



Dedication of
FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 1
NEW FIRE STATION
August 10, 1980
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**BRIEF HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP FIRE
COMPANY NO. 1 OF MOUNT JOY**

Mount Joy was incorporated into a borough on February 10, 1851. It was but a short time later that Friendship Fire Company No. 1 was organized by a group of community minded citizens. The fine community organization was formed on January 27, 1868 and chartered by the County of Lancaster on September 27, 1869.

The first home for the company was a one story stone hall, located where the post office now stands. This building housed the equipment until 1894 when the Market Street quarters were completed. Additions were added to this building in the early 1940's and 1950's.

The first equipment consisted of a Spider hose carriage and a Button and Blake hand pumper. Two additional Jumper carriages were added in 1870 and 1880, the first one constructed by the Landis Coach Works of Mount Joy. In 1909 a four cylinder gasoline operated Waterous pumper was placed in service. In 1914 a ladder truck and chemical cart was placed in service; the chemical cart was built by William Shickley of Mount Joy. The first motorized equipment arrived in Mount Joy in early 1920. Through the years the motorized equipment was updated and replaced with larger apparatus to keep pace with the growth of the community.

The late Kauffman T. Keller, a Mount Joy man and president of Chrysler Corporation, donated a 1936 Dodge and later a 1949 Dodge pumper. Larger quarters were needed and on October 6, 1979 ground was broken and on August 10, 1980 the new building was dedicated.