



FIRE SIGNALS

Provincetown has a fire signal code to direct the volunteer firemen to the vicinity of any fire that breaks out in town. When the fire signal sounds, the number of blasts signifies which district the fire is in. For instance, if there are three blasts, the fire is in District Three. These signals are not to be confused with the mid-day signal, which is one blast at noon.

The Town is divided into the following fire districts:

DISTRICT ONE:

West End to Franklin Street

DISTRICT TWO:

Franklin Street to Court Street

DISTRICT THREE:

Court Street to Johnson Street

DISTRICT FOUR:

Johnson Street to Howland Street

DISTRICT FIVE:

Howland Street to the Truro Line



The Franklin hand-pump fire carriage seen here in the Fourth of July parade is the prize possession of the Provincetown Fire Department. The pump dates back to 1871 when it took some forty men to draw and operate it. It probably helped fight the Town Hall

fire of 1877. It is one of three such pumps owned by the town. Fire Chief Russell Perry hopes to take it down to Baltimore next October for the 100th Anniversary of the International Fire Service Exposition. - July 26, 1973 -