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Fonds Police-Pompiers de Coaticook

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Summary information

Repository:	Coaticook Historical Society
Title:	Fonds Police-Pompiers de Coaticook
ID:	F021
Date:	[194-?]-[200-?] (date of creation)
Language:	English
Language:	French
Physical description:	* 2 cm of textual records * 32 photographs: b&w and col. * 4.18 GB (slide show)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The City of Coaticook's fire brigade had its start with the incorporation of the town in 1864 and began with bylaws to help reduce the likelihood of conflagration. By the late 1880s, Coaticook had its first organized fire brigade, called the Deluge Fire Company. A second brigade was added in 1898, called the Beaver Fire Company. Over time, the Coaticook Fire Department added various equipment, such as a steam fire pump in 1887, which marked the official beginning of the department.

Over the years, Coaticook had a number of major fires dealt with by department: in 1890, a number of buildings on Child and Main Streets succumbed to fire; in 1895 a fire destroyed a large part of the downtown; a third major fire in 1949 began in the Hotel Child and went on to destroy a number of other buildings, including the first building of the St-Jean-l'Évangéliste church.

In 1976, the firefighting services of Coaticook, Dixville, Ste-Edwidge and St-Herménégilde and a reorganization of the services was undertaken. Today, its principal mission is to assure the protection of the lives and property of the approximately 12,000 citizens situated in its member municipalities, which are spread over a territory of approximately 564 km².

Scope and content

Fonds illustrates the activities of the police force and firefighters of Coaticook from about the 1940s to the 2000s. It consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, design proposals for a new police badge in the 1990s, certificates and photographs of Gérard Groleau (police chief from 1948-1968), a history of the police force, and a police manual. The fonds is composed of the following files: Scrapbook, Gérard Groleau, Coaticook Police Badge, and History of the police and fire services.

Notes

Title notes

- **Variations in title:** Previously known as Fonds Ville de Coaticook and Fonds Police-Pompiers
- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Fonds donated by the Ville de Coaticook.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Law and justice (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Collection holdings

Item: F021-001 - Christmas dinner, 1959

Title: Christmas dinner, 1959

ID: F021-001

Date: 1959 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of the Christmas dinner and food drive of the Coaticook Fire Department in 1959.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F021-002 - National Fire Prevention week, 1959

Title: National Fire Prevention week, 1959

ID: F021-002

Date: 1959 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of a fire truck from the Coaticook Fire Department with a banner for Fire Prevention Week in 1959.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F021-003 - Billboard, Fire prevention week

Title: Billboard, Fire prevention week

ID: F021-003

Date: 1959 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of a billboard sponsored by the Jeune commerce de Coaticook for Fire Prevention Week in 1959.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F021-004 - Demonstration, 1959

Title: Demonstration, 1959

ID: F021-004

Date: 1959 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of a firefighter of the Coaticook Fire Department extinguishing a controlled fire for National Fire Prevention Week in Coaticook in 1959.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F021-005 - Gérard Groleau

Title: Gérard Groleau

ID: F021-005

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of Gérard Groleau, police chief in Coaticook from 1948 to 1968.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Law and justice (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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