

North Portland

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N Portland	9 Stops	Station Description
Fireboat 2 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	822 N River Street, Portland OR 97227	Fireboat 2 would begin service in this location in 1925 and provide service until 1960. Prior to this station, Fireboat 2 would be based at the foot of NW Hoyt Street from 1913 to 1925. After leaving this location, it would occupy the station at 3660 NW Front Avenue and remain in service until today. The land-based station would also house a hose tender that would transport hose to the scene or to and from the hose warehouse for the boat. It was also the location of the Logistics center for the Fire Department prior to the facility adjacent to Old Station 7 on 11th and Stark. The station is difficult to see except from the water, but remains intact looking much like it did in its working days.
Station 24 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	4515 N Maryland Street, Portland OR 97217	Station 24 was built under the Modernization Program Grant in 1959. It also housed Truck 7, which was re-named Truck 24 in 1984 when Portland Fire & Rescue merged with Fire District 10. Truck 24 would remain until 1987 when it was moved to Station 8 and became Truck 8. The station serves the important corridor of Interstate 5 as well as Swan Island, a relatively isolated industrial area once known for ship production dating back to world war II.
Old Station 24 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	5340 N Interstate Avenue, Portland OR 97217	Old Station 24 was built in 1911. It is of a unique design that indicates it may have been a district headquarters. Truck 7 would be assigned to the station in 1928 and they would both serve until it was closed after the Modernization Program Grant would build a new station at 4515 N Maryland Street. The building is now occupied by the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, a city art facility. They have done a nice job of maintaining the building with its original character.
Station 8 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	7134 N Maryland Street, Portland OR 97217	Station 8 was built under the Modernization Program Grant in 1960 and housed Engine 8. In 1987, the engine was joined by a Truck 8 which moved from Station 24. Today, they continue to serve North Portland and protect the I-5 corridor.
Station 17 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	848 N Tomahawk Island Drive, Portland OR 97217	Station 17 was built in 1995 and houses both Engine 17 and Fireboat 17. Prior to 1995, Hayden Island was served by Station 17 at 12070 N Jantzen Avenue. Built in 1973, it was a few blocks from the dock that housed the Fireboat so logistically, it made for slow responses. The new station

		provides more efficient service and quicker response by the Fireboat.
Station 26 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	5247 N Lombard Street, Portland OR 97203	Station 26 was built in 1928. The classic bungalow design is still identifiable today. From 1928 to 1959, the company occupying the station was Engine 36. The Modernization Program Grant updated the station and re-assigned the number 26 to the station. The station serves the North Portland community including the University of Portland campus.
Old Station 32 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	7214 N Philadelphia Street, Portland OR 97203	Old Station 32 remains in existence, but is unidentifiable to those who do not know. When St. Johns was annexed into the city, it needed both a Police and Fire Station. In 1913, the former city hall was converted to North Precinct on the upper floors for the Police Bureau, and Station 32 in the basement. This would continue until 1954 when the new station at 7204 N Alta would be built. It would remain Engine 32 until 1960 when the reassignment of numbers during the Modernization Program Grant would change it to Station 22. The Police Bureau still occupies the building today.
Station 22 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	7204 N Alta Street, Portland OR 97203	Station 22 was built in 1954 to serve the community of St. Johns. The prior station was a couple blocks away at 7214 N Philadelphia Street, in the basement. Station 22 began as Station 32 from 1954 to 1960. The Modernization Program Grant changed the numbering convention and the number 22 was assigned to the station. In 1960, Truck 9 would join Engine 22. A rescue vehicle, purchased by the community of St. Johns, would join the Engine and Truck. It would be named the "Shirlee Ann," in memory of a young girl named Shirlee Ann Howell who died one day short of her first birthday in 1954. She choked on a grape and resources to help her were too far away. The community grieved, then rallied. They raised funds and negotiated with city council to have a dedicated rescue vehicle assigned to Station 22. It was dedicated on January 28, 1956 and served continuously until the late 1990s. While the vehicle itself is no longer in service, Engine 22 still carries the Shirlee Ann designation and the Shirlee Ann Trust Fund remains in existence to ensure her memory continues to serve the community of St. Johns.
Old Station 8 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	8105 N Brandon Avenue, Portland OR 97217	Old Station 8 was built in 1913 and designated Engine 30. It would serve Kenton until 1960. The firehouse was built through a joint venture between the city of Portland and Swift Packing Company. The land was donated by the Kenwood Development Corp, and the construction was paid for by the city. In 1960, it was first renumbered as Engine 8 as part of the Modernization Program Grant, then closed by the end of 1960. The new Engine 8 would open at 7134 N Maryland Street. The Kenton Firehouse became a storage facility for city surplus for 17 years before being sold. It was cleaned up and refurbished to become the Historic Kenton Firehouse and

		designated an historic landmark. It provides a place for a variety of community events today.
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