

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### Original Source Material

Photographic History of the Gulfport Fire Department (2 volumes)

Letter from Rita Renney Leggette with notes of Renney connection to FD

### History, general

“A Narrative of the Gulfport Fire Department” by Walter Brooks, 72 pages, typewritten

History of the Fire Department by Walter Brooks, handwritten

### Rosters

Gulfport Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chiefs, 1934-2000

Gulfport Volunteer Fire Department members, dates joined and terminated, 1934-1984

Names and addresses of serving members when Nathan White and Tim McCarthy were co-chiefs.

### Documents

Firemen’s Show at the Gulfport Casino, program, October 6, 1937

Gulfport Fire and Police Stations Dedication Ceremony, program, February 27, 1972 (2 copies)

Dedication Ceremony, Laurence T. McCarthy Fire Administration Building, program, September 6, 1976 (2 copies)

Photo: Mayor Clymer and Tim McCarthy at Dedication



Letterhead, three blank pieces

Letters: Patrick J. Carney to Gulfport Historical Museum, June 4, 1986

Patrick J. Carney re Dedication of New Pierce Engine 17, November 1, 1994

### Newspaper Articles

“Gulfport Firemen Find Gas in Tank,” March 29, 1934, photocopy

“Boat Catches Fire, Sun Rays Focused in Water Blamed,” 1934, photocopy

*St. Petersburg Times*, “New Fire Station Occupied by Volunteers at Gulfport,” March 14, 1937, photocopy

“Your Fire Department,” by C.B. Jones, October 29, 1943

“Gulfport Store Burns,” c. 1950

*Gulfport Citizen*, photo of fire station being rebuilt, February 11, 1955

*St. Petersburg Independent*, "19 Men Make Up Gulfport Force," September 4, 1959,  
original and photocopy  
"It Seems Like Yesterday: The boys of Gulfport's Volunteer Fire Co.," by Sam Webb,  
November 12, 1961  
*Gulfport Gabber*, "New Fire Truck Arrives," March 5, 1970, entire copy  
*The Gulfport Sun*, "Flaming History," by John Tonkin, June 2, 1971, photocopy  
*St. Petersburg Independent*, "Trees Shade Gulfport Fire Station," September 30, 1971  
*St. Petersburg Times*, "Family's future in limbo after 2 mysterious blazes consume their  
home," by Mark Kelly, April 27, 1978  
*St. Petersburg Times*, "New service is busy in Gulfport," by Judy Hill, June 21, 1979  
*St. Petersburg Times*, "Gulfport's paramedics provide emergency help around the clock,"  
by Judy Hill, September 20, 1979  
*St. Petersburg Times*, "Two Gulfport firefighters mark 40-year anniversary," by Lisa  
Cianci, 1980s  
Photo of fire truck hanging July 4 banner, 1994  
*Gulfport Gabber*, "The Time Machine," three parts, 1990s, by Anne L. Hall  
*St. Petersburg Times*, "Out of retirement," December 17, 1997

### Fire Siren

Photo and information sheet

Newspaper Article: *Gulfport Gabber*, "Noon Siren Takes Place in History," by Pat Ritz

Photo of Water Tower from *St. Petersburg Independent*, September 24, 1973



### Chiefs

Program for Memorial Service for Laurence T. McCarthy, September 12, 1998

Card from McCarthy Service

*Gulfport Gabber*, "Tim McCarthy, 50 Year resident Dies at 83," by Lynne Brown

*Gulfport Gabber*, Chief Brooks to be Honored, April 16, 1994

*Gulfport Gabber*, "In Memory of the Late Chief, Walter Brooks" April, 1994

*Gulfport Gabber*, photo of Chief Brooks dedicating a fire pumper in 1992

Photos

1925 American LaFrance



Fire Department 1924. Sam Webb's listing: Norman Huckins, Russell Barrow, Sidney Webb, Sam (Wesley) Webb, Frank Anthony, Ralph McRoberts, and an unknown man. On the back of the photo is this listing: Irving Slaughter, Russell Bearrow, Sidney Webb, Wesley Webb, Frank Anthony, Ralph McRoberts, and Norman Huckins.



Upstairs meeting room at Fire Station



Putting out brush fire



Fire Station in City Hall Complex



Post-War Fire Department



A copy of another photo taken about this time shows several of the same people, plus Lester Wintersgill, Jerome Girard, Frenchy LaJoie, and others. The original has been misplaced.

Lt. Bodie. Nathan White second back at side of truck



Walter Brooks, Nathan White, Tim McCarthy



LaVerne Pounds, Fire Marshall

