



All vehicles were buffed and polished for an open house in 1955.



The 1958 Memorial Day parade brought out strong representation from the fire company.

living room, which was directly under the victim's bedroom. This was the first recorded fire fatality in Fanwood since 1913.

The most costly fire suffered to this point was at Marlou Lights, on South Avenue, during July of 1953. This firm made fluorescent light fixtures in the one-story building next to the Public Service substation on South Avenue. This building, which is still standing, is now occupied by a different firm. The fire started when lacquer that a workman was transferring from a pail to a barrel ignited, causing an explosion and flash fire. The workman escaped injury and no one in the building was hurt by the blast. The fire was difficult to fight because the lacquer stored in the building kept feeding the fire. The Scotch Plains and Plainfield fire departments assisted at this fire, which caused over \$175,000 in damages.

On September 21, 1954, the Fire Company membership approved the first lease of the firehouse to the borough. The lease was for a term of ninety-nine years, with the borough assuming all maintenance of the building. The borough was to provide the Fire Company with enough space for a meeting hall, conference room and kitchen. Any alterations or additions to the building were to be the responsibility of the borough.

Two days later, the borough council adopted two ordinances that provided for the renovation of the firehouse \borough hall and for the purchase of additional land at the rear of the building. Mayor Hatfield described the move as "necessary to provide for adequate municipal, police and fire facilities". The renovation was to include a new meeting room, a jail with two cells and a larger area for the police department. Upon completion the building was to house the municipal offices, the police and fire departments and the Rescue Squad.

On May 5, 1960, the department took possession of a fire engine manufactured by the Great Eastern Company. This was designed as a quad, similar to Engine 2, which it replaced. The designation for this truck was Engine 4. Included on this