

Origin of the Coat of Arms Of the City of Leduc Fire Brigade

The Coat of Arms is steeped in history and tradition. The Coat of Arms was conceived in the year 2000 and represents the past, present and future of the City of Leduc Fire Brigade.

The white field of the Flag

Signifies peace and sincerity.

The blue border of the Cross

Represents water, the mainstay of the Firefighters battle against the dragon known as fire.

The colour red of the Cross

Represents nobility, overlooks injury or insult.

The Maple Leaf

Signifies unity and was first worn on the uniform of Canadian Olympic Athletes in 1904 and by Canadian Soldiers during the First World War. In 1965 the Maple Leaf officially became our Nation's symbol and the basis of the modern Canadian Flag. It is worn with pride on the Firefighters uniform and helmet.

The Pike Pole

Signifies strength and pride in one's task. The Pike Pole has long been a tool of choice of the Fire Brigade and has been in use in the Fire Service for over one hundred years.

This was once a wheeled device and was to have been pulled, by hand, to the fire building and then elevated against a wall. The large terminal hook was then supposed to be forced through the wall, firmly taking hold of its interior. By dragging on the rope, the Firefighters were thus able to pull down the wall, in a safe and controlled manner.

It also served as an escape device for people trapped above ground level in a burning building. Over the years, the fire hook evolved into today's Pike Pole, a device that was carried by ladder trucks and thus the name Hook and Ladder came into being.

The Fire Axe

Signifies tradition and execution of duty. Historians say that the first Fire Axe was nothing but a stone head with no handle. It was an all-purpose tool used for chopping, pounding, digging, crushing, cutting and slicing.

Later in the stone age, humans learned how to grind and polish the axe so it could cut better and ultimately learned how to drill a hole in it and attach a wooden handle.

More refinements came in the Bronze and early Iron years, and ultimately the Axe found its way into weaponry. Thus the term Battle Axe.

As a fire fighting tool, the Axe is a very versatile tool and in the Firefighters arsenal, the one used with the most force.

The Wheat Laurels

The Wheat Laurels are synonymous with growth and prosperity.

The Sword

Represents protection and vigilance.

The Maltese Cross

The Maltese Cross is the symbol of honour and courage. It is said of the Crusaders known as the Knights of Saint John who fought the Saracens for possession of the Holy Land, encountered a new weapon unknown to European warriors. It was simple but a horrible device of war. It wrought excruciating pain and agonizing death upon the fighters of the Cross.

The Saracens' weapon was fire. As the Knights advanced on the walls of the city, they were struck with glass bombs containing naphtha. When they became saturated with the highly flammable liquid, the Saracens hurled a flaming tree into their midst. Hundreds of Knights were burned alive. Others risked their lives to save their brothers in arms from dying painful fiery deaths.

Thus, these men became our first Firefighters and the first of a long list of courageous Firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by their fellow Crusaders who awarded each hero a cross similar to the one Firefighters wear today. Since the Knights of Saint John lived on the Island of Malta for close to four centuries the Cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross.

The following members of the City of Leduc Fire Brigade contributed in the design of the Coat of Arms and the Brigade Flag.

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Firefighter Brian Oliver

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Firefighter Brent Rayment

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