



A Brief History of Warren Fire Department

Warren Fire Department was established on May 20, 1939, and as originally established served the entirety of what was then known as Warren Township. The original fire station #1 was located at 22730 Van Dyke and started life as a gas station before it was renovated and converted into a fire station for use by Warren Township via a lease agreement between the township and the developer. The fire station also opened on May 20, 1939, and Vern Lumex was appointed by township supervisor William Strich as its first firefighter along with ten other volunteers to provide fire protection services to all the township's residents, business owners and visitors. Also, on that same date in Warren's history William Van Hulle was appointed as the township's first fire chief by the township supervisor. Original fire station #1 remained open and operational until August 23, 1955, when new fire station #1 was dedicated and moved to its current location at 8321 9-Mile Road. Today, station #1 is the oldest fire station in the city of Warren and the 2nd busiest fire station with crews responding to greater than 12 emergency incidents a day and greater than 4,000 incidents of all classifications annually.

In the fall of 1948, ground was broken for two new fire stations to serve the township beginning with fire station #2 that was located at 13360 9-Mile Road and fire station #3 that was located at 23630 Ryan Road where both became operational on September 7, 1949, serving the southwest portion of the city today. In January of 1957, Warren Township was incorporated as a home rule city becoming the City of Warren and later that same year the "Village of Warren" was also incorporated into the city of Warren's boundaries increasing its size to 34.5 square miles. With the incorporation of the "Village" the city of Warren inherited a fire station located at 5961 Beebe becoming Warren Fire Station #4 and later home to the Warren Historical Society. On November 6, 1957, ground was broken for Fire Station #5 at Common Road and Hoover and was dedicated on August 1, 1958, and named "Consigney Hall" in memory and honor of Warren Township firefighter William Consigney who gave his life in the line of duty on July 16, 1943. Station #6 was dedicated and became operational on February 1, 1967, located at the corner of Revere and 12 Mile Road providing fire protection services to the northwest section of the city.

On July 1, 1969, the Warren Fire Historical Society leased to the Warren Fire Department, Macomb County's old roads servicing garage at 6415 Chicago Road for \$1 dollar per year, with the stipulation that no change would be made in the building's façade. In 1980, warren fire department's administrative offices would move from station #5 at Common and Hoover to the old Police Station at 9 mile and Memphis. Later that decade on May 22, 1986, new fire station #3 became operational replacing old station #3 that also was located at 23620 Ryan Road. In the early 90's as Warren continued to grow in population new fire station #4 located at 6361 Chicago Road was dedicated on September 15, 1992. With the continuing growth of the fire department the city began construction of new fire station #2 and the renovation of an existing building that would become the new headquarters for the fire department and becoming known as the fire admin building which is short for the fire administration building located at 23295 Schoenherr and adjacent to current fire station #2 which is located at 23293 Schoenherr Road.

Today, we are here for the groundbreaking ceremony for new fire stations #1 at 23232 Van Dyke as the final piece of the Civic Center South project as well as new fire station #5 to be located at 30619 Schonherr Road.