

Historic Name: Revere Fire Hall
Common Name:
Owner's Name and Address: City of Revere
 Revere, Minnesota 56166

County: Redwood
Community: Revere
 8000 2145

Address/Legal Desc.:
 Second Street

Classification:
Building **Structure** _____ **Object** _____ **District** _____

Acreage:
 Less than one acre

Condition:
Excellent _____ **Good** **Fair** _____ **Deteriorated** _____

Verbal Boundary Desc.:
 Revere Plat
 Lot 17, 18
 Block 5

Open to the Public:
Yes _____ **No**

Visible from the road:
Yes **No** _____

Occupied:
Yes **No** _____

Present Use:
 City storage

History:
Date Constructed: c, 1900 **Original Owner:** City of Revere
Architect/Builder: Unknown **Original Use:** Fire Hall

UTM Reference:
 15/311080/4899090
 (Lamberton Quad. 7.5)

Description:
 The Revere Fire Hall is a small, false front frame structure, with a cedar shingled gable roof and clapboard siding. The nearly square front facade is capped with a simple wood cornice, forming an inverted "V" at the center where the gable end is partially exposed. A square bell tower with flagpole has arched and railed openings on four sides and gives the building its civic image. Also in the front facade is a wide door for equipment and a simple four-paned window.
 The hall is located on a side street near the center of Revere, one-half block distant from a new fire station built in 1974.

Level of Significance:
Local
State _____
Nation _____

Status:
Survey **Date**
Local _____
State _____
Nat'l. Reg. _____
Nat'l. Land. _____
HABS/HAER _____

Significance:
 Fire protection in most rural communities has been carried out by volunteer organizations from early years to the present. Typically, these organizations dealt only with the village area; in later years, protection has extended to include the township areas as well.
 The building requirements for such an organization were housing for simple equipment (ladder, hose, and chemical carts, fire engine pumpers) and a means of summoning the volunteers. A small building was adequate since a volunteer organization having jurisdiction over a village of only a few blocks had neither the staff nor the need to maintain livery stock. The bell could be heard over the entire village area.
 Most early fire halls have been replaced by newer structures designed to house fire trucks and newer apparatus. When the City of Revere built such a new hall down the street, the townspeople decided to retain the original hall for storage space and "for aesthetic reasons", despite several offers from private parties to purchase the bell.
 The Revere Fire Hall is significant as a representative example of a common early village-owned building constructed for a specialized purpose.

Theme/s:
Primary Government _____
Secondary _____
Other _____

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