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**New York State War Council Committee on Fire Defense
Correspondence, Bulletins and Minutes A4271**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series contains files pertaining to the War Council Committee on Fire Defense's efforts to establish a plan to organize a state-wide administrative framework that would allow for quick and efficient mobilization of firemen, fire equipment and fire-fighting resources of the state in times of war emergencies. The series contains correspondence, minutes, bulletins, press releases, fire equipment lists, and digital images of the original county resource inventory.
Creator:	New York State War Council. Committee on Fire Defense
Title:	War Council Committee on Fire Defense correspondence, bulletins and minutes
Quantity:	1 cubic foot
Quantity:	63.3 megabytes; 76 digital files
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Series:	A4271

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Administrative History

The New York State Committee on Fire Defense organized a state-wide administrative framework to mobilize quickly and efficiently the firemen, fire equipment and fire fighting resources of the state in times of war emergency.

The proposal for state-wide emergency fire mobilization and mutual aid was intended to provide fire departments a blueprint for war-time emergency mobilization by, for and of local fire services. It provided for standardization of fire department connection threads, a state-wide communication system, and mutual aid arrangements for adjacent sections of neighboring states. The plan established a reception depot for fire equipment which came to the state and its localities from the Federal Government and other sources, and also established definite principles of command at the scene of fires. In addition, the plan optimized cooperation between local fire authorities and industrial fire brigades. The Committee organized its efforts together with War Council Offices of War Training, Civilian Protection and Civilian Defense.

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Scope and Content Note

The files contain general planning correspondence; correspondence with the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, minutes; bulletins from the Directors of the Office of Civilian Protection; press releases from the Secretary to the Governor; and lists of allocations of fire equipment.

A4271-14: This accretion consists of digital images of the original county resource inventory done on December 15, 1941, just after the United States entry in World War Two. The originals are held in in New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control's Academy of Fire Science Library.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Administrative Information

Existence and Location of Originals

A4271-14: Academy of Fire Science Library, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; 600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, NY 14865-9634

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Access Terms

- World War, 1939-1945

- Coordinating
- Civil defense
- Correspondence
- New York (State)
- Fire prevention--New York (State)
- Protecting
- New York State War Council. Office of Fire Mobilization
- United States. Office of Civilian Defense
- New York State War Council. Office of Civilian Protection
- Firemen's Association of the State of New York
- New York State War Council. Office of War Training. Fire Training Program