

**College Park Volunteer Fire Department
100th Year Celebration**

WHEREAS, In January 1925 a small group of citizens from College Park Home and School Association gathered to discuss the creation of a fire department in the growing City of College Park; and

WHEREAS, a committee was created and they drafted a constitution and by-laws that established the College Park Volunteer Fire Department, fourteen men joined as volunteer firemen. Dr. Hency B. McDonnell, Chairman of the Chemistry Department at the University of Maryland, was elected Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, the newly established fire department's equipment consisted of a hand drawn hose reel and a two wheel soda acid extinguisher which were provided by the University of Maryland; an obsolete horsedrawn hose wagon that had been purchased from the District of Columbia's Fire Department; a used 1921 Atlas truck chassis from the Connecticut Pie Company and the first 2 ½" hose was purchased from the District of Columbia for \$.02 per foot; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers worked out of a barn at Captain Crisp's residence on Harvard Avenue (now 7400 Rhode Island Avenue).

WHEREAS, In 1926, Mr. Elmore Power, one of the early developers of College Park, gave a lot to the fire department at 4813 Calvert Road.

WHEREAS, the company was officially placed in service on November 1, 1925 and made its first response on December 13, 1925. During the first year of service, the department responded to twenty-one alarms; and

WHEREAS, 100 years have passed since citizens gathered in the school house to consider a volunteer fire department. The College Park Volunteer Fire Department has met its motto "Serving the Community" in the City, County, and Campus since 1925 and will meet that motto long into the Future!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park celebrates the 100th year Anniversary of the College Park Volunteer Fire Department.

PROCLAIMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland