

The Summit Historical Society and The Summit Fire Department Are Teaming Up to Save 1927 Antique Fire Truck

Chemical Engine No. 1 has seen a lot of Summit history. From its arrival at the Fire Department on Nov. 21, 1927 through a major residential fire on Oak Ridge Avenue in 1932, and the famous Lyric Theater fire of 1951, Chemical Engine No. 1 has served the city well, and now the Summit Historical Society and Fire Department are teaming up to make sure the trusty Fire Truck can retire in style.

Historical Society members hope to raise \$90,000 to provide a building on the Carter House property to properly house and display the "Chemical", which has been in a cramped corner of the Summit Fire House on Broad Street and must eventually be removed to make room for modern fire fighting equipment.



"We feel it's important to maintain this engine, and to keep it here," said Sheila Duetsch, a trustee with the Historical Society. Her son, Tim, is a Summit firefighter and one of the driving forces behind the project to restore and display Chemical Engine No. 1. "It's an educational tool, and a part of Summit history."

The Historical Society is seeking donations from any source. If you want to help **"Save The Fire Truck"** please send your check, payable to The Summit Historical Society" and mark the check "Save the Fire Truck" and Mail your check to: Summit Historical Society, Box 464, Summit, NJ 07902-0464