

The Atlanta Fire Department continues to make progress toward restoration of normal fire protection.

The number of fire stations, with fully manned apparatus in service, has been increased to 25 out of a total of 32 stations.

<sup>New</sup> 67 Recruits have been assigned to stations for in-service training and duty under the leadership of experienced firemen and fire officers.

Total employees in the department number 357 with 313 of this number performing fire fighting duties.

The on-duty shift strength now averages 175 fire fighting personnel by virtue of extended work hours.

The number of false alarms and fire calls is approximately the same as for the same period last year.

I am requesting all the citizens of Atlanta to practice good fire prevention measures in their homes, businesses, churches, and schools. A check-off list is being released to the news media for self-inspection of your premises which, if conscientiously adhered to, can prevent fires and preserve property.