

**This Morning's Two Alarm Apartment Fire**

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Two alarms at 910 Tryon Hill Road. Reported as odor investigation. Engine 13 arriving at a five-story, multi-use structure with a gazillion square-feet, under construction but nearly completed. Four-story apartments above a ground-level retail/commercial space/parking deck. Nothing showing, but with smoke conditions found inside structure. Crews began making entry into numerous apartments, performing searches and looking for the source of the smoke. Fire found in an exterior apartment wall on the courtyard, the building's second story. Fire damage in wall cavity and floor/ceiling between second and third floor.

Command located in parking lot across the street. Medical monitoring and rehab on the street, just east of building. Operations command in the courtyard. Apparatus staging on Morgan Street, and parking lots off Morgan Street. Equipment staging in courtyard, and on interior floors. Multiple "rope jugs" used to raise equipment to upper floors via courtyard. Two hydrants used, at Tryon Hill Drive and Wakefield Street (Engine 5, first boosting Engine 13, then Squad 14, which took a three-inch to the courtyard to supply hand lines), and Ashe Avenue and Wakefield Street (Engine 3, supplying the building's fire department connection).

Second alarm requested 20 to 30 minutes into incident. Separate radio channels for medical, and later for operations/courtyard operations. Standpipe used, with hand lines connected inside the building. Sprinklers subsequently activated. Construction site personnel assisted with shutting down water to building, and assisting Duke Energy with cutting power. Dispatched 6:47 a.m. Controlled at 8:19 a.m. Extensive overhaul, with crews remaining on scene until about 1:00 p.m. Cause determined as intentional.

Units on scene included... First alarm/working fire: E5, E13, E1, E3, L2 (from Station 1, moved there during earlier house fire), L3, L4 (self-dispatched? Clearing from earlier fire?), SQ14, SQ15, R1, B2, B5, B3, A1, C20, C420, C401. Second alarm: E6, E8, E7, L7, L8, B1. Plus: C2, C3, C4, C5, C14 (Safety), Car 51 (Haz-Mat Coordinator), Car 52 (Emergency Services Coordinator). Medical: EMS 11, EMS 8, EMS 4, D1, D4, Medic 92, Truck 1. Move-ups included Cary Engine 3 to Station 8, Swift Creek engine to Station 20, Engine 123 to Station 5 (reserve with "B" platoon personnel, retained after shift change), Ladder 1 to Station 1. Corrections welcome to this narrative. [See more photos by Mike Legeros.](#)





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Cad Question, Can Cary Engine 3 even be dispatched to calls while in a RFD Station. They have no tags. Just curious

**cad** - 05/31/13 - 23:18

They were showing on the cad screen arrive cover at Station 8

**Rob Mitchell** - 06/01/13 - 13:03

yes they were showing AC, but can they be dispatched? Its like putting a brush truck at coverage at St 8, its there but it wont be dispatched to structure fires because it doesn't have an engine tag. Im just curious bc if they cannot be dispatched then it is a wasted move up.

**cad** - 06/01/13 - 23:50

No, they lack the appropriate tag in CAD, only having, I believe, the AA tag in place.

There were a couple calls in 8's territory that E20 was dispatched to while CFE3 was AC.

I believe this is being addressed.

**more questions** - 06/02/13 - 12:01

Same issue with county units filling in. For an EMS call RFD requests a 1R tag. No county vehicle has that tag. So if swift creek is sitting at 20 they will never be dispatched to an ems in raleigh

**cad** - 06/03/13 - 22:20

"cad" guy is correct... I will work on that one. Thanks for the heads up!

**A.C. Rich** - 06/04/13 - 18:21

Thats how we get better. Wonder why it has not shown up before?

**Rob Mitchell** - 06/04/13 - 19:24

... I don't know, but will research with ECC. Thanks!!

**A.C. Rich** - 06/04/13 - 23:22

I appreciate the further inquiry A.C. I know the citizens of Raleigh appreciate it too. The move up idea is a great asset for the city not to strain itself further and it should be seamless and less complicated then it currently is. I hope a resolution can be found quickly

**cad** - 06/06/13 - 11:50

Sure. We are working on it but it is a little more complicated than expected. Thanks!

**A.C. Rich** - 06/06/13 - 21:00

I can imagine that. With the county and Raleigh using different tags to dispatch the same calls, and cary being a whole different issue, I don't know that this issue can be resolved unless the fill in unit takes on a RFD reserve radio ID or something to that extent to obtain the proper tags during fill in

**cad** - 06/06/13 - 23:31

AC, any word on progress with this issue or further word on automatic county move ups during large scale raleigh incidents?

**cad** - 07/29/13 - 15:16

As of now, there are no automatic move ups and a RFD chief officer will orchestrate as needed. This decision making process will potentially include contacting a county resource if and as necessary. Basically the same outcome, just not automated.

**A.C. Rich** - 07/30/13 - 15:11

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