

FRIDLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

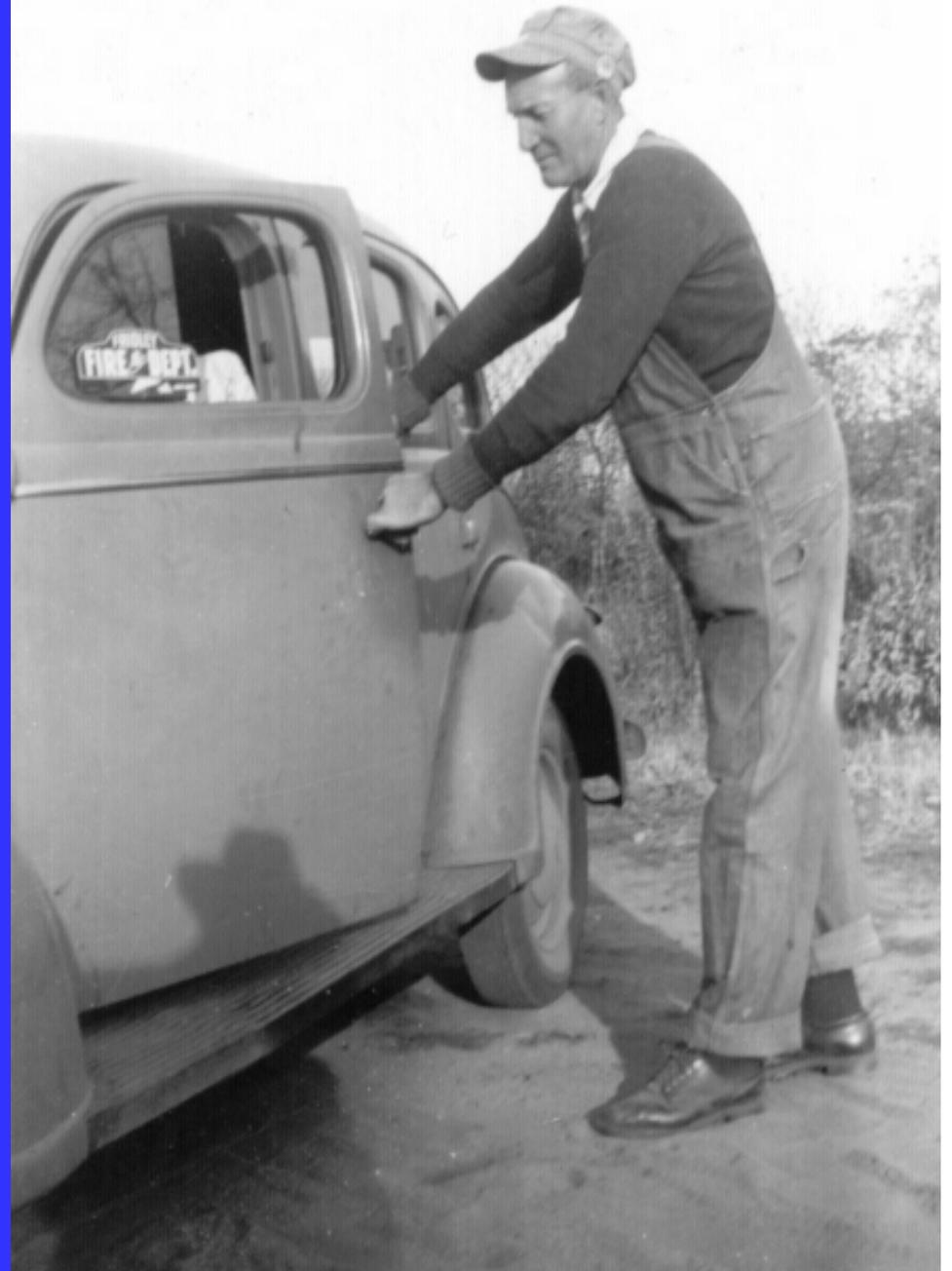
Since



1951

*A History Of
Tradition, Excellence &
Community Service*

In 1949, Fridley Mayor Carl Hartman formed a committee to establish a fire department for the new Village of Fridley.



In September, 1951, the new Village of Fridley Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Bill Flanery, responded to its first call.



Seven of the Department's original Charter Members became the nucleus of the Fire Department and served Fridley residents for 20 or more years.

Those members were:

Les Chesney
Retired 1971





Ed Ellis
Retired 1971

Bob Hughes
Retired 1978





Al Paulson
Retired 1971

Don Sachs
Retired 1973





Leo Schroedl
Retired 1971

Peter Viger
Retired 1971



Since 1951, the Fridley Fire Department has been led by six men who have served as Fire Chief. Chief Robert Hughes began his tenure as a volunteer Chief in 1959. In 1965, Chief Hughes was appointed as the City's first full-time Fire Chief.

***Chief William
Flanery***

1951 - 1956





***Chief Bruce
Timperley***

1956 - 1959

***Chief Robert
Hughes***

1959 - 1978

(Charter Member)





***Chief Robert
Aldrich***

1979 - 1990

***Chief Chuck
McKusick***

1991 - 2003





***Chief John
Berg***

2003 - Present

The Fridley Fire Department's largest fire loss in the department's history, occurred on December 7, 1978. Shortly after 2 p.m., a fire began in the Foundry Division at the FMC Northern Ordinance plant on East River Road. Before fire crews extinguished the fire, \$ 1.4 million dollars in damage had been done.









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On May 6, 1965, Fridley firefighters faced what would be the greatest challenge of the Department's history. At 7:04 p.m., as department personnel gathered for their monthly business meeting, the first of three devastating tornadoes hit Fridley. These storms damaged or destroyed nearly every building in the City.















Fridley's Fire Station and City Hall sustained damage from two of the three twisters that ravaged the City. Yet, Fridley's firefighters - some without knowing the fate of their own families - dug out their trucks & equipment and went to work. They fought fires, rescued citizens and did what it took to stabilize their wounded City.

















***Our Success Is
A Story of Evolution . . .***

- **Training**
- **Emergency Responses**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Professional Associations**
- **Apparatus & Stations**

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Emergency Responses













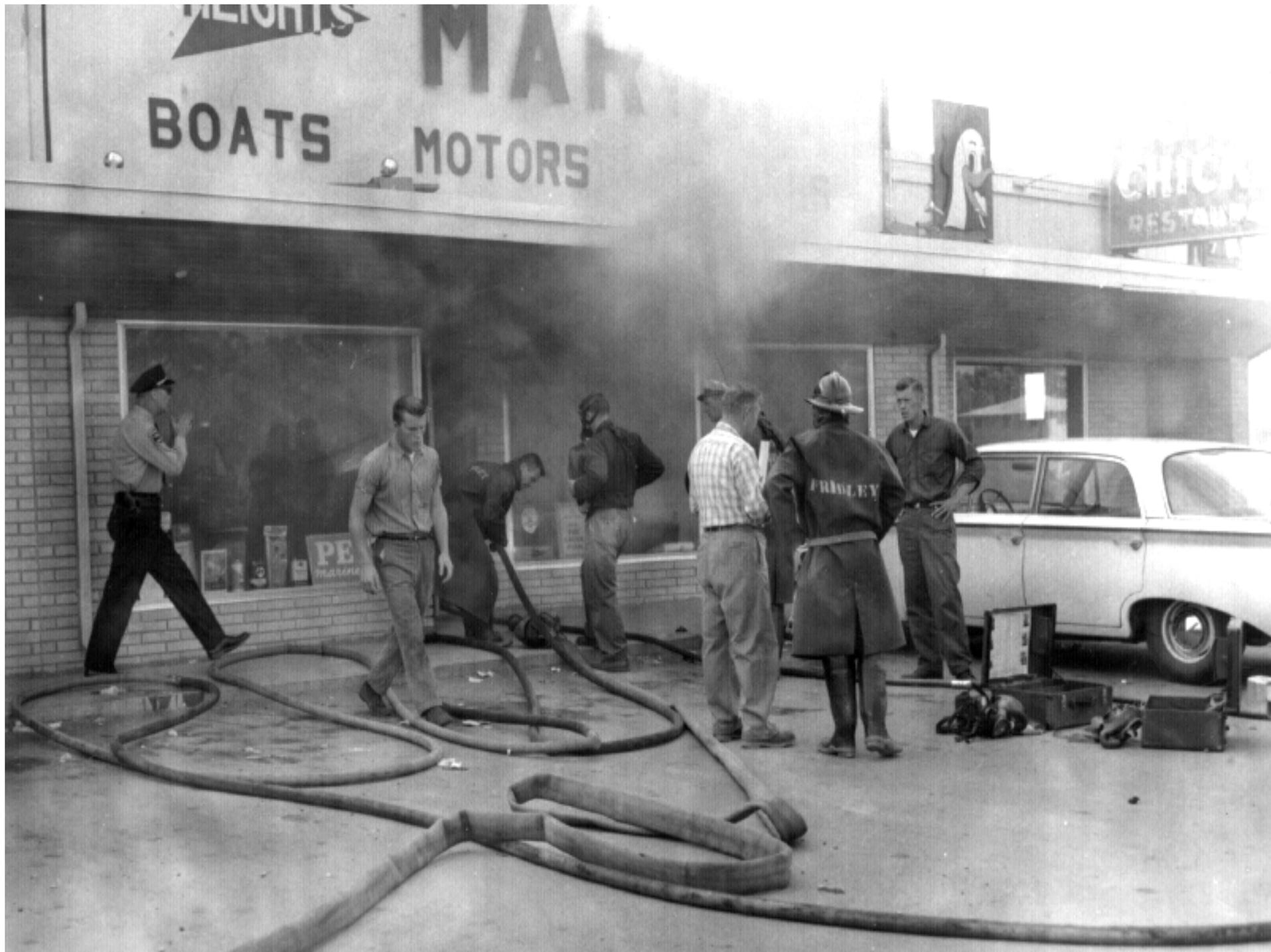








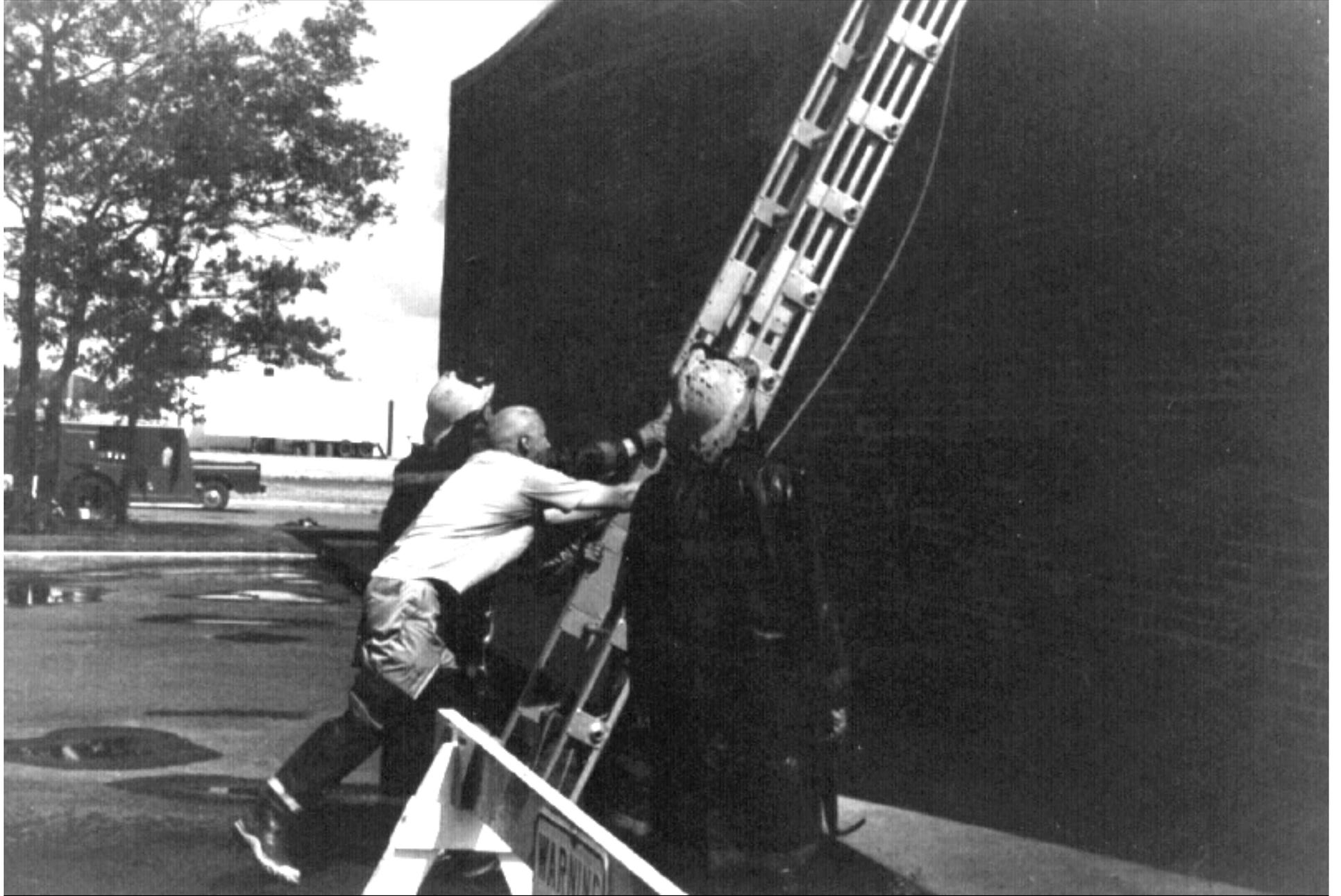


















***Emergency
Medical
Responses***

In 1994, the Department began regularly responding to emergency medical and rescue calls with the Police Department and Allina ambulance. Prior to that, department personnel only responded to those calls when requested by the police.





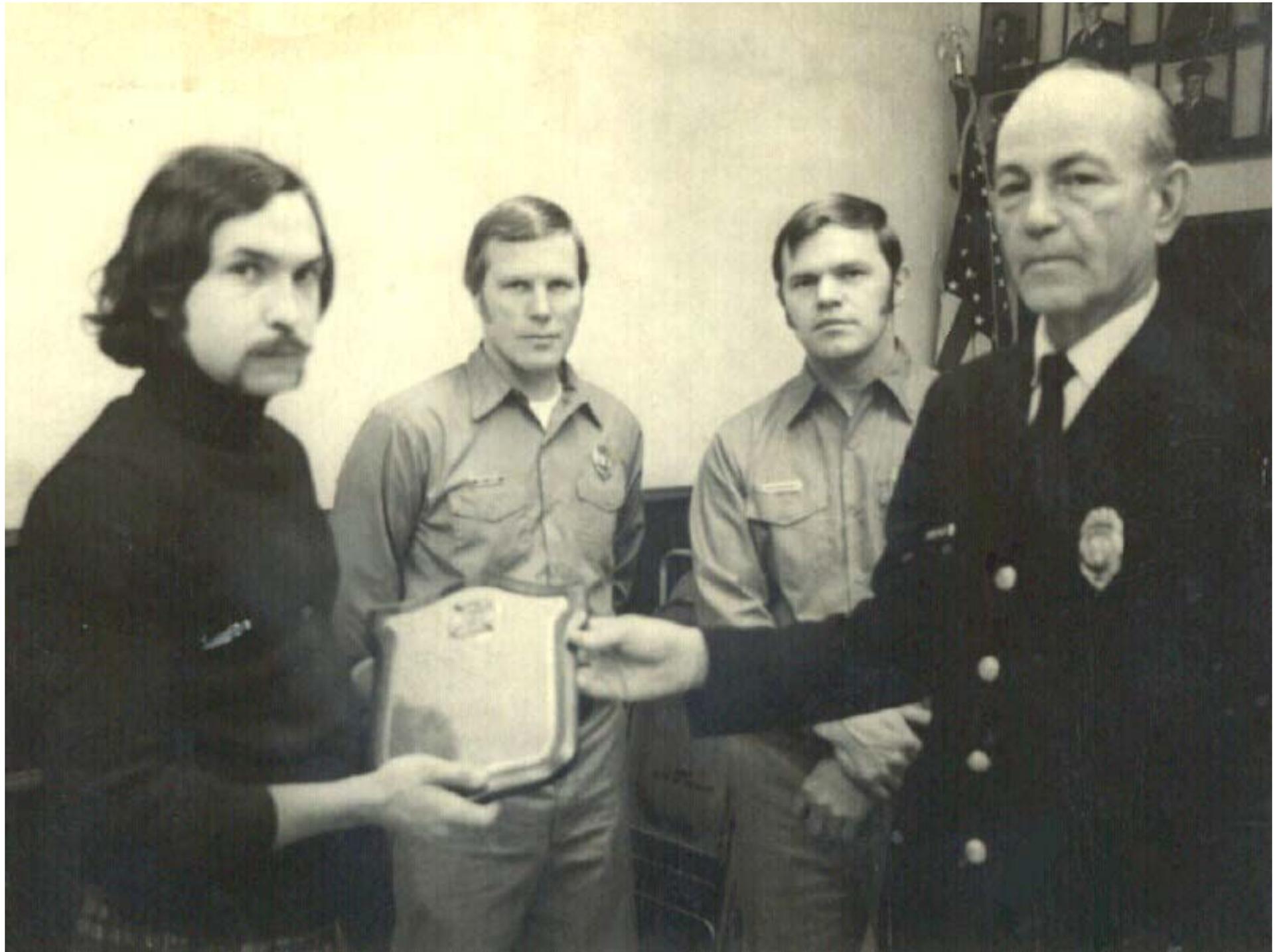




***Community
Involvement***

























Professional Associations

The Fire Department is an active member of the North Suburban Regional Mutual Aid Association.

With Coon Rapids & SBM Fire Departments, the department operates the State's North Metro Chemical Awareness Team.



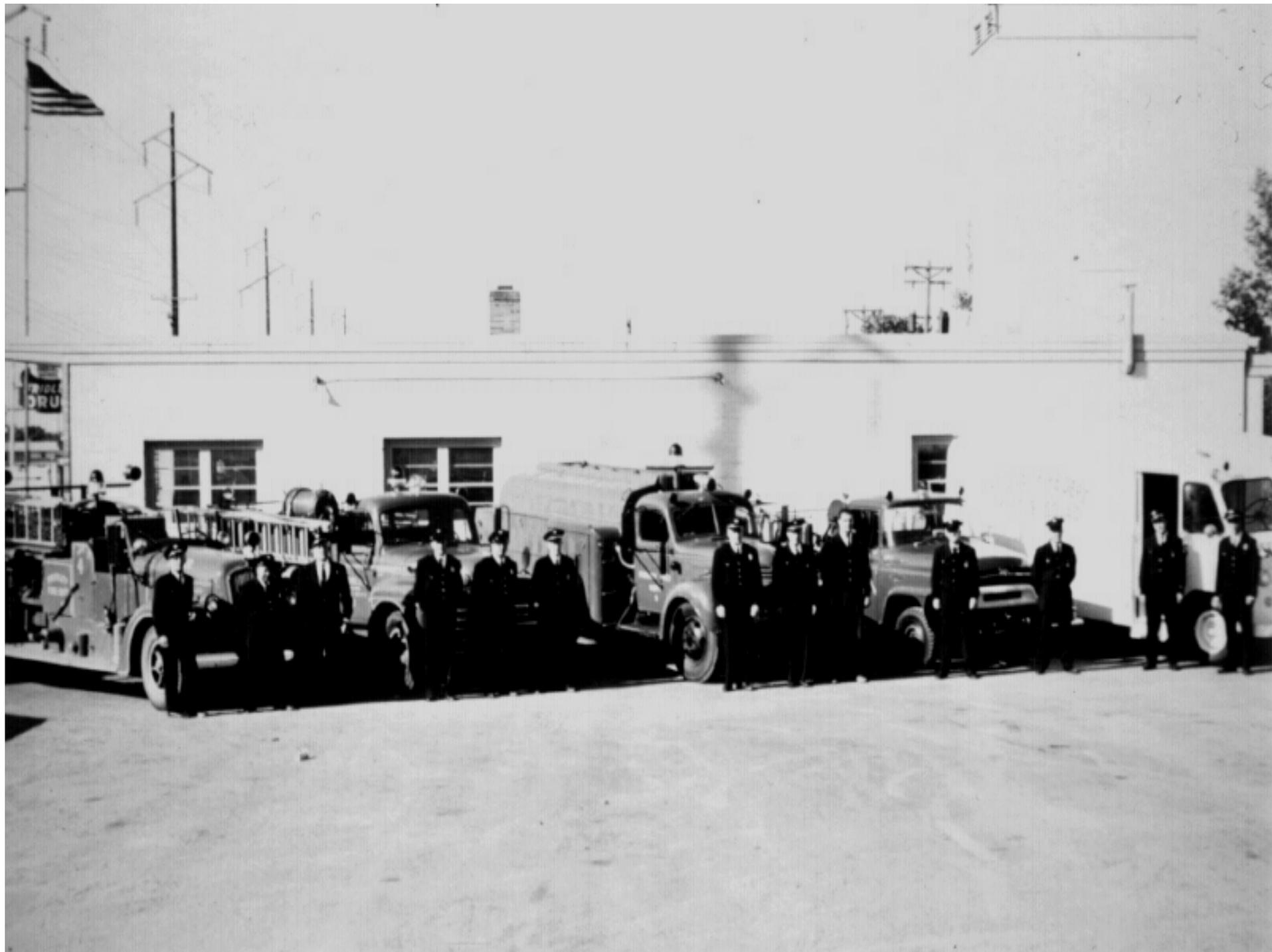


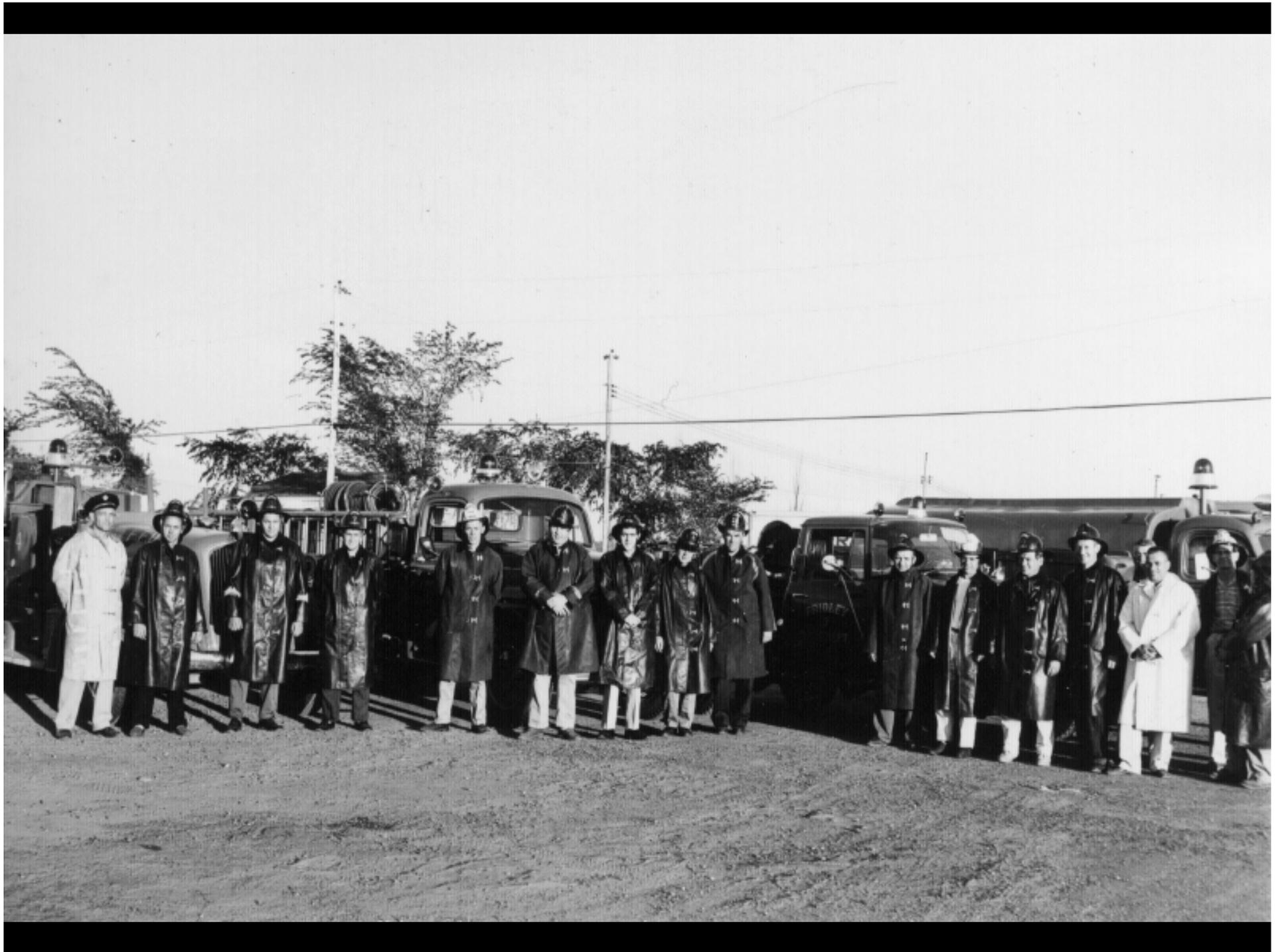






***Apparatus
and
Stations***











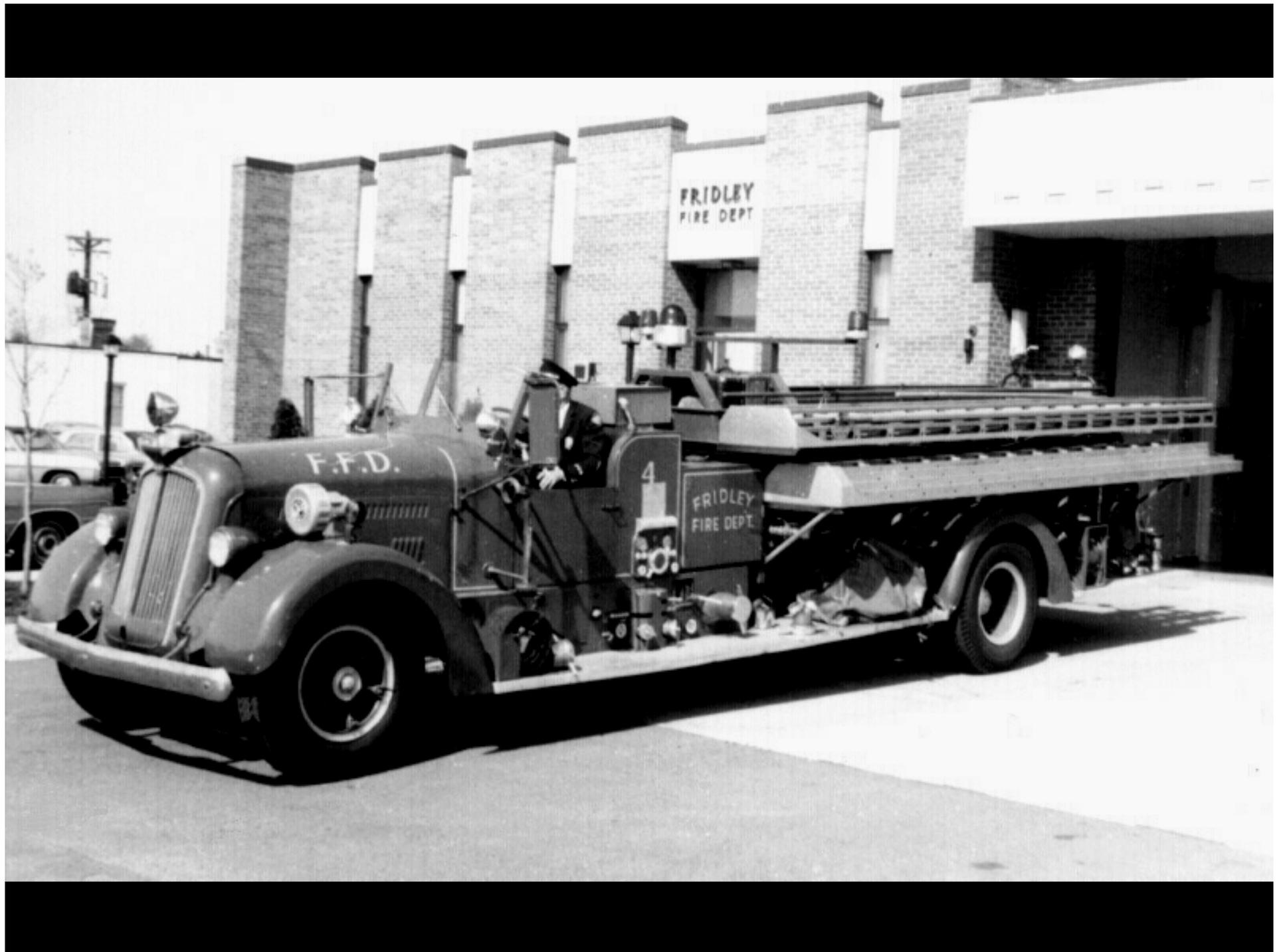






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**Prepared and presented by the
Fridley Fire Department as a tribute
to all the men and women who have
served the City of Fridley as
firefighters and continue to make our
community a safe place to live and
work.**

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