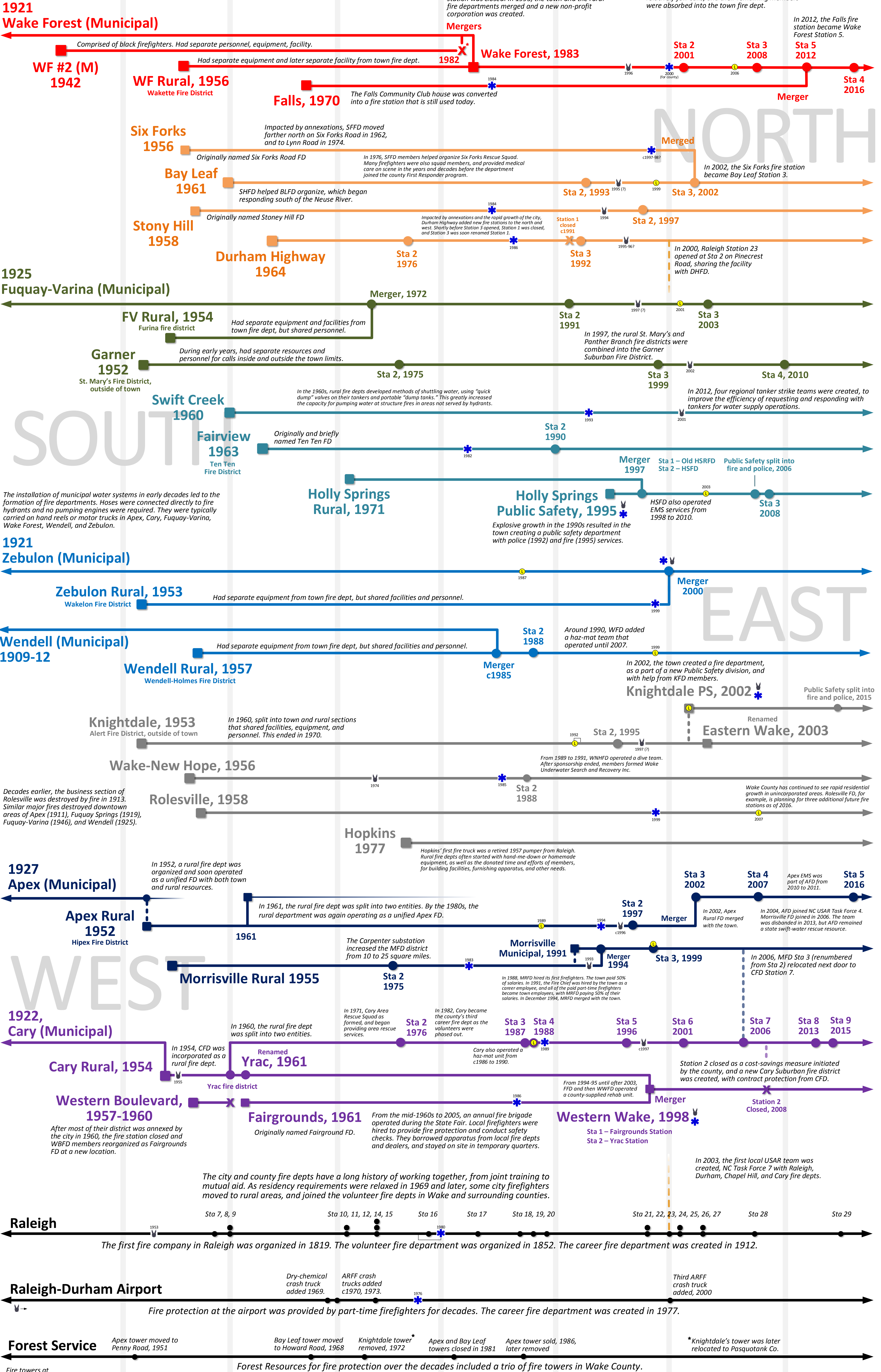


Wake County Fire Departments – Family Tree



1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

1953 - First rescue squad organized by Raleigh FD. Two years later, Cary FD adds reserve services. Vol. rescue squads in county begin organizing in the early 1960s.
 1956, circa - Rural fire dept program created, administered by county office of Civil Defense.
 1958 - County-wide radio network installed for rural fire depts.

1960 - First tax district created, to augment funding for rural fire depts.
 1960 - Rural Fire Districts Board created.
 1963 - County fire chiefs council created.

1974 - Hydraulic Hurst tools expand rescue capabilities in city and some county fire dept.

1980s - More county fire depts add rescue services, taken over from volunteer rescue squads.
 1984 - First responder programs started in county.
 1984 - First haz-mat unit in county, Raleigh FD.
 1985 - County fire training center completed.
 1986 - Full-time fire marshal position created.

1990s - Paid and career firefighters become increasingly common, as fire depts face rising call volumes and decreasing availability of volunteers.
 1998 - County fire commission created.
 1999 - Fire tax districts consolidated into single county-wide district.

2000s - County ownership of facilities and apparatus introduced.
 2000s - Co-location of EMS units begins at county and Cary fire stations.
 2005 - New 800MHz radio system, adds greater interoperability between city/county/state agencies.
 2008 - First county fire academy.

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