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Idaho City Fire Department Celebrates 150 Years, the Oldest F.D. in the State!



Terry Teeter, Idaho City's Fire Chief for 40+ years.

Written by Eileen Capson

Idaho City -- The Idaho City (IC) Volunteer Fire Department has the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating fire department in the State of Idaho. The original Idaho City Hook & Ladder Company #1 was authorized and organized on March 26th, 1867. *The Idaho World* documented this momentous occasion in an article published on April 6, 1867. Idaho City was a boomtown back in that day, with buildings made of dry wood and everyone's attention

was on gold mining. The town suffered two major fires, one on May 18th, 1865 and the next on May 19th, 1867.

"The oldest department is still a volunteer department," chuckles Idaho City's Fire Chief, Terry Teeter. "Over the years we've gone from a hose cart to a Willy's jeep. Then I come along and I bought a 1947 Chevy fire truck," which Teeter fixed up with a tank and pump. Through the Idaho Dept. of Lands, they acquired three trucks, dated from 1973 and 1974.

Lowell Burdell, Idaho City volunteer firefighter, said in speaking with members of the Masonic Lodge in Idaho City that historically the bottom floor was used for the fire department and the upper level for their meetings. There are 3 large double doors on the front of the building, which could be explained as the bays for the

fire department and the bell tower was used to warn the town folks of fire.

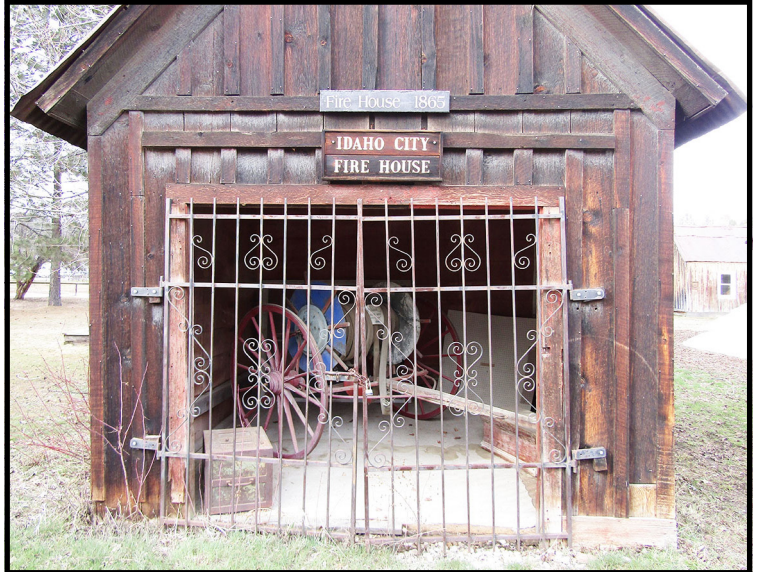
The current firehouse, on Hwy. 21 in Idaho City, was built in 1997. This came through numerous donations of time, talent and resources, in addition to a grant.

The community voted in favor of the IC Fire District in May of 2016, but is not expected to receive money until the last half of 2018. Chief Teeter says that they are going to submit their budget in the next couple of months. "So, in the meantime, the city is still carrying us. We're in the process of trying to come to some agreement on how we're going to manage all this, from the city, to the district."

Lowell Burdell had done the research back in *The Idaho World* to find these dates of the original formation of the Hook and Ladder Company. He explained, "The pages were a little raggedy lookin' along the edges, but this was an inside column and it wasn't messed up." He added, "In the history books you get down there at the museum, also says '67, and they were still getting organized when the town burned down a second time."

Through a FEMA grant the department received brand new firefighter equipment this past week, including: helmets, self-contained breathing apparatus, gloves, boots, neck protectors, gear bags, and

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Idaho City's firehouse, built in 1865. A horse was used to pull this rig with the hose to a fire. Photos by Eileen Capson

Lowell Burdell, a dedicated firefighter and volunteer, is often seen driving the fire rigs around during non-emergency times, to make sure they are in proper working order. He also researched the dates, in accordance with the history of the department, in old Idaho World newspapers.



Photo taken of the Idaho City Volunteer Fire Department in 1960. Members included: Roger Jackson, James Canody, Forrest Reed, Waldo Emerson and Tom Adams (then owner of the Idaho World).

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Happenings

Horseshoe Bend - Sunshine Kids on April 5 from 4pm to 5pm Christian based activities for grades K-5 at the HSB Cafeteria

Crouch - Cowboy Church service at Crouch Community Church on Sunday, April 9th, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Idaho City - Easter Services at Idaho City Christian Center: Sunday, April 16: 9:00 AM Outdoor Service at John Brogan Park; 9:45-10:15 Breakfast at the church; 10:15 Children's Activities Begin; 11:00 Special Easter Worship Service.

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Fire Engulfs Cabin in Clear Creek

Written by Eileen Capson

East Boise County -- A fire could initially be seen on the backside of a cabin in the Holcomb 2 subdivision, located in the Clear Creek area. On Sunday night, March 26th, at 8:32pm, the call came into dispatch reporting the fire. In the time it took for the Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department to respond, the structure was fully engulfed. Windows were knocked out and 500 gallons of water were pumped in, but this did not slow the fire's progression. The department then worked to keep the fire contained from reaching an out building.

Fortunately, the single mother and her three little girls, had been down in Boise when she received that terrible phone call, telling her not to come



A home in Holcomb 2 subdivision, Clear Creek, burned to the ground on March 26th. Photo submitted by Clear Creek VFD

home. Camille Wassom, Assistant Chief for Robie Creek Fire Dept. and woman's sister, recounted, "When the fire started, I called her and directed her to go to my par-

ent's house. I told her what was going on and not to come home." Camille said her sister, Cassie LaMantia, was

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