



Museum of Fire
Articles on Historic Firefighting Equipment

Speaking Trumpet, Megaphone & Figurine

Speaking Trumpet

This was presented to Robert H McKay of Edinburgh by the Vienna Fire Company No1 of Ontario, Canada as a token of their esteem, May 24th 1860. Presented to the Museum of Fire by Madeline Currie of Homecrag House (last living relative of Robert H McKay).

Megaphone

This was introduced to Edinburgh Fire Brigade by Firemaster Peter Methven (1927-1961) and was used by him when conducting drills in Lauriston Station yard, or when giving orders at large fires.

Figurine

Shows an American firefighter using a trumpet sometimes called a Bullhorn by American and Canadian Brigades.

In the book 'Last man down' Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto used a modern version of the Bullhorn to try to attract the rescuers when he and the other firefighters were trapped by the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York.

The modern version has a siren fitted to it.

