

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Engine Company 6 Fire Station

other names/site number Stewart B. McKinney Shelter

2. Location

street & number 34 Huyshope Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Hartford

N/A vicinity

state Connecticut code CT county Hartford code 003 zip code 06106

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
[X] public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property

- [X] building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Firehouses of Hartford, Connecticut

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

January 10, 1989 Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- [X] entered in the National Register.
See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain):

Signature of the Keeper: Melissa Byers

Entered in the National Register

3/2/89 Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/ fire station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT/other: homeless shelter

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof other: tar and gravel

other sandstone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The firehouse at 34 Huyshope Avenue, formerly the home of Engine Company 6, is located southeast of Hartford's downtown in an industrial area near the Colt Firearms factory. Built in 1938, the two-story brick building was designed in a Moderne style with square massing, a flat roof, and brownstone trim. It is now used as a homeless shelter operated by the City of Hartford.

The foundation of the building is brownstone along the facade, and concrete in the rear. The brown brick walls are interrupted by brick piers with brownstone caps located at the corners of the building and between the three bays of the facade (Photograph 1,2). Bands of brownstone also serve as lintels above the windows and two entrance bays of the facade, and as trim around the watchroom door on the north side. Here, the stone is incised with Art Deco-style detailing (Photograph 3). Above the central window on the facade is a stone plaque marked "Steam Fire Engine No. 6," which originally appeared on the Engine Company's first building at 98 Huyshope Avenue (Photograph 1).

The firehouse retains its original windows - tall bands of metal casements - in groups of two and three along the facade and south side. A three-story square hose tower stands to the rear of the building.

The firehouse is entered via a watchroom on the left side which is separated from the apparatus room by a wood-paneled wall. The apparatus room is a plain rectangular space with brown and tan glazed-brick walls and a concrete floor. On the second floor are three offices with the dormitory and bathrooms behind. The dormitory is lit by a skylight and period light fixtures.

The structural frame of the building is reinforced concrete.

Alterations to the building have been few. The sliding poles were removed when the building was converted to a shelter, a drop ceiling was installed in the second-floor offices, and the entrance bays now have overhead metal doors.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1937-1938

Significant Dates

1937

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hartford Architectural Bureau

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The 34 Huyshope Avenue firehouse displays a high level of integrity in design, materials, setting, and association. A basis on which to evaluate its significance is contained within the associated historic context, "Fire Service in Hartford, 1789-1939."

34 Huyshope Avenue was the second firehouse built for Engine Company 6, organized in 1873. The company's first house, a large brick Italianate building, was damaged by the flood of 1936 and demolished the same year. Company 6, called the "Colt Engine Company" in the 19th century, was one of the first fire companies in the city. The building ceased operation as a firehouse in 1982 when the company was disbanded.

The firehouse was designed by the Hartford Architectural Bureau, supervised by architect Frank W. Whiton. As an agency of the City of Hartford, the Bureau was responsible for the design of two firehouses, this one and the station of Engine Company 5 at 129 Sigourney Street. Both are very similar in style and design, although the design of this station is simpler. It serves as an excellent example of the work of the Bureau and the conservative application of the Moderne style to firehouse design in a time of limited financial resources.

This firehouse meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission, "Firehouses of Harford." It retains its original massing, layout and decorative elements and contains those features characteristic of firehouse design: apparatus room, watchroom, large entrance bays, sleeping quarters, hose tower. The sliding poles were removed when the building was converted to a shelter.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See multiple property form.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately .20 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the City of Hartford Parcel Number 136-004-003.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the property surrounds the building and immediate setting historically associated with the firehouse.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

name/title Janice Elliott and David Ransom / Consultants

organization Connecticut Historical Commission date May 22, 1988

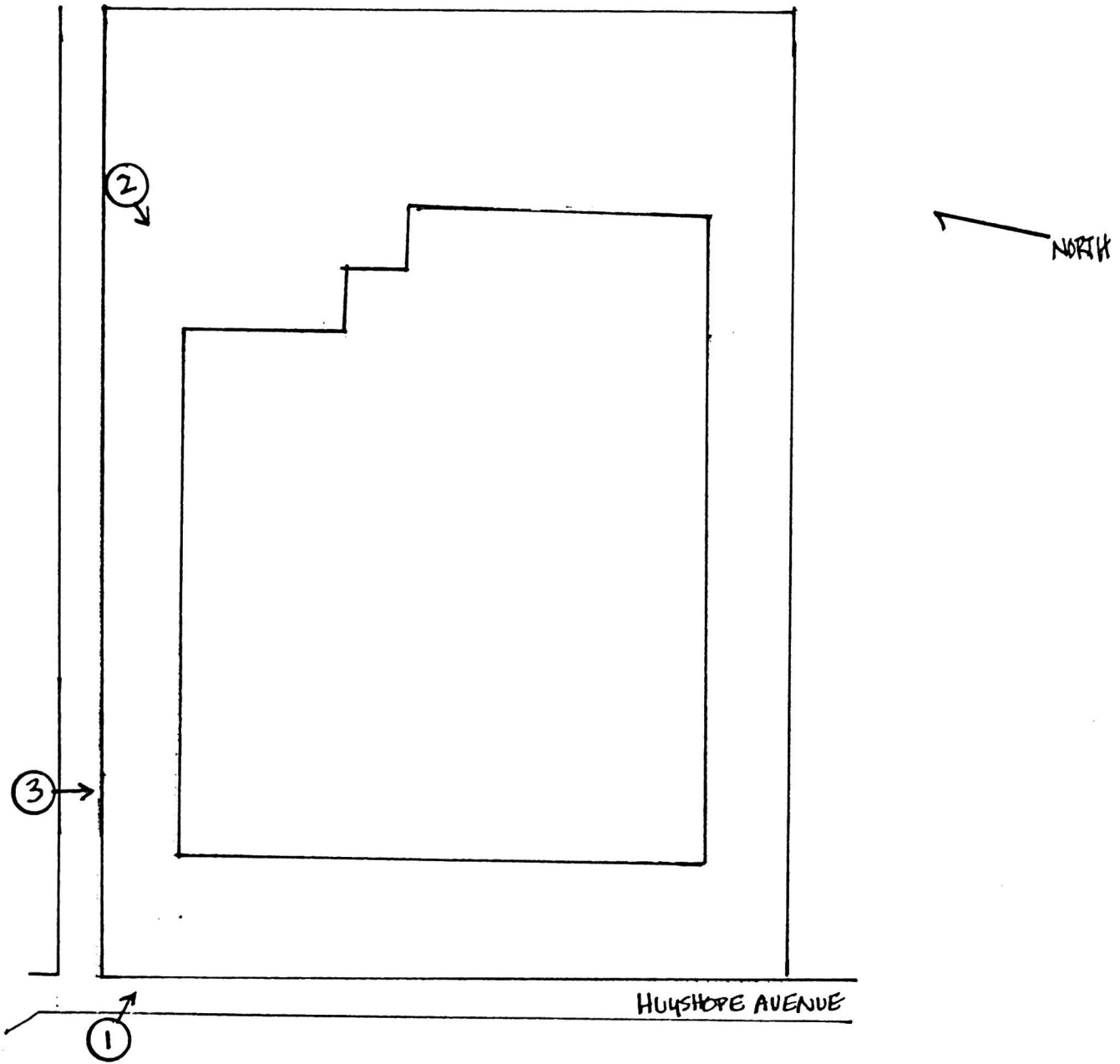
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city or town Hartford state CT zip code 06106

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Continuation Sheet34 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, ConnecticutSection number Photos Page 1Photographs

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>View</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1	34 Huyshope Avenue West and north elevations.	Southeast	
2	34 Huyshope Avenue North and east elevations.	Southwest	
3	34 Huyshope Avenue Detail, watchroom door.	South	



Sketch Map

Engine Company 6 Fire Station
34 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Not to Scale

Photo key:

1/17/89

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Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Firehouses of Hartford MPS

Hartford County, CONNECTICUT

		Date Listed	
COVER	_____	3/2/89	substantive review
1. Engine Company 1 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	substantive review
2. Engine Company 2 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	substantive review
3. Engine Company 6 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	Entered in the National Register
4. Engine Company 9 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	Entered in the National Register
5. Engine Company 15 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	Entered in the National Register
6. Engine Company 16 Fire Station	_____	3/2/89	Entered in the National Register

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Engine Company 6 Fire Station
(Firehouses of Hartford MPS)
Hartford County
CONNECTICUT

Working No. 1/27 187
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 3/3/89
Action: ACCEPT 3/2/89
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

*Discussed at meeting
1/27/89*

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
 _____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



STEAM FIRE
ENGINE NO. 1

HARTFORD

FIRE

DEPT

W. S. & R. S. SHELLEY

NO
PARKING
EXCEPT
FOR
2
HOURS
DAILY
8:00 AM
TO
5:00 PM



The Stewart B. McKinney
SHELTER

Established 1987

City of Hartford

NO. 6



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500077