

# The Pomfret Volunteers

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In Nineteen Thirty-Four  
In good old Pomfret Town  
A great big house on Foxhill Road  
Burned all the way down to the ground.  
Pomfret had no fire house,  
So Putnam had to come.  
It took too long to save the house  
And it made people glum.

So many men in Pomfret  
Decided to organize  
A fire department of volunteers  
To save animals, homes and lives.  
Their first fire truck was a Cadillac hearse.  
With a tank and pump and ladders.  
They needed some hoses to carry the water:  
All of these things mattered.

*CHORUS:*

*We thank the Pomfret Volunteers  
For keeping us safe for 80 years.  
We thank the Pomfret Volunteers!*

The first fire station was just a garage  
Behind what is now Hazelwood.  
In 1940 they bought a Ford truck  
The new pumps and new hoses were good.  
All of these things were expensive,  
So they had to take donations.  
From tag sales, suppers, card parties or  
dances to build a new fire station.

There were three sirens in different places  
All throughout the town.  
One was in Abington on a tall pole  
Where Abington School was found.  
One on the roof of Rondeau's garage,  
Which was on Depot Street.  
The last, at the North End Station,  
Made our sirens complete

*CHORUS:*

A new station was built on Route 97  
In 1975.  
Their ladder truck, tankers and rescue  
trucks  
They parked them all inside.  
No one likes to pay taxes  
But in 1974  
Pomfret decided each one to assess  
A tax of a mil, no more.

To spread the cost of safety  
To everyone in town  
We take care of each other  
Without a sigh or frown.  
There's not much need for bake sales now  
That we all do our part.  
When we all do our part we do what's smart  
You can't keep a good town down!

*CHORUS:*

*It is quite amazing to think that a small  
group of dedicated volunteers set up our  
original volunteer fire department, with no  
financial assistance from the town or the  
state. They raised every penny needed to  
provide the town with fire trucks,  
ambulances, hoses, tanks and ladders.  
Finally in 1974 the town passed a millage to  
pay for emergency services.*