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Biographical / Historical

The First Aid Crew of The Lexington Fire Department began at a February 27, 1935 meeting, with the organization of a First Aid Class. The Lexington First Aid Crew became a part of the Lexington Fire Department on April 6, 1936. The name of the Lexington First Aid Crew became the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew. The Crew celebrated their 10th anniversary in 1945. The Lexington Gazette of March 6, 1935, carried the following article: "When several Lexington citizens gathered at the Fire House on

Wednesday, February 27, and perfected plans for a First Aid Class, they took one of the biggest steps made here for sometime toward insuring public safety." And so began the First Aid Crew of the Lexington Fire Department, later to become the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew.

Scope and Contents

The Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew collection includes loose scrapbook pages of correspondence, 1949-1953, newspaper clippings, and photographs, 1935 to 1959. The collection documents a number of tragic drownings of local people during the mid 20th century. Other events documented are: the fires of Lexington Stuart Building, the Hamric & Sheridan Jewelry store, the W&L chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity, a Willow Grove home fire, and three Bedford, Virginia stores; a burn victim in Natural Bridge, Va; a Civil Defense drill held in Waynesboro, Virginia in 1958; the Lexington and Maury River Training meeting of 1959; the Lexington, Va. Fire Department's Centennial Celebration on August 24, 1950. Other photographs include, Lewis Watts, Mrs. R. Miller and J. Robinson, Lucy Davis 101, and Mr. Mackey. Newspaper articles cover the Lexington Hose Co. No.2, Rev. Ernest Johnson, Leslie L. Weaver retiring from Lexington Post Office, and B. Lee Kagey. Also included is a booklet entitled, "A Brief History of the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., Lexington, Virginia," loose newspaper clippings 1954-1985, a program booklet for the 34th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads August 21, 22, and 23, 1969, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia, American National Red Cross 1967 certification cards for Dewey W. Burks and Wayne Burks, 51st Annual Convention Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. tickets for Wayne and Anne Burks, September 26, 27, 28, 1985, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Friday Night Social and Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers tickets, Virginia Beach Pavillion, and group photos.

Keywords

Lexington Fire Department (Lexington, Virginia)

Virginia -- Lexington

Roanoke Life Saving Crew (Roanoke, Virginia)

African Americans--Virginia--Lexington--History

Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew (Lexington, Virginia)

Description of Subordinate Components

Booklet, A Brief History of the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., Lexington, Virginia

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Unit Date no publication date

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Container 1 (folder)

Newspaper articles, program, and member's various cards

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Unit Date 1954-1985

Mixed Materials [35101206590908] Box 1

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Newspaper articles include the following: Stonewall Jackson Hospital Dedicated, Rinker family killed in car wreck, Memory of Melvin Miller, Rescue Squad 50 years anniversary, Police Chaplains program for Lexington Police Department, Lexington-Fairfield unit of the Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council Honored, Michael Daren Farrish killed in car wreck, and Cost of Crew Headquarters. Members of the Lifesaving Crew recognized at a Community Vesper Service at the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lexington, Virginia. Program for the 34th Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia. American National Red Cross certification cards belonging to Dewey W. Burks and Wayne Burks. Tickets for Anne and Wayne Burks for the 51st Annual Convention, Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the Friday Night Social and Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers, at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Keywords

Stonewall Jackson Hospital

Photographs of the Lexington Life Saving First Aid Crew and Lexington Fire Department

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Unit Date undated

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Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes photos of the Lexington Life Saving truck, Lexington and Life Saving and First Aid Crew boat and exhibit in front of the Rockbridge County Courthouse, Lexington, Virginia. Also included are two photos of the construction of the new First Aid Building, Spottswood Drive, Lexington, Virginia.

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

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Unit Date 1949-1953, undated

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Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Rockbridge Suffers Worst Floods in History; Oxygen equipment in operation; member Walter Bingham died; Inventory November 1950; Edward Hughes, 14 year old drowns in Maury River; photo of Lexington Fire Department receiving first aid training; thank you letters to crew for their service; History of the Lexington Fire Department, which began in 1796; and new Holger Neilson method of resuscitation exhibited in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Keywords

Lexington Fire Department (Lexington, Virginia)

Floods--Virginia--Rockbridge County

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

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Unit Date 1945-1957, undated

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Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew celebrating Tenth Anniversary and Equipment: Past and Present including the Lexington Fire Department; W&L Fraternity Phi Kappa Psi entertained crew; thank you letters to crew for their service; two undated inventories; B. Lee Kagey Heads First Aid Crew; photo of walkers received and members of crew; and three photos of Leech farm event.

Keywords

Washington and Lee University. Phi Kappa Psi

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

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Unit Date 1958-1959, undated

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Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Willow Grove mansion fire; Larry Graves, 15 years old, drowned in Rockbridge County pond, near Decatur, Virginia; Fred Gross, 11 years old, drowned in James River at Big Island, Virginia; photos of Lexington, Virginia Christmas parade Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew float, in front of the Lexington Fire Department; District No. 1 Training and Meeting on the Maury River article and photos; and a Civil Defense Drill starts in Waynesboro, Virginia, with a mock disaster of a plane crash in business section of the town.

Keywords

Lexington Fire Department (Lexington, Virginia)

Graves, Larry

Gross, Fred

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

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Unit Date 1935, 1952-1954, 1959, undated

Mixed Materials [35101206590908] Box 1

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Thank you letters thanking crew for their service; Bedford, Virginia stores fire; group photo of Hose Company No. 4, Harrisonburg, Virginia; brothers Donald Sisk, 20 and Albert Sisk, 23 of Salem, Virginia, both drowned at Rocky Point, Virginia, in the James River, five miles north of Buchanan; Lexington First Aid Crew presented Wheel Chair by the Lexington Lions Club, article and photos; First Aid Crew under sponsorship of the Lexington Fire Department organized in 1935; and a letter to Lexington Fire Department from the President of the Washington and Lee Chapter of Delta Upsilon, concerning their fire.

Keywords

Virginia -- Bedford County

Virginia -- Harrisonburg

Sisk family

Washington and Lee University. Delta Upsilon

Lions Club of Lexington (Lexington, Va.)

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/27631

Unit Date 1936, 1949, 1952-1955, undated

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Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Rev. Ernest Johnson back on his feet; article with identified photo of the 1890 Lexington hose company No.2; thank you letters to crew for their service; photo of Charter members who formed the First Aid Crew in 1935 and members of The Fire Department; photos of 101 year old Mrs. Lucy Davis and family, and a photo of Edward Mackey using a walker; a photo of the First Aid Crew, taken in 1936 at unidentified fair grounds; Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew Has Served Rockbridge County for 17 Years Without Compensation; Crew volunteer member, Leslie L. Weaver Ends 46-Year Postal Career; B. Lee Kagey Is Again Crew Head; Lewis Watts (nephew of Leroy Richards), 19 years old, interviewed for limbs and gets long sought arms; Photos of crew and truck, Mrs. R. Miller, and J. Robinson; Lexington Fire Department had beginning in 1796; Lexington, Virginia Stuart Building fire; and Fire Department Centennial Celebration.

Keywords

Lexington Fire Department (Lexington, Virginia)

Miller family

Robinson family

Watts, Lewis

Mackey, Edward

Johnson, Ernest

Davis family

Scrapbook Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew loose pages

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Unit Date 1945-1959, undated

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Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes material on the following: Carol Hardin, burn victim, helped; First Aid Crew has excellent record article with photo, showing some of the crew and Walter Mackey; photo of the Women of New Monmouth Church at Kerrs Creek, Virginia entertained members of the Lexington Fire Department and First Aid Crew at a dinner in their fellowship hall; photo of Glasgow, Virginia James Lees and Sons Co., Lexington fire department and first aid crew banquet; First Aid Crew marks 20th Year; Colonial Beach Squad takes part in two relay transportation with other squads, which included the Lexington Life Saving and First

Aid Crew; Hamric and Sheridan Jewelry Store fire, Lexington, Virginia; descriptions of Life Saving Crew work; VFW presents more equipment to the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew; Flood kept First Aid Crew on Job; and thank yous for the Crew's service.

Keywords

Lexington Fire Department (Lexington, Virginia)

Floods--Virginia--Rockbridge County

Virginia -- Glasgow

New Monmouth Presbyterian Church (Rockbridge County, Va.)

Hardin, Carol