



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE
915 "I" STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95814
CITY HALL - ROOM 3 TEL. (916) 449-5267

WILLIAM R. POWELL
FIRE CHIEF

"SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES"

May 27, 1982

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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Howard Popworth
Golden State Business Forms, Inc.
P. O. Box 214913
Sacramento, California 95821

Dear Howard:

I have received correspondence from Council Person Lynn Robie requesting that I relay information to you regarding the 1941 Peter Persch Aerial Truck which is to be sold at auction.

I have checked with the City Attorney's Office regarding the possibility of the City giving the truck to the club. They inform me that it would be illegal to give City owned property (taxpayers assets) away. The law requires all surplus property with value to be sold at public auction.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dick Brookins who is in charge of all automotive equipment so that your name can be put on the mailing list when the equipment comes up for auction.

If I can be of any further service to you please call.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. POWELL
Fire Chief

WRP:mb

cc: Dick Brookins

APPROVED ~~BY~~
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

JUN 22 1982

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

*delay sale
until next
auction*



SACRAMENTO FIRE BUFF CLUB

ORGANIZED
OCTOBER 28, 1980
AT FRUITRIDGE FIRE HOUSE

inc.

INCORPORATED
MAY 4, 1982
AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

P.O.Box 13862-A, Sacramento, CA 95853-3862

(916) 969-4115

June 14, 1982

Sacramento City Council
City Hall
Sacramento, California

Dear Honorable Members in Session:

An important part of the history of the City of Sacramento and the Sacramento Fire Department is scheduled to be auctioned off at a sale on June 26, 1982. I am talking about the City's 1941 Peter Pirsch and Sons 100 foot ladder truck. Until recently this equipment had been in continual service since July 5, 1941.

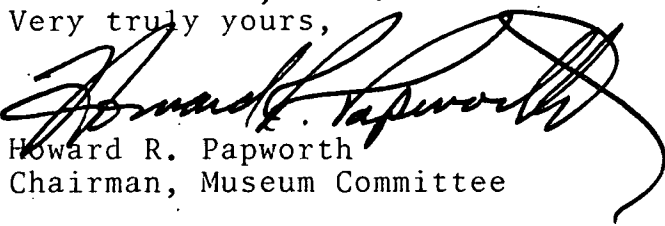
The Sacramento Fire Buff Club, a group of people sincerely interested in the fire service, would like to see this historic piece of equipment stay in Sacramento as a part of our heritage. At a regular meeting of our Sacramento Fire Buff Club, our members voted to seek an agreement with the City of Sacramento to be given said equipment or at least gain custody of same until the issue can be resolved.

The Sacramento Fire Buff Club would in turn find a secure shelter for the ladder truck until a suitable location can be found for display in the community.

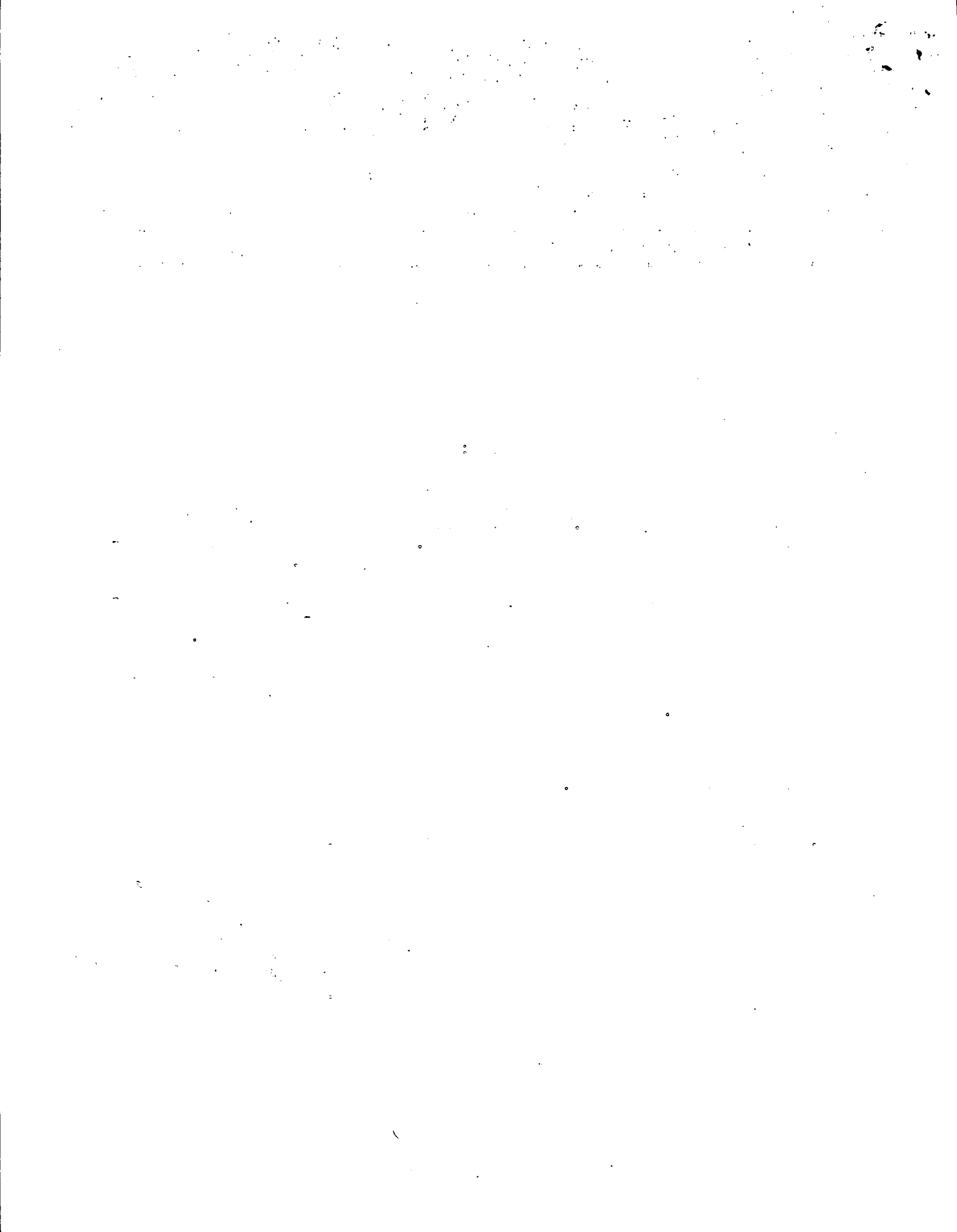
I have discussed this matter with Fire Chief William Powell and Mr. Walt Thompson of the City Managers Office.

Your consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated, and request to be placed on the agenda for June 22, 1982.

Very truly yours,


Howard R. Papworth
Chairman, Museum Committee

HRP:ms

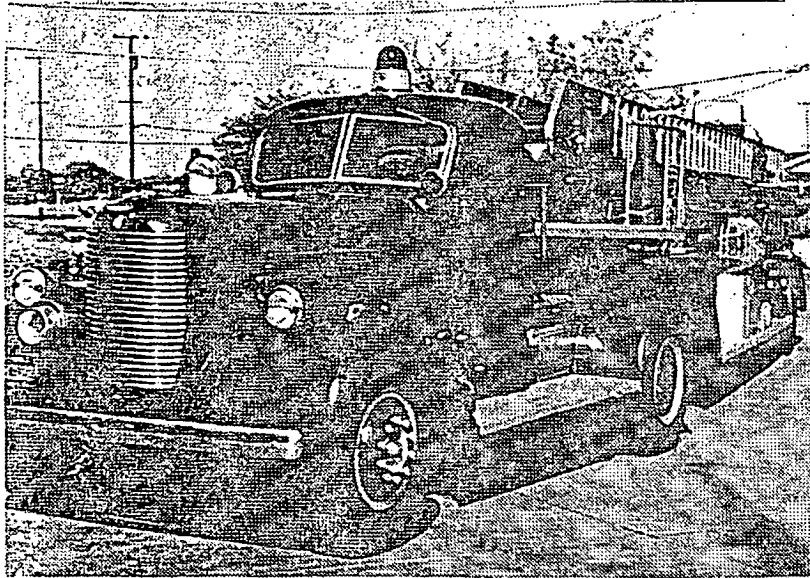




SACRAMENTO FIRE BATT CLUB

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 28, 1980 AT FRUITRIDGE FIREHOUSE

P.O. Box 13862-A, Sacramento, CA 95853-3862



APPARATUS 603

SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPT.

Even as today, the Sacramento Fire Department has been modern and progressive.

Apparatus 603 was the second 100 ft aluminum ladder truck on the west coast. Spokane, Washington received the first in 1940.

City Managers and Fire Chiefs came to Sacramento to see the new design of aerial ladder trucks.

Soon Peter Pirsch aerial trucks arrived in many other Pacific Coast cities. Sacramento purchased two more, one in 1960, the other in 1963. Both are still in active service.

News media photographers often zoomed in on 603 with its aerial ladder up. Photo of the aerial up between street car overhead wires at Land Hotel Fire (10th & "K" Sts), several 2½" hose lines going up the ladder at other locations and the rescue of Dr. Yee from the roof at 725 "J" Street or the many times it was used as a water tower, was the eye catcher on the front page of local newspapers.

The longest "Code 3" run was on October 6, 1952 to City of Woodland to assist that city on the large Holy Rosary Academy Fire.

603 has a long and proud history in Sacramento and should stay here for all to see and enjoy as part of Sacramento's history.

1941 PETER PIRSCH * 100 ft. AERIAL

MANUFACTURE: Peter Pirsch & Sons
Kenosha, Wisconsin

MFG. SERIAL No.: 54123

MOTOR: Hall-Scott, 240 H.P.

DATE PURCHASED: September 20, 1940

COST: \$19,992.00

HISTORY:

- July 5, 1941: In service as Truck 1, Sta. #2, 819 9th Street.
- Dec. 1960: Transferred to Truck 4, Sta. #5, 731 Broadway.
- Sept. 1963: Transferred to Truck 6, Sta. #10, 5642 66th Street.
- Oct. 31, 1964: MOTOR REPLACED WITH A WAUKESHA, 268 H.P.
- Oct. 1, 1970: All trucks renumbered to the station they are in. Truck 6 became Truck 10.
- Feb. 16, 1975: Placed in Reserve Status.

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CITRUS HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT

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June 18, 1982

Sacramento City Council
915 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

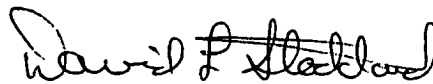
Dear Council Members:

This letter is sent in support of the Sacramento Fire Buff Club's effort to obtain Sacramento City's Apparatus 603.

It is my understanding this 1941 Peter Persch Aerial was the first 100' aluminum truck company in California and the second on the west coast.

This Club's effort to preserve the historical value of this apparatus for the City of Sacramento is commendable and should be given your serious consideration.

Very truly yours,



David L. Stoddard
Fire Chief

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June 23, 1982

Howard Papworth
Golden State Business Form, Inc.
P.O. Box 214913
Sacramento CA 95821

Dear Mr. Papworth:

On June 22, 1982, the Sacramento City Council took the following
action for the 1941 Peter Persch Aerial Truck:

Sale to be delayed until the next auction date.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Magana
City Clerk

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cc: William R. Powell, Fire Chief