

## Northwest Portland

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NW Portland	10 Stops	Station Description
Old Station 27 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	11212 NW St. Helens Road, Portland OR 97231	Station 27 would begin its life at this location in 1940 as Engine 33. In 1960, as part of the Modernization Program Grant, it was assigned the new number of Station 27. Prior to this location, Engine 33 served Linnton from 10803 NW Front Avenue in a building that no longer exists. Direct Service in Linnton would cease in 1983, just prior to Portland Fire's merge with Fire District 10. It is now served from Station 22 in St. Johns.
Station 27 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	3130 NW Skyline Road, Portland OR 97229	Station 27 would go into service in 2006 and continues service today. It serves an area that was long neglected by service. The hills and roadways of Forest Park pose significant response issues, especially when winter weather strikes. As development has grown to the North, along Skyline Road, a fire station became necessary. It is also key to the protection of Forest Park, the largest Park in the United States located within a city boundary. Forest Park covers 5,200 acres. By comparison, Central Park in New York covers 840 acres.
Station 16 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	1715 SW Skyline Road, Portland OR 97221	Station 16 was built in 2003 to serve the west border of the city of Portland. Border areas typically present challenges to fire station placement, but Highway 26, a major traffic corridor in and out of the city on the west side, added to that. It includes a tunnel that, when blocked, can limit response to the west side. It also serves significant attractions like the Oregon Zoo, the World Forestry Center, and Washington Park. The station remains in service today.
Old Station 17 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	824 NW 24th Avenue, Portland OR 97210	Old Station 17 was built in 1913 and served continuously until 1968 when the new Station 3 would be built at 1715 NW Johnson. This station sat in the heart of the west hills residential area and blended nicely into the community. Since its sale to private ownership, it has housed businesses and served as a private residence. It has been well cared for over the years and still carries many of the original features of the fire station both inside and out. It has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.
Station 3 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	1715 NW Johnson Street, Portland OR 97209	Station 3 was built in 1968. For its first two years of service, it not only housed Engine and Truck 3, but also Engine 17. Engine 17 would eventually move to Hayden Island in 1973.

		Prior to 1968, Engine and Truck 3 provided service from 1425 NW Glisan. That building remains today. The service area of Station 3 was once more industrial but urban renewal changed it to a vibrant and eclectic business and residential district.
Old Station 3 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	1425 NW Glisan Street, Portland OR 97209	Old Station 3 began life as an older building that went into service as Couch Engine Company #6 in about 1881. It would be mothballed in 1883 when the fire department became paid. However, it was kept on the rolls and re-opened in 1891 with only Truck 3 responding from the quarters. A new station would be built in 1913, the building that stands today. Engine 3 would join Truck 3 in 1925 and they would remain in service at that location until the new Station 3 was built at 17th and Johnson in 1968. The building was sold into private ownership and was a restaurant for many years. It remains well preserved today.
Old Station 6 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	2401 NW 23rd Avenue, Portland OR 97210	Old Station 6 was built as a typical bungalow fire station in 1925. It would serve until 1957 when the Modernization Program Grant would re-locate and vacate certain stations. Today, it serves as the Union Hall and warehouse for the International Longshoreman's Union.
Old Station 16 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	4465 NW Yeon Street, Portland OR 97210	Old Station 16 was built in 1944 at the important intersection of St. Helens Road and Yeon Street. It provided service to the NW Industrial area and helped provide coverage for areas where train traffic could divide response areas. With the building of the Kittridge Overpass, train problems were diminished greatly and the station was closed in 1985. Soon after, while remaining in city ownership, it was used as a hazardous waste storage facility as the Hazardous Materials Team began work abating hazardous methamphetamine laboratories. It would eventually be sold to private ownership.
Old Station 16 <i>(Inactive Site)</i>	5645 NW Willbridge Avenue, Portland OR 97210	Old Station 16 was a new Station 16 built in 1986. It was to replace the old Station 16 at 4465 NW Yeon. Considered a building of economical design, it was built into the hillside to reduce energy costs and better blend into the Forest Park community. Within 4 years, the Fire Department decided to abandon it and the area was left with only Station 6 on Front Avenue and Station 22 in St. Johns to provide protection. The Hazardous Materials team would move to an East County fire station. The building stayed in city ownership for a few years before being sold.
Station 6 <i>(Active Fire Station)</i>	3630 NW Front Avenue, Portland OR 97210	Station 6 was built in 1960 as part of the Modernization Program Grant. It was designed to house a land company and a Fireboat company. It had an important location in the lower Willamette River near the shipyards, yet still close to the downtown riverfront and the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. Fireboat 2 was assigned there in 1960 and its designation changed to Fireboat 6 in 1984 when Portland Fire would merge with Fire District 10. It was originally

		served by a full Engine Company and a full Fireboat crew. In the 1980s, budget cuts reduced it to one crew that would serve the Engine or Fireboat. The building remains in service today.
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