



## Saugeen Reeve commends Fire Department at ceremonies

The Saugeen Fire Department provided visitors with a real demonstration last Friday during the official opening of the new complex, when volunteers were called to attend a car accident at Shank's Bridge, near the Saugeen Golf Course.

The volunteers were parking cars and assisting to receive local dignitaries one minute, and travelling down the highway on the back of their brand new fire truck the next.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony was delayed until Chief Pete Ens returned, which was about ten o'clock.

Total cost of the new Fire Department has been set at about \$83,000. which includes the first year's operating expense.

Saugeen Reeve, Alex Lamont, told The Reporter the decision to build the Fire Department was the result of a lack of agreement with the Town of Port Elgin over cost of

fire protection which had been provided by the Municipality.

The Reeve added that some 'hard decisions' were made over the past few months, but now feels that Saugeen Township has "the finest Fire Department in Bruce County".

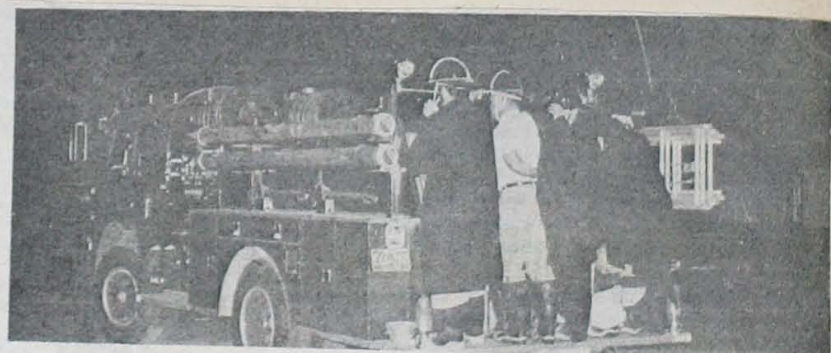
Fire Services Advisor D.R.Owens, who was the special guest from the office of the Fire Marshal, congratulated the Township Fathers for their "wisdom" in setting up such a good Fire Department.

The Port Elgin Fire Department was well represented at the ceremony and Fire Chief Dean Thede told The Reporter following the official ribbon cutting that 'any Fire Department is only as good as it's volunteers'.

A total of 19 volunteers will man the Saugeen Township Fire Department, which has already been called out on seven fire incidents.



Gotta be careful not to get dirty! 1976 October



Okay Ron, let's go..... 1976 October