

**Aurora Fire Department
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Collection Summary

Accession Number: 2015.032

Dates: 1977-2011 and undated

Quantity: 3 Boxes

Location: Archives DA 2

Abstract: Documents created by the Aurora Fire Department give some history of the department and its firefighters

Arrangement: Box 1 contains a history of the department and nine folders of emails written mostly by Joseph Shovlin about retired firemen and their monthly breakfasts. Box 2 consists of newspaper articles on the killing of a fireman, fires in the Aurora area, and the crash of Flight 1713 at Stapleton Airport. Box 3 consists almost entirely of photographs, including albums of Aurora Fire Department pictorial history with photos of firemen, equipment, and events.

Contents

Box 1: Fire Department Documents

Folder 1: 1977-1982. Program from Aurora Fire Department Training Academy Graduation Class of 1977. Copy of long article with photos about Aurora Local 1290 from autumn 1980 *Colorado Professional Fire Fighter* which includes the department history and current divisions. November 1980 *City A-Roar* (newsletter for city of Aurora Employees) contains article on the year's top firefighters. A coloring book for children. 1982 program for dedication of fire station No. 10.

Folder 2: Undated and 2004. An undated four-page list of firemen labeled AFD Old Hire Pension Fund. E-mails from Joseph Shovlin about retired firemen's breakfasts.

Folder 3: 2005. E-mails on firemen's breakfasts throughout the year with information on many topics as well as about specific firemen.

Folder 4: 2006. E-mails with news for and about retired firemen and their breakfasts. June edition of "Hot Wire," Aurora Fire Department publication

Folder 5: 2007. Emails with news for and about retired firemen and their breakfasts

Folder 6: 2008. Emails with news for and about retired firemen and their breakfasts

Folder 7: 2009. Emails with news for and about retired firemen and their breakfasts

Folder 8: 2010. Bound emails labeled "Retired Firemen's Breakfast" with news for and about retired firemen. Photos of the breakfasts are included.

Folder 9: 2011. Bound emails with news for and about retired firemen and their breakfasts. Photos of the breakfasts are included

Folder 10: Undated. Photos, flyers, and posters. Fire Department coloring book, photos of fire prevention posters, small and large folded posters

Box 2: Newspaper articles

Folder 1: 1981-1981. Articles from *The Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News* about the killing of an Aurora policeman, Debra Sue Corr, on June 27 and capture and suicide of the suspected killer.

Folder 2: 1980-1983. *Denver Post* articles on Denver Fire and Police Departments, Aurora Fire Department newspaper, Spring 1981

Folder 3: 1983-1985. *Denver Post* articles on fires at University Hills Mall in 1983 and the Masonic Temple on 16th Street Mall in 1984. Denver Metro Fire Chief's Association newspaper with articles on area fire departments; article on Aurora fireman charged with cocaine sale

Folder 4: 1987. Five *Denver Post* articles on November 15 crash of Continental Flight 1713 at Stapleton Airport killing 26 people. Article on London subway fire

Box 3: Photographs

Folder 1: 1956-1958. Photographs of fires on Dayton Street, at Richard's Toy Store, and Friend Furniture Company

Folder 2: 1959-1965. Negatives and photographs of fires at West Junior High School, photos of fires at Navajo Service and Safeway

Folder 3: 1971-1972. Photos of fires at 12371 E. Cedar Circle and The Store at 8975 E. Colfax

Folder 4: 1976 and undated. Photos of fires on 16th Avenue, at 1206 Clinton, 2241 Geneva, and Crawford School

Folder 5: 1980, 1983 and undated. Photos of fires at Telluride and Evans, a plane crash at 14891 E. Jefferson, and unidentified fires

Folder 6: 1958. Photos of mock disaster plan

Folder 7: Undated. Photos of fire department members and equipment

Folder 8: 1963-1978 and undated. Miscellaneous photos

Folder 9: 1976-1984 and undated. Miscellaneous fire department photos

Folder 10: 1984. Aurora Fire Department *Pictorial History Book*, 2 copies. The album contains a history of the Aurora Fire Department with many photos of firemen, equipment, and fires. Also included are photos of department staff members and firefighters from Stations 1 through 10, as well as retired personnel.

Folder 11: 1997. Aurora Fire Department *Pictorial History Book*, 3 copies. The album contains photos of Fire Department personnel listed by position and beginning date of employment. A history section includes photos and descriptions of firemen, fires, and equipment starting with 1891 and continuing through the 1990s. Items found in the album are small cards on rescue breathing and stickers for Colorado and Aurora Firemen's associations.

Folder 12: 1965-1970. National Fire Protection Association and American Insurance Association posters on Fire Protection Week