

# 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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**1910  
Pope Mfg. Co.**

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no pump  
no tank

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**1910-unk** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Hose No.3

Co. #3 was the first to get a motorized piece of apparatus. An Automobile Pope-Hartford Combination Hose and Chemical truck was delivered February 3, 1910.



**1912  
White Motor Co.**

**White Motor Co.**

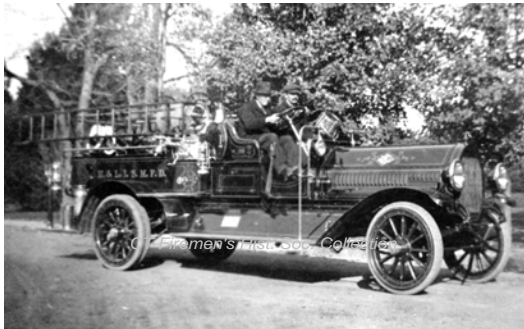
no pump  
no tank

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truck on left

**1912-unk** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Hose No.2



**1912  
Seagrave Corp.**

**Seagrave**

no pump  
chem

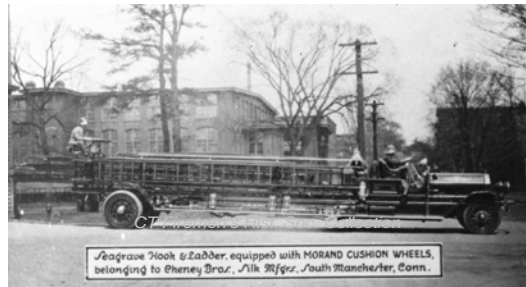
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**1913-unk** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Hose No.1

**as of 2018** Preserved - Museum - CT Firemen's

1947 photo suggests it was still in service.



**1912  
Seagrave Corp.**

**Seagrave**

no pump  
chem

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**1913-unk** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Ladder 1

**1926** Unknown reassignment

Ladder 4

**1954** Sold

Assume that it was reserve when '26 Seagrave came in. Had been preserved. Used for parts to restore 1912 Seagrave chemical. Rest to be given to A.Swift, Maine. Painted 12-6-1912



**1914  
American  
LaFrance**

750 gpm

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truck on right

**1914-1942** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Eng 4

Reg #515 ship 5-23-1914 Co. #4 was the first company to get a motorized pumping engine. Cost \$8,500. The truck trailing is 1912 Seagrave city service

**1916  
American  
LaFrance**

**Brockway**

no pump  
no tank

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**1916-1952** South Manchester Fire Dept.

Ladder 2

Reg #1210 ship 7-13-1916



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**1918**  
**American LaFrance**  
  
**Brockway**  
  
400 gpm  
no tank

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**1918-1950** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1950** Reserve as of

Eng 2

Reg #1932 ship 4-13-1918 Junior pump



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**1920**  
**American LaFrance**  
  
**Brockway**  
  
400 gpm  
no tank

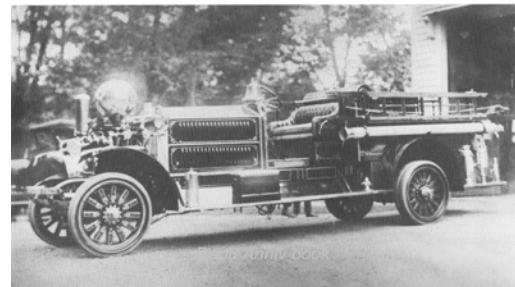
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**1920-1945** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1950** Reserve as of

Eng 3

**1961** Still there

Reg #2859 ship 3-31-1920 Junior pump  
Another HC article says it was a 1917.



Anniv book

**1921**  
**Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Corp.**  
  
**Ahrens-Fox**  
  
1000 gpm

This 1921 Ahrens-Fox pumping engine was purchased by Company No. 1, the last of the four fire companies to buy such a piece of equipment. At a cost of \$13,100, it was the best pump on available at the time and is today a much sought-after collector's piece. The large, nickel-plated ball at the front absorbed the pressure surges produced by the piston pump. The fact that the ball has no seam makes this piece rare. The pump was restored for Manchester's Sesqui-centennial parade and remains in the possession of the Town of Manchester Fire Department.

Dept. Anniv book

**1921-1951** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1964** Reserve as of  
**as of 2018** Preserved - Museum - CT Firemen's

Eng 1

Del. 5-4-1921  
Co. #1 was the last company to get a pumping engine.



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**1926**  
**Seagrave Corp.**  
  
**Seagrave**  
  
no pump  
2-35

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**1926-1967** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1967** Sold  
**as of 2013** Preserved - Private - Out of state

Ladder 1

painted 7-23-1926



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**1942**  
**American LaFrance 600 Series**  
  
  
  
750 gpm  
100 gal tank

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**1942-1956** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1956-1964** Manchester Fire Dept.  
**as of 1993** Preserved - Private - Lawrence Liotard

Eng 4

Reg #L-1673 ship 6-30-1942. Overhead ladder rack.



Mark Redman, photographer

**1945**  
**American LaFrance 600 Series**  
  
  
  
750 gpm  
150 gal tank

Mark Redman, photographer

**1945-1956** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1956-1966** Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1983** with department

Eng 3

ship 10-23-1945



**1950  
American  
LaFrance 700  
Series**

750 gpm  
250 gal tank

*Frank Wegloski, photographer*

**1950-1956** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1956-1979** Manchester Fire Dept.

Eng 2  
Eng 2,4

Reg #L-4053 ship 3-17-1950 775-PJC  
E4 in 1964



**1951  
American  
LaFrance 700  
Series**

750 gpm  
250 gal tank

*Mike Bakunis, photographer*

**1951-1956** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1956-1971** Manchester Fire Dept.

Eng 1

**1971** Reserve

Reg #L-4372 ship 9-20-1951 775-PGC  
this truck is not on ARN 11-76 list.  
The cab and motor were used on the '52 ALF ladder after it was damaged in accident.



**1952  
American  
LaFrance 700  
Series**

250 gpm  
150 gal tank  
mid-mount - 75'  
ALF

*original configuration*

*Mark Redman, photographer*

**1952-1956** South Manchester Fire Dept.  
**1982** Refurb after accident  
**1956-1999** Manchester Fire Dept.

Ladder 1  
Ladder 1

Reg #L-4542 ship 5-12-1952 7-75-AJO. With Hose Co. 4. The cab and motor from '51 ALF pumper were used after this truck was damaged in accident.