

COUNT DOWN **CENTENNIAL** TO 100 YRS.
CORNER

Join Us in Planning a Once in a Lifetime Celebration

In April 2013, San Gabriel will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a City. And the Grapevine will be keeping you posted in every issue as the grand celebration is planned.

The Centennial Celebration will be co-sponsored by the City in conjunction with the San Gabriel Historical Association and participating community organizations. Committees are now forming, so call us at (626) 308-2803 if you would like to volunteer to help plan San Gabriel's 100th birthday!

Each quarter between now and the end of 2013, the Grapevine will carry fun images and possibly some interesting historical content from the collection of the San Gabriel Historical Association.

For the first in our series, Centennial Steering Committee member Ellie Andrews has supplied us with imagery from San Gabriel's past; and we also wanted to share with you below some historical snippets about the San Gabriel Fire Department. Enjoy!

A Century of Serving the City

In December 1914, bids were requested for a "chemical apparatus to be placed on an automobile chassis of 40 horsepower to be used for firefighting." In January 1915, one bid was received from A.W. Roe and Leo Davis of the Mission Garage for \$925. Two months later, Roe was appointed fire chief and was authorized to form a volunteer fire department. In May, the chemical apparatus was accepted. The City Clerk was authorized to secure the necessary hose, buckets and other necessary equipment for the chemical apparatus.

In October of 1917, a Model 12 American LaFrance fire engine was purchased for the price of \$6,500 with \$500 trade-in on the engine built at Mission Garage.

The Fire Department continued as a volunteer Department until 1923, when a fire station was built at 605 S. Del Mar, the site of the current police station. In 1949 a second fire station was built at 115 N. Del Mar, where it still stands, and currently houses a single fire engine.

In 1960, a new station was built at 1303 S. Del Mar to replace the south station. The new station was called "Headquarters," and is still in service, with a fire engine, a rescue ambulance, and a Battalion Chief. The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Fire Secretary are also located at the south station.

Got an interesting story you'd like to share for a future Centennial Corner? Or would you like to volunteer on one of the many committees organized to produce the Centennial? Then send an email to us at daguilar@sgch.org, or call the Administration Department at (626) 308-2803.

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Chief Roe in 1929 on the 1917 Model 12 American LaFrance.



Mission Garage - A.W. Roe - 1922