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International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters collection

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Summary

Creator: International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

Title: International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters collection

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Abstract: The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters was founded in September 1969 at a meeting attended by black and other minority fire fighters of all ranks from municipalities across the United States. They met to discuss various problems and issues affecting black fire fighters: the recruitment of black youth into the fire service, fire fighters-community relations with special emphasis on relations with the residents of neighborhoods inhabited by blacks, inter-group relations and practices in fire departments, and the need to improve fire prevention programs in minority areas. The association represents more than 5000 fire service personnel including fire fighters, dispatchers and individuals in related professions throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean, organized into 96 chapters. The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters Collection (IABPFF) is primarily limited to the Northeast Region where the organization was established. There are several items regarding the initial meeting, the constitution and by-laws, along with reminiscences of the first president regarding monitoring the recruitment of minority fire fighters. Most of the collection is comprised of publications and papers related to IABPFF conferences. Also included are newsletters, printed material related to various chapters, some officers' correspondence, souvenir journals, and newspaper clippings. There is printed matter from other organizations that are consistent with the aims of the IABPFF.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American fire fighters
African American professional employees
Associations, institutions, etc -- African American membership
Associations, institutions, etc -- United States
Fire fighters -- Employment -- United States
Fire fighters -- Legal status, laws, etc -- United States

Names

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