



ENGINE 33

In 1977, the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge, connecting Calvert County with St. Mary's County, was opened.

During the late 1970's, space in the station was becoming a problem, because of the equipment the department had on its roster. The volume of calls was also increasing. The company approved the purchase of 7.5 acres of land at the corner of Dowell Road and Rt. 765 and started construction on a 4-bay station that was placed in operation on February 22, 1980.

To round out the 1970's, a new Ford C8000/Pierce pumper with a 750 gpm and a 1000 gallon tank was placed in service in 1977, as Engine 34.

During the 1980's two more pieces of equipment were added to the department's fleet. The first was a new Chevy K30/Pierce mini-pumper featuring a 475 gpm pump and a 300 gallon water tank, designated Engine 35. In 1984 a new Ford F-350/Saulsbury brush unit, featuring a 250 gpm pump and a 200 gallon water tank was placed in service as Brush 3 and later changed to BX-3 when it was assigned to the sub-station.

The 1990's brought about some major changes to both, the station and the apparatus fleet.

The department's first custom built units were placed in service in 1990.

Truck 3 is an E-One Hurricane 110' aerial ladder truck that was placed in service and is still in service today. Engine 31, was an E-One Cyclone Pumper featuring a 1500 gpm pump with a 750 gallon water tank and 50 gallon foam cell.

One year later, in 1991 the department added two additional bays along with office space for the department's officers and a training room.

Another E-One unit was placed in service in 1991. It was an E-One Cyclone Engine/Tanker featuring a 1500 gpm pump with a 2000 gallon water tank and 50 gallon foam cell.

In 1991 a 3-acre piece of land on Little Cove Road, was purchased and a 2-bay sub-station was built. The sub-station improved the response time in the northern portion of the department's first due area.

In 1993 a second E-One Cyclone pumper featuring a 1250 gpm pump with a 1000 gallon water tank and 50 gallon foam cell was placed in service, as Engine 34. This unit is still in service today and is housed at the sub-station.

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TRUCK 3



AMBULANCE 38



FIRE BOAT 3



BRUSH 3