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JUST ABOUT READY is Eagan fire station number one's "new" fire truck. Members of the volunteer fire department organizing in and around Cedar Grove took the 1942 Chevrolet on a test run and found it in good shape. Bought at a University of Minnesota auction, the truck is temporarily housed at Art Rahn's farm.

## Eagan Fire Department Becomes A Township Supported Service

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Volunteers of the new Eagan township fire department attended a meeting at Cedar elementary school last week and heard that their unit is now officially a township department instead of a special district department as originally organized.

Because financial assistance from the township is needed, the

special fire district has been more or less dissolved. Eagan's fire truck has been purchased with town funds, as will the property and building to house it.

The tax burden, however, will apparently not be equally shared by those too far from the new department for service.

Fire protection will be shared by Rosemount, Mendota Heights and the new Eagan department.

Volunteers also reviewed the progress of the sub-committees assisting the special district

committee in organizing the department. Work has progressed far enough so that the department is almost self-sufficient.

The equipment committee reported that obvious needs are being checked and attended to. The committee is also on the look-out for a used tank-truck.

The training committee announced first aid training is about to begin for some volunteers. Other members are expected to begin instruction on truck operation and general fire training within a few weeks under veteran Bob Radaback. Firemen also decided at the meeting to begin home training with the help of the Maryland fire extension service.

Bob Edwards of the constitution and by-laws committee said his group has made a thorough survey of documents drawn up by other similar units. His committee has adopted a

rough outline based on the papers of the Bloomington fire department.

They have made a few changes and plan to settle differences with the Eagan volunteers before presenting the constitution and by-laws to the town board.

Jerry Adams of the social and publicity group reminded the community that the V.F.D. is scheduled to have its first social function, a family picnic, on the second Saturday of September at the Meadow Inn, Cedar Avenue at the Minnesota River.

All residents of the Cedar Grove area are invited. Guests will bring their own food, but concessions will be available.

The "new" fire truck will be on display and volunteers promise it will be put into use as each committee chooses sides for a water fight. Door prizes have been donated by local merchants.