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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Engine Co. No. 27

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 1355 North Cahuenga Boulevard N/A not for publication

city, town Los Angeles N/A vicinity of

state California code 06 county Los Angeles code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Los Angeles Fire Department

street & number 200 North Main Street

city, town Los Angeles N/A vicinity of state California 90012

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Los Angeles County Archives, Hall of Records

street & number 227 North Broadway

city, town Los Angeles state California 90012

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date March 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

P. O. Box 2586

city, town Hollywood state California, 90028

7. Description

Condition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____	n/a
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Displaying the design features of the Italian Renaissance Revival, Firestation #27 is a two story, L-shaped structure of hard-fired brick, located on the southwest corner of Cahuenga Boulevard and De Longpre Avenue. Its massive bulk has provided a reassuring landmark to the citizens of Hollywood for more than fifty years.

Standing on a plain granite base, the rusticated first story is composed of three segmented arches, flanked by ornate wrought iron and glass lamps, which form an arcade stretching across the southern three-quarters of the eastern (Cahuenga) facade. The northern portion of the facade is pierced by a slightly recessed office entry with a wood door topped by a two-light transom. Three pairs of wood and glass transportation doors provide access to the main interior of the structure at the back of the shallow arcade. The north (De Longpre) facade, also of rusticated brick, is filled with transomed casement windows, set in three groups of four windows, five windows, and a single window at the northwestern corner. Separating the first and second stories is a terra cotta frieze, bearing the inscription "Engine Co. No. 27 Truck Co. No. 9" over the arcade, and a single ornamented medallion over the office door.

Constructed of brick in the Flemish bond, the second story carries pairs of casement windows across the east facade, with a single casement set directly over the office door. The north facade continues the window treatment of the first floor, this time in a grouping of five-five-one. The west (rear) elevation is interrupted by a two story ell, topped by a hipped tile roof, accessible only through a metal roll-up door in the rear of the ell, and ventilated by a horizontally-slatted vent on each side. This ell, used for the drying and storage of fire hoses, is part of the original design. A second terra cotta frieze, punctuated by iron vents, terminates the second story, and supports Classical brackets under the hipped, tile roof.

The main interior space is a large, rectangular room occupying three-quarters of the first floor, with offices, kitchens, and dining areas arranged along the north side of the structure. A pressed tin, coffered ceiling is supported by two rows of pillars, capped with pressed tin. Brass firepoles provide easy access from the second story to the main room. The second story serves as living quarters for personnel, with bedrooms, dormitories, showers and locker rooms of a utilitarian design; floors, cabinets, and lockers are built of wood.

Associated features include a lawn and trees around the building, with a flagpole near the northeastern corner of the building. A wall of rusticated brick, capped with terra cotta coping, extends from the back of the building, and around the back of the property. A dedicatory plaque is attached to the east facade, near the office door. A modern carport stands at the rear of the building. A police station of similar design once occupied an adjacent lot to the east; it was demolished in the 1970's and replaced by a new building.

Having survived 55 years without any discernable alterations, and in excellent condition, the fire station acts as an important focal point for the local community.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1930 **Builder/Architect** P. K. Schabarum

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Proclaimed the "largest firestation west of the Mississippi" at the time of its construction in 1930, Firestation #27, designed by P. K. Schabarum, has provided a permanent home for Los Angeles' oldest motorized hose company, Engine Co. #27. An example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture adapted for public service usage, the firestation, located at the corner of Cahuenga Boulevard and De Longpre Avenue, acts as a local landmark, and as an anchor for the small civic center near Hollywood's historic commercial core.

When annexed to the city of Los Angeles in 1910, Hollywood became eligible for city services, including fire and police. Hose Co. #7, whose name was changed to Engine Co. #27 in 1913, was located in Hollywood's main business district, with the city's most advanced, motorized apparatus, to protect the small town. As Hollywood grew, so did Engine Co. #27, until by 1927, City Chief Engineer R. J. Scott recommended that a large, new, firestation be constructed as a permanent home for Engine Co. #27 (until this time, the firestation was leased by the city). Strong lobbying efforts on the part of Hollywood's community leaders convinced the Fire Department to build the new firestation on four lots at the southwest corner of Cahuenga and De Longpre, rather than on Vine Street, a major commercial thoroughfare. In 1930, the Fire Commission requested city architect P. K. Schabarum to design a firestation which would be the flagship firestation for the entire city of Los Angeles.

Engine Co. #27 moved into the uncompleted new firestation June 30, 1930, as the lease ran out on the old firestation. The firemen assigned to the station helped to complete the structure, including some temporary paving for driveways, establishing a tradition of care and maintenance which has continued until the present time. The following March 16, 1931, the firestation was officially dedicated by Mayor Edwin Porter of Los Angeles, amid three days of celebration. At that time, the plaque on the east facade was installed, commemorating the event.

Today Firestation #27 is still a very active member of both the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Hollywood community, protecting the central Hollywood area, including several film studios and the historic Hollywood commercial district, and providing many of the local schools with educational fire prevention programs. Backed up to the Hollywood Division station of the Los Angeles Police Department,¹ and located just north of the city councilperson's field office, the firestation helps to form a small center of city government in Hollywood. The firestation's importance to the community, both past and present, was recognized in 1976, when it was designated Historic-Cultural Landmark #165 by the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Board.

¹This is a new building on the site of the earlier police station.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Anon., "Resume of Annual Report" The Grape Vine. August 30, 1930
 Anon., "New Firehouse Dedicated" The Grape Vine. Vol. 6, #2, March 30, 1931
 Martin, Willis., "History of #27" Firemen's Grapevine, May, 1981
Southwest Builder and Contractor, 8-22-30

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.62 acre

Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Dimensions are shown on attached map.
 Southwest corner of Cahuenga Boulevard and De Longpre Avenue. Frontage on Cole. MB 38, Pg 59, Parcel 1, Tract 3540. District map 4716. Boundaries encompass the historic building on its original lot.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dawn T. Jacobson

organization Hollywood Heritage, Inc. date January 28, 1985

street & number P. O. Box 2586 telephone (213) 874-4005

city or town Hollywood state CA 90028

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kathryn Gualtieri, Kathryn Gualtieri

title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 10, 1985

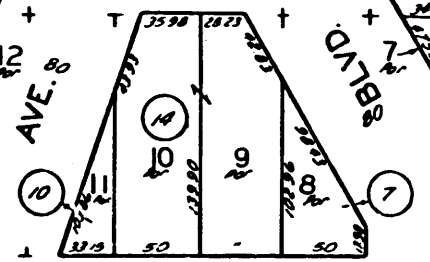
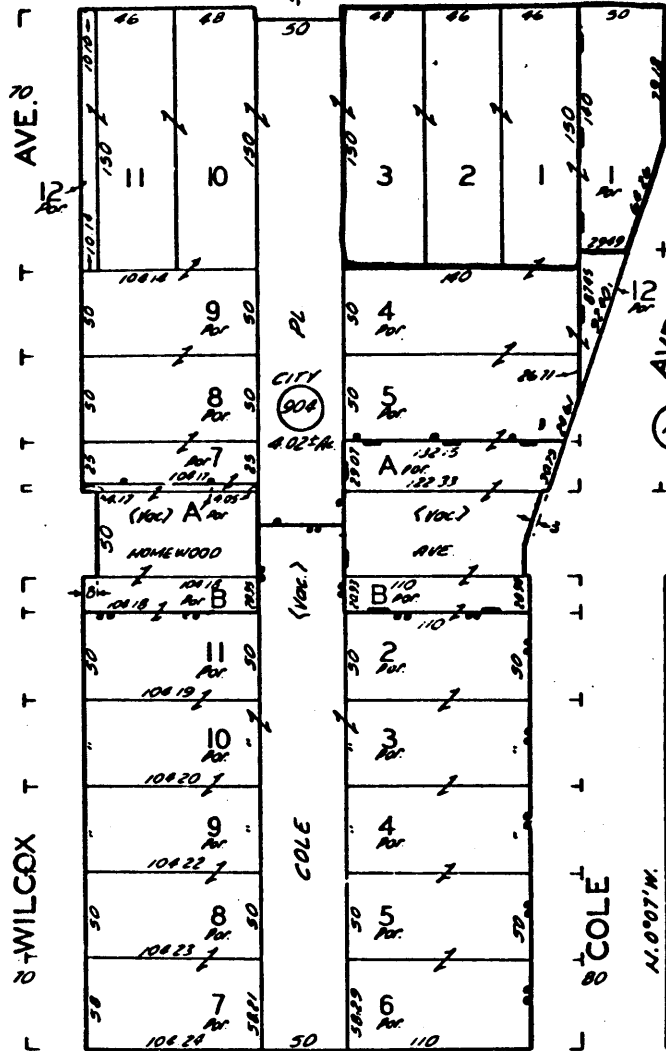
For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Entered in the National Register date 9/24/85
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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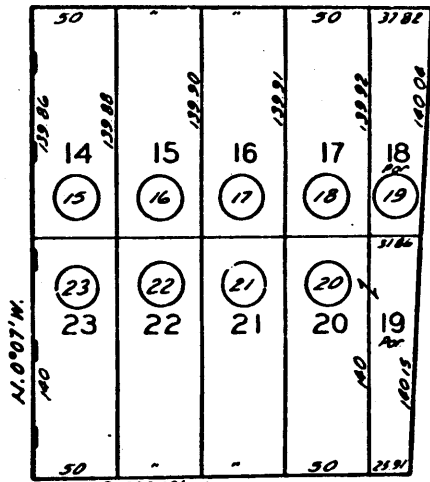
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 FREMONT TRACT. NO. 2. M.B. 9-32
 TRACT NO. 3538 M.B. 38-23
 TRACT NO. 3540 M.B. 38-59

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 27
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