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THE FIRE BRIGADE ACT

THE FIRE BRIGADE REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER SECTION
5 OF THE FIRE BRIGADE ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Brigade Regulations.

2. FIRE STATION. The Fire Brigade Station shall be situate in St. John's, Antigua, or such other place as the Governor-General may direct from time to time.

3. APPOINTMENTS. The Governor-General may appoint any persons for such periods as he may think fit to be Captain, Deputy Captain, Lieutenants, Superintendent, Sergeants or Corporals of the Brigade.

4. APPOINTMENT OF STATION MASTER. The persons for the time being occupying respectively the positions of Foreman and Sub-Foreman of Water Works shall be respectively the Station Master and Deputy Station Master of the Brigade Station.

5. CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS. (1) Every candidate for paid membership of the Brigade shall on his application for admission into the Brigade produce a certificate of medical fitness signed by a qualified Medical Practitioner.

(2) On his appointment to the Brigade every paid member shall sign an engagement in the form set forth in Schedule C.

UNIFORM OF PAID MEMBERS

6. UNIFORM TO BE AS IN SCHEDULE A. (1) The uniform of the paid members of the Brigade shall be as set forth in Schedule A, and such uniform shall be provided by the Government and shall be deemed to be the property of the Government.

(2) Any paid member of the Brigade who wilfully or carelessly damages or loses any portion of his uniform shall repair or replace the portion so

damaged or lost and shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these Regulations.

GENERAL

7. DISCIPLINE. (1) Operations on an outbreak of fire shall be under the control of the senior commissioned or non-commissioned officer present.

(2) Every paid member of the Brigade shall perform such lawful duties as may be required of him when not at a fire, by the Superintendent or Station Master.

8. PAID MEMBER NOT TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM STATION. No paid member of the Brigade shall absent himself from his Station or his place of duty without the written authority of the Superintendent or in his absence of the Station Master, and where the Station Master gives such authority he shall immediately notify the Superintendent thereof.

9. DUTIES OF PAID MEMBERS. The paid members of the Brigade shall—

- (a) refuse admittance to the Station to any person other than a person coming on lawful business;
- (b) at all times keep the Station in a thoroughly clean and orderly condition, and the appliances thereof ready for immediate use; and
- (c) preserve in good and proper order all public property in the Station.

10. DUTIES OF STATION MASTER IN RELATION TO PAID MEMBERS. The Station Master shall—

- (a) ensure that the paid members of the Brigade are properly and cleanly dressed and that their accoutrements are in a serviceable and proper condition;
- (b) parade the paid members of the Brigade going on duty to ensure that they are in a fit condition to carry out such duty;
- (c) enter in a Register Book to be kept for that purpose the time which all paid members of the Brigade go on duty and the time of their return from duty;
- (d) enter in the Register Book the names of the paid members of the Brigade who shall absent themselves from the Station without permission.

11. OFFENCES. Every member of the Brigade who—

- (a) is insubordinate;
- (b) wilfully disobeys the orders of a superior officer;
- (c) is drunk while on duty;
- (d) absents himself from drill or duty without leave;
- (e) sleeps at his post;
- (f) loses by neglect or wilfully damages any articles or implements appertaining to the Brigade or used by the Brigade or by any act, conduct, disorder or neglect, prejudices the good order and discipline of the Brigade;

commits a breach of these Regulations.

12. DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline of the paid members when not on duty at any fire and for the efficiency of the fire apparatus and all other equipment for extinguishing fires.

THE STATION MASTER

13. GENERAL DUTIES OF STATION MASTER. The Station Master shall reside at the Brigade Station and his duties shall be as follows—

- (a) to take charge, except on the occasion of a fire, of the paid members of the Brigade in the absence of the Superintendent;
- (b) to inspect daily the men and all fire extinguishing apparatus at the Station;
- (c) to compare, at least once in each week, the inventory boards of the articles of gear on the carriages;
- (d) to instruct the paid members of the Brigade in the several duties connected with fire extinguishing, and in their other duties;
- (e) to drill the paid members of the Brigade;
- (f) on the occasion of a fire, to sound the fire alarm and to proceed with the paid members and fire extinguishing apparatus to the locality of the fire;
- (g) to see that all implements and gear are collected and returned to the Station after a fire.

14. DUTIES OF STATION MASTER ON OCCASION OF A FIRE. The Station Master shall obtain and supply to the Captain the following information with regard to any fire—

- (a) time of call, and by whom called;
- (b) time of arrival of the Brigade at the scene of the fire;
- (c) time of return to the Station;
- (d) place or locality;
- (e) occupier of the premises (if any);
- (f) if business premises, the kind of business carried on;
- (g) name and residence of the owner or landlord;
- (h) cause of the fire if known;
- (i) whether premises or buildings were insured, and, if so, for what sum;
- (j) whether contents of premises or buildings were insured, and, if so, for what sum;
- (k) estimated damage to buildings and contents;
- (l) how the fire was extinguished;
- (m) state of the water supply;
- (n) number of officers and men attending;
- (o) number and names of assistants employed, if any, and
- (p) any other information of importance not specially mentioned in the foregoing.

15. DUTIES OF DEPUTY STATION MASTER. In the absence of the Station Master the duties mentioned in regulations 13 and 14 shall be discharged by the Deputy Station Master or other person for the time being in charge of the Station.

PAID MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE

16. WATCH DUTY. The paid members of the Brigade shall perform watch duty in rotation, and shall assist in the cleaning and other work in the Station.

17. STATION TO BE KEPT CLEAN. The paid members of the Brigade shall sweep out the Station Engine house and gutters near the premises

every morning before six o'clock. They shall wash and make clean the Station and cots belonging thereto at 6 a.m. on every Monday.

18. BLANKETS FOR PAID MEMBERS. Each paid member of the Brigade shall be provided with a blanket which shall be kept clean and be periodically washed by him.

WATCH DUTY

19. DUTIES OF MEMBERS ON WATCH DUTY. Such paid members of the Brigade as shall be determined by the Superintendent shall be daily on watch duty at the Station and ready to answer a call of fire. When on watch duty the hose-wrench and other necessary articles shall be kept ready for immediate use.

20. TIME OF FIRE CALL TO BE NOTED. The paid members of the Brigade on watch duty shall remain in sight of the Station door, answer telephone calls, prevent strangers from entering the Station except on business, and on receipt of a "fire call" note the time of such call on the station slate. They shall also light the head lamps on the carriage after dark.

21. MEN MAY RETIRE. At 10 p.m. the men may retire and may then remove their tunics and boots provided that the same be kept ready for immediate use.

LEAVE

22. EXTENT OF LEAVE. Provided that the interests of the Service permit paid members of the Brigade may with the permission of the Governor-General be granted the following annual leave on full pay—

The Station Master	21 days
The Deputy Station Master	14 days

23. ABSENCE ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS. Every paid member of the Brigade who is absent from duty on the ground of sickness or other physical incapacity shall give or send to the Superintendent without delay notice of the reason for his absence together with a Medical Certificate. Should he fail to furnish such certificate to the Superintendent he shall be deemed to have been absent without leave and shall be liable to be dealt with accordingly.

24. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE. When any paid member of the Brigade is absent from duty from any cause without leave he shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these Regulations.

MEAL HOURS AND DRESS.

25. SUPERINTENDENT MAY VARY MEAL HOURS. The times for meals at the Station shall, subject to variation by the Superintendent, be as follows:

Early Tea from 7 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

Breakfast from 11 a.m. to noon.

Dinner from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Station Master may arrange for the men to go to their homes for meals, provided that at least three men are always on duty at the Station.

26. APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS IN UNIFORM. Paid members of the Brigade shall when in uniform appear clean and tidy. All buttons, buckles and helmet fittings shall be at all times thoroughly clean and bright.

INSPECTION OF HYDRANTS

27. POSITION OF HYDRANTS. The position of the hydrants in the Fire Brigade area are for the purpose of inspection indicated in Schedule B.

28. MEMBERS DETAILED FOR INSPECTION DUTY. Every day (except Saturday and Sunday) two paid members of the Brigade shall be detailed to inspect the hydrants so that each hydrant shall be inspected once a week. The duty of the inspecting member is to see that each hydrant is clean, free from dirt and ready for use.

29. REPORT OF INSPECTING MEMBERS. The inspecting member shall immediately report to the Station Master for the information of the Superintendent any defect found by him.

30. INSPECTION BOOK. A hydrant inspection book shall be kept at the Station in which shall be entered the date of inspection, the name of the inspecting member together with a report of the inspection.

31. SUPERVISION OF STATION MASTER. The Station Master shall ensure the proper inspection of the hydrants.

VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE

32. UNIFORM OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS. (1) The volunteer members of the Brigade shall on the occasion of a fire wear such uniform as may be prescribed by the Governor-General.

(2) Such uniform shall be provided by the Government and shall remain the property of the Government.

33. DUTY OF VOLUNTEER MEMBER. On the occasion of a fire it shall be the duty of every volunteer member of the Brigade forthwith to proceed to the Station and to place himself under the orders of the Captain or other superior officer or non-commissioned officer, as the case may be.

34. ENGAGEMENT TO BE SIGNED. On his appointment to the Brigade every volunteer member shall sign an engagement in the form set forth in Schedule C.

35. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. A volunteer member of the Brigade may terminate his membership thereof by giving to the Captain three months' notice in writing of his intention to quit the Brigade.

SCHEDULE A

r. 6(1).

UNIFORM FOR PAID MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE

For the Station Master	<i>When issued</i>
2 Patrol Jackets (blue tartan)	Yearly.
2 Pairs of Trousers (blue tartan)	Yearly.
1 Cap, Dark blue, silver braid round edge of peak, red cloth band with silver braid crown in centre	Yearly.
1 Helmet with brass fittings	Yearly (if required)
1 Fireman's belt, black leather	When required
2 Pairs Fireman's Boots, ankle	Yearly
For the Deputy Station Master and Paid Members of the Brigade.	
2 Patrol Jackets of blue tartan with red cuffs and collars	Yearly.
2 Pairs trousers of blue tartan	Yearly.
1 Helmet with brass fittings	Yearly (if required).
2 Caps, dark blue tartan, with 1 ½ inch red band, without peak	Yearly (if required).
1 Belt, Fireman's black leather	When required.
2 Pairs ankle boots	Yearly.

All jackets to have breast pocket with flaps, and to fasten up to the throat.
The Station Master's jacket to have hooks and eyes.

The jackets of the Deputy Station Master and other paid members to have brass buttons.

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SCHEDULE B

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LOCATION OF HYDRANTS

<i>Location.</i>	<i>No. of Hydrants.</i>
Government House	2
Church Street	12
Long Street	27
	41
High Street	13
St. Mary's Street	28
	41
Redcliffe Street	11
Nevis Street	20
	31
Tanner Street	8
South Street	21
	29
Thames Street	4
Newgate Lane	1
Market Street	21
Corn Alley	4
Temple Street	7
Church Lane	4
Cross Street	12
East Street	12
	65
Wapping Street	4
The Point	9
Mariner's Lane	11
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<i>Location.</i>	<i>No. of Hydrants,</i>
Newgate Street	19
North Street	21
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Bishopsgate Street	15
St. John's Street	18
	33
St. Georges Street	10
Dickenson's Bay Street	3
Hyndman's Village	6
	19
Wilkinson Street	11
Wapping Lane	4
Coney Warren Alley	1
Popeshead Street	14
Newgate Alley	1
Bishopgate Alley	1
Elliot's Lane	1
Church Lane	5
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SCHEDULE C

rr. 5(2) and 34.

ENGAGEMENTS TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE

I, (insert name address and addition of the Member) hereby engage myself to serve in the Brigade subject to the provisions of the Fire Brigade Act, or any Act amending the same and the Regulations thereunder in force.

Dated at this day of

(Signature)
