

Roadhouse Restaurant Fire, February 7, 1996

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Though only heard about this one versus having gone and seen, here's a *News & Observer* photo of the Roadhouse at 3714 Capital Boulevard, that burned during the lunch hour on February 7, 1996. ~~Don't believe a second alarm was struck, but please correct my historical perspective (and recording) accordingly!~~ Two alarms were struck at the fire, which was reported about 12:30 p.m. Had a friend who was dining, and recounted the experience of being evacuated while eating. Ten employees and several dozen employees evacuated safely. The location was the west side of Capital north of Buffalo Road. ~~Think the lot is still vacant.~~ A service station was later built upon the lot. Click to enlarge:


News & Observer photo

If I remember correctly, they upgraded to a "Code 3" fire soon and received a 2nd alarm. I listened to some of the radio traffic at home, but can't remember much else. It was a C-Shift day... some of those guys may remember the details!

A.C. Rich - 02/27/12 - 09:31

Captain Charles Jones (retired) was first in.

Rob Mitchell - 02/27/12 - 10:48

If my memory is correct it was located on the SW corner of Capital and Greywood. A Kangaroo gas station is there now.

Rescue Ranger - 02/27/12 - 16:02

I sit corrected! This information was right in front of me: Two alarms at The Roadhouse, formerly Butcher Block. Fire started around 12:30 p.m. All 10 employees and several dozen customers escape unharmed. Roof collapsed. Controlled within about 45 minutes.

Legeros - 02/27/12 - 18:57

And I am still crossing my fingers that someday some great master list of all "Code 3" fires from the 1980s and 1990s (and more) will plop in my lap. Just like the long-desired master list of old badge numbers. Or mid-century personnel names.

It's a bugger to build those things piecemeal!

Legeros - 02/27/12 - 21:55

...and if I remember correctly, it was a sprinkled building was determined that the sprinkler control valve was in the closed position?? Anyone?

D Johnson - 02/29/12 - 14:34