

NORTH CANTON



1906 - 2006
100 Years of Service

As stated earlier, 2006 is a time of special celebration for the Fire Department and the City of North Canton. The North Canton Fire Department celebrates its 100th 'birthday' this year!

Beginning in 1906 with Chief Frank R. Smith through today's Chief John Bacon, the capable leadership of ten dedicated men has resulted in the Fire Department we depend on today. In addition to Chiefs Smith and Bacon, Thomas Scheetz, Logan Becher, Joseph Smith, Harry Mohler, James Ashbaugh (who tragically died in the line of duty in 1968), Glen Forney, Dale Hardgrove and Gene Feller led the department.

New Berlin became North Canton and our small village grew. The development of our village into a City required us to embrace new technology, methods and concepts in fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency medical care. In 1973 the EMS was formed and under the leadership of EMS Chiefs James Mills, Robert Flounders and Greg Juersivich, developed into a vital element in extending the quality of life for many of our citizens. In 2003 the Fire/EMS was formed under the leadership of Chief John Bacon.

We celebrate our centennial with pride in what has been accomplished and much gratitude for the support of city government and the great citizens we serve. We salute all of the past and present members of our department and their families who down through the years have given so much to our community.

We move forward with the knowledge that we must continue to learn, grow and prepare ourselves to meet the challenge of a new century.