



## SANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS WORLD RECORD!

Fire fighting is largely a gratuitous job, as in many other cities. The first victory came in 1908 while under the direction of Chief Walter Chisholm. A fire wagon to which was purchased from Raleigh in 1905 which led the Sanford Volunteer Fire Department its first victory. In 1910 it won the race against the best in the state. Once the first motorized fire apparatus was purchased Sanford fireman started breaking records. Throughout the years in state competitions, fire departments competed for money to use in there department. Sanford holds two world records in the water and chemical race which are still held to this day. In the picture above, Sanford fireman stand proud in the picture taken in 1937 in front of city hall, located on Charlotte Ave. They are as follows; **John Speedy, the front runner equine**, and pictured behind John Speedy from left to right are; **Bottom Row: Carl Groce, W.R. Makepeace, T.E. King, Alton Groce.** **Top Row: Toy Matthews, D.L. Seymore, Lee Kelly, Bud Turner, Bernice Cox, and J.R. Kelly.** King was foreman of the group pictured.