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Life of a

# FIREFIGHTER



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# On the Way!

“RRRrrr RRRrrr!” the fire truck cries as it races down the street. Everyone makes way. The **firefighters** are on their way to put out a fire. They are the heroes of the day.

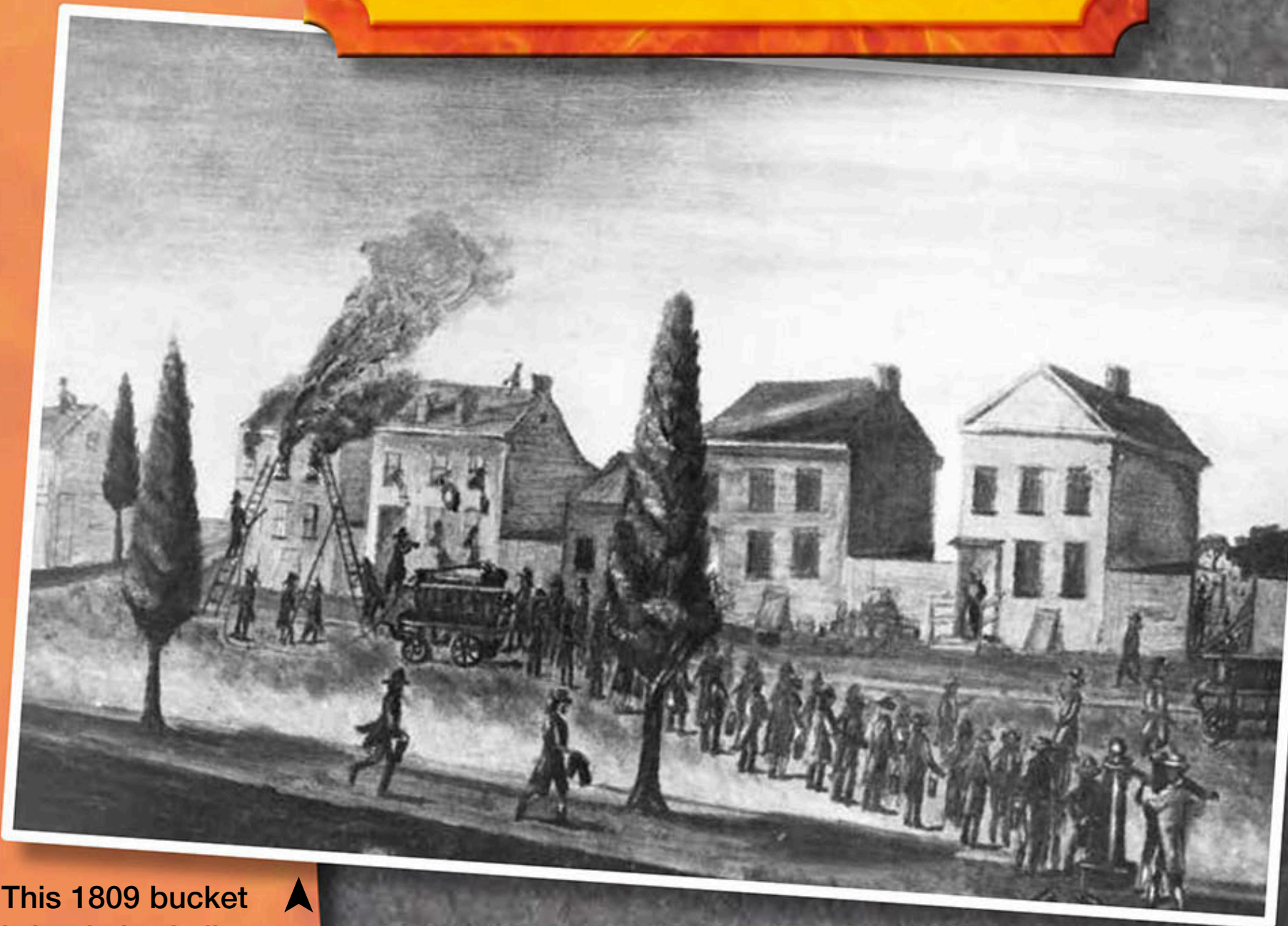




**FIRE**

## Bucket Brigade

The first “fire trucks” in the 1600s were made of tubs on long poles, wheels, or sled runners. Firefighters put out fires using a **bucket brigade**. They lined up, filled buckets from the tub, and passed the buckets along the line. The last person in line threw the water on the fire.



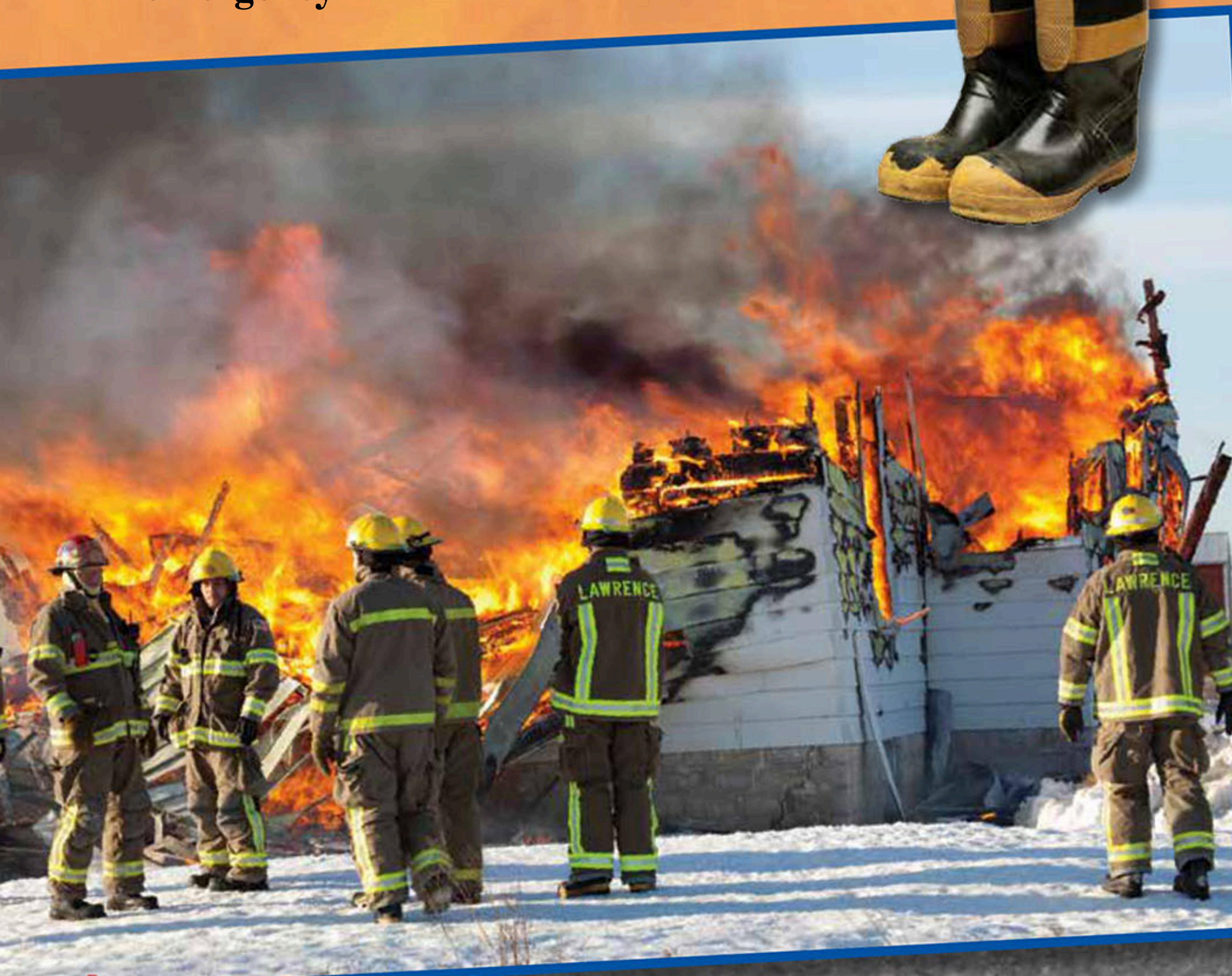
This 1809 bucket brigade is similar to the one described in the text above. But rather than a tub at one end, they used a water pump.





# Getting Ready

Firefighters are very busy. They can be called to a fire at any time of day or night. They must be ready at all times in case of an **emergency**.



▲ a controlled-burn training exercise



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