boxed in 2013.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-13.1 - Department Functioning Documents. - [textual record]. - 1904-1915. – 11.1 cm of textual records (4 volume).

Boxes H-6, V-198, V-199

This series consists of a Minute Book of the Moose Jaw Fire Department incorporating the dates July 6, 1904 through April 10, 1912. Also included is a Ledger of inventory and accounts of the Fire Department in partial regard to Volunteers dating from 1906-1912. Two booklets are included from 1915 titled "Rules and Regulations - City of Moose Jaw Fire Department." This series also consists of a booklet about fire streams, documentation regarding the purchase of fire apparatuses and booklets about fire courses.

MJ-13.1a - Minute Book. - [textual record]. - 1904-1912. - 2.50 cm. of textual records. (1 volume).

Box H-6

This file consists of a minute book of meetings the Moose Jaw Fire Brigade from January 6, 1904 to April 10, 1912.

MJ-13.1b - Financial Ledger. - [textual record]. - 1906-1912. - 2.50 cm. of textual records. (1 volume).

Box H-6

This file consists of a financial ledger that documents the receipts, accounts and inventory of the Moose Jaw Fire Department dating from 1906 through 1912.

MJ-13.1c - Rules and Regulations. - [textual record]. 1915. - 0.50 cm. of textual records. (2 volumes).

Box H-6

This file consists of two booklets outlining the rules and regulations of the Moose Jaw Fire Department.

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MJ-13.1d – Fire Stream Tables. – [textual record]. – 1959. - 0.50 cm of textual records. Box V-198

This file consists of one booklet outlining fire streams for various fire apparatus' nozzles.

MJ-13.1e – King Seagrave Purchasing Receipt. – [textual record]. – 1956. - 0.30 cm of textual records.

Box V-198

This file consists of a receipt of purchase from King Seagrave, manufacturer of fire apparatuses and fire accessories.

MJ-13.1f – Contract Proposal by A. G. Long. – [textual record]. – 1914. – 2.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-198

This file consists of the proposed contract by A. G. Long for the purchase of fire apparatuses by the city of Moose Jaw.

MJ-13.1g – Contract between A. G. Long and the city of Moose Jaw. – [textual record]. – 1914. - 0.30 cm of textual records.

Box V-198

This file consists of the contract between A. G. Long and the city of Moose Jaw for 6 fire apparatuses.

MJ-13.1h – Lectures during Firemen's Travelling Training School. – [textual record]. – [195-]. – 1.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-198

This file consists of a booklet from the Fire Commissioner's office regarding lectures delivered during firemen's travelling training school.

MJ-13.1i – Fire Instructors' Course No. 53. – [textual records]. – 1957. – 1.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-199

This file consists of N. E. Harris' fire instructors' course no. 53 book.

MJ-13.2 - Department General Documents. - [textual record, graphic material]. - 1908-1967. – 8.20 cm of textual records. – 6 b&w photographs.

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This series contains written history of the Fire Brigade/Department both in a booklet and documents. Also included are memos from the Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council to City Council.

MJ-13.2a - Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council Correspondence. - [textual record]. - 1908-1909. - 0.25 cm. of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of two letters dated March 2, 1908 and March 13, 1909, from the Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council to the City Council requesting the expansion of the City's fire limits and regulations.

MJ-13.2b - Moose Jaw Fire Department Publication. - [textual record]. - 1919. - 0.5 cm. of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of a booklet titled "Souvenir: Moose Jaw Fire Department - Fire Prevention and First Aid" and dated 1919. This booklet contains instructions and illustrations and was prepared with the hope of decreasing the losses occasioned by fire.

MJ-13.2c - History Notes. - [textual record]. - 1952-1967. - 0.5 cm. of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of a newspaper clipping, a note referring to the formation of the Moose Jaw Fire Department and a summation of the history of the department produced by the Moose Jaw Public Library.

Second Accession

MJ-13.2d – Fire Trucks. – [graphic material]. – [195-]. – 6 B&W photographs.

Box V-199

This file consists of 6 B&W photographs taken during the 1950s of Moose Jaw Fire Department's fire trucks.

MJ-13.2e – Moose Jaw Fire Fighters Association Banquet. – [textual records]. – 1958. - .2 cm of textual records.

Box V-199

This file consists of one program for the Moose Jaw Fire Fighters Association Banquet on August 9, 1958.

MJ-13.2f – Fire Prevention Week. [textual record]. – 1967. – 1.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-199

This file consists of one frame newspaper article about fire prevention week.

MJ-13.3g – Scrapbooks. – [textual records]. – 1936-[196-]. – 6.00 cm of textual records.

Box H-109

This file consists of 6 scrapbooks about the Moose Jaw Fire Department and fires in Moose Jaw. The scrapbook dates range from 1936, 1938, 1942, 1944 and the late 1950s to the early 1960s.