

Austin Fire Department Subject Guide

Sources of Information Relating to Austin Fire Department

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The purpose of the Austin History Center is to provide customers with information about the history and current events of Austin and Travis County by collecting, organizing, and preserving research materials and assisting in their use.

INTRODUCTION

The collections of the Austin History Center contain valuable research materials that document the Austin Fire Department. The materials in this resource guide are arranged by format, including textual and photographic items as well as audio and video.

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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the first several years after its founding, Austin had no fire department; fires were fought on an *ad hoc* basis by individual citizens. But after a particularly disastrous fire at John T. Miller's livery stable in 1858 (which resulted in about \$1,000 worth of property damage), the Austin Hook and Ladder Fire Company No. 1 was chartered that same year at the initiative of John Bremond, Sr., and formally organized the following year. The first volunteer fire chief was C. F. Millett in 1866, and an ordinance passed in 1874 officially established the city's Fire Department, including a chief, an assistant chief, a recorder, and commissioners. The company was joined by the Colorado Steam Fire Engine Company No. 2 in 1871, and the Washington Hose Company in 1874. Eventually, a total of nine companies would constitute the volunteer department. The Austin Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 remained as a voluntary entity until it was replaced by a fully paid core of firefighters in 1916 after a city-wide vote.

This new professional fire department began operations in June, 1916 with 27 men. Clarence Woodward was appointed Fire Chief and served for 10 years. By the end of 1917, there were 35 firefighters, five pieces of motor apparatus, one Chief's car, and three pieces of horse-drawn equipment. A hose man was paid \$70 per month, and the operating budget for the year was \$43,740. Over the next 20 years, several fire stations were built or remodeled to accommodate the growing city. Another addition to the department was the construction of a six-story training tower on West 1st Street in 1931, which was used to practice different drills and incendiary emergencies until it was closed in 1974.

In 1941, a retirement system was set up for firefighters, and in 1947, they joined the civil service, forming a union soon after as well. It was also during this time that a building inspection program began operations to improve fire prevention. The department hired its first black firefighters in 1952, one of whom, Willie Ray Davis, eventually retired as the first black captain of the Austin Fire Department. The first Hispanic firefighter, Joe Villareal, was hired in 1963, and the first female, Lucinda Hough, in 1976. Austin's City Council approved and adopted the "9-1-1" emergency number system two years later in 1978, as well as a plan to restore the old fire training tower, which they renamed the Buford Tower in honor of Captain James L. Buford, who died six years earlier in the line of duty. A dive rescue team was established in 1981 after the Memorial Day flood of that same year, but it was not centralized at Station 1 for another two years. 1984 saw the creation of a Hazardous Materials Response team after the passage of new federal regulations. The next year, the STAR Flight helicopter service was put into operation, which combined Austin's EMS with Travis County EMS and Brackenridge Hospital into an emergency care unit spanning 10 counties.

In the fall of 1997, all the fire stations in Austin were fitted with computers. The department now has 45 fire stations and responds to more than 85,000 calls annually, of which 70% are medical related. Currently, over 1,000 employees work in the department, with Joel Baker as the Fire Chief.

*Note: Information compiled using "Austin Fire Department Historical Highlights," by the City of Austin, statesman.com, and "History of the Fire Service" by the Austin Fire Department.

ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES COLLECTION

The Architectural Archives Collection contains drawings and renderings produced by local architectural firms and individuals donated to or acquired by the Austin History Center. Within the collection are plans and drawings of various fire stations around Austin.

AD-016 R-016/AD	Architect: Edwin C. Kreisle Project: Fire Station for East Austin, 1932
AD-032 R-032/AD	Architect: Eugene George Project: Fire Station for South Austin, 5811 Nuckols Crossing Road, 1977
AD-050 R-050/AD	Architect: Coffee & Crier Project: Fire Station for Southwest Austin, 6601 Manchaca Road, 1973
AD-052 R-051-/AD	Architect: Eugene Wukasch Project: Fire Station for Central Austin (Austin Central Fire Station No. 1), 401 E. 5 th Street, 1961
AD-111 R-111/AD	Architect: John Chiles Allen Project: Fire Station No. 19, 5225 Balcones, 1966
AD-171 R-171/AD	Architect: R. J. Lackey Project: Fire Prevention Training Academy, 517 Pleasant Valley Road, 1978
AD-174 R-177/AD	Architect: Scudder & Wadsworth Project: Fire Station, 4025 Spicewood Springs Road, 1973
AD-177 R-177/AD	Architect: R. J. Lackey Project: Fire Station for Southeast Austin, 5309 Riverside Drive, 1974
AD-180 R-180/AD	Architect: U R S Corporation Project: Fire Drill Tower (Pleasant Valley), 1973
AD-181 R-180/AD	Architect: Edgar James & Associates Project: Fire Station No. 25, 5228 Duval Road, 1979
AD-197 R-197/AD	Architect: Jan Grierson Project: Fire Station No. 12, 1330 Rundberg Lane, 1976
AD-207 R-207/AD	Architect: Charles W. Croslin, Jr. Project: Fire Station No. 26, 6702 Wentworth Drive, 1981
AD-208 R-208/AD	Architect: Ponciano Morales Project: Fire Station No. 4, 1000 Blanco Street, 1982

AD-217 R-217/AD	Architect: Carter-Parshall Associates Project: Fire Stations,1982
CN-8231 R-02/CN	Architect: Newton & Associates Project: Fire Station/Austin Civic Ballet Building, 3002 Guadalupe Street, 1982
HAR-011 R-004	Architect: August Watkins Harris Project: Govalle Fire Station, 1952
HAR-046 FF-011/HAR	Architect: Giesecke and Harris Project: East Avenue Fire Station, East Avenue & 21 st Street
HAR-047 FF-011/HAR	Architect: Giesecke and Harris Project: Speedway Fire Station No. 9 (Hyde Park). 4301 Speedway
HAR-nd005 FF-012/HAR	Architect: August Watkins Harris Project: Fire Station for City of Austin
HAR-nd007 FF-012/HAR	Architect: August Watkins Harris Project: Govalle Fire Station, Airport Boulevard
JRW-032 R-005	Architect: Roy J. White Project: Fire Station for West Austin, 1944
KR-006 R-3/KR	Architect: Edwin C. Kreisle Project: Fire Station No. 2, 1932
PSP-0256 FF-014/PSP	Architect: Page Sutherland Page Project: Fire Station, 1946
SZ-651 R-1/SZ	Architect: Carl H. Stautz Project: Fire Station, 4313 Airport Boulevard, 1951
WDB-1978001 FF-001/WDB	Architect: White Dolce & Barr Project: Fire Tower Restoration (Buford Tower), 1 st Street (Cesar Chavez, 1977-78
WUK-6105 FF-7/WUK	Architect: Eugene Wukasch Project: Central Fire Station – Additions & Alterations, 5 th Street & E. Trinity, 1961
WUK/6106 FF-1M/WUK	Architect: Eugene Wukasch Project: Fire Station No. 18, 6311 Berkman Drive, 1961
WUK-6114 FF-26/WUk	Architect: Eugene Wukasch Project: Lutheran Concordia College – Fire Detection System, 3400 East Avenue, 1961-62

ARCHIVES AND MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION

The Archives and Manuscripts Collection contains primary research materials about people, organizations, governments, and businesses in Austin and Travis County. The collections below are arranged by call number. For detailed information about specific collections, please refer to the archives finding aids located in the Reading Room or online at Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO). Photographs, ledgers, work files, reports, and other materials related to the Austin Fire Department from its origins as the Hook & Ladder Co. to its present incarnation can be found within the collection.

Collection Number	Title, Date, Description
AR.1991.082	<p>Austin (Tex.). Director of Civil Service Records, 1954-1956</p> <p>Frank Albrecht was a Director of Civil Service in Austin, Texas. Within this collection are his correspondences with the Austin Fire Department in the mid-1950s.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on-site.</p>
AR.1999.013	<p>J.B. Colson Collection of Advanced Photojournalism Student Projects, 1979-1989</p> <p>J.B. Colson established the Photojournalism program at the University of Texas at Austin. The collection consists of more than 880 photographs (the bulk of which are black and white), contact sheets, negatives, and essays produced by students taking the Advanced Photojournalism course taught by Colson from 1979 to 1989. Within the collection are photographs of the fire station located in the West 19th street area.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on Texas Archival Resources Online.</p>
AR.2002.007	<p>Austin (Tex.). Austin Fire Department Records, 1951-2004</p> <p>The Austin Fire Department Records contains fire inspection reports from the 1950s to the 1980s, as well as incident reports, notes, memoranda, posters, photographs, and video about recorded fires in the late 20th century.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on-site.</p>
AR.2011.007	<p>Austin (Tex.). City Council. Emma Long Records, 1930-2009</p> <p>Emma Long was the first woman elected to city council in Austin, Texas in 1948 and served (with a break) until 1969. Contained within her records is a subject file on the Austin Fire Department that deals with social security and proposed retirement plans for the servicemen.</p>

	<p>A guide to the collection is available on Texas Archival Resources Online.</p>
AR.2011.009	<p>William T. Williams, Jr. Papers, 1894-1980</p> <p>William T. Williams was an Austin resident active in local government and community organizations. Within his papers are black-and-white photographs of the Austin Fire Department from 1957 to 1961.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on Texas Archival Resources Online.</p>
AR.2013.009	<p>Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Firefighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission Records, 1948-2009</p> <p>The Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission was created by the Austin City Council in 1948. Its purpose was to administer tests for hiring and promotion, as well as enable police officers and firefighters to appeal disciplinary action to an independent commission. The collection contains meeting agendas, minutes, reports, and support "backup" materials that document the Commission's activities from its first meeting in 1948 until 2009.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on Texas Archival Resources Online.</p>
AR.C.007	<p>Austin (Tex.). Volunteer Fire Department Records, 1868-1916</p> <p>In 1858, members of the Austin, Texas community formed the first volunteer fire department company, the Austin Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. In 1868, a second fire company was established and the volunteer fire department grew to include a total of nine more companies before its dissolution in 1916. This collection includes administrative and financial records, roll calls and meeting minutes, individual portrait and group photographs, artifacts such as event ribbons and buttons from uniforms, and printed memorabilia related to fire department events.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on Texas Archival Resources Online.</p>
AR.Z.013	<p>Oscar Kunz Papers, 1868-1964</p> <p>Within the Oscar Kunz Papers are printed materials related to Austin's volunteer fire departments, including the Austin Volunteer Fire Department; Hook and Ladder Company; Colorado Hose Company; Manor Fire Company; East Austin Hose Company; Washington House Company; North Austin Fire Company; Protections Hose Company; and South Austin Hose.</p> <p>A guide to the collection is available on-site.</p>

OVERSIZE ARCHIVES

The Oversized Archives contains items that are too large to store with the Austin Files or with the Archives and Manuscripts collection. It contains certificates, posters, broadsides, diplomas, artwork, and other oversize documents. Within the collection are commissions, posters, certificates, and other large memorabilia that detail the creation of the Austin Fire Department and its activities in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Box 001/009	Portrait: C. L. Woodward, Chief of Fire Department, undated.
Box 001/010	Announcement: C. L. Woodward, Running card, 06/01/1916.
Box 001/011	Membership List: Austin Fire Department membership list, 10/1/1877.
Box 001/012	Membership List: Austin Fire Department membership list, 4/21/1879.
Box 001/013	Commission: W.P. Ford, 04/19/1894.
Box 001/014	Commission: W.P. Ford, 04/19/1895.
Box 001/015	Commission: W.P. Ford, 04/19/1893.
Box 001/016	Portrait: AFD Recorder portrait, undated.
Box 001/017	Commission: E. Von Rosenberg Commission 4/21/1882.
Box 001/018	Commission: E. Von Rosenberg Commission 4/19/1895.
Box 001/019	Commission: E. Von Rosenberg Commission 4/21/1896.
Box 001/035	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Recorder of Fire Department, 4/21/1889.
Box 001/036	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Assistant Chief of Fire Department, 4/21/1900.
Box 001/037	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Chief of Fire Department, 4/21/1905.
Box 001/038	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Treasurer of Colorado Hose Company No. 2, 4/21/1905.
Box 001/039	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Chief of Austin Fire Department, 4/21/1906.

Box 001/040	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Treasurer of Colorado Hose Company No. 2, 4/21/1906.
Box 001/041	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Chief of Austin Fire Department, 4/21/1907.
Box 001/042	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Treasurer of Colorado Hose Company No. 2, 4/20/1907.
Box 001/043	Commission: Clarence L. Woodward Commission, Chief of Austin Fire Department, 5/1/1916.
Box 001/044	Commission: Henry Burland Commission, First Asst. Foreman of Hope H&L Co. No. 2, 4/21/1876.
Box 001/045	Commission: Henry Burland Commission, First Asst. Foreman of Hope H&L Co. No. 2, 4/21/1877.
Box 001/046	Charter: East Austin Hose Fire Company Charter, 2/22/1886.
Box 002/005	Charter: Austin Hook and Ladder Fire Company, No. 1, Charter 7/1893.
Box 009/062	Certificate: Commission by City of Austin of O. Kunz to 2 nd Asst. Fireman, South Austin Hose Company #5, 1904.
Box 009/063	Certificate: Commission by City of Austin of Oscar Kunz to Fire Policemen for South Austin Hose Company #5, 1901.
Box 009/064	Certificate: Commission by City of Austin of Oscar Kunz to 1st Assistant Chief of Fire Dept., 1912.
Box 009/065	Certificate: Commission by City of Austin of Oscar Kunz to Chief of Fire Dept., 1913.
Box 011/056	Insurance Policy: Fire Insurance Policy on the Travis County Courthouse, 1900.
Box 013/018	Certificate: Certificate of commission to L.C. Hausman as Treasurer of N. Austin Fire Company #6 by Mayor Wooldridge, 1912.
Box 014/015	List: Protection Hose Co., No. 3. Active Members Roll of Protection, 1902.
Box 014/036	Poster: Fireman's Monument, 1896.
Box 014/043	Portrait: Assistant Fire Chief (unidentified), undated.

Box 043/049	Poster: Photographs and Doorhangs for the "Put A Finger On It!" Smoke Alarm Awareness Campaign, undated.
Box 043/064	Broadside: Fire Station Festival, undated.
FF 01/01/002	Certificate, Charter: Colorado Fire Company No. 2, 1894.
FF 01/01/003	Certificate, Charter: Protection Hose Fire Company No. 2, 1890.
FF 01/19/006	Certificate: City of Austin commission to Sergeant-at-Arms of the Tenth Ward Fire Company No. 8 for James Pinget, 1915.
FF 04/02/001	Poster: In Memory of Our Deceased brothers, undated.

AUSTIN FILES – SUBJECT: TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The Austin Files – Subject contain a variety of clippings, photographs, and ephemera related to the Austin Fire Department. Please note that photographs, if available, are filed separately from the text files. A “T” indicates a text file, and a “P” indicates a photo file. The Austin Files possess materials related to the creation of various fire stations in Austin and the activities of the fire department.

- AF A1300 African Americans**
Firefighters (24) T
- AF B6494 Building**
Building and Fire Code Board (4) T
- AF C1020 Capitol (1853-1881)**
General P T
- AF C1040 Capitol (1888-)**
Fire in Lt. Governor’s Apartment (2/6/83) (4) P T
- AF C1048 Capitol – Grounds**
Firemen’s Monument (10) P T
- AF F1240 Fire Department**
General P T
Administrative Offices (3) P T
Austin Association of Firefighters/Austin Firefighters Auxiliary (1) T
Black firefighters—See: African-Americans A1300 (24)
Drill Tower (5) P
Fire Station #01, Central (6) P T
Fire Station #02 (506 W. M.L.K.) (7) P T

Fire Station #03 (23) P
 Fire Station #05 (Webberville Rd.) (8) P T
 Fire Station #06 (21) P
 Fire Station #07 (24) P
 Fire Station #08 (25) P
 Fire Station #08 (East Ave.) (13) T
 Fire Station #09 (Hyde Park/Speedway) (17) P T
 Fire Station #10 (9) P
 Fire Station #11 (26) P
 Fire Station #12 (27) P
 Fire Station #14 (22) P
 Fire Station #15 (19) P T
 Fire Station #16 (Reese Ln.) (10) P T
 Fire Station #17 (28) P
 Fire Station #18 (29) P
 Fire Station #19 (Balcones Ln.) (11) P T
 Fire Station #20 (Manchaca Rd.) (12) P T
 Fire Station #21 (30) P
 Fire Station #22 (31) P
 Fire Station #23 (32) P
 Fire Station #24 (33) P
 Fire Station #25 (18) P T
 Fire Station #26 (20) T
 Fire Station #27 (Oak Hill) (34) P T
 Fire Station #28 (Parmer Ln.) (35) P
 Fire Station #29 (Brodie Ln.) (36) P
 Fire Station #30 (Braker Ln.) (37) P
 Fire Station #31 (RR 2222) (38) P
 Fire Station #32 (Bee Caves) (39) P
 Fire Station #33 (Great Hills) (40) P
 Fire Station (Guadalupe St.)(moved to Cedar and 30th St.) (14) T
 Fire Station, South Austin Central (1705 S. Congress) (15) T
 Fire Stations (General) (35) T
 Fire Sub-Station #4 (Blanco St.) (16) P T
 Fires (2) P T
 James Buford Fire Tower (old drill tower) (4) P T

AF F1250 Fire Department – Volunteer – Austin

General P T
 Austin Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 (2) P T
 Austin Volunteer Firemen's Association (1) T
 Colorado Fire Co. No. 2 (3) P T
 East Austin Hose Co. No. 4 (4) P T
 Ex-Volunteer Firemen's Association (1) T
 Fire Bells (10) T
 North Austin Fire Co. No. 6 (5) P T
 Protection Hose Co. No. 3 (6) P T
 Rescue Hose Company No.9 (12) P

South Austin Hose Co (7) P T
 Tenth Ward Fire Company No. 8 (11) P
 Washington Fire Engine Co. No. 1 (8) P T
 West Austin Fire Company (9) P T

- AF F1255** **Fire Department – Volunteer – Travis County**
 General P
- AF I1130** **Insurance, Fire**
 General T
 Capital Mutual Fire Insurance Company (1) T
- AF M0500** **Manchaca, Travis County**
 Manchaca Volunteer Fire Department (9) P T
- AF N0800** **Natural Disasters**
 Wildfires (2) P T
- AF O2000** **Ordinances**
 Firemen Ordinance –Sec: Fire Department F1240 General
- AF P3000** **Pflugerville, Travis County**
 Pflugerville Fire Station (12) P

AUSTIN FILES – BIOGRAPHY: TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The Austin Files – Biography contain clippings, photos, and ephemera about Austin and Travis County residents who have contributed to the community. Within the collection are newspaper clippings, obituaries, and other biographical materials about some of Austin’s fire chiefs. Those who have biographical files can be found in the “Biographical file” column in the list below, along with letters to indicate whether it is a text (T) and/or photo (P) file.

FIRE CHIEFS IN AUSTIN

Fire Chief	Term of service	Biographical file
C. F. Millet	1866-1869	
Fred Moore	1869-1870	
J. H. Robinson	1870-1871	
Dave Wilson	1871-1872	
Milas M. Long	1872-1874	P, T
Joseph A. Nagel	1874-1879	
John Bremond	1879-1881	T
August Ziller	1881-1884	T

S. W. French	1885-1886	
Monroe Miller	1886-1888	
August Ziller	1888-1889	
W. V. Mather	1889-1891	
August Ziller	1891-1893	
Fred O. Babcock	1893-1894	
Albert Peterson	1894-1895	
W. P. Ford	1895-1896	T
W. E. Russell	1896-1897	
Joe Stumpf	1897-1899	T
Joseph Macken	1900-1902	
Charles N. Bonte	1902-1903	
Will Dill	1903-1904	
Julius Schutze, Jr.	1904-1905	T
Clarence L. Woodward	1905-1908	P
Adolph Schutze	1908-1909	
A. T. Corwin	1909-1910	
George Wolter	1910-1911	T
Clarence L. Woodward	1911-1912	P, T
Leo Mueller	1912-1913	T
J. W. T. Goslin	1913-1915	
Oscar Widerstrom	1915-1916	
Professional Fire Department Chiefs		
Clarence L. Woodward	1916-1927	P
John E. Woody	1927-1958	P, T
Robert H. Dickerson	1959-1968	P, T
Ed S. Kirkham	1968-1982	T
Bill Roberts	1983-1994	T
Robin Paulsgrove	1994-1997	
Gary Warren	1997-2005	
Jim Evans	2005-2006	
J. J. Adame	2006-2008	
Rhoda Mae Kerr	2009-2018	P, T
Joel Baker	2019-present	

AUSTIN FILES – HOUSE/BUILDING: TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The Austin Files – House/Building contains clippings, reports, and ephemera related to structures in Austin and Travis County. Arranged by street address. Within the files are listings for two fire stations located in the city of Austin.

Address	Description
130 East 6 th Street	Peck Corner, Austin Volunteer Fire Co No. 1 (P, T) 1851
3002 Guadalupe Street	Fire Station, City of Austin (P)

GENERAL COLLECTION

The General Collection contains books, pamphlets, and local government reports. Titles are arranged by call number. Yearbooks are listed separately at the end of the list.

This list is by no means an exhaustive list of every title held by the Austin History Center that relates to the Austin Fire Department; that can be accomplished by a keyword search in the Austin Public Library online catalog. This list is an attempt to identify General Collection items that provide a historical perspective or address the Austin Fire Department. Surveys, reports, and company constitutions and bylaws of the Austin Fire Department can be found within the collection.

Call number	Title	Date
A 342.0680263 TE	Firemen's & Policemen's Civil Service Law With Current Amendments By Texas. Laws, etc	1970
A 347.76431 AUM9252S	Semi-annual Report	1982-1985, 1987-1988
A 351.76431 AUAU7A	Austin Fire Department Worker Safety Audit By Austin (Tex.). Office of the City Auditor	2012
A 352.0055 AU	City of Austin 1986 Police & Fire Salary & Benefits Survey By Austin (Tex.)	1986
A 352.0055 CA 1987 MAR 31	Callan Associates Investment Measurement Review Firefighters' Relief & Ret. Fund, City of Austin By Callan Associates, inc	1987
A 352.076431 AU	Annual Reports of the Mayor and other officers of the City of Austin, Texas	1887, 1890- 1896
A 352.076431 AU	Report of the City Manager	1926-1928, 1930

A 352.076431 AU	Report of the city of Austin	1926-1932
A 352.076431 AU	City of Austin	1950
A 352.076431 AU	Municipal activity report : the city tells its story	1951
A 352.076431 AU 1973	State of the city : an Annual Report for the City of Austin	1973
A 352.076431 AUC4987H	Austin (Tex.) City Manager's Office Highlights of the 1970s	1970-1979
A 352.076431 AUC4987M	Austin (Tex.) City Manager's Office Highlights 5-75-5-77	1975-1977
A 352.076431 AUC4987R	Report of the City Manager	1926-1936, 1952-1953
A 351.076431 AUC4987R	Report of the city of Austin	1931-1933
A 352.09764 AU76O	Fire Protection: Reprint From the Code of the City of Austin, Texas, 1954, With Revisions Through June, 1960 By Austin (Tex.). Ordinances. Fire. 1960	1960
A 352.09764 AU76O 1966	Fire Prevention Code: Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property From Fire By Austin (Tex.). Ordinances. Fire. 1966	1966
A 352.3 AN	Analysis of Austin Fire Department: Innovation by Job Classification 1980-1982 Term	1980
A 352.3 AU	1992 Austin Quality By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1992
A 352.3 AU	Austin Fire Department, Austin, Texas, 1858-1976 By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1976
A 352.3 AU	Official Souvenir Austin Volunteer Fire Department: Benefit Firemen's Relief Fund By Austin Volunteer Fire Department	1914
A 352.3 AU	Rules and Regulations By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1972
A 352.3 AU V 1	Fire Record of the Austin Fire Department, 1839-1900 By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1839

A 352.3 AUD4425F	Fire Station Site Location Study: 1981- 1986 CIP By Austin (Tex.). Department of Planning	1981
A 352.3 AUF 1954	Annual Report By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1950
A 352.3 AUF5142A 1954	Annual Report for the Calendar Year By Austin (Tex.). Fire Marshal's Office	1954
A 352.3 AUF5144A 1967	Annual Report By Austin (Tex.). Fire Marshal's Office	1965
A 352.3 AUF514F 1987	Fire Protection Development Criteria Manual By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1987
A 352.3 AUF514FP	Fire Protection Criteria Manual By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1988
A 352.3 AUF514M	Manual of Rules and Regulations By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1981
A 352.3 AUF514M	Manual of Rules and Regulations By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1985
A 352.3 AUF514T	Ten Year Comparative Report, 1966-1976 By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1977
A 352.3 CA	Striving for A Seamless Medical Response Operation: A Management Study for the Austin Fire Department By Camarena, Minerva	1994
A 352.3 LO	History of the Austin Fire Department By Loughery, E. H.	1898
A 352.3 OF	Official History: Austin Volunteer Fire Department	1916
A 352.3068 FI	Proposal to City of Austin, Texas for Management Analysis: Fire Department System By Firepro Incorporated	1980
A 352.3068 FI 1981	Management Analysis: Fire Department System, City of Austin, Texas : Final Report By Firepro Incorporated	1981

A 352.3068 GA	Comprehensive Analysis of the Fire Department Management System: A Proposal To, City of Austin, Texas By Gage-Babcock & Associates	1980
A 352.3097 WA AP 1875	Charter, Constitution and By-laws of Washington Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Adopted December 1, 1875 By Washington Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1 (Austin, Tex.)	1875
A 352.3097 WA AP 1886	Charter, Constitution and By-laws of Washington Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Adopted March 3, 1886 By Washington Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1 (Austin, Tex.)	1886
A 352.309764 AU	A Fire Protection Plan for the City of Austin By Austin (Tex.). Department of Planning	1970
A 352.309764 AU	Fire Protection: Austin 1970 By Austin (Tex.). Department of Planning	1970
A 352.3097643 AU	Austin Fire Department, 1991	1991
A 352.3097643 AUF514S	Strategic Planning Report, 1988-94 C.I.P By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1987
A 352.3097643 C	Firecom: Austin Fire Department Communications System By CES Telecommunications	1981
A 352.935 AUF514C	Contingency Plan By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1977
A 352.935 AUP758A	Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services Present Goals, Objectives & Performance Measures for Public Safety, March 10, 1993 By Austin (Tex.). Police Department	1993
A 353.9509764 AUEM31M	Master Plan: A Strategic Plan for the City-wide Response to and Recovery From Major Emergencies and Disasters : A Component of the Emergency Operations Plan, City of Austin, Texas By Austin (Tex.). Office of Emergency Management	1996

A 362.18 TR	Emergency Medical Services: Invalidation of Pro Fire Department EMS Arguments : A Report to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin, Texas By Travis County Emergency Medical Technicians Association	1975
A 362.378 NA SUPPL 1946	Austin, Texas: Supplement to Report of July, 1939 By National Board of Fire Underwriters. Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards	1946
A 363.17972 AUF514HP	Hazardous Materials Storage and Registration Ordinance Permit Application Packet By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department. Hazardous Materials Section	1985
A 363.17972 AUF514HS	Hazardous Materials Storage and Registration Ordinance: Specifications and Guidelines By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department. Hazardous Materials Section	1986
A 363.37 AU	Constitution and By-laws of Austin Hook & Ladder Fire Co. No. 1 By Austin Hook & Ladder Fire Co. No. 1	1893
A 363.37 PR	Constitution and By-laws of Protection Hose Company No. 3 By Protection Hose Co. No. 3	1902
A 363.3709764	Austin Fire Dept: Celebrating 85 Years of Service	2001
A 363.377 AUF514A 2002	Action Report By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	2002
A 363.377 AUF514B	Home Fire Safety Survey By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1967
A 363.378 NA 1925	Report on the City of Austin, Texas: Superseding That of 1910 By National Board of Fire Underwriters. Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards	1925
A 363.378 NA 1932	Report on the City of Austin, Texas: Superseding That of 1925 By National Board of Fire Underwriters. Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards	1932

A 363.378 NA 1939	Report on the City of Austin, Texas: Superseding That of 1932 By National Board of Fire Underwriters. Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards	1939
A 363.378 NA 1950	Report on the City of Austin, Texas, Superseding Previous Reports By National Board of Fire Underwriters. Committee on Fire Prevention and Engineering Standards	1950
A 384.65 AR	Austin Fire Department Information Systems Plan: Final Report By Arthur Young & Company	1984
A 634.9618 AU	Wildfire Ready Austin: Before and After the Fire : Environmental Best Management Practices for Wildfire Risk Reduction and Recovery By Austin/Travis County Joint Wildfire Task Force (Tex.)	2014
A 658.812 AUF514A	AFD Facilitators TXFIRS Focus Group Report to Quality Council	1992?
A 725.19 GR	An Austin, Texas Fire Hall: Its Past, Present, and Future Possibilities : 3002 Guadalupe By Grubar, Margot W.	1971
A 912.76431 AUF514S	Street List By Austin (Tex.). Fire Department	1976

MAP COLLECTION

The Map Collection contains items that illustrate the boundaries and features of Austin and Travis County and trace changes in the growth of the area. Within the collection are fire insurance maps and maps of Austin showing the location of some of the city's fire stations.

M-0022-1919 (OS)	City of Austin and Suburbs, shows location of fire stations	1919
M-0022-1928 (OS)	City of Austin and Suburbs, shows location of fire stations	1928
A 912.76431 SA	Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps	1885-1970s

PERIODICALS

The Periodicals Collection includes newspapers, magazines, and newsletters published in or about Austin and Travis County. The collection is arranged alphabetically by title. Titles can be found by looking in the Periodical Index, located in the Reading Room. Date spans are listed in order to give the researcher an idea of what is available but this does not mean that the entire run of a periodical for that date span is necessarily available.

Within the collection are publications created by the Austin Fire Department and the Austin Association of Professional Fire Fighters.

The Austin History Center has on microfilm a complete run of the Austin American-Statesman (AAS) since its founding in 1871. Refer to the following guide for more information about the AAS and how to access it: [Austin American Statesman Resource Guide](#).

Title/Organization	Date Span
<i>Austin Fire Department Today</i> Austin (Tex.) Fire Department	Jan 1985 - July 1987
<i>On The Move</i> Austin (Tex.) Fire Department	Dec 1991 - Jan/Feb 2003
<i>Rackline, The</i> Austin (Tex.) Fire Department	Jan/Feb 1991 - May/June 1991
<i>Smoke Signal</i> Austin Association of Professional Fire Fighters Local 975	Sep 1997 - Dec 1999

RECORDING COLLECTION – AUDIO

The Recording Collection contains individual audio recordings donated or acquired by the Austin History Center. This list is in order by tape number – a list in alphabetical by subject and then by interviewee last name is available on the [Austin History Center website](#).

Many of the oral histories have been transcribed and copies placed in AF-biography files. Within the collection are interviews of Austin firefighters that discuss working for the city fire department over the years.

Tape Number	Subject	Recording Date/Transcription
2232	Halm, Jesse interviewed by Fowler, Ann on 01/31/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 31, 1998/AF – Fire Department – General AF1240

2233	Halm, Jesse interviewed by Fowler, Ann on 01/31/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 31, 1998/AF – Fire Department – General AF1240
2234	Light, Malcom interviewed by Fowler, Ann on 01/31/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2. Two cassettes.	January 31, 1998/AF – Biography Light, Malcolm
2235	Light, Malcom interviewed by Fowler, Ann on 01/31/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2. Two cassettes.	January 31, 1998/AF – Biography Light, Malcolm
2236	Taylor, Homer, (1920-), interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/23/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 23, 1998/AF – Fire Department – General AF1240
2237	Taylor, Homer, (1920-), interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/23/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 23, 1998/AF – Fire Department – General AF1240
2238	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2. Four cassettes.	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2239	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2. Four cassettes.	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2240	Davis, Willie Ray interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 02/05/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	February 5, 1998/AF – Biography Davis, Willie Ray
2241	Davis, Willie Ray interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 02/05/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	February 5, 1998/AF – Biography Davis, Willie Ray

2242	Byrne, John interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/03/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	February 3, 1998/No Transcription
2243	Byrne, John interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/03/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	February 3, 1998/No Transcription
2244	Pool, T. Brady, (1926-), interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/30/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 30, 1998/AF – Biography Pool, Brady
2245	Pool, T. Brady, (1926-), interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/30/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 30, 1998/AF – Biography Pool, Brady
2246	Smith, Steen interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/06/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 3	February 6, 1998/AF – Fire Department – Firefighters Association AF1240 (1)
2247	Smith, Steen interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/06/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 3	February 6, 1998/AF – Fire Department – Firefighters Association AF1240 (1)
2248	Smith, Steen interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/06/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 3 of 3	February 6, 1998/AF – Fire Department – Firefighters Association AF1240 (1)
2291	Davis, Willie Ray (Retired Capt. Of the Austin Fire Dept) interviewed by Catherine Dwyer on 02/05/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	February 5, 1998/AF – Biography Davis, Willie Ray
2292	Davis, Willie Ray (Retired Capt. Of the Austin Fire Dept) interviewed by Catherine Dwyer on 02/05/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	February 5, 1998/AF – Biography Davis, Willie Ray

2293	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Catherine Dwyer on 01/29/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2294	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Catherine Dwyer on 01/29/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2295	Light, Malcolm interviewed by Ann Fowler on 01/31/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 31, 1998/AF – Biography Light, Malcolm
2296	Light, Malcolm interviewed by Ann Fowler on 01/31/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 31, 1998/AF – Biography Light, Malcolm
2466	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2467	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2469	Byrne, John interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/03/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	February 3, 1998/No Transcription
2470	Byrne, John interviewed by Gray, Robert on 02/03/1998 for the Auxiliary to Local 975, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	February 3, 1998/No Transcription
2505	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 1 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie
2506	Roberts, Ronnie interviewed by Dwyer, Catherine on 01/29/1998, Austin Fire Department Oral History Project, Tape 2 of 2	January 29, 1998/AF – Biography Roberts, Ronnie

3261	Martinez, Mike interviewed by Gloria Mata Pennington on 10/1/2012 as part of the Mexican American Cultural Center oral history project. Discusses working for the fire department, activity in the Hispanic Firefighter's Union, and the City Council.	October 1, 2012/AF – Biography Martinez, Mike
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RECORDING COLLECTION – VIDEO

The Recording Collection contains individual video recordings donated or acquired by the Austin History Center. Video recordings can be found in the online catalog or as part of an archival collection. The list below is organized by which collection the recording can be found in. Within the collection is a film produced by the Austin Fire Department concerning African-American firefighters in the department.

AR.2009.073 General Collection

Tape No.	Title	Date
#000150	The Courage of a Few	1950-2013

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Austin Fire Department's city website contains current information about the department, including an index of fire station addresses with photographs, programs and services, fire inspections, and external links to the department's other social media channels. The website can be found through the City of Austin's site at:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/fire>

The Austin Fire Department maintains its own website outside of the city's main hub. Although mainly focused on recruitment, it also provides information such as fire station locations, cadet training, AFD news, and more. The website can be found at:

<https://joinafd.com/>

The Austin Fire Museum, located at 401 E. 5th Street, preserves the history of the Austin Fire Department, from its origins in the 1870s to the present day. There, visitors can view old uniforms, historical photographs, and other memorabilia from Austin's firefighters. The museum's website can be found at:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-fire-museum>

The City of Austin has an interactive map that shows the locations of all its fire stations. The map can be found at:

<https://data.austintexas.gov/Public-Safety/Austin-Fire-Station-Map/szku-46rx>

The National Park Service maintains its National Register of Historic Places, which is a part of a national program that supports the protection of historical and archaeological places and resources in America. On this register is a listing for the Austin Fire Drill Tower (a.k.a. the Buford Tower) located off of West Cesar Chavez Street. The listing thoroughly covers the physical and historical aspects of the tower and includes photographs, maps, and architectural drawings. The tower's register listing can be found at:

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/16000720.htm>