

## Alliance Historic Preservation Commission

504 East Main Street, Alliance, 44601

### Landmark Nomination Form

1. **Specific Address or Location:** 2120 South Union Ave., Alliance Fire Station #3

2. **Owner's Name** and contact Information:  
City of Alliance, 504 E. Main St., Alliance, OH 44601

#### 3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Date of construction: 1909
- B. Style :Bungalow
- C. Original Use: Firehouse
- D. Architect or Engineer: Unknown
- E. Present Use: Firehouse
- F. Contractor or builder: possibly E. B. Silver
- G. Building type or plan: rectangle
- H. Date(s) of alterations: garage doors added (date?)

#### 4. BUILDING INFORMATION

- A. Foundation Material: Limestone with brick facing
- B. Wall construction: Brick
- C. Roof type: Gable
- D. Roof Material: asphalt
- E. Window type: 1 x 1
- F. Exterior Wall Material (s) Brick
- G. Building Endangered? No
- H. By What?
- I. Please note and describe any significant interior or exterior features:  
This bungalow style fire station has undergone few exterior changes. Like many smaller fire stations located in predominantly residential areas and designed for motorized equipment, it originally looked like a house with a three part brick porch. The tall hose tower is located on the rear elevation to the south. It was actually built with one functioning bay in the center. Today two garage type doors have been fitted to the center bay and north bays. It is thought that the second floor was attic space and all equipment and living quarters were on the first floor. Today there are sleeping quarters on the second floor. There are no significant interior features remaining.

#### 5. Brief Statement of History and Significance:

Fire Station # 3 was built as part of an ambitious campaign by the City of Alliance in the early 20th century to become a modern, attractive and safe city and reflects the ideas of the Progressive Movement manifested at the local level. As its name indicates, this was the last of three stations built from 1905-1909 to accommodate the newly established professional paid fire department. The Central Fire Station (now the home of Carnation City Players) was completed in 1906 in a grand Romanesque style calculated to show the stability and

significance of local government. It was also designed for horse drawn equipment. In contrast, Fire Station #3 and Fire Station #2 (still located at the intersection of Liberty and Garwood Streets but significantly altered to serve a warehouse function) were specifically planned for motorized equipment. It is believed that Alliance's Fire Station #3 was among the earliest of these types of fire stations in Ohio and may be the oldest continuously used fire station originally designed for motorized equipment in the State of Ohio.

6. **Criteria for Designation:** (circle one or more)
- A. Associated with events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, or
  - B. Associated with the lives of persons significance in the past, or
  - C. Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction , or
  - D. Yielded or are likely to yield information important in the history or prehistory
7. **Describe how the property meets the criteria for designation as indicated above:**  
The property meets Criterion A and C due to its association with early 20<sup>th</sup> century firefighting history i.e., the move from "oats to gasoline" and broader patterns of city planning and history associated with centralized city government and the increasing role such governments took on for the safety and protection of its citizens. Additionally it is important to note that the property remains relatively intact on the exterior and may be the oldest example of its type in the State of Ohio.
8. **Photographs:** Attach photographic views of the property that show all sides and any related structures such as garages or other buildings. Include any significant interior features such as woodwork, plasterwork or fireplaces.
9. **Form prepared by:** Asst. Fire Chief Danille Kemp, 63 E. Broadway, Alliance 330-821-4716, 330-428-4464 (cell) [allianceasstchief@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allianceasstchief@sbcglobal.net) and Martha McClaugherty, Chair, Alliance Historic Preservation Commission, 330-821-6020, [m.mcclaugherty@yahoo.com](mailto:m.mcclaugherty@yahoo.com)
10. **Date:** July 22, 2013/ January 29, 2014

Use space below for additional information or attach extra sheets

**Resources:**

*The Alliance Review*, January 2, 1906 (?)

*Alliance Fire and Police Souvenir Book*, 1903

*The American Firehouse* by Rebecca Zurier 1982, Abbeville Press, Inc.

*The Alliance Review*, June 17, 1989