

BOOK RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Richard E. Burch, Jr. and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department are pleased to announce the release of a two-year quest to document 150 years of the department's history. The coffee table style book covers the journey from the 1854 "Watchmen" to the twenty-first century Firefighter/Paramedics.

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue— *A Reflection of 150 Years*

Excerpt from the book:

The County's first volunteer fire department dates back to 1854, when industrialist Abraham Hupp presented the Town of Salem with its first piece of apparatus—a hand-operated pump, made in his metal ware shop. The pump was powered by four or so volunteers and worked like a railroad handcar. The pump sat in a small wagon with a trough around it in which the bucket brigade poured water. The pressure of the pump would spray water about fifty feet from an attached leather hose. Today, the pumper still sets in the Salem Market Street Station #1.

Release Date: Sunday, September 7, 2014
2-4 p.m.

Book cost: \$40.00

Make checks payable to:

Roanoke County Fire Chiefs Board

(Write in the memo section: *for history book*, and be sure to include your phone # and email address)

No Credit Cards please.

Pick up your pre-ordered book (s) or purchase one by attending the RELEASE RECEPTION:

Sunday, September 7, 2014

2-4:00 p.m.

North County Fire & Rescue Public Safety Building #1

150 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, VA 24019

