



**MONTECITO
FIRE**

100 YEARS

**The Montecito Fire Department
Celebrates A Century of Service & Honor**

“ALONE WE CAN DO LITTLE.

TOGETHER

WE CAN DO SO MUCH.”

Helen Keller

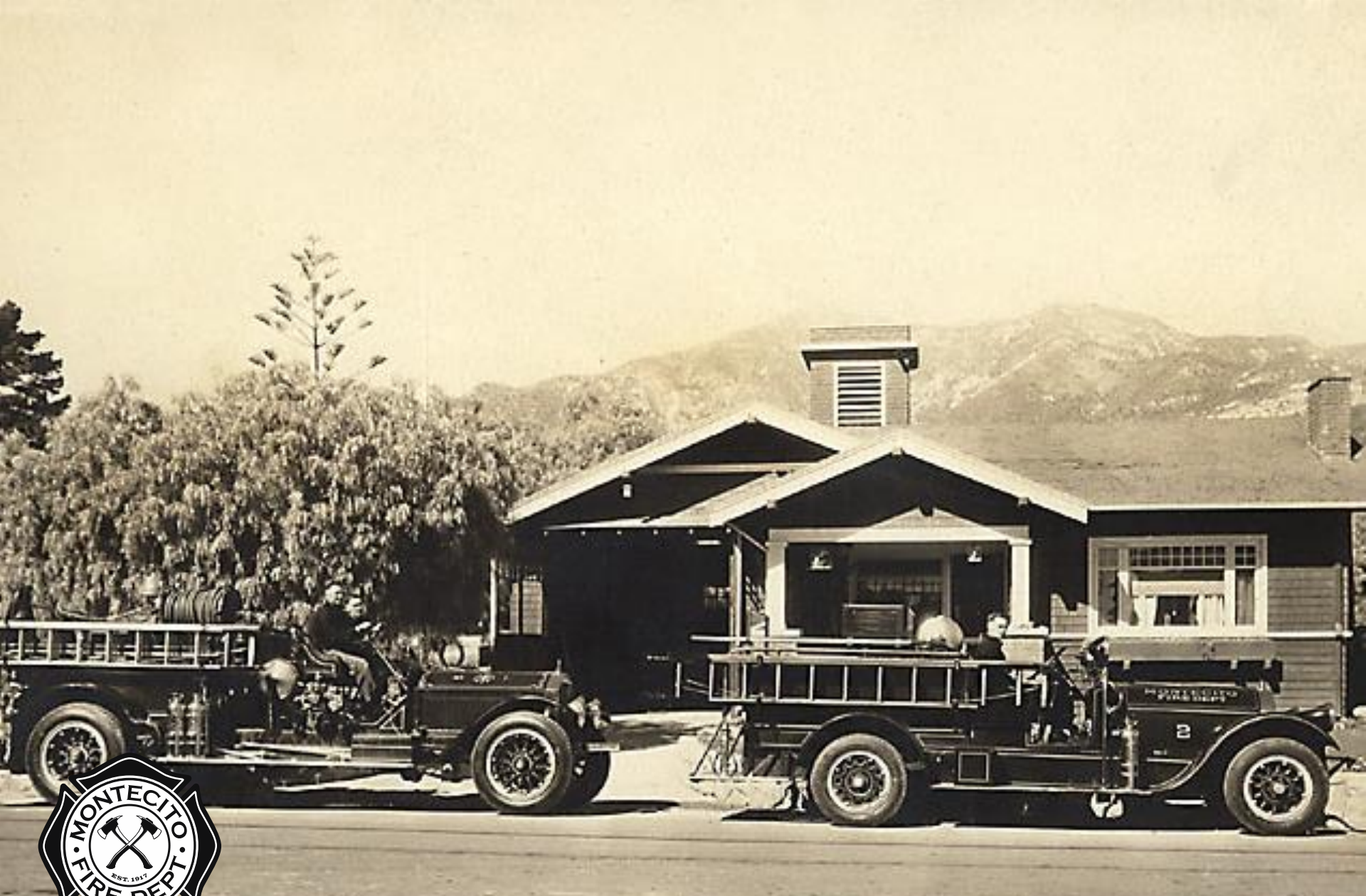


In celebration of our centennial anniversary,
we pause to reflect
and be grateful for the dedicated men and women
who serve the community
as part of the Montecito Fire Department
...yesterday, today & tomorrow.





La France Fire Engine



June 1917 MFD is Established



1926 Pierce Arrow Engine



1931 Station One on East Valley Rd



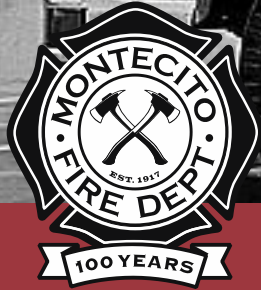
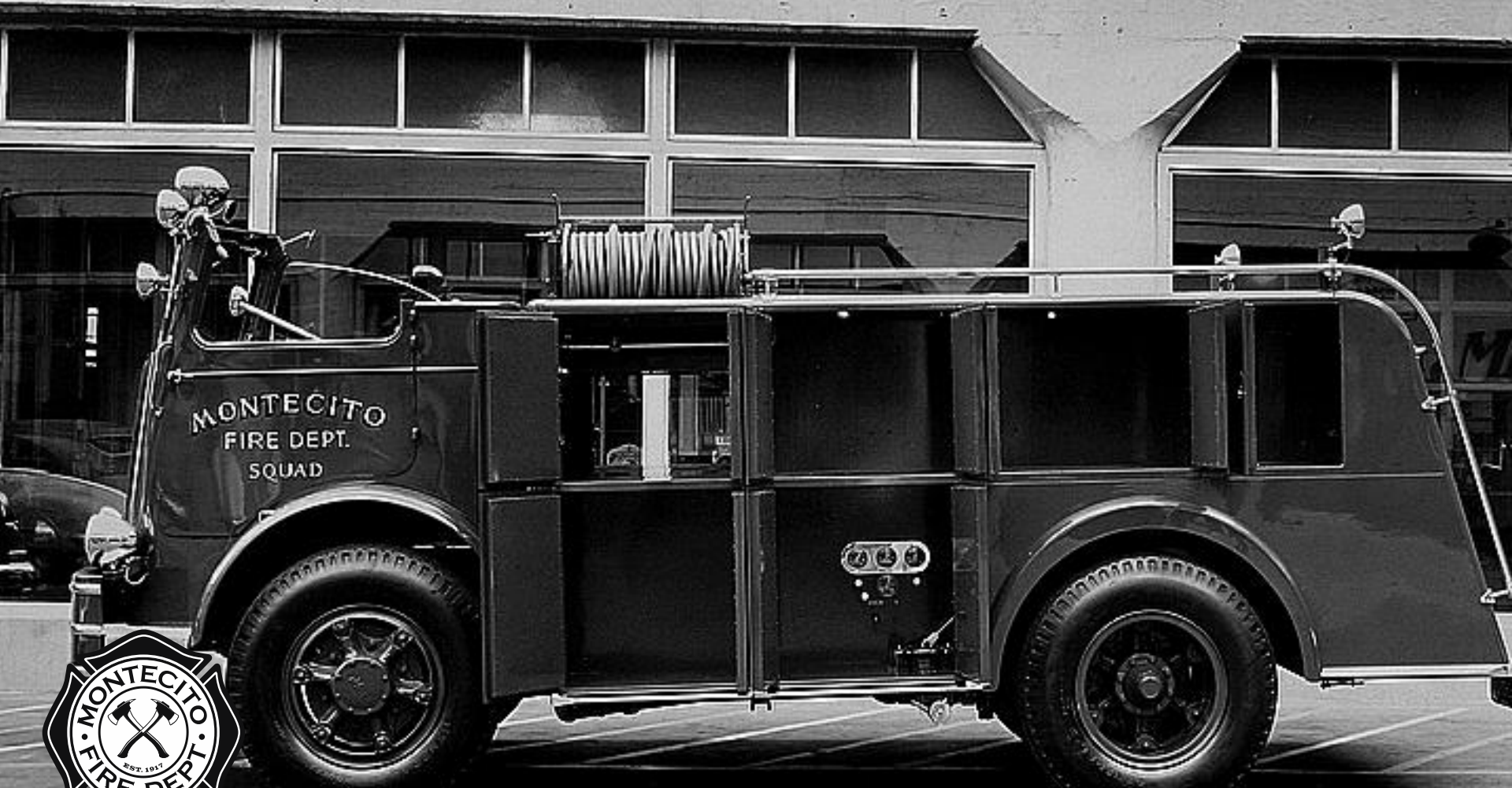
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STATION NO. 2

2102



1951 Station Two built on Cold Springs Rd



1951 Mack Engine



1955 Crown Engine



1960 Van Pelt Pumper



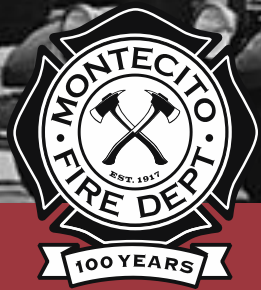
1962 Crown Engine



1984 Mack Engine



1991 Current Station One is built on San Ysidro Road



1937 Montecito Fire Department



1937 Delivery of Mack Engine



1937 Drills with new Mack Engine



1984 Drills Engineer Al Gregson, Firefighter Chris Mahon, Captain Ron Dellar Mack Triple Combo Pumper



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1990 Captain Al Gregson, Firefighter Gary Monday, Firefighter Kurt Mann with a Pierce Arrow Triple Combo Pumper



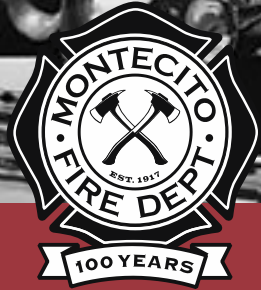
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1983 Chief John Walters with Mack Engine



1962 Rides in the new Crown Pumper



1948 Dodge Power Wagon 4-Wheel Drive



1983 Santa rides to the Biltmore



1980 1956 Crown at work in the 1980's



1980's Fun with a vintage engine in the 1980's



1973 A new Van Pelt Pumper on an International chassis

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1920's Station One



1930's Ensign, Tenney, Olie Hunter — Near Billings Park



1930's Firefighter Near Billings Park



1930's Near Billings Park



1920 Fire at the Hammonds Estate



1920 Fire at the Hammonds Estate



1950's Car accident, Near Miramar Hotel



1969 Flood, Near Mountain Drive at Brooktree



1969 Flood, Near Mountain Drive at Brooktree

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1959 Car accident on Cold Spring Road



CALIFORNIA
4900



Date Unknown Hose bed



1960's Engine test at Sheffield Reservoir



1960's Firefighter with Scott Airpack



1950's Fire on Ortega Ridge



1950's Fire on Ortega Ridge



1970 Ventura Pier



1950's Brush fire 2100 block of Foothill Road

1730 Glen Oaks Drive
Santa Barbara, California 93108
May 7, 1987

Mr. Roy Jensen
President
Montecito Fire Board
1476 East Valley Road
Montecito, California 93108

Dear Roy:

Last Sunday morning at my home in Glen Oaks, I suffered a severe angina. When I temporarily lost consciousness, my wife called the Montecito Fire Department.

The truck was at my home in about five minutes. The firemen moved swiftly and efficiently to apply first aid. The supply of oxygen they provided me quickly improved my condition.

I want to express my thanks through you and Chief McElwee to these fine young firemen who came to my rescue. They were competent and courteous.

It is this sort of professionalism that has earned our Montecito Fire Department the admiration and support of the community. Chief McElwee can be justly proud of his new command.

Sincerely,

Henry
Henry J. Miller, Jr.
Brig. Gen. U.S. Army (Ret.)

*Thanks for a good job
H. McElwee*



1987 Thank you letter from Brig. Gen. Henry Muller, U.S. Army

Friday, March 24, 1989

to the Montecito Fire Dept. Staff:

I send my sincere thanks for getting me into my house.

After this, I'm hiding a key outside so that I won't have to get you out again to come to my rescue.

Best wishes,

See Forgasello





1957 Following a residence fire, La Vereda Lane, New Years Day



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1938 Fire on Upper Hot Springs



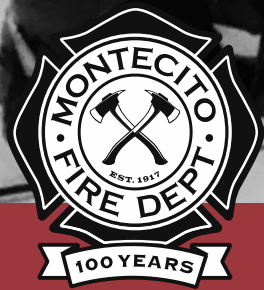
1955 30th Anniversary BBQ for Chief Ensign



1955 Chief Ensign cuts the cake, 30th Anniversary BBQ



1955 Pink Cricket Restaurant, April



1956 Repairing driveway at Station Two



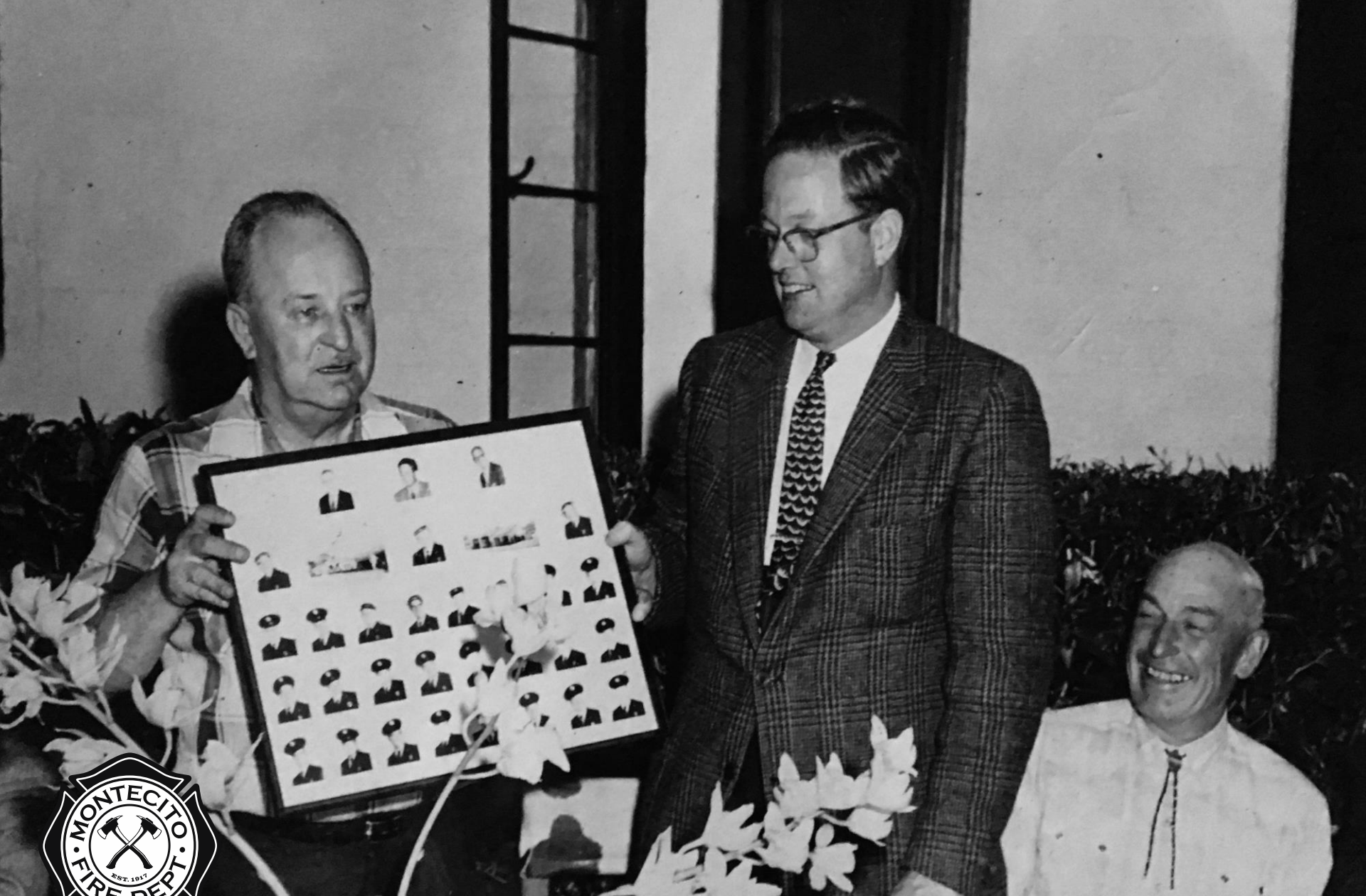
1956 Capt. M.A. Lopez, Fireman Gerry Ellinger & Eng. Jack Staniforth,
Firemen Association Parade



1959 Charles Graham during a drill



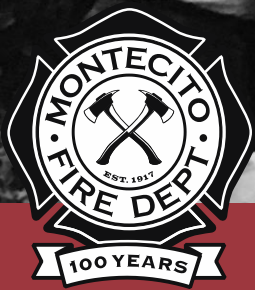
1959 Charles Graham during a drill



1959 Plaque presentation by Chief Ensign to Commissioner Walker



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1959 BBQ retirement party for Commissioner Bill Walker



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1959 Car accident on Cold Springs Road



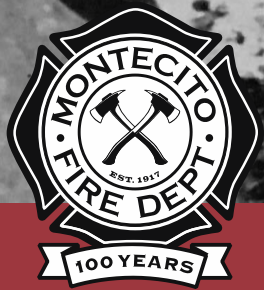
1960 Fire at Montecito Union School



1961 Captains N.H. Brown & M.A. Lopez attend Oil Fire School at Bakersfield



1962 Chief Roy Tenney directs operations, Sycamore Canyon Road



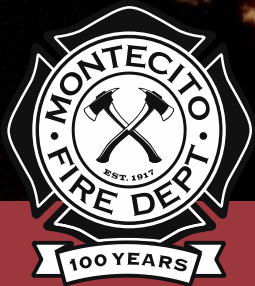
1964 Coyote Fire aftermath, near Mountain Drive



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1964 Squad One damaged by while fighting Coyote Fire



1964 Eng. Jack Staniforth & Fireman Dave Powell were burned while fighting the Coyote Fire



1964 Vehicles from across California gather for "Fire Camp" at San Carlos Ranch Polo Field



1930's Climbing the tower at old Station One



FIRE



1990's Fire Jeep

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2015 Fire engine washed and polished



1917-1925

First Fire Chief, Edgar L. Sinex



1925-1967

Chief George H. Ensign



1967-1975

Chief Norman W. Vincent



1974-1985

Chief Charles Graham



1984-1986

Chief John Walters



1987-2006

Chief Herb McElwee



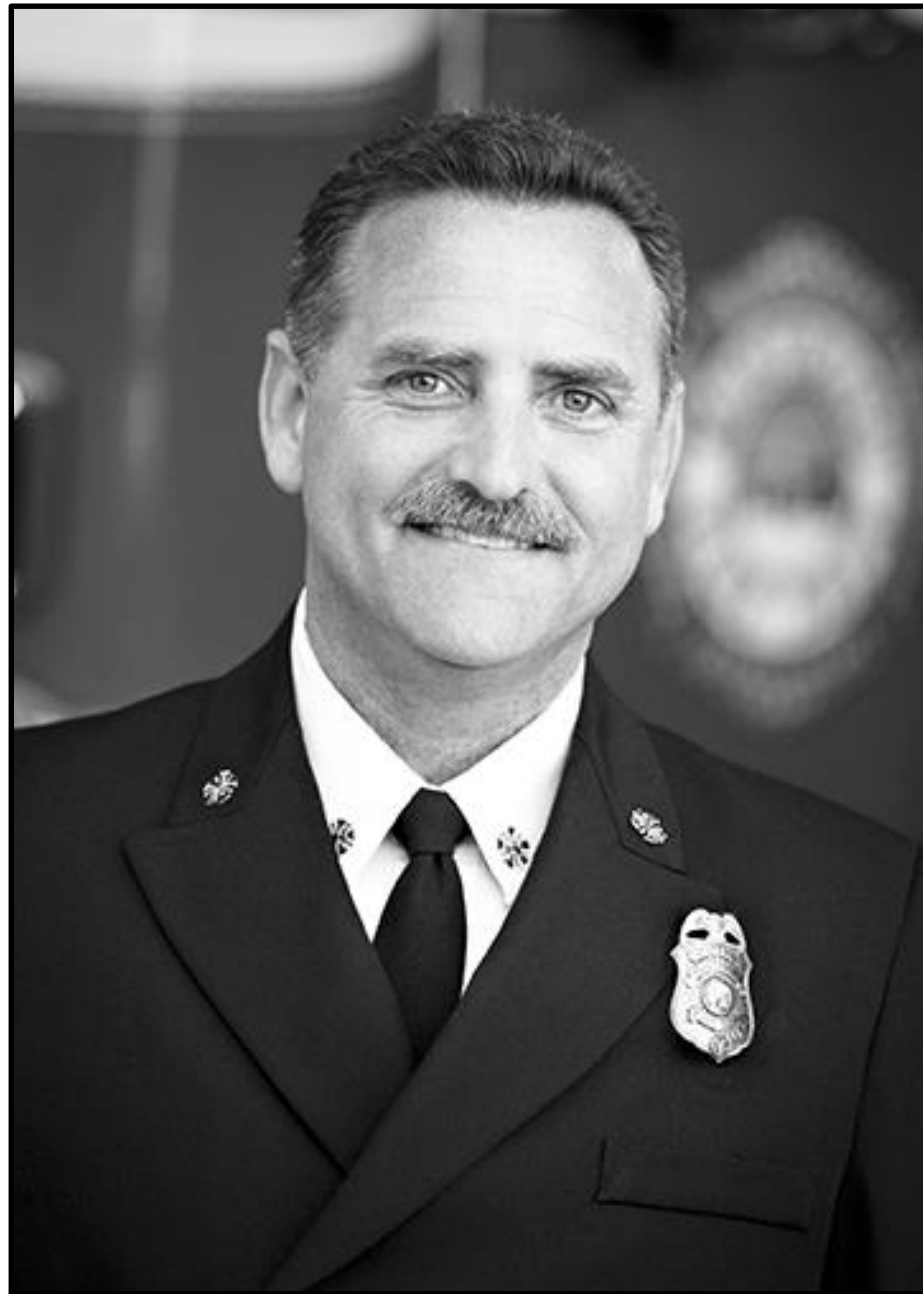
2000-2006

Chief Ron McClain



2006-2012

Chief Kevin Wallace



2012-present
Chief Chip Hickman



2017 Board Members

Board Members Pictured from left to right
**Mike Lee, Sylvia Easton, John Abraham Powell,
Peter van Duinwyk and John Venable**

