

# 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.

*Many departments and photographers have provided images to this project. All photographs have been credited, and that credit is overlaid on the vehicle in an attempt to protect it from unsolicited copying. Please respect the images.*

**1931  
Dept. Built**

**Chevrolet**

*photo needed*

skid-mount    yes

*dept has no photo*

*photo needed*

**1931**    *Non-fire use*

**1947-unk**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

First fire apparatus was a 1931 Chevy platform truck purchased from the Ackley farm in Groton. The members purchased a Chrysler skid mount pump, and Fishkin Iron Works installed the pump on the Chevy, added a tank of water and equipment to handle structure fires.

**1961  
Howe Fire  
Apparatus**

**Ford C**

750 gpm    1000 gal



*Mike Bakunis, photographer*

**1961-1988**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*Eng 1*



**1968  
Pierre Thibault  
Ltd.**

**Ford C**

750 gpm    1000 gal

*John W. Turner, photographer*

**1968-1991**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*Eng 2*



**1975  
Pierce Mfg. Inc.**

**Dodge**

no pump    no tank

*Mike Bakunis, photographer*

**1975-1999**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*  
*Replaced - new rig, same call sign*

*M-37*



**1975  
Pierce Mfg. Inc.**

**Dodge**

300 gpm    250 gal

*Mike Bakunis, photographer*

**1975-2001**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-33*



**1987  
Peter Pirsch &  
Sons**

1250 gpm    1000 gal

*Mike Bakunis, photographer*

**1987-2007**    *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-31*



**1991  
Kovatch Mobile  
Equipment**

**Spartan**

1500 gpm 1000 gal

*Joe DeLaura, photographer*

**1991-** *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-32*



**1999  
Hackney  
Emergency  
Vehicles**

**Freightliner FL  
series**

no pump no tank

*Joe DeLaura, photographer*

**1999-** *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-37*



**2001  
Marco Fire App.**

**Ford F-350**

skid-mount yes

*Joe DeLaura, photographer*

**2001-** *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-33*



**2009  
Ferrara Fire App.**

**HME 1871**

1500 gpm 1000 gal

*Rob Palmer, photographer*

**2009-** *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

*M-31*

H-4238

**1953  
Maxim Motor Co.**

*photo needed*

*photo needed*

**unk** *Chesterfield Fire Co., Montville*

Unconfirmed. No records at company.