

THE HISTORY OF MEDFORD FIRE-RESCUE

1885

Medford is incorporated by Oregon in February.

1895



An 800 lb fire bell for the hose cart house is purchased for \$100.

1907



First horse-drawn chemical wagon is purchased for \$2,300. It carries 1,000 ft of hose and two hand extinguishers. A team of horses is purchased for \$300 to pull the wagon.

1924



\$13,500 is used to buy the department's first Stutz Pumper. It can reach speeds of 45 mph and pumps 1,200 gallons of water per minute.

1952



The West Side Station (Station 2) opens at 1241 W. 8th St. after construction began in 1951. The station is fully operational by January.

2018



After beginning construction in 2017, the new Station 3, at 534 Highland Dr., is completed in May.

2017



The new Fire Station 4 (located in the original location on Table Rock Rd.), is completed in March.

1880

1900

1920

1940

1960

1980

2000

2020

1944

The City sells the original Central Fire Hall and moves the fire bell to Station 1 to serve as a memorial.

1975



Fire Station 5 is built at 2124 Roberts Rd., near N. Keene Way.

1912



The department buys its first automobile fire apparatus. It can reach speeds of 40 mph. The cost is \$5,250.

1969



Station 4 and the department training tower are built at 2208 Table Rock Rd.

1977

The City begins planning for the demolition of Station 1 and the building is taken down soon after. The fire bell is relocated to Station 4.

2000



Construction on Fire Station 6, at 3700 Barnett Rd., is completed.

2016

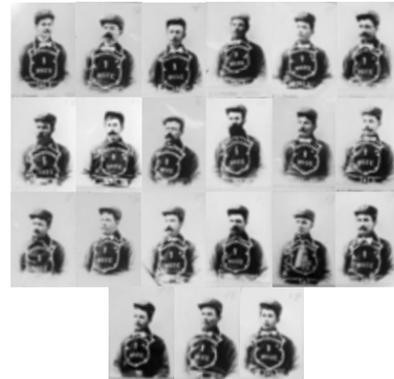
Construction of a new Station 2 and a new Station 4 begins.

1886



Medford purchases firefighting equipment and soon after, the Medford Hose Company is established.

1890



Hose Company membership grows to about 20 men and an improved hose cart with 500 ft of hose is purchased.

1908



Construction of the Central Fire Hall is completed at 110 E. 6th St., near Front St., at a price of \$10,000.

1929



The new Fire Hall (Station 1) is built at 402 N. Front St. (on the corner of 3rd and Front).

1956



The new East Side Station (Station 3), located at 530 Highland Dr., is completed and begins operating in June.

2017



In February, the new Station 2 is completed and begins operating from its new location at 1107 Stewart Ave.