

Texas Fire Museum

North Texas Historical Fire Society



SPOTLIGHT

Sayre Restoration Approved

On March 2, 2006, The Texas Fire Museum was officially awarded the bid to restore Sayre, Oklahoma's beloved 1923 American LaFrance, type 89 fire engine. This beautiful, original, four-cylinder engine is powered with a type 10 gasoline motor and junior 400 GPM rotary gear fire pump. What is unique about this particular rig is that it does not have a standard chemical tank. According to our records, this was one of only two manufactured by American LaFrance. The other type 89 was ordered by Healdton, Oklahoma, and sold or scrapped years ago. This officially gives this engine the distinction of being the only one of its type still in existence and owned by the fire department.



Sayre Fire Department's 1923 American LaFrance, Type 89

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Thanks goes out to our Treasurer Scott Simpson for meeting with the folks at Sayre, Oklahoma, and for negotiating the terms and conditions of our restoration proposal. Special thanks also goes to TFM member Dale Boeth for his efforts in providing an effective sales and marketing DVD presentation for the City of Sayre. This is a powerful and effective sales tool that we now have at TFM.

Meeting Notice: The Texas Fire Museum & North Texas Historical Fire Society will be conducting our annual business meeting on Saturday, **March 18, 2006, 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.