End of the Volunteer Era?
Era of Steam Replaces the Era of Muscle
Chief F.E.R. Whitney and Chief David Scannell
The Exempt Fire Company
Disaster Strikes
Engine Crushed by a falling wall
Temporary Quarters of Truck 9: A Tent
Volunteers fill the gap in coverage created by the earthquake
Knowing it could be days before they received help in this remote part of town the residents of Glen Park form a fire company
The motorized era and growth of the department.
Memorial to Volunteer Fire Department in Washington Square Park
Fire Auxiliaries: Soldiers of the home front.
Using what we learned from the blitz.
Stirrup Pumps: Keeping small fires from becoming conflagrations
United Fruit Co. 6/23/1943
10,000 Trained Emergency Workers

Firefighter

First Aid Trained
4th and Harrison, September 1943
Quartermaster Corps Warehouse, 5th and Channel, April 1944
The Fire Auxiliaries were the parents of two Emergency Responder Traditions
The start of the Civilian Defense Era
1951
1980s
Fire Reserves look to the SFFD as their model for training, organization and discipline.
Fire Reserve Engine
Loma Prieta

THE QUAKE OF '89

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With an introduction by Herb Caen and epilogue by Ranor Shields
Spontaneous Volunteers
Although trained and supervised by SFFD, NERT is more community based.
Thank you,
Michael McDowell
Fire Department Historian

Reserve Captain McDowell on the Cypress Structure
Loma Prieta Earthquake