



John Bean Donated to TFM

On Friday, July 23, 2004, the Texas Fire Museum received another donated engine. The 1969 John Bean once belonged to the Dallas Fire Department under asset number 69013. We are attempting to track down it's DFD history. When the fire department retired this engine, it continued to serve the City of

Dallas at the Bachman Water Treatment Facility near Love Field Airport. Over the years, while serving at the water plant, the engine fell into disrepair and then was abandoned in place. As time continued to go by, much of the equipment was stripped off the apparatus and what remained seemed destined for the scrap yard.



Fast forward to 2004 . . . the Bachman Water Treatment Plant is undergoing expansion and renovation and the old fire engine is in the way and has to go. Contractors from the Archer-Western company contacted American Power Brake & Clutch, (a TFM corporate sponsor), and inquired if they knew of someone that would be interested in buying the engine. APB&C put Archer-Western in touch with the Texas Fire Museum to see if we had any interest. Our President Scott Simpson, met with Archer-Western representatives and negotiated the donation of the engine to the Texas Fire Museum. With transportation services provided by our great friends and sponsor, Stewart & Stevenson, the old girl made it's "last run" to TFM. Although the Texas Fire Museum is considered a "haven" for antique fire apparatus, the reality is that even in "Utopia", not every apparatus can be saved and restored. Unfortunately, this engine falls into that category. The cost to save this once proud piece of Dallas Fire Department history is simply too much. However, in typical TFM fashion, an idea has surfaced that will allow this engine to live on and serve as a great educational resource at the museum. Initially, key components and valuable parts that can be used for other restorations will be removed from the apparatus. This includes the driveline, the Waukesha 145GZ, 817 cid gasoline motor, the Allison automatic transmission, the John Bean 750 GPM fire pump, the high pressure pump and some other equipment and parts. - continued on page 4.

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Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **August 21, 2004, at 9:00 AM.** Our work session will follow.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served around 12:00 noon.