

MOTORIZED FIRE APPARATUS DATABASE of CONNECTICUT

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In some cases, vehicles were modified during their years in service. Due to space limitations, only one photo is displayed, but the chronology of assignments and modifications are listed.

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**1920
American
LaFrance**

Ford

photo needed

no pump chem

dept has no photo

1920-1936 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Reg #F-581 ship 5-20-1920.
Used to pull the old H&L until 1927.

1927

Reo

photo needed

no pump chem

dept has no photo

1927-1949 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed



**1936
Mack Trucks**

**Mack Early B
Series**

600 gpm 200 gal

Bethel Fire Dept.

1936-1964 Bethel Fire Dept.

1964 Went to VT

2016 Preserved - Department - Bethel

Eng 1?



**1947
Ward LaFrance
Truck Corp.**

Ward LaFrance

750 gpm 300 gal

Bethel Fire Dept.

1947-1964 Bethel Fire Dept.

1964 Stony Hill Fire Dept, Bethel

1971 Out of state - VT

Eng 2



**1949
Ward LaFrance
Truck Corp.**

350 gpm 300 gal

L.Chan Brainard, photographer

1949-1977 Bethel Fire Dept.

1977 Non-fire use
Sold for parts

Ladder 1



**1954
Ward LaFrance
Truck Corp.**

Ward LaFrance

750 gpm 300 gal

Bethel Fire Dept.

1954-1971 Bethel Fire Dept.

1972-1977 Stony Hill Fire Dept, Bethel

1977 Sold to farmer

Eng 3

Stony Hill traded the '47 WLF to Bethel for this truck. The '47 was sold. (SH history)
Possibly a 1953.

**1962
Ward LaFrance
Truck Corp.**

Ward LaFrance

photo needed

1000 gpm 1000 gal

1962-1966 Bethel Fire Dept.
1966 Destroyed in accident

photo needed

Eng 4

Rolled over in blizzard 2-6-1966



**1958
Dept. Built**

Dodge

250 600 gal

Completed 1975 Building Expansion
1st Ambulance - 1975 Dodge

truck on right

Stony Hill Fire Dept.

1958 Oil Co.
1964 Bethel Fire Dept.
1966?-1977 Stony Hill Fire Dept., Bethel

Tanker 1?

1966

Ford

photo needed

250 gpm 1600 gal

1966-1975 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Tanker 1

History says this was added in 1968.



**1968
Mack Trucks**

Mack R

1250 gpm 1000 gal

truck on right

Bethel Fire Dept.

1968 Bethel Fire Dept. Eng 5
1994-2004 Refurbished by Amthor - added tank Tanker 1

Refurb added high-side compartments.
Tank came from 1975 Ford/Amthor

1970

International

photo needed

no pump no tank

1970-1989 Bethel Fire Dept.
1989 Non-fire use

photo needed

Truck 2

hi-ex foam generator and deluge wagon



**1971
Mack Trucks**

Mack R

1000 gpm 750 gal

Lou Tibor, photographer

1972-1997 Bethel Fire Dept.
1985 Refurbished by Coachworks
1997 Out of state - NY

Eng 6

History says '72. Maybe 1971.
Added high-side compartments

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|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | | 1970 | |
| | | | Dept. Built | |
| | | | Chevrolet | |
| | <i>photo needed</i> | | no pump | no tank |
| 1973-1990 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | <i>photo needed</i> | Rescue 1 | |
| 1990 | <i>Non-fire use</i> | | | |
| <i>Used by dept for non-fire use 1977-1990</i> | | | | |

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| | | | 1975 | |
| | | | Amthor Fire Apparatus | |
| | | | Ford F | |
| | <i>photo needed</i> | | 350 gpm | 1500 gal |
| 1975-1994 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | <i>photo needed</i> | Tanker 1 | |
| 1994 | <i>Non-fire use</i> | | | |
| <i>Tank was later used on 1968 Mack R (1994-2004)</i> | | | | |

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|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| | | | 1979 | |
| | | | Reading | |
| | | | Chevrolet C50 to C70 | |
| | <i>photo needed</i> | | no pump | no tank |
| 1977-2005 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | <i>photo needed</i> | Rescue 1 | |
| 2005 | <i>Non-fire use</i> | | | |

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|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| | | | 1977 | |
| | | | Sutphen | |
| | | | Sutphen | |
| | | | 1000 gpm | 300 gal |
| | | | mid-mount - 85' | |
| | | | Sutphen | |
| | | | <i>Lou Tibor, photographer</i> | |
| 1977-2008 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | | Aerial Tower 1 | |
| | <i>Scrapped</i> | | | |
| <i>All Sutphen aerials are 100', but are blocked to shorter lengths.</i> | | | | |



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|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | 1966 | |
| | | | Dept. Built | |
| | | | Dodge Power Wagon | |
| | <i>photo needed</i> | | 250 skid- | 150 gal |
| 1966 | <i>U.S. Military/Gov't</i> | <i>photo needed</i> | Dodge | |
| 1980-2014 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | | | |

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|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | | 1987 | |
| | | | EVF | |
| | | | Ford | |
| | <i>photo needed</i> | | no pump | no tank |
| 1987-1994 | <i>Bethel Fire Dept.</i> | <i>photo needed</i> | Rescue 1 | |

**1994
Smeal Fire App.**

photo needed

Spartan

1500 gpm 1000 gal

1994-2015 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Eng 5



**1997
E-One, Inc.**

E-One Cyclone II

1250 gpm 1000 gal

1997 Bethel Fire Dept.

Philip Valenti Collection

Eng 6

1999

photo needed

Ford F-450

250 skid- 100 gal

1999 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Utility 1



**2003
Rescue 1**

Kenworth T-300

no pump no tank

2003 Bethel Fire Dept.

credit pending

Rescue 1

Or an '05

**2005
Four Guys, Inc. (4
Guys)**

photo needed

Mack Granite

500 gpm 2500 gal

2005 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Tanker 1

or 2500 gal

**1966
Dept. Built**

GMC

250 skid- 600 gal

1966 U.S. Military/Gov't
2006-2010 Bethel Fire Dept.

photo needed

Brush 2



**2007
Sutphen**

Sutphen

2000 gpm 300 gal
mid-mount - 100'
Sutphen

Philip Valenti Collection

2007 Bethel Fire Dept.

Tower 1

2009?



**2015
Sutphen**

Sutphen Monarch

2000 gpm 1000 gal

unknown photographer

2015 Bethel Fire Dept.

Eng 5

1967

Jeep

Kaiser

Philip Lukac, photographer

skid-mount yes

Philip Lukac, photographer

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U.S. Military/Gov't
Bethel Fire Dept.

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