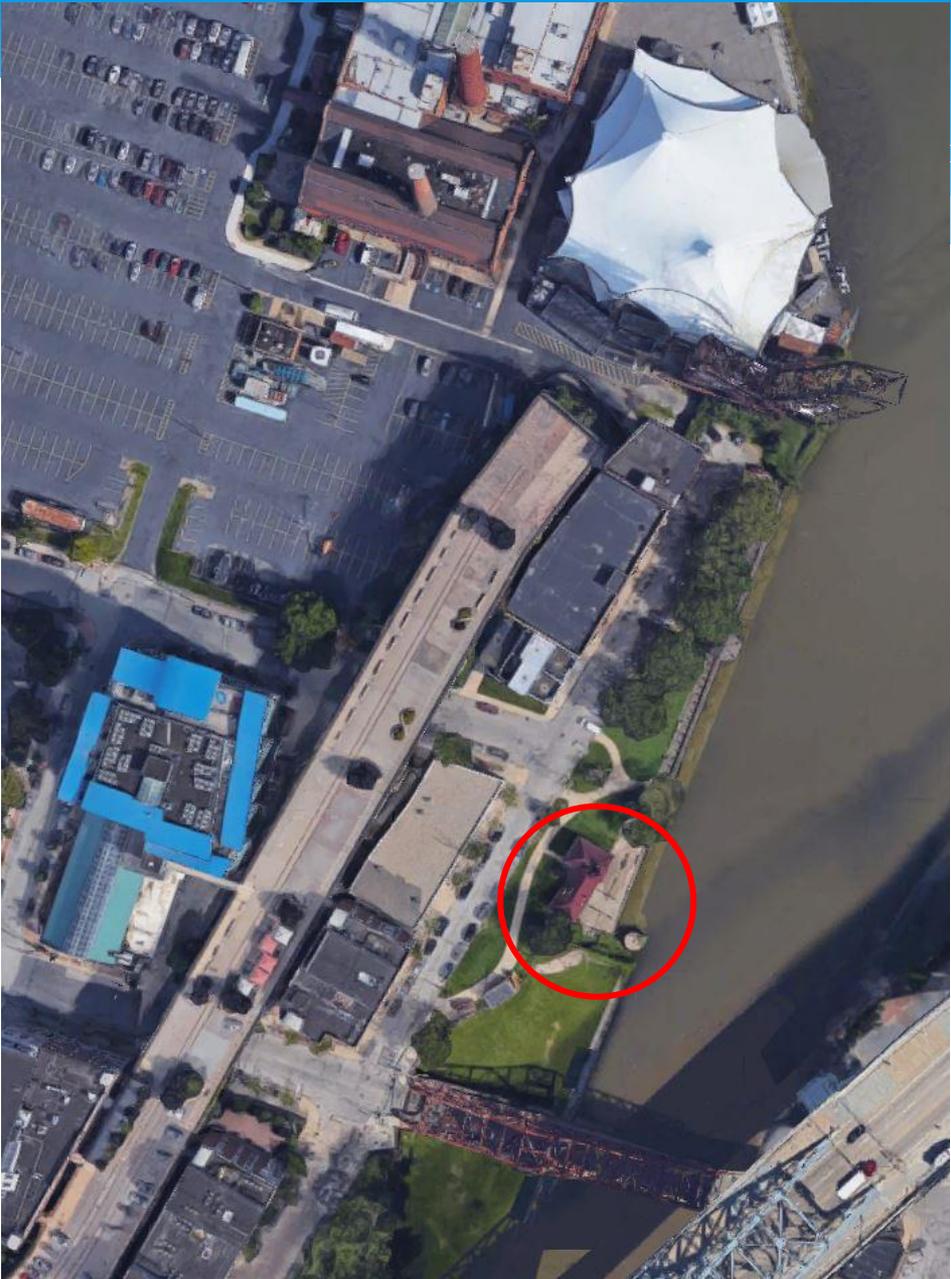


# CLEVELAND LANDMARK NOMINATION

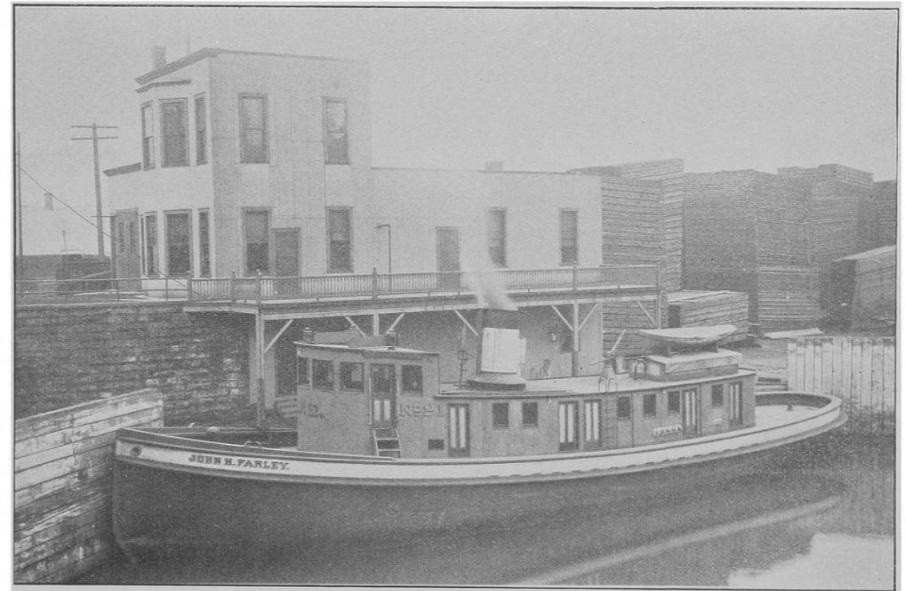
FORMER CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RIVERBED  
ACADEMY (aka FORMER CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ENGINE COMPANY 15 FIREBOAT STATION)

1283 RIVERBED STREET



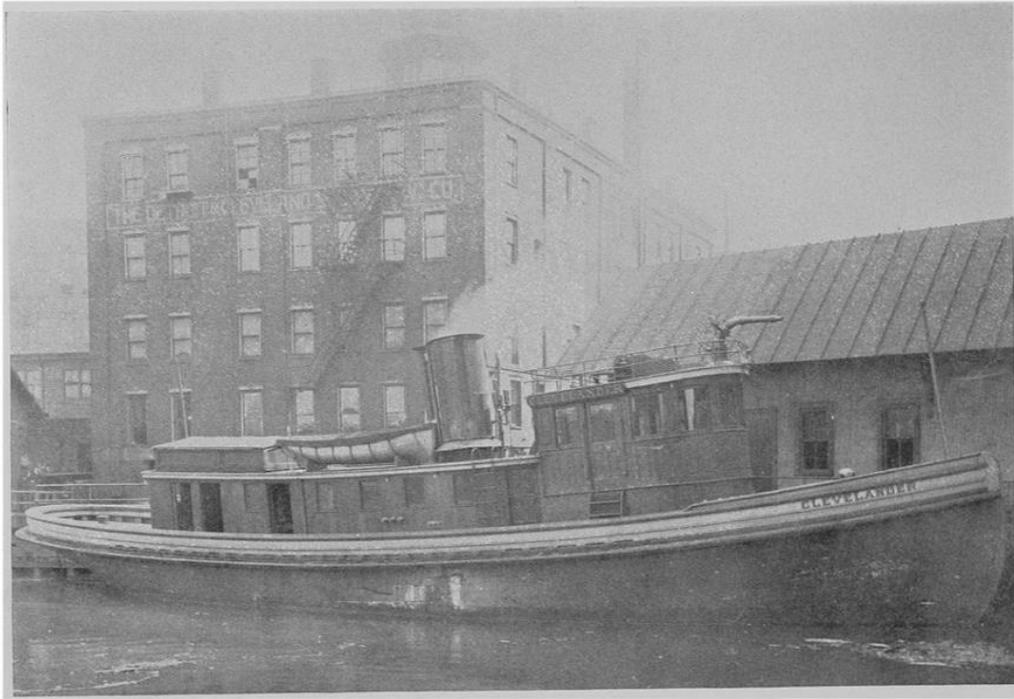
# Fireboat History

- \* September 7, 1884 – Largest Fire in the City's history
- \* September 21, 1884- Multiple arson fires in lumber district
- \* These events call attention to the need for a fireboat
- \* 1886 – First Fireboat launched
- \* 1894 – Second Fireboat launched

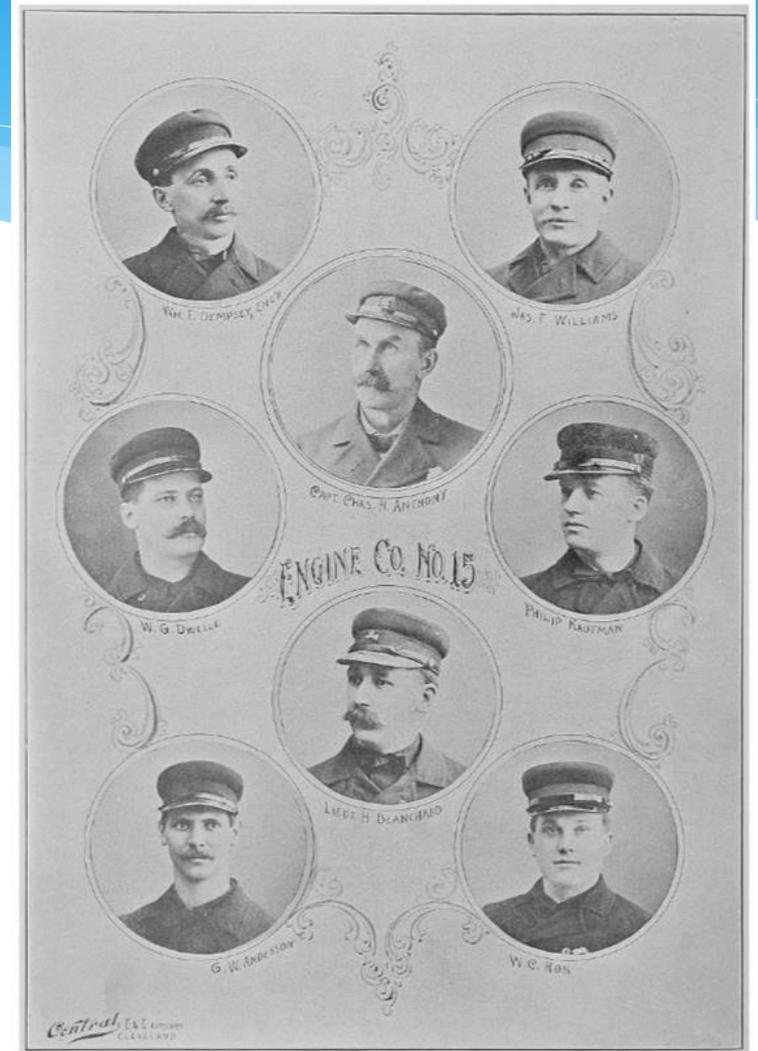
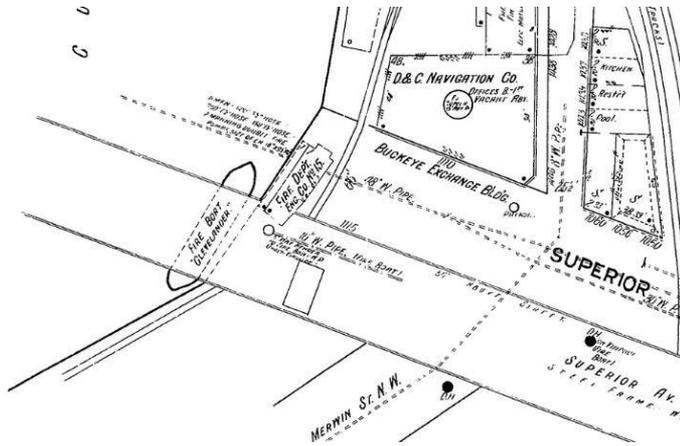


FIRE BOAT "JOHN H. FARLEY," ENGINE COMPANY No. 21.

# Engine Company 15



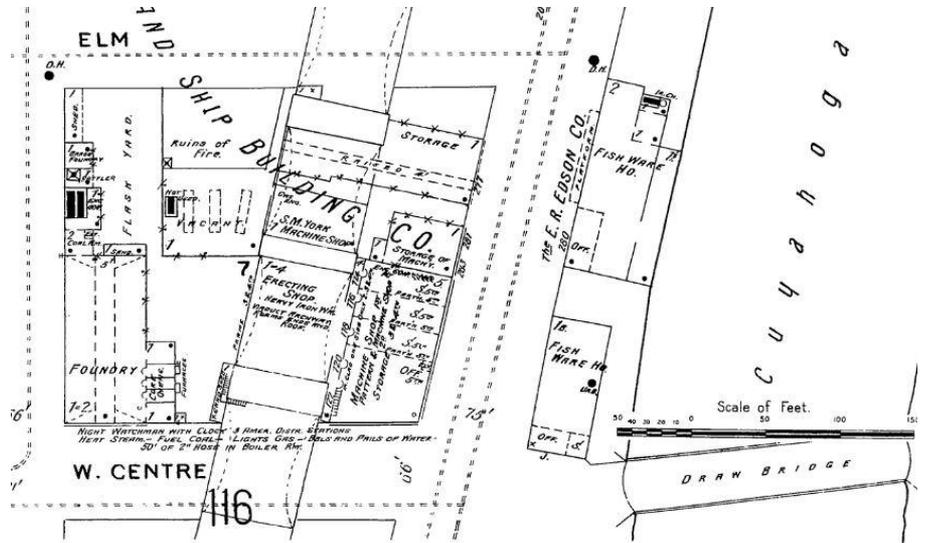
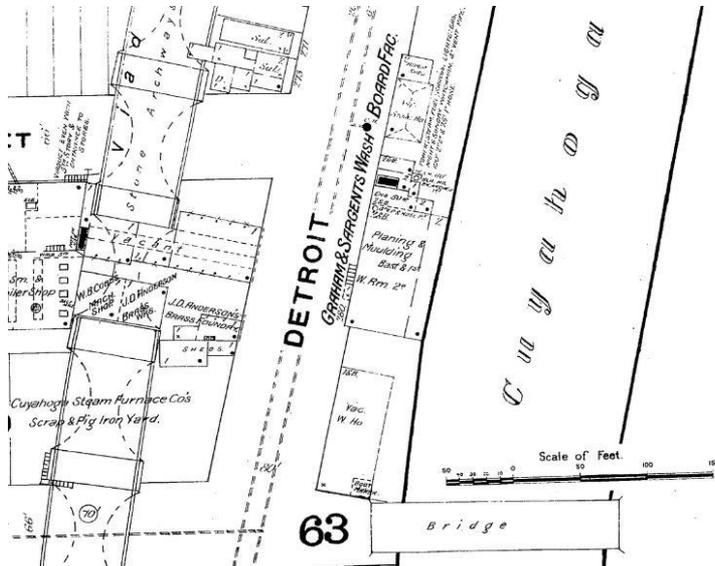
FIRE BOAT "CLEVELANDER," ENGINE COMPANY No. 15.



# Engine Company 15



# Land History



# HISTORY

- \* The City of Cleveland obtained the property from Florence and William Boardman for \$35,000 in February 1899
- \* “A new house for the crew of fireboat Engine Co. 15 was finished late in 1920 (occupied January 1921) at 1283 Riverbed Road on the west bank of the Cuyahoga. Prior to that time, the crew had quarters and a workshop further up the river.” – *The Cleveland Fire Department Commemorative Book*.



1925, Courtesy of the Western Reserve Fire Museum

# History

February 11, 1934 - the boat was taken out of service considered inoperable. The City did not have money to replace it and company disbanded. Station vacated by fire department.

December 1935 – Eliot Ness hired as the City Safety Director



# History

From 1937 until 1952 it was known as the "Riverbed Academy"

First classes for the newly created traffic-safety program initiated including field sobriety testing and accident investigations

On June 15, 1937 the first formal police training class started in the building

## POLICE SCHOOL UP TO NESS' NEW AID

**Task Set for Chamberlin  
When Next Contingent of  
Rookies Arrives**

Details of the establishment of the projected police training school will be one of the first administrative duties of Robert W. Chamberlin, 36, appointed yesterday as secretary to Safety Director Eliot Ness, the director said last night.

Appointment of a group of police recruits within the next few weeks will signal the opening of the new school, which has been planned for several months, in the old fire station in the Flats, which housed the crew of the fire tug George A. Wallace.

## NESS TALKS WITH CHIEF OF G-MEN

**Discusses City's Problems,  
Training of Policemen  
With Hoover.**

Safety Director Eliot Ness conferred in Washington yesterday with J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the United States Department of Justice, on "Cleveland problems," Ness said on his return here last night.

Ness said one result of the conference was an agreement that Cleveland would send a representative to the third police training school conducted by the department this summer.

"A class of 25 or 30 men from police departments of the country is trained in the latest police methods," he said. "The class lasts three months. After the training the representative is available as a contact man between his department and federal men or with representatives of other departments."

"It's a way of establishing a national police system."

## FINISHES POLICE COURSE

**Cleveland Lieutenant Completes  
Class Held by G-Men.**

A Clevelander, Lieut. Patrick Lenahan of the Sixth Precinct, Broadway S. E. and E. 55th Street, was one of a number of police officers throughout the country who completed a twelve-week course yesterday at the National Police Academy, conducted by the federal bureau of investigation at Washington. Diplomas were presented by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau.

Selected to attend the school by Safety Director Eliot Ness, Lieut. Lenahan studied the most modern methods of crime detection and police administration. He was ap-

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1937.

## 'MURDER ROOM' IS READY FOR ROOKIES

**Police Academy Open Today  
to Teach Police Science**

BY RALPH KELLY

The most ambitious attempt ever made in the city to train young policemen for their jobs will be begun this morning at the newly-established Police Academy in the old fire tug quarters at 1282 Riverbed Avenue S. W., in the Flats.

Twenty recruits appointed yesterday by Safety Director Eliot Ness will begin a three-month course in everything pertaining to their work, including a series of lectures on

psychiatry by Dr. Louis J. Karnosh of City Hospital.

Mayor Harold H. Burton, Director Ness, Robert W. Chamberlin, his secretary, and 30 or more political, business and civic figures will attend the inauguration of the academy at 10:30 this morning.

"Murder Room" Ready

Included in the physical equipment of the building is a "murder room" with a department store dummy as the corpse, in which powers of observation of embryo detectives will be trained and tested, officers said.

Included also are ballistics, fingerprint and photographic laboratories. In charge of the school is Lieut. Patrick E. Lenahan, who was assigned last year by Ness to attend the school of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will be assisted by other officers and department specialists.

Courses will include lectures on federal and state laws and city ordinances by Lenahan, Assistant County Prosecutor John P. Butler,

Chief Police Prosecutor Perry A. Frey; J. P. McFarland, in charge of the F. B. I. bureau here; Michael J. Collegeman of the federal narcotics squad in this district and William J. Harper, chief of the United States Secret Service Bureau here. They will also include courses on psychiatry by Dr. Karnosh, on psychology by Dr. A. Caswell Ellis, head of Cleveland College, on fluid analyses, determination of death and autopsy by County Coroner Samuel H. Gerber.

Ness yesterday told the recruits that the Police Academy gave them a better opportunity than classes which preceded them.

"Don't be badge conscious," Ness also told them. "The normal reaction to assumption of authority is to feel superior to the man on the street. Remember that the minute you put on a police uniform you have much less liberty than before."

Ness also announced promotions of August F. Caka and John L. Weiss to captain and Anthony A. Cerba, Louis H. Hoover, Elbert H. Smith and James H. Finnerty to

lieutenant. Promoted to sergeantcies were Martin P. Cooney, Walter Aufmuth, Joseph H. Munley, George P. Lucas, Clyde R. Kuntz and Michael J. McCarthy.

The new patrolmen are:  
George Svechla, 11020 Harvard Avenue S. E.; James H. Lumber, 1510 Crawford Road S. E.; Richard E. Wagner, 3445 W. 50th Street; Alfred J. Weber, 4125 E. 120th Street; Richard G. Ford, 11101 Fortune Avenue S. W.; Ernest J. Hauschild, 1505 E. 82d Street; John J. Strople, 11919 Crowell Avenue S. E.; James K. Dodge, 785 E. 88th Street; Louis J. MacGover, 8215 Lakewood Avenue N. E.; John P. Moran, 3470 E. 103d Street; Theodore Napper, 4159 E. 81st Street; Stephen R. Kraneck, 17503 Lakewood Avenue S. W.; Thomas E. White, 10301 Colonial Avenue N. E.; Thomas A. Quicquy, 618 E. 109th Street; Joseph J. Sarana, 14021, Darwin Avenue S. E.



Courtesy of the Cleveland Police Museum

# History

- \* Also served as the Harbormaster's office
- \* Renovated for use as a fire station in 1954 and re-established Fireboat Engine Co. 15
- \* January 1964 – Company disbanded and property vacated
- \* 1972 – Long Shore Sailboats
- \* 1974 – International Longshoreman's Association
- \* 1980 – Part of Heritage Park II
- \* 1986 – Flats Oxbow Association
- \* 2011 – Vacant



1938, Courtesy of the Cleveland Police Museum



1939, Courtesy of the Western Reserve Fire Museum



February 1939, Courtesy of the Cleveland Police Museum



*John P. Nantell - 4th from left, Elliot Ness - black tie - center*

Courtesy of the Cleveland Police Museum



1946, Courtesy of the Cleveland Police Museum



1995, Courtesy of the Western Reserve Fire Museum

# Current Conditions









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