

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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60 Years of Service by a Pair of American La France Pumpers in Port Dickinson

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Throughout its 84 year history the Port Dickinson Volunteer Fire Department in Binghamton, NY, has been served by many pieces of apparatus. Two of which, pictured here are a pair of American LaFrance pumpers. Both of these pumpers were built in nearby Elmira, NY. The first ALF to serve the Village of Port Dickinson was a 1952 Series 700 ALF. This pumper had a 750 gpm pump and a 300 gallon booster tank. The '52 ALF remained in service from its purchase in 1952 until it was replaced in 1981. Its replacement was the 1979 American LaFrance Century Series also pictured. This pumper remains in service today as Engine 35. It has a 1500 gpm pump and a 500 gallon booster tank. It is also outfitted with a full compliment of ground and roof ladders. Originally a canopy type cab to meet changing safety standards the cab was enclosed by J.C. Moore in Fredonia, PA in 1998. Its hard to say if a third ALF will serve Port Dickinson in the future but for the last 60 years these two ALF's have certainly worked hard and proved their worth in protecting the citizens of Port Dickinson, NY.



Photo by N. Griswold - Side view of Port Dickinson's 1952 American La France and 1979 American La France



N. Griswold photo- Front view of Port Dickinson's 1952 and 1979 American La France pumpers