

OLD TAPPAN BOROUGH, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Population—Census of 1930 was 600.

IN GENERAL: A sparsely settled residential and agricultural community on the Hackensack River and adjoining the New York State Line. Area about 3.9 square miles. Elevations range from 30 to 175 feet. Through roads are macadam in good condition. Other roads dirt and gravel in fair to poor condition. There are no railroad crossings or steep grades which might affect the response of fire department apparatus.

WATER SUPPLY: No public water supply system. Water for fire protection purposes is available along the Hackensack River and at several small ponds within the borough where fire department pumping engines can take suction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A volunteer organization of one company under partial control of the borough. Company owns house, apparatus and equipment. Borough appropriates about \$300 a year for its support. Total active membership 43 of whom a minimum of 9 men are available at all times. Officers include a chief, captain and lieutenant who are elected annually by the company without confirmation by the mayor or council. Company: Located in the municipal building on the corner of Old Tappan Road and Russell Avenue as shown on map. Building is a 1½-story structure, stucco on cinder block, asphalt on wood roof, concrete apparatus floor, steam heat, electric lights and no telephone. Doors are locked and keys are distributed. Equipment: One 1918 Republic chemical car carrying two 35-gallon chemical tanks, 100 feet of chemical hose, 2 short ladders and some minor equipment. Operations: Company is governed by its own bylaws. Chief has control of apparatus and equipment at all times and of men at fires and drills. The motor is turned over once a day and four men are appointed as drivers.

Drills and Training: Drills consisting of chemical tank operation and some hose and ladder work are held ten times a year under the supervision of chief officers. Fire Methods: Chemical streams are used on incipient fires supported by engine streams where water supplies are available. No gas masks, salvage equipment or heavy stream appliances are available within the borough. Response To Alarms: The local company responds to all alarms and summons the nearest outside department. Agreement has been effected whereby pumping engine response from Harrington Park, Norwood, Northvale and Rivervale is assured on call. For equipment available see reports with maps Nos. 68, 69, 265 and 386. Pumping equipment is also available from Tappan, New York. Building Inspection: None. Records and Reports: Records are incomplete and consist of a log book kept on the truck. No regular reports are submitted to the council. Fire Alarms: Alarms of fire are telephoned to the homes or places of business of officers and are sounded on a siren located on top of the municipal building. Outside departments are called by telephone.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Consists of three members who are available on call. No uniforms or vehicles are provided. All men are members of the fire department.

BUILDING LAWS: No local regulations.

EXPLOSIVES AND FLAMMABLES: No regulations except that state laws adequately restrict the storage and shipment of explosives and regulate the construction of motion picture booths and limit the discharge of fireworks to responsible bonded parties.

ZONING ORDINANCE: None.