# Coruna Volunteer Firefighters



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1925 LaFrance
Antique
Fire Truck

Restoration Project

# Fellow Community Members

Corunna Volunteer Firefighters Association is about to bring some history back to life by restoring our 1925 LaFrance Pumper which has been stored at the Mooretown Museum the last several years.

What we have is not only rare but also a heroic piece of our local history.

On March 21, 1977, Corunna Volunteer Firemen purchased this 1925 LaFrance antique fire truck from the "Chemical Valley Region of the Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada" and was used as a parade truck for several years then put on display at the Mooretown Museum.

The Corunna Firefighters have started the "1925 LaFrance Restoration Fund" and has donated some of its "Field Days" fundraising profits to get this project off the ground.

Our Association and retired members believes this is a significant project undertaking with great rewards by restoring some local history. This will take a large amount of volunteer hours and fundraising efforts. We appreciate any financial assistance you can provide to help make this endeavor successful.

# **All Donations are Greatly Appreciated:**

# Donars Name Street Address City Phone

## **Donation Amount**



Please kindly direct donations to:

Corunna Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
249 Hill St.
Corunna, ON
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### **Historical Notes:**

On April 26, 1926, Sarnia Fire Department took delivery of this 800 gallon per minute LaFrance Pumper Fire Truck powered by a 120 horsepower six cylinder "T" shaped engine. These cylinders are the shape of "modern day coffee cans", which are huge, built and tested in the factory in Toronto, Ontario. This magnificent apparatus fought courageous fire battles up until the late 1940's, such as, The Box Factory on Front Street, McPhees Garage and Livery Stables on Cromwell St., and, the pumpers biggest and last blaze was the great fire of the S.S. Harmonic in Point Fdward. This passenger steam ship cruised the Great Lakes and all passengers survived when it caught fire on July 17, 1945. The 1925 LaFrance Pumper had her challenges as she battled this blaze for over two and a half hours, running out of oil but not shutting down. Oil was quickly brought to her by the aid of an unknown citizen from the community. Its strong pump, at up to 400psi, was used to help reach the top of the ship's high deck.



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