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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Content Description

Collection documents firefighting, firemen, and fire equipment through trade literature, brochures, pamphlets, photographs, publications, magazine articles, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Fire departments
- Fire engines
- Fire fighters
- Firemen
- Safety

Types of Materials:

- Blueprints
- Brochures
- Lithographs
- Negatives
- Newspaper clippings
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- Periodicals
- Photographs
- Trade literature -- 20th century

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

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