

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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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 Central Fire Station

~~N/A~~ or common Bogan Fire Station

**2. Location**

street & number 427 Laurel St. N/A not for publication

city, town Baton Rouge N/A vicinity of

state LA code 22 ~~county~~ parish East Baton Rouge code 033

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Baton Rouge - Parish of East Baton Rouge (504) 389-3100  
Office of the Mayor-President

street & number P. O. Box 1471

city, town Baton Rouge N/A vicinity of state LA 70821

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse

street & number 222 St. Louis Street P. O. Box 1991

city, town Baton Rouge state LA 70821

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Survey of Downtown  
Baton Rouge

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983-84  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Inc.

city, town Baton Rouge state LA

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date N/A

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Bogan Fire Station (1924) is a two story brick and terra-cotta building with a Gothic facade. It is located at the corner of Laurel and Fifth Streets in downtown Baton Rouge. Despite a few alterations, the features which contribute to the fire station's architectural significance remain intact.

The station consists of a large open garage area downstairs, a living area upstairs, a rear wing, and a contemporaneous hose drying tower. Originally the front bays of the lower story contained sets of heavy wooden doors. These have since been replaced with sheets of glass. The garage interior features tile walls, a concrete floor, and an ornamental metal stair leading to the upper living area. The only remaining wooden doors are located at the rear. The ground story has recently been fitted with bathrooms and an elevator. The upper story has been completely renovated for office space; however, the original brass fireman's pole survives. Moreover, most of the present windows are original.

Despite the above changes, the station's polychromatic glazed terra-cotta facade, which is the source of its architectural significance, remains intact. Colors include pink, gold, blue, purple and green. Although the facade is articulated in an essentially classical trabeated form, the detailing is largely Gothic and most of it is derived from the English Perpendicular style.

The facade is separated into bays by pairs of narrow brick composite pilasters which resemble colonnettes. Each end of the facade terminates in a narrow projecting pavilion which contains bas-relief torches set in cusped panels. In addition, the second story window of each end pavilion is surmounted by a bas-relief two center pointed arch with an inscribed quatrefoil. Each of the five main bays of the facade features an elaborate terra-cotta paneled area consisting of molded cusps, pointed arches, crockets, and shields with chevrons. In addition, each paneled area has a single broad Tudor arch and a central shield, inscribed with the date 1924, and surmounted by a bas-relief pelican. The rooftop parapet has a raised middle panel containing a Tudor arch flanked by bas-relief torches in pointed arch panels. Over the Tudor arch is the date "1924." Under the arch the words "Central Fire Station" are inscribed in Gothic lettering.

**Assessment of Integrity:**

In addition to the aforementioned changes, a rear fire escape has been added (see photo 5). None of these changes have significantly impacted the facade of the building, which is the source of its significance.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical sketch of Bogan Fire Station prepared by Joel Gardner, Oral Historian,  
Division of the Arts, State of Louisiana.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property — approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre

Quadrangle name Baton Rouge, West, LA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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1	5	6	7	14	2	10	10	3	13	6	19	9	21	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to enclosed sketch map for description. Justification: The southern boundary follows the Laurel St. curbline. The remaining boundaries were cut closely due to the proximity of adjacent buildings and a parking lot.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff ASSISTED BY OWNER  
Division of Historic Preservation

organization State of Louisiana date January 1984

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge state LA 70804

## 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 Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer Robert B. DeBlieux date February 24, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

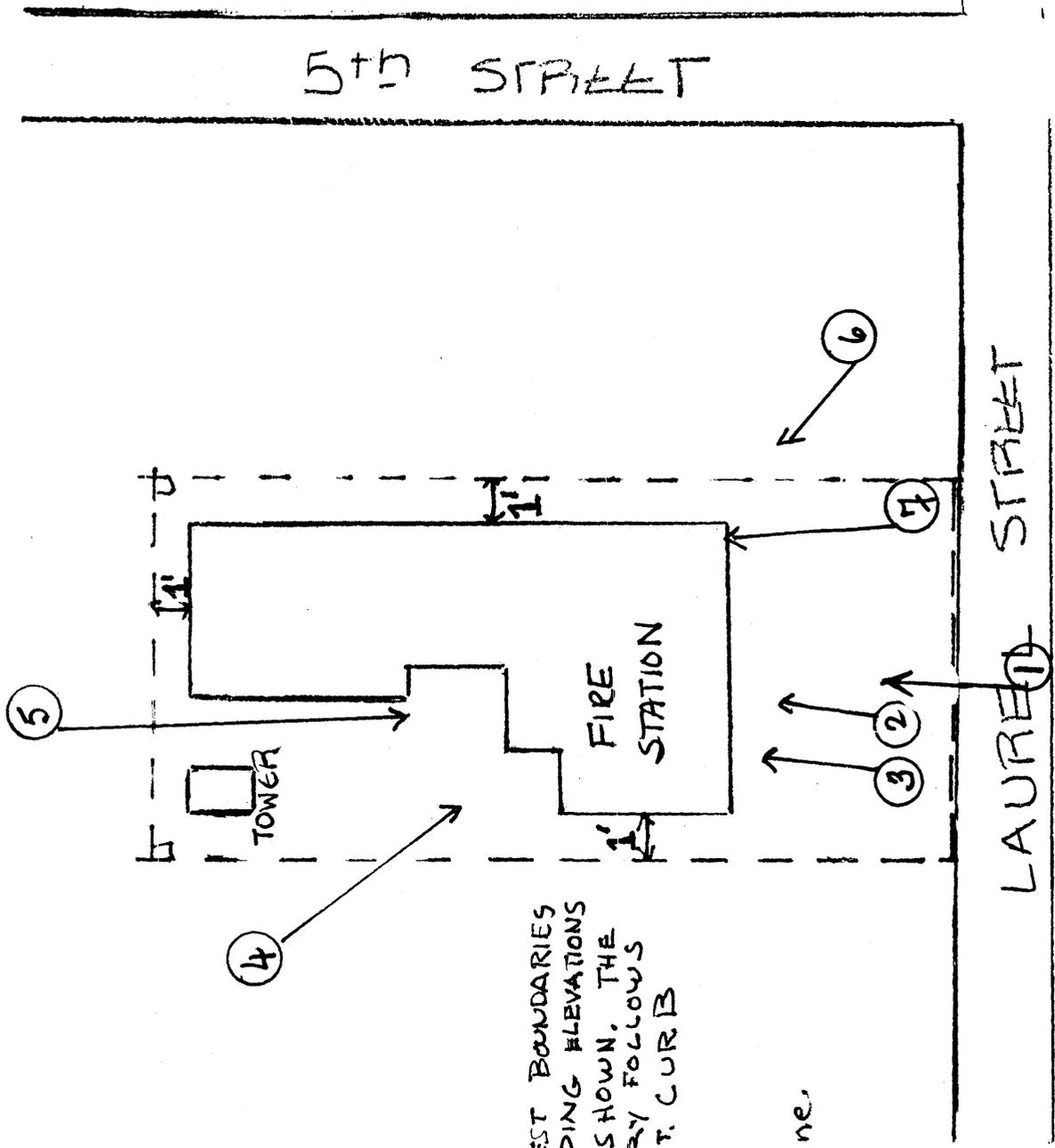
for Melores Byers Keeper of the National Register date 4/5/84

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration



CENTRAL FIRE STATION (BOGAN FIRE STATION)  
 BATON ROUGE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH



NOT TO SCALE

NORTH, EAST, & WEST BOUNDARIES  
 PARALLEL BUILDING ELEVATIONS  
 AT DISTANCES SHOWN. THE  
 SOUTH BOUNDARY FOLLOWS  
 THE LAUREL ST. CURB  
 LINE

--- boundary line.