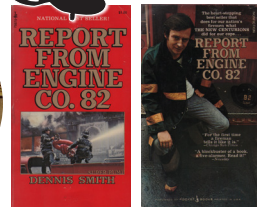




Firehouse Magazine



“Dennis Smith established a monthly that, for the first time, described the fire service culture. Reporting included the traditional commentary about the events critical to fire suppression and prevention, but *Firehouse* had something else. There were articles that explained the essence of what it meant to be a firefighter and how that relationship connects to being a member of the greater fire service family.”



— Steve Austin, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of Newark, DE



December 1984

Barry Furey writes first “Communicating” article, which ultimately becomes Fire Dispatch column.



March 1987

John Norman writes first article about training and later starts Fire Tactics series in May 1991.

“I hopefully have provided readers with guidance to a path that will lead to more research, discussion and, ultimately, a successful solution.”

— Barry Furey, Fire Dispatch columnist



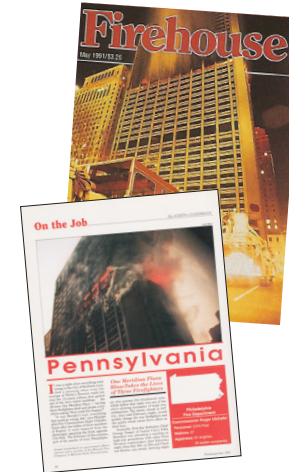
April 1988

Jim Smith begins writing Fire Studies column.



September 1989

Paul Hashagen writes his first article for *Firehouse*, later penning the Rekindles section of the magazine.



February 1991

One Meridian Plaza Fire kills three Philadelphia firefighters. The July issue included an On the Job feature about the incident.

“When the history of the 20th century American fire service is written, Harvey Eisner’s life will be a prominent chapter. Like all good fire chiefs, his management, strategy and tactical skills were honed in the streets. But it was his love of the fire service, expressed through remarkable photography and vivid writing, that made a little-known startup publication an international leader in its field.”

— Denis Oneal, Former Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator



January 1995

Harvey Eisner named editor-in-chief of *Firehouse*.

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November/December 1976

Firehouse publishes the first of its famous Hot Shots.



September 1978

Rich Adams begins writing EMS column.



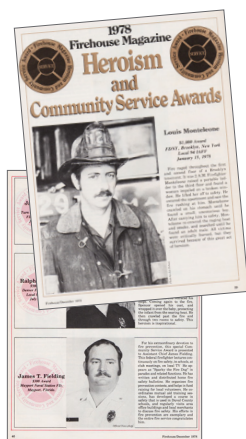
November 1982
Dennis Rubin writes his first article for *Firehouse* titled “Bringing on the Brigades.”

“When I first laid eyes on that printed copy, I was enamored with *Firehouse Magazine*, and my motivation rocketed.”

— Dennis Rubin, former chief, District of Columbia and Atlanta

December 1978

Firehouse launches Heroism & Community Service Awards program, now known as the Valor & Community Service Awards.



July 1984

Firehouse hosts inaugural Firehouse Expo in Baltimore.



July 1988

Steve Blackstone writes first Fire Law column, titled “Impact of Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.”

August 1989

Francis J. Brannigan begins writing for *Firehouse*, authoring many articles on building construction until his passing in 2006.



March 1990
Happy Land Fire kills 87 people in social club in the Bronx. The June issue included an On the Job feature about the incident.



June 1990
Kurt Ullman writes his first Fire Medicine column.



November 1992

Robert Winston writes his first article for *Firehouse*, going on to author a column about the wildland/urban interface and contributing articles about other topics as well.



October 1990

Dr. Harry Carter writes first Command Post column.

January 1994

Mike Wilbur writes first Emergency Vehicle Operations column.

“You entrust me and *Firehouse* to share your experiences, even sometimes devastating ones that are very personal and painful, with brother and sister firefighters like you.”

— Mike Wilbur, EVOC and The Apparatus Architect co-author



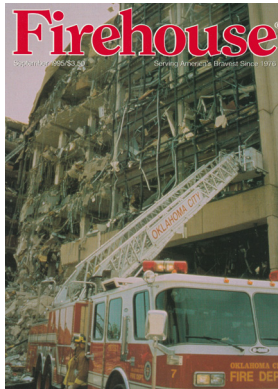
July 1994

Robert Burke writes his first hazmat article for *Firehouse* and later goes on to write Hazmat Studies column.



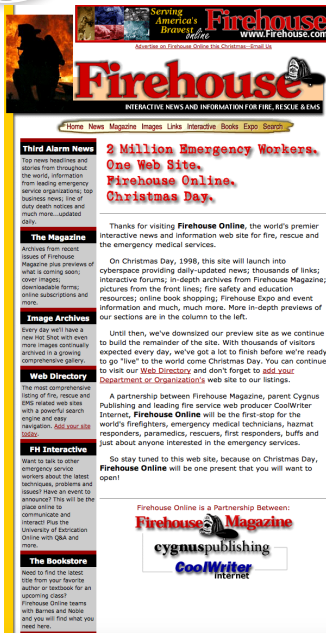
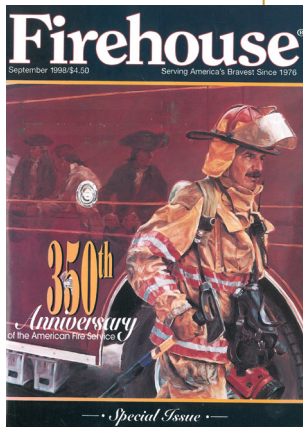
“We need to keep tilling the soil of the fire service fields in order to turn up the latest new thoughts and ideas.”

— Dr. Harry Carter, Command Post columnist



April 1995
Oklahoma City bombing kills 165 people. The September issue featured a detailed account of the incident.

September 1998
Firehouse honors the 350th anniversary of the American fire service by displaying a painting by Chas Fagan on the cover.



December 1998
Firehouse.com is launched.

“The launch of Firehouse.com created a paradigm shift by providing the Firehouse Magazine content to a global online community. Additionally, Firehouse.com provided breaking news, online forums, fire department websites and so much more. If there was something happening with the fire service, the place to access the information was Firehouse.com.”

— Charles Werner, Fire Technology columnist

“I hope to continue the great tradition started by Dennis Smith to advance the training and knowledge base for all fire and emergency personnel.”

— Tom Shand, The Apparatus Architect co-author



August 2000
Mike Wilbur and Tom Shand (pictured) write first The Apparatus Architect feature.

September 2001
Nearly 3,000 people, including 343 FDNY firefighters, were killed in terrorist attacks in New York City; 125 were also killed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Firehouse.com was the fire service's primary sources for news during this event. The attacks were featured on the covers of the October 2001 and November 2001 issues.



FIREHOUSE WORLD

February 2003 Firehouse launches Firehouse World in San Diego.

“When we brought the event to San Diego in 2003, we didn't realize the full potential the move would have. Firehouse World has become a staple of the fire service, showcasing not only California and West Coast training, but global training.”

— Ed Nichols, vice president, Firehouse events

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June 1996
Charles Werner writes his first article for Firehouse and later goes on to write many more articles about fire service technology.



March 1997
Ron Moore's first University of Extrication column is published.

“From Dennis' dream to Harvey's leadership and now Pete carrying that torch forward, their belief in doing something good by sharing Close Call events each month has made such a positive difference to so many firefighters worldwide.”

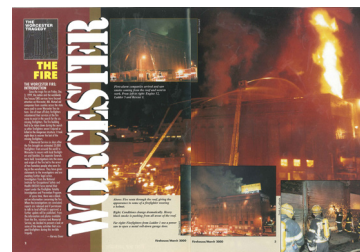
— Billy Goldfeder, Close Calls columnist



December 1999
Billy Goldfeder starts writing Close Calls column.

“It was Firehouse—before the Internet, before social media and before I ever met any fire service leader outside of my own state—that opened my eyes to a broader fire service universe. For that I am grateful.”

— Steve Austin

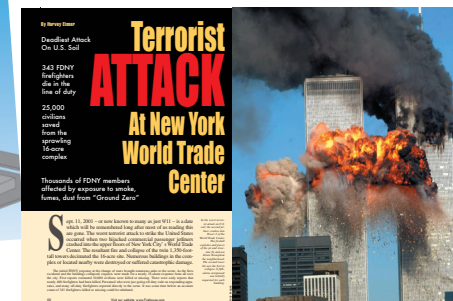


January 1998
Gary Ludwig writes his first EMS column.

December 1999 Worcester Cold Storage Fire kills six Worcester, MA, firefighters. Firehouse.com was the primary source for information for the fire service and was cited on local and national media. Firehouse staff helped memorial attendees secure travel. The March 2000 issue of Firehouse covered the event.



April 2002
Firehouse Magazine begins running interviews with FDNY responders who responded to 9/11 and featured additional details about the attacks.



February 2003
Station Nightclub Fire kills 100 in West Warwick, RI. The April issue covered the incident.

April 2007
Curt Varone writes his first Fire Law column for Firehouse, titled “Those Devoted to Saving Lives Can Be Liable When Lives Are Lost.”



November 2006
Dan Byrne writes his first article for Firehouse Magazine and later authors many more articles about fire prevention for both the magazine and website.



“Today, each time I pick up Firehouse Magazine, it's like picking up a family photo album, filled not only with emotion and memories, but also with families and stories. It ties us to the firefighters of our legendary past and the lessons they left us.”

— Dan Byrne, Fire Prevention columnist

“Today, besides the magazine itself, we have the online platform and the Firehouse conferences, all of which merge into a terrific source of information for firefighters of all ranks and from all types of departments. It's been an amazing journey that I am proud to be a part of.”

— Curt Varone, Fire Law columnist



May 2007

John Salka writes first The Fire Scene column, titled "Breaking in the Probies."



January 2012

Tim Szymanski writes first Fire Service PIO column.



July 2011

Firehouse Expo highlights 10th anniversary of 9/11, with many speakers from FDNY recalling the incident and lessons learned and a World Trade Center steel beam on display.

— John Salka, The Fire Scene columnist

"I have received several recognitions and awards, some national, in my career, but nothing has meant more to me than seeing my name in the list of contributing editors for *Firehouse*."

— Tim Szymanski



July 2013
Firehouse publishes book of Hot Shots.

June 2014

David Griffin writes his first article for *Firehouse* and later becomes a Leadership Lessons columnist.



"Harvey understood what drives true speakers—letting it all out from the heart and mind. He told me to go out there and 'give it to them'."

— David Griffin, Leadership Lessons columnist



June 2014

Firehouse announces first Station Design Conference Program.



July 2014

Steven Gillespie writes his first Leadership Lessons column, titled "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants."



November/December 2014

Shane Ray writes his first Fire Politics column, alternating with Kevin O'Connor.



August 2015

Firehouse renames famed Heroism Award program to the Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor.



November 2015
Firehouse announces first Station Design Awards Program.

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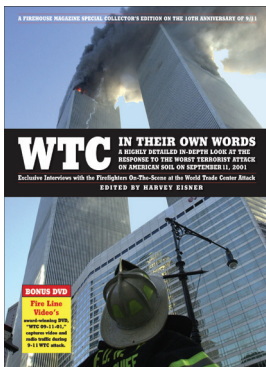


June 2007

Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire kills nine Charleston, SC, firefighters. *Firehouse* staff dispatched to Charleston and secured first media interview with Fire Chief Rusty Thomas—an interview that was cited in multiple media reports. The July 2007 issue covered the incident.

"Firehouse long ago established a reputation for being progressive and displaying a willingness to offer readers more than standard fire department subjects. It also looked to the future, trying to prepare the fire service to meet the challenges that might lie ahead."

— Dennis Compton, former Fire Politics columnist



June 2011

"WTC: In Their Own Words," edited by Harvey Eisner, published.



August 2011

Dennis Compton begins writing Fire Politics column, stepping in for the ailing Hal Bruno, who passed away in November 2011.



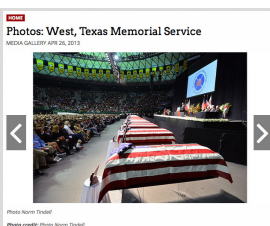
December 2012

"WTC: In Their Own Words" receives first place in IAFF Media Awards category for special one-time project and second place in Ben Franklin Writer Awards.



April 2013

Massive explosion in West, TX, kills 12 firefighters. Firehouse staff dispatched to West to cover the incident and memorial service.



June 2013

Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona kills 19 firefighters. The August 2013 issue covered the tragedy.

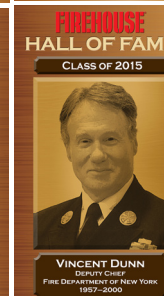
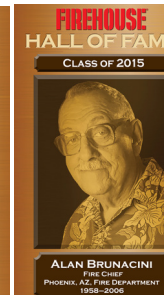
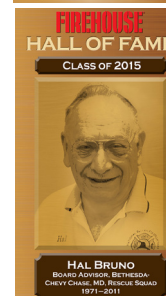
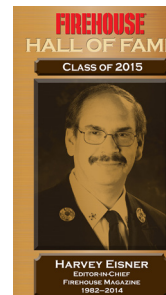


July 2014
Tim Sendelbach named Editor-in-Chief of *Firehouse*.



July 2015

First inaugural class of Legends & Icons named: Alan Brunacini, Hal Bruno, Vincent Dunn, Harvey Eisner; Firehouse Expo dedicated to Harvey Eisner, who passed away in October 2014.



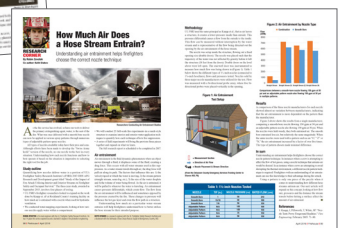
"I am certain that the *Firehouse* future is bright, because the energetic, young, yet very experienced and effective editor-in-chief is applying his usual positive and very enlightened approach that will continually push *Firehouse* in the right direction."

— Alan Brunacini, former Phoenix fire chief



January 2016
The first International Exchange and Health & Wellness columns are published in *Firehouse*.

April 2016
First Research Corner column is published in *Firehouse*.



October 2016
Firehouse Expo held in Nashville.



July 2017

Worldly Experience

London firefighter Paul Grimwood reflected on his experiences from training alongside firefighters in several large U.S. cities in the International Exchange column. He wrote that it created a “cross-breed” firefighter mentality to stay ahead of the fire, as opposed to reacting to the fire, which was part of his initial training.



September 2018

Peter Matthews named Editor-in-Chief of Firehouse.

“It’s an incredible honor to collaborate with our many readers, contributors and friends to bring all types of content to the fire service through Firehouse’s different avenues. Despite the many tragedies that we’ve covered, we have documented so many wins.”

— Peter Matthews

February 2019

Mayday Myth-Busting Michael Snodgrass looked at six myths regarding firefighter maydays, with a focus on fire-ground failures and how readers can overcome the problems.



May 2020

COVID-19: The Initial Response In response to the growing COVID-19

pandemic, Firehouse provided an initial look at the response to the outbreak in several articles, plus a touching letter that offered hope to weary responders and a guide to cleaning and disinfecting fire stations.



December 2020 Firehouse Expo Direct

Because of the cancellation of live events during the COVID-19 pandemic, Firehouse launched a two-day virtual event, Firehouse Expo Direct, in December. With two keynote speakers, a variety of sessions that



focused on tactics, leadership and health, plus roundtables, nearly 1,000 attended the live event and thousands more viewed the archives.



January 2022

FDNY firefighter and Firehouse founder Dennis Smith passed away on Jan. 21. Through his efforts, the author of “Report from Engine Co. 82” launched the career of thousands of firefighters who read his book and subscribed to his magazine, aimed to bring the fire service together while raising awareness of the dangers of firefighting.



December 2023

Firehouse.com Celebrates 25 Years Dec. 25 marked the 25th anniversary of the launch of Firehouse.com as the fire service’s leading website for news, training and product awareness. The next year, co-founders Dave J. Iannone and Christopher Hebert were inducted into the Firehouse Hall of Fame.

March 2023

A New Era for Firefighter Recruitment

The COVID-19 pandemic forced fire departments to change their testing processes, and Brendon Trayner looked at how technology and social media were paired up to revamp the process. The modernization of the testing process includes video interviews and the removal of on-site exams to streamline the vetting process.



September 2024

Small-City Grab Joey Baxa covered the importance of training and equipment knowledge amid limited-staffed departments as he detailed a victim rescue that he was involved with in Buckhannon, WV.



May 2025

Roof Rope Operations

With multistory buildings becoming the norm in communities across the country, Robert Policht shared the lessons that his department learned from training on roof rope rescues. Policht explained the different types of rescue efforts and what members need to know.

March 2026

EMS Technology for Better Patient Outcomes Rich Dzierwa looked into the variety of innovations being

utilized by fire departments to improve patient outcomes and enhance data sharing between EMS responders and hospitals.



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May 2017

40 Years Later: The Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire Then-editor Tim Sendelbach interviewed Southgate, KY, Fire Chief Richard Riesenber, who served as incident commander of the deadly Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire in 1977. Sendelbach’s father, the chief of the Wilder Volunteer Fire Department, also responded.



September 2018

Health & Safety supplement In collaboration with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Firehouse presented the 2018 Fire Service Health & Safety Report, which looked at emerging research on behavioral health, suicide prevention, accountability and human performance optimization.

November 2018

Kansas City’s Darkest Day Robert Burke reflected on the tragedy 30 years earlier in Kansas City, MO, when six firefighters were killed in an explosion at a construction site. Burke traveled to Kansas City to learn how the department evolved its hazmat response resources and training after launching a team nearly a year after the tragedy.

July 2019

A Future in Flames Tom Harbour wrote about the devastating 2018 wildfire season and suggested that the fire service, from coast to coast, would experience an increase in large-scale wildfires that destroy property and lives and challenge traditional tactics, with a need for preventive measures.



2020

New Columns Three new columns launched in 2020, with Jonathan Hall authoring Engine Essentials, Curt Isakson authoring Command & Control Success and guest authors writing Truck Tactics.

February 2021

Volunteer View Launches

The February issue saw the inaugural Volunteer View column, as readers requested more content that focused on the unique challenges that volunteer fire departments face. From leadership and recruitment/retention to operations and wellness, each column has provided solutions to help these agencies to navigate the changing landscape.



September 2021

Firehouse Expo Moves to Columbus, OH After several years in Nashville, Firehouse Expo moved to Columbus, OH, in September. The new location offered conference attendees unique, hands-on training classes, access to high-tech hospitals for an expanded EMS track and easy access for firefighters from around the country.



June 2022

After the passing of longtime Fire Studies columnist James P. Smith, Michael Daley assumed the role of authoring the nearly 40-year-old column. Daley, a longtime Firehouse contributing editor, picked up Smith’s tireless efforts with a look at operations in multifamily dwellings.

October 2023

The staff of Firehouse celebrated the 40th anniversary of Firehouse Expo in Columbus. The keynote address was delivered by two firefighting families, cousins Danny and Robert Moran and brothers John and Walter Lewis. The conference ended its 40-year run with “Can You Be a Tough and Smart Firefighter at the Same Time?”, a session by Mo Davis and Daniel DeYear that looked at modern fireground behaviors.



May 2024

The Case Against Single-Exit-Stairwell Buildings As builders across the country worked to cut costs while limiting egress, Greg Rogers and Sean DeCrane informed the fire service about single-stairwell buildings. They wrote not only about the life-safety challenges but outlined the concerns for fire suppression and rescue efforts.

September 2025

EV Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Mitigation

Ryan Baker reported on the latest equipment being introduced to help firefighters to combat the growing challenge of controlling and containing fires that involve electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries. From online guides to blankets and water application tools, manufacturers are working to help firefighters to mitigate these incidents.



November 2024

Firehouse launches FireFusion, a conference in Charleston, SC, focused on introducing the latest technology for fire/rescue and EMS responders.



July 2026

I’m Right Where I’m Supposed to Be David Griffin authored his first Leadership Lessons column since he retired from a 21-year career with the Charleston, SC, Fire Department. He discussed the need for resilience during a career that was filled with tragedy and shared his new-found purpose after seeking mental health treatment.