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June 9, 2013 Meeting Report

The June 2013 quarterly meeting was held at the Portland Fire Museum. Mike Dacey, the Portland Fire Dept Historian was our host for the evening. He did an excellent job of giving us an overview of the Portland Fire Dept Museum history. His efforts are very much appreciated.

We were allowed to take pictures, but not to share. Pictures are not usually allowed. Thanks Mike. The few shown below are for your enjoyment and should not be posted or used further.

Below is the original Gamewell fire alarm equipment from the Portland Fire Alarm. This was the nerve center where boxes and phone calls were received and sent out to the stations for many decades before being updated.



The engine shown below is from the Portland Fire Department fleet and preserved by the museum. The Amoskeag steamer belongs to Manchester, NH and is on loan to the museum and originally served in Ashland, Mass. Only a portion of the extensive leather bucket collection is shown in the photo below and is one of the largest collections of original fire buckets anywhere.



In addition to the exhibits on the main floor, there is extensive memorabilia in the offices and meeting room on the second floor. Some found particular interest in the original hand written company log books that were available to look through.

Books and DVDs of this history were also available for purchase.

We thank the museum and in particular Mike Dacey, for a great evening and visit to the museum. It is obvious the pride they put into ongoing care.

The next meeting will be on September 9th at the West Kennebunk Fire Station and will feature Joe Thomas, retired Portland Fire Chief and Maine State Fire Marshall.

Also, September is our nomination month for the December elections. Get out and run for an office and help with the ongoing work of the SMFNA. There will also be a by-law change voted on to allow greater flexibility for our quarterly meeting scheduling.

Remember: "If you know of an active incident, we should ALL know"