

MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM

THE MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM IS MAINTAINED AND TOURS ARE CONDUCTED BY ACTIVE DUTY FIRE FIGHTERS.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 5
Evening and weekends by appointment

- Photo "Wall of Flame"
Photos Dating Back to the Late 1800s

- Antique Fire Helmets and Helmets from Around the World



- Antique Firefighting Equipment, Hoses, Nozzles, Bells, etc.
- Antique Firefighting Apparatus Including the 1879 Silsby Steamer (front cover).
- Interesting Firefighting Displays
- A Unique Glimpse of Marietta's Proud Firefighting History

- T-shirts, Mugs & Other Souvenirs Available
- Donations Accepted and Appreciated



1921 AMERICAN
LA FRANCE
500 GPM PUMPER

This fire engine replaced the horse-drawn Silsby Steamer. It was designated as Engine #2. It was one of the first motorized fire apparatus in North Georgia.

Interesting features of this truck included: chain-driven power train, 40 gallon chemical extinguisher, spark gap and fuel feed levers on the steering column.



From Atlanta:

Take I-75 North to exit 263. Follow (West Bound) to Marietta. This road becomes South Marietta Parkway 120 S. Loop. Follow West about 5 miles to Atlanta Street, turn right. Marietta Square is 2 blocks ahead.

From North Georgia

Take I-75 South to exit 267B. Follow ramp to Highway 5 (Marietta, Smyrna) Road becomes Church Street. Follow road about 2 1/2 miles to Marietta Square.



1879 SILSBY STEAMER - Front Cover

In 1879 the City of Marietta purchased a Silsby steam-powered pumper. It was the 655th steamer manufactured by the Silsby Manufacturing Company in Seneca Falls, N.Y. It's a 500-gallon per minute pumper and can flow approximately two tons of water per minute. It served the city until 1921 when it was replaced by the 1921 American LaFrance pumper. The steamer was named the "Aurora" by the local citizens. In 1992 the Aurora received a complete 100% restoration. It was completely nickel-plated and is completely functional. The Silsby Steamer is one of only 5 still in existence.

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Museum



Historic Marietta Square
112 Haynes Street
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WALL OF FLAME

A photo gallery featuring some of the worst catastrophies in Marietta History which includes:



Atherton Drug Store
natural gas explosion:
October 31, 1963



United Plastics Fire:
November 1, 1981



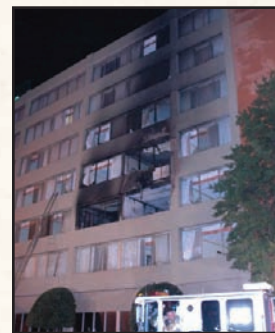
W.P. Stephens Lumber Company
Fire: March 14, 1966



Marietta Lighting Company
October 25, 2001



Country Oaks Apartment
Fire: May 30, 1997



Holiday Inn Hotel Fire:
January 15, 2006



Navy Corsair A-7 Jet
Crash into Pine Village
Apartments:
November 9, 1989



Gasoline Tanker
Fire on I-75
March 1, 1971

FIRE FACTS

- The Marietta Fire Department was officially formed in 1854 following a massive fire which destroyed most of the Marietta Square.
- Marietta Firefighters respond to approximately 12,000 calls for service each year.
- In the mid 1800's Marietta citizens relied on volunteer bucket brigades to pass water hand to hand from a water source to the fire as their only form of fire protection. Now Marietta citizens rely on well over 100 highly trained professional fire fighters. The Marietta Fire Department has 6 stations with a fleet of the most state-of-the-art fire apparatus available. The Marietta Fire Department also has a Hazardous Materials Unit, a Technical Rescue Unit, a Training Division and a Fire Prevention Bureau.
- In 1879 The Marietta Fire Department purchased a Silsby horse drawn steamer which was named the "Aurora". The "Aurora" is one of only 5 Silsby steamer's still in existence and it is proudly displayed in the Marietta Fire Museum.



- In 1921 the Marietta Fire Department accepted delivery of a new American LaFrance pumper. It was one of the first motorized fire trucks in the north Georgia area and it is currently on display in the Marietta Fire Museum.
- Dalmations have always been associated with the fire service. They are a very protective breed and they were bred to run along side horse drawn fire apparatus to protect the horses and to keep other dogs from chasing and spooking the horses while they were galloping to the fire. The Dalmations also protected the horses and fire equipment while on the scene of the fire.
- Firefighting has evolved into a highly technical profession. Marietta Firefighters rely on the most modern equipment available. Self contained breathing apparatus, thermal imaging cameras and Nomex® fire resistant gear allow firefighters the best possible opportunity to search for and locate fire victims.



1929 SEAGRAVES 500
GPM PUMPER

This pumper was placed in service in 1929. It was designated as Engine #1. It was placed into reserve status in 1952 and retired from active duty in 1959. Old Engine #1 responded to the great Winecoff Hotel fire of 1947 in Atlanta. Marietta fire crews were requested to assist in battling the infamous blaze which claimed 119 lives.



1949 PIRSCH LADDER TRUCK

This truck was originally designated as Ladder #1. It was one of the longest reaching ladders in North Georgia. Ladder #1 was placed in service in 1949 and remained on active duty until 1984. It was last used on the United Plastics fire on November 1, 1981.



1952 CHEVROLET RESCUE TRUCK

This Chevrolet panel truck was donated to the Marietta Fire Department in 1952 by the Marietta Lions Club and was placed in service as the first rescue truck in the city. It was used during the infamous Atherton Drug store explosion in 1962 and during the ice storm of 1972. It was refurbished by the Lions Club in the early 1990s.