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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 9 Fire Station other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 655 New Britain Avenue not for publication N/A city, town Hartford vicinity N/A state Connecticut code CT county Hartford code 003 zip code 06106

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private, public-local (checked), public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total 1. 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 nomination (checked) 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 (checked) meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: [Signature], Director, Connecticut Historical Commission. Date: January 10, 1989. 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: (checked) 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: [Signature], Entered in the National Register. Date of Action: 3/2/89.

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/fire station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
GOVERNMENT/fire station

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)Tudor Revival

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof slate

other sandstone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The firehouse of Engine Company 9 is located approximately three miles southwest of Hartford's downtown in a residential area. Built in 1929, the two-story brick building was designed in the Tudor Revival style, blending it effectively with its neighborhood.

The foundation of the building is brownstone on the facade, concrete to the rear. Above, the walls are multi-colored brick, set in a basketweave pattern on the half-timbered second floor of the facade (Photograph 1). Two doors trimmed in brownstone flank two entrance bays. Windows throughout the building are nine-over-nine double hung sash on the first floor level, six-over-six on the second. A flared copper door hood graces a secondary entrance on the building's west side (Photograph 2). The hipped roof of the building extends over a one-story watchroom wing on the facade's right side and ends in a flare. A round two-story hose tower with a conical roof capped by a pinnacle stands on the building's west side behind the watchroom, and near it is a tall corbelled chimney.

The interior of the building is simple in detail. White tile lines the walls of the apparatus room and the bathroom, which retains period sinks and other fixtures. The dormitory is without elaboration, but appears to be unaltered. The basement has a horizontal hose-drying rack and several coal bins. The structure of the building is reinforced concrete.

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

1929-1938

Significant Dates

1929

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Ebbets and Frid

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

655 New Britain Avenue was the second firehouse built for Engine Company 9, originally organized in 1900. It was one of the fire department's first "suburban" firehouses, which places it in a distinct period in the history of Hartford's fire service. Architecturally, it is an excellent example of the application of the Tudor Revival style to the design of a firehouse and of the work of Hartford architects Ebbets and Frid.

Through the use of asymmetrical composition, rich detail, and a blending of materials, the architects created a firehouse that has the appearance of a large yet unpretentious Tudor Revival residence. The result is a building that not only blends with the Tudor Revival houses in the surrounding neighborhood but in scale and design maintains the area's residential quality.

This firehouse retains a high level of integrity in design, materials, setting, and association, and meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission, "Firehouses of Hartford." It retains its original massing, layout, fenestration, and decorative elements, as well as the features characteristic of a firehouse: large entrance bays, apparatus room, hose tower, sleeping quarters, watchroom, and sliding poles. A basis on which to evaluate its significance is contained within the associated historic context, "Fire Service in Hartford, 1789-1939."

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

Acreeage of property approximately .35 acre

UTM References

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the City of Hartford Parcel Number 112-007-010.

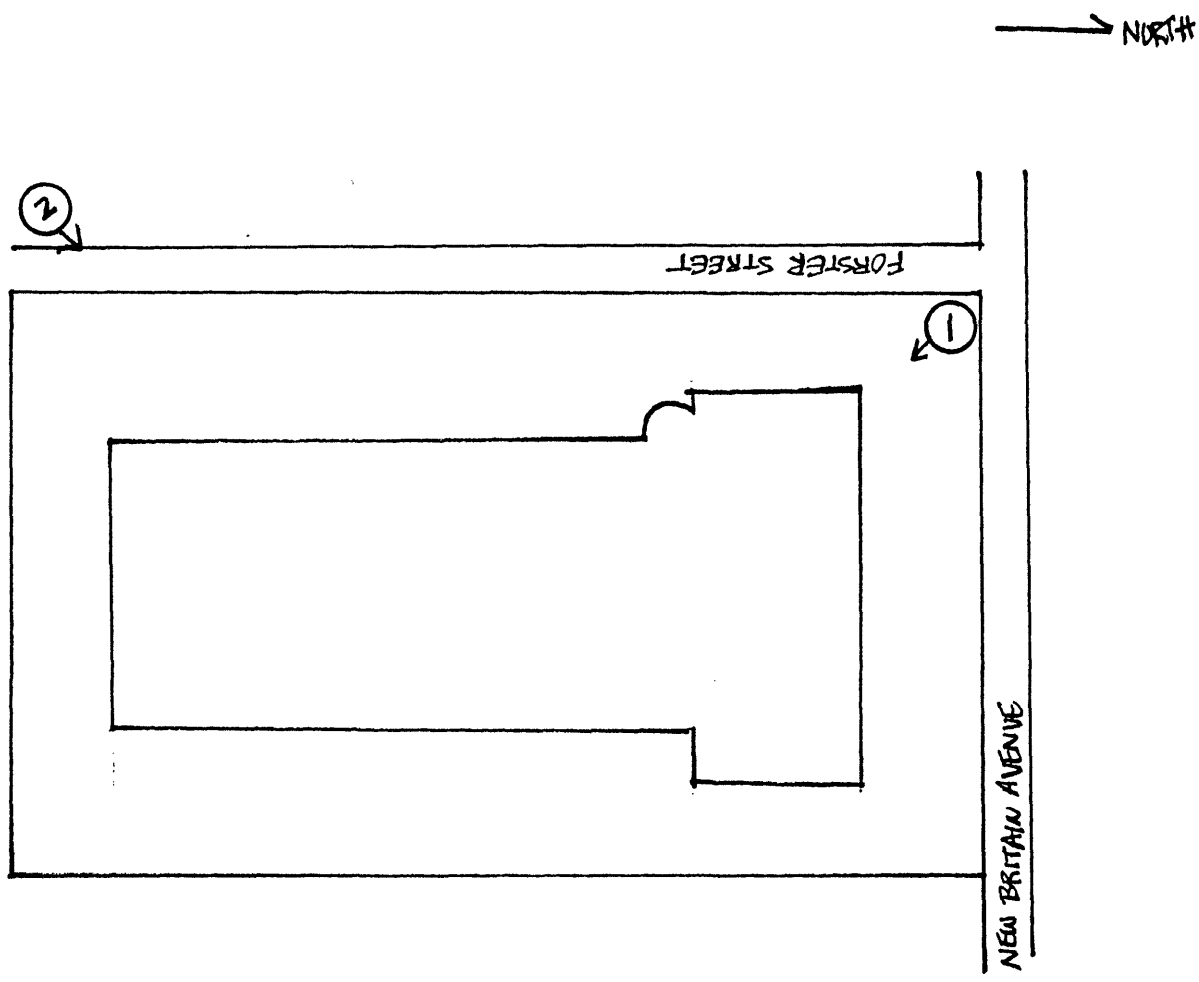
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Boundary Justification

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

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Sketch Map

Engine Company 9 Fire Station
655 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Not to Scale

Photo Key: ○→

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Hartford, ConnecticutSection number Photos Page 1Photographs

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>View</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1	655 New Britain Avenue North and west elevations.	Southeast	
2	655 New Britain Avenue West and south elevations.	Southeast	