



On Feb 2, 1960, new and spacious quarters opened here at 546 West Division St in Old Towne for ENG 4 and 27 and AMBULANCE 11 which combined companies located in separate houses in the area.



Covering the worlds 2 ND largest air strip are units here at O'HARE FIELD, which include ENG 10, Crash 2 and 3, Chemical 3, Pressure Fog 3, AMB 16, and the 25 TH Battalion, opened on May 4, 1962.



To embrace new architectural beauty to a changing neighborhood this building was opened on July 2, 1962, for ENGINE 14 and TRUCK 19 the 5 TH Battalion and special units in the section of West Town at the busy intersection of Milwaukee & Chicago Avenues(1129 W, Chicago Ave)



After PATROL 5 was disbanded in 1959, the city bought this building 1044 Orleans St for "special services" and is now quarters for the SNORKEL SQUAD NO. 1 which organized in late 1962.



The old makes way for the new in picture at left of CHICAGO's former Drill School at 718 Vernon Park Place which in its day also served as Repair Shops and later as quarters for ENG 7 who had been disbanded from house at 636 Blue Island Avenue on Dec 31, 1925, and were re-organized here on May 23, 1927, but were disbanded again on Aug 29, '31. ENG 7 re-organized at 4911 Belmont Av on April 1, 1933, and this building went on to be Drill School until late 1958, when it was vacated and razed for the Danial Ryan Expressway. Drill School then moved to former quarters of Insurance Patrol 5 at 1044 Orleans St until (bettem) new Fire Academy was was dedicated May 1, 1961. The new Academy has become the finest meand of instruction CHICAGO firefighters have ever had here at 558 W. DeKoven St, which is site of beginning of the Great Fire of Oct 8, and 9, 1871.



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May 4, 1960