

# HISTORY OF NAMPA'S FIRE DEPARTMENT



**April 17, 1891**

A municipal government was formed and the Town of Nampa incorporated.

**September 1891**

Nampa's first fire station was formed! It was a single story, one room wooden building. Located on the front was the bell tower and it was called the "Engine House".



**July 3, 1890**

Idaho becomes the 43rd state admitted to the union.

**1892**

The first fire engine was purchased for \$1,000 dollars in yearly payments of \$40 and drawn by horses. At this time Nampa's population was only 600 people.

**1907**

Nampa's population is approximately 1,000 people and the town was divided into four response areas. The first station was claimed to be "the most valuable asset" in the city.



**January 1, 1927**

L.T. Lessinger accepted the position as the 6th Fire Chief of Nampa and was one of Nampa's finest fire chiefs. He is credited with making many advancements and innovations to the Nampa Fire Department.



**December 1915**

The City of Nampa purchased a Federal Motor Fire Apparatus to replace the horse drawn engine. Stayed in service until July of 1936.



**1934**

The Nampa Rural Fire Association was formed and included charging farmers for fire protection. Almost 10 years later, Nampa Rural Fire Association became one of the earliest locals in Idaho and the nation.

**1958**

Station 1 opens. Nampa received approval from the FCC to use 2-way radios for fire service.



**1961**

Nampa receives first snorkel truck (a ladder truck with a on board water), the first in Idaho.



**1998**

Station #3 opened, bringing in the largest recruit class to date of 13 new members!

**1996**

Station #2 opened



**2009**

Nampa receives first aerial platform truck

**2007**

Nampa Fire station #5 opened. Since that time, our population has significantly increased and our calls for service has risen from 6,000 to now over 10,000 calls a year.

**2014**

Completed construction of the live fire training building located at 300 W. Railroad



**2019**

Nampa replaces engines 2 and 3 and new engines.



**2020**

Nampa purchases two new apparatus: a new engine 4 and ladder/quint 5.



**November 2018**

Squad 1 - a rapid response and advanced life support vehicle - is added to the NFD deployment model.



**1911**

Nampa's fourth Fire Chief. E.R. Campbell, was the first paid chief, earning \$60/month.

