



Jefferson



Monroe



Fire



Our new station at:

2559 120th St.

The story of moving the Swisher Fire Station

After decades of serving the community from the fire station at the Rose Avenue location, the Jefferson Monroe Fire Department started to feel some growing pains. The current facilities were simply too small to house all the trucks and equipment that we had acquired to perform our job effectively.

In 1995 we began discussing the need for a new facility that was large enough to accommodate trucks without "double stacking", offer more room for both large and small meetings as well as additional office space for the command staff. We put together a few preliminary drawings and received input from all members. In 1998 a Building Committee was formed. This committee was to look at possible sites for the new station, come up with a building design that would fit the land as well as our needs, and get bids from contractors to assess economic feasibility.

Our first hurdle was the land. We talked with several area land owners that expressed interest in selling a two acre lot for our new station. We came close to settling on lots several times. One site was located by the city park, one on the east end of 2nd Street, another at the corner of 3rd & Swisher View Drive, and one final possibility on F12 across from Jefferson Street. Unfortunately, issues beyond our control forced us to abandon each of these options. After 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of looking, we chose the current site east of town due to its great accessibility to both the east and west ends of our district. The entire department was thrilled to learn the owners were willing to donate the land. We looked at our building design and decided we could definitely make this work!

After choosing a contractor, we finalized our design and were assured it could fit the land well. After many meetings that went later than planned, we finally broke ground at 2559 120th Street on July 14, 2002. A huge pile of dirt was moved, cement was poured, and steel was erected.

We moved in to the *New Swisher Fire Station* on February 2, 2003. We now have ample room for parking the trucks as well as being able to wash them indoors. There is a large meeting room upstairs and a training room downstairs, two large offices for the Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer, a storage room, repair bay for working on trucks, and a workout room to help our members stay fit and healthy. We also have shower facilities that our members can use after calls. Starting in April, 2003, we were able to host a county wide 'Firefighter One' class. Previously we had to send our members to other departments for this training.

Our entire membership is grateful for the support that has been shown during this building process as well as the ongoing support throughout the years. Open house was held on May 10, 2003. It took about eight and a half years to bring it here, but this place now feels like home....

Proud to be a

SWISHER

THE
FIRE FIGHTERS
CREED

WHEN I'M CALLED TO DUTY GOD
WHEREVER FLAMES MAY RAGE
GIVE ME STRENGTH TO SAVE A LIFE
WHATEVER BE ITS AGE

HELP ME TO EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE
OR SAVE AN OLDER PERSON
THE HORROR OF THAT FATE

ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT
TO HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT
AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY
TO PUT THE FIRE OUT

I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING AND
TO GIVE THE BEST IN ME
TO GUARD MY NEIGHBOR AND
PROTECT HIS PROPERTY

AND IF ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL
I HAVE TO LOSE MY LIFE
BLESS WITH YOUR PROTECTING HAND
MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE

Fire

Fighter

Out with the old...



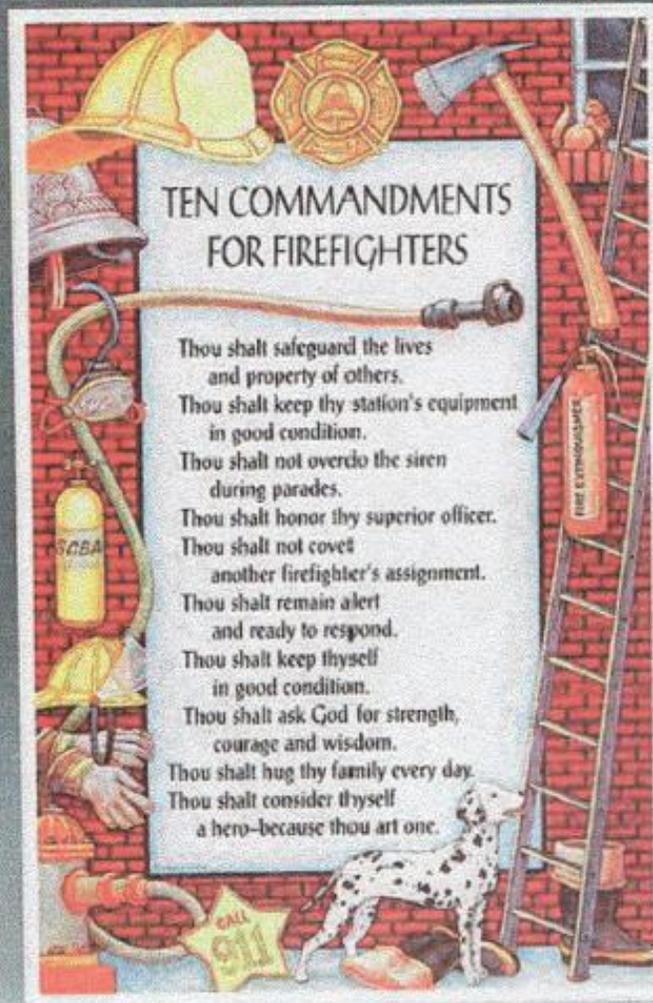
in with the new!



2559
120th st
Swisher



Swisher's Bravest...



2-2-03

2003



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Back: Gene, Glen, Kathy, Sue, Julie, Theresa, Kenny (Chief), Chris, Shorty, Steve
 middle Row: John, Mark, Doug, Christopher, Dustin and Brian
 Front Row: Brian (Asst Chief), Ed, Josh and Gary
 Absent from photo: Will, Jake, Marcus,

**Jefferson – Monroe Fire Department, Inc.
 Roster as of 2/02/2003
 (The move in date for new Fire Station)**

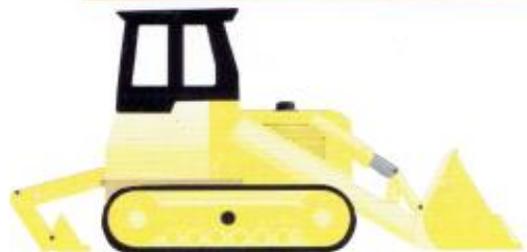
<u>Chief</u>	<u>Assistant Chief</u>	<u>Deputy Chief</u>
Ken Barta	Brian Marak	Gene Beard
Glen Heims Randy (Shorty) Hurlbert	<u>Captains</u> Doug Krumm Chris Lacy	Kathy Riggle
Todd Beck Josh Bibeau Will Boston Steve Carriger Mark Espe	<u>Firefighters</u> Julie Even Jake Ganske Gary Hovey Brain Kiekhaefer Dustin Krumm Marcus Mittvalsky	Marc Ozmun John Rundall Susan Sackett Ed Slattery Larry Svec
	<u>Cadet Firefighters</u> Chris Hagen Theresa Hynek	

Ground

Breaking



7-14-02



Darrell & Carloyn Marak
Bernard & Phyllis Marak
Donated the land that
the new fire station
was built on.

Also pictured: Brian Marak
Randy Hurlbert
Kenny Barta

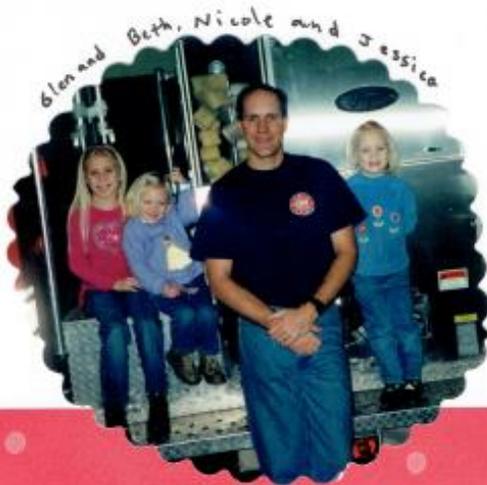


Chief: Kenny Barta
Asst. Chief: Brian Marak



Fire Fighters
and their
families
gather at
Ground
Breaking.



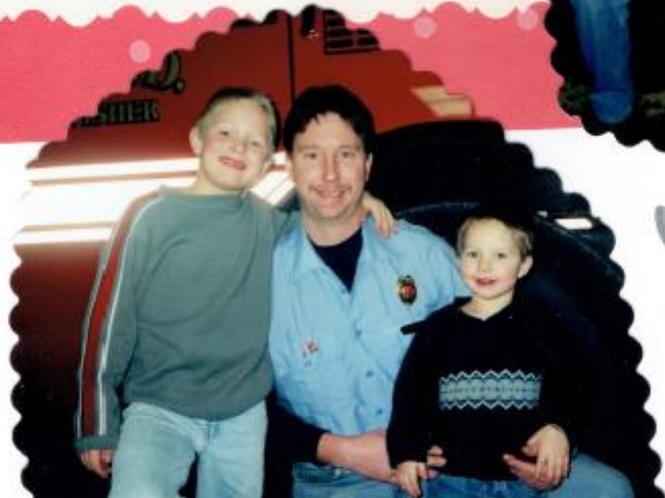
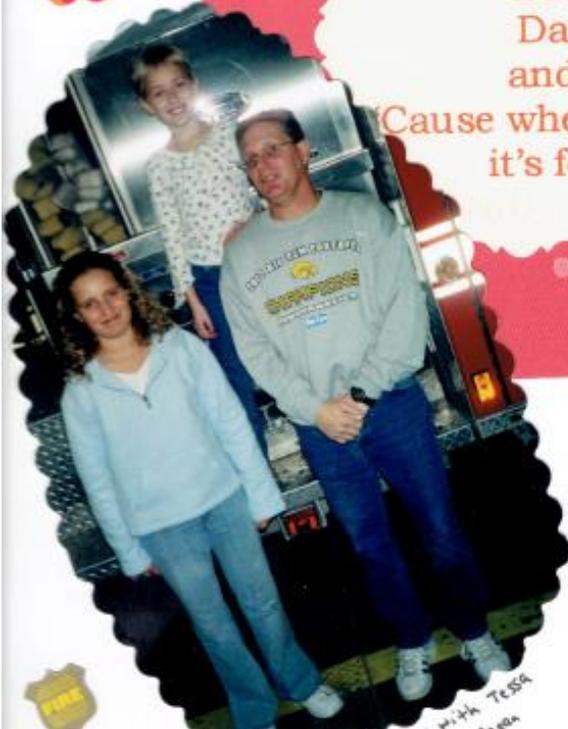


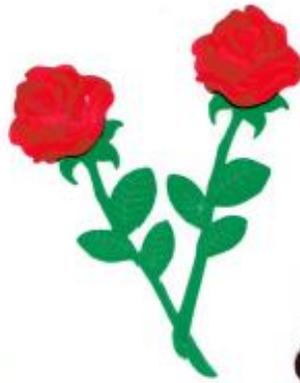
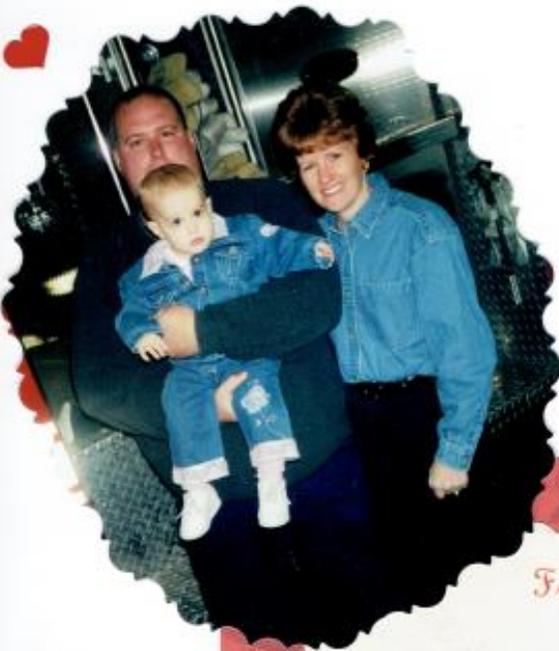
MY DADDY IS A FIREMAN

I am so proud of Daddy
'cause he takes care of you and me.
Like opening doors when kids get stuck,
or rescuing kitty from a tree.

Sometimes he's not home
To tuck me into bed,
But I know when I'm asleep
he'll kiss and pat my head.
Daddy is proud of me, too,
and I'll tell you how I know.

'Cause when you see the fire truck coming
it's for me the horn he'll blow!





From the Fireman's Wife

*Heavenly Father, I'm asking You to send your angels today,
To protect my firefighter husband in a very special way.
I ask You to guide his thoughts and actions and keep him free from fear,
To bring him home safely again to those who hold him precious and dear.
Please show me the way to let him know I'm proud to be his wife.
I thank you Lord for giving me this man with whom I share my life.
To keep those you love safe from harm is a goal that you both share,
I pray that as he follows in your ways, you hold him in your care.*



...d Kenny Barta



Swisher...

FUN DAYS



Our Entry for The Swisher Fun Days Parade



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Swisher Trucks...



2002

PLUGGERS



With something to lean on, Swisher Firefighters can talk for hours.

Asst. Chief Marak



"Two-Hair"

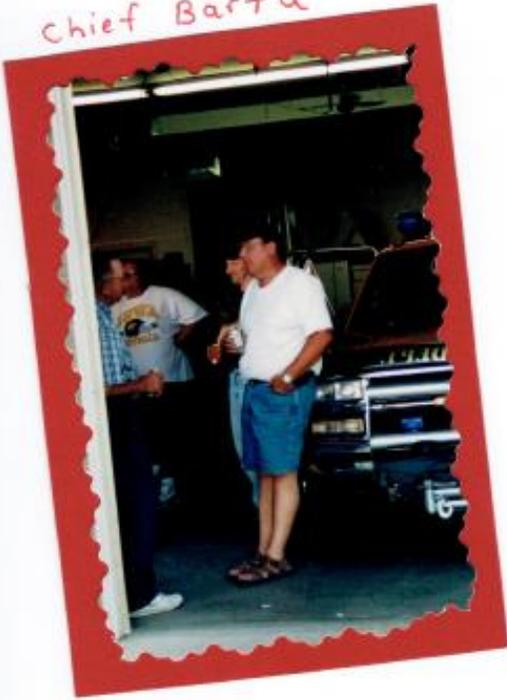
Belly
Up to
the
Boat



Leaning up
against the
boat
after
ground
breaking



Chief Barta



Brian "using" the Boat...



Megan
Nicole
Beth
:
Jessica
on
the
Boat



The entire
crew
using the
boat
one last
time
before
the
BIG
MOVE



Construction



PCI does the excavating work



Bill Lane Construction working on the concrete



Summer 2002



Pumping concrete for the walls

Z O N E



Bill Lane
Construction
doing the
concrete
work.

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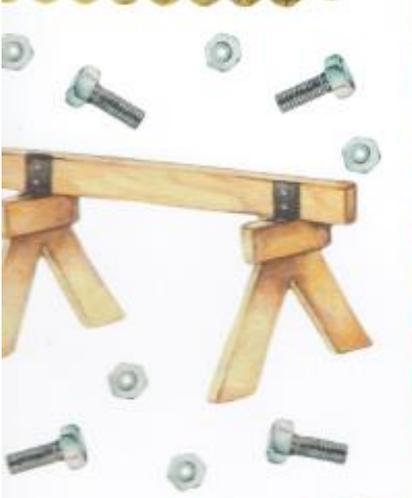


UNDER CONSTRUCTION

T. D. Builders
General Contractor



SVC Chief
Building
erected
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steel.



Moving Day...



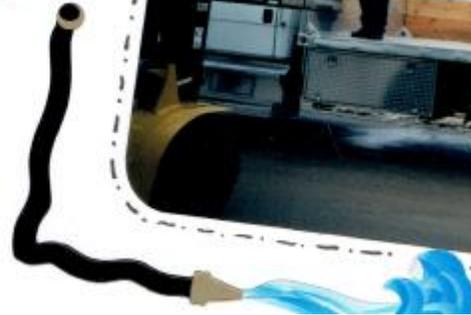
Glen driving the forklift



Loading Gene's truck



Loading Lacy's truck



2-2-03

Deciding what to do with the old freezer...



FIRE FIGHTER



The pile of leftover 'stuff'...



Taking down the flagpole



The first attempt to pull it.



The flagpole
was the last
item to be
removed from
the station.

We love
our firemen!



How many firemen does it take
to move a flagpole?



The chief starts the
process to remove
the pole.





They are lining
the fire trucks
up for the
parade to lead
everyone to the
new fire
station.



The fire trucks
are leaving town
for the last
time...



The trucks
made it to
their final
destination!

2-2-2003





unloading the trucks



Photos of the inside
of the new station
as everything is getting
moved in.

2-2-2003





Deciding where things go...

Bringing The



Doug and Dustin Krumm
organizing the
storage room.



A view from above



The firemen
are already
finding a
new leaning
post...



Trucks In...



- The first scratch at the new station. 144 was backed into a yellow door post.
- Notice the yellow paint...