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*Raleigh's New Air Truck in Production*

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March 6

And what's probably the final set of photos. Truck's been lettered for Air 2, which aligns with the word on the street. Two air trucks covering the city, one on north side and one south side. Thanks Rescue Ranger for that info. See more shots on the [trucks in production page](#). Sharp-looking truck. Note the additional compartment space and both side and rear retractable awnings. Click to enlarge:



March 4

Still more photos. Close to completion. Click to enlarge:



February 14

Let's add another set of pictures, these showing the body mounted on the chassis. See more on the [trucks in production page](#) on the Atlantic

Emergency Solutions site. Click to enlarge:



February 13

Spy photos of Raleigh's new air truck in production at Pierce. That's a Kenworth chassis, the first in the fire department's history. Due for delivery in March. Replaces the current Air 1 which was recently moved to Station 8. That's a 2002 International/SVI, which will be moved to the training center. Only the third mobile air compressor in the department's history. Who can name an earlier "air truck" that just carried bottles? Click to enlarge:



Is this truck a replacement or additional? Rumor at shift change 2 days ago this truck was going to #25 and the current truck being moved to #10 which will have one in the north and one in the south.

**Rescue Ranger** - 02/13/15 - 23:03

Looking at the latest photos of the truck proves there will be 2 air trucks in the capital city.

<http://www.atlanticemergency.com/custom/..#>

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/06/15 - 17:39

Further update: The tentative plan is now to station Air-2 at #28 when the antiques are relocated to #29. Air-1 will stay at #8 but "will spend a lot of time at KTC". Not sure why a truck is needed at KTC when there is a cascade system already installed there. Why is Air-2 an addition instead of a replacement you might ask? And why such a large truck? (The truck is huge! Just compare the size of the truck to the worker standing next to it. The truck is based on a commercial chassis which, to those who don't know what that means, is the same size truck that would be used as a tractor-trailer. Instead of mounting a fifth-wheel an aluminum body was mounted in it's place.) The answers are easy. Because the money was there so it had to spent. If the money isn't spent it will be lost out of next year's budget. I mean, what is the world coming to if you actually don't spend every last dime! So, a big thank you goes to each and every city of Raleigh taxpayer. Very nice truck you bought.

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/11/15 - 09:47

Yes, municipal and county governments seem to be operated on the "spend it all or you lose it" theory. Part of it is the "make sure you have enough money in case something happens", like major capital expenses that for whatever reason are not planned for. What if Scott, or MSA, or Survivair were to go out of the SCBA business next week and not guarantee any spare parts available after that date? Poor example, but you get the idea.

The other reasons are a little, well, frustrating. Say this year that Fire Chief Bill runs his department, everything works well, and they come under budget? Well, maybe he should be regarded. The problem comes when the governing board thinks "Well, the fire department operated on (fill in dollar amount here) so he should be able to do it again this year. But then a few price increases later in electricity, diesel fuel, SCBA replacement parts, and now they are short a few dollars. So now it is a case of "Well, why didn't you plan for that?"

Poor fire chief can't catch a break. Hence, the "we are going to spend it all so we won't get cut next year!" I've seen it play out that way more than a few times in my lifetime, and not just with fire departments- police departments, EMS departments, parks and recreation, etc.

**Not A Perplexed Taxpayer** - 03/11/15 - 19:05

Am I missing something? This truck does not look so huge to me. Maybe 5 feet or less longer than the current truck. It looks very similar to the one Bay Leaf has, which is also a nice truck. What other departments in the county have air trucks?

**Charlie Brown** - 03/15/15 - 08:08

Wake Forest has(d) a truck. Not sure as to the status of it. Cary has 4, seeing as there are breathing air compressors and fill stations on the 3 front line rescues and the 1 reserve rescue. I think there were a few others with cascade systems on their rescues. Fairview's old truck?

Do the new Fairview and New Hope Rescues have any breathing air?

**breathing air** - 03/16/15 - 00:30

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