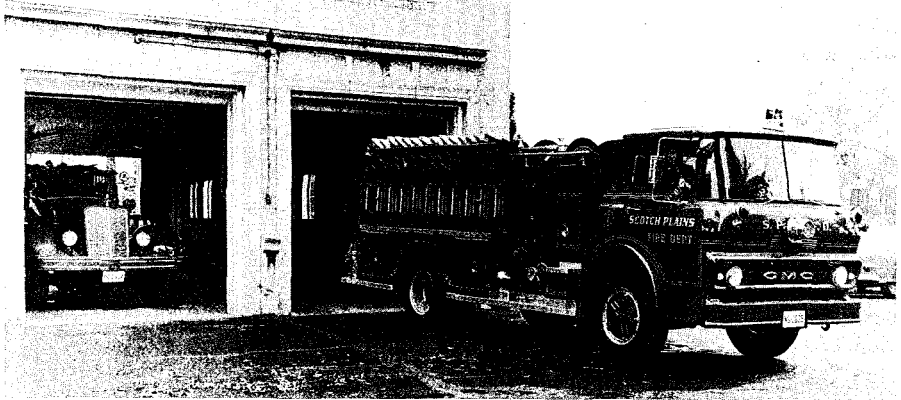


Our Fire Department



An alert Fire Department, consisting of a chief, two captains, two lieutenants and 43 volunteer callmen, is a prime factor in keeping Scotch Plains safe. In 1961 the Department responded to 149 calls.

Presently there are two fire stations: Company No. 1 is housed in the Municipal Building on Park Avenue, and Company No. 2 is stationed at Martine Avenue and Raritan Road. Company No. 1 is equipped with two pumpers; No. 2 has one pumper.

In addition to fighting fires, the Department carries out the fire prevention ordinance regulating the keeping, storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling and transportation of inflammable materials, explosives, firearms and ammunition. It inspects public and commercial buildings, assists in the investigation of the cause of all fires, and designates locations of new hydrants. Fire hydrants in town now number 265.

The Department issues permits for the storage and handling of materials considered to be of a inflammable, or otherwise hazardous nature. They also offer emergency search and rescue service.

To qualify for a fireman a candidate must be a resident of the Township, of good moral character and in good health. The Department training includes Union County Fire School courses with Advanced First Aid.

Members of the Fire Department are appointed by the Township Committee upon recommendation of the Chief.

The entire Fire Department budget is provided by municipal funds.

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