

## Sanford Station 2, 1955

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From the October 1955 issue of *Hose & Nozzle* magazine comes this 1950 Mack pumper pictured at Sanford Station 2 at [1300 S. Horner Boulevard](#). An accompanying articles says SFD had four paid and 29 volunteer members. Station 1 housed a 1945 American LaFrance quad and a 1925 ALF pumper. Station 2 housed the Mack and an ALF reserve unit. The city had 88 street boxes, and locations were announced by air horn. The full-time drivers proceeded to the scene, and were met by the arriving firemen. Click to enlarge:



*Hose & Nozzle photo*

Station 2 was built in 1948 and relocated in 1977 to 2220 Woodland Avenue. The old station presently serves as an antique store. Here's what it looked like a couple years ago:



I remember that air horn well. As a kid, mom would call, but I'd never go in for lunch until I heard the 12:00 test. I remember many times, playing outside, I'd hear the air horn blast out a box code, then run inside to look up the box location on the back page of the city phone book, hoping it was one within bicycle distance. I did realize my dream later, serving a VFD for several years. Maybe called to service by that old air horn?

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