

MOORHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

The Department made 217 runs during 1955 which is 85 runs less than the previous year. Fire losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955 are listed below:

Jan. 13,	Valley Homes 2011 6 St. So.	\$4,800.00
Jan. 13,	W. Bullock 1502 2 Ave. No.	50.00
Feb. 9,	P. Pinkney 1330 2 Ave. No.	25.00
Feb. 11,	H. A. Baker 523 11 St. No.	1,200.00
Mar. 4,	Iverson Hotel 20 1/2 St. No.	25.00
Mar. 9,	Mrs. Newcomb 115 1/2 St. No.	5.00
Mar. 20,	Clarence Stensrud 1012 9 St. No.	221.00
Apr. 28,	Clarence Ospengren 10 1/2 Ave. No.	25.00
May 4,	Columbia Hotel 12 8 St. So.	50.00
May 15,	Helen Williams 120 1/2 Ave. So.	20.00
June 30,	Light Plant Elm St. So. (lightening)	5,746.00
July 7,	Floyd Lamb 1 1/2 13 12 St. No.	35.00
July 22,	Park Groc. 60 1/2 3 St. So.	10.00
Aug. 30,	Milton Christianson 1322 1 1/2 St. So.	20.00
Oct. 8,	A. B. C. Homes Const. 13 St. 20 Ave So.	12,000.00
Oct. 16,	C. H. Backstrom 215 7 St. So.	710.00
Nov. 3,	Wiley Bros. Const. 121 1/2 12 St. No.	10.00
Nov. 16,	Anderson Stadium 81 1/2 Center Ave.	15.00
Nov. 22,	Cox's Bakery 70 1/2 Center Ave.	5.00
Dec. 10,	F. Willem 222 1 St. No.	83.00

Total \$25,055.00

Out of the City runs made by department: 13
Explosive escorts 3 1/2
Rescue boat 4

Respectfully submitted,

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Gentlemen:

The past year found the department taking a more active part in Fire Prevention work and the rescue demonstrations given for the benefit of three local schools was an example of what the department can do to capture interest in Fire Prevention activities.

A steady improvement in the training of fireman has been noted during 1955 and the training program recently outlined to the firemen for 1956 stresses the necessity for repetition to make all duties of the fireman an automatic operation. The program not only includes Fire-fighting evolutions but First aid as well.

Three members of the department attended the Minnesota State Fire School the past year thus leaving only three firemen who have not yet attended. The chief attended the convention of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Omaha last fall. All quarterly meetings of the Northwest Regional Firemen's Association were attended as well the Regional Fire School held at Fergus Falls.

Through the cooperation of the Mayor and City Council and such help from the City Attorney, the Moorhead Fire Department Relief Association was reorganized during 1955. The reorganization makes possible the raising of Service pensions paid to fully paid Firemen through the assessment of 3% on firemen's salaries. Peter Josten was retired shortly after the new plan was put into effect and is now receiving a \$100.00 per month Service pension. The funds of the Relief Association have reached a record high even with the payment of Mr. Josten's pension added to the list of pensioners the fund continues to grow due to the assessments made against firemen's salaries.

This report conveys congratulations to all the new members of the City Council and extends a welcome to come and visit us so we may better explain the operations of the department and plans for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Reuley
Chief Fire Department