

December 11, 2023

Dear Community Member,

As an active partner and participant during the process of compiling, illustrating, and honoring the rich and vibrant history of Fire Station #8, you have played an integral part in shaping the construction of the new building. You've shared memories, stories, anecdotes, and most of all, the love and respect that flourished between you, your neighbors, and the tireless dedication of the firefighters who worked, overcame, and achieved so much for and on behalf of the Halls Hill community.

In anticipation of the unveiling of the new fire station, planned for early 2024, the Fire Station #8 History & Legacy Working Group, in partnership with Arlington County's Center for Local History, is seeking your assistance once again. We are asking for your help to collect and compile historical artifacts to be featured in the display cases and public lobby exhibition at the new fire station.

Perhaps you, your family members, and friends have items that could be used to share the compelling story of Fire Station #8. We would love to display your photographs, awards, artifacts, mementos, and more. Items can be donated permanently or on a "temporary loan" basis. Understanding how invaluable and important these cherished artifacts and items are to you, the Center for Local History commits to maintain all donations with care, due diligence, and utmost concern for their safekeeping.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this effort. We never would have been able to have accomplished the work we've achieved thus far without your assistance, and we look forward to continued partnerships as we go forward. To make or discuss a potential donation, please contact Fire Station 8 construction project manager Maire Bourque at mbourque@arlingtonva.us.

Thank you,

The Fire Station 8 History and Legacy Committee
Arlington County Center for Local History

Requested Donations

- Candid photos (e.g., an event at the station, hanging out at the station, fighting a fire, marching in a parade, fire safety classes, firefighters engaged in non-fire community activities)
- Programs or invitations for events sponsored by the station (e.g., holiday parties, fundraisers)
- Artifacts from individuals (e.g., parts of uniform, helmet, buttons, pins, awards)
- Artifacts from the station (e.g., banners, signs, tools, equipment)

