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## ARCHIVES

Firefighters' Manual  
Collection

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Manual and documents provide details of firefighting procedures and policies during the 1940s.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Peter J. Valinski, Worcester, Mass., December 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Fire extinction.

Fire extinction – Equipment and supplies.

Fire extinction – Handbooks, manuals, etc.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Firefighters' manual covers all aspects of fireman's job responsibilities, with directions on using firefighting equipment, procedures for fighting a fire; departmental rules, regulations, policies; other duties and responsibilities. The manual and other documents provide great detail and insight into firefighting procedures of the 1940s. The manual was found in a bookstore by the donor. It is believed to have been the property of firefighter Francis McGuirk, Worcester fireman of the 1940s.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises a manual for firemen (typescript, annotated) and two pages of notes and memoranda, ca. 1940s. Found in a used bookstore by the donor; believed to be the property of Francis McGuirk, Worcester firefighter in the 1940s.

### **Series Description**

Series 1: Manuals, Documents. Includes a manual, notes and memoranda. (3 items)

Fireman's Manual Collection  
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 Series 1, Manuals, Documents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.88.1.1a-b	Instructions to raise tip or fly, to lower ladder, to raise bed, and relating to Ladder 4 : manuscript, 2 p.
1	1	2000.88.1.2	Form relating to fire companies disposition at fires / 1944.
1	1	2000.88.1.3	Program for fireman's training session : manuscript/typescript, 6 p.
1	BV	2000.88.1.4	Manual of firefighters duties and responsibilities, including rules and regulations, instruction, alarms, protective equipment, tools and appliances, fire fighting, etc. Typescript, with manuscript annotations and additio

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