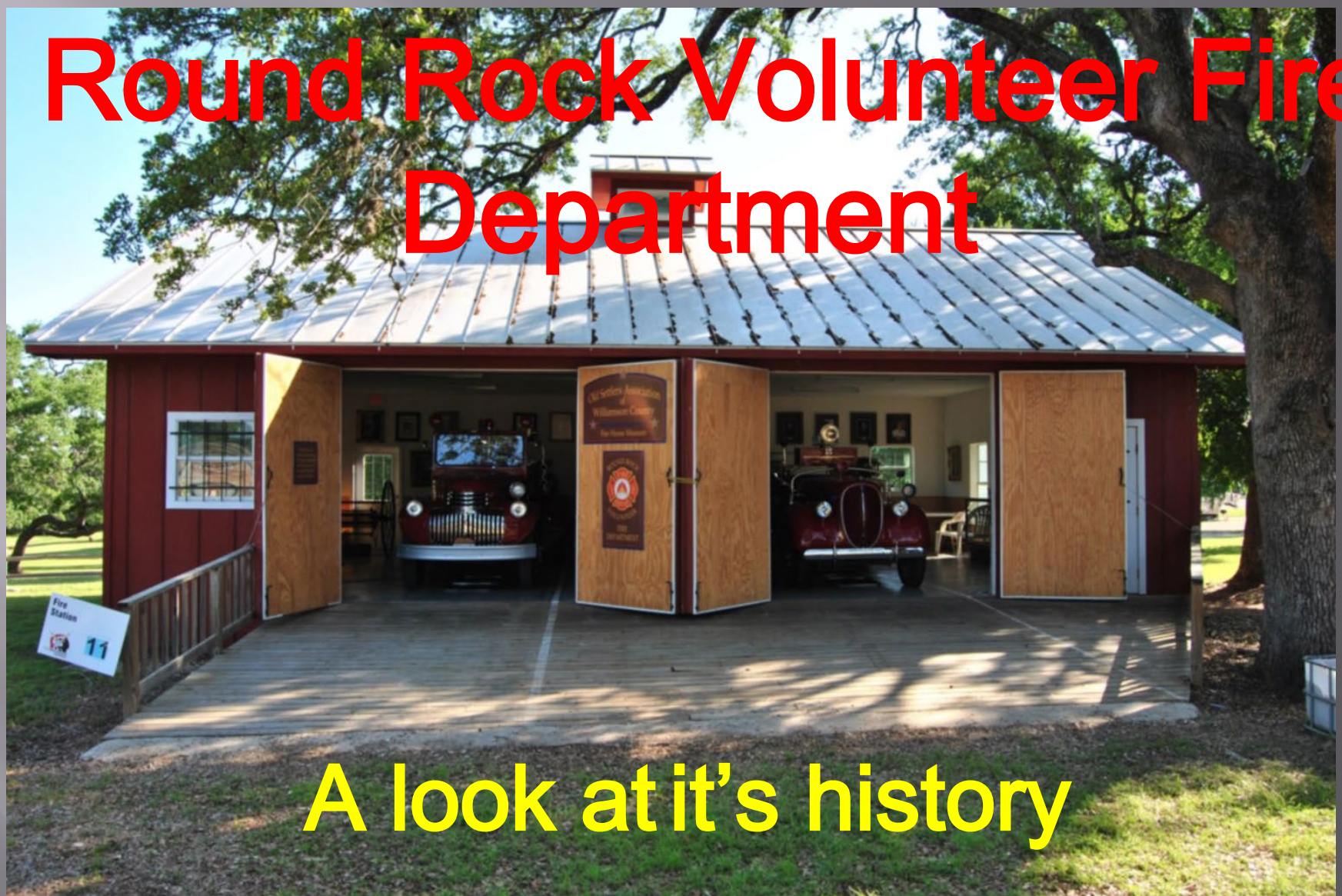


Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department



The Early Years

▣ 1846

- This year Dr. W. I. Anderson, Levi Asher and Reverend Freeman Smalley arrived and built homes along Brushy Creek near the Round Rock. At this time a stage line also crossed Brushy Creek near the Round Rock.

▣ 1851 - 1854

- In 1851 mail was being delivered to this settlement at the Brushy Creek Post Office. This name was rejected by the U.S. Post office on August 24th, 1854. For this reason the name was changed from Brushy Creek to Round Rock.

The Early Years

▣ 1876

- The International & Great Northern Railroad came to the area and “New Town” (current location of downtown Round Rock) was formed.
- This was done to be closer to the rail line.

The Early Years

▣ 1879

- Fire destroys 10 buildings in a block of New Town, causing \$20,000 in damage.
- After New Town was burned to the ground the folks realized they had a water problem.
- All new buildings would have their roofs slant to the rear. Cisterns were placed in the alleys behind the buildings to collect rainwater. This became the water source for fire fighting.

The Early Years

- ▣ 1883
 - Round Rock College (Greenwood Masonic Academy) burned. A new building, known as the Round Rock Institute, was built only a short distance away, between Old and New Round Rock.

The Early Years

▣ 1884

- After a year of planning and fund-raising the community established the Round Rock Fire Department. The Round Rock fire district boundaries were as follows:
- Round Rock's district boundaries:
 - N orth: Westinghouse Road.
 - E ast: County Road 110.
 - W est: FM 620 and County Line.
 - S outh: Williamson / Travis county line.

The Early Years

- ▣ 1890
 - Round Rock bought a used Hand Pumper. We believe it came from Austin.
 - The Hand Pumper was in service until about 1923.



Picture taken in front of the Main Street Library

The Early Years

▣ FIRE STATIONS

- Over the years the Round Rock Fire Department had various locations for it's stations. One of these is where the Water Tower resides.



- Another location might surprise you.

Main Street Fire Station



1980 Main Street Library Conversion Complete



A Leap Forward

1941

- ▣ World War II caused a decrease in male firefighters.
- ▣ The women of Round Rock became firefighters.
- ▣ They continued as a group until 1971.



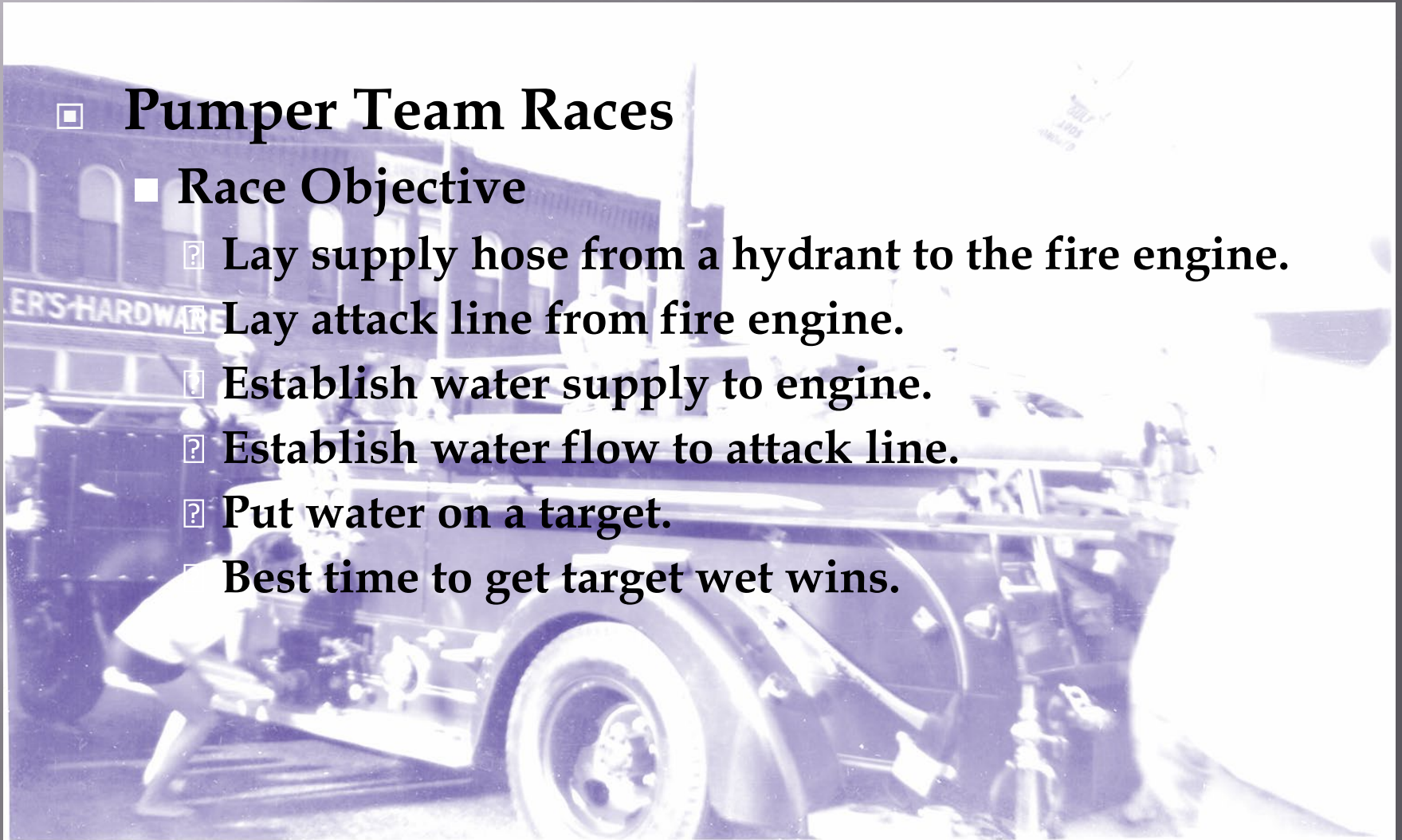


First Ladies Pumper Team

▣ Pumper Team Races

■ Race Objective

- ❑ Lay supply hose from a hydrant to the fire engine.
- ❑ Lay attack line from fire engine.
- ❑ Establish water supply to engine.
- ❑ Establish water flow to attack line.
- ❑ Put water on a target.
- ❑ Best time to get target wet wins.



Ladies Pumper Team 1941 - 1971



Ladies Pumper Team At Dallas Competition



Dallas State Convention
June, 1955
Jan Buster -
Edith Basford
Barbara Basford
Lela Jennings
Betty Nickerson
Hayes M. King

Present Days

▣ 1975

- The western section of the Round Rock fire district (Jollyville / Anderson Mill) had a housing boom. The Round Rock Fire Department needed to respond to this growth.
- Round Rock Fire Department took their 1946 fire engine (E2) and established the Jollyville Company of the Round Rock Fire Department.



1978 First Career Firefighter

- ▣ Round Rock was now becoming a bedroom community.
- ▣ The first career firefighter (Lynn Bizzell) was hired.
- ▣ Lynn Bizzell became Fire Chief. He served this position until 2004.
- ▣ He is now Fire Chief in Fredericksburg Tx.



Present Days

1980

- A housing development known as Brushy Creek was starting so we used the 1946 Chevy to establish the Sam Bass Fire Company of the Round Rock Fire Department.



Present Days

1980

- The city of Round Rock had a Fire Chief.
- The Round Rock Volunteers had a Chief.
- Each Volunteer Company had a Captain Reporting to the RRVFD Chief.

50th Anniversary (1991)



Present Days

▣ 2007

- The city of Round Rock has grown to nearly 100,000. The area served by the volunteers was diminishing. So, in 2007 the volunteers turned their area over to the Round Rock Fire Department for coverage.

1884 Hand Pumper





1884 Hand Pumper

- ▣ It was purchased as a seasoned apparatus around 1890. We believe from the city of Austin.
- ▣ It was in service until around 1923.
- ▣ It was stored at various Round Rock Fire stations.
- ▣ In 2001 it was sent out for restoration that took about 2 years to complete.

1938 First “New” Fire Engine



Engine 1

Engine 1 (1938 Ford)

- ▣ A chassis is bought from a local Ford Dealer.
- ▣ It is sent out to be converted into a Fire Truck.
- ▣ Once back it served Round Rock fire until the early 1970s.
- ▣ It is now retired and serves the fire service in parades and memorial services.

1943 / 1946 Engine 2



Engine 2

(1943 /1946) Chevrolet

- ▣ Engine 2 started life as a Military Fire Truck.
- ▣ In 1946 it went on the auction block and Round Rock bought it.
- ▣ Service Life:
 - 1946 – 1975 It was in Round Rock.
 - 1975 – 1980 It established Jollyville Fire Company of the Round Rock Fire Department.
 - 1980 – 1988 It established the Sam Bass Fire Company of the Round Rock Fire Department.
 - It now serves in parades and memorial services.

2007 End of an Era

- ▣ This year marked the end of the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department.
- ▣ The city had grown to the point that the career department could better serve the Round Rock area.

**Round Rock Volunteer Fire
Department
1884 - 2007**

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