

# Fire Department In Rapid Growth



The fire department of Birmingham today with its six paid men, its 24 volunteers, and its modern equipment is considered one of the most efficient for its size in the state. The top picture shows the regular department with Chief William G. Olsen and the two modern trucks always available today for alarms. The others were taken in about 1914, long before the establishment of the paid branch of the department. The top picture was taken in front of the temporary quarters on Brownell street where the department is housed until the

new municipal building is completed, in the civic center where the permanent quarters of the department will be. Those in the picture are, left to right: George Jones, Dean Grover, Vernon Griffith, Chief Olsen, Lloyd McQuarters, Roy Weier and Stanley Pepperal.

The group picture shows the department in 1914. The members are: back row, left to right: Earl Mudge (deceased), Ray Hamlin, William G. Olsen, Stanley Todd, Harry Cockerling, Deyo Davenport, Harry Johnson, Arthur Gould, Mark Conklin, William Thornton. Front row, left to right: Ray Clark, Clarence

Riffenburg, Frank Yeager (captain), James W. Cobb (chief), Neil Black, (captain), Robert Allison, George Spencer, Ora Clark, and Ernest Gardner.

The lone ladder truck served the purpose 14 years ago. The

man in the driver's seat is James W. Cobb who was then chief. Ernest Gardner is in the rear of the truck. Your memory is correct. The horses used to serve both for the hearse and the fire truck.

## A Busy Day In 1904



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This picture was taken in 1904 at Maple and Pierce Streets. Do you know the people?

### CALLS YOU MAY NEED

Fire Department	1000
Police Department	1000
Birmingham Clerk's Office	1230
Birmingham Manager's Office	1230
Birmingham Water Works	4
Bloomfield Hills Village Offices	735
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