



The Story of Our 1928 American LaFrance

In 1928, the Ghent Fire Protectors changed the name to the *Ghent Volunteer Fire Company No.1, Inc.* and purchased this 1928 American LaFrance pumper, at a cost of \$5,600.

The pumper was sold to the Stephentown Fire Company in 1950. In 1957, GVFC member Harry Dunham, found the truck being used for irrigation purposes on a Stephentown farm.

GVFC negotiated with its owner and an agreement was made. To get the truck back, the company replaced it in kind. A number of members donated \$10 each to purchase a "retired" hook and ladder truck from Chatham for the swap, and the American LaFrance returned home.

Restoration followed and the truck again proudly serves today as our prized parade vehicle.