

Loveland Fire Exhibit Update

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Loveland Fire Exhibit - Summer 2011 Update

So far 2011 has been a busy year for the Loveland Fire Exhibit. Since this year is the 100 year anniversary of the Loveland Fire Department/Rescue several events were held to commemorate the anniversary. In February, we had an open house at the exhibit and the Loveland City Council read a proclamation with the week of February 21st as Loveland Fire and Rescue Week. We also had a fundraiser in April - a Casino trip to Black Hawk that was very successful. Unfortunately, the second fundraiser - a dance at the Elks had to be canceled.

On June 4, we had an all day celebration starting with a pancake breakfast in the morning followed by demonstrations by the Loveland Fire Rescue at the fire department's training facility. Both events were well attended. Then in the evening we had a barbecue for past, present, and retired Loveland Fire Department/Rescue firefighters, families, and invited guests. There were over 300 in attendance. It was a great event and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other and seeing old fire family members again. It has been suggested that we make the barbecue an annual event - we will keep you posted.

If there are any past, present or retired Loveland Fire Department/Rescue members that have not gotten their 100 year medallion, please contact Scott Pringle or Jack Sullivan to make arrangements to get one. They are a nice token of the 100 year anniversary.

Thank you to the many members of the Loveland Fire Rescue and the Loveland Fire Exhibit committee for all the work you did to make the June 4th celebration a HUGE success.

In the last 2 weeks, we have found out that it is very likely that we will have to move out of our present location. We have known from day one that this would happen someday but not quite this soon. The original plan for the site that we occupy was to be the museum expansion but now it is being considered for a new development. The City of Loveland and Brinkman Partners of Fort Collins are working on a deal that would raze the old Home State Bank building and construct a residential building. If this moves forward and is approved, it is likely that we would have to vacate the building the first quarter of 2012.

Currently, we are working with the Susan Ison and the museum staff to find a possible city owned building that we could move to otherwise the artifacts will have to be stored until the museum expansion is done. The expansion probably won't happen for several years.

The artifacts have been inventoried and signed over to the museum. This also was the agreement we made at the time we organized the fire exhibit. This was done in order for the artifacts to be owned by the city and properly preserved.

The four vehicles that the Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc. current owns have not been signed over to the museum. At some point in time, the 1925 LaFrance and the 1939 Ford ambulance will be signed over so that they can be displayed in the museum. We also have title to the 1969 Mack Truck and a Hot Rod.

When we have more information or direction on our possible move, we will send an update. In the meantime, if you have questions, please email or call Jack Sullivan.

Jack Sullivan - Loveland Fire Exhibit Inc. President