

Tualatin's Fire History Book

Release set for Saturday, February 25th



Group Photo of Tualatin Fire Department volunteers in front of the fire station they built and owned on 84th Ave. ca. early 1950s

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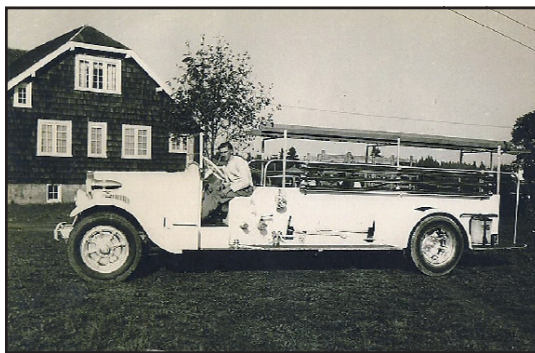
Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District firefighters, family descendants of the first Tualatin fire chief William Barngrover and other descendants of Tualatin fire fighters have been reconstructing the history of the City of Tualatin Fire Department and the Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District (TRFPD). The two agencies provided local fire protection and life safety services from 1937-1989 before merging with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R). The 100 page book will become available on February 25, 2012 at



August Ite, Ite and Ite School Bus Services stands in front of Reo Speedwagon School Bus he sold to Tualatin Fire Department who converted it into fire truck #2 below

Rescue so the Tualatin Historical Society asked the group to reconstruct what they could. All agreed that any further delays might be too late to obtain information and compile the history. The fire history book so far contains about 100 pages of "sad and glad" interviews and personal memories of citizens and fire fighters. It also includes information from newspaper clippings regarding major fires and disasters, local, federal and state governmental files, war civil defense information. The committee provided personally owned incident reports, annual reports, personnel rosters, fire safety prevention programs and former fire fighters loaned pictures of fires, fire fighters, fire stations and apparatus.

Since 2012 will mark the beginning of the Tualatin Fire Department 75 years ago, the book will be released by the Tualatin Historical Society's Fire Committee in February which was the month the fire department's celebrated their annual birthday. The "Diamond Jubilee" open house will be hosted by the Tualatin Historical Society, TVF&R and the City of Tualatin. Momentos, plaques, badges and fire equipment will also be displayed. Upfront publication costs are being paid for by the Tualatin Historical Society and TVF&R.



Reo Speed Wagon fire truck, converted from school bus driven by Tualatin Volunteer firefighter William Barngrover Jr.

an open house for the public from 1-5 PM at the Tualatin Fire Station, 19365 S.W. 90th Court.

It expanded after World War II when, in 1946, a fire district was formed covering more than 100 square miles. The new district included the cities of Tualatin and Sherwood and the then unincorporated cities of Tigard, Wilsonville, King City, Durham and Rivergrove plus unincorporated areas in Washington and Clackamas counties.

Records of the two organizations were mostly destroyed just before the 1989 merger with the Tualatin Valley Fire and

Open House at Fire Station Celebrates Firefighting History

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is proud to partner with the Tualatin Historical Society to host an open



house celebrating 75 years of Tualatin firefighting history on Saturday, February 25th. The event, which is open to the public, is from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at TVF&R's Tualatin Station 34 located at 19365 SW 90th Court. During a brief ceremony at 2:00, Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden and TVF&R Fire Chief Mike Duyck will cut a ceremonial birthday cake and the Tualatin Historical Society will introduce its newest book, Tualatin Fire Protection History 1937-1989. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and historic firefighting equipment will be on display. This will be a great event for families, history buffs and citizens who want to meet their hometown firefighters from past and present.



Close-up photo of first fire truck. Note: Tualatin Methodist Church, now Tualatin Heritage Center in background. First city hall and church were located on north east side of Boones Ferry Road and Tualatin-Sherwood Road intersection (north of McDonald's) Also note: Big oak tree in background, one of many toppled by 1962 Columbus Day Storm (discussed in Fire History Book)



Historic photo of a Tualatin Fire Station, circa 1948.