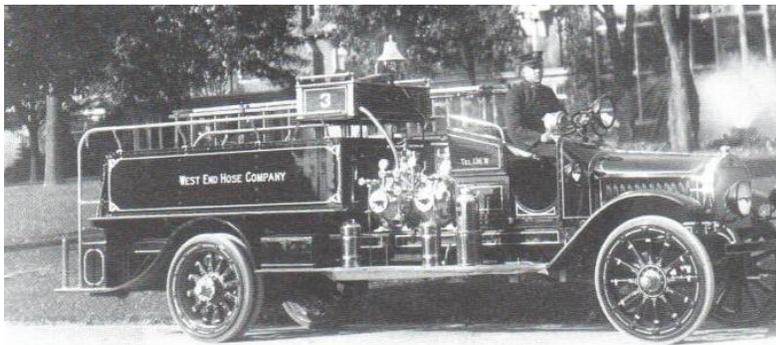


The first motor apparatus in the Somerville Fire Department was purchased by the West End Hose Fire Company in 1916. The Mack Chemical and Hose Truck remaining in service until 1930, when it was replaced by an American LaFrance pumper. In 1969, the West End Hose Company obtained the department's first diesel-powered engine, a 1,250 gallon-per-minute Hahn pumper. The arrival of the new Hahn pumper saw the West Ends moving from their Doughty Avenue station to their present location on High Street. The Doughty Avenue station has since become the Fire Museum for the department, and it maintained by the Exempt Fireman's Association.



First Motor Apparatus Somerville Department
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Somerville Fire Department Dinner to celebrate the arrival
of the first motorized fire truck in Somerville, NJ November 2, 1916