

"Fire Stations in Portland"

Source: Portland Fire & Rescue Documents

Fire Stations in Portland are as much a part of the organizational history as the members. Some have been loved, other stations loathed. But they have existed since the first fire company was established and are a significant part of Portland Fire & Rescue's story.

A variety of architecture has graced the many station designs over the years. Little has been found about any significant detail behind it. However, clues and different passages from various time periods provide important clues.

The first firehouses used by the volunteers were sometimes a loaned building. Public subscription, volunteer efforts, and city funding would help build fire stations as far back as the 1850s.

Purpose built firehouses in the volunteer era were often fairly ornate and comfortable buildings. They served as a gathering place for the volunteers, even serving as the home for some men. Because volunteers were most often made up of prominent businessmen in the community, it is expected that funds came from these people to help with the internal comforts. In many ways, the firehouse (and crew) that was most attractive to potential members would often draw in the most people. The larger crew had better capabilities and more prestige in the community.

Since Portland was not using horses until 1883 when it became a paid fire department (some exceptions may have existed when members contributed horse-power to their volunteer company), it was not necessary to build firehouses capable of accommodating horses. Stations built from the 1880s and later incorporated horse stalls, hay lofts, and other features catering to horses. Stations would typically have dormitories, locker rooms, and living rooms, but not necessarily kitchens. Blueprints from the 1912 fire station at SE 35th and Belmont (Station 9, and later, the Historic Belmont Firehouse) would show that the original design had no kitchen. Firefighters would either go home for meals or patronize local restaurants.

The first stations built to accommodate motorized vehicles (without capability of housing horses) only came two years after the last horse drawn apparatus was purchased. The first bungalow station, Station 18 in Irvington, was a demonstration project showcasing a new design. The buildings were more residential in design to blend into neighborhoods more readily but contained all the necessary elements of a fire station. Hose towers, for example, would extend into a pit in the basement rather than extend skyward in the form of a tower. The tops would terminate in a dormer to disguise the feature. So successful was this design that most all of the buildings are still standing across Portland even 100 years after being built. All of the in-service bungalow stations did require modification of the apparatus bay to accommodate the larger fire engines of modern day.

The list below shows the service record of every building used as a fire station in Portland's history. The information is drawn from fire bureau annual reports and documents. This list not only provides an inventory of the properties, but also chronicles the movement of crews assigned to the stations.

Over the years, some stations were upgraded or rebuilt on the site where they previously sat. In other cases, they moved or were closed completely due to station re-location plans. While an exhaustive search has led to this list, information occasionally comes along that adds a new detail.

The list is divided by the city quadrant (N, NW, NE, S, SW, SE) where stations are located. Listings within the quadrant begin alphabetically by street name then numerically by street number. Many others, while not under the ownership of the city, remain in use by private ownership. Addresses listed in parenthesis are the old Portland addressing system.

The header with each station's address is color coded to indicate it is:

- currently in service
- in private ownership but still exists
- no longer exists.

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N Portland

8615 N Albany Street Municipal Terminal #3 (Houseboat)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Boat 3	1928 to 1962
7205 N Alta Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 22	1960 to Present
Truck 22	1984 to Present
Truck 9	1960 to 1984
Engine 32	1954 to 1960
2600 Block of N Borthwick Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 8	1891 to 1903
Truck 5	1891 to 1892
8105 N Brandon Avenue (1711 Brandon Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 8	1960 to 1960
Engine 30	1913 to 1960
5340 N Interstate Avenue (1126 Patton Avenue)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 24	1911 to 1959
Truck 7	1928 to 1959

12070 N Jantzen Beach Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 17	1973 to 1995
Boat 17	1994 to 1995
5247 N Lombard Street	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 26	1959 to Present
Engine 36	1928 to 1959
4515 N Maryland Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 24	1959 to Present
Truck 24	1984 to 1987
Truck 7	1959 to 1984
7134 N Maryland Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Truck 8 (Quint)	2013 to Present
Engine 8	1960 to 2013
Truck 8	1987 to 2013
4015 N Mississippi Avenue (829 Mississippi Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 33	1913 to 1921
Chemical 3	1912 to 1912
Chemical 4	1908 to 1911
11040 N Lombard Street Municipal Terminal #4 Pier 2 (Houseboat)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Boat 3	1965 to 1985
11040 N Lombard Street Municipal Terminal #4 Pier 4 (Houseboat)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Boat 3	1962 to 1965
7214 N Philadelphia Avenue (215 Philadelphia Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 32	1913 to 1954
822 N River Street (Foot of N Albina Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Boat 2	1925 to 1960

Swan Island (owned by Maritime Commission)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 38	1942 to 1947
848 N Tomahawk Island Drive	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 17	1995 to Present
Boat 17	1995 to Present
3800 Block N Vancouver Avenue (Between Beech and Failing Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Hose 4	1892 to 1893

NE Portland

7210 NE Alderwood Road		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 12	1980 to 1988	
6823 NE Durham Avenue (426 Durham Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 29	1913 to 1957	
5916 NE Going Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 40	1984 to 2005	District 10 prior to 1984
Truck 40	1984 to 1993	
Truck 8	1984 to 1984	
1207 NE Grand Avenue (261 Grand Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 13	1908 to 1955	
420 NE Holladay Street (390 Holladay Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Truck 4	1895 to 1906	
1905 NE Killingsworth Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 14	1959 to Present	
45 NE Russell Street (303 Russell Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	

Engine 8	1903 to 1957	
Truck 5	1927 to 1955	
Truck 5	1907 to 1917	
5540 NE Sandy Boulevard (1494 Sandy Boulevard)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 28	2005 to Present	
Engine 28	1913 to 1984	
8645 NE Sandy Boulevard		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 12	2003 to Present	
13313 NE San Rafael Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 30	2007 to Present	
Engine 43	1984 to 2007	District 10 prior to 1984
1019 NE MLK Boulevard (227 N Union Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Chemical 3	1894 to 1907	
4867 NE MLK Boulevard (1027 N Union Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 14	1924 to 1959	New building built on same site
Engine 14	1908 to 1924	
Chemical 4	1898 to 1907	
926 NE Weidler Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 13	1955 to Present	
Truck 13	1984 to Present	
Truck 5	1955 to 1984	
2200 NE 24th Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 12	1957 to 1965	
Engine 18	1939 to 1941	
Engine 18	1913 to 1933	
203 NE 28th Avenue (63 E 28th Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 12	1924 to 1957	New building built on same site

Engine 12	1907 to 1924	
4828 NE 33rd Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 34		1928 to 1959
2 NE 82nd Avenue (30 E. 82nd Street)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 27		1913 to 1953
4835 NE 106th Avenue		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 48	1984 to 1992	District 10 prior to 1984
Truck 48	1984 to 1985	
4800 NE 122nd Avenue (Training Center)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 2		1985 to Present
Truck 2		1993 to Present
4334 NE 148th Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 28		1984 to 1987
1520 NE 192nd Avenue		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 44	1984 to 1987	District 10 prior to 1984
Truck 44	1984 to 1987	

NW Portland

Foot of NW Couch Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Hose 1		1885 to 1892
245 NW Everett Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Hose 1		1893 to 1897
3630 NW Front Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 6		1960 to Present
Boat 6		1984 to Present
Boat 2		1960 to 1984

10803 NW Front Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 33		1921 to 1940
1425 NW Glisan Street (511 Glisan Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 3	1925 to 1968	
Truck 3	1891 to 1968	
Couch Engine Company #6	Unknown to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
Foot of NW Hoyt Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Boat 2		1913 to 1925
1715 NW Johnson Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 3		1968 to Present
Truck 3		1968 to Present
Engine 17		1968 to 1970
2200 Block NW Nicholi Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 6		1902 to 1924
3130 NW Skyline Boulevard		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 27		2006 to Present
11212 NW St. Helens Road		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 27		1960 to 1983
Engine 33		1940 to 1960
5645 NW Willbridge Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 16		1986 to 1990
4465 NW Yeon Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 16		1944 to 1985
510 NW 3rd Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 2		1912 to 1950

1521 NW 20th Avenue (329 N 20th Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 26	1915 to 1947
Hose 6	1896 to 1912
2401 NW 23rd Avenue	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 6	1924 to 1957
824 NW 24th Avenue (188 N. 24th Street)	
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 17	1913 to 1968

S & SW Portland

55 SW Ash Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 1	1984 to Present	Engine 21 was re-designated Engine 1
Engine 21	1950 to 1984	
Truck 1	1950 to Present	
Squad 1	1962 to Present	
Engine 2	1950 to 1962	Engine 2 closes, becomes Squad 1
7780 SW Capitol Highway		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 18	1951 to 1961	
511 SW College Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 4	1962 to Present	
Truck 4	1984 to Present	
Truck 2	1962 to 1984	
1505 SW DeWitt Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 5	1960 to Present	
Truck 8	1960 to 1984	
3323 SW Naito Parkway (811 Front Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 5	1924 to 1957	

Engine 5	1890 to 1924	
630 SW Gaines Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 2	1962 to 1985	
5830 S Kelly Street (1334 Kelly Street)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 10	1925 to 1984	
5400 S Macadam Avenue (1250 SW Macadam Road)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 10	1906 to 1925	
1436 SW Montgomery Street (494 Montgomery Street)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 1	1948 to 1963	
Truck 8	1939 to 1960	
Engine 16	1911 to 1939	
100 Block of SW Morrison Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 1	1883 to 1891	
Willamette Engine Company #1	August 6, 1853 to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
1715 SW Skyline Boulevard		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 16	2003 to Present	
1920 SW Spring Street (590 SW Spring Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 15	1925 to Present	New building built on same site
Engine 15	1908 to 1925	
Foot of SW Stark Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Hose 1	1911 to 1912	
451 SW Taylors Ferry Road		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Truck 10 (Quint)	2013 to Present	
Engine 10	1984 to 2013	

200 Block SW Washington Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 3	1883 to 1884	
Columbian Engine Company #3	June 1859 to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
1440 SW Washington Street (510 Washington Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 3	1884 to 1925	
1233 SW 1st Avenue (273 1st Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 4	1960 to 1962	
Engine 22	1913 to 1960	
Chemical 2	1894 to 1912	
Hose 2	1885 to 1912	
Engine 4	1883 to 1885	
Hose 1	1883 to 1885	
Protection Engine Company #4	November 1862 to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
221 SW 2nd Avenue (69 2nd Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 21	1921 to 1950	
Truck 1	1948 to 1950	
Hose 1	1898 to 1911	
Chemical 1	1894 to 1927	
Engine 2	1883 to 1884	
Multnomah Engine Company #2	November 26, 1856 to 1883	69 2 nd Street
720 SW 4th Avenue (170 4th Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 1	1891 to 1921	
Truck 1	1883 to 1921	
Engine 9	1897 to 1898	
Vigilance Hook and Ladder #1	August 1, 1853 to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
905 SW 4th Avenue (203 4th Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 1	1921 to 1948	
Truck 1	1921 to 1948	
1724 SW 4th Avenue (370 4th Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 4	1913 to 1960	New Building on same
Engine 4	1885 to 1913	
Truck 2	1888 to 1962	New Bay added to

Tiger Engine Company #5	1873 to 1883	Began in Volunteer Era
8720 SW 30th Avenue		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 18		1961 to Present

SE Portland

7301 E Burnside Street		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 19		1953 to Present
Squad 19		1984 to 1984
Truck 19		1984 to 1984
Truck 6		1963 to 1984
2235 SE Bybee Boulevard		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 20		1959 to Present
600 SE Cherry Park Road, Troutdale		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 49	1984 to 1992	District 10 prior to 1984
13310 SE Foster Road		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 29	2006 to Present	
Engine 42	1984 to 2006	District 10 prior to 1984
3350 SE Francis Street (1000 Francis Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station		Years Present at Location
Engine 25		1912 to 1959
11300 SE Fuller Road, Milwaukie		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 21	1986 to 1991	Clackamas Co. Fire Dist. 1 prior to and after
1300 SE Gideon Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Fire Marshal's Office	2000 to Present	
6600 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes

Engine 27	1986 to 1991	Clackamas Co. Fire Dist. 1 prior to and after
5 SE Madison Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 21	2010 to Present	New station built on site
Engine 7	1975 to 1990	
Boat 1	1960 to 1982	
Engine 29	1961 to 1973	
5211 SE Mall Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 25	1959 to Present	
Truck 25	1984 to Present	
Truck 10	1959 to 1984	
1145 SE Powell Boulevard (545 SE Powell Boulevard) (Logistics Center)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 11	1907 to 1928	
1036 SE Stark Street		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 7	1927 to 1975	
Truck 4	1927 to 1975	
6049 SE Stark Street (1599 SE Stark Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 19	1911 to 1953	
549 SE Water Avenue (Foot of E Washington Street)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Boat 1	1905 to 1960	
302 SE 3rd Avenue (40 E 3rd Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 7	1891 to 1927	
Truck 4	1907 to 1927	
1917 SE 7th Avenue (367 E 7th Avenue)		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 23	1913 to 1962	
Hose 3	1891 to 1912	
2915 SE 13th Place		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	
Engine 23	2023 to Present	

Rescue 23	2017 to 2023
Out of Service	2017 to 2017
Engine 23	1962 to 2010
Truck 23	1984 to 1985
Truck 4	1975 to 1984

8210 SE 13th Avenue (1660 E 13th Street)

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 20	1921 to 1959	New building built on same site
Engine20	1910 to 1921	
Hose 4	1907 to 1909	
Sellwood Volunteers	1895 to 1907	

1000 SE 34th Avenue (180 E 34th Avenue)

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Hose 5	1894 to 1897

**900 SE 35th Avenue (162 E. 35th Street)
(also 3500 SE Belmont Street -1056 E Belmont Street)**

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Historic Belmont Firehouse	2003 to Present	Safety Learning Center
Engine 9	1912 to 2003	
Truck 6	1928 to 1963	
Engine 9	1904 to 1912	
Hose 5	1897 to 1904	

1706 SE Cesar Chavez Boulevard (39th Avenue)

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 9	2003 to Present

5905 SE 43rd Avenue

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 11	1928 to 1956

4530 SE 67th Avenue

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Local 43 Union Hall	1986 to 2022	Portland FF's Assoc.
Engine 31	1927 to 1959	New building on the same site
Engine 31	1913 to 1927	

5707 SE 92nd Avenue

Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location
Engine 11	1960 to Present
Engine 35	1946 to 1960

Engine 37	1928 to 1946	
1500 SE 122nd Avenue		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 7	2006 to Present	
Truck 7	2006 to Present	
Engine 41	1984 to 2006	District 10 prior to 1984
Truck 41	1984 to 2006	
1927 SE 174th Avenue		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 31	2011 to Present	Same location, new building. Still co-staffed
Engine 31	2007 to 2011	Alternating Staffing with Gresham Fire Dept.
Engine 45	1999 to 2007	Alternating Staffing with Gresham Fire Dept.
Engine 45	1984 to 1998	District 10 prior to 1984
645 SE 223rd Avenue, Gresham		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 46	1984 to 1986	District 10 prior to 1984
7144 SE 302nd Avenue, Gresham		
Companies Located at Station	Years Present at Location	Special Notes
Engine 47	1984 to 1984	District 10 prior to 1984

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