

*Columbia Fire Department presents . . . . .*



## “Ahrens-Fox”

By Lisa Pardon

A legend among Fire Engines

*When Fire buffs talk about Ahrens-Fox, chances are you'll hear it compared to “the Duesenburg or a Rolls-Royce”. In terms of size, strength, ability, durability and unique design, it's an apt comparison. The legendary piston pumpers with the most noticeable big shiny ball in front looked and performed like no other fire engine in its time.*

*Over the years these big, gutsy pumpers, built by the Cincinnati-based Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Company, have become as respected among fire buffs who now collect them as they once were by the firemen who operated them on a day-to-day basis*

*The City of Columbia ordered an Ahrens-Fox model M-S-4 on October 19, 1928. The engine cost \$13,000.00 dollars with a \$3,500.00 trade in allowance on a 1914 American La France. It is one of only eleven built in 1928, a very rare piece of machinery. This fire engine served the city well from 1928 until 1966 and is still fully operational.*

This print features historical events that occurred in the city of Columbia, the classic fire engine and the heroic men who served the city during the 1930s & 40s. It is scheduled to be released October 1998 by local artist, Lisa Pardon. A quantity of 500 **limited editions** prints and 100 **Artist proof** (image size 19-1/8 x 25 1/8 in.) will be available for purchase, with one-half of the proceeds benefiting the restoration and upkeep of the AHRENS-FOX. Limited editions will be signed and numbered and will be \$100, and the artist proofs will be \$150. To reserve a print, a deposit of \$20 is required when the order is placed. Request for specific numbers will be filled on a first come basis, but not guaranteed. For more information contact Sandy Humphrey at (931) 380-2728.