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PROTECTED FIRE ZONE: Shown in Green.

Note. — Fire protection report on file in Engineering Department of F. I. R. O. of N. J.

Elevations range from 47 to 80 feet above mean sea level.

Fire house shown thus **+**

Fire apparatus designated by symbols thus: **(B)** Booster car

THE FIRE INSURANCE RATING
 ORGANIZATION OF N. J.
 ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 NEWARK 2, N. J.

Medford Lakes Borough
Burlington County, New Jersey

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MEDFORD LAKES BOROUGH, BURLINGTON COUNTY, N. J.

Population—Census of 1940 was 137. Estimated Summer Population—1,047.

IN GENERAL: Located 20 miles southeast from Camden, surrounded by Medford Township. It is a high-class lake development occupied mainly in summer. Practically all buildings are constructed of logs. The nearest railroad station is Medford on the West Jersey and Seashore Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Area of mapped portion about 2 square miles. Elevations range from 47 to 80 feet. Main road macadam, other roads gravel in fair to poor condition. There are no conditions which would seriously affect the response of the fire department.

WATER SUPPLY: There is no public water supply. Water for fire protection purposes is obtained by suction from numerous lakes in development as shown on map.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There is no organized fire department in Medford Lakes. The Medford Fire Department responds to all alarms in borough with a 600-g.p.m. pumper, for which the borough paid Medford \$500 in 1942. A fire brigade consisting of the superintendent of the development company and 5 employees has been formed and equipped with one 1941 Ford-Darley-Champion booster pumper of 200 g.p.m. capacity, carrying a 275-gallon booster tank, 500 feet of booster hose, 20 feet of hard suction, 2 Indian pump tanks, one 2½-gallon soda and acid extinguisher, 6 shovels, 1 axe, 1 back-fire torch, and a first-aid kit. This apparatus is quartered in a private garage owned by the superintendent, located on Minnetonka Trail as shown on map. Building is a 1-story frame and clapboard structure of small area with a wood shingle roof and dirt floor. No heat and no lights. **Drills and Training:** Brigade is drilled monthly under supervision of superintendent. Drills consist mainly of pumping operation and use of back-fire torch.

There are 2 appointed drivers for apparatus which is started daily. **Fire Methods:** Booster streams with shut-off nozzles are used. No salvage equipment nor gas masks are provided. **Response to Alarms:** Fire brigade responds to all alarms of fire and is reinforced by pumper from Medford which responds to all alarms within the borough. Aid may be obtained from Medford and Indian Mills, at distances of from 2 to 5 miles. **Building Inspection:** There is no organized system of building inspection. **Records and Reports:** Records are kept. No reports are made. **Fire Alarms:** Alarms of fire are telephoned to superintendent's residence or are sent by runner and are sounded on a 5-h.p. Darley electric siren located on roof of community church.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: There is no municipal police department. Borough superintendent acts as a special officer in the day time. One watchman is employed at night, reporting through 5 A.D.T. boxes. There are no municipal vehicles.

BUILDING LAWS: No building code has been adopted. Building code followed is that of Medford Township. Code has little value from a fire protection standpoint. No fire limits are established and flammable roof coverings are allowed throughout the borough and does not contain any provisions for the appointment of a building inspector.

EXPLOSIVES AND FLAMMABLES: No municipal regulations. State laws adequately cover the storage and shipment of explosives and flammables and the construction of motion picture booths. They also restrict the discharge of fireworks to responsible bonded parties.

ZONING ORDINANCE: None.