

**Department of Historic Resources  
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

**Accomack**

**DHR Id#: 001-0027-0009**

**Resource Identification**

Property Name(s): ..... WFF # C-015 – Fire Prevention/Proc. Fac.  
 Building {Current}  
 Property Date: ..... 1946  
 Address(s): ..... Stubbs Boulevard {}  
 County/Independent City: Accomack  
 City: ..... Chincoteague  
 State, Zip: ..... Virginia 23337  
 USGS Quad Name: ..... CHINCOTEAGUE WEST  
 Surrounding area: ..... Rural

**National Register Eligibility Status**  
 Property is Historic (50 years or older)

**Resource Description**

Ownership Status: ..... Public - Federal  
 Acreage: ..... 0.5

**Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Gable	Asphalt	Roof - Asphalt Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Brick	Structural System - 5-course American
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Aluminum	Windows - Replacement Sash

Site Description: ..... Located on a level grassy area south of runway 10-28.

<b>WUZIT Count:</b>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Fire Station	Historic

**NR Resource Count:**

**Individual Resource Information**

**WUZIT:** ..... Fire Station

Est. Date of Construction: .... 1946 {Owner/written data}      Accessed? ..... Yes  
 Primary Resource? ..... Yes      Number of Stories: ..... 2.0  
 Architectural Style: ..... Other      Condition: ..... Good  
 Interior Plan Type: ..... Other      Threats to Resource: ..... None Known

**Description:** The rectangular brick building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The brick is laid in 5-1 common bond on the first story and running bond on the second. The building is eight bays long by two bays wide. The windows are single and paired one-over-one double hung aluminum replacement sash; the replacement windows are undersized for their openings. Many of the windows are covered by modern, aluminum triple track storm and screen window frames. The window openings on the northeast elevation have been bricked in and a set of galvanized steel fire escape stairs has been added. Three, two-bay-wide aluminum replacement roll top doors are located on the first level of the northwest elevation. A small shed roof overhang, supported by wood brackets, is located over a steel door with large, rectangular fixed-pane window and one-over-one window on the southwest end of that elevation.

**Cemetery Information**

**Bridge Information**

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***National Register Eligibility Information***

*Historic Context(s):* ..... Military/Defense

*Historic Time Period(s):*..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

*Significance Statement:* This two-story building was built in 1946 and was known as the Fire House. Originally, the building was used as a fire station and headquarters building for fire/damage control personnel and equipment. The building was designated as "C-15" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "Fire House" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "C-15" on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. Currently it serves as temporary housing and storage for employees moving on and off the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base. The building is located on the northern side of the WFF main base, directly south of the main east-west runway and to the southeast of the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (01-0027-0011, WFF # D-001), near the end of Stubbs Avenue.

The building is representative of a secondary resource associated with a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945-present) period. The building was one of several buildings constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) shortly after the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Projects Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by the addition of an exterior stair and the replacement and alteration of the building's doors, windows and their associated openings. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

***Bibliographic Documentation***

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*Reference #:* 1

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

*Reference #:* 2

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... Giffles and Valet  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

*Reference #:* 3

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map  
*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy  
*Citation Abbreviation:* .....  
*Notes:* ..... "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

**Ownership Information**

**Graphic Media Documentation**

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**Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events**

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*VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:* .. 2003-0571  
*CRM Event Notes or Comments:* ..... 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20878

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 Bethesda, MD 20814