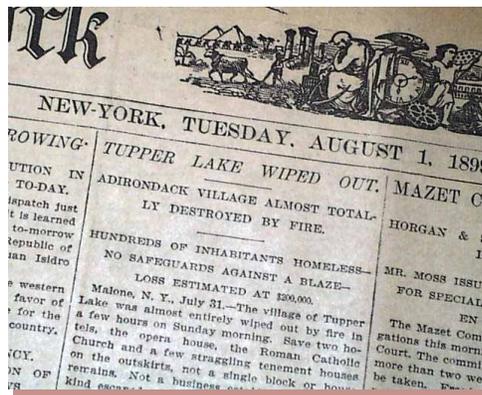


## PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

The Tupper Lake Fire Department, formed in 1900, is a proud group of volunteers that provide fire and rescue support to their Adirondack community of approximately 3,700 residences.

The Tupper Lake Fire Department was created, unfortunately, in response to the largest single fire ever recorded in the Adirondacks, the Fire of 1899. Originating in the Town's Uptown business section, it is reported to have destroyed 169 buildings. In 1900, shortly after the fire, the Village Board approved the creation and funding for Companies 1 and 2, with Downtown Company being added in 1902.



The Department's main apparatus currently operates out of 21 High Street, in a brick 2-story structure. Built in the early 1950's, the structure has served as the Department's home now well into the 21st century.

Today, the Department and Village Board of Trustees have ambitiously taken a proactive approach in regards to providing appropriate quarters for its emergency responders. They have invested wisely in apparatus, training, and personal protection equipment for its volunteers, and now look to develop a long term, cost effective answer for emergency response facilities for the next 50-100 years. With the recent acquisition of the 85' aerial platform truck as well as the 2006 tanker truck, the restrictions posed by the antiquated station have become glaringly evident.



The future of the Tupper Lake Fire Department, as well as the Tupper Lake community at large, needs to be properly and intelligently planned. The Department's services need to accommodate what potentially will be a very vibrant time in the history of the area's economy, whether it be a booming Adirondack resort development or other progressive economic venture.



Together, the Town, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service providers have concluded a 9-month inquiry into the needs of Tupper Lake and are proud to offer this Feasibility Study as a summary of their findings.