

The Never Ending Adventure beginning in 1987 with just an idea, the Mansfield Fire Museum was born.

With the purchase of the former Five Cousins Department Store in 1989, the Museum had a home. After two years of basic building repairs, work on the Museum began in earnest.

Although progress seemed slow, especially after a few minor set backs, the Museum opened October 12, 1994.

Even though the Museum was opened, there were some things unfinished. Some still remain that way as new ideas are being developed.

It is now apparent that the Mansfield Fire Museum will never be a finished product. It will continue to grow and change as new ideas, equipment, and displays come!

-G. L. Williams
Original Director of the
Mansfield Fire Museum



More than a Museum...

Young children, the handicapped, and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to fire. The Fire Museum "Safety House" illustrates:

- "Stop, Drop and Roll" techniques
- The importance of a smoke detector
- How to plan an escape route
- When to call "911"
- Exactly what to do if you are caught in a fire

Accidents are the leading cause of death for children. Now is the time to reach out and educate children as well as adults about fire safety. We at the Fire Museum are trying to do our part.

Many years ago Mansfield Firemen were called to duty by a large bell in the firehouse tower. Originally they were volunteers and had to be summoned from their homes. This large bell could be heard from all over town.

When a new fire station was built in 1925, the bell was removed from the old station and placed in Central Park. It remained there until October of 1993 when it was moved to the Museum.

This bell had a prominent day in 1945. It is reported that on V-J Day, September 2nd, it was tolled for hours and hours to celebrate the victory over Japan in World War II.

The clapper in the bell was removed sometime after that as a result of mischievous persons ringing it at all hours of the night.



Visit the Mansfield Fire Museum and take a step back in time! From the bucket brigade to the horse drawn equipment, through the internal combustion powered equipment-- experience the history of fire service.

See a reproduction of a turn of the century Fire Station. Hear the antique alarm bell that alerted the firemen and you can almost see the horses leave their stable to be hitched to the hose wagon.



Stroll down part of Mansfield's historic North Main Street where you can visit an old time drugstore with an authentic marble soda fountain.

Browse through the many pictures of fires in Mansfield and the displays of firefighting equipment from the past.

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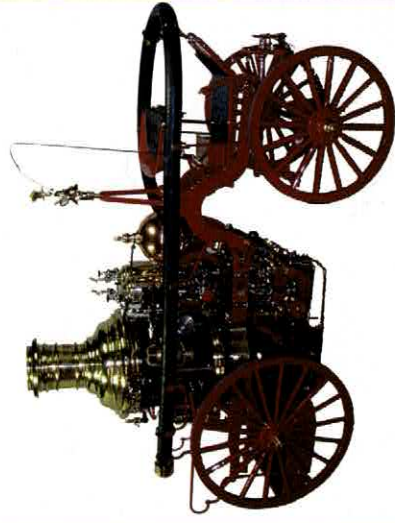
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www.MansfieldFireMuseum.com

Mid May through Mid October
Saturday & Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tours and Winter Hours by
Appointment Only

Admission is Free
Donations Welcome



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