

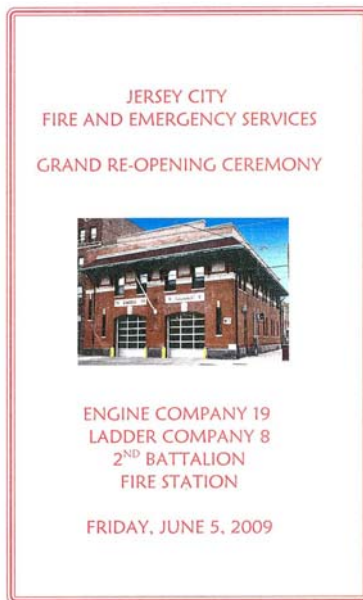
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# Press Release

## Jersey City Engine Co. 19, Ladder Co. 8, 2nd Battalion Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of Firehouse



*Jersey City, June 5, 2009:* Countless Jersey City firefighters have started their careers at the historic firehouse on Bergen Avenue over the past 99 years, so the completion of a massive renovation project at the firehouse of Engine Company 19 was certainly reason to celebrate.

A rededication ceremony was held at the firehouse on Friday, June 5, 2009. In attendance were Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy, Jersey City Fire Department Chief Michael O'Reilly, Fire Director Armando Roman and members of the city council. In addition, retirees of Engine Company 19 joined current members at the ceremony to admire the new facility and revel in the historic nostalgia.

Very few modifications had been made to the two-story brick firehouse over the course of its history, thus hindering its functional potential. RSC Architects of nearby Cliffside Park spearheaded the renovation design work, which included a new stair tower and completely redesigned second floor personnel area. These upgrades along with new plumbing, electrical work, vinyl and epoxy flooring and HVAC brought the facility into compliance with current building codes and accessibility requirements. The design also accommodated a new kitchen and dining area, night watchman quarters, private offices, personnel dorm room, toilet and shower rooms and a lounge. A steel beam that had been in place above the bay doors was replaced and the brick and masonry façade was retouched. The renovated firehouse will now provide upgraded service while maintaining its historic character and significance.

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