



## GET FIRED UP!

The Fire Museum of Maryland will host its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual **Steam Day** on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Experience the history of firefighting in American through the Museum's comprehensive display of more than 40 pieces of hand-pulled, horse-drawn and motorized fire fighting apparatus.

Early steam engines were cumbersome machines and required as many as four horses to pull. Steam could "get up" in less than four minutes in order to supply sufficient pressure to throw a 3/4" inch stream of water a distance of nearly 300 feet. Of the approximately 5,000 steam fire engines built between 1852 and 1917, only about 350 are known to survive. Many survived until World War II when large numbers were consigned to scrap metal drives. When in service, the Museum's 1899 American steamer was pulled by two horses and had a six-man crew. The steamer is one of five on display at the Museum. No other collection in the world has as many or represents as many of the major manufacturers of steamers as does the Museum.

## SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES

- ✘ Outside demonstrations of the Museum's 1899 American Fire Engine Company steamer and other steam apparatus displays
- ✘ See Percheron draft horses which were a typical breed stabled in 19th century firehouses.
- ✘ Kids' Activities
  - Outside*: water bucket brigade and pumping contests, rides on horse- drawn fire engine
  - Inside*: StoryTime, Discovery Room with kid-size fire gear to dress up in and a full-size fire engine to climb on, Craft Projects
- ✘ Inside displays include an operating fire alarm telegraph system, badge and uniform collections, and an exhibit about the 1904 Baltimore fire, complete with an audio tour and a DVD commemorating the Fire.
- ✘ Food vendor.

**The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday during June, July and August, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$8-adults; \$7-firefighters/seniors; \$4-children(ages 2-12); under 2 free.**  
**Located at 1301 York Road directly off I-695, exit 26B.**  
**For more information, look at our website at [www.firemuseummd.org](http://www.firemuseummd.org) or call 410-321-7500.**