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**History of Iola Fire Department presentation**

**taking place in replica firehouse at Iola Historical Society**

IOLA, WI: Iola is fortunate to have its first three pieces of firefighting equipment still intact and on display at the Iola Historical Society, housed in a replica vintage fire station.

The history of the Iola & Rural Fire Department will be presented Monday, March 31, 2014, at the Iola Historical Society, in the vintage fire station, located on Depot Street off Main Street in downtown Iola. The program will start after the Society’s regular monthly meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Historical society president Cliff Mishler will explain the history of the first three pieces of firefighting equipment on display. Then Iola & Rural Fire Department chief Chuck Fritz will bring the audience up to date on the fire department’s current equipment, including its newly acquired pumper; his firefightingstaff; and data on hours logged for training and fighting fires.

This is a great presentation for both firefighting and local history buffs. The presentation is free, although goodwill donations are always appreciated. The Historical Society is currently involved in a major renovation program for its museum, The Machine Shed of vintage farm and manufacturing equipment, the original Iola Depot, and a vintage caboose.

For more information, go to the society’s website at [www.iolahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.iolahistoricalsociety.org).

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