

"In 1936, after a chimney fire at Elizabeth Adam's house, a group of Farmington residents created the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company, the fourth volunteer fire company in Egg Harbor Township. The fire company was officially incorporated in May 1938."

"Among those residents was Charles Maxwell, the current President and a charter member of the organization. A spry 20 years-old then, he was the person responsible for climbing to the top of the chimney and putting in the "bomb" that would extinguish the fire."

"In the beginning, their meetings were held at the old Farmington School, located at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Doughty Road. A single car garage located at Cedar and Hillside Avenues, owned by the Betz family, was donated to the new fire company for storing a fire engine. A storage room, a chief's office, and a kitchen were eventually added, and the old garage grew to include a three bay storage area for the fire equipment."

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