



Mini-Pumper Donated to TFM

On Monday, June 7, 2004, the Texas Fire Museum received a donation of a 1976 Ford - FACT mini-pumper. Board Members Paul Vinyard and Scott Simpson drove to the Central Texas town of Lometa, to pick up the apparatus and drive it to its new home at the Texas Fire Museum. Paul stated that he was "...amazed at the original condition of the apparatus with only 12,024 original miles. Driving this engine was like stepping back in time." The apparatus is in very good operating condition; although, Scott and Paul did learn "the hard way" that the fuel gauge is **significantly** inaccurate. This engine becomes the first mini-pumper on display at the museum.

Fire Apparatus Company of Texas (FACT) was an apparatus manufacturer located in Wichita Falls, Texas. FACT built fire apparatus from 1967 until 1982. This engine be-

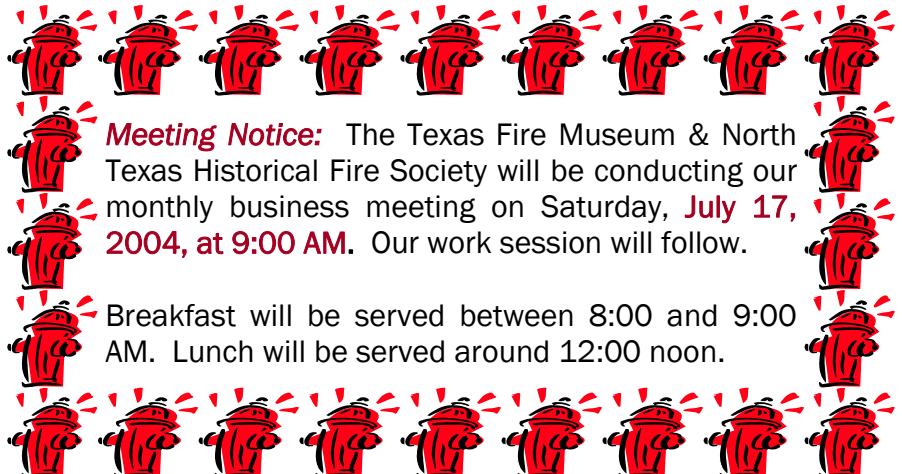


TFM President Scott Simpson (Left) and Lometa Fire Chief Bobby Odem (Right) standing beside our newest apparatus.

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comes our fourth on display that was manufactured here in Texas. We hope to put together a feature article on the history of FACT for an upcoming issue of the Spotlight newsletter. - Continued on page 3.



Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our monthly business meeting on Saturday, **July 17, 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.