



Police, Fire Department, Civil Defense, and Prisons Collections

This collection is mainly focused on police and fire items. There is also a box containing Enfield civil defense material from World War II and a small amount of material from the state prisons located within the town. Most items are from the 20th century.

Box: Fire and Police Departments

Folder 1 – Photos:

- Photo: Thompsonville Fire Department
- Newspaper clipping: “Old Betsey” horse-drawn engine, with firemen identified
- Photo: Firemen with “NEFD” on uniforms, likely not Enfield
- Photos: Thompsonville Fire Department, all men identified
- Photo of Enfield F.D. plus negatives [1983.3.27, 29, 30]
- Negative, Enfield F.D. with truck in front of building used before brick firehouse [1983.3.28]
- Photo of test of Hazardville horse-drawn steam pumper, c.1900-10
- Photo, Hazardville F.D. new foam truck [80.42.4]
- Color photos of various Enfield fire departments 2002
- Photo of old Hazardville Fire Department
- Photo, Enfield F.D., early 20th century, with engine [1982.34.3]
- Photo, Thompsonville fire tower seen across Freshwater Pond, 1994
- Photo of Enfield F.D. photos on a table, 1996
- Assorted 2000-01 color photos, Enfield fire departments
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men with wagon, no names [2016.7.10]
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men with wagons, named [accession listed as 2016.13.1, not found there]
- Thompsonville Hose Company #2, men seated, named

Folder 2:

- Program, 33rd annual tournament, field day, and convention of the state fireman’s association, Thompsonville, Wed. & Thu. August 16-17, 1916 (2 copies)
- Enfield Fire Department centennial book, 1896-1996

Folder 3

- Souvenir program, dedication of new Thompsonville fire station, 5/21/1941
- Program, 28th annual concert and ball Fireman’s Mutual Benefit Association 12/30/1910 Franklin Hall
- Thompsonville fire alarm call box numbers, undated / ad for Hilditch Market

- Hazardville F.D. U.S. Bicentennial flyer
- Program, Enfield Volunteer Fireman's Ball 4/8/1967 [1983.6.1]
- Thompsonville fire alarm system, Baronian Brothers; Triggs Post V.F.W., Harold V. Puroy Real Estate, no sponsor, Ragno Catering
- Emergency/Fire phone numbers, Crescent Lake, Hazardville, Shaker Pines, Osborn State Farm
- Photo: North Thompsonville F.D. rescue van, 1960s?
- Newspaper article about carp fishing with photo of fire chief William J. Hones, Sr. c.1913
- Photo of 1919 American La France fire truck
- Photo of North Thompsonville F.D. pumper c.1995
- News article, "911 emergency line finally becomes reality in Enfield," 10/5/1977
- Print/photo of Enfield F.D. truck in front of Springfield Symphony Hall, early 1900s
- Enfield F.D. fire prevention coloring and activity book
- Envelope, Enfield F.D., undated
- Enfield Fire District #1 engine and firemen, no date
- Newspaper clipping, Dr. R. Bruce Thayer receives gift of desk set from Hazardville F.D., undated
- "The Village Trumpet" newsletter, Hazardville F.D., winter 2017
- Thirteenth annual Fireman's Ball of District 1, Enfield, admission ticket, Jan. 13, 1928. [1996.22.4]

Folder 4: Police Department

- Police pins
- Junior police, Enfield school patrol badges, Auxiliary Police badge
- Photos, police personnel, vehicles, watercraft, c.1998
- Enfield police booklet: "Guardians of your property and welfare," 1959
- Police patch [1996.14]
- Police Officers' Wives Association cookbook
- Enfield traffic regulations, June 1919
- 1964 article with photo of police in 1935
- Escaped emu incident photos, 1998
- Mayor's Trophy Cup photo, newspaper, 1981
- Auxiliary police photo, late 1940s
- Enfield Police Benevolent Association, 25th anniversary ball, book, 1961
- Program, Sgt. Alvin D. Duprey, 1976
- Police photo circa 1930s: B. Fleming, P[aul] Sheridan, C. Lockwood, Chief Harris

Box: Police department archive [2022.36]

- CDAP (Community Development Action Plan) proposal
- Responses to Enfield Police Department Questionnaire 1970 preliminary draft
- Collection of street photos, possibly in Hazardville
- 5 Envelopes of photos
- Booklet – Connecticut Municipal Budgets 1983-84
- Envelope of group taken a Red Sox – Yankees game
- Envelope of photos (small envelope)

- Envelope of photos taken at some type of party/dinner with exotic dancer
- Portrait of Walter Skower
- History of Walter Skower dated 1973
- Enfield Police Department goals and objectives (1983)
- Survey of Police Department Enfield Connecticut (November, 1966)
- Walter Skower Eighth-grade certificate of completion
- Police problems in investigating reports of aerial phenomena and other UFO sighting-related documents
- Documents related to investigation to determine if the department was bugged
- Lists of Chiefs and Officers
- 1917 Selectmen resolutions setting pay for police
- Envelope of photos (copies) of early Thompsonville
- Materials related to the funeral of Chief(?) Harris
- Detective Magazine 10/1970 issue – Connecticut’s Slaughter (Lincoln Street murders)
- 1950 Enfield Police Department manual
- 1950 Enfield Police Department manual belonging to Earl Nuccio
- Enfield Auxiliary Police gun cabinet log 1959-1961
- Photos of cruisers in front of Police Department in 1992
- Retirement party photos and negatives (4 MotoPhoto envelopes)
- Leather-wrapped truncheon

Items not part of [2022.36]

- Framed 1935 photo of police (not original photo)
- Photo, Patrolman Paul P. Sheridan on motorcycle, 1920s [2001.20.4]

Box: Civil Defense and Prisons

All civil defense material is from WWII

Folder 1: Civil Defense

- Air raid rules
- Air raid warden’s map, [Enfield] Sector 2
- First aid certificate
- Photographs (printouts) of Enfield Defense Council members

Folder 2: Prisons

- Dedication, Osborn Division, CT State Prison, September 7, 1960, program
- Letters written by Enfield prison inmate John Tracz to Peter Waite in Glastonbury, CT in 2008, in original envelopes. Content includes reason for imprisonment, conditions in prison, descriptions of other inmates, etc. [2020.20]
- Inmate publication “The Monthly Record,” August 1942, March 1960
- Folder: Enfield prisons theater group [2011.6]
- Union-News article re: prisons, August 16, 1991

Not in folder:

- Civil Defense notebook, binder containing minutes, instructions, and organization of the Enfield Defense Council
- Civil Defense newspaper clippings, August 14, 1941 – January 10, 1945

Oversize (located in buildings oversize box):

- Photo, Bigelow fire department, 1902, names on back
- Photo, firemen 1996.23.3
- Photos, Enfield F.D., 1917 [1983.36.1, 2]
- Photo, Enfield F.D., 1926 [2001.12.3]
- Large photo, Thompsonville steam pumper with firemen's names
- Celebrate diamond jubilee newspaper photo, Hazardville F.D.
- Civil Defense flag made by Mrs. Geo Childs, Enfield.