



# Cutchogue Fire District

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**Proposed Building Renovation**

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## History of Existing Building

▶ 1928-2022



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**Original Building was  
Constructed Around**

**▶ 1928**

Department originally had 1 piece of apparatus in 1928. A second pumper was added in 1930.



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**Over the years it has been added onto several times to increase space needed for ever changing needs of the fire service.**



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**The first addition in the 1940's added 3 truck bays**

This addition has been largely untouched since then.



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**The 1940's addition is far too small for most current apparatus**

Firefighters must exercise extreme care both leaving and entering the building.

The vehicle shown had to be custom designed to fit into this door, adding unneeded expense to the cost of the apparatus.



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- A second addition in the 1970's added 2 truck bays**

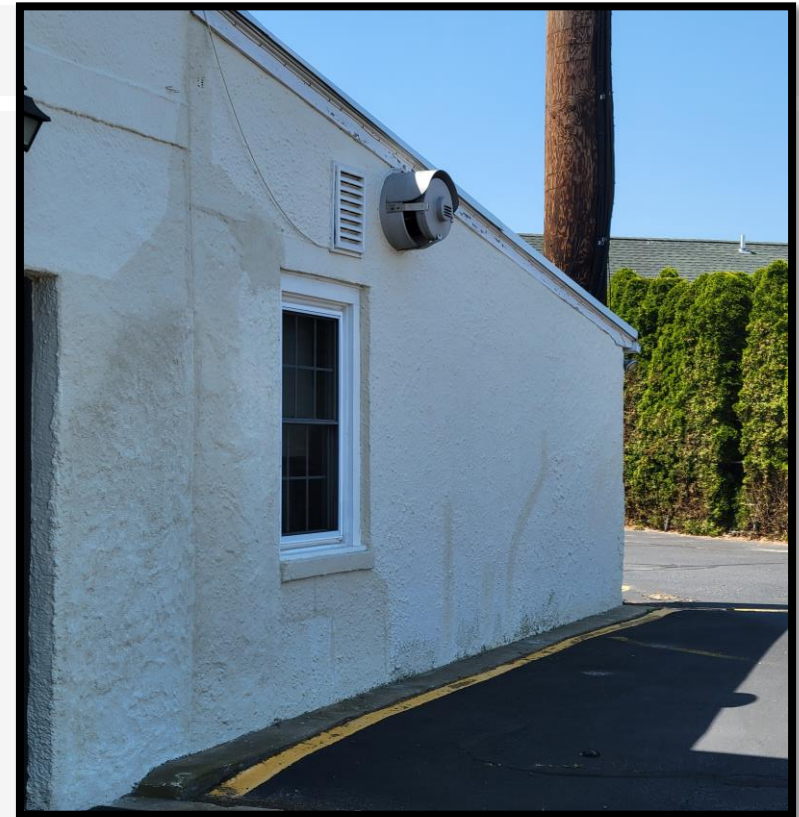
This addition was needed because the size of fire apparatus was increasing and the existing building wouldn't be able to house a new pumper truck that was being purchased.



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**A 3rd addition added a garage space to the rear of the building**

This space was eventually converted to the Commissioners Office where the day to day business of the District is currently conducted.





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**A 4th addition in the 1990's added 2 more bays and a second floor meeting room**



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## Space Issues Vehicle Placement

- ▶ Currently 2 response vehicles are housed in a building located on District property across the street from the main firehouse. This is a potential problem with responding members reporting to 2 different buildings. Also member turnout gear is stored in the main firehouse only.



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## Space Issues Members responding

- ▶ Member turnout gear is stored on racks alongside apparatus creating a potentially dangerous situation when members are “gearing up” along side vehicles that could be moving



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## Ambulance Service

At the time the Fire Department was formed ambulance service was not provided. While

- ▶ Cutchogue FD had one of the first organized rescue squads in the 1930's. Ambulance service was not provided until the 1990's. Rescue calls now make up around 75% of the Departments call volume.



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## Ambulance Service

Along with the increased number of calls as a result of running an ambulance the District needed allocate additional space for equipment and need related to running an ambulance. A small storage room was converted into a decon room. It doesn't meet the current needs of the Department.





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**Current building does not have required vehicle exhaust ventilation system so members “gearing up” are at times standing next to vehicle exhaust pipes breathing in potentially carcinogen laden fumes.**



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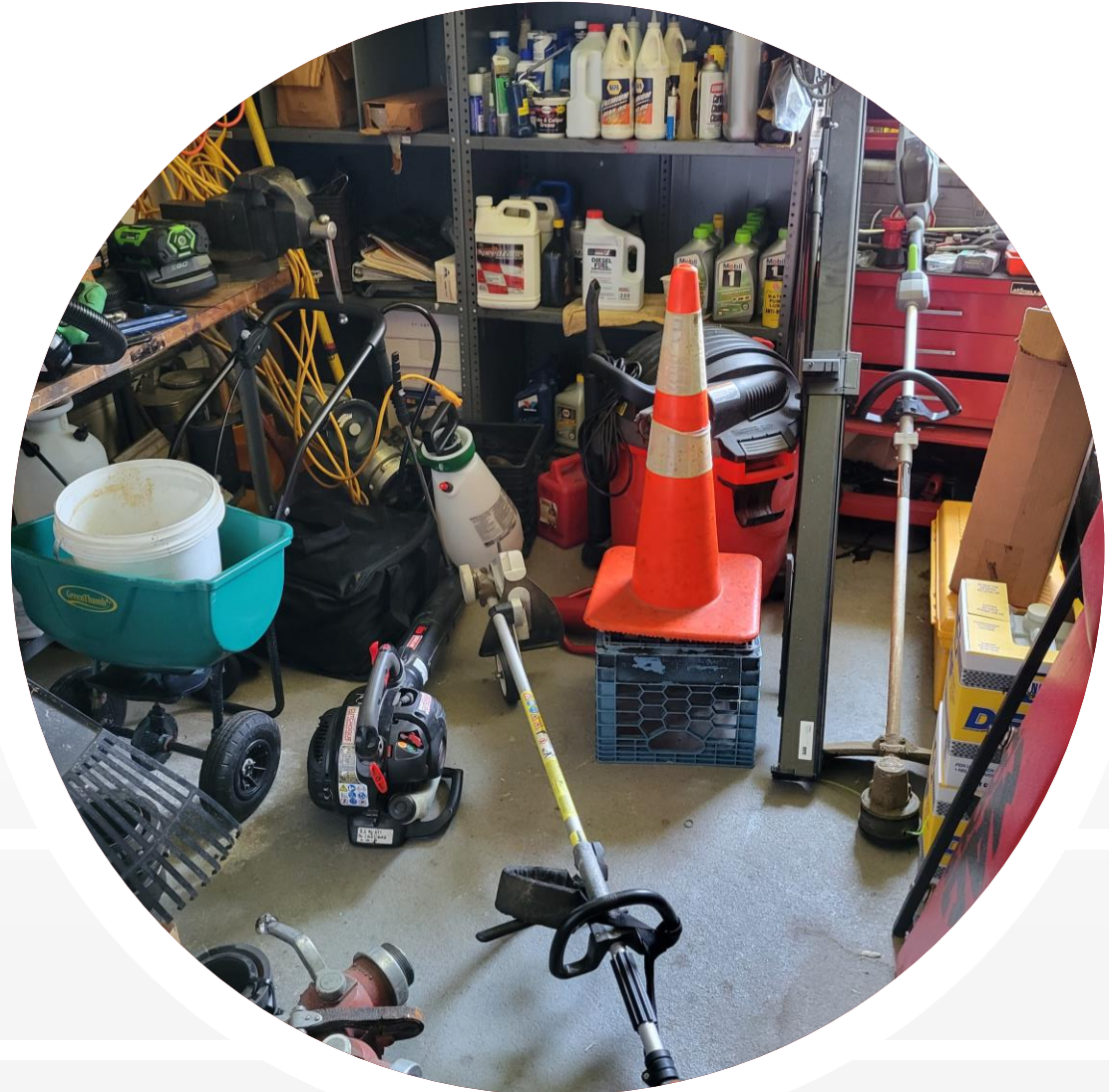
- **Original 1928 section of the building has numerous structural cracks appearing on both the inside and outside of the building**



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## Other Space Issues

- The need to create space needed for newly mandated requirements by both OSHA and the state has forced the District to find storage wherever it can. The picture on the far right is the Firehouse attendant's work shop while the near right shows office supplies and a file cabinet squeezed into hallway.





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- Original 1928 is not handicapped accessible with the Department handling several trip and fall accidents over the past few years.



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## Current Kitchen area

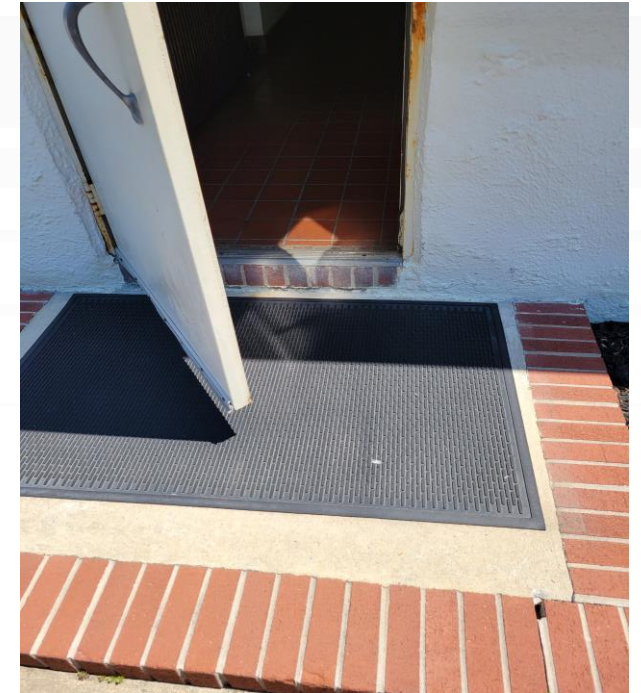
▶ The current kitchen area where meals are prepared for members has no solid separation from the truck bays. This is a potential health code violation.



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## Main Level Restrooms

- The restrooms located on the main level of the firehouse are not handicapped accessible. There is a 3 step rise from inside and a 2 step rise from the outside access. This is problematic especially during events open to the public such as voting, breakfasts, and Chamber of Commerce events.



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## Chief's Office

The Chief's Office is located in a basement room with only one means of exit. Additionally it is located directly under the main level bathrooms which in recent years have become prone to leaking, causing thousands of dollars in damages to both the building and equipment such as radios and pagers stored there in addition to destroying some records stored there.



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## Commissioner's Office

The Commissioner's Office is located in a converted one car garage. 5 commissioners the District Secretary and District Treasurer currently share this space. This results in important and sometimes confidential records being stored in a room shared with the emergency back-up generator for the building.



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# Public Meeting Room

The current public meeting room where meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners as well as fire department meetings take place is located on the second floor of the 1928 portion of the building. It is accessed by a set of stairs or a lift chair mounted to the side of the stairway.



# THANK YOU!



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