

HELP US "REKINDLE THE PAST"

Our mission is to restore "Old Betsy" in time for the 2008 Wayne Wheelfest Parade.

DONATIONS are needed to complete this journey from the past into the future.

If an individual, corporation or organization is interested in providing financial support or fundraising ideas please call 734-722-1111

We look forward to showing you the vehicle and discussing our goals!

Make checks payable to:

Committee to Restore "Old Betsy"

3300 S. Wayne Road
Wayne, MI 48184
Phone (734) 722 1111

Old Betsy

Comes home



1928 American LaFrance Fire Engine

Wayne Fire
Department
3300 S. Wayne Road
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Memories to last a lifetime

In 1928 an American LaFrance Fire Engine was received by the Wayne Fire Department arriving in a boxcar. This vehicle was the first fire truck in Wayne County to have a 1000 gallon per minute pump capacity at a cost of \$12,000. The LaFrance was in service fighting fire in the City for 28 years and was then used for the next 22 years for public education.

In 1978 AOld Betsy@ was given to Henry Ford Museum for display. The rig was shown there with other trucks of its era for 24 years. In 2002, the Museum no longer had room for the vintage vehicle and it was returned to us. Not many communities are lucky enough to get back history once its gone. We recognize that and want to preserve our past.

