

Belleville Fire Department

Box Number	Date	Title	Scope
Box04	1907	Newspaper clippings	Four clippings of Belleville fires. Three are from 1907, the fourth is not marked. Fires were at the Convent School, Quinte Hotel and Scantlebury's Book Store. The fourth clipping is a report of the Underwriters Inspector, giving a good description of the fire department, and suggestions to make it better.
Box04	Sept. 4, 1913	Newspaper clippings	Fire on Front St. Behind the Queens Hotel. Burned the stables, barns, a blacksmith shop and some businesses.
Box04	Jan. 27, 1915	Newspaper clippings	A fire at the Palace Theatre and L. Metropoulis "Shoe Shine" Parlor which were totally destroyed. The buildings were on the South East corner of Front and Campbell St.
Box04	Feb. 2, 1915	Newspaper clippings	Fire Chief William H. Campbell had been suffering from stomach trouble and after attending the fire at the Palace Theatre a week ago, caught a cold, took very ill, and died. He was 76 years old and was Chief for over 35 years.
Box04	Aug. 5, 1916	Newspaper clippings	A fire on Pinnacle St. destroyed Johnson's Livery, sleighs, cutters, buggies, harness and 6 houses. Some damage also to John Lafferty's Livery, Peck and Wills Lumber Yard and Factory. Ed Naylor's blacksmith shop was saved from any fire. Of special note is that the fire alarm sent in from the police station would not work, so the firemen were telephoned by the police officer on duty.
Box04		Newspaper clippings	How Belleville chose its name and became a town in 1816. A good description of early inhabitants and the town in its first 100 years.
Box04	Aug. 5, 1921	Newspaper clippings	A fire on the East side of Front St. at the Burrow's Block. Fire started in Thomas E. Pigden's clothes pressing establishment and affected Miss Bowerman's apartment and Miss Orr's dressmaking rooms.
Box04	Apr. 1, 1930	Newspaper clippings	Front and back page of the newspaper, headlines are "William Lynch Appointed Permanent Fire Chief", but the section of the newspaper that had the story has been cut out.
Box04	July 17, 1933	Newspaper clippings	A fire on Front St. at the McGie-Symons block where the fire was contained. Smoke damage to John W. Cook and Co. block as well as Schryer Pharmacy.
Box04	Oct. 31, 1936	Newspaper clippings	A fire at John Street United Church, only four stone walls remain.
Box04	Aug. 23, 1951	Newspaper clippings	From The Free Press, London, Ontario. A full page of newspaper with several entries about fire fighters, new equipment and a meeting of Fire Chiefs in London Ontario.
Box04	Jan. 28, 1952	Newspaper clippings	The Sudbury Daily Star newspaper with photos and an article on the fire at the Ledo Hotel on Elgin St.
Box04	Nov. 6, 1954	Newspaper clippings	Toronto Daily Star newspaper full page photo of a house fire that took the lives of a mother and her four children.

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Box04	Mar. 12, 1954	Newspaper clippings	Belleville Intelligencer clipping of a fire on Coleman St. At Roblin Dairy. Two story barn and 3 cars damaged, about \$12,000 damage.
Box04	Mar. 13, 1954	Newspaper clippings	Pictures of three fires in the area over the weekend. Belleville fire truck and firemen on a ladder. Photo of Fred Gray's residence and store in flames at Plainville. The other photo is of a woman and six children who lost their log cabin near Lindsay to a fire.
Box04	Feb. 14, 1955	Newspaper clippings	The Telegram mentions a church fire (\$200,000), at the 111 year old Anglican Church on John St. Toronto. At the same fire as mentioned above the Toronto Daily Star showed many photos.
Box04	Feb. 17, 1955	Newspaper clippings	Toronto Daily Star, full page of photos of a Montreal apartment building fire where 11 people died.
Box04	1954-55	Newspaper clippings	Three pages with newspaper clippings glued to each side listing fires and fire hall news: May 3, 1954 – Rex the fire hall mascot, a friendly German shepherd dog missing one paw, died of old age. Dec. 1, 1955 – 2 children die in a house fire in Shannonville. Aug. 8, 1954 – East Robertson Block on front St. badly gutted by fire. Sept. 25, 1955 – Star Block of Upper Front St. fire (\$125,000). April 28, 1917 – Albion Hotel fire, "considerable damage, perhaps \$500."
Box04	July 11, 1956	Newspaper clippings	Belleville Intelligencer – Chief Vance describes his 35 years on the department, he joined in 1921 when horses were used to pull the wagons.
Box04	Feb. 1, 1956	Newspaper clippings	Reports the death of Captain Waddell of a heart seizure, 62 years old.
Box04	Jan. 18, 1956	Newspaper clippings	Belleville Intelligencer clipping of a fire in Marmora, a mother, 3 sons and 3 daughters die.
Box04	Jan. 3, 1957	Newspaper clippings	From the Ottawa Citizen – a large fire in Ottawa's Lower Town with a large photo.
Box04	Apr. 10, 1956	Newspaper clippings	The Ontario Intelligencer reports a fire at 80 South Front St., the former Roblin Boathouse, had been turned into apartments (\$10,000 loss).
Box04	Dec. 27, 1958	Newspaper clippings	The Ontario Intelligencer – Front St. fire, Diana Grill, James Text and the Sprague building at the corner of Front and MacAnnany (\$400,000 damage)
Box04	1959	Newspaper clippings	The death of a Toronto fire captain brings the question of whether his wife should get a pension, or just the amount he invested in the pension. He died of smoke inhalation but had suffered a heart attack previously, possibly contributing to his death. A fireman must die as a direct result of a fire for his wife to be entitled to his pension.

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Box04	Jan. 25, 1960	Newspaper clippings	The Telegram "EXTRA" – a special edition of 4 pages in which the front page covers fire prevention in Belleville. Page 2 has a photo of Toronto's first motor powered pumper and it still has a steam boiler to supply pressure for the hoses. Page 3 describes "The Day Toronto Burned, Apr. 19, 1904". The fire caused \$10,000,000 damage and burned 104 factories, warehouses and other buildings, putting 5,000 people out of work. Page 4 details the fire of Sept. 17, 1949 that burned the passenger ship S.S. Noronic in the Toronto harbour with the loss of 119 passengers. There are seven copies of this paper.
Box04	Dec. 11, 1960	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire at Jack Burkitt Sonoco service station on North Front St.
Box04	Dec. 13, 1960	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire in the mayor's office. Fire started by the chimney overheating the floor joists to the point of ignition.
Box04	Dec. 14, 1960	Newspaper clippings	A clipping noting the hiring of 8 new men on the Fire Department to allow changing to a 48 hour work week from a 54 hour week. The department now totals 50 men, including the chief.
Box04	Dec. 22, 1960	Newspaper clippings	A clipping telling of the fireman's role in working with the Kiwanis to collect toys and candies to distribute to needy children at Christmas.
Box04	Jan. 21, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire at Lafferty's Pool Room at 44 East Bridge St. where a fire broke out in the furnace room. Estimated \$7,500 damage.
Box04	Feb.1, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire at Stewart Warner plant on McDonald Ave.
Box04	Feb. 13, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire at the Silver Grill Restaurant on Front St., between the Upper Bridge and Victoria Ave. Estimated \$65,000 damage.
Box04	Feb. 16, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a hockey game between Belleville and Deseronto Fire Departments.
Box04	Mar. 13, 1961	Newspaper clippings	The Ontario Intelligencer - "Fire Destroys Shannonville Flour, Grist Mill, Oldest Landmark in the County".
Box04	Mar. 13, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire in the machine shop at the International Hardware Company of Canada Ltd. on Coleman St.
Box04	Apr.1, 1961	Newspaper clippings	A clipping describing various grass and brush fires in the area.
Box04	Jan. 10, 1962	Newspaper clippings	A clipping of a fire at the Ben Safe Block, midway between Front and Pinnacle Streets on the south side of Bridge St. Estimated between a quarter and a half million dollars damage.
Box04	Jan. 11, 1962	Newspaper clippings	Three photos of the fire on Bridge St. at the Ben Safe Block.
Box04	1962	Newspaper clippings	Members of the Quinte Emergency Measures Organization practice simulated radiation monitoring.
Box04	July 5, 1962	Newspaper clippings	More than 100 fire fighters from the area, belonging to the Mutual Aid Association had a demonstration of foam fire fighting at the Trenton landfill area.

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Box04	Sept. 22, 1962	Newspaper clippings	A clipping describes the volunteer firemen and their training through the years in Portugal.
Box04	Jan. 14, 1963	Newspaper clippings	The Trentonian – reports a fire at 227 Front St. above Roluf's Music and Travel Centre. The second and third floors were completely gutted, seven families homeless, about \$75,000 damage..
Box04	Jan. 20, 1963	Newspaper clippings	The Ontario Intelligencer – the obituary of Francis (Frank) Henry Post. Frank joined the Belleville Fire Department on April 15, 1929 and retired on December 31, 1955.
Box04	Feb. 21, 1963	Newspaper clippings	The Belleville Fire Department annual report for the previous year.
Box04	Feb. 7, 1964	Newspaper clippings	A record 111 firemen from Picton to Bancroft attended the monthly meeting of the Hastings and Prince Edward Mutual Aid Association at Trenton.
Box04	Feb. 18, 1964	Newspaper clippings	Report of a fire in Madoc at the Crest Hardware Store, about \$50,000 damage.
Box04	Dec. 28, 1964	Newspaper clippings	Reports of two fires, Kemp's Groceteria on Station St.(\$11,000 damage) and Toronto Dominion-Bank at the four corners(\$10,000 dmage).
Box04	May 10, 1966	Newspaper clippings	A photo of firemen receiving certificates for a 14 week auxiliary firefighting course.
Box04	July 31, 1967	Newspaper clippings	Report of an overturned fuel tanker truck on the cloverleaf at highway 401 and 37.
Box04	May 13, 1968	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Fire Chief Ted Poste is concerned about youths with fireworks.
Box04	Feb. 10, 1969	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – two year old boy dies in a house fire.
Box04	Apr. 7, 1969	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – reports a fire at the Moira Furniture Store on Front St., beside the Belle Theatre, about \$250,000 damage.
Box04	June 12, 1969	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – reports discontent between some townships and the city of Belleville concerning the charges for fire protection.
Box04	June 24, 1969	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – reports that Fire Chief Culhane has discretionary powers to answer township fire calls.
Box04	Aug. 4, 1970	Newspaper clippings	The Belleville Fire Department is complimented for the speed at which a fire call was answered at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club concerning a minor explosion on a moored boat.
Box04	Dec. 23, 1970	Newspaper clippings	A letter to the editor asks why firemen don't attend hockey games anymore to enforce the "no smoking" ban in the area.
Box04	Feb. 18, 1971	Newspaper clippings	Report of a fire at St. Agnes Manor on Bridge St. East.
Box04	Apr. 16, 1971	Newspaper clippings	Two Belleville students win honourable mention for their posters on fire prevention, this is an annual contest across Ontario.
Box04	Apr. 20, 1971	Newspaper clippings	Report of a fire at Albert College in the students dormitory, about \$200,000 damage.
Box04	Oct., 1971	Newspaper clippings	A photo of a booth set up at the Quinte Mall for Fire Prevention Week.

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Box04	Feb. 29, 1972	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – recommendations from the Ontario Fire Marshall say Belleville needs another firehall and more fire personnel on duty.
Box04	Apr. 3, 1972	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Thurlow Fire Department are building an emergency vehicle.
Box04	Apr. 13, 1972	Newspaper clippings	The Kingston Whig-Standard reports a fire on highway 401 where foam from CFB Trenton was used on the fuel tanker truck that had overturned and caught fire.
Box04	May 14, 1972	Newspaper clippings	Photo of Stu Meeks presenting a large painting to Belleville Deputy Fire Chief Robert Emerson.
Box04	Oct. 10, 1972	Newspaper clippings	Report of a house fire at 11 Lewis St. in which a dog called "Boots" awoke a blind 13 year old boy and led him to safety.
Box04	Oct. 14, 1972	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – a photo of Belleville fireman Ray Reid demonstrating fire fighting to students of Our Lady of Fatima Public School.
Box04	unknown	Newspaper clippings	Photos of a display at the Quinte Mall by Belleville Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week.
Box04	Jan. 30, 1973	Newspaper clippings	Citizens concerned about the building of a new high rise at the corner of Bridge and Ann Streets, and can the fire department provide firefighting equipment to all floor levels.
Box04	Feb. 14, 1973	Newspaper clippings	Belleville firefighters launch their campaign "Have a Heart – Save a Life".
Box04	Apr.25, 1973	Newspaper clippings	"City Firemen's Wages Settled".
Box04	May 3, 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Ontario Fire Marshal's report has Belleville as the most fire prone city in the province.
Box04	June 13, 1973	Newspaper clippings	Napanee Beaver – "Fire Threatens Downtown Deseronto", fire at the coin laundry and bowling alley.
Box04	June 13, 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Whig-Standard – an estimated \$70,000 fire at the Deseronto bowling alley and coin laundry.
Box04	July 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Fire Inspector Robert Victor Fair, died at the age of 63, he retired from city service in 1969.
Box04	Oct. 23, 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Belleville passes a bylaw concerning sprinkler systems in new buildings.
Box04	Nov. 29, 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – fire at 118 Front St., Mark's Fish House, 8 apartments, a pizza shop and Brinks office, about \$160,000 damage.
Box04	Nov. 30, 1973	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Fire Chief Leo Culhane is concerned about fighting fires in high rise buildings.
Box04	Feb. 23, 1974	Newspaper clippings	Belleville Fire Fighters receive commendation from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office for excellence in fire prevention programs.
Box04	Mar. 12, 1974	Newspaper clippings	Fire at Electronics Control Ltd., 305 Hanna St., about \$500,000 damage.
Box04	Mar. 12, 1974	Newspaper clippings	Photo of a fire at Electronics Control Ltd, shows an open topped aerial fire truck.
Box04	Apr. 1, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – James Gordon Richie Dafeo, 16 years old, pleads guilty to setting three fires at 230 West Moira St.

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Box04	Apr. 5, 1974	Newspaper clippings	Former Chief Vance is presented a plaque for his work and leadership in founding the Hastings and Prince Edward Mutual Aid Firefighters Association.
Box04	Apr. 18, 1974	Newspaper clippings	More than 60 city residents attended a qualifying course to act as fireworks supervisors during fireworks displays.
Box04	May 24, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – An invitation to the public from Belleville Fire Chief Leo Culhane to visit the station at any time.
Box04	June 8, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Two grade 5 students win awards for their art posters for fire prevention.
Box04	June 24, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – A 19 year old Belleville man, Darl Albert Dore, is charged with arson at a house fire at 186 James St.
Box04	July 2, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Fire at 268 Front St., The Shana Boutique, between the Kresge building and Walker's Department Store.
Box04	July 5, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Fire Chief Culhane said the fire at The Shana Fashion Boutique was intentionally set, about \$200,000 damage.
Box04	July 11, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – talks about insurance premiums are highly inflated on Front St. because of the amount of recent fires and the lack of fire regulations and the older built buildings. Also has a photo of the funeral procession for former Fire Chief Gerald Vance that took place July 10, 1974.
Box04	July 12, 1974	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – A fire at Walker's Department Store at 270 Front St. was extinguished by the sprinkler system.
Box04	Sept. 12, 1974	Newspaper clippings	A 27 year old woman is denied a job at the switchboard at the Scarborough Fire Hall because she doesn't pass the height and weight classification to become a fireman.
Box04	Oct. 30, 1974	Newspaper clippings	A fire in Hillcrest on Herman St. claimed the life of 3 year old Roger Wood.
Box04	Apr. 30, 1975	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – a fire at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, with photos.
Box04	Apr. 30, 1975	Newspaper clippings	The Kingston Whig-Standard – fire at St. Thomas' Anglican Church.
Box04	May 1, 1975	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – investigation of the fire at St. Thomas' Anglican Church.
Box04	May 1, 1975	Newspaper clippings	The Kingston Whig-Standard – insurance investigators at St. Thomas' Anglican Church estimate \$250,000 damage.
Box04	May 2, 1975	Newspaper clippings	Suspect a robbery and possible arson in the fire at St. Thomas' Anglican Church.
Box04	Oct. 17, 1979	Newspaper clippings	The Picton Gazette – a fire on Moira St. Picton destroys 5 downtown businesses, over \$1 million damage.
Box04	Apr. 3, 1981	Newspaper clippings	The Intelligencer – Chief mechanic Clare Millar retires after 32 years service.