**The Early History of the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company *(Taken from “The Birth of a Civic Spirit” by Harry B. Smith)***

Following a devastating fire in Little Creek on Monday night August 23, 1943 that destroyed one dwelling, gutted another and damaged 3 others, a meeting was held Sunday, September 12, 1943 at 8 p.m. in the local school house to organize a fire company.

The company’s first officers were:
President: George C. Haggerty
Vice President: William Achtenberg
Treasurer: George C. Davis
Recording Secretary: Edward Little
Assistant Secretary: Audrey Woodley
Financial Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Short
Fire Chief: Joseph Cassey
Assistant Fire Chief: Thomas Sylvester

At subsequent meetings the ladies auxiliary was formed and began raising needed funds for the company. Plots of ground were donated and purchased and construction began on a fire house. The company’s first fire truck was a donated government surplus pumper placed on a locally obtained chassis.

The first fire alarm was received April 15, 1944 at 8:45 a.m. at the home of Charles Hegman.

From its humble beginnings, our volunteer fire company has been built on the hard work and efforts of our members, past and present. We will celebrate our 75th anniversary September 2018 with a parade to be held in town on September 8 at noon with a rain date of September 15.

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