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Fabulous Firsts

The following is a list of potential firsts for the American Fire Service:

1. First fire department in the United States?
2. First department to use a steam fire apparatus?
3. First fire department to use an internal combustion engine to propel a fire apparatus?
4. First aerial apparatus?
5. First department to use a Hurst Jaws of Life?
6. First department to have an official training program?
7. First department to use breathing apparatus?
8. First department to have female firefighters (volunteer or paid)?
9. First department to have female firefighters fully paid?
10. First department to carry out emergency medical services?
11. First department to provide paramedic advanced life support services?
12. First department to have a hazardous materials team?
13. First department to have a search and rescue specialized team?
14. First department to adopt a fire code?
15. First use of aviation in the fire service?
16. First department to have a retirement system for firefighters?
17. First department to have a sprinkler ordinance?
18. First department to have a residential sprinkler ordinance?
19. First female Fire Chief?
20. First firefighter certified to meet NFPA Standards?
21. First African American Fire Chief?
22. First Latino American Fire Chief?
23. First Asian American Fire Chief?
24. First municipal fire department to have a zero based sprinkler ordinance?
25. First countywide fire department to have a zero square foot based sprinkler ordinance?
26. First countywide fire dispatch center?

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