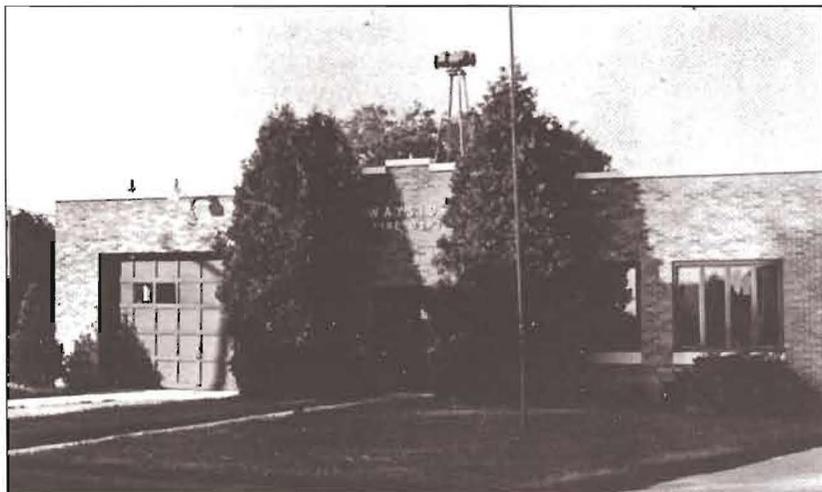


Wayside Fire Department



Old Wayside Fire Department

History & Locations

The Wayside Fire Department was organized in 1898 and incorporated in 1900. The first equipment was stored in a fire station which was located just west of what is now the bowling alleys.

In 1901 the department joined the Eastern Wisconsin Firemen's Association. In 1906 the fire department purchased land from George Frosch southeast of what is now Pro Insulation. In 1909 they moved a warehouse building to the location that they bought from Dennis Brenann. A foundation was built and the building was improved by sheeting and plastering the inside. A 6-inch well was drilled inside the fire house. This building (currently torn down) served as Wayside's Fire Station until the construction of a "new" fire house and meeting room in 1958. The location of this new fire house was right next door on, the former site of the Wayside (Dreamland) Theatre.

Today the Wayside Volunteer Fire Department has a newly built fire and meeting house. It is on the same property as the Fireman's Park in Wayside on Hwy G and was completed in November of 2004. The "old" firehouse is currently for sale.

Equipment

The first equipment was a horse-drawn hook and ladder wagon with fire buckets. In 1901 a wooden hand pumper was purchased and this served the community for many years. In 1902 a hose cart was purchased to

supplement the pumper. About this time a bell tower, complete with fire bell was erected. In May, 1903, the minutes of a meeting show that the department authorized the construction of a well and two cisterns to hold water for fire protection.

In 1917 a new hook and ladder wagon with two chemical tanks was purchased from the Prospect Mfg. Co. at a cost of \$400.00. In 1918 another fire cistern was constructed.

A Chevrolet fire truck with three 30 gallon chemical tanks was purchased in 1923. In 1931 a Studebaker fire truck with a 350 gpm rotary pump was purchased from the W.S. Nott Co. This truck was replaced in 1951 by a Chevrolet 2 ton truck with a 500 gpm piston pump purchased from the Howe Fire Equipment Co.

Between 1958-1970 the fire department had a used Chevrolet truck with a tank to haul water. In 1971 a new Chevrolet 1500 gallon tank water truck with a mounted pump was purchased. In 1972 a second 1,000 gallon tank truck was bought. In 1978 a fully equipped Chevrolet truck with a Pierce Mini Pumper was added and radios for the three trucks for contacting Brown County Police if extra assistance is needed.

Current fire equipment used is:

- 1976 - Mini Pumper
- 1988 - Pumper
- 1994 - Equipment Van
- 1998 - 3000 gallon Tanker
- 2000 - 4000 gallon Tanker



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