

# The Big One

Most emergency service organizations can tell you about their “big one”. It’s the incident that everyone either remembers or has heard the old guys talk about.

Upper Allen’s incident occurred on April 28, 1956, at the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation in Grantham. This building was located where the current Grantham post office and Messiah College’s Lenhert Maintenance Building now stand, along College Avenue at the railroad tracks.

We were fortunate to have had this incident written up in *Fire Engineering* magazine and were even more fortunate to have had the cooperation of the current staff at *Fire Engineering* in finding it, scanning it, and sending it along for our use. A special thanks to them.

As you read through this account, keep in mind that a dollar in 1956 is worth \$7.88 in 2008.