



The shoulder insignia to the left has been the official patch and emblem of the fire department since the 1950's. Its shape resembles that of an arrowhead paying respect to the rich Native American history of the Dowagiac area. The center of the patch shows a fire fighter holding a hose reminiscent of the job for many years.

The emblem to the right has recently been adopted by the department as its official logo, and will likely become the new shoulder patch too. The Maltese cross is the recognized emblem of the fire service in the United States. Its origins are forged in the servitude and noble service established by the medieval Knights of Malta. This modernized emblem stands as a seal of bravery and testament of service to others. Arched proudly across this seal are the core words encompassing the mission statement of the Dowagiac Fire Department "with compassion, pride and professionalism" and do so since 1854!