Big Water Incidents

Agway Store Fire
Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania
Sometime in the 1970s





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Facts & Figures…

- The photos in this presentation are from the archives of Larry Davis – we believe that he took them.
- The incident is a major fire that occurred in an Agway store located outside of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania in the small community of Eighty-Four (Washington County).
- We know little about the fire but do suspect it to have occurred in the early 1970s.
- The two pumpers on the hydrant we believe are from the Houston and Canonsburg VFDs. The ladder truck was Canonsburg's – we know that for sure.
- Though we don't know much about the water supply operations, we are pretty sure they were significant.

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Before the big fire…



Date unknown – but expect the early 1970s.

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Smoke Showing from Side B



Fire appears to be located in the front of the structure.

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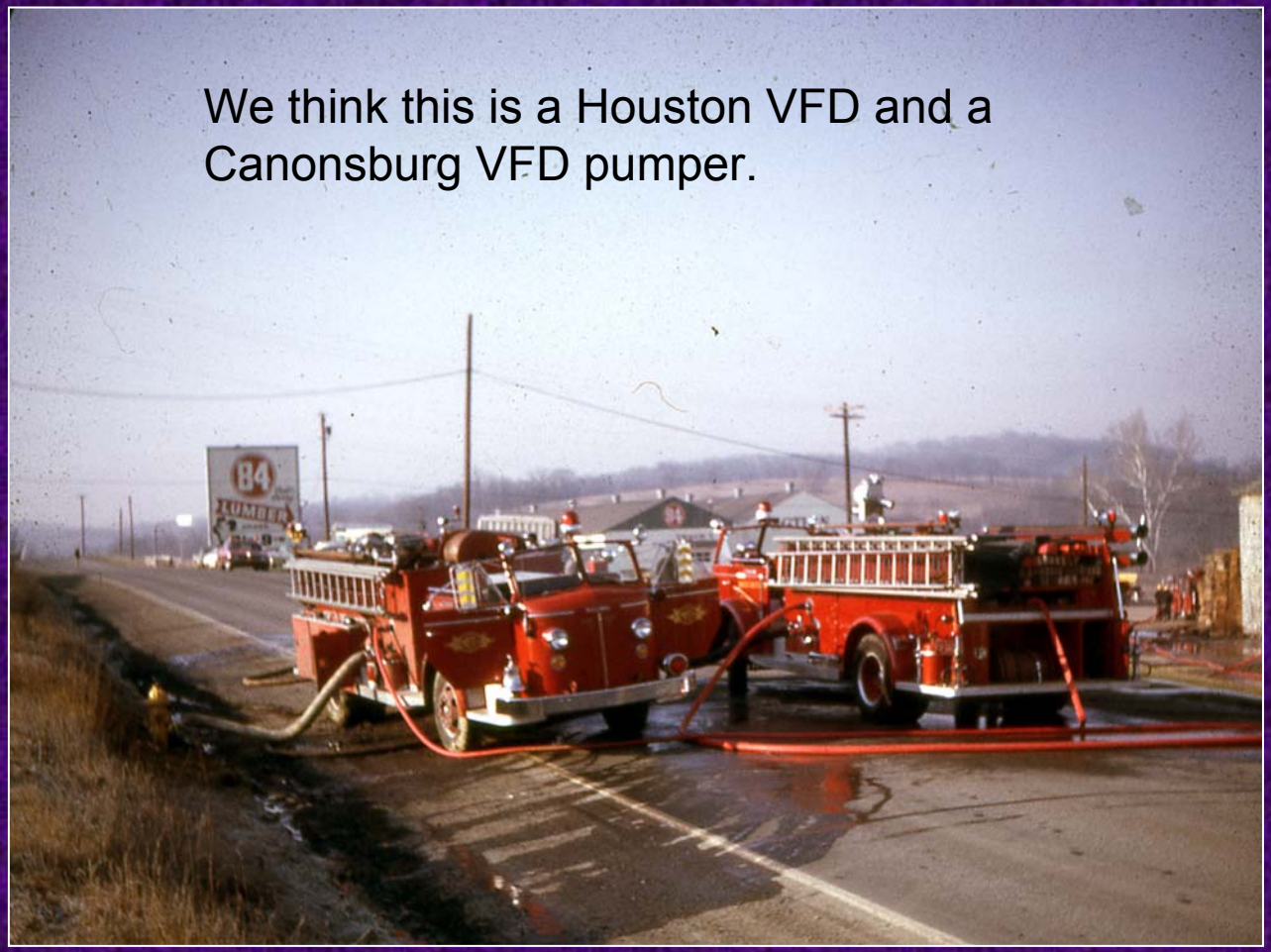
Crews Mounting an Exterior Attack



Looks like a couple of 2-1/2s in service.

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Dual Pumping…



Two, 750 gpm pumpers dual pump from the nearest fire hydrant.

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Another view of the dual pumping operation.

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Ladder Pipe Operations…

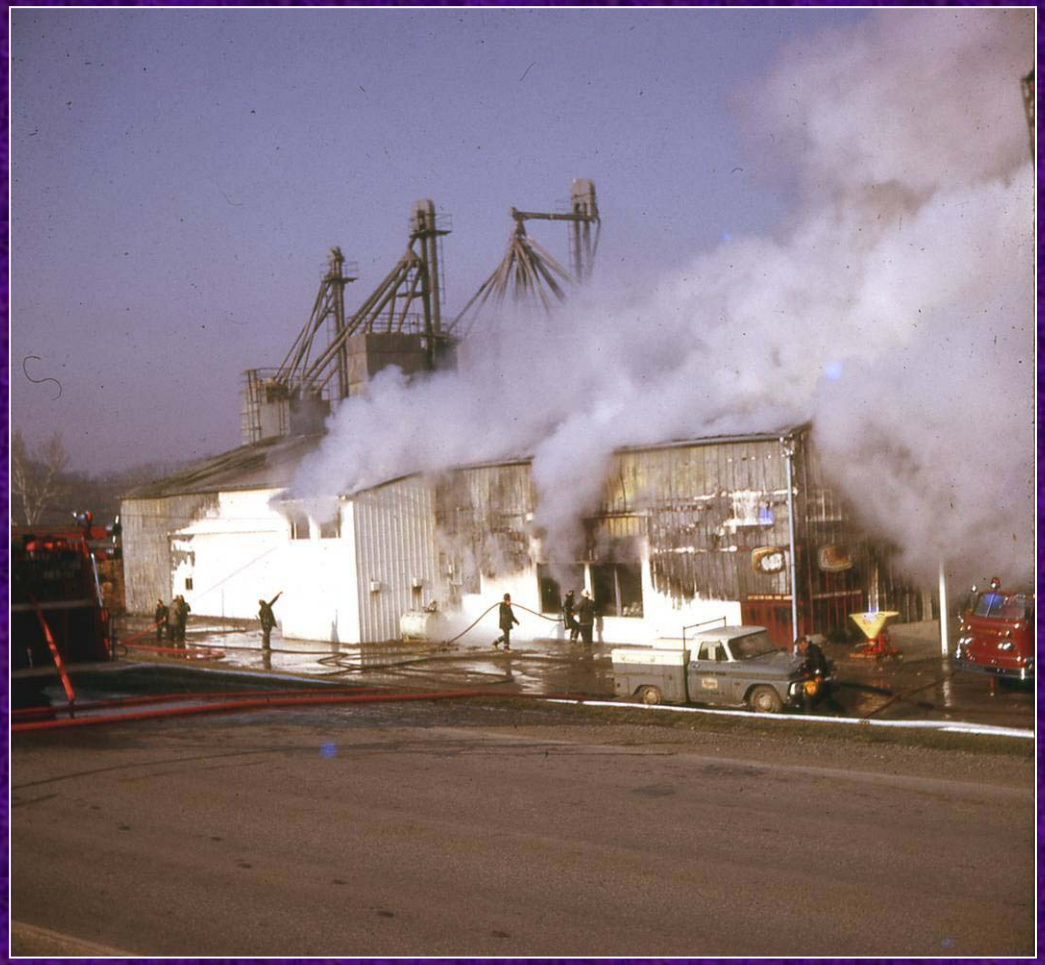
Enlarge this photo and you will find a front mounted pumper and a good look at old turnout gear.



Canonsburg VFD's ALF ladder truck with its ladder pipe in service.

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Fire Is Knocked…



Not sure of the time frame, but the fire appears to be “knocked.”

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Side A – after the fire…



Still standing. The large caliber lines must have been successful.

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Side B – after the fire…



Fire appears to be contained to the front…until…

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Side C – after the fire…



Some evidence of damage at the rear. Corner of Sides B and C.

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The Place in 2008!



After maybe 35 years, the place still looks the same.
Looks like the big water fire attack worked.

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