Fire Stations in Lansing, Michigan History

As of June 27, 2019.

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CD = City Directory's.

SJ = State Journal newspaper.

LSJ = Lansing State Journal.

City of Lansing only, does not include Lansing Township stations.

#### Fire Station No. 1

1857, October 5 – Torrent Engine Co. No. 1 is organized. (SJ-10-16-1911).

1872, June 11 – regular city fire department organized under the control of the common council. (SJ-10-16-1911).

1895, September – photo of fire department under city hall quarters at 112 E. Allegan St. (SJ-04-28-1955).

1905, February 6 – Moves from Allegan St. across the street to S. Grand Ave. (LJ-02-04-1905).

1915, 1927, 1940 CD's – 125 S. Grand Ave. at E. Allegan Street. The South Grand Parking Ramp is on the spot today.

1949, November 11 – New Central Station dedicated on site of old city market. (SJ-11-11-1949 and 11-12-1949).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 120 E. Shiawassee St., at N. Grand Ave.

2006, July 8 – Renovations done on 1949 art-deco style building. (LSJ-07-08-2006).

2019, Still open.

#### Fire Station No. 2

c.1859 – Protection Company No. 2 organized. (SJ-08-22-1962).

1866 – original frame fire house was built. (SJ-08-22-1962).

c.1890 – brick structure known as the "fire barn" opened. (SJ-08-22-1962).

1915 CD – 1126 N. Washington Ave. (address error).

1927, 1940 CD's – 1128 N. Washington Ave., just before Grand River Ave. [now Cesar E. Chavez Ave.].

1962, August 22 – then oldest fire station closes. (SJ-08-22-1962). Was torn down, and City Parking Lot #17 is on the spot in 2019.

1962, August 22 - new station opens at 2114 N. Grand River Ave., at Raymond Drive. (SJ-08-22-1962).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 2114 N. Grand River Ave.

2019, Still open.

### Fire Station No. 3

1906, February 15 – station put into service. (SR-02-15-1906), and said fire station in this corner since 1906. (LSJ-07-01-2010).

1915 CD – 630 W. Hillsdale St. (address error).

1927, 1940 CD's – 629 W. Hillsdale.

1954, August 4 – New station dedicated on site of previous one at Hillsdale and Sycamore streets. (SJ-08-05-1954)

1976 LFD Annual Report – 629 W. Hillsdale St., at S. Sycamore St. [right behind the Fox 47 News tv station building].

2010, June 30 – fire station at 629 W. Hillsdale St. closes due to budget cuts. (LSJ-07-01-2010).

2019, The Michigan Propane Gas Association is now using the building.

# Fire Station No. 4

1906, February 15 – station put into service. (SR-02-15-1906).

1915, 1927, 1940 CD's – 230 Bingham St.

1962, January 3 – Old station closed at Bingham and Prospect streets (SJ-12-29-1961). The building is still there in 2019, has been used as apartments, a fitness center, and a pre-school.

1965, December 12 – New station dedicated at 5550 S. Pennsylvania Ave. (SJ-12-11-1965).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 5550 S. Pennsylvania Ave. The building is still there in 2019, has been used a limousine service, and a car detailing service.

2003, October 25 – New south station opened at 1435 E. Miller Road (LSJ-10-26-2003).

2019, Still open.

# Fire Station No. 5

1913, August 22 – New station opened to public at S. Washington Ave. and Baker St. (SJ-08-23-1913).

1915, 1927, 1940 CD's -1439 S. Washington Ave. This old fire station was used by the Alano Club from 1959-1972. It was razed on August 30, 1972. (SJ-09-01-1972).

1956, February 2 – New Station Dedicated on Todd Ave. (SJ-02-01-1956 and 02-03-1956).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 1821 Todd Avenue.

2011, July 1 – station no. 5 on Todd Ave. near Mt. Hope and S. Washington avenues closes as part of citywide budget cuts. (LSJ-07-01-2011).

2019, private residence and small business.

#### Fire Station No. 6

1921. January 20 - Put into service at Pennsylvania Ave. and Sheridan St. (SJ-01-19-1921 and 01-20-1921).

1927, 1940 CD's – 839 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

1965, January 31 – Sheridan St. changed to Oakland Ave. by city council effective. (SJ-01-26-1965).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 839 N. Pennsylvania Ave. [Has been converted into a private residence.]

1976, August 3 – Voters give city permission to sell Stations 6 and 8. (SJ-08-04-1976).

1977, June 15 – closed when new Station No. 8 is opened. (SJ-06-15-1977 and LSJ-01-07-1982).

1995-1998 – No. 10 station at 3708 Pleasant Grove Rd. becomes No. 6. 3708 is now being used as the Fire Maintenance Division.

2001, June 16 – new station #6 opens at 5135 Pleasant Grove Road at Jolly Road. (LSJ-06-02-2001 and 06-16-2001).

2019, Still open.

### Fire Station No. 7

1925, October 19 - New station opened at W. Saginaw St. and Drexel road [near Jenison St.] (SJ-10-19-1925).

1927, 1940 CD's – 629 N. Jenison Ave.

1964, December 16 – Closed. (SJ-01-21-1966).

1966, January 21 – Reopened by Police and Fire Board. (SJ-01-21-1966).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 629 N. Jenison Ave.

2011, July 1 – station no. 7 on North Jenison St. closes as part of citywide budget cuts. (LSJ-07-01-2011).

2019. has been converted into a private residence.

#### Fire Station No. 8

1931, July 2 – dedicated at Michigan and Hayford avenues, (SJ-07-02-1931 and 07-03-1931).

1940 CD - 2300 E. Michigan Ave.

1976 LFD Annual Report – 2300 E. Michigan Ave.

1976, August 3 – Voters give city permission to sell Stations 6 and 8. (SJ-08-04-1976)

1977, June 15 – Michigan Ave. Closed and already sold to Civic Players. (SJ-06-15-1977).

1977. June 16 – new east side station opens at Marshall and Saginaw. (SJ-06-15-1977).

2019, Still open, at 815 Marshall Street, at actually Grand River Ave.

# Fire Station No. 9

1955, March 17 – Dedicated on Glendale Ave. [one block from S. Cedar St.] (SJ-03-16-1955 and 03-18-1955).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 520 Glendale Ave.

2019, Still open.

#### Fire Station No. 10

1962, August 24 – new fire station opened at 3708 Pleasant Grove Road. (SJ-08-22-1962).

1976 LFD Annual Report – 3708 Pleasant Grove Rd.

1995-1998 – No. 10 station at 3708 Pleasant Grove Rd. becomes No. 6.

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