



BHC-MSS 0079

## Guide to the Bridgeport Fire Department Material Collection

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Unknown creator, American

**Title:** Bridgeport Fire Department Material Collection

**Dates:** 1898-1953

**Quantity:** 1 manuscript box

**Abstract:** This collection of Bridgeport Fire Department material is an artificial assemblage of ephemera related to Bridgeport fire departments. It contains unidentified photographs of firemen, several program books, and information about fire alarm boxes in the early 1950s.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

### **Biographical History**

Capable of tracing its roots to 1796, the Bridgeport Fire Department's current formation with career firemen began in 1872. A detailed history is available in the book [Bridgeport Firefighters](#), authored by the Bridgeport Firefighters Historical Society and available in the Bridgeport History Center.

### **Scope and Content note:**

This collection is an artificial assemblage of material, the source unknown. It contains several programs from fundraising events for firefighters, and some information about fire alarm boxes and their location in the early 1950s.

### **Arrangement Note:**

Chronological.

### **Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** Unknown

### **Preferred Citation:**

Bridgeport Fire Department Material Collection (BHC-MSS 0079) Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

### **Names and Subject Tracings**

*Subject tracings*

Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport (Conn.). Fire Department

### **Detailed box and folder listing**

Box 1

1. History of Fire Service of Bridgeport, 1889
2. Souvenirs of Firemen's Relief Association, 1898-1900
3. Fireman's Sick Benefit programs, 1937
4. Numbers and location of fire alarm boxes, 1951
5. Map of fire alarm boxes by circuits, 1953
6. Photographs of personnel, undated