Old Fire Station 36 was opened in 1928 when the San Pedro City Hall was opened. It occupied the ground floor and second floor on the north side of the building. The Los Angeles Police Department occupied the ground floor area on the south side which is now used as a parking garage. The fire station was closed in 1972.

In 1960, FS 36 had a two piece engine company with a high-pressure wagon and a pump, with 6 members, one hose tender carrying 3 ½” hose and one member, and a two man squad. The Battalion 6 Chief and aide were also quartered in the station.

The Museum now occupies the apparatus floor area. The other rooms in the station such as the kitchen, offices and dormitory upstairs were converted into machinery rooms and office spaces for the City building. One of the original three apparatus doors was also sealed off and the museum space we occupy now was a parking garage until August 2003 when the Museum had its grand opening celebration.

The LAFD Historical Society operates the Museum thanks to Councilwoman Janice Hahn of the 15th District, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles Department of General Services.

The theme of the Museum is harbor fire fighting and rescue. It contains four LAFD fire apparatus, and many displays of LAFD and harbor related items such as a fireboat and diver display, hose fittings and extinguishers, and various tools and equipment.

The Harbor Fire Museum will be open on Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm and donations are appreciated. The LAFD Historical Society also operates a museum at Old FS 27 in Hollywood and is involved in a project to preserve retired Fireboat 2 “The Ralph J. Scott”.

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