

July 25th was the official opening of the new station #1, located at 700 Cottage St., Shorewood, IL 60404.

Chaplin Rev. George Klima opened the ceremony with a prayer and blessing of the station.

Chief Engledow welcomed everyone. Stating the new building is home to our administration, inspection bureau, training offices and is capable of housing 8 personnel.

Chief introduced the 5 trustees, President Schwartz, Secretary Barrowman, Treasurer Muentnich, Trustee Krabbe, and Trustee Scheidt and recognized the commitment of previous President Ken Bottomley on the project. Chief thanked Deputy Chief Doyle for his support and work, administrative assistant Deb Krut for her long hours and dedication to the department. Chief thanked his family for their support during his career.

Fire station was designed by Architect Greg Lyons and Engineered by Chamlin & Associates. Project and Construction was done by Vissering and special recognition to Project Manager JD Skaggs and Construction Site manager Bill Grzeskiewicz.

Chief acknowledge the Sheridan family which was present, Donna, Diane, Patti, Kerry and Colin. Kerry was with the Department since its conception in 1955 till his death in 2008. Chief Sheridan started the planning for the new station.

A special **thank you** to the three bagpipers that honored the ceremony, Bryan Ogrizovich (Joliet Fire/past Troy Fire) John Raschke (Itasca Fire & Shorewood resident) and John Gritsik (Frankfort Fire/past Troy Fire). They did a beautiful job.



The official dedication was done in firehouse tradition by uncoupling the fire hose which was held by Officers, firemen, Chaplin Klima, and the five Trustees.



All attending were able to tour the fire house.

