

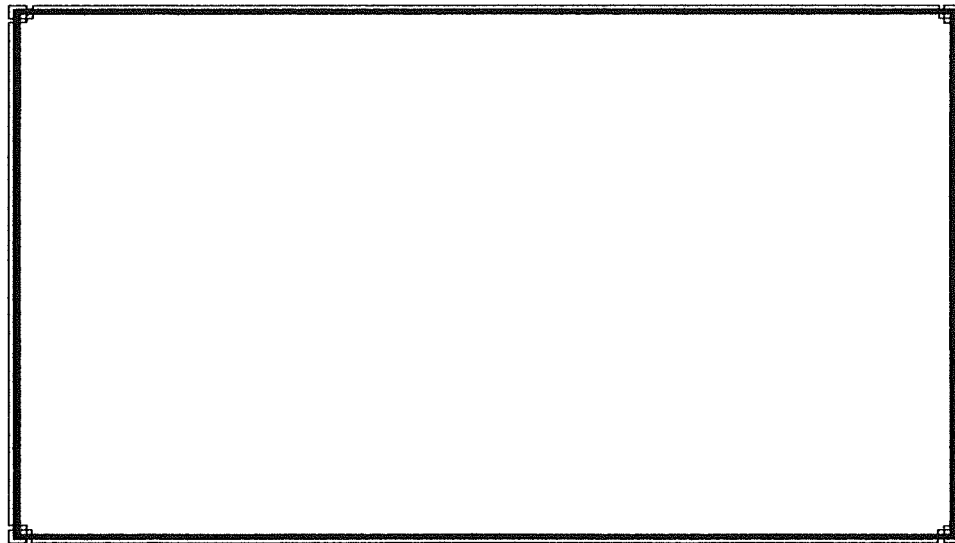
Saugatuck Hose Company

Riverside Avenue, just south of Bridge Street

Picture this . . . a raging fire, possibly set off by a spark from an overturned lantern or from the great kitchen fireplace, burns through an early colonial home. Neighbors help by passing buckets full of water to put out the flames and then the line of men and women pass the empty buckets back to the water trough to be filled again.

As time went by . . . this bucket brigade was replaced by volunteers who pulled hand pump machines through the streets to fight the fires. Eventually, horse drawn steam pumpers could be seen on the streets just as we see the modern fire trucks today.

When you visit . . . look at the vehicles with their modern equipment. Ask a fireman to explain how they work. Find out how many fires are fought each week, who is the first to get the alarm, and how long it takes to respond. Think about the courage and skills needed to be a firefighter, and if you would like to work in a fire station. Fill in the missing part of the picture.



A Picture of Me At the Fire Station