

ENGINE 78

Very early in their history proudly posing in front of former quarters on present site before 1915. Company was organized here in 1894 and remained here until preparations for new house got under way in 1915. They then moved to temporary quarters in a public garage at Halsted & Melrose Sts for some seven months and returned here across from the famous Wrigley Field the Home of the Chicago Cubs.

Circa 1914

(Art Schubert)



ENGINE 89

The expandable northwestside company, organized here in Mayfair, at 4456 North Knox Avenue (46 TH Ct) then, in 1892, later in 1936, to move to a temporary building at Tripp and Belleplaine Avenues with Engine 69 until a new house was completed on original site in Knox Avenue by WFA. In the fabulous '50's it was deemed necessary that a superhighway to relieve much of traffic on main arteries would be constructed and the fairly new WFA building would have to be vacated and razed to make way for the future. And so February 1, 1954, Engine 89 moved to new house at 3945 Peterson Avenue with Truck 56. Squad 11 who had shared Knox Avenue house of 89 remained there alone until 1956, when they moved to Engine 108 and the WFA house became history.

Circa 1929

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