



Museum of Fire

Articles on Historic Firefighting Equipment

Ground Monitor

This piece of equipment was designed and developed by Alex Hume in 1930. Alex was an Edinburgh fireman, who had worked in an engineering environment prior to joining the Edinburgh Fire Brigade.

The ground monitor was carried on the Brigade's limousines and was used when large quantities of water were required over a long period or in circumstances where it would be too dangerous for branchmen to operate.

Various sizes of nozzles could be fitted depending on how much water was required, and by the use of adaptors it could be fed by larger diameters of hose. The monitors used by the Brigade were manufactured by Barton and Co., Engineers based at Forrest Hill in Edinburgh.

Spare monitors were also held on Stations and a later date on an appliance named a Monitor Wagon was constructed at Brigade Workshops.

