

UPDATED: Historic Firehouses of Louisville

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For your Monday morning historical enjoyment, here's an armchair tour of **historic and former firehouse of Louisville**. Twenty-eight (!) fire station buildings aged 50 years or more. (Didn't find any buildings less than 50 years of age, that were former fire department facilities.) Some active, though Engine 7 in their 1871 quarters closed in 2009. They know as or were believed to be the oldest continuously operating firehouse at the time. Source was their 2004 history book. Corrections welcome, as the companies histories are a bit convoluted. Lots of engines and trucks merged into quads, then split again, then merged again as quints. We'll add Louisville to our travel destinations. Google Street View photos for now.











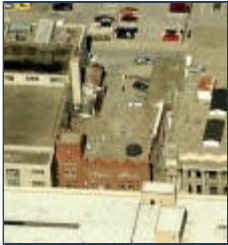








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Let's take an armchair tour of Louisville's historic firehouses, shall we? Seventeen such structures, dating as early as a church built in 1848 and converted to a fire station in 1969. Several are still active, though their current assignments are not indicated. Source for the properties, build dates, and some descriptions is this [National Register of Historic Places submission document](#). Source for photos is Google Maps and Bing Maps. Looks like a great travel destination to me! [Learn more about LFD.](#)

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<p>Hook & Ladder Co. #2 221 S. Hancock St.</p>	<p>1848 (as church) 1869 (opened)</p>		<p>Steam Engine Co. #20 1330 Bardstown Rd.</p>	<p>1900</p>	
<p>Steam Engine Co. #7 821 S. 6th St. Active</p>	<p>1871</p>		<p>Steam Engine Co. #18 2600 S. 4th St. Active</p>	<p>1904</p>	
<p>Steam Engine Co. #11 1122 Rogers</p>	<p>1883</p>		<p>Steam Engine Co. #21 1761 Frankfort Ave. Active</p>	<p>1907-08</p>	

				
Steam Engine Co. #10 1419 E. Washington	1873 (typo? 1883? 1893?)		Engine Co. #8 725 S. 13th Street	1915 
Hook & Ladder Co. #3 Frankfort Ave. and Pope, northeast corner Active	1890		Steam Engine Co. #22 3627 W. Broadway	1915 
Steam Engine Co. #4 1024 Logan St.	1890		Steam Engine Co. #20 1735 Bardstown Road Active	1917 
Hook & Ladder Co. #4 2301 Jefferson St.	1890		Hook & Ladder Co. #5 1824 Garland Ave. Active	1910 
Steam Engine Co. #2 / Old HQ 617-621 W. Jefferson St.	1891		Engine Co. 13 100 N. 34th Street	1924? 
Steam Engine Co. #3 802-4 E. Main	1893		Engine Co. 23 501 Ashland Avenue Active	1927? 
Steam Engine Co. #4 1614 W. Main St.	1894		Fire Department HQ 1135 W. Jefferson St. Active	1936 
Engine Co. #15 1328 S. Preston Street	1896?		Quad 5 1150 South 28th Street	1937? 

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Engine Co. #16 1509 S. 6th Street	1896?		Engine Co. 9 417 E. Breckinridge Street Active	1946 

your website listed for Louisville Fire Department is wrong. you have listed Louisville, CO.

Greg ([Email](#)) - 09/28/10 - 10:32

Thanks Greg, post corrected.

Legeros - 09/28/10 - 20:21

Updated with five or six more stations, as found in Louisville Fire Department 1858-2004, published by M.T. Publishing. Definitely need to visit that town some time!

Legeros - 09/29/10 - 19:46

I believe we are housed in the oldest continuously active fire station. I work for the City Of Manistee Fire Department in Manistee,MI. We are located at 281 First St. and the station was built in 1888 and has been continuously occupied and used as a fire station since that time. We are on the National Historic Register. I am aware of some stations claiming the same distinction however in researching them further find they are either used for storing spare apparatus or used as museums or not continuously manned. We celebrate our 125th yr of service to our community.Thanks, Fred

Fred LaPoint ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/14/13 - 14:38

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