

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2015 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 228 West Illinois (Former) Engine Company 42 Firehouse Rehabilitation

Recipient: Latsko Interests

The (Former) Engine Company 42 Firehouse was built in 1887 in the so-called “storefront” style and originally accommodated horse-drawn fire equipment. This firehouse features high-quality materials, fine craftsmanship, and distinctive masonry detailing which demonstrates the efforts of the Fire Department to be responsive to the surrounding Near North Side neighborhood’s historic architectural character. The developer undertook the rehabilitation of this historic firehouse as part of an Adopt-A-Landmark floor area bonus for an overall development that included construction of a 25-story mixed-use building with ground floor commercial space and 188 residential dwelling units. The work to the firehouse included masonry repairs, tuckpointing, cleaning and reconstruction of the missing stepped parapet. New windows and decorative mullions on the upper-floors were installed to match the originals and the ground-floor storefront and carriage doors were repaired and restored. Interior work included a new elevator and structural modifications. The (Former) Engine Company 42 Firehouse was designated a Chicago Landmark on December 12, 2007.



before



historic (c. 1920)



after



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