

Legeros Fire Blog Archives – 2005 and 2006 (Part 1) Postings Compiled

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Philly versus Raleigh

12/27/05 22 W - + 15 - 33

Idle curiosity regarding Raleigh's incoming fire chief compels me to compile this: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/chart.htm>

Here's his picture, on the far right: <http://www.phila.gov/fire/newsletter/p14..>

Legeros - 12/30/05 - 14:38

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Xmas Lights at Station 11

12/27/05 19 W, 1 I - + 18 - 31

Here's a nice picture of Station 11 that appeared on firenews.net...



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Past Raleigh Fire Chiefs

12/27/05 22 W - + 9 - 31

Who were Raleigh's past fire chiefs, you ask? See <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/chiefs.shtml>

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Old CH and Carrboro Stations

12/29/05 137 W, 3 I - + 17 - 19

I found three old Chapel Hill and Carrboro fire stations today, to my surprise. The old Chapel Hill town hall is right on the corner of Rosemary and Columbia Street. Very obvious building. Two former bays facing Columbia. Built by 1932, and housed the fire department 1949. Relocated in 1963 to the current fire station.

The old Carrboro Station is on Lloyd Street, about two buildings down from the main drag. You can see two bricked up bays. They moved out in 1954.

The newer older Carrboro Station is the office section of the fire station. It was a two-bay station and you can even see the old bay door frames inside the building!





I've updated my database of [historic and former firehouses](#) accordingly.

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CHFD has updated their web site

12/29/05 28 W - + 20 - 14

The Chapel Hill Fire Department has updated their site since I last visted. Looks nice.

<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.asp?NID=275>

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New Pierce Pumper for Apex

12/29/05 29 W - + 21 - 14

New Pierce Pumper in Apex, reports their web site. It's based on the county-wide specs.

http://www.apexvfd.org/apparatus/2005pierce_contender/contender.html

I like the look of the all red cab.

I do wonder where the NFPA compliant amber lighting on the rear is?

CFP-700 ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 12/29/05 - 15:04

Fire apparatus are not required to be in compliance with NFPA in NC – it's only a recommended guideline. There is nothing that states you MUST have amber lighting on the rear of anything.

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 12/31/05 - 17:56

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KPS Station (Non) Update

12/29/05 55 W - + 18 - 13

From the town's e-news page at <http://www.ci.knightdale.nc.us/news/eviews.htm> it looks like they're still soliciting bids on the remodeling of the building that'll serve as the new public safety center. It's a commercial building located directly across from the Town Hall on Steeple Square Court.

Wake County is partnering with Knightdale for new EMS quarters in Knightdale, eventually closing the old station on First Ave. This will be staffed by Eastern Wake EMS

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 12/31/05 - 03:34

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MFD Station Drawings

12/29/05 52 W - + 18 - 18

Speaking of new stations, drawings of Morrisville's multipurpose building that will house fire, police, parks and rec, inspections, planning, and engineer are available at http://www.ci.morrisville.nc.us/images/userImages/00001463_Elevations.pdf. Project updates are being posted to <http://www.ci.morrisville.nc.us/citizen/psms.asp>

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Bid Doc for EMS Mass Casualty Unit

12/30/05 82 W - + 22 - 17

Wake EMS is accepting bids for a mass casualty unit. Here's the bid doc with specs and even some color graphics:

<http://www.wakegov.com/NR/rdonlyres/DD25FFD0-9C03-4E51-9747-D430BA026A82/0/0604bid.doc>. Highlights, from brief browsing: Sterling Acterra cab; solid white color; minimum 34,700 lbs GVWR; on and limited off-road capability; two-door cab; Mercedes-Benz Diesel engine; roll-up exterior compartment doors; 428" overall length; 250" maximum wheelbase; 113" maximum height; LED warning lights.

Here's Sterling's doc on their Acterra chassis, as well: <http://www.sterlingtrucks.com/Core/Pdf/A..>

Legeros - 12/30/05 - 11:20

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Three (!) Stations for Six Forks EMS

12/30/05 66 W - + 15 - 12

Six Forks EMS is now responding from three locations: Bay Leaf Station 3, Bay Leaf Station 2, and, as of October 1, 6901 Mount Herman Church Road, which Wake real estate records show as [this building \(photo link\)](#) at [this location \(map link\)](#). Looks like RDU owns the lot, and a couple others nearby. Interesting. The Six Forks EMS site: <http://www.sixforksrescue.com/>

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WWFD Apparatus Updates

12/30/05 50 W - + 23 - 18

Western Wake reports that all new vehicles have been delivered and are in service. Old E196, C190, and C290 have been sold. All new trucks have been lettered and are ready for independent picture-taking. Most are already displayed on the WWFD web site:
<http://www.westernwakefirerescue.com/>.

All new WWFR apparatus have updated pictures on our website for viewing.

Shevais M. Shrum ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 12/31/05 - 15:11

How are they going to stripe the Suburbans?

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 12/31/05 - 17:54

they already are, there is a white reflective stripe around the body in the lower body area, you essentially cannot see them, they are not installed in the pictures. they will not have any other markings on them.

Shevais M. Shrum ([Email](#)) - 12/31/05 - 18:23

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Harnett County Explorations

12/31/05 114 W - + 16 - 15

I poked around Harnett County this afternoon, seeking former firehouses. Found two in Angier: the 1957 municipal building on North Broad Street, with two bricked-in bays facing a side street, and the later-era three-bay station beside the structure that relocated up the road in 1994. Couldn't find an earlier town hall, though I asked several people if they knew. The FD was formed in 1925. Found one old station in Lillington: the 1935 municipal building at 823 Main Street, now occupied by PD and the DMV. Not sure when or where the FD first occupied the building, but they're presently connected to the structure in a four-bay, later-era section. Pics forthcoming on my [former firehouses site](#).

Explorations of Coats-Grove are pending. Their prior station is located on Lemon Street. It's a modern building. Before that, they occupied an old movie theater at 131 East Main Street. Before that, they occupied a structure on Highway 55.

legeros - 12/31/05 - 19:47

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All RFD 800 Radios Have Been Issued

12/31/05 63 W - + 19 - 17

All RFD units received their 800 mhz radios at the end of last week. The system goes live January 10. Locution dispatches are a nearly regular feature on the RFD ALERT talkgroup now. Listen for the new warbly alert tone. No pager tones, though, so you'll have to start counting units if you're only listening for the "big calls."

New date for 800 mhz system changeover: January 23.

legeros - 01/06/06 - 13:55

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Wake FDs - Send Me Your Apparatus Roster

01/01/06 81 W - + 26 - 14

I'm updating my Wake County fire apparatus register, the PDF of which is dated December 2004 and is located at <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/wake/wake-apparatus.pdf>. Please pass along your current apparatus information, as well as any corrections or comments about the data itself. If you'd like to make changes to the originating Word document, a temporary copy is located at <http://www.legeros.com/temp/wake-apparatus.doc>. Thanks for everyone's help.

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Cary Apparatus Roster Updated

01/02/06 53 W - + 16 - 25

I've updated my roster of Cary apparatus and service vehicles: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/cary/>. Thanks for the info. Another Pierce engine is due this spring, either to be placed in service as Engine 7 upon graduation of the current academy, or to be swapped with another company's engine.

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RFD Training History Anecdotes

01/02/06 100 W - + 13 - 18

I learned some history of RFD training last week. Before the drill tower was constructed, ladder and life net drills were conducted at Station 2 at Memorial Auditorium. The large apron in front of the station was used, as well as the side of the building (which was designed for that purpose, to double as a drill tower). Station 5 on Park Avenue was also used for drilling. Light traffic on Park Drive made the street perfect for hose drills. After the training tower and drill pad was completed in 1954, most ladder and hose drills were moved there.

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Holly Springs Apparatus Roster

01/02/06 124 W - + 26 - 15

Holly Springs reports their present apparatus roster as having three engines, one rescue, one brush truck, one ladder, two boats, and assorted service vehicles. .

In-service units:

Engine 1 - 2000 International/Pierce pumper-tanker, 1250 GPM/1000 gallons

Engine 2 - 1995 Pierce pumper-tanker, 1500/1000

Engine 3 - 1985 Kenworth/FMC pumper-tanker, 1500/1000

Rescue 1 - 1996 Ford L8000/Salisbury rescue

Brush 5 - 1990 Dodge Power Wagon, 250 gallon tank

Ladder 2 - 1986 Pemfab/Boardman 55-foot telesquirt, 1000/500

Car 2 - Ford F-150

Car 3 - 2005 Dodge Durango

Car 4 - Ford F-150

Boat 1 - 16-foot Johnboat, 25 HP on single trailer with Boat 2

Boat 2 - 14-foot Johnboat, 10 hp

Out of service units:

Shore Line boat - Turned over to Parks and Recreation Department, serves at Bass Lake.

1980 Chevy / FMC tanker - Turned over to Public Works Department. Dump bed installed.

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Holly Springs Station Ready by March

01/03/06 37 W - + 16 - 18

Also, HSPS reports that their new station should be occupied by March. Here's a construction pic from several weeks ago:

<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/singles/2005-11-08-holly-springs.jpg>.

Caption for pic: The approximately 12,000 square-foot, \$3 million structure is located on Holly Springs Road. When completed in the early spring, Station 2 at 127 North Main Street will occupy the facility. The municipal fire department was formed on April 1, 1995 as a division of the Holly Springs Department of Public Safety. The Main Street station was completed in September 1995. The town and the rural fire departments merged two years later.

legeros - 01/03/06 - 00:01

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Western Wake Apparatus Roster

01/03/06 127 W - + 16 - 24

Western Wake reports their rolling stock as including four engines, one tanker, one service/rescue truck, and one brush truck. .

Station #1

- Engine 191 - 2000 Pierce Dash 2000 1500/1000 pumper - First-out structural pumper
- Truck 1 - 2003 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4x4 utility truck
- Engine 196 - 2005 Pierce Contender 1250/1000/30 pumper-tanker - First-out for vehicle fire/MVA
- Tanker 198 - 2005 International / KME 500/2000 tanker
- Car 190 - 2005 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 Suburban - Fire Chief
- Car 290 - 2005 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 Suburban - Asst. Chief
- WC7 - 1997 Ford Econoline 250 - Body recovery/transport van

Station #2

- Truck 2 - 1999 Ford F-250 SD 4x4 utility truck
- Engine 293 - 1989 Simon Duplex Grumman Firecat F-10 1000/1000 pumper-tanker - First-out pumper
- Truck 295 - 1999 HME/EVI 1871 SFO service truck / rescue
- Engine 297 - 1991 Simon Duplex Grumman Firecat F-10 1000/1000 pumper-tanker
- Brush 299 - 2005 Ford F-550 4x4 250/300 brush truck

And if you have \$30K to spend, old Tanker 198 is for sale. See <http://www.westernwakefirerescue.com/> for details.

legeros - 01/03/06 - 00:15

198 is now at \$24,900!!

Shevais M. Shrum ([Email](#)) - 01/03/06 - 02:05

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Apex Apparatus Roster

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Apex advises their current apparatus roster, plus the disposition of some older units. .

Active:

- Battalion 1 - 2005 Ford Expedition XLT
- Brush 1 - 1986-87 Ford F-350 pick-up, 250
- Brush 2 - 2003 Ford F-350 brush truck, 250
- Car 1 - 2001 Chevy Blazer
- Car 5 - 2001 Ford Crown Victoria
- Engine 1 - 2000 E-One pumper, 1500 / 500
- Engine 2 - 2001 HME Silverfox pumper, 1500 / 800
- Engine 3 - 2002 Quality / Spartan Gladiator pumper, 1500 750 w/compressed-air foam system
- Engine 4 - 1992-93 Spartan / EEI pumper / tanker, 750 / 2000
- Ladder 3 - 2004 E-One 75' rear-mount aerial ladder, 500 / 1500
- Rescue 1 - 1995 HME / Rescue Master heavy rescue
- Rescue 2 - 2002 Ford F-350 former brush truck. Skid unit removed, walk-in added, stores water rescue equipment
- Rescue 3 - 1992 International - USAR / heavy rescue
- Squad 1 - 1999 Jeep Cherokee, 2-door
- Tanker 1 - 2002 Sterling Acterra 8500 tanker, 500 / 2000. Chassis replaced 2003

Pending:

- Engine 2 - 2005 Pierce Contender, 1000 / 1500. To be placed in service January 2006

Former:

- Brush 9 - 1984 Ford F-350 brush truck - Sold to private owner
- Engine 2 - 1988 Ford C / Quality pumper - Sold to Slagle's
- Engine 5 - 1984 Ford C / Quality pumper - At 1/3/06 town council meeting, approved to be donated to Waveland MS
- Ladder 1 - 1989 Simon Duplex / LTI 75' aerial ladder - Sold to Calabash FD 2005
- Squad 1 - 1996 Jeep Cherokee, 2-door - Surplused
- Squad 2 - 1995 Jeep Cherokee, 4-door - Surplused
- Tanker 2 - 1986 GMC Topkick tanker - Surplused

News story about their donation to MS: <http://www.newsobserver.com/662/story/38..>

legeros - 01/06/06 - 10:28

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Falls Apparatus Roster

01/04/06 83 W - + 18 - 16

Falls has chimed in as well. Thanks for the updates, everyone. .

- Engine 211 - 1994 E-One Sentry pumper-tanker, 1000 / 1250
- Engine 212 - 1987 Ford 8000 / E-One pumper-tanker, 1000 / 1250
- Tanker 217 - 1989 Ford 8000 / E-One pumper-tanker, 1000 / 1250
- Unit 210 - 2003 Ford Expedition, first responder/ utility vehicle
- Truck 21 - 2003 Ford F-350 Super Duty, first responder/ utility vehicle
- Brush 219 - 1984 Chevy Scotsdale brush truck, 300 gal tank (old)
- Brush 219 - 2005 Ford F-550 Super Duty brush truck, 300 gal tank (new)
- Boat 1 - 1990's John boat with fire pump
- Car 21 - 1984 Chevy Suburban 4x4, out of service

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RFD Training Building Construction Dates

01/05/06 127 W - + 16 - 17

Ever wonder when the old smokehouse, the old training tower, and the Keeter Training Center were built? Here are the dates and details:

Station 5 on Park Drive opened, 11/18/26

Station 5 on Park Drive closed, 7/24/61 - Firefighters demolish the structure themselves and save the bricks. Building possibly demolished by 9/26/61

Smokehouse on grounds of training tower built by August, 1964 - Date from 8/13/64 Raleigh Times photograph. Wake real estate records say 1965, though they are never necessarily accurate. Built using bricks from old Station 5. Unknown if built entirely or partially with old bricks.

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Training tower built, summer 1954

Training tower demolished, 4/16/05

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Keeter Training Center opened, May 1982

For more information on the history of RFD training facilities, see <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/rfd-training-towers.pdf>

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New KPS Site

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New unofficial site for Knightdale Public Safety: <http://www.knightdalepublicsafety.com>

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Lee vs. Mike

01/06/06 21 W - + 29 - 11

Having trouble telling Lee and Mike apart? Here's a helpful guide: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/comparison.html>

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NCSU Fire Protection Site

01/06/06 30 W - + 25 - 17

Another interesting site: http://www.ncsu.edu/public_safety/fire/. I wonder what their full fleet of vehicles (and inventory of fire suppression equipment) is like?

they mostly have pickup trucks, four wheelers and a joint command center (with campus police). there is no suppression equipment outside of an extinguisher

shevais (Email) - 01/06/06 - 13:12

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How Many Fire Brigades Around Here?

01/06/06 111 W - + 17 - 19

So how many fire brigades operate around Raleigh/Wake/The Triangle? Or at least those with apparatus? I can think of a couple... .

State Fair Fire Brigade, which utilizes donated apparatus as well as a couple golf carts.

Harris Plant Fire Brigade, which had a Ford cab-over foam pumper and I think even an ambulance at one time.

IBM Fire Brigade, which had a Ford C pumper for their RTP complex in the late 1980s.

The Air National Guard at RDU has a new fire station and is getting (I think) a Hummer fire truck. Or does that make them an FD versus an FB?

The Harris plant did indeed have an ambulance during it's construction. The first unit was an older Ford Econoline van that was converted by the old Superior Coach Corporation. It was the old CP&L light blue. That ambulance went away and a newer Chevrolet van arrived. The 'newer' unit was also built by Superior Coach. It as a Chevrolet G-30 with a fiberglass raised roof. The unique feature of this unit was the 'widening' of the body. Essentially Superior split the body down the middle and widened it by 14-18". They did not, however, widen the wheelbase. That made that ambulance interesting to drive. It was the same CP&L light blue but the roof of this unit was white. I was an EMT out there during 1978 and I only know of two times (there were more, though) that the unit was actually used. Superior also produced a Dodge version of this idea. There were several of these particular units (Dodge and Chevy) sold in NC. Another company, National Custom Coaches, built a Dodge version that they actually widened the wheelbase as well as the body. I don't know of any of these units that were sold into NC, but I remember seeing one at a display at the NC Fairgrounds back around 1975.

Dale Johnson ([Email](#)) - 01/13/06 - 00:59

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Wake Forest Chief Resigns

01/07/06 34 W - + 21 - 29

As seen on <http://www.firenews.net/>, which is linked to the [Wake Weekly story](#), WFFD Fire Chief David Williams has resigned. The difficult circumstances are well-reported by the newspaper.

visit <http://www.wakeforestfire.com> for a poll regarding the Chief's situation.

shevais ([Email](#)) - 01/07/06 - 17:18

What is the career staffing for Wake Forest Fire Department these days?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/11/06 - 02:18

4 personnel at Station 1, 2 personnel at Station 2 for 24 hour shifts full time employees

2 personnel at Station 1 and 2 personnel at Station 2 for daytime weekday shifts, part-time employees

at least that's how it was working, there have been some changes recently, and I don't know exactly what, they may now have 3 full timers at Station 2

shevais ([Email](#)) - 01/11/06 - 15:14

Wake Forest currently has 7 24 hour personnel on duty at a time, 4 at station 1, and 3 at station 2. We are in the process of hiring 3 more personnel to have 4 at station 2 instead of 3. There are numerous part-time employees that staff a 5th position at station 1 during the daytime hours and fill in for the full-timers when on vacation. There is budgeted for a District Chief position to be on-duty 24 hours to handle day to day operations and business, however that has not been filled yet.

WF FF - 01/11/06 - 15:17

Thanks for the information – the department has grown tremendously since I last visited the area – I see that there is a new ladder on order and the construction of station#3 is being talked about – I will be interested to see what happens over the next few years – thanks again!

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/12/06 - 19:33

Saw Wake Forest's advertisement for Fire Chief. Anyone have any insight on the climate in the dept. now? What about outside candidate, are they seriously considering outside, or are they just phishing?

Wm. - 02/22/06 - 18:36

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New Bern's Old Stations

01/07/06 42 W - + 19 - 22

Friday's [FireNews](#) update also features a new former firehouses article, the first of two that took Legeros down east. Five old engine houses in New Bern, believe it or not. Watch for coverage of Kinston in coming weeks.

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Truck 11 Back at Station 11

01/08/06 37 W - + 23 - 19

It appears that Truck 11 has returned to Station 11 and its new apron. Construction nearing 3/4 of the way complete on Station 1's apron replacement. I believe Station 2's apron is finished, or just about.

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Lee vs. Mike - Who Does What?

01/09/06 106 W - + 14 - 25

Here's who's doing what with the blog, and the accompanying photo site: .

Lee - Takes most of the pictures, writes some of the text, takes notes at fire scenes, and reports the majority of the news from around the department(s).

Mike - Takes some of the pictures, writes most of the text, handles the nuts and bolts of creating web pages, and posts most of the blog entries.

Both the blog and the photo site are experiments, ultimately. We're still testing the work flow(s) and still trying to determine the ideal method for "getting stuff out there."

Guys, I appreciate the hard work you gus are doing to finally get the word out about the departments around here. You guys are doing A+ work. Thanks again.

Jeff Silver ([Email](#)) - 01/10/06 - 05:44

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Good Book

01/11/06 55 W - + 20 - 19

If you've never read or don't own a copy of [The Firehouse: An Architectural and Social History](#), same is a superb and quite scholarly history of the modern fire station building. It's certainly one of the most well-researched fire history books ever. Relatively little NC coverage, but you won't mind. First published in 1982.

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RFD Company Manning

01/13/06 130 W - + 20 - 18

A reader requested information about company manning in the Raleigh Fire Department. Both engines and trucks are staffed with four people. Rescue rides with two. Perhaps a quarter or more of the total engine and truck companies presently have five people. The majority of these are engine companies. There are a range of reasons that a company is assigned a fifth person, such as available dormitory space. Four-person companies often run with three people, though personnel is typically shifted to ensure priority staffing stations have four people at all times. These are stations on the edge of the city that may have extended response times for the second-arriving companies. Four people ensures compliance with the two-in/two-out rule for interior firefighting, and without waiting for additional personnel.

Also, there are no additional truck or rescue companies on the immediate horizon.

legeros - 01/13/06 - 03:30

Thanks for the info! Has there ever been talk of upgrading the rescues to a 3-4 man company with larger apparatus? Are the rescues the only apparatus that carry extrication equipment?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/13/06 - 17:24

Two of the rescue are planned to be replaced in the next budget year, I believe. The two Freightliner MedicMaster's will be replaced with medium-duty, non-transport units similar to Rescue 7. No plans to expand the staffing that I'm aware of. Regarding extrication equipment, I believe all truck companies carry same as well.

legeros - 01/13/06 - 23:17

Staffing on paper is 4, and some units have 5, I say again, on paper. A lot of the time, Raleigh rides 3 on everything, 2 on the rescues. In the summer, when vacations are high, staffing is down to the bare minimum. Winter months, staffing is up. Hopefully, in the near future, a solution will come about to ensure 4 "man" staffing on everything, all of the time. Institute a hire back? A lot are hoping for it.

The truck companies all have spreaders, cutters, and saws-alls. Plans are in the works to also put 3 rams (small, med, large) on all trucks.

Guest - 01/17/06 - 05:20

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This week's front-page article on RFD minority hiring in the Carolinian newspaper includes two old photos in its graphic. The portrait shows James H. Jones, former servant to the family of President Jefferson Davis and one of the organizers of Raleigh's volunteer Victor Hose Company. The group photo, however, shows black firefighters from Rocky Mount. Both pictures appear on <http://hometown.aol.com/Fireriter1/>, a comprehensive if sprawling site that chronicles the history of black firefighters in NC. Alas, I've yet to encounter any surviving pictures of the Victor Company. Maybe someday.

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Chief McGrath's Wheels

01/17/06 51 W - + 24 - 21

Chief McGrath's new vehicle will be Chief Fowler's old vehicle, a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with new graphics and upgraded (hidden) lighting package. Car 4, the Fire Marshall, is also assigned a Crown Victoria. The other Assistant Chiefs, Car 2 and Car 3, operate 2004 Ford Tahoes. All of these vehicles are red.

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RFD Training History Anecdotes

01/17/06 111 W - + 29 - 19

Before the 1954 drill tower was constructed, ladder and life net drills were conducted at Station 2 at Memorial Auditorium. The large apron in front of the station was used, as well as the side of the building (which was designed for that purpose, to double as a drill tower). Station 5 on Park Avenue was also used for drilling. Light traffic on Park Drive made the street perfect for hose drills. After the training tower and drill pad was completed in 1954, most ladder and hose drills were moved there. Station 2 moved from Memorial Auditorium to Pecan Road in 1969.

More info: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/rfd-training-towers.pdf>.

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Cary's Newest Engine

01/17/06 61 W - + 15 - 15

Cary's newest engine is either done, or just about done. It'll be a Pierce Dash similar to E1/E5/E6 and is expected to replace Engine 3, a 1997 Pierce Lance. Old Engine 3 will be placed in reserve until May or June, when the 27 recruits in the current fire academy graduate. Engine 7 will be placed in service at that time.

[http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/..](http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/)

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It should be in this week or next, and now hearing possibly as Engine 2, replacing a 1997 Pierce Lance

The main differences between E1/5/6 is the LED lighting package, Tak-4 suspension, the Husky 10 Foam system, a brow mounted scene light and the scene lights mounted on the cab

shevais ([Email](#)) - 01/18/06 - 21:37

now hearing it's official as replacing Engine 2.

shevais - 01/19/06 - 23:58

A picture of Cary's newest engine was posted Friday to <http://www.firenews.net/contents/apparat..>

legeros - 01/21/06 - 19:47

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Shop Trucks - 1986 Seagrave Ladder / 1977 Chevy Step Van

01/17/06 63 W - + 11 - 20

Parked at the RFD shops, the 1986 Seagrave reserve ladder is used as a service truck only. It will be decommissioned in the spring when the new Pierce ladder is delivered. The 1977 Chevy step-van, Raleigh's original haz-mat van, is used as a utility vehicle. It runs good and will stay around as long as it does.

Any idea where the new ladder will be assigned?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/17/06 - 04:06

Not too sure about that, T-26 has the oldest ladder right now, actually a snorkel. Remains to be seen. Mike or Lee, heard anything?

Guest - 01/17/06 - 05:27

The new ladder is a 2005 Pierce rear-mount, spec'ed the same as T22 (I believe). It'll replace one of the older aerials, probably Truck 26's 1988 Pierce snorkel. That's the oldest front-line aerial.

legeros - 01/17/06 - 10:25

or T-16 seeing as they kept the snorkel in service frontline due to something about it's operation taking a while to learn, and wanting to keep it at a station that the crew can be familiar with it versus putting it as spare you would have to train all the crews on it each time it got shipped out? maybe?

shevais ([Email](#)) - 01/18/06 - 21:49

I understand a new hazmat unit is on order – will it replace equipment at Station#2?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/19/06 - 01:38

Yes, a new haz-mat unit is due for delivery this year, maybe this spring or so. It's spec'ed the same as High Point's recently delivered unit, which is a Hackney trailer pulled behind a four-door conventional cab tractor. Raleigh's new haz-mat unit will replace Haz-Mat #2, which will in turn serve as a haz-mat support vehicle.

legeros - 01/19/06 - 03:57

Good point about the snorkel – a department near me had a snorkel in decent shape that after it was replaced they made the decision not to place it into reserve due to training issues – if it wasn't assigned to a crew that was trained in it's operation and used it on a day-to-day basis they didn't feel like they could keep it around and send it to crews that where used to a rearmount stick etc.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/20/06 - 02:32

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New Wake EMS Vehicle Lighting / Graphics

01/17/06 31 W - + 19 - 28

Wow, lotsa lights on the back of the new Wake County EMS vehicles, [as shown on FireNews](#). Presumably anti-collision protection, along with the Euro-style graphics?

Two opinions come into play here—

- 1) Personal – I ride an ambulance, and I don't think that even that paint job will do a lot for anit-collision, even though that's what it's for. Besides, it just looks a touch too busy on the back. I think some of the lights may get lost in the visual shuffle...
- 2) Professionally, Wake County spec'd the trucks with anit-collision in mind, but I don't think as much for protection from other people as much as from employee-related incidents. Those yellow pillars at WakeMed-Raleigh are a contributing factor. The bakk-up camera will help with that.

As far as lots of lights, well, "big toys for big boys," right? But I fear that the whole lighting scheme will get lost in the paint scheme. Right now, it works on the white, but...

Chris Snider ([Email](#)) - 01/18/06 - 06:59

as for the lighting I agree, but the current units are lit up pretty well.

for the striping scheme it is a part of the newer DOT guidelines that are supposed to help divert attention away from the unit, thus away from the incident, this is nothing new to Wake EMS as they've already got graphics to some extent on some of their trucks. I personally don't think it's too busy or it will get lost, especially at night when the reflectivity will aid tremendously.

Alot of fire and EMS agencies are going to this kind of aid, Plano, TX is a good example, and there are a load of others going to this inverted chevron. I personally like the idea and think it needs more support in the public safety world.

shevais ([Email](#)) - 01/18/06 - 21:41

The new graphics scheme may be a little out there until you get used to it, but from a safety aspect at 5pm on I-540 working a 10-50 they will be seen. Lets be honest, you have to be blind to hit it.

Justin ([Email](#)) - 01/21/06 - 12:20

There was no change to the lighting package on the units for the past 2 years. Just the vinyl has changed. There is significant research now being published in the UK pertaining to vehicle conspicuity and safety. Whether it fits your personal tastes or not, it accomplishes the mission. I would look to see the patterns stretch to the sides very soon. Working on designs for two new Admin QRVs that will be guinea pigs for the graphics artists.

Jon

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 01/28/06 - 14:10

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RFD Volunteer Groups?

01/17/06 67 W - + 23 - 19

In preparation for a coming essay, how many volunteer organizations have been formed in affiliation with the Raleigh Fire Department? Five come to mind in addition to the union and the Fireman's Club: auxiliary firefighters during WWII, ladies auxiliary formed 1952 and operational at least through the early 1960s, explorer post formed in 1985, the photo unit formed in 1991, and the first CERT team created in 2005.

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Former Firehouses Beyond Wake?

01/17/06 49 W - + 19 - 18

Does anyone have information or even photos of former firehouse buildings outside of Wake County, such as Bahama's old building or Lebanon's old building in Durham County? Or yet-undiscovered old station buildings in Johnston or Harnett counties? Please contribute to the [former NC firehouses database](#).

- Cartret- The old Emerald Isle Station 1 on Emerald Dr is not a public Library, I believe.
- Johnston- Old Archer Lodge station located on Covered Bridge Rd just south of intersection with Buffalo Rd.
- Old Bethany station just north of Shoeheel intersection.
- Old Corinth Holder station is located on school property (small two bay building).
- Old Four Oaks station on N Baker St just beyond RR tracks going away from business district.
- Old Bentonville station (same style) located just up the road. Siren tower is still on it.
- Wayne- Old Elroy station located just west of current station (on left heading west).
- Old Fork (now Rosewood) station on NC 581 just south of RR tracks on right.

Dale Johnson ([Email](#)) - 01/19/06 - 01:55

Carteret- The old Emerald Isle station 1 on Emerald Dr is now a public library

Dale Johnson ([Email](#)) - 01/19/06 - 01:56

Guilford County – the old Battleground VFD was located at 5103 Michaux Road. This was their second station I believe, I am not aware of the physical address of their first station. They have been pushed even farther north by annexation and have merged with Summerfield VFD (County Stations#9&29). The new Station#11 is located at 6412 Lake Brandt Road.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/19/06 - 16:38

The database has been expanded with reports from Duplin, Johnston, Sampson, and Wayne counties, among others. Keep 'em comin'!

legeros - 01/19/06 - 23:12

267 entries and counting! Thanks everyone, for taking the time...

legeros - 01/19/06 - 23:14

The old EIFD station #1 was built around 1975, give or take. The first truck was bought new in 1974- it was a 1974 Ford F750 with a John Bean 750 gpm pump and a 500 gallon tank. The particular model was the 'ECONO-PAC'.

Dale ([Email](#)) - 01/20/06 - 20:22

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Bahama is Getting Two New Engines

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Wake Forest Station #3

01/21/06 27 W - + 22 - 20

This [Wake Weekly article](#) references dicussions of buying land on Kearney Road for a third WFFD station. Here's a [Google map](#) of that road.

Just wondering if Wake Forest/Falls/Raleigh run together on alarms – automatic aid etc.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 01/21/06 - 20:10

Wake Forest runs automatic aid with Falls and Stony Hill on most fire alarm activations, Falls and Stony Hill run into Wake Forest in non-hydranted areas. Falls is the only county station in that area that runs with Raleigh automatic aid on Fire Alarms.

Justin ([Email](#)) - 01/25/06 - 00:46

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Falls New Brush Truck

01/21/06 23 W - + 32 - 15

A picture of Falls new brush truck was posted yesterday to http://www.firenews.net/contents/apparatus_deliveries.htm.

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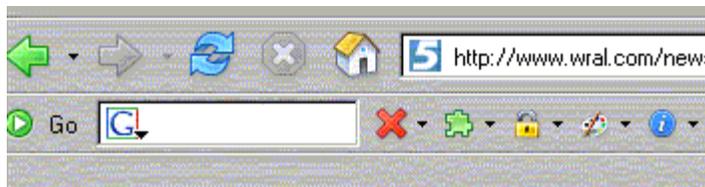
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Fire Chief Jane Perlov

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Minority Leaders Push For More Raleigh Police, Fire Depts.

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RALEIGH, N.C. -- Earlier this week, leaders of the Afric concerns about the number of blacks at the Raleigh Fir create a program for the fire department similar to one

Fire Chief Jane Perlov made minority recruitment a prio many acknowledge even the police department can dc

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Former Kinston Firehouses

01/24/06 23 W - + 35 - 18

This appeared today on FireNews: <http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/01232006a.htm>. Next up, Asheville or maybe High Point.

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RFD Tabletop Simulator

01/24/06 28 W - + 25 - 20

This appeared last week on FireNews, about Raleigh's new table simulator: <http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/01162006a.htm>. Text by Legeros, photos by Wilson.

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RFD Scanning

01/26/06 115 W - + 28 - 17

The radio system has been switched over and the FD and PS talkgroups have come alive! Here's my workflow for scanning... I've got a VHF scanner tuned to the old RFD dispatch frequency. Then my digital scanner has the RFD ALERT talkgroup locked out. Since RFD ALERT is rebroadcast on VHF, my old scanner receives same just fine. Plus, the rebroadcast on VHF includes the station pager tones which are NOT broadcast on RFD ALERT. By hearing the tones, I can tell the "big calls" from the "small calls" and listen accordingly. Now, if County Fire had a dedicated ALERT frequency, I could have a second VHF scanner tuned to that. Oh well.

try the old Wake Fire 1 for a county feed, that's how they still do voice paging IIRC

CFP 7021 ([Email](#)) - 01/26/06 - 12:59

To clarify, if County Fire had a dedicated ALERT talkgroup, versus the present combined ALERT + DISPATCH talkgroup, I could tune said second VHF scanner to old County Fire 1 and hear all the ALERT traffic, but without missing the DISPATCH traffic. Presently, tuning a VHF scanner to old County Fire 1 and then locking out the County Fire dispatch talkgroup means you'll miss all non-computer voice traffic (since only the computer voice is rebroadcast on VHF).

legeros - 01/26/06 - 13:04

mike, unless I am wrong, or they have changed something, there are two separate talkgroups on the 800 system for county fire: Dispatch 1 and FD Alert. And unless it has changed, the FD Alert channel is simulcast over old Wake Fire 1, at least that's how it used to be setup. I'm not sure if the Dispatch 1 traffic is simulcast over VHF, but I know it did not used to be. Therefore it should mirror the way that RFD is doing it.

CFP 7021 - 01/26/06 - 19:57

All dispatch TGs (EMS Alert, FD Alert, RFD Alert) are simulcasted over VHF on the following frequencies:

EMS Alert: old County Rescom

FD Alert: old County Fire 1

RFD Alert: old Headquarters

Dispatch traffic is NOT simulcasted over VHF, unless it is orders for units to cancel that have not acknowledged, or road closings, or other area-wide info (EMS delivers diversion status simulcasted).

Just my two cents on this...

Chris Snider - 01/26/06 - 23:01

There is separate talkgroups for ALERT and DISP_1. ALERT is actually a rebroadcast of the VHF paging signal going out through the Locution server – for all three VHF paging networks. The alphanumeric system is a single network. The confusion is in the "Dispatch" name for that set of TGs. They were named and in the system prior to the last minute integration of Locution, which drove a separate "DISPATCH NOTIFICATION" talkgroup which she talks on. This could not take place on the existing DISP_1 as Locution would sit and wait for a clear channel, delaying calls, or "ruthlessly preempt" what is taking place on that talkgroup, possibly placing folks in danger.

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 01/28/06 - 14:01

Here's my new setup, after returning from a very gray 34+ days in Michigan:

Bank 0: Raleigh Fire VHF, Wake Fire VHF, Wake EMS VHF dispatch freqs. Turned off when in the office, with three VHF radios dedicated to same.

Bank 1: Wake TRS for monitoring Ops and PS Tac TGs. This is the only bank active when in the office.

Bank 2: Triangle area VHF FDs: Johnston, Harnett, Vance, Franklin, Granville, Chapel Hill, etc.

Bank 5: Fayetteville TRS and Cumberland County VHF (for when visiting the folks)

Bank 6: Cary TRS

Bank 7: Durham TRS

Bank 9: RDU TRS

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/09/06 - 18:43

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New RFD Mini Pumper in Service

01/28/06 72 W - + 26 - 15

RFD's new mini-pumper was placed in service this week. It'll be stationed at Station 2 for the next few months, now that SR2 has been removed from service. It's at Station 2 to tow a trailer with haz-mat support supplies previously carried by SR2. Here's a [pic of the new truck](#). After its service at Station 2 it'll be moved to Station 9. Presently Mini 3 has been relocated to Station 9.

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Cary Station 7

02/01/06 106 W, 11 - + 15 - 13

Construction on Cary Station 7 is well underway. The approximately 17,200 square-foot facility at 6900 Carpenter Fire Station Road-- right beside Morrisville Station 3-- will have three double-length drive-through bays to house both Cary Engine 7 and Truck 7 and Morrisville Engine 3 and Tanker 3. Built on 2.95 acres of land, the \$4.16 million facility will be constructed of brick with a metal roof. One story, with office space, radio room, training room, day room, kitchen, and individual bedrooms and bathrooms for firefighters. The architect's web site: <http://www.fire-facilities.com/cary.htm>. The town's also has a [Station 7 construction site](#). And here's a picture from this afternoon:



With the construction of the station and once Cary Engine#7 goes in service how much of a first due district will Morrisville E#3 have -- will Morrisville E#3 continue to be manned with a paid crew etc.

Noah Rogers (Email) - 02/01/06 - 21:44

Morrisville will continue to staff E-3 with a full crew, running out of CFD Station 7. Word is there will also be a tanker stored there. The districts will not change as Cary already has district out in this area that Station 5 is running first due to. From what the word on the street is that E-3 and E-7 will run together on dual engine calls, aka fire alarms and the like. CFD will help MFD and MFD will help CFD out in this area. Should be an interesting time!

CFP 7021 - 02/02/06 - 01:52

Can we spell redundant...?

Jon - 02/02/06 - 04:52

No, true redundancy would be the continued operation of a second fire station next door to the larger and more accommodating new station. :-)

Legeros - 02/02/06 - 11:32

Whatever happened to contracted fire service to cover areas where you are closer than 1 am? Granted, a co-location approach makes budgetary sense, but two paid depts in the same station, doing the same thing. Wonder if they have automatic mutual aid for each other.

Jon - 02/02/06 - 17:03

If they do get sent to the same call, wonder if they'll carpool?

Jon - 02/02/06 - 17:04

yes from the early ideals it would be like an automatic aid agreement where instead of bringing E-5 out to run 2nd due with E-7, MFD would respond if they were in the station. and the same would be true on the other end. After all you have an obligation to provide services to areas within your city limits, as CFD is already running calls out that way with Morrisville coming auto aid on structure fires and other selected EMS runs. and Morrisville still has district out in that area that has not been annexed. CFD only runs within city limits.

CFP 7021 - 02/02/06 - 18:53

some pictures are up on the contractor's website <http://www.centurionconstruction.com/pic>.

from all reports it is still on schedule for a fall completion

CFP 7021 - 03/24/06 - 17:31

Doesn't seem odd that a county the size of Wake is still dealing with issues like we see here. Wouldn't it be just as easy for the County to contract services with Cary seeing how they are going to staff a station with twice, if not 3 times the number of people that the M'ville would. Somewhere, somehow the county is paying for a service that Cary could do. Isn't it true that the volunteer fire departments in Wake County contract with the county, so then wouldn't the counties money be better spent contracting with the municipal stations that may be closer to the counties district. IE: the city stations would have a rural district due to their proximity? IE: across the street from Cary station 6, Fairviews district but who would you rather have if your house is on fire?

freone - 04/08/06 - 23:13

I think it all boils down to votes. Many of those volunteer fire departments (and rescue squads) have enormous community support. You have to ask yourself- do we really need all of those fire and EMS chiefs, fire trucks, heavy rescue trucks, multiple administrative staffs, multiple chains of command, etc.? We need to move on. The day of the local volunteer fire department and rescue squad has long since passed in Wake County. It would make things, I think as a taxpayer and public safety professional, so much simpler if there were simply a Raleigh Fire Department, a Cary Fire Department, a Wake County Fire & Rescue Department, and a Wake County EMS.

JD (Email) - 04/09/06 - 03:19

Keep in mind that you also have smaller municipalities (Fuquay, Apex, Holly Springs, Garner) that are providing an excellent level of care. With the new CAD system in place, the closest unit is supposed to be dispatched, regardless of "district". It is silly that certain firehouses have property right across the street from them, only to be deemed some other fire departments "district". Most of the time, the new system works. If I'm not mistaken though, Cary is the only department that didn't come on board in this county. Thus, making the new CAD ineffective in that area.

JMS - 04/09/06 - 04:19

It is in progress for CFD to be involved in the closest unit items. Swift Creek already runs a bunch of stuff with CFD. It's more an issue of rural vs. municipal firefighting-- CFD and RFD are not equipped to handle fighting fire in non-hydrant areas the trucks are not set up for it and our ISO rating is based on hydranted areas, etc... for structural fires it'd be a mess, not saying that the closest unit shouldn't go, but it should be backed up by departments that are set up for it. Also remember that Garner is not a municipal fire department, and that Fuquay, Holly Springs, Zebulon, and Apex all have rural district that the county contracts with them for, as is opposite for Garner, Wendell, Rolesville and Wake Forest, they are private corps that the towns and the county contract with. You also have to remember fighting annotation is a huge issue, I mean as firefighters we don't care where we get sent, and for the most part neither do the citizens. BUT they don't want to pay the higher taxes to be provided the service, not saying that they wouldn't go, but a municipality has a duty to take care of its taxpayers first and foremost. as for the new CAD system, don't get me started, it's a waste of money to not get the best and most user friendly program to do the job. but I can agree with this statement wholeheartedly:

It would make things, I think as a taxpayer and public safety professional, so much simpler if there were simply a Raleigh Fire Department, a Cary Fire Department, a Wake County Fire & Rescue Department, and a Wake County EMS. with the addition of departments within municipalities such as Wendell, Zebulon, Garner, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Holly Springs, Fuquay, Apex and Morrisville.

Take the example of Knightdale, KPS runs inside town limits and provides a service to the taxpayers, Eastern Wake takes care of the rural area, maybe that's how the game needs to work. Municipalities take care of their own and the county take care of their own?

CFP 7021 (Email) - 04/09/06 - 04:55

Wake County authorized a study in 2003 by Tri-Data Corporation of Arlington, VA, to address issues regarding fire and EMS resources, allocations, and procedures. The results were returned about a year later. If memory serves correctly, and please correct me if it doesn't, the study treated all non-Raleigh and non-Cary fire stations and equipment as one big pool of resources. And, not surprisingly, it recommended relocating stations and altering apparatus allocations to better meet population and call needs. Alas, the survey was met with mixed enthusiasm by the county fire folks. Some recommendations have moved forward, however, such as examining if areas served by Bay Leaf Station 3, Falls, New Hope Station 1, and Western Wake Stations 1 and 2 can be better served by other agencies, and thus freeing the resources at those stations to serve other areas or agencies.

Legeros - 04/09/06 - 05:26

yup, shutting down fire stations, I would say next fiscal year you will hear more about it. I am a huge fan however if of not combining all EMS units at least putting them on one channel from one dispatch center, the radio traffic on Tri-Com from day to day is crazy with units moving here and moving there and covering this and the such... It's just a matter of time until...

CFP 7021 (Email) - 04/09/06 - 05:46

There is word the Town of Cary FD is trying to get Station 8 built this next budget year due to explosive growth in the Cary Glen area.

[car3550] - 04/17/06 - 19:30

yup, projected to have over 40K people in that area in the next 5 years... that'll make that area 1/3 of the town's population!

CFP 7021 - 04/17/06 - 23:07

Here's a nice summary of Cary Fire's plans for facilities (as well as apparatus): <http://www.townofcary.org/depts/budget/f...>

Legeros - 04/18/06 - 04:02

Moving EMS to a single dispatch center is in the works... especially with AVL just around the corner. Stay tuned...

Jon - 04/18/06 - 07:02

As far as Cary's growth on the west side of Hwy 55. Dont be surprised if you see Cary Fire Station 8 and 9 both open at the same time on the West side of 55. Currently station 8 is planned on the site of Brooks Park on Green Level something road, (they all run together). Station 9, which has previously been planned for the West Lake school area is going to be moved up to the area of HWY 55 and the Durham County line. This is due to the 40 some thousand people that are expected to make "West Cary" home over the next 5-8 years. With this you could expect the addition of the Third Battalion Chief. The urgency for these stations has recently been identified so the time frame could be as soon as 2008. Station 10, which will be the West Lake station will soon follow.

freone - 04/19/06 - 02:37

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Pic of RFD Mini Pumper at Station 2

02/01/06 62 W, 1 I - + 19 - 9

Here's a picture from Lee of the new mini pumper at Station 2. As noted in a prior posting, it's stationed there to both serve the downtown area as well as tow a trailer containing haz-mat support supplies. Said supplies were previously carried by SR2, the GMC extended panel van also pictured:



it will be permanently assigned to sta.9 in a few months. this is it's temporary assignment until the new HM-2 arrives in May. M-3 has been moved to sta.9 until then.

guest - 02/11/06 - 14:36

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Pics of RFD SR2

02/01/06 102 W, 1 I - + 17 - 15

As stated in the previous post, RFD's SR2 has been emptied. The GMC extended panel van was carrying haz-mat support supplies. It's been emptied in preparation for conversion to a mobile command post. The vehicle was originally designed as a combination command post and air supply unit. Placed in service in 1988, the forward section consisted of an climated-controlled command module, while rear section housed a cascade refilling system. It was converted to a haz-mat support unit in 2002 with the delivery of a new air supply unit. Here are Lee's pictures of the now-empty vehicle:



Any idea where the new command unit will be housed?

Guest - 02/01/06 - 14:00

With space at a premium in Raleigh's houses and the likely need to store same in a central location, I suspect it'll end up at the training center.

Legeros - 02/02/06 - 01:58

Is there enough height in that truck for a functional command post?

jaolson ([Email](#)) - 02/02/06 - 04:50

Here's a historical pic that demonstrates the approximate height and width inside the vehicle: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/pic.jpg>. The pictured firefighter is a good six-feet tall, I'd say.

Legeros - 02/02/06 - 11:30

In two more years this piece will be time to retire, why spend the money on a piece that is probably not worth the equipment that is going to be put in it. Just a thought.

guest - 02/03/06 - 02:49

most likely it will be housed at sta.8. it wont be retired in 2 years. as little as it will be used, this will make the perfect command vehicle. why buy something new? hell, look at services. they pulled the old bread truck out of retirement and are delivering supplies with it. they can fit every station's supplies on that thing and get the job done in a day now compared to the week it used to take.

guest - 02/11/06 - 14:40

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CFD and CHFD Merge?

02/01/06 17 W - + 15 - 13

Very interesting article in today's N&O: <http://www.newsobserver.com/722/story/395064.html>.

May start a trend in the Triangle. Can any see other applications of this principle? Two depts with similar needs in VERY close proximity to one another – to the point that they walk/drive by one another enroute to calls.

Hmmm...

Jon - 02/12/06 - 16:21

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Speaking of Warning Devices...

02/02/06 78 W - + 18 - 12

I recall riding Engine 19 right out of the fire academy in 1989. The 1968 American LaFrance, formerly open cab and equipped with a fiberglass roof, had a single roof beacon, a Sireno siren light on the nose, an electric horn, and the familiar "eagle bell" on the bumper. All four were utilized when crossing all six (or is it eight) lanes of Capital Boulevard. Explained our company officer, we needed all the help we could get!

No wonder everyone from that era is now out on hearing disability...

Jon ([Email](#)) - 02/02/06 - 17:00

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WakeMed Special Ops Vehicle

02/05/06 64 W - + 12 - 11

Noticed an interesting vehicle parked among WakeMed's transport units yesterday, a long "beer truck"-type of vehicle labeled Special Operations Support Team or similar. Behind it was a long, two-axle trailer labeled State Emergency Medical Team, I think. What are these units? Mass casualty units? Field triage units? Some of both? And how many other area hospitals have such equipment?

That long "beer truck" is the Special Ops Support Unit.. It carries a array of different equipment such as decon tents/showers, heaters, back boards, coveralls, etc.. It was last used when the refugess from New Orleans came and stayed at the Nortel Building. That tandem trailer actually belongs to OEMS and is part of the State Medical Assistance Team. There are several of those trailers across the state that hold various medical supplies and equipment. That trailer was last used in Waveland MS.

.... - 02/07/06 - 16:34

Here's a picture of said "beer struck," along with the triple-axle (not tandem-axle, as I incorrectly reported) trailer:

<http://www.legeros.com/temp/wakemed.jpg>

Legeros - 02/11/06 - 19:01

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Raleigh's Modern Volunteers

02/05/06 56 W - + 14 - 14

Here's a random essay answering the question "how many volunteer agencies have been associated with the Raleigh Fire Department in recent decades?" The PDF document will live a little later at a permanent location, after any reader-id'ed discrepancies, errors, or omissions are caught. Take a peek: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/volunteers.pdf>.

Final version posted at <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/h...>

Legeros - 02/11/06 - 19:17

Nice job Mike.

Jon - 02/12/06 - 16:29

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The Irish Roots of Firefighters?

02/05/06 60 W - + 19 - 10

Ever wonder why so many firefighters from "up north" have Irish roots? Between 1847 and 1854, some 1.6 million people immigrated from Ireland to the eastern United States following the great potato famine. Discrimination hindered employment and many took such "less desirable" jobs as police officers and firefighters. Here's a [little background](#) as well as a [Wikipedia entry](#).

An added note to this post, there is now an Emerald Society for the greater Raleigh area. It was formed by a few Raleigh cops, and it is open to CAREER firemen, police, EMS, and telecommunicators. We meet at Hibernian on Glenwood Ave. (Raleigh) at 6:30, the first Tuesday of the month.

Silver - 02/13/06 - 04:37

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Image Scanning and Processing Tricks

02/09/06 240 W, 6 I - + 20 - 7

Here are a couple simple tricks to scanning and processing photos. I was recently sent the following historical image. The sender apologized because no matter what she did, the resulting image looked like a photographic negative:



No problem, I responded. Opening the file in any number of image processing programs, such as MS Photo Editor, I located the "Invert" option:

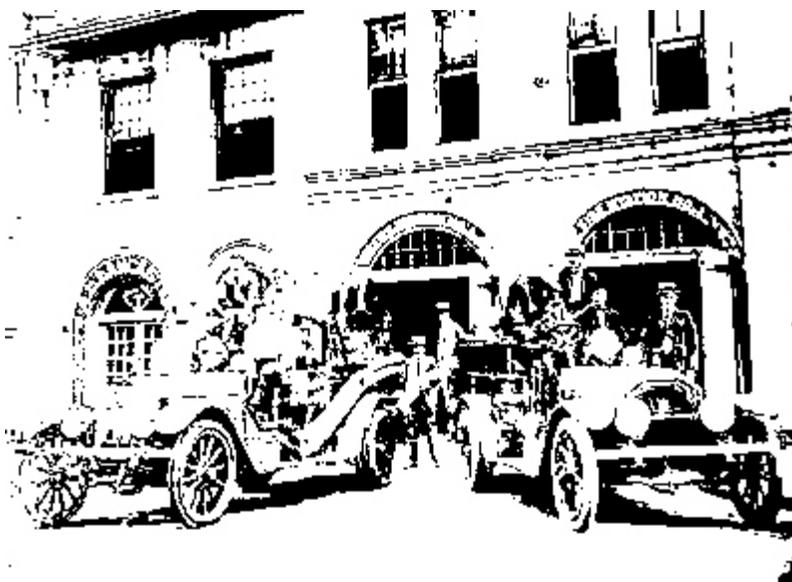


Then, I converted the image to "grayscale."



This is slightly misleading, because the common term "black and white" is used differently with regarding to image scanning programs. When you scan an image using a "black and white" setting, the picture will be converted into a image with only two colors: black and white. Versus hundreds of grays, plus black and white. Thus the term "grayscale."

By way of example:



To convert the image to grayscale, an image processing program may have an option "convert to grayscale" or "remove colors" or you may even have to locate the properties of the image, and select a "grayscale" format.

Finally, I "levelled" the image, selecting the processing program's "auto-levels" option. This is an option worth using with just about scanned image, as well as some digital photos:



The last step is to consider "sharpening," which simply sharpens the image. Also good for digital photos.



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Who Were Raleigh's Chiefs?

02/10/06 60 W - + 17 - 12

Who were Raleigh's past Fire Chiefs? Here's a [convenient list](#). Three died in office, though not in the line of duty. Three have been hired from outside the department, including the newly appoint Chief McGrath. The longest tenure was Chief Keeter, who served 18 years. The shortest span Chief Brockwell, the first chief of the fully-paid RFD.

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Scanners and Cold Weather

02/10/06 69 W - + 14 - 14

In addition to a crystal-driven Regency scanner and a programmable Bearcat scanner, my car is also equipped with a Radio Shack Pro-2096 digital scanner. On cold mornings, say 10 or 20 degrees, the scanner behaves strangely, intermittently losing its squelch and blaring the control frequency for a few seconds. I believe I've had similar problems with the Bearcat, and the squelch staying open on similarly cold mornings.

Here's a picture of the set-up: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/scanner.jpg>. Signed, Fire Geek

Legeros - 02/11/06 - 19:02

Wow... have you thought about donating the Regency to the Smithsonian?? You could buy a house with a garage.. :-I

Jon - 02/12/06 - 16:16

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FWD in Action, 1950

02/11/06 87 W, 1 I - + 21 - 10

Random historical image: Raleigh's first FWD pumper being put through the paces, circa 1950. Imagine trying that with a Mack or a Pierce!

This was Raleigh's first "modern" pumper, a 1950 FWD F-75-T pumper that served as E4, E2, and E8. It cost \$13,023 when the contract for purchase was authorized in November 1949. It was sold as surplus in 1976. The 1950 Mack was purchased two months later. It's contract for purchase was authorized in December 1950. It cost \$13,000 and served as E6 from 1950 to 1975.



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RFD's Volunteer Era, Chapter 1

02/12/06 96 W, 1 D - + 11 - 27

Attached is the first chapter of *Raleigh Fire Department: 1880-1910*, a "mini book" that, on a good day/week/month, is nearing completion. It'll run 60 or 70 pages and consist nearly entirely of text. It'll document the decades leading up to the formation of a fully-paid Raleigh Fire Department. The completed document will be made available online, for anyone who wants to print a copy. Or to take same to Kinko's to print 'n' bind. It won't be professionally published, however. Click this icon to download the first chapter: 

Well done – I look forward to reading the entire book!

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 02/12/06 - 21:43

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Heard on Scanner

02/12/06 33 W - + 15 - 13

Heard on scanner to EMS, to the effect of "you can disregard. Subject does not want to go to the hospital, and is going to the grocery story instead." Classic.

Could you indicate where and when – and on what talkgroup you heard this? I'd love to pull the .wav file of that.

Jon - 02/13/06 - 03:33

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Computerized Dispatch

02/13/06 50 W - + 15 - 19

The joy of the computerized dispatch system, both for city and county calls, is hearing something new, like the strange pronunciation of a street name or even just a newly programmed word or phrase. Such as "Battalion Chief," that Locution apparently started saying today, on Raleigh fire dispatches.

And I do love hearing Fuquay pronounced Foo-quay. Maybe they've fixed that.

Legeros - 02/13/06 - 23:23

There is also "len-wah" street. And for some reason, Locutia (that's what we call her at EMS) cannot say 'Wake County', rather she says 'Wake C-O-U-N-T-Y'.

Dale ([Email](#)) - 02/13/06 - 23:53

Atleast the Battalion Chiefs are back on the dispatch frequency. I personally like the computer quotes, like " JOHNSTON C.O. WAY ". Bugs to be worked out.

Jon Colby ([Email](#)) - 02/14/06 - 02:32

Maybe "Foo-quay" is correct and us rednecks have been saying it incorrectly all along.

guest - 02/15/06 - 02:54

Also love "Chavis" as "Chaav-is." That's great.

Legeros - 02/18/06 - 13:45

"Johnston County Way" is the computer's way of dispatching out of county calls. The way it originally worked was a unit was dispatched to their own base, with the details on the rip-and-run and on the alpha pager. However, that led to a really bad situation with EMS 9 one night last year on a call in Harnett COunty. So now, when the "— County Way" is announced, units know that they are going to another county. From what I understand it is too hard (or next to impossible) to get all of the surrounding counties' info into our own CAD.

Dale ([Email](#)) - 02/20/06 - 21:45

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FFing History Timeline - Firehouse Forum Thread

02/13/06 25 W - + 17 - 12

This may yield some interesting input: <http://forums.firehouse.com/showthread.php?p=648210>. So many things to research...

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Quote

02/14/06 53 W - + 16 - 13

Imagine my surprise on Saturday, while reading Kurt Vonnegut's 1959 science-fiction novel *The Sirens of Titans*, to discover that the novel is the source of his famous quote: "I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine." Not surprisingly, he once was a volunteer fireman.

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What's in the Apparatus Queue?

02/14/06 124 W - + 19 - 17

What's in the queue for new apparatus, now that the county-wide stuff has wrapped up? What we know: .

Apex - E-One Cyclone II 95-foot rear-mount platform ladder, due mid-April.

Raleigh - Four Pierce Dash pumpers, due spring/summer. Expected to be placed in service at some of the Beltline stations.

Raleigh - One Pierce Dash 105-foot rear-mount ladder, due spring/summer. May replace T24, with T24 replacing T16, and T16 replacing T26.

Raleigh - One International (?) / Hackney, tractor-drawn haz-mat rig, due this spring (?). To replace HM20, with HM20 replacing Mini 9 and trailer serving as temporary HM support unit.

Morrisville - Two KME pumpers, due in a couple weeks.

Wake Forest - Pierce mid-mount platform, due this year.

What else?

They will still be a next round of pumpers, tankers for the county.

Guest - 02/15/06 - 16:40

If the Raleigh pumpers are like the last ones, they will be on Enforcer chassis (vs Dash).

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/15/06 - 17:01

T-16 will be replaced. T-26 will get old T-16.

guest - 02/15/06 - 23:20

Harkey is correct, the four Raleigh pumpers will be Pierce Enforcers, spec'ed the same as the last two.

And, yes, there will be another round of pumpers and tankers for the county. Same bid arrangement, I wonder?

Wendell also has an aerial coming, Pierce 75' rear-mount that'll look like Raleigh's Truck 11. It's due this year.

Legeros - 02/16/06 - 01:39

Look for Cary FD to replace current Truck 7(Seagrave/Marion) in the next year with a similar type service truck

Swift Creek FD to get a county-spec tanker in the coming weeks as well.

The next round of County Engines/Tankers/Brush Trucks in the works for who gets what currently ongoing.

CFP 7021 ([Email](#)) - 02/17/06 - 03:29

Who is paying for Morrisville's pumpers?

JD - 02/21/06 - 21:23

Town of Morrisville? Someone else can advise if municipalities are entitled to a piece of the County fire tax pie, with regard to apparatus purchases.

Legeros - 02/21/06 - 22:51

What's in the Facility Queue?

02/14/06 122 W - + 22 - 14

What's in the queue for new or remodeled facilities, beyond long-range planning? What we know: .

Cary / Morrisville - Station 7 / Station 3 at 6900 Carpenter Fire Station Road, under construction, completion in late summer.

Holly Springs - Station 2 at 10400 Holly Springs Road, finished this month or next month.

Knightdale Public Safety Center on Steeple Square Court, bid awarded for converting building into PS center, construction should be starting any time now.

Morrisville Public Safety Center on Town Hall Drive, design work done, don't know when construction starts.

Raleigh - Station 23 additions and renovations, nearly completed.

Raleigh - Station 28 at 3500 Forestville Road, groundbreaking this spring, completion in 6 / 9 / 12 months.

Raleigh - Training Tower replacement at Keeter Training Center, nearly completed.

What else?

What ever happened to the new Station 14 project ?

Jon Colby ([Email](#)) - 02/19/06 - 14:18

News of the Station 14 project, which was a proposed swap of the Station 14 land for a Rex Hospital-built station on Blue Ridge Road, has been silent for some months now.

Legeros - 02/26/06 - 19:21

When is T-24 going back to station 23?

JD - 02/27/06 - 19:40

The finishing touches are being done on the Station 23 additions and renovations, so a Truck 24 move is probably sooner than later.

Legeros - 02/28/06 - 23:55

The move is supposed to take place today. (Sat. 03/04)

guest - 03/04/06 - 17:04

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RFD Apparatus Counts

02/15/06 114 W - + 14 - 11

How many different engines, trucks, and rescues has Raleigh operated over the decades? By my math, pumpers (plus two chemical cars) have numbered 70, including the Pemfab/Pierce and Mack/Pierce rebuilds:

ALF - 22
 FWD - 2
 Mack - 16
 Pemfab - 2
 Pierce - 19
 Pirsch - 1
 Quality - 8

There have been 15 aerial trucks, counting the 1916 ALF tiller, the 1939 / 1916 ALF tiller, the 1958 ALF tiller, and the 1979 Mack / 1958 ALF tiller separately:

ALF - 5
 Mack - 2
 Pierce - 4
 Quality - 1
 Seagrave - 1
 Simon - 1
 Spartan - 1

Five service trucks:

ALF - 1
 Chevy - 1
 Ford - 2
 GMC - 1

And nine rescues:

Chevy - 5
 Freightliner - 2
 GMC - 1
 International / SVI - 1
 Reo - 1

Yup, killing time at the computer.

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NCCVFA Info?

02/16/06 60 W - + 15 - 12

Having recently received a historical query from elsewhere in the state, is anyone sitting on any old North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fireman's Association materials? Old convention programs, or documents, or other errata? .

We're aware of retired Charlotte Firefighter Chuck Milligan's resources. And there's nothing much that we've found online.

Who's sitting on some archives, if there are any?

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RFD Academies Since 1978

02/19/06 18 W - + 15 - 17

Random historical compilation: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/rfd-academies.pdf>. RFD academies since 1978.

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Five Minutes to Flowing Water, 1888

02/20/06 173 W - + 14 - 15

Random historical tidbit, from the May 1, 1888 edition of the *News & Observer*: "The sound of the fire alarm roused the city Sunday night about midnight and from the tap of the bell which showed that the alarm was sent in from box 41, the fire was soon located and it was found that the kitchen of Mr. John Beckham on Dawson Street was in flames. Mr. Beckham's residence and other residences which were near at hand were greatly endangered by the fire, but here again the value of the fire alarm system and the efficiency of our fire department were quickly demonstrated. Within five minutes from the first tap of the bell, two streams of water were in full play upon the burning building and before the same length of time had again elapsed, the stroke of the bell announced the fire was under control. The flames were quickly extinguished and what might have proved a serious conflagration ended in a few charred timbers and a harmless column of smoke."

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RFD Virtual Museum Additions

02/22/06 24 W - + 14 - 7

Some recent-era pictures have been added to <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/museum/>. Improved captions for them forthcoming.

Couple more pictures added, captions improved, and the whole thing reconfigured to start with newest instead of oldest.

Legeros - 02/23/06 - 01:14

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RFD Radios and Status Buttons

02/23/06 27 W - + 11 - 15

Radio installation in Raleigh apparatus is reportedly complete. Status button use should start around March 1, so expect less traffic on the channels.

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Wiring a Whole House?

02/24/06 114 W - + 22 - 18

Has anyone wired a whole house for scanning / trunked scanning? Here's what I was thinking: base station scanner with RFD Alert and Wake Fire Alert talkgroups locked out, then two cheap VHF scanners on the old Raleigh and Wake dispatch freqs. Then one or more external speakers, with individual volume controls, driven by the base station. Or maybe driven by one of the VHF scanners. Or maybe with a couple more cheap VHF scanners placed next to the external speakers, wherever they're installed. Kitchen, living room, etc. Phew, that's a lot of volume-knob turning when the Missus is around. Or, as she might say, "turn that d@mn thing down!"

What would be the purpose of all the different scanners? You can use just one scanner to provide the signal for an amplifier that has 70v output. Then you can have as many speakers as you like.

guest - 02/26/06 - 02:25

Yes, definitely a better idea. Two scanners driving multiple speaker pairs throughout the house. Or maybe just a dispatch channel scanner. If "something good" is heard, drop what I'm doing and race to control room or car.

Legeros - 02/26/06 - 02:54

Hey Mike – don't feel bad! I have scanners in multiple rooms as well. I also have each scanner with a primary receiving function. In my living room I have an old Regency Crystal scanner which I use to primarily listen to Wake Fire 1 and SHP low band. It receives like a champ! On top of this scanner is a late 70's/early 80's GE MVP two channel VHF walkie-talkie which is on Rescom. All scanners and radios stay on 24/7. In my bedroom I have an older Bearcat 210 that receives primarily Headquarters, and then out of county traffic. My Garner EMS Minitor IV and Clayton EMS Minitor IV are also housed there along with my Motorola XT5000 800 mhz issued by GEMS. Also in the bedroom is an HT1000 UHF formerly used for Med9; now reprogrammed for Walnut Creek Amphitheater operations, as I supervise medical teams out there through GEMS. Upstairs I have another Bearcat 210 which I keep scanning all dispatch/alert frequencies and Johnston County frequencies. I would love to run a speaker from each scanner to one location; possibly in my living room by the stairwell, with volume control knobs located beside my couch so I do not have to leave the couch to control each scanner's volume!

Jason ([Email](#)) - 02/26/06 - 18:41

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History of Firefighting, 1609-1911

02/26/06 53 W - + 20 - 24

Some weeks ago, I went looking for a master timeline of early firefighting milestones. Couldn't find one, so I made one, posted same to the [firehouse.com](#) forums, got their input, and consolidated the results as <http://www.legeros.com/temp/timeline/>. It's USA-centric, and no sources are cited.

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Most Recognizable Radio Voice?

02/28/06 40 W - + 11 - 14

Who has the most recognizable radio voice on the fire channels? On the county side, I say EWFD Chief George Gupton has it hands down. On the city side, Div Chief Rusty Styons gets my vote.

Capt. Hayes on E-7/B is very recognizable. People are always making fun of him.

guest - 03/04/06 - 17:03

Chief Ron Roof- Bayleaf

JD - 03/06/06 - 14:31

How about Capt. Bill Dillard, E-26 "C" or Battalion Chief Rob Johnson, Batt. 3 "C" ?

Guest - 03/06/06 - 20:57

^haha, yeah, those too!

guest - 03/07/06 - 01:17

The captain on E-19/A (whatever her name is) has a distinctive voice and annunciation.

Dale Johnson ([Email](#)) - 03/09/06 - 19:01

there is also Mike Dillard from Durham Hwy FD, Rolesville 101, and of course the new Ch. McGrath from RFD

Guest - 03/12/06 - 15:26

Don't forget the Locution chick...!!!

Jon - 03/13/06 - 04:28

Thumbs up To George Gopton {ewfr Chief} Not hard to miss him talking on the ready!;-)

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 03/13/06 - 22:34

Percy Evans...10-8 edward naaaawwra

Guest - 03/17/06 - 01:38

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Raleigh Station 28

02/28/06 57 W - + 15 - 16

Groundbreaking on Raleigh Fire Station 28 is expected in March. The single-story station with three double-length bays is planned to house one engine company. Located on Forestville Road just south of Mitchell Mill Road, e.g. Wake Crossroads, the facility should open in early 2007. From the most recent CIP budget document, the cost is almost \$2 million.

Here's an updated map to help visualize the location: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/m..>

Legeros - 02/28/06 - 23:57

With three bays at Sta. 28 is there any talk of moving HazMat equipment from Sta. 15 or Sta. 22 into the new station?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 03/04/06 - 00:48

no. but there is talk of all the antiques being moved to sta. 28 to make much needed room for reserves.

guest - 03/04/06 - 17:01

Raleigh's three antiques are scattered about the city. The 1905 steamer is presently at Station 8, the 1926 American LaFrance pumper is at Station 27, and the 1950 Mack pumper is at Station 25.

Legeros - 03/04/06 - 19:40

Also, there is talk on the EMS side of moving an ALS unit to the area, to provide coverage for the growing area out there. The same unit could also cover the Durant Road corridor, replacing the EMS unit that stays during the day at Station 22. This would have the advantage of giving it a permanent home, as well as relieving the crowding at 22.

Chris - 03/05/06 - 02:11

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Medical Attack Vehicle!?

03/05/06 24 W - + 15 - 13

Seen as the brand name on a Wheeled Coach ambulance employed by WakeMed Mobile Critical Care: Medical Attack Vehicle.

Attack vehicle!?!

These units were initially intended for fire service EMS units because they were able to carry more equipment than typical ambulances (i.e. turnout gear, SCBA, extrication gear, etc.

Dale Johnson ([Email](#)) - 03/09/06 - 18:59

It's a marketing thing...

Jon - 03/13/06 - 04:23

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Raleigh Truck 23

03/06/06 36 W - + 10 - 14

As noted in a comment from a reader, Truck 23 has been placed in service, relocating from Station 24. It operates a 2000 Quality/Spartan Gladiator, 75' straight stick with a 1,250 GPM pump and a 300 gallon tank.

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Wendell's New Ladder

03/06/06 51 W - + 17 - 16

Wendell's new ladder truck is due in July. It'll be spec'ed the same as Raleigh's Truck 11, a Pierce Dash 75 straight stick with a 1,500 GPM pump and a 300 gallon tank. Wendell's present ladder truck, an ex-Raleigh 1979 Mack / 1958 American LaFrance tiller, will be disposed to a department down Wilmington way.

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Hot Zone, Warm Zone, Cold Zone, No Zone

03/06/06 51 W - + 17 - 12

Look for larger parimeters at Raleigh structure fires these days as formal hot, warm, and cold zones are being implemented by RFD incident commanders. Here's a [concise overview of said zones](#), found via Google, courtesy of the Phoenix Fire Department. Safety is good.

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RFD Diversity Recruitment Plan Details

03/09/06 235 W - + 20 - 14

Some details on the Raleigh Fire Department's diversity recruitment plan, approved by the City Council this week as pulled from [this posting on the city's web site](#): .

- * Hold open houses on weekends at fire stations located in or near neighborhoods with large numbers of African-American and Latino residents. Members of the department's recruiting team will be available to hand out literature and answer questions about employment opportunities with the Fire Department. Team members also will assist potential recruits with filling out employment applications. The open houses will be held at [Station 3, Station 7, Station 10, Station 11, Station 12, Station 17, Station 19, and Station 26]. Dates for the open houses will be announced later;
- * Make City employment applications available at all 26 City fire stations, along with instructions on how to complete the application. Job descriptions for vacant firefighter positions also will be posted at the fire stations;
- * Distribute informational fliers about employment opportunities to targeted places such as barber shops, hair salons, libraries, community centers and churches;
- * Eliminate the "short academy" concept for recruiting certified firefighters and emergency medical technicians;
- * Work with Shaw University, St. Augustine's College, Peace College and Meredith College to develop a strategic recruiting partnership that has a goal of increasing women and minority representation within the Fire Department; and,
- * Conduct extensive advertisement campaigns on area radio stations and The News and Observer that target women and minorities about employment opportunities.

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More Old Then & Now Photos

03/11/06 80 W - + 19 - 13

Occasionally, more old photos are added to the [legeros.com copies](#) of the Then and Now articles first published on [FireNews](#). New additions today: [Burlington pumper from 1944 magazine ad](#), [Greensboro fire companies circa 1890s](#), and a [second view of the old Wilson municipal complex](#). The last round of additions, as best I recall, included a [Morehead City hose wagon and two Kinston fire stations](#) and a [1924 view of the Hickory Fire Department](#). History is fun!

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Live Burns Today and Tomorrow, 3/11 and 3/12

03/11/06 56 W - + 46 - 14

Durham Highway has a live burn today, Saturday, March 11, somewhere. From the radio announcement, I believe Falls is participating as well. Location unknown. Watch for the smoke. Wendell will burn a residential structure on Sunday, March 12, at the intersection of Wendell Boulevard and Rolesville Road. Exercises start around 9:00 a.m.

DHFD's live burn was at the Wake County Training Center. No Falls FD participating. So much for relying on radio announcements...

Legeros - 03/12/06 - 03:47

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Raleigh's Macks

03/14/06 43 W, 1 D - + 19 - 10

Speaking of Raleigh's Macks, here's a spreadsheet summary of all the CF pumpers that were purchased by RFD during the seventies and eighties: . Click the icon to download. Pictures of the trucks are [available here](#).

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Engine 2's Brush Fire and the Old Airport Property

03/14/06 70 W - + 9 - 18

Engine 2 and others are on the scene of a woods fire off South Wilmington Street, behind an old shopping center that's the site of the old Raleigh Municipal Airport. Wander that way during daylight and you can still see the runways pretty clearly. No structures still remain, save for part of a light tower. Here's [some information](#) about the old airport.

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Spam and IP Blocking

03/18/06 67 W - + 23 - 14

Now that spam is beginning to appear in the form of presumably auto-generated comments, the offending IP ranges are being blocked. If, as a result, any readers find their comments no longer appearing on the weblog, please drop a mail message and I'll unblock the IP range and we'll figure out a different way to let you in and keep the robot out.

Also, one additional level of spam protection has been enabled. To post a comment, a couple text characters must be typed in an added form field.

Legeros - 03/19/06 - 14:52

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Please Report Photo Page Typos

03/19/06 55 W - + 13 - 11

Please feel free to report typos, errors, or outright inaccuracies on our [photo pages](#). Just drop a mail message, or even add an anonymous comment to a blog posting. We will correct our mistakes as quickly as possible. Ours is "guerilla coverage" and goofs do occur. Thanks for your scrutiny.

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Google Earth Fire Station Views

03/23/06 73 W - + 10 - 14

Inspired by a firepics.net thread, here are some Google Earth views of some local and regional fire stations and fire facilities:
<http://www.legeros.com/temp/ge/>. Send me yours and I'll upload to this temp directory. You'll need to (a.) install Google Earth, (b.) navigate to the desired location, and (c.) click File, Save Image to store a local copy of the displayed image. Happy hunting!

You have got way too much time on your hands..... Don't you have a new house to decorate?

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/24/06 - 04:16

Added the rest of Raleigh's stations, through Station 25. And some others...

Legeros - 03/24/06 - 05:33

Mike, I've got all of Wake County, including future stations, and EMS stations as well as Durham City and County done, I'll email you next week when I get back in town

CFP7021 - 03/24/06 - 06:07

I've uploaded aerial shots of all Charlotte stations, sent from a reader in Charlotte.

Legeros - 03/31/06 - 04:01

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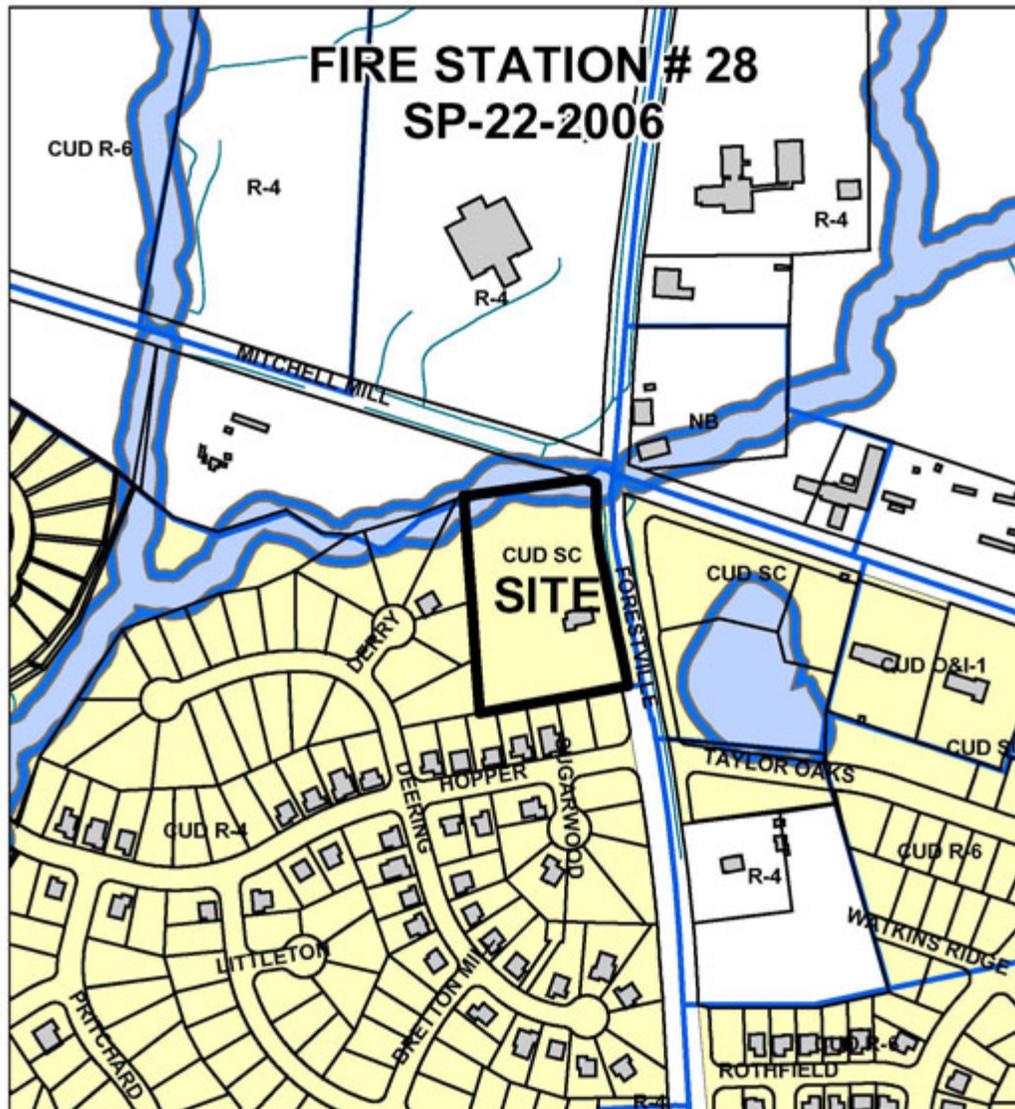
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Station 28 Site Plan

03/24/06 70 W, 1 I - + 25 - 15

From the city's site, the site plan for Raleigh Fire Station 28. The lot is three acres, as reported in today's *News & Observer*. The square-footage is listed as 9,990, which will make the three-bay facility the second largest in the department after Station 1 (11,200 square-feet) but ahead of Station 8 (~8500), Station 26 (~7258), and Station 27 (6873). That's counting both upstairs and downstairs for Station 8. Here's the aforementioned site plan:



**SP-22-06 FIRE STATION# 26, 3.11 ACRES, 9,990 S.F. BUILDING,
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Raleigh's smallest stations, by square-footage? Those would be Station 3 (3564), Station 14 (3616), and Station 16 (3984). No place to hide in those places...

Legeros - 03/25/06 - 00:21

How about #6?

Guest - 03/25/06 - 19:26

Station 6 is one of the larger ones, relatively speaking, with 5408 square-feet.

Legeros - 03/25/06 - 23:44

From a document referenced in another entry, here are the station square-footage sizes, ordered by square-footage:

- 1 – 11,200
- 26 – 7,258
- 27 – 6,873
- 24 – 5,710
- 23 – 5,670 (pre expansion)
- 15 – 5,664
- 25 – 5,640
- 6 – 5,408
- 4 – 5,298
- 19 – 5,293
- 21 – 5,225
- 22 – 5,222
- 18 – 5,185
- 20 – 5,168
- 11 – 4,923
- 17 – 4,875
- 5 – 4,627
- 2 – 4,600
- 7 – 4,584
- 9 – 4,500
- 10 – 4,327
- 8 – 4,275 (excluding basement)
- 12 – 4,189
- 16 – 3,984
- 14 – 3,616
- 3 – 3,564

Legeros - 03/26/06 - 00:00

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Scanner Antennas and Why They Drive Me Nuts

03/25/06 78 W - + 15 - 13

In preparation for residential relocation, I recently disassembled my fifteen- or maybe twenty-foot discone antenna from outside my Brentwood-area home. For the meantime, I pulled out a spare base antenna and plugged it into my trunking scanner. Plastic antenna, non-extending. Maybe 800mhz attuned, maybe not. And sure enough, I'm picking up Cary and RDU for the first time. Didn't work with the external, but does with the spare. Good gravy.

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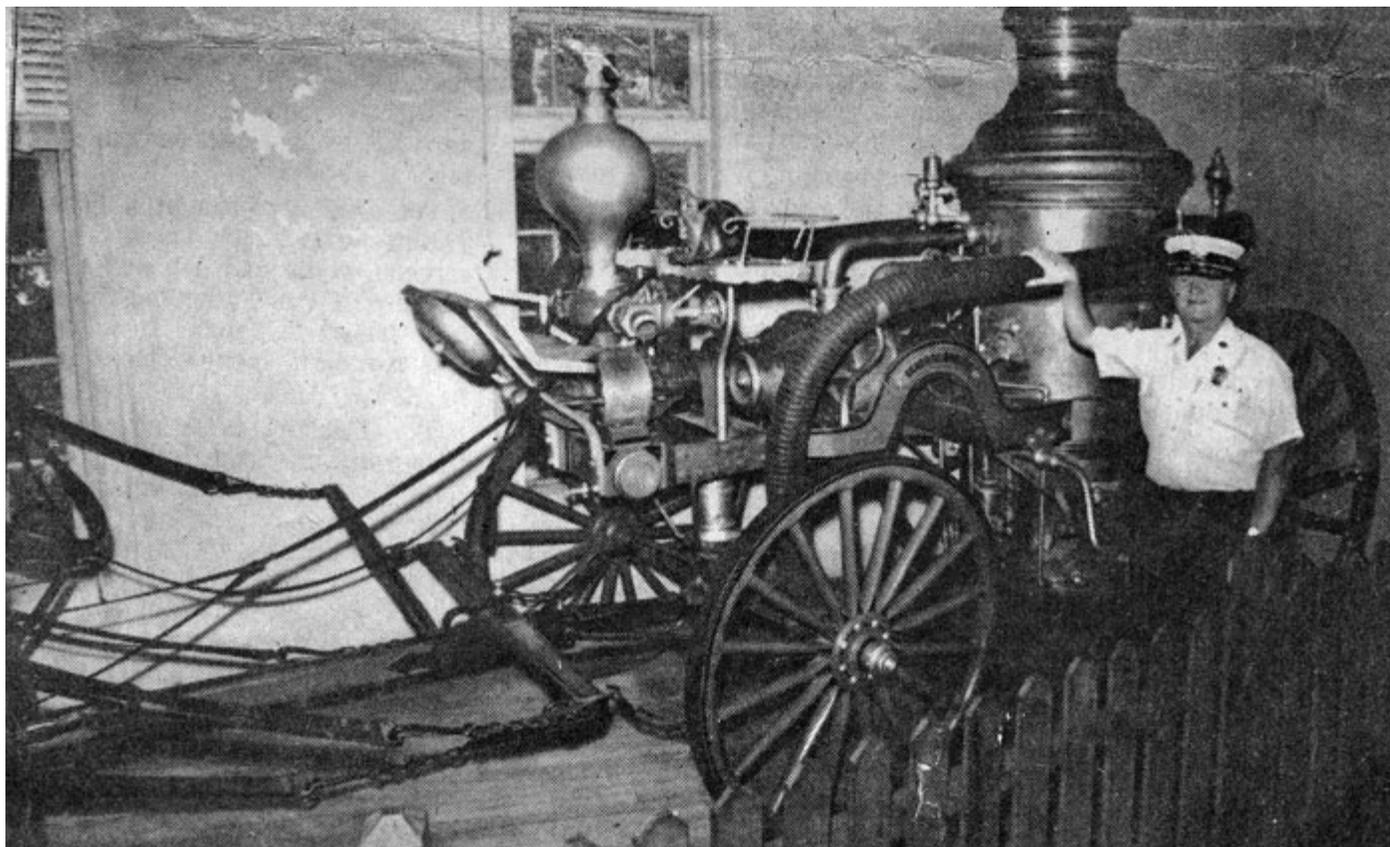
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Date This Steam Engine

03/25/06 68 W, 1 I - + 13 - 22

Any steam fire engine experts out there? A municipal museum in central North Carolina has contacted me, asking if I can help date their LaFrance steamer. It's either an 1885 or a 1904 model. Based on the forward position of the pressure chamber (correct term?), I'm guessing 1885. Hopefully I have at least one book with an answer. Here's a picture:



The answer, according to W. Fred Conway's excellent book "Those Magnificent Old Steam Fire Engines," is an 1886 steamer, sixth size. Rotary pump, as well, not piston.

Legeros - 03/29/06 - 01:48

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New RFD Tractor

03/25/06 49 W, 1 I - + 19 - 8

The Raleigh Fire Department has acquired another white Volvo tractor. It was last seen sitting at the Keeter Training Center and will presumably replace one of the older tractor that pull, say, the Mass Casualty Incident trailer. Here's a picture:



Here's a picture of the MCI trailer and the older cab: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

Legeros - 03/25/06 - 00:15

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Raleigh Stations and Square Footage

03/25/06 32 W - + 17 - 12

Here's a full list of Raleigh Fire Department stations and their square-footage, as well as other facilities information:

<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/station-survey.pdf>.

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RFD, Square Footage, and More Fun With Numbers

03/26/06 161 W, 1 D - + 14 - 19

The obvious question when examining station square-footage, of course, is how much average square-footage does each fire person have? Here are those calculations in PDF format, based on estimated bay sizes drawn from Wake County real estate record drawings:  And if we summarize the largest and smallest... .

Largest stations by max capacity, square-footage of living area per firefighter:

26 - 601
 1 - 573
 27 - 565
 23 - 502
 6 - 455

Smallest:

14 - 270
 16 - 294
 3 - 320
 8 - 328
 10 - 332

Note: Numbers based on the follow theoretical maximum capacities: Station 1, three four-person companies; all other stations, two four-person companies.

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Largest stations by current use, square-footage of living area per firefighter:

27 - 1,131
 6 - 910
 15 - 904
 24 - 891
 25 - 873

Smallest:

16 - 294
 14 - 360
 20 - 386
 11 - 401
 22 - 430

Note: Numbers based on four-person engine and truck companies, two-person rescue companies, and one person for stations with air truck or Battalion Chiefs. Numbers also exclude Station 8 basement and Battalion Chief and Division Chief stationed therein.

Scary Words on Radio

03/26/06 25 W - + 14 - 14

High pucker factor on this one, today at Wake Forest's working house fire: homeowner advises quantity of ammunition stored inside structure.

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DEK Boxes, Southern Style

03/29/06 22 W - + 15 - 14

Heard on scanner, unit to dispatch: "We forgot to mash our status when we got on the scene."

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Storms, Part 1

04/04/06 44 W - + 15 - 18

So where's everyone's favorite storm-viewing spot? Other than from the jumpseat? Brentwood Road overlooking the Beltline, right at the ramps, provides pretty good stormy sights. I've also driven out Lake Wheeler Road, past Tryon Road, for sweeping night views of electrical activity.

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Storms, Part 2

04/04/06 99 W - + 17 - 20

With weather like this, the mind's eye turns back to November 1988. Some of my memories of the north Raleigh tornado: living at Wakefield Apartments and remembering the storm windows just shaking from the wind around bedtime. Unseasonably warm that night. Getting up about 5 a.m. for my traffic-reporting job, switching on the scanner and hearing all sorts of strange activity. Called the police desk and asked if a big fire was working somewhere. "No, just the tornado." Later, late morning, driving through the storm-struck sections of north Raleigh and smelling the strong scene of pine everywhere. Amazing.

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Storms, Part 3

04/06/06 31 W - + 11 - 15

Lee keenly captured Monday evening's approaching storm at the fire on Trinity Commons Lane. This is why we have cameras:
<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2006-04-03-rfd-trinity-village-ln-lw/>.

I have to admit. Thoe are some great photos of the approaching storm. Great job!

Chris King ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/07/06 - 03:25

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Recent RFD Facility Improvements

04/06/06 93 W - + 15 - 16

Raleigh Fire Department facility improvements, since, say, 2004:

- new shop
- old shop now housing haz-mat apparatus
- new Bat 3 quarters at Station 8
- new Bat 2 office at Station 12
- new DC quarters at Station 8
- KTC tower demolition
- KTC tower construction
- KTC classroom trailer
- KTC lower lot improvements, post-USAR area addition
- Station 7 parking area for USAR (unpaved)
- Station 23 expansion
- new outbuildings at all stations, for supply and equipment storage
- new aprons at some stations
- Station 28 planning and design.

Anything else?

A lot of the firehouses now have a "station sign" in front of them.

Silver - 04/06/06 - 04:05

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Strangest Dispatch Ever

04/10/06 36 W - + 18 - 20

Heard on County Fire at about 4:40 p.m. today: structure fire, Johnston County, Wake Forest Engine __, Zebulon Engine __. Now that's a run for Wake Forest! The fire unit was subsequently corrected to Wendell.

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Station 28 Pre-Groundbreaking

04/17/06 34 W - + 22 - 19

Work looks to be proceeding at the Raleigh Fire Station 28 site on Forestville Road. Drilling equipment from a pipeline company is presently on the site. No tree- or brush-clearing has started, however.

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Apparatus Updates

04/17/06 28 W - + 21 - 12

Raleigh's new engines and ladder truck, all Pierces, are due around the second week of May.

Wake Forest's new Pierce platform is due in mid-June.

Others?

Raleigh's new haz-mat truck, a tractor-drawn rig about the same as HM15, is also due in about three weeks.

Legeros - 04/17/06 - 12:45

Apex F.D.'s new E-One Tower Ladder is due sometime mid to late May.

Silver - 04/17/06 - 18:31

Wake Forest also has a Pierce engine due within the next month or so.

Guest - 04/17/06 - 21:17

Wendell's Aerial ladder as well, supposed to be similar to Raleigh Truck 11

Specs in the works for the new County Rescue and Service Truck are in the works

Cary is also working on specs for a replacement for unit 1210, currently Truck 7.

CFP 7021 - 04/17/06 - 23:09

Hopefully if Cary replaces Truck 7, it will become the reserve and they will get rid of that hideous Mack (which is currently the reserve). That thing is a joke, I mean seriously, with all the money in Cary!

Any ideas about what the County might be looking at for a Rescue/Service Truck?

Guest - 04/18/06 - 04:49

The Wendell ladder is scheduled to be complete the first week of July.

If I were to bet on the County Rescue/Service Truck – custom 6-8 man cab, 20-24 ft body, roll up doors, plumbed rescue tools, generator w/ light tower, etc.

That Mack in Cary (Truck 2 for those of us around in the 80's) has a lot of history – long before it was carried by a Mack chassis.

Jon - 04/18/06 - 07:00

Actually, Cary's Mack reserve service truck / reserve rescue was designed similar to the town's prior service truck, a 1975 GMC with a then-revolutionary enclosed body that Fire Chief Ned Perry designed. The bodies of the two trucks look very much alike, but are not the same. The Mack was built with an all new body.

Legeros - 04/18/06 - 10:02

Photo of the 1995 Mack: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/galleryc/..>

Photo of the 1975 GMC: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/galleryc/..>

Legeros - 04/18/06 - 10:08

The Mack (1446) is a good truck and a very capable reserve. I'm not sure what the plan is for 1210 (current Truck 7), but the new truck will be similar in design, with some newer technologies and features.

For the county service/rescue I agree with Jon...

CFP 7021 - 04/18/06 - 13:49

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Single EMS Dispatch Center

04/18/06 66 W - + 17 - 16

From Jon's comment on another entry "Moving EMS to a single dispatch center is in the works... especially with AVL just around the corner. Stay tuned..." Is this the Wake EMS agency? The entire Wake EMS system? Would dedicated call-taking be handled as well, or just dispatch duties? Will the center still be part of ECC operations, or operating by another agency?

From what EMS has been told, EMS will go from having 4 points of contact (Raleigh/Wake, Cary, Apex, and Holly Springs), to just having one (Raleigh/Wake). EMD may still be done in Cary, but the incidents will all be routed to RWECC for dispatch. It doesn't make much sense to have 27-28 ambulances dispatched according to closest unit and 3 (the two in downtown Cary and the truck out in Morrisville) dispatched by closest station, does it?

I might be a little off with some of this, but that was the way I read the last e-mail explaining it...

Chris - 04/19/06 - 18:44

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New Holly Springs Fire Station

04/21/06 183 W - + 22 - 9

Holly Springs moves into their new headquarters fire station at 10400 Holly Springs Road today (4/21), relocating from their "temporary" station at 127 North Main Street. The new and renumbered Station #1 is a three-bay, approximately 12,000 square-foot, \$3 million facility. The now-old Main Street station will be demolished by town Public Works staff in the next couple weeks. The town is considering or has perhaps decided to sell the property, along with the adjacent property that formerly housed the Public Safety department, for commercial development.

The town's second fire station, the original rural fire department facility at 1140 Avent Ferry Road, will be remodeled starting next month. Demolition of the training facilities behind the station should start in May, with work on the station building starting soon after that. The station should be closed for only a short period of time. Looking at the front of the building, the first bay door on the left will be removed and that area will be turned into a living area. The finished facility will have two-bays, two-deep. The exterior will be uniform with the new station.

I heard that HSFD was planning on having a training room/area with the capabilities of driving a truck into the room and leaving it running (obviously with the assistance of a PlymoVent system), for pump training, etc. Any word on whether or not they were successful in getting this? That would certainly be the first of it's kind in the area, that I've heard of.. atleast.

Guest - 04/22/06 - 01:34

Yes we were successful. The basement which has access from the rear of the building, doubles as the training facility has a full size bay with a exhaust system. In the basement is also the fitness room, male and female locker rooms, and a small kitchen area.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 04/22/06 - 13:28

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Monitoring Severe Storms

04/23/06 229 W - + 21 - 15

Reflecting on yesterday's madness, I believe the solution to monitoring multiple reported structure fires / working structure fires might be as follows. First, these instructions presume two scanners in operation, one VHF scanner monitoring the "alerts" and one trunked scanner monitoring the dispatch and ops channels. When multiple structure fires start being dispatched, use a notepad to record both the address AND the ops channel. Keep doing these for each structure fire as they're dispatched. Then, and at the same time, keep an eye on the trunked scanner. If the scanner stops on an op channel that is NOT being used for a structure fire, press "scan" to bypass. (You may have to keep looking at your notepad to tell which ops channel to watch for.) Ditto for obvious EMS traffic, unit status traffic, etc. If the structure fires really start coming, then stop watching the trunked scanner altogether and just keep pressing "scan" until you hear the words "working fire" or "pull a line" or just someone talking through their SCBA mask. Note the ops channel on the display, then check your notepad, and will now know which structure fire is a "working fire." As evident on Saturday, when there are too many calls and/or too many working fires happening at once, you cannot rely upon a "working fire" notification as it may not happen.

Now how one DRIVES while doing this is a problem for someone else to solve!

Legeros - 04/23/06 - 17:45

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Budget Rumors

04/24/06 194 W - + 15 - 17

As the Raleigh Fire Department and probably everybody else is in the (final?) throes of budget planning for the next fiscal year, let me ask a meta-question: do blog discussions of budget rumors help, hinder, or have no effect on the budget process? Are postings and/or discussions in this public forum a blip on the radar of anyone who can or may have impact on the budget process? These blog postings and the comments therein are "out there" on the big, bad Internet, so any citizen, media person, city official, or fire official can Google them. Or just plain read them. I'm as interested as anyone on knowing what's being requested for the next budget year, but my conservative side compels me to refrain from posting insider knowledge and maybe even scuttlebutt. The most straightforward approach, I suppose, would be to attend the presumably open city budget planning meetings. Then report the results here. Does the N&O or any of its columnists even cover budget planning? Maybe they're closed meetings. Well, if nothing else, we'll know what we know in another month or so when the proposed 2007 budget is released.

I would recommend that speculation on this blog be listed as such. Facts are facts – otherwise is clearly speculation/opinion/preference, etc.

Jon - 04/24/06 - 17:05

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Histories of North Carolina Fallen Firefighters

04/26/06 24 W - + 22 - 16

My latest (mini) historical project, as posted today to FireNews: <http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/04252006z.htm>.

Great job Mike..welldone you have out done yourself again.

Chris King ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/30/06 - 22:31

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Raleigh's New Haz-Mat Truck

04/28/06 65 W - + 17 - 12

Raleigh's new haz-mat truck was delivered today. The 2006 Freightliner / Hackney tractor-drawn apparatus is presently parked at the Support Services Center on New Bern Avenue. It should be in service within a month. The apparatus replaces a 1991 Simon-Duplex / E-One unit that will serve as a haz-mat support unit. Both will be stationed at Station 2. Check the [photo pages](#) in a few for pictures.

Also, the new ladder truck may be delivered Monday.

Legeros - 04/29/06 - 00:12

That is a nice size truck. They made the right decision getting a rig that big & updated. Thumbs for the ones who decided on the new rig.

Chris King ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/30/06 - 22:30

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Mike on This Month's Fire Watch

04/29/06 87 W - + 20 - 14

Yours truly appears on this month's *Fire Watch*, the Raleigh Fire Department's community education television program hosted by Life Safety Educator Jan Parker. My five-minute segment appears about halfway through half-hour show. I speak on the subject of the old Capital hose house on West Morgan Street, the oldest fire station structure still standing in the Capital City. The program appears on Raleigh Television Network (RTN) Channel 11, which may only be available to cable subscribers *in* Raleigh. Here's their [weekly schedule](#).

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Brochure on RFD Historical Sites

04/29/06 54 W, 1 D - + 18 - 18

While we're on the subject of old engine houses, here's a PDF-format brochure that I recently created on a whim: . The text and images are based on my [former firehouses article](#); the marketing text is from the [RFD web site](#).

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Mike's Workshop at NCSFA Conference in August

04/29/06 50 W - + 23 - 16

Some news: I've been scheduled to conduct a workshop at the NC firefighter's conference in Greensboro in August. The subject: researching fire department histories. It'll be a Saturday morning session, early. Ninety minutes, starting at 8:30 a.m. More details at a later date.

Can't wait to attend mike.I am trying to do that now with the piedmont area..It has been harder than i thought to research history.Do not Know where to start At...

Chris King ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/30/06 - 22:26

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Cary News

05/03/06 131 W, 1 D - + 18 - 16

This [Cary News budget article](#) notes a capital budget item of \$750,000 for the land for Station 8 in the area of O'Kelly Chapel Road, near the area of Highway 55 and Alston Avenue, I'm told. Occupancy of the facility is speculated as within the next three years, with Station 9 (near Thomas Brooks Park, near Green Level Church Road and Green Hope School Road) occupied less than twelve months after that. Here's a [Crude Map](#).

Other CFD news:

- Truck 7's replacement rig is still being spec'ed.
- The current academy graduates in the first part of June with 24 people.
- Engine 7 will be placed in service at Station 5 on June 11 with old Engine 2, a 1997 Pierce Lance (Unit 1391).
- Truck 7 will move from Station 5 to Station 4 until Station 7 is complete.

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Raleigh's New Ladder

05/04/06 39 W, 1 I - + 18 - 19

Raleigh's new ladder was delivered on Monday, a 2006 Pierce Dash 105-foot rear-mount that will bump Truck 26, a 1988 Pierce Arrow snorkel, to the reserve queue. Here's a picture from Lee Wilson:



The Pierce engines are still a couple weeks away, by the way.

Legeros - 05/04/06 - 02:46

So will this be stationed on Barwell Rd?

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/04/06 - 04:38

It is unknown if it will be stationed on Barwell Road. Truck 26 will receive a newer apparatus, however.

Legeros - 05/04/06 - 04:50

Now they need to get a few tankers....

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/04/06 - 06:40

So when will raleigh get a platform. The last 5 trucks bought are all sticks. Just wondering what the thing is behind just buying sticks.

Adam ([Email](#)) - 05/04/06 - 15:32

Raleigh's last platform was delivered in 1999 and presently serves as Truck 20. That and Truck 16, delivered in 1995, will be the only frontline platforms after Truck 26, the snorkel, is relegated to reserve status. For some time, there was speculation that the 1977 Mack platform might be rehabbed, with the Baker boom moved to a modern chassis. Those things last forever.

Legeros - 05/04/06 - 15:48

If they rehab the baker, put me on it!!!! You're right, they do last forever.

Silver - 05/04/06 - 22:25

The new ladder in Raleigh is going to #26, found that out today from a birdie in services.

guest - 05/04/06 - 22:26

Does anyone know the reason for just buyingsicks? Why does RFD need Tankers?

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 05/04/06 - 23:36

Tankers would improve RFDs ability to protect some of the "doughnut holes" around Raleigh— those unincorporated areas without municipal water supplies. The city could assume fire protection, thus freeing county departments, thus allowing those resources to be allocated elsewhere. Of course, annexation of such fringe areas might not be entirely desirable, especially if the cost of municipal services exceeds the revenue generated by the newly taxed residents.

Legeros - 05/05/06 - 02:23

The "doughnut holes" in Raleigh are just like the "holes" in Cary. It seems that it would be cheaper for the county and a better service for the citizens if the 2 larger municipal departments were given rural districts. This way they wouldnt have to be annexed and the municipal departments could receive county contracts and the county funding to serve the areas and buy the equipment needed to fully handle it, Ie: The tankers.

fireone - 05/05/06 - 03:06

will not happen any time soon... too many things ride on having a municipal water supply at hand such as ISO ratings and accreditation. As at least one fire chief has said that they are not in the tanker business... the cost to equip and train would not be cost effective. It actually makes more sense to keep the rural depts around for the rural water supply operations. Not to mention having to build more fire stations, hire more full time personnel, etc... You also have to remember that neither Raleigh nor Cary have hard suction on their engines, just one more cost. There is no way that shutting down county fire stations that serve these "holes" and the surrounding areas would save enough money to take care of the additional costs that the municipalities would incur. while I will not say that it will never happen.. it is highly unlikely that you'll ever see it. annexation and providing municipal services, yes... the larger municipal departments providing service to unincorporated areas and contracting with the county... it would be a stretch that I can't even imagine

CFP 7021 - 05/05/06 - 04:16

Has there ever been talk of merging any county departments with Raleigh as has happened in Guilford County with departments merging with Greensboro ie. Guliford College Fire Department or Fire District#14. Guilford College FD was losing a tremendous amount of their tax base to annexation and made the decision to merge. They became Greensboro Engine#17 and continue to cover their district. Greensboro as a result provides protection to areas of the county not yet a part of the city.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 05/05/06 - 14:27

There are only five county stations (around Raleigh and Cary) that could be good candidates for a Greensboro/Guilford-style merger: Bay Leaf #3 (Raleigh), Falls (Raleigh or even Wake Forest), New Hope #1 (Raleigh), Western Wake #1 (Raleigh), and Western Wake #2 (Cary).

Legeros - 05/05/06 - 14:34

If you really did the math and ran the numbers I think you may be able to add Swift Creek, Fairview Station 1 and Durham Hwy. Station 2 to that list. Im not saying that those stations need to be closed but maybe reloacted to better serve the core of their districts since the municipal departments have encroached as much as they have on their original locations.

Fireone - 05/06/06 - 00:11

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Papa

05/04/06 13 W - + 16 - 15

The way the Locution Lady now says "Papa" tickles me every time.

trust me you aren't the only one.... we laugh every time we hear it at the station...

CFP 7021 - 05/04/06 - 21:14

Do you have a sound byte for those of us that can't hear it?

guest - 05/04/06 - 21:17

awww man, this is hilarious! i thought i was the only geek who thought it was funny. my wife thought i was nuts when i made her listen to every call until locution finally said "papa".

guest - 05/07/06 - 23:00

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FFF Photo Coverage

05/06/06 76 W - + 17 - 15

Lee and Mike will be around at Saturday's fallen firefighter events in downtown Raleigh. Look for us at the parade staging area, along the parade route, at the dedication ceremony, and at the memorial service, for starters. We'll be discretely documenting as much as possible and apart from the commercial media areas. Here's the parade route and other info, for anyone who hasn't seen it:

<http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/04192006a.htm>.

Thanks mike & lee. I can always count on you guys to be there for your great coverage. I was not able to attend b/c i was in the hospital. Can't wait to see & get the full story from today. I wanted to be there to meet you guys in person just wreckon it will have to wait til another day.

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 05/07/06 - 02:03

I've started sorting my pictures. Six hours of shooting yielded about 900 photos. Lots of fire trucks, and lots of backs of heads.

Legeros - 05/08/06 - 05:22

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FFF Parade

05/06/06 303 W - + 20 - 14

Who's in Saturday's parade? Expect apparatus and/or honor guards from many or most of the following agencies: .

Anderson Township VFD
Antioch VFD
Arapahoe FD
Arlington FD
Arrington FD
Asheville FD
Aulander FD
Austin VFD
Bahama F/R
Balsam Willets Ochre Hill FD
Beaufort FD
Blowing Rock FD
Bostic FD
Brevard FD
Cary FD
Centerville F/R Assoc
Chapel Hill FD
Charlotte FD
Cleveland Emergency Svcs.
Clinton FD
Coats Grove F/R
Collettsville F/R
Cool Springs VFD
Dallas VFD
Durham FD
East Rockingham FD
Eastern Wake FD
Edneyville Volunteer F/R
Ellerbe FD
Engelhard F/R
Enola VFD
Fairgrounds FD (now Western Wake FD)
Faison F/R
Fayetteville FD
Fort Bragg FD
Garner FD
Gastonia FD
Gerton FD
Gray's Creek VFD
Greensboro FD
Greenville F/R
Griffith VFD
Hamilton FD
Harlowe FD
Harrisburg FD
Harrisburg VFD
Hemby Bridge FD

Hendersonville FD
Herring VFD
High Point FD
International Paper Co
Julian VFD
Kill Devil Hills
Lake Toxaway FD
Laurinburg FD
Level Cross FD
Locke Township FD
Lowell VFD
Lumberton FD
McLeansville FD
Mebane FD
Mooresville FD
Morehead City FD
National Spinning Co FB
NC Division of Forest Resources
New Bern FD
Newland FD
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Piney Grove VFD
Poplar Tent VFD
Pumpkin Center FD
Raleigh FD
Ranlo FD
Roanoke-Wildwood VFD
Rockingham FD
Rocky Mount FD
Salisbury FD
Sanford FD
Shelby FD
Shepherd FD
Shiloh Danieltown Oakland FD
Statesville FD
Stokes Rockingham FD
Swannanoa VFD
Tabernacle VFD
Taylors Bridge FD
Thoroughfare FD
Triangle FD
Vanceboro RFD
Vander FD
Vann's Crossroads FD
Wade Community FD
Warsaw VFD
Washington FD
Weldon FD
West End VFD
West Jefferson FD
West of New Bern FD
Westarea VFD #10
Westside F/R
Whispering Pines FD

Wilmington FD
Wilson's Mills FD
Winston FD (now Winston-Salem FD)
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FFF Parade Report

05/06/06 17 W - + 18 - 12

This was this morning's parade line-up. Photos forthcoming: .

[Original list removed. See comments below]

Well, I see that this list is utterly useless. Half of what I typed appears to have disappeared in the course of the posting process. There were considerably more units that those listed here.

Legeros - 05/16/06 - 03:56

This should be the full list:

Raleigh Police motorcycles

Honor guard

Pipes band(s)

Honor guard(s)

NCCFF Van

Raleigh honor guard

Raleigh E13

Personnel

Chief's car

Mooreville HM2 (Suburban)

Cool Springs command vehicle (Suburban)

Personnel

Laurinburg command car

Faison honor guard / Unit 554

Personnel

Warsaw personnel / E1

Honor guard

Greensboro R5

Personnel

Whispering Pines Unit 514

Western Wake Truck 295

Thoroughfare E2

McLeansville E371

Swannanoa personnel

Swannanoa E63

Durham honor guard

Durham L16

Cumberland Road Unit 561

Arrington E1

Cary honor guard / personnel

Cary L1

Personnel

Benhaven Unit 1344

Wilson's Mills R1

Personnel

Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill engine

Ranlo E194
Charlotte E27
Forestry personnel / Tractor-drawn transport and plow
Mebane personnel / E33
Pumpkin Center honor guard / engine
Level Cross Unit 431
Washington antique engine
Lake Toxaway Tanker 82
Fort Bragg Truck 10
Westarea Unit 165 (pumper-tanker)
Tabernacle Engine
Brevard E22
Taylors Bridge Personnel / Unit 1651 (special operations)
Clinton personnel / Unit 1431 (engine)
Vann Crossroads Unit 631 (engine)
Herring personnel / command vehicle (Suburban)
Greenville E6 (quint)
Bahama engine
Garner personnel
Garner E11
Locke Township Unit 5 (pumper-tanker)
Eastern Wake personnel / E2
Lowell E173
Chapel Hill honor guard
Chapel Hill E34
Rocky Mount honor guard
Rocky Mount E1
Sanford engine
Antioch E2
Fayetteville personnel / E1
Vander Unit 232
Lake Toxaway command vehicle (Suburban)

Legeros - 05/16/06 - 04:03

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FFF Parade Photos

05/07/06 14 W - + 13 - 21

Mike's photos: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2006-05-06-ncfff-parade-mjl/>

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FFF Event Photos

05/09/06 20 W - + 20 - 15

More photos from Saturday's events have been posted, with pics from [parade staging](#) and [before the ceremonies](#).

Great work mike & lee. photos turned out great

Chris King ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/10/06 - 00:02

Last night (Friday) at dusk, I visited the memorial to take some pictures. And sure enough, the daughter of one of the fallen firefighters was there with her family, also there to observe and take pictures.

Legeros - 05/13/06 - 14:14

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Traffic Control and Temporary Lock Out

05/09/06 57 W - + 12 - 17

One of Uniden's coming digital trunk-tracking scanners has temporary lock out, where you can lock out a talkgroup until you power off the unit. Oh, how I wish my Radio Shack scanners had those, for those times that someone in the county is directing traffic. Blue Honda. Red Chevy. Yellow Ford.

Any idea when those updated Uniden Scanners will be available ?
So glad I waited to purchase new scanners.

Jon C ([Email](#)) - 05/15/06 - 02:23

Looks like June 30: <http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/s..>

Legeros - 05/15/06 - 03:27

Thanks, Mike.
Always like Bearcat better than Radio Shaft. I can wait a month

Jon C ([Email](#)) - 05/15/06 - 03:41

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Stony Hill's Big Fire

05/10/06 18 W - + 19 - 15

The sure sign of a big fire? The phrase "send me seven additional tankers."

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RFD Apparatus Updates

05/13/06 223 W - + 16 - 20

Some Raleigh apparatus updates... the incoming Pierce Enforcer engines are due in a few more weeks and may be assigned to stations 3, 5, 8, and 12. The new Pierce Arrow XT ladder has been lettered for Truck 26 and may be in service as early as next week. The 1986 Seagrave ladder is completely out of service and no longer a reserve. It'll be auctioned at some point, along with three Mack pumpers that have been sitting at Services for some time now. Thus, the reserve ladders will be the 1990 Spartan ladder, the 1988 Pierce snorkel (once removed from service), and the 1977 Mack platform. The new Freightliner/Hackney haz-mat truck is still a few weeks away from being in service. The present Haz-Mat 2, the 1991 Simon/E-One, will likely remain part of haz-mat and stay at Station 2. The role of SR2 is presently being performed by the new mini-pumper and trailer. Alas, we don't know at this time if the mini-pumper will remain at Station 2 or be sent to Station 9, so Mini 9 can be returned to Station 3. Old SR2, the 1988 GMC extended panel van, is being converted to a mobile command post. The unit may be named "fire command." New apparatus has also been requested in the 2007 budget, though tight monies may keep many of those requests from being fulfilled. More on that at a later time.

Does anyone know what the request are for 2007 as far as apparatus updates..

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 05/13/06 - 16:52

Any word about additional mapower in the budget – other than positions for E#28?

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 05/13/06 - 20:33

E-15 will be replaced, not E-5

guest - 05/13/06 - 23:57

Duh, yes, Engine 15, not Engine 5.

Legeros - 05/14/06 - 03:24

Budget proposals for the city will be public after Tuesday nights CItY Council meeting. Then maybe we'll see any other apparatus to be purchased in the future?

guest - 05/14/06 - 06:47

The city council meeting was today for the City of Raleigh. Looks like the proposal for Raleigh will be a replacement ladder and engine next year. Also, they proposed adding a "Planner" position to help with the future of the FD and improving the ISO rating.

Guest - 05/16/06 - 21:14

What's the word on the Heavy Rescue that the new chief requested/ordered several weeks ago.And where will it be stationed.

JDK - 05/17/06 - 14:17

Regarding some of the apparatus rumors and speculations...

The single aerial apparatus in the proposed 2006-2007 budget could be a tiller, spec'ed the same Truck 1, and replacing the 1995 Simon-Duplex platform presently serving at Station 16. Locating a modern tiller at Station 16 is probably entirely possible, as the apparatus bays of the 1979 facility were extended to accomodate the 1979 Mack / 1958 American LaFrance tiller that also served at that location. If the final budget includes the proposed funding for an aerial apparatus, whatever is purchased will probably take several months or more to be delivered.

There have been stories and speculation that a dedicated "heavy rescue" company has been proposed, or requested, or planned for the future. The proposed 2006-2007 budget includes only 15 new positions in Operations, and those are for Station 28. Thus the budget does reflect the necessary third and fourth positions, Captain and another firefighter, necessary to convert one of the present two-person companies to a four-person company. However, there are probably other pathways to reach this goal, if it is a goal, beyond positions added in a budget.

Legeros - 05/17/06 - 20:10

Regarding rescue apparatus, the fire department reportedly desires to replace the two 2000 Freightliner/ALF units. Based on the proposed

budget highlights, they did not appear to make this year's "cut." They would reportedly be replaced with heavier-duty units and without patient transport compartments. The reason that heavier-duty units were not purchased in 2000 is not known. Perhaps the 46 year-old (at that time) tradition of having one or more fire department rescue units capable of transporting patients was a difficult habit to break.

Legeros - 05/17/06 - 20:23

I think the transport capability evolved due to an OEMS requirement. Since RFD has desired to be an ALS provider with the defibs, I think (but I could be wrong...it happens occasionally) that due to OEMS requiring transport capability for ALS providers, this was why they kept it in the GMCs and Freightshakers. Someone probably knows more about this, but I remember hearing something about it recently. I know in the 'old' days one of the reasons was the 'dependability' of the private services (prior to WCEMS). I also remember hearing that the RFD units would transport RFD personnel or other high ranking people in city government. But that could just be one of the many 'folklore myths' from the 70's. I seem to remember, though, that Chief Puryear was transported on R-9...Anyone else?

DJ ([Email](#)) - 05/18/06 - 06:46

One way that RFD could impliment a four-person heavy rescue with present resources, if indeed the thinking was in that direction, would be to combine the resources of Rescue 14 and Rescue 19, promote one of the drivers on each shift to Captain, place both 1991 Freightliner/ALF units in reserve, and place the soon-to-be-old Haz-Mat 2 in service as Rescue X. In fact, there's active rumor that the Haz-Mat 2 will become a rescue unit, versus a haz-mat support unit. Said speculation is believed to be false. I suspect the above ideas are nothing new.

Legeros - 05/18/06 - 17:39

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More Fallen Firefighters

05/15/06 53 W - + 18 - 18

I've posted a [local copy](#) of my firenews fallen firefighters article, along with a web version of my [fallen firefighters database](#). The latter both replicates and expands upon the information available at the [NCFFF site](#). If nothing else, maybe it'll snare some Google searches and compel contributions of additional info.

Great work on the memorial! I was checking to see if Lee Wilson has his pictures posted from the memorial yet?

William Boggs ([Email](#)) - 05/15/06 - 15:24

Lee's pictures are pending...

Legeros - 05/15/06 - 15:28

Great work Mike!!! Working on a video For NCFF

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 05/16/06 - 05:30

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Dudes + Gas + Couch

05/15/06 34 W - + 18 - 17

Some droll amusement from somewhere, courtesy of YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOeozs7k80I>. I like the rural FD siren going off in the distance, at the end.

Stupid people are born everyday, therefore, I'll always have job security.

"Hey ya'll, watch this!" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaLxudXN5..>

guest - 05/15/06 - 06:57

Talk about a bunch of zero's!!!!!!!!!!!!1

[car3550] - 05/16/06 - 16:24

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RFD Budget Highlights

05/16/06 483 W - + 18 - 15

From the Public Safety section of the [2006-2007 proposed budget](#) :

Highlighted Budget Changes (July 2006 – June 2007)

- Fire Station 28, which will be located near the intersection of Mitchell Mill and Forestville Roads, is projected to open March 2007. Fifteen personnel, five per shift, will staff the station. A pumping engine will be used for emergency response and will carry both firefighting and emergency medical equipment including a defibrillator.

- Funding for a new Facility Manager will relieve the assistant chief of routine facility maintenance and repair responsibilities. Since 1999, five new stations and a new fleet maintenance services facility have opened. A sixth station is scheduled to open in March 2007. The fleet has also grown considerably. Current division staff can no longer meet the needs of the department in this area.

- A new Planner I position will prepare and maintain a strategic plan for the Fire Department, provide assistance to other departmental staff in the pursuit of accreditation, evaluate ways to enable the Fire Department to achieve a higher ISO rating, serve as the liaison with other governmental and regulatory agencies, coordinate with city and county planning departments to ascertain future fire station needs and locations, provide GIS analysis for graphic reporting and planning, and serve in an advisory capacity to the Fire Chief.

- A Systems Analyst Programmer will assist in providing technological support to the 523 users at 29 locations.

- Eight fire inspectors from the Inspections Department were moved to the Fire Department. This move is consistent with the recent Land Development Process Improvement report, the Farragut study.

- Funding is included to replace a ladder truck and a pumping engine.

- The impact of rising utility and fuel costs are reflected in the budget.

- Wireless service for fire inspectors will enhance productivity and enhance access to current building inspection information. This will also make building inspection data available to firefighters immediately.

- Replace defibrillators used by engine, truck, and rescue companies. Current defibrillators do not meet American Heart Association recommendations for cardiac resuscitation.

- Provide for firefighters to receive Hepatitis A vaccinations and to be tested for exposure to hepatitis as recommended by the CDC.

- Funds included for projected maintenance costs for the new training tower.

- Increase included for vehicle/apparatus maintenance and repair. The increase is necessary based upon recent repair cost experience. The FY06 budget year began with a backlog of apparatus repairs that had been postponed because of FY05 budget shortages. At mid-year, the FY06 budget required a transfer.

- Increase the number of computers available for shift personnel from one per station to two.

- With the implementation of this system in early 2006 came charges from Wake County to cover its investment in and maintenance of the 800 Mhz infrastructure. Although this will be an increased cost for the city, the enhanced communications allowed by this system should be an asset to emergency responders.

Truck 110 in Service

05/18/06 48 W - + 18 - 19

Raleigh's 1988 Pierce Arrow snorkel has been placed in service as Truck 110, a reserve aerial. It's presently operating as Truck 16. This also seemingly indicates that the new 2006 Pierce Arrow XT aerial ladder has also been placed in service as Truck 26, which previously operated the elevating platform.

With the snorkel now as a reserve truck how hard is it going to be to keep this truck in service as a reserve, being the a snorkel operates completely different then a regular stik or platform?

guest - 05/19/06 - 01:27

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EMS Ride-Along Article

05/19/06 45 W - + 24 - 10

Last month, Yours Truly spent an evening riding with EMS 203. An account of same was posted this week on FireNews: <http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/05152006z.htm>. Maybe I can do another one some time with, say, an area Batallion Chief.

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Raleigh's New Engines

05/21/06 106 W - + 15 - 18

Raleigh's new engines are arriving, a quartet of 2006 Pierce Enforcers. The first appeared on Friday, and two more were expected yesterday (Saturday). The fourth should be here on Monday. Watch for some pics soon. The rigs are expected to replace Engines 3 (2001 Quality), 8 (1999 Quality), 12 (2002 Quality), and 15 (1995 Pierce). No word at this time who will get the "bumped" rigs. The oldest front-line engines are, I believe, E27 (1989 Pierce), E17 (1990 Pierce), and E26 (1990 Pierce). The next oldest are E15 and E21, each with a 1995 Pierce. The oldest reserve rigs are, I believe, E123 and E125 (1982 Mack each), E122 and E124 (1989 Pierce each), and E121 (1990 Pierce/1986 PemFab).

the bumped rigs are going to just where you posted: E-23, E-26, E-27, and E-28.

guest - 05/21/06 - 15:40

So who is responsible for peeling off the customization from the "bumped" rigs before they leave the house?

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/25/06 - 05:38

My guess is it would be C-3 or whoever is working light duty at the time.

guest - 05/28/06 - 17:47

To clarify, if it is a companies own design, I believe they are responsible for removing it. If it is the "basic numbers" that services puts on every city unit, then services will remove and apply the new numbers when the apparatus is at the garage.

Guest - 05/28/06 - 22:59

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Raleigh's New Engines - Pictures

05/22/06 27 W - + 17 - 22

Pictures of Raleigh's new engines, as well as other apparatus parked at Services: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2006-05-22-rfd-services-mjl/>.

sharp looking rigs, I'm just a bit curious as to why the powers that be went away from the standard lettering on the Haz-Mat truck.. With all of the other new trucks (and old ones) saying "City of Raleigh" and the hazmat rig says "Raleigh Fire Dept." wonder why the difference?

CFP 7021 - 05/22/06 - 23:16

Don't know but I noticed that all the new engines say "City of Raleigh" while the new trucks say "Raleigh Fire Dept.". Maybe that has something to do with it?

guest - 05/23/06 - 02:24

ahh good point, I had missed that! But I guess that the "City of Raleigh" is on the aerial, with Raleigh Fire Dept. and the patch being on the trucks...

engines have City of Raleigh and the RFD scramble on them, but no patch.. interesting!

CFP 7021 - 05/23/06 - 04:33

If you look at rescue 7 it has city of raleigh on the box, The patch on the back door and the scramble on the front door

guest - 05/23/06 - 18:37

I heard that the lettering on the HM truck was wrong, but I haven't heard anything more specific than that. Perhaps the trailer was suppose to read City of Raleigh.

Guest - 05/23/06 - 18:49

The hazmat team was told during monthly training that the original lettering on the trailer wasn't up to par and was replaced with the lettering that is now in place. As far as it being "wrong", not to sure about that.

Guest - 05/23/06 - 21:48

Personally, I think it looks pretty tacky that a department the size of Raleigh does not have uniformity.

guest - 05/24/06 - 21:42

I agree, there's always a new paint scheme, manufacturer or whatever else tried out. Heck, the battalion chiefs don't even have the same type of vehicles. One's maroon, completely out in left field from every other batt. chief buggy.

guest - 05/24/06 - 22:22

Some of the more colorful paint and design schemes have included:

All white (circa 1910s), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

All white again (rescue only), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

White and blue (Civil Defense rig only), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

White with wacky red striping (rescue only), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

Red with city seal on doors (1949 and 1950), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

Red with no markings (tankers), <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/a..>

Legeros - 05/25/06 - 03:32

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NCFFF Photos From Lee

05/22/06 27 W - + 22 - 19

Here are some of Lee's photos from the NC fallen firefighters events on May 6: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2006-05-06-ncfff-lw/>.

Great photos lee wilson you have out done yourself again.

chris king ([Email](#)) - 05/22/06 - 23:24

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Knightdale Public Safety Center

05/23/06 85 W - + 13 - 19

Construction has finally started on Knightdale's Public Safety Center at 950 Steeple Square Court, across the street from the town hall building. It's an office building that is being entirely (?) converted into a fire and (Wake? Eastern-Wake?) EMS facility. The centerpiece of the center are two triple-length drive-through bays. The rear will have what looks like one or two smaller, single-length bays as well. Pictures: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2006-05-22-kps-construction-mjl/>. The "handmade" project sign is a colorful touch.

Wake County is partnering with the Town of Knightdale to secure EMS facilities within this station. Eastern Wake EMS will be moving from their current location on First Ave later this summer to the combined Public Safety Center. The facility will have two bays with eventually four fire apparatus facing forward and two ambulances running out the rear doors.

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/31/06 - 05:53

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[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/31/06 - 05:56

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Heard on Scanner

05/23/06 24 W - + 16 - 16

Okay, this might be the most shiver-inducing medical call that I've heard to date: "subject cut in face with industrial saw."

Leatherface from Texas Chainsaw Massacre perhaps??? Yikes...

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/23/06 - 21:11

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RFD Bat Chiefs as Safety Officers

05/24/06 37 W - + 20 - 23

That second Battalion Chief that you're hearing dispatched to working fires in Raleigh, among other incident types, is the Safety Officer. Members of the Training Division are no longer on call.

interesting. so what is going to wake you and Lee up in the middle of the night now? y'all gonna have your pagers reprogrammed to C-5?

guest - 05/25/06 - 04:16

Lee doesn't sleep at night – only during the day.

[jaolson] ([Email](#)) - 05/25/06 - 05:21

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County Fire Pager Tones Freqs?

05/24/06 25 W - + 13 - 18

Does anyone have handy a list of pager tone frequencies for all county fire departments? A reader is requesting same...

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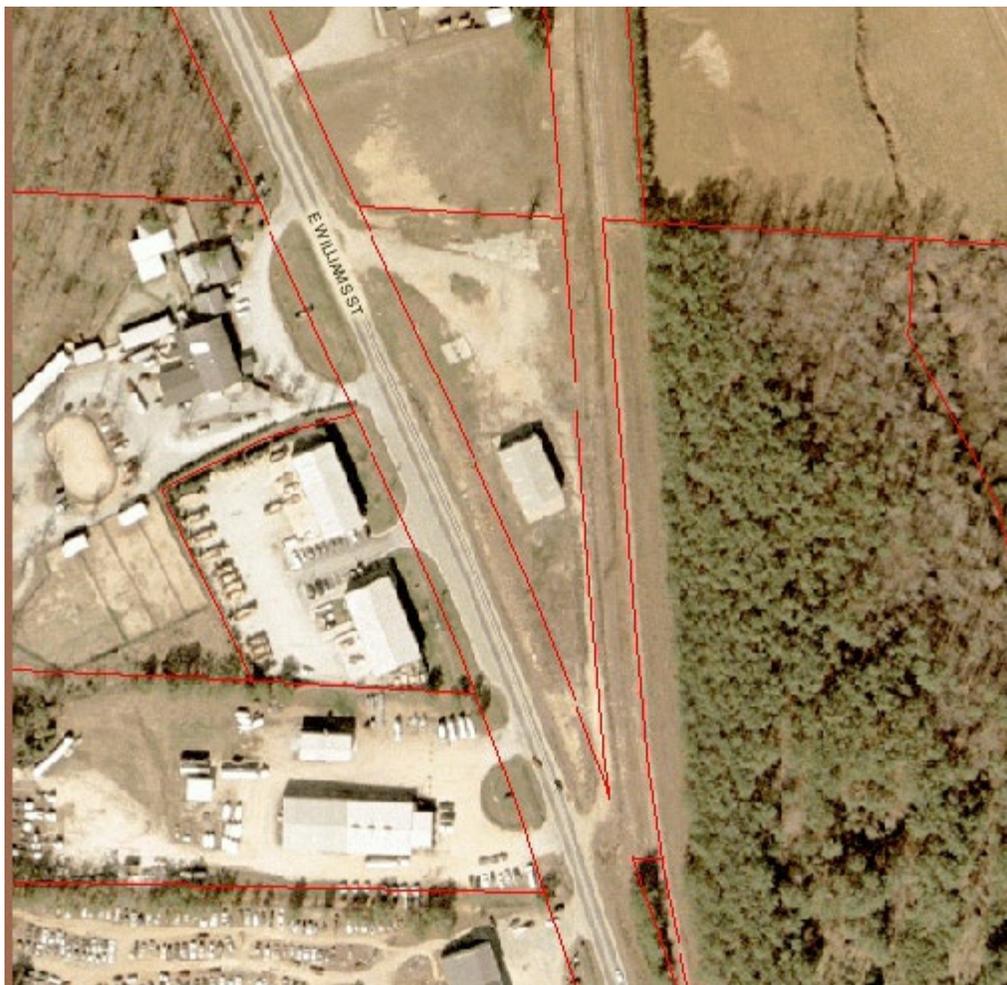
06/01/06 81 W, 2 I - + 17 - 9

Apex is planning a fourth fire station to open early next summer. Same will occupy an existing metal building at 1521 East Williams Street, AKA Highway 55 at the Dixie Pipeline Company. The 2006-2007 budget includes funding for both the building renovations and six additional positions, three Lieutenants and three Firefighters. .

Here's a picture of the likely building from 1996:



Here's an aerial photo of the likely site from 1999:



For those that might be a little confused, Lieutenants as in company officers, not chauffeurs (drivers).

guest - 06/01/06 - 07:47

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Apex's New Platform Ladder

06/01/06 34 W, 1 I - + 8 - 16

Apex's new platform ladder was delivered today. Information and preliminary pics are on their web site: <http://www.apexvfd.org/>, such as this one:



Let see, that makes how many ladder trucks around Wake County?

Apex – 2
 Bay Leaf – 1 stick
 Cary – 3 platforms
 Eastern Wake – 1 stick
 Fuquay-Varina – 1 platform
 Garner – 1 platform
 Holly Springs – 1 telesquirt
 Knightdale – 1 telesquirt
 Morrisville – 1 platform
 Raleigh – 10 various
 Wake Forest – 1 forthcoming platform
 Wendell – 1 tiller plus 1 forthcoming platform
 Zebulon – 1 platform

Legeros - 06/01/06 - 03:16

eastern wake no longer has theirs. Wendell is replacing the existing. raleigh only has seven ladders in service with only two of those being platforms.

guest - 06/01/06 - 03:22

whatever happened with the old hme that was engine 2 at apex

guest - 06/01/06 - 15:14

The HME "shorty", as I call it, is now running as Engine 4, out of Station 1. In the future, the plans are to put it back in service as a "first out" pumper. More than likely after station #4 opens up for busines.

Silver - 06/01/06 - 16:10

oops....business

Silver - 06/01/06 - 16:11

so is the old engine 4 a reserve then?

guest - 06/01/06 - 17:21

Yes, right now the "EEI" is in reserve status.

Silver - 06/01/06 - 18:44

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RFD on Pierce Site

06/01/06 26 W - + 15 - 11

Noted by a reader on the Pierce new deliveries page: http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/new_delivery.cfm?Truck=1327&Type=pumper.

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USAR in Downtown Raleigh Today

06/02/06 58 W - + 14 - 11

Raleigh's USAR companies will be rappelling down the First Union Building in downtown Raleigh today, Friday. The exercises will be starting around 10:00 a.m. Look for E7, R7, and T1, for starters. Should take a couple hours. Thirty-some stories, from the very top. The building's at the corner of Salisbury and Morgan streets.

Eleven members from E7, R7, E14, and T1 participated in today's exercises, as well as a member of the training staff and Raleigh Fire Chief John McGrath (!). Photos forthcoming.

Legeros - 06/02/06 - 23:27

Mike's pictures have been posted. Lee's are forthcoming.

Legeros - 06/02/06 - 23:40

From this HazMat Tech's point of view, I'm glad we have members that are willing to go off the side of that building!! I'd rather get in Level A any day. My hands are getting sweaty just looking at the pics!!! Awesome training, good job USAR.

Silver - 06/03/06 - 07:22

Lee's pictures have been posted.

Legeros - 06/04/06 - 12:03

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Airport Map?

06/02/06 25 W - + 12 - 14

Is there a good airport map online anywhere, one that labels the runways as well as all the access gates on the property?

I found this link to a map of the triangle from 1962 (Not that this is what you are looking for)..just thought it was interesting:

<http://home.nc.rr.com/nctrfficman/image..>

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/02/06 - 20:24

BTW: this is about as much info you are gonna find online:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KRDU>

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/02/06 - 20:27

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Fatal Police Chases

06/02/06 15 W - + 11 - 9

That's two in three days, Raleigh and Morrisville. What are the odds?

And both included NCSHP (Not that it is their fault at all)...monitored the one Wednesday Night...

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/02/06 - 20:20

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Wilmington Fire History, Kind Of

06/02/06 65 W - + 14 - 12

The NCOAH site on the Wilmington Race Riots of 1898 has a bit of fire department information buried in there, notably a map of the fire stations of the time. There's also a little information on the era's black fire companies in the first chapter of the report. The site is located at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/1898-wrrc/>.

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USAR Cab Lettering

06/04/06 31 W, 2 I - + 16 - 11

Speaking of USAR, their newest cab has been lettered in a different style than earlier incarnations:



so who owns this truck and the truck that is currently acting as the usar truck what is it going to pull?

guest - 06/05/06 - 00:41

Will the box trailer be replaced. If i may ask does anyone know what is all on the truck. Will you email it to me.

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/05/06 - 05:24

Geez.. another different paint scheme. Raleigh is beginning to look like the used car lot of fire departments, a little bit of this.. a little bit of that... we're dealin'!

guest - 06/07/06 - 03:51

yeah but this isn't completely RFD's game... there are 3 other cities/towns on that truck that all have a say... even if just a little one

CFP 7021 - 06/07/06 - 05:24

I agree.....just look at a weekday at the training center; a maroon Tahoe, red Dodge Ram, and white Explorer and Mini-van....

guest - 06/07/06 - 07:11

RFD Apparatus Stats

06/05/06 201 W - + 17 - 7

Part 1, Engines

Some Monday math: 74 engines have been purchased by the Raleigh Fire Department since 1912. That total reflects 72 pumpers and 2 chemical hose cars. Slightly more than half are still active, with 37 or so still serving as front-line, reserve, or antique. .

Counts by manufacturer:

Pierce - 23
 ALF - 22
 Mack - 16
 Quality - 8
 FWD - 2
 Pemfab - 2
 Pirsch - 1

Counts by decade (based on model year):

2000s - 17
 1990s - 15
 1980s - 9
 1970s - 12
 1960s - 3 (pumpers purchased in prior decade still going strong)
 1950s - 8
 1940s - 1 (used 1919 pumper. New apparatus unavailable during war years)
 1930s - 1 (pumpers purchased in prior decade still going strong)
 1920s - 4
 1910s - 4

Largest years for purchases (based on model year):

1997 - 6
 2006 - 4
 2004 - 4
 2002 - 4
 1975 - 4
 1973 - 4
 1989 - 3

Counts by American LaFrance chassis:

Type 5 - 2
 Type 12 - 1
 Type 45 - 1
 Type 75 - 5
 400 Series - 1
 700 Series - 4
 900 Series - 4
 Eagle - 4

Counts by Pierce chassis:

Arrow - 4
Dash - 2
Enforcer - 6
Lance - 2
Saber - 8
? - 1 (1978 Mack rebuild)

Counts by Mack chassis:

CF - 15
B - 1

Note that all of the above numbers include two rebuilds as two additional pieces of apparatus, the 1990 Pierce rebuild of a 1986 Pemfab and the 1992 Pierce rebuild of a 1978 Mack.

Some corrections and notes, as noted by a reader:

The Pemfab pumpers were built by EEI (Emergency Equipment, Inc), so they should be called EEI pumpers.

The four American LaFrance Eagle pumpers were actually built on Metropolitan chassis, but have Eagle fronts. These were concessions added at no cost to the city due to late delivery.

The Quality pumpers were built on Spartan chassis.

FWD was later aligned with Seagrave, when the latter became part of the former in 1962-63. Source: FWD Fire Trucks 1914-1963 Photo Archive by Robert Gabrick.

Legeros - 06/05/06 - 20:23

Looks like pierce & ALF are still running strong. Mike do you have a list of the current apparatus somewhere that i have over looked?

chris king ([Email](#)) - 06/05/06 - 23:24

so can anyone tell me when wendell is suppose to get there new ladder truck. along with wakeforest also.

guest - 06/06/06 - 00:08

check out <http://www.wakeforestfire.com> for pictures of their pierce mid-mount platform, as for wendell i'm sure it's within the next month or so

CFP 7021 - 06/06/06 - 15:31

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RFD Apparatus Updates

06/05/06 221 W - + 10 - 20

The new haz-mat truck has been placed in service at Station 2. It's parked in the old shop area in the rear of the station. It is the only vehicle occupying that space, due to the size of the vehicle, the need to access compartments, etc. The 2006 Freightliner / Hackney has been assigned shop number 11036. The old truck is still rolling on haz-mat calls, as equipment is still in the process being transferred between the vehicles. Once all equipment is transferred, the old truck may be utilized as the haz-mat support unit. .

The prior haz-mat support unit, a mini-pumper pulling a trailer, has been discontinued. The 2005 Ford / Slagle mini-pumper has been moved to Station 3. Presumably, Station 3 and Station 9 will swap units, as Mini 9 has been operating with Station 3's 1986 Chevrolet mini-pumper.

The earlier haz-mat support unit, a 1988 GMC extended panel van, has been converted to a mobile command post. Interior work is nearly complete and the unit should be in service shortly. Same is expected to be stationed at Station 1.

The four Pierce pumpers are almost in service. They have been assigned shop numbers 001052 (future E8), 001053 (future E3), 001054 (future E12), and 001055 (future E15). The "bumped" engines should be reassigned within another week or two.

The new Pierce ladder, in service as Truck 26, has been assigned shop number 11035.

That's all, folks.

The four Pierce pumpers have been placed in service, Engine 8 and Engine 15 on 6/7, Engine 12 on 6/8, and Engine 3 on 6/9, today.

Legeros - 06/10/06 - 03:16

hearing the old Haz-Mat 2 will be renamed SR-2 and be a haz mat support unit, carrying foam, absorbant, pads and the like

CFP 7021 - 06/10/06 - 03:34

Yes, that's correct. Right now the old "HazMat 2" is being used as a support vehicle for the HazMat team. To me it would make an awesome heavy rescue unit. Thoughts?

hazmat member - 06/10/06 - 08:13

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Raleigh Proposed CIP

06/05/06 239 W - + 10 - 9

Raleigh's [proposed Capital Improvement Program](#) lists some interesting fire department items, such as: .

- \$750K over five years, fire station improvements, including repair and maintenance of kitchen facilities and bathroom renovations.
- \$3.6M over three years, starting 2008-09, for the location and construction of a joint-use training facility. The RDU Airport Authority has provided the land for the facility which is somewhere near I-40 and I-540.
- \$2.2M starting 2007-08, to finally replace Station 3. It was built in 1951, is the second oldest station in the city, and the smallest Raleigh fire station.
- \$630K over five years, for backup generators at all fire facilities. Those are overdue.
- \$60K this year, for traffic control devices. The funding will install Opticom equipment at four fire stations and eight intersections on Capital Boulevard. Sounds like a pilot program.
- \$52.2M starting this year for the Clarence Lightner Public Safety Center, which will house Fire Administration as well as Police Headquarters. The building would also house a relocated Emergency Communications Center. At one time, the building was to include a relocated / combined Station 1 and Station 3.
- \$3.95M starting 2007-08, for a northeast Raleigh fire station. Looking at a map, I have no clue where this one would go. Somewhere south of Station 25 and west of Station 22? No, that area looks like a CIP Phase II project (Station 30 in the Bedford area, along with Station 31 in the Harrington Grove area).

Where will 29 be?

Guest - 06/06/06 - 16:43

Station 29 is listed in the CIP as "northeast Raleigh." No further information is provided.

Legeros - 06/06/06 - 16:44

Here's a map depicting Raleigh's annexation history: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/publications/Pl...> Based on the map, I wonder if the next RFD station is desired right around the present Falls fire station?

Legeros - 06/06/06 - 16:49

If so that will be interesting. Falls Does not even own the station. The Community club does.

Guest - 06/06/06 - 17:08

From that map, it looks like the protection area (for Raleigh) is south of FFD. Perhaps Station 29 is planned for, say, halfway between the dam and Durant Road?

Legeros - 06/06/06 - 17:11

Somewhere on the lake would be nice, wouldn't you say? Maybe include a few jet ski's in the deal too. Another capital improvement is \$385,000 for July '06 to go towards the purchase of 45 portable radios, so that most or all members are assigned a radio while on duty. Hooray!!! It's about time !! This is a big step for Raleigh, who only issued portables to the driver and officer of the rig.

Guest - 06/06/06 - 22:20

I understand the issuing to go like this; all trucks will end up with 4 portables, haz-mat engines with 4 and engines with 3. Hopefully, a little further down the road, the engines will be brought up to 4 also.

Guest - 06/06/06 - 22:23

I wonder whose idea it is to try to opticom system again? Raleigh tried it once and it didn't work well. In fact, E-15 and E-21 (one time was E-11) still have the opticom flasher on top. I remember the light at Capial and Highwoods had a sensor as well as Spring Forest and Atlantic. I think cost was the biggest issue in not going ahead with the system. I wonder if it's that much cheaper now?

A birdie had told me one time that there are plans for stations on ACC blvd, Honeycutt Rd., Falls of Neuse at Old 98, Auburn-Knightdale Rd, and Whitaker Mill rd at Atlantic Ave.

guest - 06/07/06 - 03:44

Speculating on said station plans, while looking at the above annexation map and playing with some mapping software...

ACC Boulevard is between 1.5 (west end) and 3.25 (east end) miles from Station 24, driving distance. And it's not far from Harrington Grove, listed in the CIP Phase II as Station 31. Phase II stuff is later than 2011, I believe.

Honeycutt Road looks to be nearly entirely outside of the city, for now. Maybe after five or ten years?

Falls of Neuse at Old 98 is 2.6 miles from Station 25, driving distance. The Wakefield area is expected to experience some serious growth, as I recall. And everything east and southeast of Falls and Old 98 is now in the city.

Auburn-Knightdale Road also looks to be entirely outside of the city. I have no idea what's springing up that way.

Whitaker Mill Road at Atlantic Avenue is an interesting proposition. It's 1.75 miles, driving distance, from Station 11, and about the same driving distance from Station 7. It's also about 1.10 miles from Old Station 4, at Wake Forest Road and Six Forks Road. Though the traffic was horrendous, that station had a pretty good location.

Legeros - 06/07/06 - 04:05

Here's that PDF annexation map with RFD stations added, for your amusement and amazement: <http://www.legeros.com/temp/2006-06-06-r...>
Maps are fun!

Legeros - 06/07/06 - 04:32

well, ISO is recommending a station near old 4. the old location just didn't work. it was just too small (lot size) and too hard to negotiate the traffic which is why a station off atlantic near w.m. rd. would be the replacement.

guest - 06/09/06 - 00:26

Perhaps the 2007-08 "northeast Raleigh" fire station listed in the CIP will be considerably closer to home, a la Atlantic Avenue and Whitaker Mill Road? Maybe that'll be Station 29 (or Station 13, if they finally fill the numbering gap).

Here's a quick, crude, "ISO circles" map with the aforementioned location in black: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Legeros - 06/09/06 - 03:07

Yes indeed, I have heard that Wakefield is going to experience some growth in the near future, however I don't believe that it is going to be sufficient enough to require another station (Falls of Neuse and Old 98); that is unless the city is planning to annex areas North and West of the current Wakefield (city) boundaries. On the flip side with a city response to the Wakefield area Engine 25 is on scene at a "fire" for about 6-8 minutes before Engine 22 can make it into the area (not counting the Contracted company from Falls Fire). As for the talk of the Bedford area station, Falls River and Bedford have experienced alot of growth recently thus possibly needing a fire station. In the mean time county/city contracts should be looked at to possibly incorporate a bit more contracted response to these areas. It makes no sense once what so ever for a city unit to have to pass a staffed county station to arrive at an emergency. The issue needs to be looked at as "what is best for the community."

Falls201 - 06/09/06 - 03:45

well, by looking at the map you made, Mike, it would make sense that a station would need to be added there.

guest - 06/09/06 - 16:45

Wake Apparatus Updates

06/06/06 52 W - + 15 - 8

Wake Forest's mid-mount Pierce platform is due this month, I believe. A reader found [these photos](#) on the WFFD site.

Apex's rear-mount E-One platform arrived the other day. Here are [some pictures](#).

Morrisville's two KME pumpers should be here.

Wendell's rear-mount Pierce ladder is due in July.

What else?

Morrisville's new KME's are in service as E-1 and E-3.

Cary E-7 will be going in service on 11 June 06, and will be placed at Fire Station 5 for the time being. E-7 will be in district 7 residing at Morrisville Station 3 during the daytime hours. Truck 7 will be moving to Station 4 until Station 7 opens. Station 7 is still scheduled for a late August/September opening. Engine 7 will be unit 1391, a 1997 Pierce Lance that previously saw service as Engine 2, and has been in reserve for the past few months. A replacement for Truck 7 (1994 Seagrave) is still in the spec process.

CFP 7021 - 06/06/06 - 17:26

Eastern wake is getting a new pierce contender pumper. replacing engine 5 That is now out of service due to major electrical problems.

chris ([Email](#)) - 06/08/06 - 00:35

imagine that an eone with electrical problems!

guest - 06/08/06 - 03:42

Knightdale will have a Pierce Contender delievered in December 2006.

Knightdale400 - 06/08/06 - 05:50

a picture of wakeforests new midmount found on the pierce website.

[http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/..](http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/)

guest - 06/27/06 - 00:43

Wake Forest sure is getting a nice ladder truck (or as Pierce listed it, a Pumper).

guest - 06/27/06 - 00:52

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Raleigh's Pirsch Ladder

06/07/06 124 W - + 13 - 11

While visiting Chicago the other week, I happened upon a [Pirsch ladder](#) that was originally intended for Raleigh. The story goes something like this: in 1985-86, the city was to receive both a pumper and a ladder from Pirsch. The pumper was delivered and placed in service as [Engine 13](#). The ladder, however, didn't make it. One or maybe more than one of the competitors filed a complaint about the bid process and Seagrave ended up supplying the rig. The Pirsch ladder that was built (or being built) was sent to Chicago and presently serves at the training academy. Alas, I didn't even think to record a serial or chassis number, to compare same with the [reserve engine](#) that's still in service.

This model and brand of ladder had a history of failure about that time that eventually took that company out of business. Raleigh was actually lucky because most of these were removed from active service by departments scared to use them after that.

BARRY SLAGLE - 11/23/12 - 19:41

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Writing Better Blog Entries (and Comments)

06/08/06 69 W - + 11 - 16

As blog entries and particularly comments can be as casually composed as e-mail correspondence, here's an interesting article about [Flagrant Grammar Mistakes That Make You Look Stupid](#). As for spelling, one way to spell-check blog entries and comments is this: 1. Write text. 2. Cut and paste text into Microsoft Word. 3. Run a spell check. 4. Correct spelling errors. 5. Cut and paste text back into blog.

Don't worry Mike...this blog is "gooder" than most blogs out there ;-)

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/08/06 - 16:06

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Morrisville's New Engines

06/08/06 33 W - + 16 - 7

[Here are pictures](#) of Morrisville's two new KME engines, placed in service as Engine 1 and Engine 3. The former replaced a 2002 American LaFrance pumper-tanker, the latter replaced a 1989 Ford / E-One pumper-tanker.

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Cary Station 7

06/08/06 114 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

Here's a largely obscured picture of Cary 7, still a ways from completion. As noted in a comment on another topic: Cary E-7 will be going in service on 11 June 06, and will be placed at Fire Station 5 for the time being. E-7 will be in district 7 residing at Morrisville Station 3 during the daytime hours. Truck 7 will be moving to Station 4 until Station 7 opens. Station 7 is still scheduled for a late August/September opening. Engine 7 will be unit 1391, a 1997 Pierce Lance that previously saw service as Engine 2, and has been in reserve for the past few months. A replacement for Truck 7 (1994 Seagrave) is still in the spec process.



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Aerial Photos Added

06/09/06 20 W - + 10 - 13

Recalling the earlier Google Earth thread, I've finally added aerial photos to this [Raleigh fire station site](#).

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Raleigh's Newest Turnout Gear

06/09/06 49 W, 1 I - + 13 - 12

Raleigh's newest turnout gear, as photographed by Lee. Notice the lettering style. It also comes with a pull-out strap on the back collar, for firefighter rescue and that is attached to the jacket. Grab 'n' pull 'em from danger:



so is raleigh going to the triple orange trim?

guest - 06/14/06 - 00:13

When Chief McGrath received his new set of gear, it had the orange trim like above. The Captains through Fire Fighters are receiving the yellow triple trim. I think that's how it's going to stay, atleast I hope it is (see past discussion on uniformity/consistency).

Guest - 06/14/06 - 16:16

the orange shows up better on the white gear than the yellow does IMHO, while I'm a fan of the lime on the gold gear

CFP 7021 - 06/14/06 - 18:13

Heard on Scanner

06/10/06 18 W - + 15 - 8

Structure fire, North Person Street. "At Krispy Kreme, D-O-U-G-H-N-U-T." Well, it was funny to me.

Yeah..small electrical fire thank goodness...don't know where all the C-O-P-S would go if KK D-O-U-G-H-N-U-T burned down :-)

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/10/06 - 03:30

Cops and donuts: <http://www.boatcop.com/donuts.htm>

Legeros - 06/10/06 - 03:36

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Heard on Scanner #2

06/10/06 41 W - + 14 - 13

Radio test with subsequent hung mic. Chatter for maybe a minute, then someone says "it's not like I was disrupting any major traffic." Half-second pause and dispatcher chimes in "you're still on dispatch." Mic was promptly keyed off.

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Cary Station 7, Drawing

06/11/06 33 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

...And here's a drawing of Cary Station 7, as passed along by a reader. The three-bay brick structure was designed by Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects of Gastonia:



For those that care, E-7 was placed in service at Station 5 at 0820 on 11 June 06. Completion is slated for a mid-late Sept timeframe if all goes well.

CFP 7021 - 06/11/06 - 15:15

Did I catch a reference to Cary engine 10 on a call last night?

harkey ([Email](#)) - 06/12/06 - 20:23

I believe Engine 10 is the designation for whatever engine (or ladder?) company is filling in around town, during a working fire or other major incident.

Legeros - 06/12/06 - 20:32

actually it is whatever unit is filling in at Station 1, Engine 20 at Station 2, Engine 30 at Station 3, etc... it makes dispatching easier as CAD recognizes E-10 being assigned to station 1, etc...

CFP 7021 - 06/12/06 - 20:40

With a station of that size, is there a potential increase in response times because the crew has to cover such a large area to get to the rig? Also, why not build a two story station in half the space for the same or less amount of money? Any thoughts?

Rides A Truck - 06/13/06 - 21:16

Why not two-story? ADA issues? Greater potential for injuries (and higher insurance rates?) from fire poles? Lack of tradition? e.g., no other Cary personnel are trained with fire poles.

Legeros - 06/13/06 - 22:32

from what I understand it is quite a haul from the farthest dorm room to the apparatus bay. But with the pre-alert system it should make that much of a difference. I would say that the increase would be at the most 15-20 seconds. as for two story, I'm with mike on this one, ADA, would play a big role as you would have to install an elevator (see Apex Station 3).

CFP 7021 - 06/13/06 - 23:27

...and you can't just have "pole holes" any more. They have to be enclosed in a separate space, per building codes.

Legeros - 06/13/06 - 23:53

Splitting the building into two parts probably helps in terms of community events, or any other times that general public would be occupying or visiting one section or the other.

Legeros - 06/13/06 - 23:54

Future plans should see Cary stations 8, 9 and the new station 2(FY 08) be multi story. With land being sold by the square foot in "West Cary"

and around Crossroads where the good ole' # 2 is, it will be much cheaper to go up than out. Currently 4-5 acres are needed per station based on current floor plan, 2 story stations can save 50% on land need & cost. As far as the increase in response times at station 7, rumor is Morrisville is getting stuck with the back bed rooms, JK ;-)

fireone - 06/15/06 - 03:01

when it comes to saving space, why not "hot bunk"? if you think about it, 2/3 of a fire station is wasted space.

guest - 06/16/06 - 16:28

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Former Firehouses

06/11/06 36 W, 7 I - + 16 - 10

Some former firehouses from around the area, recently added to <http://www.legeros.com/history/nc/>. Do you have any to add?

Butner (Granville):



. Bethesda (Durham):



Lebanon (Durham):



Bahama (Durham):



Coats times three (Harnett):





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Japanese Apparatus

06/12/06 104 W, 1 I - + 20 - 8

Any Japanese apparatus buffs out there? Giant ladders, heavy, heavy rescues, robots, motorcycles, super ambulances, and weird, wild tracked appliances. Those motorized supply-line carts are pretty cool. Check out these links:

<http://www.tfd.metro.tokyo.jp/ts/soubi/index.html> (Tokyo FD)

<http://www.morita119.com/fire/> (Morita, manufacturer)

<http://www.naganopump.co.jp/catalog/top.html> (Nagano, manufacturer)

<http://www.nikki-net.co.jp/product/> (Nikki, manufacturer)

<http://www5a.biglobe.ne.jp/~FUDOU/keisatu/shoubou.htm>

<http://www.rescue-119.com/gallery.htm>, which includes pics of my favorite piece of equipment, a Nissan 4x4 ladder:



Wish I could read Japanese...

Some more links are here, in a toy column of mine: <http://www.legeros.com/toys/columns/apr0..>

Legeros - 06/12/06 - 14:14

I guess the size of the machine is what moves the traffic since that lightbar being at the angle it is sure isn't going to draw much attention.

guest - 06/12/06 - 16:41

Translator.. please help me!

guest - 06/12/06 - 23:49

Cut 'n' paste 'n' translate here: <http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

Legeros - 06/13/06 - 00:07

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Let's Have Some Tones!

06/13/06 38 W - + 14 - 9

Who was dispatched to that chemical spill on Swift Drive? If I heard correctly: Engine 8, Truck 20, Truck 22, Rescue 14, Batallion 3, another Batallion Chief, Car 5, SR 5, Haz-Mat 2, and Haz-Mat 15. Ten tones, though I probably missed someone.

By the tones are finished the incident is over with :)

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/13/06 - 21:07

That's the way it's going to be with an inner-city hazmat response. RFD changed it's response to haz-mat incidents in the city from a "North/South City Split" to a full hazmat team response a few years ago. Though the dispatch takes about 45 minutes, it's alot easier on the "glow worms" from a task perspective.

Guest - 06/14/06 - 16:11

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Heard on Scanner

06/14/06 26 W - + 16 - 10

Dispatcher telling units responding to fire alarm that they're also receiving medical alarm, burglar alarm, *and* panic alarm. Now that's a well-stocked house!

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Flood Day

06/14/06 38 W - + 9 - 11

Whoo-wee, what a day for colorful radio traffic! Not to mention the dozens of water- and service-related calls around the city and county. Pics from Capital Boulevard, Crabtree Valley Mall, and New Hope Church Road coming.

From the N&O, the ECC received 3,870 calls between midnight and 4 p.m, an increase of about 70 percent from the same period last week.

Legeros - 06/15/06 - 11:57

Why was everyone wearing turnout gear? The first thing they teach in water rescue is dont wear your gear!!

Smith - 06/15/06 - 16:32

It was a busy day for everyone. Raleigh did a great & fast response on getting everyone to safety. Great job mike for getting out there in that mess to get us the up & close pictures..

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/15/06 - 19:31

I was thinking the same thing, you never wear your turnout gear when dealing with a water/swiftwater incident. In the Durham fire academy, they make you jump in a pool in full turnouts just so you can see why!! I hope it's brought to the upper's attention.

Guest - 06/15/06 - 20:38

It was indeed a great day for radio traffic. All fire and EMS stations had to log out of their CAD terminals, and all field personnel were told not to call communications for times – thus patients having heart attacks and suffering from major trauma had incomplete patient care reports go into their permanent medical record at the hospital. I do not understand why a CAD system that was SO expensive cannot accomodate users during serious incidents and it slows to a halt. The same thing happened earlier this week when the big storms came through at night. The CAD slowed so that units were on scene before they were even shown as dispatched in the CAD on the remote end. If a system this expensive cannot accomodate a heavy rain storm, what will happen during a terrorist event when the city could potentially become paralyzed? Will all units have to log off of the CAD? Supervisors had no idea what units were available and where they were located. There were EMS units covering everywhere and many times a duplication of coverage, due to supervisors not being able to police the system without calling a telecommunicator – who is already overworked. We need to work the bugs out now, so that when we do truly have a catastrophe, all users can be accomodated and we can handle more traffic in the field remotely by computer without having to call the 911 center by telephone or radio when they are already slammed. Perhaps at least one position in the EOC at the city or county level could be dedicated for field personnel to contact for system status, etc. if the system cannot accomodate all of the users. Many fire and EMS adminisrators rely on their laptops now to run incident command and keep track of their field resources. Yesterday stopped all of that. Food for thought. This is by no means a slam on the telecommunicator – moreso it is venting about the system in general, and its capabilities. Great job to the Fire, Rescue and EMS personnel for working their butts off! Great job to the line telecommunicators for handling A LOT of calls!! Kudos to EMS administration for manning the EOC and keeping the crews abreast on road closings!

Guest - 06/15/06 - 23:01

Regarding CAD and scaleability, it's either a fixed or flexible limitation. Let's hope it's the latter.

Legeros - 06/15/06 - 23:10

About the CAD...

One of my friends is a dispatcher with Raleigh/Wake. She told me that the problem with the CAD is that the data is active all over the system, and that there is no way to archive the data. That, along with only one server for the entire mess, is why it is slo slow at times and the reason all EMS and FD have to log off the CAD. The issue is not a Raleigh/Wake problem, but a Printrak CAD problem that they are working to fix.

Until then, we just have to make do... and suffer blindly at times.

CJ - 06/16/06 - 00:28

Having been at this work for many many years, it goes to show that, at times, simpler is better...

guest - 06/16/06 - 00:33

Love the 800 system, but could do without Locution.

guest - 06/16/06 - 15:05

actually I think locution did a great job of banging out calls, allowing the telecommunicators to handle other tasks. The CAD system however needs some work. now if we could get the 10-8 buttons to work when the last unit presses it that it clears the tac/ops channel as well. shouldn't be that hard to program

CFP 7021 - 06/16/06 - 17:13

The cad is new I think it will work fine once all the bugs are worked out.

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/16/06 - 20:26

The CAD has been online for over 2 years now – Locution is fairly new, but not the CAD itself. Bugs should have been worked out by now.

EMSGuest - 06/17/06 - 08:22

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Station Floodings?

06/15/06 36 W - + 11 - 11

I heard RFD 16 received a couple inches in the bay, and some into the living areas. And one county department was talking on the radio about their station 2, and water flooding a septic tank.

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Triad Former Firehouses

06/17/06 32 W, 5 I - + 18 - 7

Some former firehouses found while doing a day of research in High Point: .

Bessemer, Greensboro:



Fire District 14, Greensboro:



Pincroft-Sedgefield, Harvey Road station:



Pincroft-Sedgefield, Burnette's Chapel Road station:



Guil-Rand, Archdale:



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GFD / Media Relations

06/17/06 42 W - + 19 - 10

Something (else) interesting from Greensboro's (redesigned) web site, their SOPs (or at least part of them) on media relations for John Q. Public, Joe Media, and anyone else to read: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/Fire/Aboutus/mediarelations.htm>.

At least everyone (from the media/public) knows what is expected of them at the scene and also know what and when the information will be provided to them. It's not a bad idea to make that information public, everyone knows what to expect from you and what you expect from them – makes for a better relationship between the fire department and the public/media.

guest - 06/17/06 - 08:08

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RFD Site Update

06/17/06 32 W - + 15 - 12

There's been a discrete update of the [RFD site](#), for those that haven't noticed. A comprehensive list of contacts has been added. Click the icon on the right side.

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New Photo Gallery Format

06/19/06 48 W - + 12 - 13

We're experimenting with a new gallery format on our [photo page](#). Slideshows can now be played, with the images automatically changing every five seconds. You can also use your keyboard to navigate between images. The flood pictures have been reformatted with the new format.

So far, so good.. No problems navigating between images.

guest - 06/20/06 - 04:15

I like the new format. No problem either easier to navigate through all the photos.

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/21/06 - 02:39

Ever thought about getting Crazyweb and just turning this into an actual message board?

guest - 06/23/06 - 13:38

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Goldsboro FD History Source?

06/22/06 24 W - + 15 - 8

Anyone know anyone who is a source for information about the history of the Goldboro Fire Department? Please [mail Mike](#).

Disregard this request.

I wandered that way today and found someone on duty who assisted me.

Legeros - 06/24/06 - 03:28

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New Fayetteville FD Site

06/22/06 23 W - + 14 - 15

The Fayetteville Fire Department has unveiled an impressive new web site: <http://fire.ci.fayetteville.nc.us/default.asp>.

And then this afternoon, the site is again down. Sigh...

Legeros - 06/23/06 - 03:56

Anyone had any luck getting this site to load?

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/26/06 - 22:02

nope

guest - 06/26/06 - 22:21

I have since learned that the site isn't ready. Though it was live for a time last week, by accident, it is still some days (or maybe many days) away from returning.

Legeros - 06/27/06 - 00:24

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Best Web Sites?

06/22/06 30 W - + 18 - 12

While we're on the subject of web sites, which big-city or bigger-sized departments around the state have the best (or most informative, or most user-friendly) web sites?

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This Morning's Fire in South Raleigh

06/22/06 29 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

This morning's fire on South Wilmington Street at Illeanges Street, from Lee. More forthcoming on photo site:



N&O story: <http://www.newsobserver.com/102/story/45..>

Legeros - 06/22/06 - 22:16

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Shopping Centers

06/22/06 33 W - + 14 - 9

Coverage of this [big burner in Dallas](#) makes me wonder: when was the last big, big shopping center fire in Raleigh or Wake County? Has it been some years, or more?

Not sure of the dates, Lee would probably remember, how about Quail Corners Shopping Center in Raleigh? It burned a couple of times, but I can't remember the date(s). While I was at Engine 7 in Raleigh, we burned a strip mall at the corner of Brookside and Glascock St. That was in 2000.

Silver - 06/23/06 - 19:56

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Wayne County Former Firehouses

06/24/06 27 W, 3 I - + 15 - 15

A trio of former firehouses in Wayne County found during some Friday explorations: .



Mar Mac



Dudley



Smith Chapel

Love those quaint block buildings...

Heard on Scanner

06/24/06 12 W - + 23 - 10

Fuel spill in Raleigh at "Lake Johnson D-A-M."

Damn.

oooohhhhh...I'm tellin' on Locution! Such vile language!

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/24/06 - 21:27

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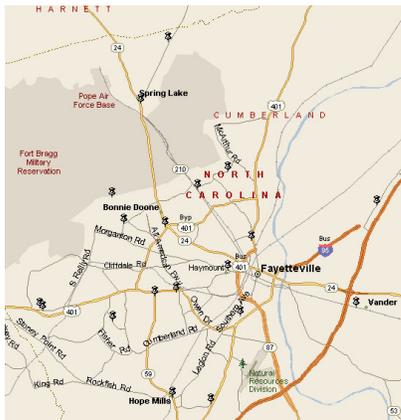
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Cumberland County Former Firehouses (Part 1)

06/25/06 40 W, 1 I - + 12 - 11

Watch for the red car around Fayetteville tomorrow, Monday, as I'll be shooting old Cumberland County stations in-between FFD research in town.

Here's the map, which will involve some 60 to 80 road miles of cross-county travel:



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Wake Forest's New Platform

06/27/06 24 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

As noted as a comment on another thread, Wake Forest's new platform is pictured on the [Pierce new deliveries site](#):



Raleigh's T-16 replacement for '07 will be similar.

guest - 06/27/06 - 04:30

I think Wendell is expecting a new ladder truck also, is there anyone else expecting new ladder trucks? Apex, Wake Forest, Raleigh has taken new deliveries already.

chris king ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 06/28/06 - 22:44

The truck was delivered to WFFD on Wednesday, June 28.

Legeros - 06/29/06 - 12:21

Wendell FD is doing final inspection on their aerial yesterday (6/29) and today. Delivery expected next week. It's almost identical to RFD Truck 11.

guest - 06/29/06 - 14:10

So what is Wendell going to do with the old ladder truck?

guest - 07/01/06 - 05:20

What about Hooly Springs is when is there ladder due for replacement?

guest - 07/01/06 - 05:22

From what I've heard, Wendell's has already been sold. Just waiting for the new one to arrive.

guest - 07/02/06 - 20:25

What about Wake Forest's new Chief?

guest - 07/02/06 - 23:42

starts this week... can't place his name right now, but he was a captain with Gastonia FD prior...

CFP 7021 - 07/03/06 - 00:10

He was delivered decades earlier, however.

Legeros - 07/03/06 - 00:11

Jerry Swift, Capt. of Gastonia R3.

Rides A Truck - 07/03/06 - 01:45

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Cool Old Movie

06/27/06 26 W - + 11 - 21

Check out this [cool old movie](#) of the Cleveland Fire Department in 1902. See how many different kinds of horse-drawn rigs you can identify...

That is awesome...thanks for sharing!

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/27/06 - 03:52

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Heard on Scanner

06/27/06 40 W - + 19 - 10

And some days the police channels are the more colorful ones. Heard on RPD dispatch: all units, BOLO for a subject on the Beltline, interfering with prison work crew, may be 10-32, and believed to be 10-96.

For those not up on their "10 codes":

10-32=Firearm or Person with firearm

10-96=Mental Patient or crazy

which I believe Lee has called me 10-96 many times

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) - 06/28/06 - 02:17

Thanks for that translation. I'm not up on my PD 10 codes, although I did know 10-96.

guest - 06/28/06 - 04:50

Or you might hear, as I just did, officers dispatched to a retirement home for a "disturbance with weapons." Fun mental picture, there.

Legeros - 06/29/06 - 03:14

A 'drive-by' involving a walking cane, some dentures, and a Hover-round. "Be on the look-out for the suspect heading down the north hall with the low battery alarm sounding on their hover-round."

guest - 06/29/06 - 05:28

Be careful what you say – we're all likely to be there one day. Of course, we'll be driving the LED-outfitted Hoverrounds.

Olson - 06/29/06 - 22:56

Do you have any pictures of demo LED-outfitted Hoverrounds? It may beat gas prices on the coast plus I can do a Tim the toolman taylor modification to the engine.... har har har....

CFP933 - 07/11/06 - 03:32

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Holly Springs Public Safety

06/29/06 43 W - + 15 - 13

Says today's [News & Observer](#), Holly Springs just split its Public Safety department into seperate fire and police departments. That leaves Knightdale as the only other PS department in Wake County, I believe. Triangle-wide, Butner's a PS department. Any others?

And here's the town's press release: <http://www.hollyspringsnc.us/news/2006/r...>

Legeros - 06/29/06 - 12:12

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Apex's Aerials

06/29/06 18 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

Here's a nice picture of Apex's aerials, from the [AFD site](#), as photographed by Stephen Cox:



What type of calls does Apex roll their 95' Platform on? I know that thing can't fit down all the roads, especially ones with cars parked on the side. I would guess that it really only responds to commercial fire alarms/structure fires.

guest - 06/29/06 - 15:47

As of right now, Ladder 3, or Tower 1 as some call it, rolls on all fire alarms and structural fires, residential or commercial. It also has a set of spreaders, cutters and a ram on it. With that being said, it runs on all MVA's reported as pin jobs/entrapments. We are trying to run it all the time as a "true truck company", but staffing levels sometimes doesn't allow us to do so.

Silver - 06/29/06 - 21:06

Where has the stick been reassigned to?

Olson - 06/29/06 - 22:52

Right now it is sitting at Fire Station #1 in downtown. Currently it's not in any run orders, but future plans are to move it to Station #4 (Hwy. 55 and US 1 area). Before it was going to run as a quint, but I think now #4 will be a 2 company house.

Silver - 06/30/06 - 01:28

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Interesting.. so then does Apex not run either of their Rescue trucks on 10-50 Pin-ins? What kind of staffing is being used to staff the new ladder? Is it permanently being staffed or are firefighters dropping off an engine to drive the ladder?

guest - 06/30/06 - 03:38

Rescue 1 (HME) is set up more for technical rescue needs. It still has extrication equipment, but rarely runs. Rescue 3 (International) will also run on a pin job, usually by volunteers, as it carries more advanced extrication equipment (rams, sawzalls, chains, shoring). We are trying to staff the ladder company permanently. During the daytime, it's staffed with 3. At night, it all depends on volunteer duty crews; sometimes it has 2, other times it has 3.

Silver - 06/30/06 - 05:24

so whatever happened to the old ladder 1 at apex?

guest - 07/01/06 - 05:19

Old Ladder 1 is now seeing service at the Calabash F.D. I am heading to the shore today so I'll grab a pic of it while I'm down that way.

Silver - 07/01/06 - 16:07

Remember someone asking about this a while ago, here is Apex's old Ladder. It's now in Calabash as mentioned above.

<http://www.calabashfd.org/images/lad1261..>

guest - 08/05/06 - 22:51

Recognize this ladder? <http://www.buiescreekfire.com/images/848..>

That's Cary's original Ladder 1, now serving Buis Creek.

Legeros - 08/05/06 - 23:05

Still got the 4-Bulb Federal beacons on the roof too...

Olson - 08/05/06 - 23:59

That was one of those traits that set that ladder truck off. The 4 bulb light that made like 10 revolutions a minute!!

Silver - 08/06/06 - 14:28

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Speaking of Fayetteville...

06/29/06 36 W - + 18 - 14

In 1885, the Raleigh Fire Department sent their steamer to Fayetteville to help fight a hotel fire. Here's the [virtual museum page](#) about same. And here's the main page of the [RFD virtual museum](#).

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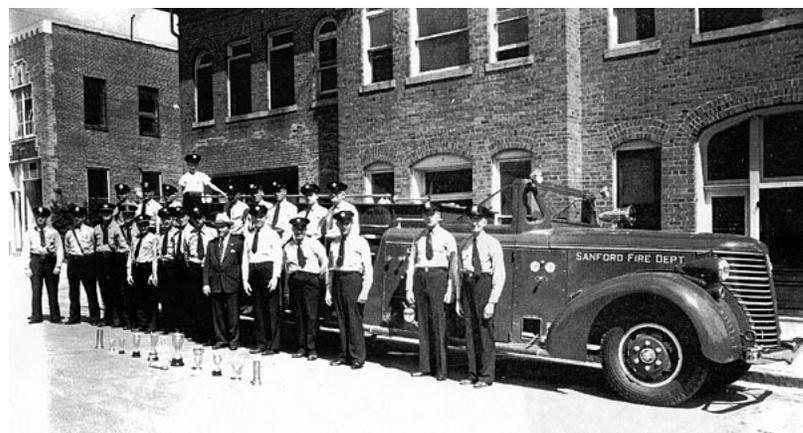
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Sanford in 1939

06/30/06 37 W, 1 I - + 16 - 18

Found this at the State Archives today, the Sanford fire and police departments with a new fire truck in 1939. It looks like an American LaFrance 600 Series quad, e.g. a service truck with a pump:



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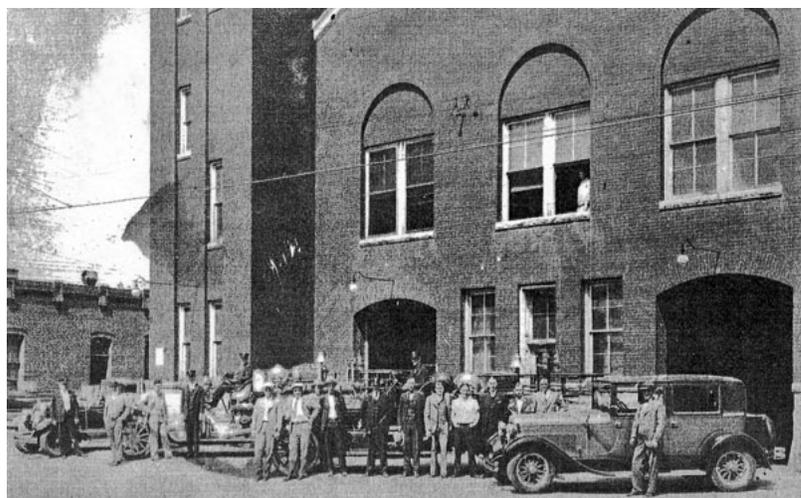
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Henderson in 1926

06/30/06 41 W, 1 I - + 21 - 13

And here's another State Archives shot, alas scanned from a photocopy of a newsprint picture, of the Henderson Fire Department in 1926. They're posed in front of the 1908 fire station building that's still standing, and presently serves as HFD Station 2:



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Station 28 Update

06/30/06 24 W - + 20 - 18

Station 28 has been rebid, so groundbreaking is still a couple months away. Here's the [web page](#) with all of Raleigh's construction bids.

Does this mean the upcoming fall academy will be delayed?

Guest - 07/02/06 - 04:24

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Still More Former Firehouses

07/01/06 43 W, 4 I - + 9 - 22

Few more former firehouses from Wayne and Johnston County: .

Elroy, built in 1955, behind an old store that's still open:



Fork, now Rosewood:



Goldsboro, built by 1891, served as fire station by 1896, closed as fire station by 1901:



Pine Level, Johnston County:



There are a surprising number of 19th Century firehouse buildings around the state...

Old Salem's Market and Firehouse, built 1803, reconstructed 1953

New Bern's old City Hall, built 1818

Monroe's old City Hall, built 1848

Washington's old Municipal Buiding, built 1884

Raleigh's old Capital Hose House, built 1887

Durham's old Station 1, built 1890

Goldsboro's old station on Walnut Street, built 1891

New Bern's old engine house on Broad Street, built 1893

Asheville's old Station 5, built 1894 (though not opened as AFD station until 1930s)

Kinston's old Station 1, built 1895

Salisbury's old City Hall, built 1896

Greensboro's old Station 5, built circa 1897

Legeros - 07/01/06 - 00:42

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Knightdale Public Safety Center

07/02/06 29 W, 2 I - + 14 - 12

Here's what Knightdale's Public Safety Center is looking like, as of today (Sunday):



whens the expected completion date?

guest - 07/04/06 - 17:30

Pitt County Former Firehouses

07/02/06 37 W, 6 I - + 17 - 10

Some Sunday explorations around Farmville and Greenville: Greenville Old 3:



Greenville Old 2:



Greenville Older 2, opened 1953:



Greenville Old Tower, behind Older 2:



Greenville Old Central Station, in Old Municipal Buiding, built 1909:



Farmville Old Municipal Building, built 1928:



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Raleigh Engine 3

07/02/06 18 W, 1 I - + 17 - 12

Here's a nice picture from Lee of Raleigh's new Engine 3:



Great shot... cudos to Lee

CFP 7021 - 07/03/06 - 00:11

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NCSFA Conference Schedule

07/04/06 43 W - + 13 - 13

The schedule for next month's North Carolina State Firefighter's Association conference can be found at <http://www.ncfireconference.com/>. Click **Classes** to see the seminar schedule, including the Saturday morning session on "Researching Fire Department Histories" by one Mike Legeros.

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Wake County Aerials Past and Present

07/04/06 227 W - + 11 - 13

Just how many aerials has the county seen? Here's my best list:

- Apex - 1989 Simon Duplex / LTI 75' aerial ladder (sold)
- Apex - 2004 E-One 75' aerial ladder
- Apex - 2006 E-One 95' aerial platform
- Bay Leaf - 1999 or 2000 Pierce 105' aerial ladder
- Cary - 1988 Pierce Arrow aerial platform (sold)
- Cary - 1999 Pierce Dash Sky Arm aerial platform (sold/returned/? after mechanical failure of ladder at fire)
- Cary - 2001-2002 Pierce aerial platform (temp loaner)
- Cary - 2002 Pierce Dash Sky Arm aerial platform (returned)
- Cary - 2003 Pierce Dash 100' aerial platform
- Cary - 2003 Pierce Dash 100' aerial platform
- Cary - 2005 Pierce Dash 100' aerial platform
- Eastern Wake / Knightdale - 1978 Mack CF 85' aerial ladder (sold)
- Fuquay-Varina - 2001 Pierce 100' aerial platform
- Garner - 2001 Pierce 100' aerial platform
- Holly Springs - 1986 GMC Kodiak bucket truck (not really a conventional aerial..., sold)
- Holly Springs - 1986 Pemfab / Boardman 55' telesquirt
- Knightdale - 1991 E-One Protector 75' aerial ladder (sold)
- Knightdale PS - 1973 Ford / Pierce 50' Telesquirt
- Morrisville - 1999 / 1985 KME / Grumman AerialCat 95' aerial platform
- Wake Forest - 2006 Pierce Dash 95' aerial platform
- Wendell - 1979 Mack MC / 1958 ALF 100' aerial ladder (to be sold)
- Wendell - 2006 Pierce Dash 105' aerial ladder (to be delivered)
- Zebulon - 1987 Grumman AerialCat 102' aerial platform

There are also some service trucks that have served in the county, notably (and exclusively?) in Cary.

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Raleigh Fire Academies, 1971 to 1977

07/04/06 95 W - + 12 - 12

Can anyone assist with information about Raleigh fire academies between 1971, believed to be the year of the first formal academy, and 1977? Any old-timers reading this blog? .

Here's some initial information:

- 1971 - Started Sep 7, 1971 ? - 14 ? weeks - 21 ? recruits
- 1972 - Started Sep 17, 1972 ? - ? weeks - 5 or more recruits
- 1973 - Started Sep 4, 1973 ? - ? weeks - 3 or more recruits
- 1974 - Started Jun 5, 1974 ? - ? weeks - 16 or more recruits
- 1975 - Started Sep 3, 1975 ? - ? weeks - 4 or more recruits
- 1976 - Started Nov 1, 1976 ? - ? weeks - 6 or more recruits
- 1977 - Started Apr 4, 1977 ? - ? weeks - 6 or more recruits

Some of what I've learned so far: Station 2 supplanted Station 1 as the classroom facility by 1980, and remained in use until the Keeter Training Center opened in 1982. The training programs of the early 1970s, which were not called "academies" at that time, were only a couple weeks in length and consisted largely of daily drilling at the tower. Catching hydrants, climbing ladders, scaling the tower, jumping into the life net, etc.

Legeros - 07/08/06 - 16:37

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Cordova Court in Cary

07/04/06 26 W, 1 I - + 15 - 10

Difficult house fire in Cary this morning, and with equally challenging rehab requirements. Pics coming shortly:



Mike, change the heading from Raleigh to Cary for the slide show, I know its old habit!

fireone - 07/04/06 - 20:24

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Tell Me About Raleigh's Stations

07/04/06 429 W - + 16 - 11

I'm researching Raleigh fire stations built between 1959 and 1998, basically all stations with the same, single-story brick design. What can anyone tell me about the differences between Stations 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, as they were originally built? .

Here's a summary of the buildings:

Sta 7

2100 Glascock Street

4,584 square-feet

Opened 12/30/59

Dorm on left

Owen F. Smith architect

William C. Vick builder

Only station with watch room on same side as dorm. Also only station with separate officer's quarters

Sta 5

300 Oberlin Road

4,627 square-feet upstairs

Opened 9/26/61

Day room on left

Edwards & Lyons architect

Davidson & Jones builder

Only station with partial basement (?)

Old Sta 4

2913 Wake Forest Road

3,984 square-feet

Opened 4/12/63

Day room on left

? architect

? builder

Presently commercial office. Station closed 6/24/93

Sta 8

5001 Western Boulevard

4,275 square-feet upstairs

Opened after 2/14/63

Day room on left

James M. Edwards, Jr. architect

R. N. Rouse Company builder

Only station with full basement

Sta 9

4465 Six Forks Road

4,500 square-feet

Opened 2/14/63

Dorm on left

James M. Edwards, Jr. architect

R. N. Rouse Company builder

Sta 2

263 Pecan Street

4,600 square-feet

Opened 10/16/69

Day room on left

Smart, Woodall, and Associates architect

? builder

Sta 10

2711 Sanderford Road

4,327 square-feet

Opened 2/24/71

Dorm on left

McGree, Scovil, and Associates architect

Flythe Construction builder

Sta 11

2925 Glenridge Road

4,923 square-feet

Opened by 11/28/71

Day room on left

McGee, Scovil, and Rairden architect

Clemmer Construction builder

Sta 12

3409 Poole Road

4,189 square-feet

Opened 10/9/74

Day room on left

McGee, Scovil, and Rairden architect

Ray Sparrow Construction builder

Sta 14

4200 Lake Boone Trail

3,616 square-feet

Opened 10/9/74

Dorm on left

McGee, Scovil, and Rairden architect

Ray Sparrow Construction builder

Sta 15

1815 Spring Forest Road

5,664 square-feet

Opened 11/13/74

Dorm on left

McGee, Scovil, and Rairden architect

Summerlin Construction builder

Bay expanded in 1996 and rear doors added

Sta 16

5225 Leadmine Road

3,984 square-feet

Opened 2/9/79

Day room on left

McGee, Scovil, and Rairden architect

Micham Construction builder

First station with rear bay door. Bay expanded in 1988 and rear door removed

Sta 17

4601 Pleasant Valley Road

4,875 square-feet

Opened 4/9/84

Day room on left

William C. McGee, Jr. architect

Saieed Construction builder

First station with dormitory designed with partitions, versus added later

Sta 18

8200 Morgans Way

5,185 square-feet

Opened 3/16/87

Dorm on left

William C. McGee, Jr. architect

Clemmer Construction builder

First station designed with separate dormitory bathrooms

Sta 19

4209 Spring Forest Road

5,293 square-feet

Opened 5/11/88

Dorm on left

William C. McGee, Jr. architect

Hatcher Construction builder

Sta 20

1721 Trailwoods Drive

5,168 square-feet

Opened 1/20/89

Dorm on left

William C. McGee, Jr. architect

R. P. Construction builder

Sta 4

121 Northway Court

5,298 square-feet

Opened 6/24/93

Dorm on left

William C. McGee, Jr. architect

R. P. Construction builder

No driveway access for rear bay door

Sta 21

5621 Southall Road

5,225 square-feet

Opened 6/15/98

Dorm on left

William C. McGee, Jr. and Rairden Savage architect
Trout & Riggs Construction builder

I was once told that the builder of Sta.7 screwed up when they started construction. They started building on the wrong lot! The lot originally destined for Sta. 7 is actually across Glascock St. on the still vacant lot. The city decided to go ahead with construction and purchased the land it currently resides on.

guest - 07/04/06 - 19:20

Some additional comments, from oral histories I've recorded... With the hiring of the first female firefighters in 1978, subsequent stations had partitioned dormitories. Separate bathrooms, which started with Station 18, had their origins in ADA compliance as well as accomodating the ladies... The flip-flopping floorplans are likely explained by the limitations of the lots. Depending on where a driveway was allowed, there might be more room or less room on the right versus left side of the driveway. Thus the larger side of the station would be positioned accordingly.

Legeros - 07/04/06 - 23:43

As noted in the above list, Station 16 was the first of these stations equipped with a rear bay door. In later stations, maybe as early as Station 17 or Station 18, the bay that lacked a rear door was truncated, with the space used for interior (and exterior?) storage.

Legeros - 07/04/06 - 23:45

If you look back, even as far as the Chief's Report to the City Council in 1956, the lot size for fire stations was very small for financial reasons. I think they had a plan to have 16 or 17 stations inside the beltline by the early 70's. Then came city annexation, radios, and whole bunch of residents and growth. That changed everything. Some of the original location projections, by station number, were interesting for 1956, but unrealistic even by 1970.

Jon C - 07/10/06 - 03:32

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Wendell's Ladder Delivered

07/07/06 34 W - + 15 - 9

Wendell's ladder was delivered this week, a 2006 Pierce rear-mount aerial ladder. It replaces their ex-RFD 1979 Mack / 1958 American LaFrance tiller that's been sold to a fire department in Brunswick County. Pics forthcoming.

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Raleigh's Upcoming Academy

07/07/06 41 W - + 12 - 16

Per this [news story](#), the next Raleigh Fire Academy starts in September. Thirty recruits will be hired. Some 700 people expressed interest in the positions after the recent recruiting drive, but only 400 or so returned for the written test.

Anyone know when they are gonna notify candidates on how they did on the test?

out of townner - 07/10/06 - 06:48

How they did? No. Rejection letter? Yes.

guest - 07/10/06 - 16:57

Do other cities return test results, either as simple rankings or as detailed analysis of scores?

Legeros - 07/11/06 - 03:34

Back in 1999 I took the written test for Fairfax County F.D. (VA). They returned an actual test score and then invited me back for the physical agility test in the same letter.

Silver - 07/11/06 - 04:32

why did you not take it?

guest - 07/12/06 - 15:06

Got hired in Raleigh, cost of living is way to expensive around D.C. too.

Silver - 07/13/06 - 16:35

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High Point Former Firehouses

07/08/06 85 W - + 18 - 9

Here's the latest former firehouses article, this time on the subject of [High Point former firehouses](#). Same has also been submitted to FireNews for inclusion in a future update. Greenville, Goldsboro, and Fayetteville are forthcoming. Alas, Fayetteville only has one former firehouse still standing, but it'll still make for an interesting if shorter article. Asheville is still in queue. It'll come later, maybe this fall, when we can finally vacation that way. The rest of these places are easy day trips.

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Military Air Crashes

07/08/06 75 W - + 12 - 13

Military air crashes have occurred for decades around Wake County, ranging from the Army Air Corps B-17 that crashed in the woods in Garner, killing two of the ten crew members on May 9, 1944, to the Navy F/A-18 that exploded on take-off at Raleigh-Durham International Airport on March 26, 2004. However, nothing's come close to the scope of [this incident near Goldsboro on January 24, 1961](#), the story of which I stumbled across on the web.

For civilian and commercial air accidents, this NTSB database (<http://www.nts.gov/ntsb/query.asp>) is pretty cool. It covers 1962 to present. Quickly searching on Wake County cities and towns, I get these results:

Apex – 18 crashes – 8 fatalities
 Cary – 3 crashes – 14 fatalities
 Garner – 4 crashes – 4 fatalities
 Fuquay-Varina – 9 crashes – 3 fatalities
 Holly Springs – 5 crashes – 1 fatality
 Knightdale – 21 crashes – 3 fatalities
 Morrisville – 30 crashes – 31 fatalities
 Raleigh (includes Raleigh-Durham) – 66 crashes – 28 fatalities
 Wake Forest – 2 crashes – 1 fatality
 Wendell – 4 crashes
 Zebulon – 1 crash
Legeros - 07/11/06 - 04:41

Statewide, over 2,500 incidents are recorded in the database, with 499 involving fatalities. The greatest loss of the life appears to be the 1967 midair collision over Hendersonville that took 82 lives. Here's an interesting site about that crash that I found the other month:

<http://www.goupstate.com/apps/pbcs.dll/s..>

Legeros - 07/11/06 - 04:46

Wake's worst crashes were Morrisville in 1996 (15 people), Cary (RDU) in 1998 (12 people), and a couple occasions where five people were killed each in private plane crashes.

Legeros - 07/11/06 - 04:51

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RFD Station Plaque Photos Added

07/09/06 34 W - + 15 - 12

Photos of most Raleigh Fire Station plaques have been added to [the stations site](#). There are aerial photos there, too! It doesn't get more exciting than that, does it?

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Wendell's Ladder

07/09/06 17 W, 1 I - + 12 - 18

Here's a picture from Lee of Wendell's new ladder:



Good looking truck—much better than the antique that they were using.

guest - 07/10/06 - 02:04

Hey guest, that "Antique" was thr pride of RFD for many years

raleigh guest - 07/10/06 - 02:53

Without a doubt, it was "thr pride of RFD" for many years and a fine apparatus in it's day; however, I'm not sure it's very worthy of service as a viable ladder company today.

guest - 07/11/06 - 02:56

...it made a great service truck, however!

Legeros - 07/11/06 - 02:57

what about the thought of refurbing the old thing

guest - 07/11/06 - 03:07

Unless they had a decades-long sentimental attachment, I can't imagine a department in the world that would opt to refurb a truck of that age instead of acquiring a brand spanking new quint. That is, with the amount of County funding that was available.

Legeros - 07/11/06 - 03:16

right I was refering like to a department outside of wake that doesnt get all the great county funding that wake county departments do

guest - 07/11/06 - 04:16

Speaking of apparatus – has Raleigh completed placing the "bumped" engines in service at #27 etc.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 07/12/06 - 16:25

E-27 (old E-8) is being worked on. The shop is fixing any and every thing that is wrong. I'd expect to see it online next week which will put every company in an enclosed cab. Also, E-28 (old E-15) is already numbered and stocked. It is just waiting for it's house to be built.

guest - 07/13/06 - 03:05

Who received the other two engines? E26? Who else?

Legeros - 07/13/06 - 03:13

Speaking of ladder trucks, does anyone know the current status of Raleigh Truck 16 ?

It hasn't been in service for about a month or so. The old snorkle has been there most of the days that I have been by there, and old truck 11 was spotted there on one day a couple weeks ago.

Jon C - 07/15/06 - 15:16

Truck 16 is having a bunch of stuff repaired, and has been out of service for some weeks now.

Legeros - 07/15/06 - 16:11

T-16 is actually getting it's frame and body re-welded in a lot of spots and the suspension getting reworked. It's also receiving a full paint job. It should be complete in a few weeks. E-23 and E-26 both received Quality's.

guest - 07/15/06 - 16:26

So that's old E12 and old E3 as present E23 and E26 (or vice-versa)...

Legeros - 07/15/06 - 16:29

Something like this, then?

Old E8 now E27

Old E15 now future E28

Old E3 or E12 now E23 or E26

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Old E27, 1989 Pierce Arrow now reserve (?)

Old E26, 1990 Pierce Lance pumper now reserve (?)

Old E23, 1990 Pierce Saber pumper now reserve (?)

Oldest reserves, to be sold (?)

1982 Mack

1982 Mack

1985 Pirsch

Legeros - 07/15/06 - 16:39

I believe old E-12 is now E-26 and E-23 is old E-3. The Pirsch is staying around a bit longer as E-127. Old E-26 is now E-128. Old E-23 is E-123. Old E-27 is E-125. And yes, a Mack will go to auction eventually. One of the two remaining Macks will be restored and kept as an "antique".

guest - 07/16/06 - 03:16

So it sounds like these are the oldest pumps and ladders:

1981 Mack, if still around – To be sold

1982 Mack #1 – To be sold

1982 Mack #2 – To be kept for restoration as antique

1985 Pirsch – Now E127

1986 EEI / Pemab – To be sold (?)

1989 Pierce #1 – Now E125

1989 Pierce #2 – E126 (?)

1989 Pierce #3 – E124 (?)

1990 Pierce #1 – Now E123

1990 Pierce #2 – Now E126

1990 Pierce / 1986 EEI / Pemfab – To be sold (?)

1992 Pierce / 1978 Mack – If still around, to be sold. Isn't this the one that was sold to Four Oaks?

1995 Pierce #1 – Now future E28

1995 Pierce #2 – E21

1977 Mack platform – T111

1986 Seagrave ladder – To be sold
1988 Pierce platform – T110
1990 Spartan / LTI ladder – T112, though it also still breaks down as a reserve

mjl

Legeros - 07/16/06 - 16:31

you are correct regarding Four Oaks new Mack.

From what I recall and I believe to still be true, this is the correct reserve list: (I'll just list the old to current engine numbers. Mike, you'll know better than I would which model type each engine actually is.)

E-121/old E-10,
E-122/old E-6,
E-123/old E-23¹⁷,
E-124/old E-18,
E-125/old E-27,
E-126/Pirsch,
E-127/EEI,
E-128/old E-26¹⁹

guest - 07/17/06 - 18:04

So, the present reserves should be:

E-121/old E-10 – 1990 Pierce Arrow / 1986 EEI / Pemfab
E-122/old E-26 – 1989 Pierce Arrow #1
E-123/old E-23 – 1990 Pierce Lance Pumper #1
E-124/old E-18 – 1989 Pierce Arrow #2
E-125/old E-27 – 1989 Pierce Arrow #3
E-126/old E-106 – 1985 Pirsch
E-127/old E-107 – 1986 EEI / Pemfab
E-128/old E-26 – 1990 Pierce Lance Pumper #2

Legeros - 07/17/06 - 22:56

so when might there be an update on the county stations. There new apparatus and all? affaid reader

guest - 07/18/06 - 01:44

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Station 22

07/09/06 23 W, 1 I - + 16 - 10

If you haven't been by Station 22 lately, they've built a parking area for their haz-mat equipment:



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Speaking of Tests...

07/11/06 30 W, 1 I - + 13 - 13

...here's an appropriate old photo, showing Raleigh fire and police department applicants taking tests at Memorial Auditorium in the 1940s:



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Another Locution Howler

07/11/06 22 W - + 17 - 12

Heard over the weekend, the very funny sound of a female computer-generated voice saying the words "Hoot Owl Court."

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Stanley Cup at Station 14

07/13/06 27 W, 1 I - + 16 - 12

The Stanley Cup recently made the rounds. Here's Lee's picture of the cup with Station 14 and C-shift:



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Police Segways and Fire Bicycles

07/13/06 50 W - + 15 - 15

Raleigh police are now using Segways around town, says this [NBC 17 story](#). On a related note, the Raleigh Fire Department recently obtained two bicycles for first responder use at special events. They're red, of course, with black equipment bags. We'll get pictures at some point.

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Wendell's Tiller as Raleigh's Tiller

07/13/06 68 W - + 19 - 12

Here are a couple pictures of Wendell's tiller when it was Raleigh's tiller, first with the [original 1958 American LaFrance cab](#), and later with the [1979 Mack cab](#). Note the evolution of the Mack cab, which had a rear cover added. And having done some driving training on the thing, I can attest that it was an absolutely blast to be on the back wheel.

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Raleigh Engine 8

07/13/06 18 W, 1 I - + 12 - 10

Here's a shot from Lee of Engine 8's new engine:



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Something You Don't Hear Every Day...

07/14/06 34 W - + 14 - 12

...two house fire calls in northwest Raleigh, one a well-involved working fire, plus an Alert 1 at the airport moments later. Even HQ had to ask what was what.

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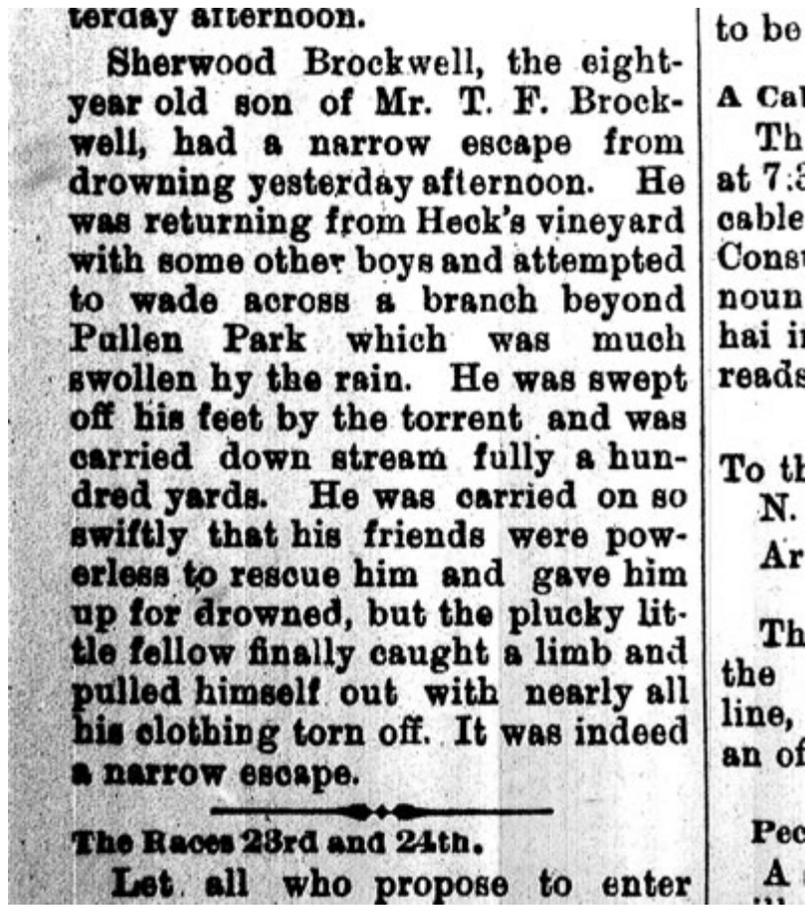
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Raleigh's First Fire Chief

07/14/06 29 W, 1 I - + 13 - 12

Found this in an 1891 newspaper, an early adventure of the person who would become Raleigh's first full-time Fire Chief:



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Do You Know Any Former Raleigh FFs?

07/14/06 73 W - + 16 - 12

No, not retirees, but anyone who left the department early, after a few or maybe many years? Mike is again updating his master list of all RFD members, uniformed and civilian, since 1912. Want to contribute? Even a last name plus initials is useful, though a rough range of when they were a member is also helpful. Mail mikey at legeros dot com. Any help is appreciated!

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How To Photograph a Wreck

07/16/06 24 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

Posted to our the [photo site](#) are some well-composed wreck photos from Lee:



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Tarzan Couldn't Take This Kind of Hot

07/17/06 34 W - + 14 - 10

Heard EMS was sent to KTC for someone overheated at the USAR training. You guys (and gals) earn you pay and then some on days like today...

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Made the Switch

07/17/06 29 W - + 12 - 10

Mike has made the switch to a DSLR camera. Watch for growing pains and probably some lesser quality scene pics until the learning curve is surmounted.

whatcha get??? inquiring minds want to know.. i'm looking into an upgrade sometime soon... my Fuji S5000 isn't cutting it for me anymore...

CFP 7021 - 07/18/06 - 02:29

Canon Digital Rebel XT with the kit lens. Plus a handful of accessories, eyepiece extender (with optics removed), foam lens cap, etc. One-gig SanDisk card, and four-gig Ridata card.

Legeros - 07/20/06 - 11:35

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See You in Baltimore

07/20/06 45 W - + 16 - 16

Mike is headed to Baltimore for the Fire Expo next week. Watch for a tall guy in a tropical shirt wandering the exhibit floor on Friday (late, maybe) and Saturday, and at Sunday's flea market. Gotta buy some more Gamewell goodies...

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Wake Apparatus Updates

07/21/06 93 W - + 17 - 14

Seven Pierce Contender pumper-tankers, spec'ed the same as last year's deliveries, have been ordered for Eastern Wake, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Falls, Holly Springs, Swift Creek, and Zebulon. No new International/KME tankers have been ordered, however. Some five or six brush trucks are still being bid. Specs are still being written for a service truck. Might be custom, might be commercial. On the EMS front, their mass-casualty vehicle is due in January. Ditto for a county command post unit, a three-axle commercial-chassis vehicle that may serve as a multi-agency/any-agency unit.

FYI, Swift Creek's not ordered yet, will be in the next few weeks.

Rob McGraw - 07/21/06 - 14:35

This year's brush trucks are slated for Apex, Holly Springs, Morrisville, Wake Forest, and Zebulon. The current specification is for a "flat bed" style, as compared to the "utility body" style; however, the first bids received were too high and are being rebid.

Chris P - 07/21/06 - 14:49

Why are the trucks going to be the "flat bed" style. Seems to limit their use to only brush fires and not really good for EMS or wrecks or other service stuff. Just wondering if anyone knows the thinking?

Guest - 07/21/06 - 19:03

Perhaps flat-bed brush trucks make lousy EMS or service units, and thus make it easier for fire departments to justify the need for a second new truck, for... EMS or service duties.

Legeros - 07/22/06 - 20:21

because the current trucks are not ideal for "brush" fires, which is what they're made for. most depts don't use them for EMS duties as they send an engine company or a smaller vehicle to them. you can tell those that use the brush trucks for EMS calls as those are the ones with crew cabs. the dept's that don't use them for EMS calls have std. cabs. Wrecks get engines and rescues, not brush trucks. I would also say that going with a single source manufacturer (minus the chassis) would be a large reason. The current trucks were done in four phases, pick up the chassis, take it to rocky mount to have the body put on, then take it to pittsboro to have the skid unit put in, then bring it home and put the lights and sirens, radios etc in...

is a much better way to just make one trip and pick up a fully functioning truck IMHO

CFP 7021 - 07/22/06 - 23:20

As CFP7021 stated, those utility body 'brush trucks' are more like a mini-pumper. A 'flat bed' style brush truck like what Fuquay runs will be the most ideal brush truck.

I never have understood why a department would want to either **A.)** split their crew and put 2 in a brush truck to run EMS calls or **B.)** have the entire crew (assuming it is a crew cab) respond in a brush truck. Neither one of those options make much sense when you have an Engine sitting in the station and you are supposed to be an Engine *Company*. You eat together, sleep together, train together, and *should* respond to **all**** calls together. Just my opinion...

**The exception to this would be a known address which has accessibility issues and an Engine can't safely access.

guest - 07/23/06 - 00:04

Knightdale has ordered a new Pierce Contender...Due in December 2006.

Knightdale 200 - 07/23/06 - 18:23

Reportedly, the spec'd flat bed brush trucks have more compartment space than the utility body trucks. I think this is primarily due to the depth of the compartments. Also, I think one option included a transverse compartment, creating a lot of space for storage of whatever....

Chris P - 07/23/06 - 22:45

Falls Fire has order a Pierce contender. Due early 2007.

Falls201 - 07/25/06 - 22:33

Okie-doke, the list then is this:

Apex – Flat-bed brush truck

Eastern Wake – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Fuquay-Varina – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Garner – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Falls – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Holly Springs – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Holly Springs – Flat-bed brush truck

Knightdale – – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Morrisville – Flat-bed brush truck

Swift Creek – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Wake Forst – Flat-bed brush truck

Zebulon – Pierce Contender pumper/tanker

Zebulon – Flat-bed brush truck

Legeros - 07/25/06 - 23:18

Falls is getting a new engine? I thought they only had one or two streets in their territory? I figured that dept. would be shut down in a few years.

guest - 07/26/06 - 00:21

doesn't matter where the trucks go... they belong to the county and if the county ever shuts down fire stations (yeah we've heard that before) they can reappropriate the truck to another dept.

CFP 7021 - 07/26/06 - 02:59

It is not about shutting down fire stations. It is about providing a level of service that is consistent throughout the county. Why should a citizen in a certain Fire district receive any less of a service? Every station should receive the same equipment as other stations to provide the same level of service.

Guest - 07/26/06 - 03:46

They should receive a new engine the same reason Western Wake and Bayleaf (Six Forks) did.

Guest - 07/26/06 - 03:48

yeah to replace old worn out equipment that in some cases was unsafe... too bad there are still stations in wake county running first out engines with open cabs, meanwhile others have nothing but enclosed cabs and receive multiple new trucks in a one year period.

heck some of the depts held onto old trucks that they would have offloaded years ago so they would get new ones to replace them... working the system can't complain about it though, it's how it works now!

^^amen, we can't plan for what may or may not happen to stations in the future and deprive their firefighters from having equal equipment just because they might get shut down in 5 years.

CFP 7021 - 07/26/06 - 05:14

FYI bid specs for the brush trucks can be found here: <http://www.wakegov.com/NR/rdonlyres/2B74..>

CFP 7021 - 07/26/06 - 05:21

Well "Guest" in regards to your comment about FFD getting a new truck with two streets in the district, Why should our as your put it "two streets" which is actually 6 square miles receive any less protection and up to date equipment then other areas of the county. It's about the community and protection.

Falls201 - 08/03/06 - 23:19

I've been told that Seagrave has been awarded the Wake County brush truck bid.

Legeros - 08/17/06 - 17:05

I wish they would get the Engine bid!

Mike Bishop ([Email](#)) - 08/17/06 - 17:47

So whos going to get the bid for rescue trucks?

Adam Brown - 08/17/06 - 17:49

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Wake County Fire Commission

07/21/06 77 W, 1 I - + 14 - 18

Every third Thursday night of every other month, the Wake County Fire Commission meets in the basement of the Wake County Commons Building on Cary Drive. The meetings make for an excellent, if sometimes dry perspective on the processes and politics involved in county fire administration. And there are few things more colorful than a room full of fire chiefs. Here's a view from the parking lot:



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New Fire Chiefs

07/21/06 40 W - + 15 - 14

Fairview has a new chief, former Swift Creek chief (and recently Durham FD official) Ed Brinson. Also, and as noted here I believe, Wake Forest hired Gastonia Captain Jerry Swift as their Fire Chief. He started July 1.

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Broken Trucks / The More Things Change

07/22/06 117 W - + 14 - 11

In May 1988, a News & Observer article titled "Raleigh seeks more aerial fire trucks" noted that two of the city's four aerials were out of service, Truck 11 (1986 Seagrave) being broken and Truck 16 (1961 American LaFrance) being refurbished. A fifth aerial was due that September. In July 2006, four of the city's ten aerials are out of service. Truck 16 (1995 Simon-Duplex) is still undergoing several weeks of long-overdue maintenance and repairs, Truck 20 (1999 American LaFrance) is broken and awaiting parts, Truck 110 (1988 Pierce) is serving as a service truck as its articulating platform is broken, and Truck 112 (1990 Spartan) is out of service with a variety of mechanical problems. A new aerial, however, will be ordered this budget year.

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Heard on Scanner

07/23/06 42 W - + 16 - 15

MVA on I-40 in Raleigh with subject pinned, truck travelling wrong way (!) with one pinned, one ejected. At 6:30 on a Sunday morning, I guess traffic could be light enough that a driver doesn't realize their mistake until too late...

This has happened in Charlotte a lot on I-485 (their I-540). There have been something like 5 or 6 people killed in the last year from wrong-way drivers on 485. I think every driver who caused the accident was drunk, and of course they walk away from it. The state DOT has investigated the entrances to see if they are too confusing. and says they can find nothing wrong with them. Charlotte is looking at ways to stop wrong-way drivers, but until then, beware if you are on I-485.

Native Charlottean - 07/23/06 - 14:44

saw the aftermath this morning on top of S. Saunders St on the beltline... looked to be a pretty nasty wreck, 2 vehicles involved, and you are right there is little if any traffic that time of the morning on a sunday at that spot. Both vehicles had heavy damage. That intersection can be confusing if you are not familiar, but it looked as if the wrong way driver may have gotten on at hammond rd exit, who knows, looked pretty bad nonetheless

CFP 7021 - 07/23/06 - 16:51

As 'Native Charlottean' mentioned, Charlotte has been dealing with these wrong way accidents for years, with a recent spike in the numbers since October '05. I'll add a link to a Charlotte Observer article which talks about the NC DOT's conclusion about what can be done to prevent these accidents. As stated in the article:

"A statewide study of wrong-way crashes is finding no easy answers for stopping the wrecks, which have killed seven people in the Charlotte area since October."

The article was written in April, so the period was really October-April. And yes, every driver was drunk, but I can't remember if any of the *drivers* died. I know some were in critical condition at the scene. In the beginning it appeared to be hispanics mostly, so naturally the hispanic groups started distributing information in spanish about drinking & driving and wrong-way accidents. However, it has become evident that the common denominator is alcohol.

(not too sure if this link will work, since normally you have to 'log in' to view the article)

<http://72.14.209.104/search?q=cache:zTy3..>

guest - 07/23/06 - 20:32

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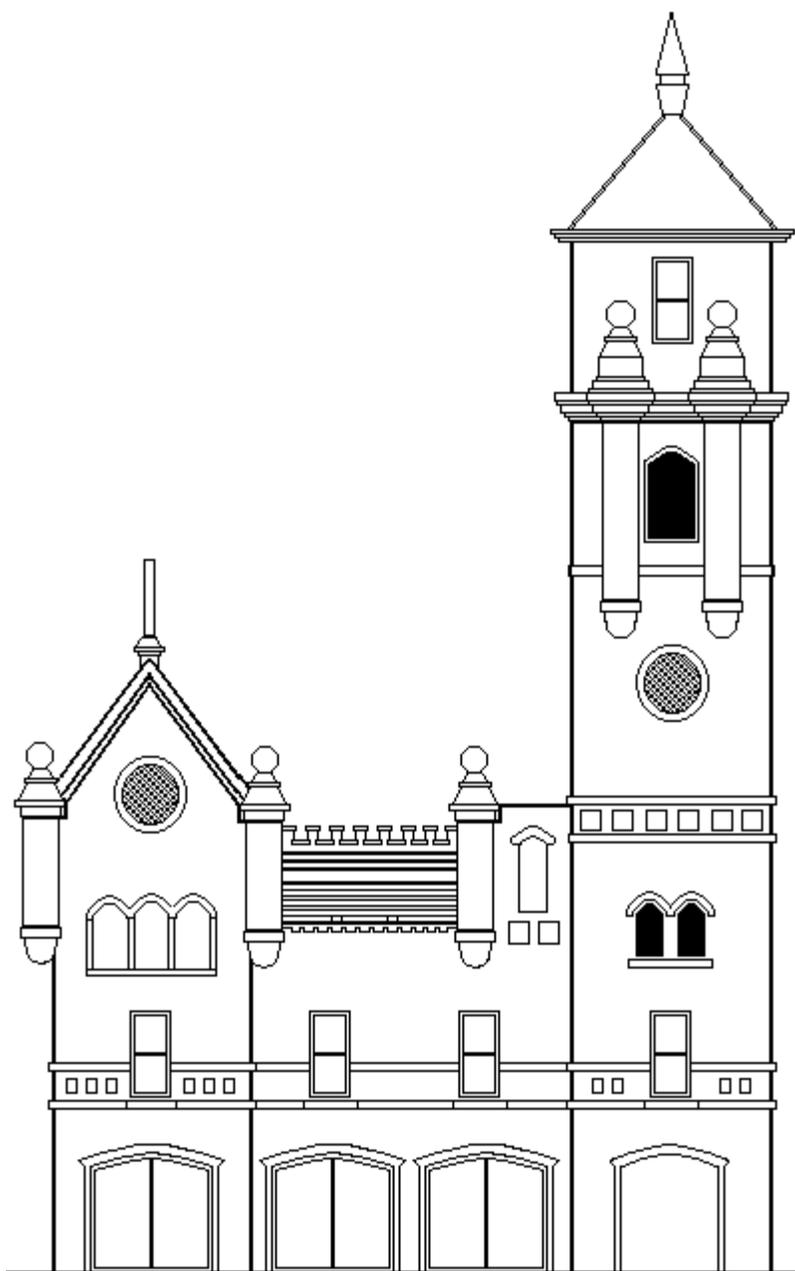
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Detective Work / Old Station 1

07/23/06 104 W, 1 I - + 18 - 14

Every now and then, a panoramic photo appears on eBay. It's a rooftop view of downtown Raleigh, showing the Capitol and buildings along Salisbury Street and other stuff. The picture also shows the tower of old Station 1 on West Morgan Street (built 1896). As it happens, no pictures have been found showing the top of the tower from that time period. Now, with that bit of photographic information, Mike's drawing of the old station can be updated to more accurately reflect what the top of the combination bell, hose, and training tower likely looked like:



Some more views of old Station 1: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/s..>

The history of Station 1: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/s..>

Legeros - 07/23/06 - 15:52

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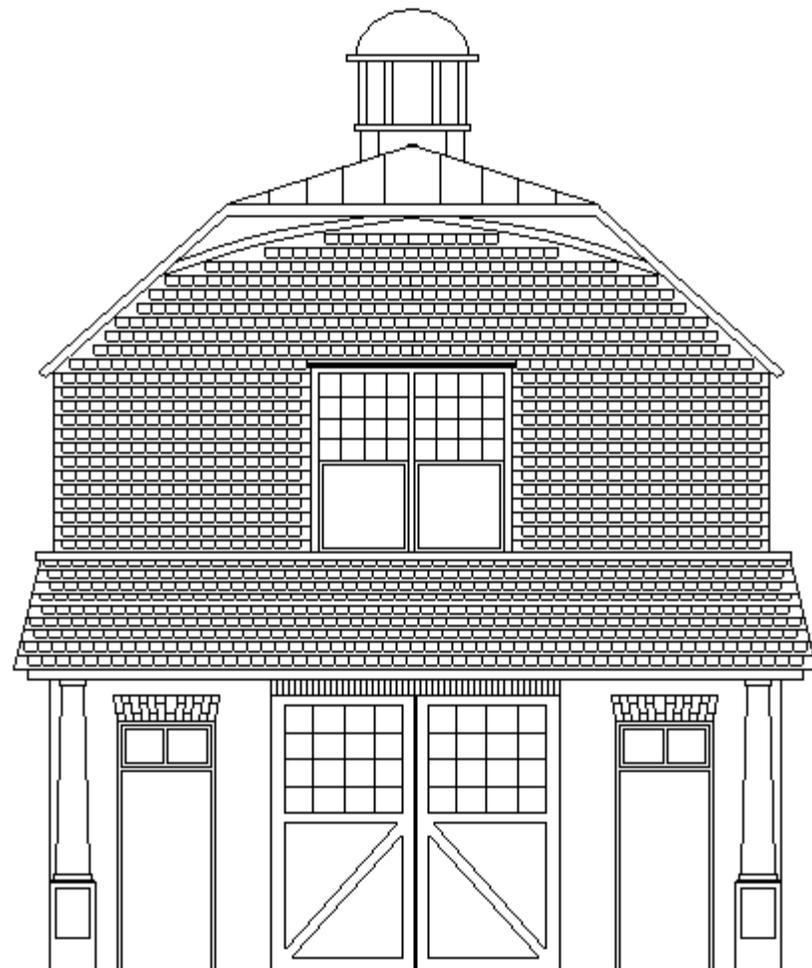
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Another Drawing / Old Station 3

07/23/06 50 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

During a similar period of boredom and/or extreme free time, this drawing of old Station 3 on East Hargett Street (built 1898) was recently attempted. As only a couple pictures of the building have been located, there's some extrapolation at work:



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RFD's Volunteer Era, Chapter 2

07/23/06 67 W, 1 D - + 11 - 20

Since we're riding the history train this morning, attached is the second chapter of *Raleigh Fire Department: 1880-1910*, a "mini book" that Mike is still (slowly) finishing. The first chapter was [posted here in February](#). Will the third chapter appear five months forward? Time will tell, though the entire document has already been drafted. Click this icon to download: 

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USAR Pics Posted

07/23/06 34 W, 1 I - + 16 - 14

Lee's pictures from last week's USAR exercises have been [posted to the photo site](#) . I bet the participants lost weight working in that heat. Phew!



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Raleigh Station Planning in 1958 and 1971

07/24/06 303 W - + 18 - 13

Here are excerpts of a couple interesting newspaper articles from 1958 and 1971, noting Raleigh's fire station planning at those times. .

In September 1958, a fire protection survey by the city planning department recommended ten fire stations be constructed within 12 years:

Ridge and Churchill Roads (Station 14, 1974)
Six Forks Road north of Farrior Hills (Station 9, 1963)
Highway 1 and the proposed Beltline (Station 11, 1971)
Highway 64 and the Beltline
Western Boulevard and Method Road (Station 8, 1960)
Western Boulevard and Asbury Drive (relocated Station 8, 1963)
Poole Road at Worthdale subdivision (Station 12, 1974)
Blue Ridge Road south of Highway 70 (Station 17, 1984)
Wake Forest Road south of Millbrook

Station 7 was under construction at the time of the report.

Additionally, they recommended moving Station 2 from Memorial Auditorium to the west side of South Wilmington Street south of Walnut Creek (moved to Pecan Street in 1969), and moving Station 4 from Jefferson Street to the east side of Downtown Boulevard south of the Wake Forest Road exchange (moved to Wake Forest Road in 1963).

In February 1971, another report recommended eight new fire stations in the next five years, plus four others after that time.

Construction during 1970-71:

North Ridge-Brentwood area (Station 11, 1971)
Vicinity of Lake Boone Trail and Blue Ridge Road (Station 14, 1974)

Construction during 1971-72:

Vicinity of Blue Ridge Road and Highway 70 (Station 17, 1984)
Crabtree Valley area (Station 16, 1979)

Construction during 1972-73:

Poole and Williams Roads (Station 14, 1974)
\$120,000 worth of classrooms and training facilities on South Wilmington Street (Keeter Training Center, 1984)

Construction during 1973-74:

Area of Falls of Neuse Road and Spring Forest Road (Station 15, 1974)

Construction during 1974-75:

Highway 70 west and Pleasant Valley Road area (Station 17, 1984)
Millbrook Road and Highway 1 north (Station 19, 1988)

Construction after 1975:

Avent Ferry Road (Station 20 on Gorman Street, 1989)
New Hope Road and Highway 64 area (Station 21 on Southall Road, 1998)
Highway 401 and Old Stage Road near Garner (!)
Jeffries School Road and Lead Mine Road, though they probably meant Creedmoor Road (Station 18, 1987)

And a question: do you suppose all those rural fire protection contracts over the years / decades would have even remotely approached the construction and operational costs of one or more new fire stations?

Legeros - 07/24/06 - 00:59

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Raleigh's Last Macks

07/25/06 49 W, 1 I - + 18 - 11

As photographed last week by Lee, five Mack pumpers await their final fates at the Support Services Center on New Bern Avenue. Three will be auctioned, one will be saved as an antique, and one will be used for parts:



Farewell Old Warriors

Jon C - 07/26/06 - 01:55

Comment regarding Hartford St. Fire under incidents/events; setting up an aerial pipe operation on a 775 square foot house? Wow, that's a first.

guest - 07/26/06 - 03:24

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Station 28 Update

07/25/06 126 W - + 15 - 12

From the [City Council agenda](#), here's the latest on Raleigh Fire Station 28 and the construction bids therein: .

19. Bids**19.1 Fire Station 28**

Bids were received on July 6, 2006 for the construction of Fire Station 28, 3500 Forestville Road. The low base bid, plus add alternates submitted by Macallan Construction totaled \$2,053,647. This exceeded the budget estimate.

Through negotiations with Macallan Construction the cost of construction, plus alternates that include an emergency back-up generator and mandated exhaust system, has been reduced to \$1,982,287. Additional funding of \$32,000 is included to cover anticipated geotechnical services and owner's reserve. Total construction budget is \$2,014,287.

MWBE participation is 15.0%.

Recommendation:

Approve the negotiated bid with Macallan Construction in the amount of \$1,982,287, include project contingency funding of \$32,000 and authorize the appropriate transfers and budget amendment to establish funding.

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Double-Dipping

07/25/06 55 W - + 14 - 17

The term "double-dipping" is appearing in local headlines these days, in the context of some business involving the Raleigh Police Department. For some, the expression might evoke, say, memories of a classic *Seinfeld* episode. For anyone who has ever worked with firemen, however, it's the mental picture of a big, ol', nasty spit cup.

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Fixed the Time Stamp, Again

07/26/06 25 W - + 24 - 12

Thought the time stamp was fixed, but it wasn't. Going forward, all postings should be time-stamped EST instead of GMT.

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Readership and Numbers

07/26/06 63 W - + 17 - 10

How many people are reading this blog? This month, the page has received 2,475 hits so far, which is slightly less than half the number of hits that the photo site has received. Last month, the blog logged 3,483 hits. From January 1 to June 30, the blog has logged 13,856 hits. And just about every one of them was a person named Guest. LOL...

Joke, it's a joke. Internet web logs do not, and have no way to record user information beyond the originating IP address. Remain calm.

Legeros - 07/26/06 - 06:39

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Raleigh's First Apparatus Bids

07/26/06 50 W - + 18 - 12

Found in a newspaper article from 1912, the city's first motor apparatus bids were opened in September 1912 for a pair of chemical hose cars:

White \$5,000
Seagrave \$4,950
Knox \$4,850
Webb \$5,000
LaFrance \$4,900
Boyd \$4,885 to \$5,200

American LaFrance was awarded the bid and delivered a pair of [Type 5 combinations](#) the following February.

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Knightdale PS Center Update

07/27/06 79 W - + 16 - 11

Here's a slight update regarding Knightdale's Public Safety Center, from the town's e-news page: "Work is underway to convert the building for use by police, fire and EMS. The brick used in the original construction can no longer be purchased although we can get the same color brick from another source. The brick is holding up the completion of the building." Can anyone else advise more, or even details on the layout of the building?

The brick did arrive this week – after a brief snafu by the brickmaker. The building will house both Knightdale Fire and Eastern Wake EMS. With a large apparatus area (three wide and three deep) to house ambulances and fire trucks in the middle, there are EMS quarters and offices on one side with the FD operations on the other. Nice large classroom, storage, etc. Will be an asset to the Town when completed later this summer.

Olson - 07/27/06 - 23:27

The bricks are not quite similar, but they will do the job. The way we have it set up now, starting from the left, Fire Chief/Lt Offices with PS secretary on the left side. Four bunk rooms, three for duty crews, one remaining for volunteer/part time personnel. Large Day room with kitchen right beside that. Entrances to bays with two large bay openings for fire department for 131 and 132 being in the front, with the Ol' Mack in the back with squad car. The telequirt will remain at the Public Works Facility until new engine arrives in December. Three back bays for Eastern Wake EMS with a radio room, two bunks rooms, and a small day room/kitchen in the front. The remaining third of the building will be in "police custody" for Police Commander, Supervisors, and such. Investigation Room and evidence room as well. It will be an asset to the town.

Knightdale - 07/29/06 - 23:45

so why is the telesquirt staying at the public works building? will it ever move to the new station?

guest - 07/30/06 - 10:20

Well Until we receive the new Pierce in December. The telequirt will remain at the Public Works building for the Public Works personnel to respond with and at night for volunteers to pick up. When we receive the new engine, the telequirt will report back to the new PS Building and E131 will be sent to the Public Works building like the set up next month.

Knightdale - 07/30/06 - 14:21

Just wondering how the telesquirt is running – I volunteered at Guilford College Fire Department, located in Guilford County, and spent some time on that truck – when I was there it was run as a second engine & spare for the ladder when it was out of service. It was originally designed and purchased in order to respond to the tank farm by the airport. I am glad to see it's still active.

Noah Rogers ([Email](#)) - 07/30/06 - 20:15

So... upon completion of the PS Center, the Public Works building with serve as Station #2? Makes sense...

Legeros - 07/30/06 - 21:12

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Cary Battalion 1 Relocated

07/27/06 78 W - + 13 - 12

Cary's Battalion 1 is now at Station 3, reports at Cary contact. That's an interesting facility, if you've never visited same. Though a bit blocky on the architectural front, it's quite a bit bigger on the inside that it appears from the street. (Wake tax records say 8,750 square-feet, basically double the size of most of Raleigh's single-story stations.) It also houses (at last visit at least) the department's maintenance facility. Someone else can elaborate and extoll further.

it is currently housing the small tools maintenance project. apparatus maintenance is still being done at the Town's fleet services facility off of James Jackson Rd. Word also is that the Boat will be going to Station 4 in the near future (probably after Station 7 opens) to be housed with 1/2 of USAR team's personnel. (other USAR personnel are for the most part assigned to Station 2).

guest - 07/27/06 - 11:13

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Heard on Scanner

07/27/06 20 W - + 18 - 15

County fire unit, "I have a Secret Service agent on scene with a suspect in custody." Huh?

Yes, we do have Secret Service agents that live in Raleigh. Nice guys – with guns.

Olson - 07/27/06 - 23:28

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Dirty Look

07/27/06 44 W - + 14 - 16

Definition: Facial expression as seen on wife while dining at Italian restaurant in Mini City on a "date night," when, halfway through the meal, husband holds a pager to his ear and mumbles "major working fire on Poole Road, wanna to go?"

It's okay Mike. With a little pressure and some lubricant, you'll see that pager again.

Olson - 07/27/06 - 23:24

ive seen the look many times

guest - 07/28/06 - 07:25

your lucky i can't take mine with me!

[ncfireartist] - 07/28/06 - 12:29

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Job Security (EMS)

07/30/06 32 W, 1 I - + 19 - 15

Seen on a Maryland highway today while returning to Raleigh from the Baltimore Fire Expo... Estimated speed of standing rider was 30 or 40 mph.



That's just security for police, fire, and EMS!! I know you weren't driving when you took that picture!?? That's job security also!!

guest - 07/31/06 - 01:04

Just goes to show that you can't cure stupid. Good thing, too. I would be out of a job if they did.

DJ - 07/31/06 - 19:42

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"EMS 5 is in service. He was just in the dumpster reading a magazine."

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Origin of Buff Clubs

07/31/06 153 W - + 25 - 15

Heard an excellent explanation for the origins of the northeasteran buff clubs while at the Baltimore Fire Expo this weekend. While talking to someone from a New England fire museum, he traced their origins to the steam era. When steamers replaced hand pumpers, the dozens of men who were displaced formed "retirement clubs." They scooped up the old hand tubs, as well as other memorabilia, and thus began the preservation of the region's early firefighting heritage. So why is that absent or largely absent in the south, or at least around the Carolinas? That one remains a mystery. Perhaps Civil War conflicts upended or transformed what firefighting clubs might have existed into other types of social organizations. Perhaps the hand-powered fire companies were too few and far between, between the major cities which were spread across two very large states versus the more crowded urban areas of the northeast.

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Expo Pics

07/31/06 136 W, 1 I - + 24 - 16

Uploading a mess of ho-hum Expo pictures at the moment. This was Mike's eighth or ninth consecutive visit. Walked the exhibit floor for a few hours both Friday and Saturday. Climbed on a bunch of apparatus. Played with a few cool toys, including an apparatus driving simulator that I'll be buying right after the lottery winnings arrive. Walked away from Sunday's flea market \$200 poorer but with a restored Gamewell gong, a couple rare books, and a DVD of 35mm footage of Portland, Maine's horse-drawn rigs. Saw some folks from here and around NC, including at least one Blog reader (from Cary). Between the heat and the driving, however, the Misery Factor (MF) nearly topped the Fun Factor (FF). Also visited the B&O Railroad Museum, which was quite neat.



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Truck 16

07/31/06 62 W, 1 I - + 18 - 16

Raleigh's Truck 16, a 1995 Simon-Duplex platform ladder, has returned to service after several weeks of repairs. The boom looks nice 'n' white, and the lettering's been updated. The truck is scheduled for replacement this budget year. Though there was talk of a second tiller (plus structural modifications to fit the thing), it appears that another straight stick a la Truck 26 is coming:



Yet another different paint scheme by RFD (having "Raleigh Fire Dept." written in gold leaf).

guest - 07/31/06 - 15:19

I believe that is actually the new scheme for all aerial trucks with the pumpers having a different scheme. I have no clue for the difference.

<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/appar..>

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guest - 07/31/06 - 17:21

So will raleigh ever get another midmount? or another platform?

Adam - 08/01/06 - 10:24

I remember someone talking about the possibility of a remount of the old mack baker what are the odds of that happening?

Adam - 08/01/06 - 10:34

On the baker; probably slim right now. We (T-20) were told we'd be using it for a while because our rig is out of service for 6-8 weeks. It would be awesome if they did though!!

Silver - 08/01/06 - 16:43

It would be an awesome rig remounted. And Im sure pierce would do a fine job remounting it!

Adam - 08/01/06 - 17:00

We've heard talk over the years that the Baker boom could be remounted on a new/newer chassis, and to positive effect. However, monies remain tight for apparatus purchases, and two new rescues are planned (we hear) for the next budget year (along with another engine and maybe something(s) else). Might even be spec'ed as custom chassis. New platforms are unlikely, due to their higher cost above straight sticks. And the many repairs required over the years on Truck 20 have probably soured the city on midmounts for the time being...

Legeros - 08/01/06 - 17:31

Is the reason truck 20 has so many problems is because its an american lafrance that was possibly built during one of the ALF buyouts or company mergers?

Adam - 08/01/06 - 18:20

I've heard the perspective that mid-mounts are more susceptible to stress fractures than rear-mounts, though I don't recall if this was regarding all aerial devices or specifically platforms.

Legeros - 08/01/06 - 18:23

In regards to the rescues, a reliable source told me they are shooting for 2 Pierce custom cab rescues. The cab would be identical to the new Pierce pumpers. My suggestion is to let Seagrave remount the Baker, they have a huge business dealing with scopes. That's just my 2 cents...

Silver - 08/02/06 - 10:15

I've also since heard the same scoop regarding the rescues, that they're spec'ing a pair of custom-cab rescues with non walk-in bodies.

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 18:34

...and that the rescues will be bid **this** budget year, not next. Wohoo!

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 18:48

In terms of size of the new Rescues, is this about right? [http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/..](http://www.piercemfg.com/new_deliveries/) Any ideas where they might be stationed and possible crew configurations? North and South or East and West; 2, 3, 4, or 5 man crew?

guest - 08/02/06 - 20:38

We've heard that the cabs will be the size and style of the new Pierce pumpers, and the body will be the size and style (or very similar) to the present Rescue 7. Thus the above picture is probably a bit bigger than the intended rig. The rigs will replace Rescue 14 and Rescue 19, with presumably no staffing nor station changes.

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 21:36

...presumably no staffing nor station changes, though that is 100% speculation on our part.

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 21:37

Actually, that might be close to the actual size. Here's a cut 'n' paste of a new pumper cab and Rescue 7's body:

<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we...> Pardon the reversed lettering on the cab. Of course, it all depends on the low bidder, and that might not be Pierce.

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 21:47

What size is Rescue 7's body? That one in the Pierce link is 20'. That's a pretty good cut/paste job, almost looks like similar size to the one in the Pierce link. Although, (I would assume that) the angle of the Rescue truck up above makes it look smaller than it really is. At least one gets the general idea with the cut/paste model.

guest - 08/02/06 - 22:36

The word on "the line" is that Chief McGrath wants a full crew on the rescues. When and if it will happen is yet to be determined.

Guest - 08/02/06 - 23:10

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Thus Ends The Thread

07/31/06 116 W, 2 I - + 17 - 19

Thus ends the great master stream thread which was originated when Yours Truly incorrectly described this picture as showing Truck 1 flowing an elevated master stream:



Nearly four-dozen comments later, a participant at the fire noted that the seeming downward spraying stream actually originated from ground level. A close-up confirms what we missed in our haste to explain, complain, justify, criticize, attack, or defend:



The original thread and its comments are there for the time being. Read, react, and learn before they're trimmed or deleted outright.

There's an excellent lesson in here and not just about the fireground tactics depicted therein.

The original thread and all comments have been deleted. They were too intertwined to effectively parse into keepers and non-keepers.

Legeros - 08/01/06 - 17:47

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Three Things

08/01/06 91 W - + 16 - 9

The words of our old Training Chief come to mind this week. Said as advice to the nearly graduated recruits of the 1989 Raleigh Fire Academy, he told us about "three things: banks, politics, and goats." His explanation went something like "the firehouse is not a lending institution. Don't loan money to firemen. What happens between you and your wife is political. Don't talk about politics in the firehouse. And, finally, don't let firemen get your goat." The last one, as every firefighter later learns, is the most important one.

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Poole Road Last Week

08/01/06 44 W, 1 I - + 16 - 10

Lee's pictures have been posted from last week's major working fire on Poole Road that Mike didn't go to because of circumstances described in an earlier posting. (Keywords: wife, dinner, date night, dirty look.)



It is good to see Raleigh vertically venting. It was definitely a good call, and you can tell by the pictures what a difference it made in the smoke conditions in allowing the interior crew to get to the fire. Good Job

KTF-EGH

Mike Bishop - 08/01/06 - 21:02

Listening to the fire while at work, like most firemen do when crews "catch some work", the Monday morning Q.B.'s at my firehouse, me included, kept talking vertical ventilation. Interior crews kept stating that they couldn't "find the fire" and to "hold off on the fan". Looking at the pics, it's a text book fire for opening the roof; heavy smoke conditions from the attic space, and, the interior crews taking a beating trying to find the seat of the fire made that fire a pain in the rear at first, but right after T-1 announced that the "roof was open", interior crews made quick work of the job. Just goes to show, in agreeance with Bishop, it's about time we started opening roofs up!! Now if it would just spread to the rest of the department that truckmen do more than just start a fan.....good job East Side!!

Silver - 08/02/06 - 10:07

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Digital Trunking Scanner Advice?

08/01/06 71 W - + 9 - 16

A reader requested advice and opinions on upgrading to a digital trunking scanner to monitor PS traffic around Wake County. The person is thinking about purchasing a Radio Shack Pro-96. What is everyone's opinion of that radio, the brand, and any other issues related to purchasing, programming, and equipping digital trunking scanners? (I have a pair of PRO-2096 base radios and use Win96 software to program same.)

Mike, feel free to drop me an email with a phone # and I will give you a call at a time that is good for you and help out with this situation.

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/01/06 - 22:28

Below was sent to the reader in a private message. Others are welcome to add their perspectives for public viewing (and archiving, so future readers can be pointed to this thread).

To monitor fire and EMS (and Wake SO?) traffic in Raleigh and Wake County, a digital trunking scanner is required. There are two major brands, the Radio Shack portable and base models and their Uniden counterparts. Both types are difficult (but not impossible) to program by hand, unless you use a computer program (which usually has to be purchased separately).

If you keep an eye on Radio Shack for sales, as well as eBay, you can probably find the Pro-96 handheld for \$350 or so. You'll want a cable to program the thing, and you can find those cheaper on eBay than the Radio Shack brand. The software is called Win-96 and costs about \$20.

From there, you can get a copy of the master file from anyone with an RS digital scanner. It's easily uploaded and beats the heck out of programming the freqs yourself. It's a single file that can be easily sent via e-mail.

However, once you start listening to all the talkgroups, you'll probably want to keep a couple old VHF radios around, one tuned to city fire dispatch (repeated on 154.370) and one tuned to county fire dispatch (repeated on 154.190). Then you can lock out those talkgroups on the digital trunking scanner, so more cross-traffic is monitored.

Legeros - 08/02/06 - 06:23

This week, my personal preference is the Bearcat 396T. What sets it apart from others is its size and the ability to page like a Minitor. It's expensive, but a good little unit. It's nice to be able to set it to page when you need it to just alert you for an incident.

Chris P - 08/02/06 - 07:57

The Uniden BCD396T is much clearer on P25 digital talkgroups than the old Uniden BC250D/BC785D or the Radio Shack models. The computer programming software (included with the scanner) is very easy to use compared to other versions of scanner software out today. A nice feature of the BCD396T software is the ability to set up multiple radio systems on the computer and input which systems you want to write to the scanner on an individual basis. A nice feature for anyone that takes their scanner while traveling. As far as programming by hand without computer software, good luck..

Rink ([Email](#)) - 08/03/06 - 16:45

A few observations:

- 1) the Radio Shack Pro96 (GRE Made) has been shown to have an edge over the 396T as far as digital system decoding...
- 2) the Pro96 has the V-Folder feature which allows you to have up to 10 different configurations in the scanner at any one time...I hit a few buttons and my Pro96 switches from Raleigh/Wake County to upstate SC without me having to hook the radio up to a computer...although if you get a Pro96 purchasing Win96 is a must have to easily back up your memory files..
- 3) the Uniden 396T has the edge in extra bells & whistles...but are you going to use these bells & whistles? Fire Tone out is a good extra but how handy is it when you have the scanner in fire tone out mode you cannot scan anything else...meaning you cannot scan the Wake County system and use the fire tone out at the same time...so while you are waiting for the tones to come through on VHF you are missing other stuff on the Wake County system...

4) Dynamic Memory is as good (if not an edge better) than the V-Folder setup that GRE/Radio Shack has...and the 396T has a TON of memory for all of the systems in NC and beyond...

5) Uniden does have the edge in real-time computer control...if you want to buy a radio you might use for online streaming someday then get a Uniden as the GRE made Radio Shack Scanners only allow upload/download but not real time radio control via Computer...

To wrap this up:

If you want the proven best in digital reception/decoding then get a Pro96/2096...if you want online streaming control and the extra bells and whistles that Uniden has along with dynamic memory get a 396T...

Everything I have said above has been proven to be accurate...besides 1st hand use of the radios I am also a Moderator at Radioreference.com where this topic has been beaten to death over and over again :-)

Email me if you have questions!

Marshall KE4ZNR

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/03/06 - 21:48

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Environmental Exposure

08/01/06 18 W - + 11 - 14

Anyone else think haz-mat when Locution says those words? You keep waiting for the haz-mat dispatch...

I agree, is that term being used for "heat exhaustion/ stroke" or what? You're right, I'm always waiting for the never-ending sequence of tones for a haz-mat assignment....

Silver - 08/02/06 - 10:18

EMD software titles card 20 as "Environmental Exposure," and then adds a determinant to let you know whether it is a heat emergency or a cold emergency. There is a separate card for Hazardous Materials incidents (Card 8, "Hazardous Exposure).

"Environmental Exposure" is just the flipping computer's way of toning out first responder calls for heat/cold stuff. On the flip side, when EMS gets toned out for a HazMat incident, you normally get "request for service-explain" or "check in with fire."

Just to try and clear up some confusion...

Chris - 08/02/06 - 13:57

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Radio + Mask

08/01/06 30 W - + 11 - 11

The radio plus mask combination sure sounds good these days. Must be both better mics and a better radio system. The days of muffled shouting must be passing...

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Blogs, Photos, Comments, Criticisms

08/02/06 159 W - + 7 - 13

Is anybody else glad they're not a photographed public servant in the internet age? Imagine that your vocation is not only subject to public scrutiny in the usual fashion, but there are these guys that follow you around and take pictures of you while you're working under the most extreme and often unflattering conditions. Those pictures are then posted on the Internet for anyone to see, from peers to bosses to the boss's bosses. Then there's this blog that allows anonymous comments on those photos, which is all too tempting for folks who want to criticize or just talk trash. The latter is the least desired component of this equation and, moving forward, will be subtracted with greater scrutiny and frequency than before. As Lee and Mike have learned what to show and what not to show with regard to photos, they're learning what to allow and what not to allow with regard to comments.

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Extra Alarm Assignments

08/02/06 40 W - + 13 - 15

For the next few days, or as long as the temperature is above 92 or 93 degrees, all working fires in Raleigh will result in an automatic second-alarm assignment for relief. Units will respond non-emergency traffic unless advised otherwise.

Sounds like a good idea to me. One less thing to have to remember.

Forward Thinking - 08/02/06 - 21:56

When Chief McGrath came here, he said his number 1 priority is firefighter safety. Seatbelt usage is up, and this is just another way he's proving it. Bravo to the upper admin. on a pro-active approach!!!

Guest - 08/02/06 - 23:21

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Gamewell Goodies

08/02/06 86 W, 1 I - + 10 - 13

Picked up a restored Gamewell gong at the Fire Expo flea market over the weekend. The spring-wound device served Lancaster, Ohio. It's connected via a 12-volt circuit to my Gamewell box, bought last year in Baltimore. When the circuit is powered, activating the box taps three rounds of 3-1-4-4. (One round is sufficient to annoy both the wife and the cat.) Maybe next year I'll find a working punch register and reel. At least it's quieter...



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UPDATED: Frat Truck / Greensboro's Old Quad

09/05/12 123 W, 3 I - + 20 - 24

September 2012

Merely six year after our original posting, a reader comment reveals the origin of this fire truck. It's a former Greensboro rig, an American LaFrance 700 Series quad. Meaning, a service ladder truck also equipped with a pump. Note the booster reel in the top photo, scanned from *Greensboro Fire Department 1926-2001*. The second photo is from 1974, from the *News & Observer*. Readers can perhaps tell more. Click to enlarge:



August 2006

Lee Wilson wonders where this long-time fixture from Fraternity Court is from. It's a probably a 700 Series, so it's 1950s vintage. Hasn't the frat had it since at least the 1980s? Anyone know the story on this thing?



I'll do some investigating and get it to you guys...I have a few contacts on frat court.

Silver - 08/03/06 - 14:23

It's the symbol of Pi Kappa Alpha. All PKA's have one

pal - 08/04/06 - 23:09

seems to have a bit of a storied history, take a look towards the bottom of the page

http://www.thewolfweb.com/message_topic...

CFP 7021 - 08/07/06 - 12:41

lol that is my dads fire truck.. he was a pike in the 70s and went to greensboro with some brothers and bought that truck for 800 bucks. the coors painters came in for free and painted the letters. the boys would drive between peace, meredith and St marys(jr college) and pick up the girls.

banks - 09/05/12 - 00:08

I remember seeing it when my brother became a pike back in 1977. Don't think it was running when I was at State in the late 80's. Damn I'm feeling old...

D.Cates - 09/06/12 - 12:35

I rented a room for two summers in the Sammy house, in the mid-1980s. I remember seeing the truck, and I think it was even moving.

Legeros - 09/06/12 - 12:40

Interesting that you stayed in the Sammy house Mike! We used to rent out rooms that were vacated during the summer due to people going home to stay with their parents. I was a Sammy from 1997 until 2001 and the truck was definitely not running then. I remember that the paint was faded but the truck was not as beat up looking (missing headlights, etc.).

Bob P. - 09/06/12 - 12:55

I am a current Pi Kappa Alpha at UNC Greensboro right now. Does this truck still exist?! If so would we be able to talk about maybe buying it or having it donated? We have been looking for something exactly like this and would be thrilled if someone could get in contact with us.

My email is mwhowell@uncg.edu

Michael H. ([Email](#)) - 10/11/12 - 18:07

Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Fayetteville Street and « Gamewell Goodies » Goldsboro Former Fire...
the Raleigh Fire Department

Fayetteville Street and the Raleigh Fire Department

08/03/06 25 W - + 11 - 14

Here's a historical piece that was posted overnight on FireNews: <http://www.firenews.net/contents/news/07312006a.htm>

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Goldsboro Former Firehouses

08/03/06 25 W, 1 I - + 14 - 13

Also posted to [FireNews](#) overnight, along with an article on old High Point houses, is a [tour of old Goldsboro fire stations](#).



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Tarzan Hot

08/04/06 21 W, 1 I - + 19 - 12

Three alarms and a few hundred gallons of sweat. Photos forthcoming from Lee and Mike...



looks like the northside boys did a great job, worked hard and had a good stop. look at the inside of one of those units in the middle, hardly looks touched! Glad to see everybody using their heads and calling for plenty of help in this heat, way to stay safe (and kudos to the administration for pushing this). Good job brothers!

On a side note there was a pretty good story about the fire and the heat on WRAL on the 11PM news.

CFP 7021 - 08/04/06 - 23:28

I believe that this fire is in a location that is looked at for a new Raleigh station. In the mean time if I am not mistaken, there is a volunteer fire station that is staffed less then 1 mile away that did not respond. Would it not be smart to have closest county unit into the city, versus only city into the county.

Guest - 08/07/06 - 22:04

I've heard talk, or talk of talk, that long-range plans place another station in that area. There's nothing in the city's CIP plan, however, for the next few years.

(The city doesn't have a history of "saturated" station construction. That is, opening new facilities— or even adding additional companies— in higher density areas already overlapped by other stations. But that might be par for the course for all comparable municipalities in the state or the South.)

Using MS Streets to compute, the Falls fire station was about 1.88 miles from the fire. There may still be political CAD issues regarding closest department dispatch when it comes to county going into city.

Also using MS streets to compute, Station 22 was about 3.49 miles from the fire. Station 25 was about 4.65 miles from the fire. When the New Falls of Neuse Road connector is built, Station 25 will be about 3.92 miles from that location.

Legeros - 08/08/06 - 06:01

closest station response...now, that could probably be a blog all to itself...

guest - 08/08/06 - 08:09

Please make a blog on that, you'll get plenty of comments.

Silver - 08/08/06 - 23:40

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Northeast Raleigh Fire Station in 2009

08/04/06 72 W - + 15 - 8

Found this tidbit in the July 11 minutes of that day's Raleigh City Council meeting: "The Existing Buffalo Road Station #27 is 3.8 miles to closest point of the annexation request; Station # 28, planned to be operational Spring/Summer of 2007, is 4.6 miles to the annexation request site access off Buffalo Road. The current CIP has funding for another fire station in the Northeast ETJ area that anticipates construction by summer of 2009."

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State College Fire Vehicles

08/05/06 109 W, 3 I - + 13 - 12

In its earliest years, fire protection at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts consisted of a campus water system with hydrants and hose for use by student fire brigades. The college was outside of the city limits for a few decades, with no nearby fire station until 1926. Today the [NCSU Fire Protection Division](#) provides emergency response to fire and medical incidents, as well as other fire and life safety duties. Here's what's parked at the campus PS center:



And even a mobile command post...



A little more history on college fire protection...

Fire insurance maps dated July 1903 showed Saint Augustine's School, located one mile northeast of the State House, had 300 feet of one-inch hose supplied by a steam pump from spring-fed water tanks. The Peace Institute for Young Ladies on Harp Avenue had no fire apparatus, but their cistern was equipped with a "suction attachment" for the fire department's steamer. The map also noted that the main building was located 400 feet from Peace Street and the city hydrant system.

By August 1909, insurance maps listed Saint Augustine's School as having a fire department equipped with a hose reel and 500 feet of 2 1/2-inch cotton rubber-lined hose along with two fire extinguishers and two dozen fire buckets. The hose house was attached to a lumber building just east of the Lyman Building. The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts also had a hose reel on their campus, housed at the Mechanical Department building.

By 1914, the reel and 500 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose had been moved to Watauga Hall. The college had 1,650 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose total and ten double hydrants. Also by that year, Saint Augustine's School fire department moved to a combination hose and coal house just north of the Lyman Building. The college's equipment consisted of three hand hose carts, 1,200 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose, and one hand ladder truck, and fire pails.

Legeros - 08/05/06 - 11:15

Hmmm...

Olson - 08/05/06 - 23:57

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Ethics and Fire Photography

08/05/06 202 W - + 15 - 6

And now a word about what we shoot versus what we post. The pictures posted on Lee and Mike's photo site are almost always a subset of what was shot at a particular incident. First and foremost are space considerations, as dozens or even hundreds of pictures might be taken. Multiple or similar shots of the same image are omitted, of course, as are bad ones. Over-exposed, under-exposed, blurred, poorly framed, etc. Pictures of victims may also be omitted, or at least edited to crop or blur their facial features. Pictures of posed personnel are usually omitted as well. It's a safe assumption that the owner or occupant of a fire building would have an adverse reaction should they happen upon a picture of smiling, posing firefighters. Lee and Mike also keep an eye out for personnel or operational goofs. Call us butt boys if you like, but we strive to present to the *public* both an accurate and positive portrait of responders. Photographic records are very helpful for training and incident review. However, the warts-and-all versions are distributed privately to the depicted companies or agencies, and not publicly on the photo site. That's the way we operate.

Ahhh... legal, defensible censorship.

Olson - 08/05/06 - 23:56

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New Camera and Workflow

08/05/06 289 W - + 14 - 17

Mike's been using his Canon Digital Rebel XT for a few weeks now. Here's the workflow he's adapted: pics are saved in the camera in Canon RAW format. The file size is over 8 megs per image. so transferring to the computer takes a little while. .

Once moved to a local file folder, the image viewer IrfanView is utilized to quickly cycle through the images. Multiples are deleted, along with unwanted shots. Once reviewed, the program Flash Renamer is used to quickly rename all the images to 2006-01-01-agency-location-X.cr2 format. e.g., 2006-08-05-rfd-morgan-st-001.cr2, 2006-08-05-rfd-morgan-st-002.cr2, etc.

Once renamed, Digital Photo Professional-- a Canon program included with the camera-- is utilized for post-processing. Notable tweaks include white balance setting, picture style, sharpness boost, exposure boost as needed, and any cropping.

Once post-processed, copies of the images are created for web posting. This process is done automatically and takes about 10 seconds per image. Each image is reduced to 72 DPI and 700 pixels wide and saved as a JPEG image. If the pictures will be provided to others, a second set of JPEGs is created with the default 350 DPI and default image size. This also takes another 10 seconds per image. Both the low- and high-resolution JPEG version are copied to a CD-ROM for private distribution as needed.

Additionally, the program JAlbum-- the same software used to create the web slideshows-- is utilized to create a disk-based slideshow of the low-resolution version. This is also copied to the CD-ROM. Often, a fourth folder is also copied to the CD-ROM titled best and containing copies of the low-res photos that were posted to the photo site. e.g, the best pictures of the entire series.

As for the camera itself, my latest gripe is the 95% optical viewfinder. My Fuji point-and-shoot had an LCD viewfinder, so what I saw was what I got. The Rebel XT viewfinder captures 5% of the image outside of the viewfinder. I've since done some research and this is par for the course, at least in this price range of digital SLRs.

Legeros - 08/06/06 - 09:32

Upsides include near-instant powering of camera, super-fast processing/writing speed to memory card, and the joy of a wide-angle lens. Still shooting using Program Shift mode, versus Automatic (which does not allow writing in RAW). Still playing with post-processing settings, notably trying to find the best catch-all White Balance and Scene Selection settings. Camera battery lasts way longer, too.

Legeros - 08/06/06 - 10:02

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Stony Hill on Sunday Morning

08/06/06 44 W - + 14 - 17

Straight-forward structure fire response in the early a.m., with heavy smoke showing at a distance and a fully-involved outbuilding threatening a mobile home on arrival. Superb radio traffic from all parties involved. Save a copy of that one.

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Rose Lane

08/07/06 668 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

Lee captured this excellent image on Sunday morning:

**Comments:**

Rose Lane Fire.....what an awesome job laying the 5" to the side allowing for other emergency vehicles (ladder companies) to get into position. Just wondering, why does RFD use the "major working fire" lingo, where as a lot of other departments just say "give me a 2nd alarm" on arrival if they need one?

Guest - 08/06/06 - 14:41

Anybody know why Haz-Mat 2 was there (@ Rose Lane)?

Guest - 08/06/06 - 16:06

Major working fire is an arrival designation that both results in the dispatch of a second alarm and different operational procedures than simply a working fire with an additional alarm's worth of units. Haz-Mat 2 (new Freightliner/Hackney) was not at the Rose Lane fire, though SR2 (old Simon Duplex/E-One) was. I suspect the unit was used to transport the incoming Station 2 shift members to the scene, and return the outgoing crew to the station.

Legeros - 08/06/06 - 17:54

...versus if an incident command simply wants an additional alarm's worth of companies, in which case they can simple request another alarm. However, I think CAD blurs those lines. It may dispatch additional alarms as a MWF, regardless if the incident is indeed a major fire.

Legeros - 08/06/06 - 17:56

The old days on a "Code 3" resulted in different operational procedures when 3" supply line was in play. I don't know of any operational procedures that are diiferent when a "working fire" or "major working fire" is declared. Hence, makes me wonder, why not just say "give me a second alarm" like a lot of other cities, Charlotte for example.

In my years of "buffing" I've never heard of another city use that term as a part of the size-up. Interesting....

guest - 08/06/06 - 19:18

Up until a couple years ago, the first arriving fire unit declared "Code 1," "Code 2," or "Code 3." The numbering, if I recall correctly, was based

on the size hose they'd be using. (Though the code was just as easily an assessment of the volume of fire.) When the department switched from ten codes to plain text, the above codes were changed to "working fire" and "major working fire." That's the origin of the term.

Legeros - 08/06/06 - 19:50

If they wanted to, seems like they can do away with "major working fire". Code 2 and Code 3 determined if one 3" line was used as supply or two 3" lines. Now that all working fires, major or not, get 5" supply lines, seems like it can be changed.

Guest - 08/06/06 - 22:06

Just curious ,if SR 2 was on scene to transport the oncoming members of E 2, were any other companies relieved in a similar fashion, and if not why were the guys from E 2, which was on the 3rd alarm, allowed this convenience?

And a much deserved pat on the back must be given to the members who were able to locate, and pull 2 civilians out of a heavily involved structure. [Ed. note: See updated description.] My prayers are with the surviving widow.

[toofarfromhome] - 08/07/06 - 00:38

It's a matter of luck I guess that SR-2 is assigned to the same house as E-2. Other companies probably weren't relieved in the same fashion, unless they have a reserve pumper at there respected firehouses. Then, the oncoming shift could have taken that to the scene to switch out with the other shift getting off in the morning.

I'm out of the loop, were there 2 rescues made at the Rose Lane fire? If so, it amazes me how the media never reported it. [Ed. note: See updated description]

Silver - 08/07/06 - 01:11

Rose Lane...awesome pics from Lee.

Guest - 08/07/06 - 10:55

There's an updated incident description on the photo site. HQ reported multiple calls and reports of subjects trapped. First-arriving units found a single-story dwelling well-involved. One victim was found inside the structure, fatality, and one victim was found outside the structure, injured. N&O story: <http://www.newsobserver.com/102/story/468474.html>

Legeros - 08/07/06 - 17:59

it means alot when you see a fire chief walking down the road carrying a water cooler. that hes not below the dirty work

Adam - 08/07/06 - 19:00

Just one of many welcomed changes that Chief McGrath is bringing to the department.

Silver - 08/07/06 - 19:30

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Wild Radio Traffic

08/07/06 55 W - + 18 - 10

Wild radio traffic on HQ this evening, first the storm surge with a head-spinning series of unit swaps (many initiated by HQ) between fire alarms, a lightning strike, a structure fire, and a CO2 call. Now, there's some strange business involving Engine 3 and the Archdale Building and an incorrect address in CAD.

Plus something involving six patients and the need for car seats, somewhere around Poole Road...

Legeros - 08/07/06 - 18:12

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RFD Planner

08/08/06 72 W - + 19 - 10

New for this budget year, now hiring: [Fire Department Planner](#). "Assists the Fire Chief in developing a short, mid-term and long-range strategic plan to include: preparing the Department for successfully maintaining or improving the current ISO rating, for developing a facility expansion plan to keep pace with the City's annexation and growth rate, and assessing the Fire Department's needs in order to become accredited." etc. Sounds like a neat job.

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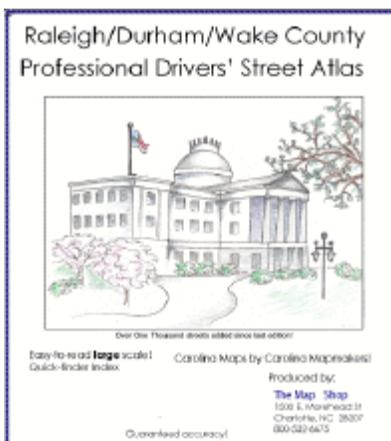
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Map Books

08/08/06 61 W, 1 I - + 12 - 11

Where to buy the map books that correspond to the grid numbers on CAD dispatches? [The Map Shop](#) in Charlotte both produces and sells 'em. They're pricey, but easy to read. Version five is latest, released just a month or so ago. And on the key map, Creedmoor is spelled Creedmore. Go figure.



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New Camera and RAW Processing

08/08/06 54 W - + 18 - 11

Here are [some examples](#) of RAW image processing. Think of a JPEG image as a photographic print, and a RAW image as a photographic negative. The RAW processing software is like a digital darkroom. The examples are all JPEG images with variations in exposure, white balance, and picture style.

Flash photography using a (borrowed) external unit was attempted for the first time at Tuesday's promotional ceremony, with a newer (but not the newest) Canon Speedlite. Experimented with a diffuser at times, and to seemingly poor effect. Same with ISO settings, which were tried at 100 and 400 and maybe even higher at times. The camera's shutter click is also very loud (at least to the person using the camera) in the context of a quiet room. That's probably the case with many/any SLR or DSLR cameras.

Legeros - 08/09/06 - 06:14

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Raleigh Fire Department Promotions

08/08/06 79 W, 1 I - + 17 - 13

Congratulations to promoted Raleigh Fire Department members Assistant Chief T. A. Styons, Division Chief H. F. Warner, Battalion Chief B. R. Harvey, Battalion Chief E. M. Martin, Battalion Chief P. G. Pickard, Captain P. E. Dean, Captain J. R. Faison, Captain W. L. Mayo, Lieutenant M. F. Kelling, Lieutenant R. L. Ketchie, Lieutenant N. L. Murray, and Lieutenant W. M. Stanfield. Pictures from today's City Council Chambers ceremony forthcoming:



Our photos have been posted. We included a number of family photos, though those may disappear if individual FFs prefer that they not be shown. We'll ask around to be sure. The photos, like all on our site, will disappear after about six weeks.

Legeros - 08/09/06 - 06:58

The city subsequently published this press release:

August 11, 2006

City Of Raleigh Fire Department Promotes 12, Names First Female Assistant Chief

In ceremonies held today in the City Council Chamber, the City of Raleigh Fire Department promoted 12 that include Tommie Ann Styons the first female to serve as Assistant Fire Chief.

Chief Styons will oversee the training division. She joined the Raleigh Fire Department in May 1980 and was promoted to First Class Firefighter in June 1983. Chief Styons has moved up the ranks serving as Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and most recently as Division Chief since 1997

In 2002 Chief Styons was named Triangle Public Service Woman of the Year by the Beta Pi Sigma, Durham Alumnae Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

The Raleigh Fire Department promotions include:

Division Chief

Henry F. Warner

Battalion Chief

Bradley Harvey

Edsel M. Martin

Patricia G. Pickard

Captain

Perry E. Dean

Jay R. Faison

William L. Mayo, III

Lieutenant

Mark F. Kelling

Richard L. Ketchie

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William M. Stanfield

Legeros - 08/16/06 - 19:38

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Please Compose Yourself

08/10/06 71 W - + 13 - 13

Gang, here's a tip to help everyone type or write better. Before posting a blog comment, first open Microsoft Word (if installed on your computer). Compose your comments using Word. Check your typing and look for the red lines showing misspelled words. Correct what you can, then use Edit -> Copy and Edit -> Paste to copy and paste the comments from Word to the blog comment form.

I think everyone is getting worked up about this topic! LOL!

Boggs W. ([Email](#)) - 08/11/06 - 12:51

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Convention Seminar / See You in Two Weeks

08/12/06 96 W - + 11 - 15

Mike is nearly finished preparing his presentation for the State Firefighter's Convention in Greensboro, AKA the [2006 South Atlantic Fire Expo](#). He'll be speaking on Saturday morning, August 26, in Auditorium IV. The seminar is scheduled for 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and he'll packing a PowerPoint presentation with about 100 slides on the topics "what is an FD history," "how to research an FD history," and "examples of FD histories." Arrive early and watch a pre-seminar slideshow of some 50 old photos from around the state. Stay late and ask questions. See you there.

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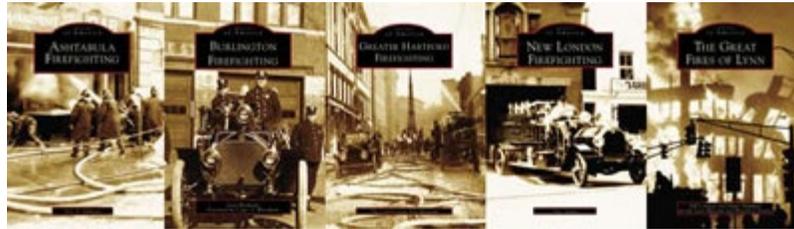
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Images of America Firefighting Books

08/12/06 85 W, 1 I - + 13 - 11

For any fire history book readers, [Arcadia Publishing](#), which published both of Mike's volumes on [Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting](#), continues to release firefighting titles in their Images of America series. The newest releases are particularly eclectic: Ashtabula (Ohio) Firefighting, Burlington (Vermont) Firefighting, Greater Hartford (Connecticut) Firefighting, New London (Connecticut) Firefighting, and The Great Fires of Lynn (Massachusetts). Browse the [Arcadia site](#) for more information on the titles. Or [browse this page of Mike's](#).



The Perfect Gift For All Occasions

DMC Fire Books has just published a new hardcover book about New York's "War Years", The Usual by John Finucane. For info go to: <http://www.dmcfirebooks.com>. Finucane also authored, When the Bronx Burned, available through Amazon.com and Barnesandnobles.com. See website: www.whenthebronxburned.com for detailed info on these books and on ordering. Site also has a photo slideshow on the burning of the South Bronx.

KINDLY PASS THIS ALONG

Lt John Finucane FDNY ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/14/09 - 21:53

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Discussion Board Needed

08/13/06 169 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

Two recent discussion threads appear to indicate that the readers of this blog would benefit from a discussion board that matches this site for ease of operation and ease of finding. Such a thing should probably be moderated, with one or more persons babysitting each posting either as they're submitted or after they're posted. The moderator would, at the very least, edit postings to remove personal attacks. This would keep the forum flame-free. The technology behind the board would probably require user registration to prevent spam, though registration might consist solely of choosing a user name. Or it might require a valid e-mail address as well, at least at the time of registration. Food for thought. For those not familiar with discussion boards, two that Mike frequently reads (though rarely posts to) are firehouse.com and firenews.net. The latter has one misnomer that's worth noting. The forum titled "Suggest a Forum Topic" really means "Open Discussion on Any Topic."



...and readers of this blog can always suggest blog topics by dropping a private message to Lee and Mike. We are very impressionable.

Legeros - 08/13/06 - 07:01

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Future Blog Topics?

08/13/06 30 W - + 15 - 7

What would readers of this blog care to comment on, were the topic posted on this blog? Nozzle settings and hose sizes was recently suggested. What else?

How about pay scales?

Wake County purchasing apparatus?

Which departments actually do Multi-Company training?

William Boggs (Email) - 08/15/06 - 23:49

Suggested by reader: How about a topic on the tv show Rescue Me? Just would like to see others reactions on the show... Tonights episode was amazing...

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 13:27

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Sweet Sounds

08/13/06 35 W - + 14 - 11

Mike recently moved to a new house, formerly about a mile from the nearest fire station and now but a block. The sounds of sirens leaving and diesels returning have never been sweeter...

How are you going to get any good fire pics living so far from the city now?

guest - 08/13/06 - 15:33

Regrettably, I am now 6.29 miles from the city center, and with fewer direct routes downtown than my beloved Brentwood residence which was a speedy 5.25 miles into town. I'll adapt.

Legeros - 08/13/06 - 15:59

I live across the street from RFD #22. I used to love to hear the sound of that Pirsch leaving the station. I believe it was louder than the Siren.

Rauer ([Email](#)) - 08/14/06 - 06:25

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Old Toy Columns

08/13/06 79 W - + 19 - 11

Mike was recently asked in a private message if he still writes a column for the [Code 3 Collectibles site](#). Those drew to a close late last year, though one or two subsequent columns were added to Mike's [toy column archive site](#). Over the span of a couple years, the columns covered such topics as jokes, books, toy shows, action figures, kit-bashing, scanner monitoring, the measured weights of fire equipment, and the history of lime fire apparatus.

so what tips can you give with kitbashing and model purchasing of ho scale. I model HO scale fire trucks and have tons of money tied up in the hobby. Any tips or advice on good places to purchase from would be great. thanks

adam brown - 08/13/06 - 21:16

Send me a private message and I'll advise accordingly. mikey at legeros dot com.

Legeros - 08/14/06 - 07:08

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Which Chiefs Have Been Chief The Longest?

08/13/06 178 W - + 11 - 14

Which county fire chiefs have been fire chief the longest? George Gupton of Eastern Wake may take the cake, as he's served since 1978, back when EWFD was KFD. He replaced the late Knightdale Chief Bernice Wall that year. Who are the other long-timers? Wendell's Tom Vaughn? Garner's Phil Mitchell? RDU's Jimmy Thompson? Zebulon's Sidney Perry? .

The rest of the rest, augmented by sundry Sunday phone calls:

- Apex's Mark Haraway (since 2002)
- Bay Leaf's Ron Roof (since late 1990s?)
- Cary's Allan Cain (since 2003)
- Durham Highway's Mike Cooper (since ?)
- Fairview's Ed Brinson (since 2006)
- Falls' Chris Wilson (since 1996-98?)
- Fuquay-Varina's Tony Mauldin (since 2002)
- Holly Springs' Cecil Parker (since 1995, when the municipal department was formed)
- Hopkins' Frank Woods (since 1991?)
- Knightdale's Tim Guffey (since 2002, when the municipal department was formed. Is he still Chief?)
- Morrisville's Todd Wright (since 2005)
- New Hope's Jimmy McCauley (since 2006)
- Raleigh's John McGrath (since 2006)
- Rolesville's Rodney Privette (since 1994-95?)
- Stony Hill's A.C. Rich (since 2000?)
- Swift Creek's Scott McCollum (since 2003)
- Wake Forest's Jerry Swift (since 2006)
- Western Wake's Jim Bona (since 2005)

Who did I forget?

Mike, WOW I did not realize George has been Chief that long! I was 6 years old. Man I wonder how many people he has seen come and go during the last 28 years. Weren't he and Tom Raleigh police officers before they became fire chiefs? That is a bunch of changes over 28 years of service!

jason lane - 08/14/06 - 20:52

Yes george was a raleigh police officer. I do not recall ow long he was with them.

chris - 08/14/06 - 21:43

How long has Jimmy Thompson been chief at RDU?

JD - 09/25/06 - 00:05

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Charlotte's Tankers

08/13/06 165 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

A reader reports a new concept that Charlotte is trying. It involves the outlying stations that are staffed with a tanker and an engine. The tankers are not staffed and instead are operated by a member of the engine when needed. The current tankers are two-door Internationals. The new concept uses a pumper-tanker as the tanker. The idea is that if the engine needs to be removed from service, the crew can simply operating the pumper-tanker as either an engine or a tanker. They don't have to run a reserve, nor have a company moved to their station while their engine is out of service. The reader also notes that Charlotte mainly runs their five tankers for vehicle fires on the interstates, airport alerts, and outlying areas which might experience a delay in the second-due engine's arrival. The new pumper-tankers [look like this](#), carry 1000 gallons of water, and have three jet dumps. The units are numbered 71 and 72.



The reader also asks this question: do you know why Raleigh does not run any tankers? Not every part of Raleigh can be adequately hydrated and what about runs on the interstates?

Legeros - 08/13/06 - 23:11

These new units will be fully equipped, SCBA, radios, tools and all just like any other engine company in Charlotte. They will also serve as extra units if the city needs to man additional units during inclement weather or other unexpected events. Previously, they would have to find a reserve unit, and then take it to logistics and then equip it. This takes 4-8 hrs to accomplish. Now they just have to hireback (overtime) 4-5 firefighters per unit and the only delay is waiting for them to arrive.

Haven't seen them close up yet, but from a distance, they look sharp. They are a little longer than our current Smeal engine companies, but that is to accomodate the side dump tube.

Rides A Truck - 08/13/06 - 23:30

I heard Raleigh administration say they would rely on Wake Co. units for tankers. It was not the city's area of expertise and it would be hard to justify the cost of the additional apparatus. Granted that comment was from some time ago, and I have not heard McGrath's position, but I understand him to be for joint operations, so I don't see it changing anytime soon.

Griggs - 08/14/06 - 07:57

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Raleigh's Tankers

08/14/06 131 W, 1 I - + 13 - 15

Raleigh operated two tankers from 1960 until 1985 or abouts. They were a pair of [1960 GMC 4000 trucks with 1500-gallon tanks](#) built by Alexander Welding and Manufacturing Company of Raleigh. Each tank body cost \$756.45 and was equipped with 2 1/2-inch discharges. They were originally acquired for protection of newly annexed areas and the newly constructed Beltline. Tanker 1 was placed in service on April 3, 1960 (at Station 8, despite being numbered Tanker 1) and became Tanker 8 in 1961, then Tanker 4 in 1968. Tanker 2 was placed in service on the same date at Station 2 and became Tanker 9 in 1963 and Tanker 14 in 1974. They were unmarked. Near the end of their lives, at least one unit was equipped with a quick-dump valve, donated by the New Hope Fire Department. Both vehicles were transferred to Public Works.



Related question number one: what percentage of the Beltline can be covered using very, very long five-inch lays? Some? Most? The north side seems covered in that regard, but what about the south side, notably the southwest and southeast?

Legeros - 08/14/06 - 07:49

Speaking of tankers and the Beltline, who was working or watching when the gasoline tanker exploded just past Capital Boulevard late in the evening on December 18, 1998? I started listening around the time of the second-alarm dispatch. I recall a good four or maybe six county tankers requested for a water shuttle, plus a CFR unit from the airport. The incident was about a half-mile from my house. My neighbor later informed that she heard the explosion and subsequent seeping smoke set off her smoke alarm. We had just left a movie at Pleasant Valley and made our way to Highwoods and the office building just above the incident. Fire had climbed the embankment and was spreading toward the building and/or cars. One or two engines got there pretty quickly and extinguished the grass fires. We went back down Atlantic Avenue to another office building parking lot, this one on the inner-loop side. We walked through the woods with a couple dozen others and watched (and felt) the fire for a while. That was something to see. The fire, which burned both at the crash site and at the bottom of a storm-drain slope, was allowed to burn itself out. The CFR unit wasn't used, as I recall. The driver of the truck, which hit an abandoned (and stolen?) car on the Capital Boulevard exit ramp, was killed. The roadway was subsequently resurfaced, due to the damage from the high heat.

Legeros - 08/14/06 - 17:53

We were at the station for another call when RFD responded to the tanker call. Early on the IC (I think was still at the Capt. level) asked for ECC to start the "Beltline Water Shuttle". There was confusion by this request and nothing occurred. I think, later the request was made again and there was some dialog between the IC and ECC, but still there was never a dispatch of a county department(s) to set up a water shuttle for extinguishment. If I recall correctly, by the time the request was understood by ECC, the IC had decided to let it burn and there was not a need for the water shuttle.

Griggs - 08/15/06 - 12:13

When these tankers were placed into service, no one in this area had ever even thought about using 5" hose. I also remember that these trucks were terribly underpowered, and Tanker 4 had one heck of a time getting up the hill from the station and then up onto the Beltline.

JD - 08/15/06 - 14:07

Cary's Tankers

08/14/06 118 W, 1 I - + 19 - 9

And while we're on the subject, Cary ran a [pair of tankers](#). They were military conversions built in 1954 and 1956. The tractor-drawn one carried 4,500 gallons, while the straight truck totaled 2,500 gallons. The former was the apparatus that overturned and [killed volunteer firefighter Vernon Thompson](#) on June 19, 1960. The accident occurred while responding to a rekindled trash fire near the Camp Polk prison farm. The cab was destroyed and the truck was not replaced. The other tanker was probably retired around the same time. In 1961, a second Cary fire department was formed to respond to rural areas of the town. The later-named Yrac Fire Department operated a third tanker, also an ex-military vehicle.



...if I recall my research correctly, that second Cary fire department might have been called Yrac from the get-go. There were some discrepancies among the documents that I consulted. Their newly created fire district— which was really just the unincorporated areas around Cary that the Cary Fire Department had traditionally covered, I believe— was named Yrac from the get-go. However, the department was sometimes called YFD and other times called Cary Rural Fire Department. The former might have been an unofficial designation until they formally changed their name in January 1962. Yrac's tanker looked like this: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/galleryw/appa..>

Legeros - 08/14/06 - 18:14

Come to think of it, we had discussions at the time regarding Six Forks' original tanker: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/galleryw/..>

It looks like Cary's tanker, <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/galleryc/..>, but I believe we determined they were different vehicles.

Legeros - 08/14/06 - 18:22

At one time the logo CARY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT was on the front fo the Yrac station. That was in the 60s and early 70s. Also, when I was a member from 1979 to 1985, at least one of the trucks had Cary Rural on the doors and the others had Yrac Rural. I think at one time the brush truck and the original Chevy tanker were lettered for CRFD. When I became a member, the station sported the YRAC RURAL logo.

JD - 08/15/06 - 14:03

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Better Than Coffee

08/16/06 39 W - + 14 - 12

The best way to snap fully awake early in the morning? Hearing the words "on scene with a major working fire" from a first-arriving engine. If only Wake Forest weren't quite so far up the road...

And IC just gave a progress report, no less! Number of lines stretched, building description, etc. Must be the handwork of the new Chief.

Legeros - 08/16/06 - 05:19

What does the term "Major Working Fire" mean in the county?

Why does this area feel obligated to "make up" their own fire service terminology? Examples: SR# (it's an Air Unit!), Code 1, 2, 3 fire, Major Working Fire, etc.

(If you want to be a@@-backwards, move to Charleston, SC)

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/16/06 - 09:18

Jeff, I wonder the same thing. If you need a 2nd alarm, say, " I need a 2nd alarm". Is Charleston "backwards"? Don't know much about them, other than the fact that they catch work often.

Silver - 08/16/06 - 11:52

E-mail sent out today at RFD from Division Chief Styons (C-shift Supervisor); The nomenclature for "Truck Companies" has been changed and will now be known as "Ladder Companies".

Silver - 08/16/06 - 11:58

heard that was coming... one step closer to common terminology.. now if we can get the rest of the county on-board

CFP 7021 - 08/16/06 - 13:00

Ok, so what is the thinking of the group on terminology when talking about apparatus with elevated streams/ladders?

Ladder vs. Tower vs. Truck

Does NFPA offer any guidance? Or maybe NIMS typing? Some research is needed here.....

Does Not Ride a Ladder - 08/16/06 - 13:14

Here's my take: if it is an aerial ladder appliance with a crew, it is a "Truck Company."

If COMMAND needs such a crew, they can call for a Truck Co.

If it has a bucket, on the radio, it should be called TOWER.

If it does not have a bucket, should be called a LADDER (if it has a straight stick).

I also favor descriptive names like SNORKEL, SQURT, etc.

All of the above are "TRUCK Companies".

This gives the IC the option of calling for a Truck (if he doesn't need a specific piece of equipment) OR call for a Ladder, Squrt, etc if he does need specific equip.

(Sent via Blackberry)

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/16/06 - 14:04

I am just wondering why in the world does it matter if we call them major working fires, second alarms, or box alarms? That is the way Raleigh does it, so just do it. Engine ____ on the scene nothing showing, working fire, or major working fire. To me it is simpler now more than it was 10 years ago. But then again, codes told the second in engine what type of supply line to lay: one 3" line or two 3" lines. Now we just put the 5" on the street. 5" sure has made it easier. I guess I don't understand why it matters what we call them. People at other departments use different terms. Way back when I was vollie in Wendell, we use condition blue or red. And the other day I was told they still do. But I never asked why we used those terms, I just did it. So at work if those are the terms that our White Hats want us to use than we use it, no need to ask why. I guess next, we'll be saying in Cary and other departments they don't have to cut grass why do we cut the grass? Because that is what we do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

jason - 08/16/06 - 19:38

If you don't like the terminology that we use around here and you think we need to move _____ backwards maybe you need to move where ever you came from!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I was told this just the other day "when you get promoted into a position to make changes go for it, but until then remember our position" !!!!!

jason lane - 08/16/06 - 19:44

Cary firefighters don't have to cut grass?!

Legeros - 08/16/06 - 19:44

no... they don't, used to, but haven't for a number of years...

Also Jason (Lane), I would say that common terminology is necessary. Just as NIIMS has come into play for common terminology the same can be held for size ups, etc... I know most depts have their own "codes" for fires and what different things mean, AKA hold of on the additional equipment and we can handle with what's on the way, etc. It works great until you go somewhere else, another city, county, state. That's why there needs to be a common terminology nation wide. So that a working fire is the same in Wake as in Durham, and that "give me a second alarm" means the same from place to place... it's about interoperability. Not saying that any one dept is doing it wrong or right. All of these "codes" and "conditions" need to go, along with 10-codes, they are antiquated and dangerous. As one recent addition to the Wake County firefighting family as been recently quoted "condition blue, what in the heck does that mean?" Then they were told it meant "nothing showing" to which their reply was "then why didn't they just say that?"... point taken

Also a while back an engine arrived on the scene of a call and marked "code blue", to which the dispatcher asked if they needed an ambulance!? That was followed by, no I meant to say "condition blue". If they would have just said, "nothing showing" there would have been no issues, minor albeit, but shows the inner problem. Say what you mean, mean what you say, make it so your mother would understand what's going on.

CFP 7021 - 08/16/06 - 20:43

Jason, Love ya' man. Follow up e-mail sent out today by Chief Woodall, Operations Chief for RFD states that "changing the terminology would make it more consistent with the terminology used throughout the fire service (NIMS compliant)" and "will enable our personnel attending fire service courses to better communicate w/ other members of the fire service". Two excellent points made, which I think is the discussion for the "major fire" terminology. Example; you go to NFA to take a class and start talking about a "major working fire" and nobody will know what you're talking about unless they're from RFD; versus terminology that's been in the service for years like "second alarm" and mostly everyone would understand. That's all, nothing about wanting to go back to where we came from or anything else like that, just everyone on the closest "same page" set-up as we can be.

Silver - 08/16/06 - 22:21

Does Raleigh still send Box Alarm assignments? I didn't think Raleigh did that.. that's more of a northern thing (where many fire service traditions still live on).

guest - 08/16/06 - 22:36

Mike might be able to enlighten you on that subject in the history of the RFD, but, as for now, no, RFD does not. I don't even know if RFD had the box system back in the old days. If they did, I'd like to see how it was set up.

Silver - 08/16/06 - 23:01

My original point was: for some reason, in this area, the FDs have been known for "making up" terminology vs using conventional fire service terminology.

I travel (a lot), and have visited most major FD communication centers in my travels, so I have a pretty good idea of what fire service "conventional" terminology is around the county outside of NC. Silver and 7021 make very good points about attending national grade training. Nobody is going to know what a "major working fire" is, but would probably have a concept of a "second alarm or third alarm."

My original question still stands: "What does Major Working Fire mean in the county?" I know what it is supposed to mean in the City of Raleigh.

My understanding was that now with the new CAD, county units could call for "additional alarms", and the CAD would build a virtual running card.]

BTW, I'm from Fayetteville and have been in Raleigh since 1982. So I lived with the CONDITION BLUE, CONDITION RED, CODE I, II, II baloney for years, and yes major strides have been made here in the last few years. Witness 5" line, dropping ten codes, etc.

I just hope they rename SR5 to Air-5!

Any guesses on the radio name for the new Fire Command unit?

harkey ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/16/06 - 23:23

JS, C3PO and H , I agree with you all, I was just messing around since we were called @\$% backwards. But on a serious note, I have been vollie in Johnston county for 6 years now and I had to use plain text because what we used in wake was different than in JC. One night I got in route and said 10-76 and they thought I was calling in a fight. Then nothing worse than returning to service with (108 Edward Nora) and the ECC asking "do what?"

So thank God for NIMS and plain text. Does NIMS have a common terminology that is used?

Anyway ya'll stay safe no yard fellings about moving!!!!!!

jason lane - 08/16/06 - 23:40

Box alarms were used in Raleigh from 1887 until at least 1955, when two-way radios were first installed in apparatus. Here's a 1907 list of box locations: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/h...>

Legeros - 08/17/06 - 05:06

Of course, Wake Forest also had box alarms, beginning in 1923. Here's a later list of boxes: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/galleryw/...> As did Wendell, by 1925.

Legeros - 08/17/06 - 05:28

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Cary Station 7

08/16/06 18 W, 1 I - + 9 - 16

Slowly but surely, construction on the new station is finishing:



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Trucks to Ladders

08/16/06 118 W - + 14 - 15

Effective 0800 on Monday, August 21, the nomenclature for all Raleigh aerial apparatus will be changed from Truck to Ladder.

How does that compare with the rest of the county? .

- Apex - Ladder or Tower
- Bay Leaf - Truck
- Cary - Ladder
- Fuquay-Varina - Ladder
- Garner - Ladder
- Holly Springs - Ladder (?) (squirt)
- Morrisville - Ladder
- Knightdale - Engine (squirt)
- Wake Forest - Tower
- Wendell - Truck
- Zebulon - Aerial

How does that compare with the rest of the state?

- Asheville - Ladder
- Charlotte - Ladder
- Durham - Engine (quint) or Ladder
- Fayetteville - Truck
- Greensboro - Quint or Truck
- High Point - Ladder
- Rocky Mount - Ladder
- Wilmington - Engine (quint) or Tower
- Winston-Salem - Truck

See this thread for more comments on this topic: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog..>

Legeros - 08/16/06 - 19:35

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First Box Alarms and Other Milestones

08/17/06 151 W - + 9 - 15

As noted by Mike in another thread, the first box alarms in Raleigh were sounded in 1887. Here are some other early milestones: .

- 1816 - First major fire on record
- 1819 - First pumping engine
- 1819 - First fire company
- 1851 - First fire cisterns
- 1852 - First salaried fire chief
- 1853 - First fire equipment storage facility
- 1870 - First steam pumping engine
- 1870 - First service ladder wagon
- 1870 - First fire station
- 1872 - First black fire company
- 1879 - First chemical engine
- 1887 - First fire hydrants
- 1887 - First fire alarm boxes
- 1889 - First hosting of North Carolina State Fireman's Association convention
- 1890 - First hose wagon
- 1892 - First hosting of North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fireman's Association convention
- 1912 - First full-time fire chief
- 1912 - Fully-paid fire department formed
- 1913 - Volunteer fire companies declared out of commission
- 1913 - First motor apparatus
- 1914 - First motor pumping engine
- 1917 - First aerial ladder
- 1922 - First motor service ladder truck

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Agencies, Associations, and Other Groups?

08/18/06 60 W - + 13 - 12

Out of idle curiosity, how many different agencies, associations, or groups are affiliated with our local fire departments? Such as:

Raleigh Professional Firefighters Association
 United Professional Firefighters of Raleigh
 Raleigh Fire Explorers
 Cary Firefighters Association
 Apex Fire Belles
 Capital Area Fools
 Wake County Firefighters Association
 North Carolina State Firemans Association
 North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Association

Plus there are the Boards of Directors for the non-municipal departments, the assorted municipal governing boards, the Wake County Fire Commission, etc. And Raleigh's Citizen Emergency Response Team(s) (CERT).

Legeros - 08/18/06 - 17:23

North Carolina Professional Fire Fighters Association
 North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors
 North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS (several fire departments are members)
 North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs

And there are also national and international affiliations:

International Association of Fire Fighters
 International Society of Fire Service Instructors
 International Association of Fire Chiefs

[Dale] - 08/18/06 - 20:44

International Association of Arson Investigators – North Carolina Chapter
 National Association of Fire Investigators (less known/involvement probably than the IAAI)

McGraw - 08/19/06 - 19:35

International Assoc. of HazMat Technicians
 Greater Raleigh Emerald Society

Silver - 08/19/06 - 19:51

Knightdale Public Safety Explorers #371

TripleC212 - 08/20/06 - 15:44

The Carolina Leaterheads- any Local FD hockey team, it is catching on too. Cant let the police have all the glory. they have one season under their belt, and a full roster for next season

guest - 08/21/06 - 07:18

Local FOOLS Chapters
 Chapel Hill Firefighter's Association

CFP 7021 - 08/21/06 - 08:06

High Drama in North Raleigh

08/19/06 48 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

White substance discovered in creek. Firefighters search storm water system for source. Good camera practice, notably revealing the limitations of Mike's 18-55mm kit lens on the long end. Time for a higher-powered walk-around lens. Pics uploading.



I was wondering when the Raleigh Haz-Mat team/truck(s) get dispatched as opposed to the NCRRT? Anyone know? Just a curious question.
Native Charlottean - 08/19/06 - 22:33

The RRT trucks run as Raleigh HazMat units when the calls are in the city limits but also serve as regional trucks when calls are elsewhere.
guest - 08/20/06 - 11:47

For "smaller" calls within the city, Haz-Mat 15 covers the north side and Haz-Mat 2 covers the south side. For "larger" calls, both units are dispatched. Additional haz-mat apparatus and companies includes SR 2 (support), Decon 20 (decon), and Haz-Mat 22 (RRT support and decon).

Legeros - 08/20/06 - 12:11

Regular HazMat response in the city gets the entire hazmat team (HM-2, HM-15, E-8, T-22 and T-20). But, Raleigh HazMat has been known to perform covert missions to avoid certain people that might be monitoring the air waves. Different levels outside the city limits, might be an RRT response or one of the jurisdictions that has a mutual aid agreement with Raleigh HazMat. Could be just HM-15 or HM-2, or for an RRT response (outside the city) needing more manpower would bring T-22 and E-8, in addition to HM-15 (RRT unit). It gets really confusing, just depends if it's an RRT call (through the state EOC) or a mutual aid agreement call.

HazMat member - 08/20/06 - 13:59

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New Garner EMS Heavy Rescue Coming

08/20/06 25 W - + 14 - 11

We've heard that a new Garner EMS heavy rescue is coming in October. What's the scoop, Those That Know?

I know they did a lot of looking at rescues around the area and were asking a lot of questions, hopefully their research paid off, maybe somebody else can shed some more light than that, but that's all I know about the situation.

CFP 7021 - 08/20/06 - 07:50

EVI was awarded the contract and they are shooting for completion around Thanksgiving.

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/20/06 - 14:48

Hey Jason what kind of truck will it be? Custom cab commercial cab etc? and have they completed the hiring of the Rescue Tech positions in Garner yet

Adam Brown - 08/20/06 - 15:01

It will be a custom cab and we have filled the rescue technician positions. We went all over NC looking at rescue trucks and have taken ideas from many places such as Western Wake, Wilson's Mills and Lumberton just to name a few. Mike with EVI has been great to work with! He has worked really hard to help design this truck to truly meet our needs.

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/20/06 - 17:22

Is it really a service to the community for an EMS agency to still be attempting to provide rescue service when the local fire department is better suited for the duties. It seems as though EMS should concentrate on being really good at EMS and not worry about cutting cars. Besides, isn't this a duplicate service. If I'm not mistaken, doesn't Garner Fire have rescue capability out of both Stations 1 and 2 with primary responsibility in both? I know Swift Creek and Fuquay do, so where does Garner EMS use the truck?

guest - 08/24/06 - 13:06

Assuming equally availability of "rescue" resources between a fire and EMS agency, why is a fire department better-suited for extrication and other "rescue" duties? Regarding GEMS, they are the lone EMS agency still delivering "rescue" services (right?). From a tax perspective, I believe funding for "rescue" services is provided by the fire tax. Thus, GFD (versus GEMS) may be the agency that is actually funded for "rescue" services. Maybe GEMS is subsequently subcontracted by GFD to roll their yellow rig.

Legeros - 08/24/06 - 16:51

GEMS is franchised by the town of Garner to provide Rescue Services and funded by the town for those services. GFD has very minimal rescue equipment at station one, and a little more at station 2. Garner Station 2 has more because they were franchised to provide for rescue when the old Fuquay-Varina Rescue Squad closed its doors in the old Fuquay district. Garner Fire Station 1 really doesn't have rescue capability inside the town of Garner when you look at their equipment. They have a very small amount of vehicle extrication equipment only. They have nothing for water rescue, high angle, confined space, etc. I hear that Garner Fire was asked a few years ago about providing rescue services and the chief said that they had no interest. GEMS is responsible for two lakes as well. During recent flooding GEMS is the agency that made swift water rescues in a mutual aid fire district that was trying to use boats to do so. Rescue encompasses more than just vehicle extrication, and the GEMS personnel are more adequately trained in that district to provide the services. Redundancy really isn't an issue here – personnel or equipment wise. GEMS will respond their unit mutual aid with other agencies besides GFD, but the primary responsibility falls to GEMS inside the Garner city limits.

guest - 08/24/06 - 17:41

GEMS is not funded by GFD. The Rescue squad is contracted by the town to provide rescue services (primary) inside the town limits. The FD is primary in the county area. As of right now there is a good working relationship between the FD and GEMS. More often than not the main difference in the two is that the FD is able to provide more manpower on scene for an extrication than the Rescue Squad. I believe they are in the process of working to correct. Jason can hit on that better than I can. Also as the case is most often is that the Rescue Squad and GFD Rescue 1 arrive on scene about the same time. Whoever gets there first does the extrication with the assistance of the other because of

location of whoever's tools are closer. It may sound like it, but it is not a race between the 2 agencies. Many times the rescue squad provides the truck and the FD provides the manpower. The FD is fortunate that we have 24 hr staffing that can roll our rescue at any time without delay. I believe that the rescue is also in the process of fixing this so that they can do the same. Jason would you like to elaborate any further or did I explain it well enough?

Mike ([Email](#)) - 08/24/06 - 17:46

Lt. Bishop is right. GEMS is not funded by GFD, but they are funded by the town and contracted to do so. There is an excellent working relationship between GEMS and GFD members. On a scene it is difficult to tell who is who because everyone works together so well. GEMS has worked hard to correct staffing shortages and as of right now there is 24/7 coverage on the unit. This is a first in many years, as the unit has evolved from a primarily volunteer entity. GFD generally will have a lieutenant bring their rescue truck (formerly FS-1 or 2) – the only reason they're called rescue is because the new CAD wasn't programmed to say, "FS." So manpower is really an issue for either department. GEMS responds at least one rescue technician on the truck and supplements with a supervisor who is rescue trained (assistant chief, myself, rescue lieutenant, etc.) who respond to the scene. Whereas GFD's guy is a Lt. who is also responsible for bringing the ladder truck and driving the second out engine from station 1 to calls, GEMS now has a dedicated rescue technician 24/7 and is supplemented on scene by our own staff and of course firefighters. The only thing that I would take issue with Lt. Bishop on is that 24/7 for them is based on whether that lieutenant is already out on a first responder call or driving the ladder to a call- their truck/man may not roll. I also think that GFD is using the term rescue truck loosely at station 1. That truck will really need some upgrades to be compliant with the rescue standards set forth by the NCAREMS. GEMS strives to have a good working relationship with all of our FD responders. Often times we arrive first in the southeast Raleigh area and begin extrication long before rescue 7 or ladder 1 arrive from Raleigh. We then all work together as a team to effect the rescue without district lines or turf battles being involved.

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/24/06 - 18:05

Wake Forest Last Night

08/20/06 35 W, 1 I - + 16 - 13

Wake Forest (and Stony Hill and Falls and Rolesville and Youngsville and ?) trained hard and hot last night. Pics from Lee and Mike (below) forthcoming:



Pics uploading at this time. This was the first night shoot with the new camera. Program Shift was almost exclusively used. 400 ISO at the start, then bumped to 800 at picture #47. Played with 100 ISO from pictures #161 to #175. Resumed 400 ISO at picture #176. External flash utilized, a borrowed Canon Speedlite older 400-series. The challenge was capturing the most light with the shortest exposure. Longer exposures caused blurred flames, though they allowed more light. The best technique that I discovered was to stand as close as possible and use the flash.

Legeros - 08/20/06 - 12:18

Those were some great photos. How many departments were there training?

chris king - 08/22/06 - 18:36

From the picture page: "Wake Forest Fire Department joined by members of Stony Hill, Falls, Rolesville, and Youngsville."

Legeros - 08/22/06 - 18:41

Nice to see Chief Swift on the nozzle, shows he's not too good to get dirty.

guest - 08/22/06 - 19:43

Can anyone explain the theory behind the triangular vent holes in the roof. Is this a new technique? Makes sense that there are less cuts to make but havent seen it or heard of it until now?

fireone - 08/23/06 - 15:42

This cut is used when on a steep pitch roof. It allows you to stay on the roof ladder without stepping out on the roof. It keeps your weight centered on the ladder, so you have less of a chance of losing your balance and falling off the roof. You start by making your top cut first, putting the saw out as far as you can comfortably reach and making the cut back towards the roof ladder. Step down on the ladder about 2-3 rungs and make the vertical cut next to the ladder. Then make the diagonal cut from top to bottom using the same method as the top cut. Make sure your lines intersect so you don't have a partial cut and have to beat it out with the axe. You may also have to make an additional vertical cut in the middle if you spanned more than one rafter.

It doesn't give you as big of a hole as your typical 4x4 cut, but it's better than nothing.

Rides A Truck - 08/23/06 - 17:12

Late additional information: Bunn FD was also training that day, plus EMS 20 for rehab.

Legeros - 08/29/06 - 05:38

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Mobile Command Post

08/20/06 83 W, 4 I - + 12 - 11

Raleigh's mobile command post is nearing completion. The 1988 GMC extended step van, originally delivered as a combination command unit and air supply truck and most recently repurposed as a haz-mat support unit, has been undergoing extensive modifications at Station 8. Specs and a detailed photo tour are forthcoming:





And here's what it looked like before the remodeling:



the recessed airhorns look good!

guest - 08/21/06 - 08:49

Awesome job to the crowd at 8. I wish some people could have seen what it looked like before.

Silver - 08/21/06 - 11:28

Ask and ye shall receive. Added a photo of Lee's to the above posting.

Legeros - 08/21/06 - 18:39

I have never seen a refurb come out this great. The upgrades to equipment looks great. These guys really put alot of work on this unit!

Chris ([Email](#)) - 08/21/06 - 19:05

Most likely it will be housed at #1 and a 1st class FF will drive it to the scene. Nobody will actually be assigned to it.

guest - 08/22/06 - 08:05

and here is a picture I think Silver was making reference to.

<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/appar..>

guest - 08/22/06 - 08:09

Not the right posting for this but I recall early that Raleigh purchased a new Volvo bobtail rig can anyone provide info on where its at and what its doing and maybe a picture or two?

Adam Brown - 08/22/06 - 11:52

Actually, I was referring to how much the inside has changed, but the outside looks nice as well.

Silver - 08/22/06 - 13:18

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Roll Call (continuing)

08/21/06 287 W - + 18 - 11

So who else is reading this blog? Add yourself as a comment using one of the following formats to identify or conceal yourself:

Your name - About yourself - Where you live, OR

Your initials - About yourself - Where you live, OR

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etc.

You get the picture. Here's the list so far: .

Jim Kay ([e-mail](#)) - Buff / Former Wake EMS PM & PT FF Wake Forest FD
Now reside in Atlanta, GA and work for Dekalb Co. Fire Rescue.

William Boggs ([e-mail](#)) – Captain – Eastern Wake Fire

Jeff Silver - Buff/ City of Raleigh Firefighter
Volunteer Firefighter in Apex
Former Durham Firefighter

Griggs - Volunteer at Swift Creek FD, Deputy Chief
Former FF at Lower Currituck FD

Adam Brown - Buff / Firefighter - Corolla, NC

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([e-mail](#)) - Radio/Scanner/VIPER Geek & Guru
Amateur "Ham" Radio Operator
Radioreference.com NC Moderator/database admin

Lee Kennedy - Engineer Cary F/R BT6
Asst. Chief Faison Fire & Rescue

Dale - Former Durham Highway, Yrac, and RDU firefighter
Current Paramedic/FTO for Wake County EMS
Current volunteer for Holly Springs Fire

Jon Olson ([e-mail](#)) - Current Division Chief for Wake County EMS
Lieutenant with Wendell Fire Department

Jason Thompson ([e-mail](#)) - Lieutenant/Supervisor for Garner EMS & Rescue Squad
Volunteer Captain/Safety Officer with Clayton Area Rescue

Guest - Raleigh FF

C. Thornton - Firefighter, Knightdale Public Safety
EMT, Eastern Wake EMS

McGraw - Volunteer at Swift Creek, Assistant Chief
Former volunteer PG county Maryland

Jason Lane - Lieutenant Raleigh Fire Dept. 10yrs
Former Volunteer Lt/FF/Training Officer at Corinth-Holders Fire Dept.(Johnston County) 6yrs.
Former LT/FF at Wendell Fire Dept. 5yrs
Capital Area Fools

buff-webmaster-NcFirAart Designs-Burlington NC

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 08/21/06 - 20:25

BJ Patterson- Durham Highway Volunteer Firefighter, Raleigh, NC

BJ Patterson ([Email](#)) - 08/21/06 - 23:28

Buff and long time fan of Legeros.com, Oklahoma City

Dan - 08/22/06 - 00:51

Durham Highway Volunteer Firefighter – live in Raleigh

Jim Waddell ([Email](#)) - 08/22/06 - 09:06

Andrew Snell-Durham Highway Vol. Raleigh, NC

Andrew Snell - 08/24/06 - 12:19

Justin Graney- Falls Fire Department, Captain

Durham Highway Fire-Rescue, Firefighter

Graney - 08/24/06 - 18:11

Lt. with Garner FD

Capital Area FOOLS

KTF-EGH

Mike Bishop ([Email](#)) - 08/25/06 - 18:39

Raleigh Firefighter

Falls Fire Department, Captain

Jay Rauer ([Email](#)) - 08/25/06 - 21:29

Firefighter-Wake New Hope

Former FF/EMT Somerset Cty NJ

Former EMS Supervisor NJ

Doppler - 08/26/06 - 13:21

Nice site Mike. I used to work for Winston Salem FD, and am a metro FOOL now looking to get back on somewhere in NC. Anyone with any info just drop me a line.

Clay Simmons ([Email](#)) - 08/26/06 - 14:22

Firefighter- Eastern Wake Fire-Rescue

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EMT Eastern Wake EMS

Ronnie Privette - 08/26/06 - 21:25

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USAR Tractors and Trailers

08/22/06 31 W, 2 I - + 16 - 14

In response to a reader request, here's a picture of the newest Volvo USAR cab:



So can anyone give an update on what tractors are towing what trailers?

Adam Brown - 08/22/06 - 18:28

So this tractor is towing the usar trailer. the tractor that was towing the usar trailer has gone to towing what?

Adam Brown - 08/22/06 - 19:05

It's more complicated than that.

USAR 1 at Station 7 is a 1998 Sterling tractor towing a 1974 Hackney trailer (<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/apparatus/ral-1998-sterling-w-trailer.jpg>).

USAR 2 at Station 7 is a 2002 Volvo tractor towing a 2002 Great Dane trailer (<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/apparatus/ral-2002-volvo-w-trailer.jpg>).

MCI 1 at the Training Center is or was a 1987 International tractor towing a 1984 Great Dane trailer (<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/apparatus/ral-1987-intl-w-trailer.jpg>).

Decon 20 at Station 20 is a 2002 Volvo tractor towing a 2002 Great Dane trailer (<http://legeros.com/ralwake/gallery/apparatus/ral-2002-volvo-w-trailer.jpg>).

There's also a single-axle BOLO trailer at the Training Center, along with a flatbed trailer for hauling heavy equipment. Both are USAR trailers, I believe. Perhaps the new Volvo tractor tows those.

Legeros - 08/22/06 - 19:18

Thanks for the information. Just as a note. I really enjoy this site. Its setup great. easy to navigate. and again thanks

Adam Brown - 08/22/06 - 21:04

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Outline For Saturday's Presentation

08/23/06 21 W - + 19 - 12

Here's [the outline](#) for Mike's presentation Saturday morning in Greensboro. Same is PDF format. See you there!

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Engine Ops / Truck Ops

08/26/06 121 W - + 19 - 13

Suggested blog topics from a reader:

- [Vertical Ventilation](#)
- Vent Enter Search (VES)
- Nozzle Selection (Smooth-bore, fog, combo)
- Penciling the ceiling
- Any other Truck Co./Engine Co. tactics, operations, strategies, or opinions.

. Notes **Luke**: I've found several good web sites that offer opinions, tactics, tips, etc. about fireground operations, but I'd like to get some ideas from some locals. I've come across some good "truckie" web sites filled with different information and "tricks of the trade" that could be beneficial, but I'm still looking for some engine information (I haven't really looked yet..). I'd like to hear others opinion's about good/bad fireground operations that do (or don't) take place on the fireground.

Would Luke be willing to supply the "truckie" web sites he refered to?

Thanks, Todd

Todd W. Saunders ([Email](#)) - 08/26/06 - 17:17

A good one I recently came across and haven't yet had the chance to go through all the material is: <http://www.vententersearch.com> . As stated on the site, *"This site is being developed as not only a learning resource but also a place to discuss the many facets of truck work as well as special operations, which have become some of the many responsibilities of our operations. We plan to post on many various topics, which will include building construction, SOG's, ventilation, forcible entry, search and rescue techniques and much more."* All of the guys that contribute to the site are Lead Instructors (including the Program Manager) of Central Florida Fire Academy's Special Operations Program. The site is set up similar to Mike's page, where the readers comment and add to the topic at hand. I still plan to go back to their first page and start from the beginning, but what I've seen so far has been pretty informative and useful.

Another "site" (although it is actually an article) is: <http://www.angelfire.com/nc3/doubletroub..> which is a training article written by Mike Clumpner (some might recognize the name). Unlike the website above, this article deals entirely with V-E-S. I think it is an interesting article that tends to take a "think outside the box" approach.

Those two sites should provide a decent start, the first one might require some time to sit down and go through it all. Those that know me know that time is not an issue in my case!!

Luke ([Email](#)) - 08/26/06 - 17:17

I like where this is going, keep it up. I think there are a lot of departments in this area that only now are starting to get back to real truck companies and all the function that go along with them.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 08/26/06 - 17:18

One bad thing/ tactic that still happens on the fireground is using 95 gpm's on a speed-lay nozzle. With plastics and synthetics involved in just about everything at a "run of the mill" house fire, 95 gpm's is asking for trouble.

Silver - 08/26/06 - 20:07

I would personally prefer to have the option of the nozzles that you can screw the fog attachment off to reveal a 7/8" tip. Currently we flow all of speed lays at 125 gpm and have done so for years.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 08/26/06 - 22:58

Thanks Luke for the web sites. "Vententerseach" is good, I had seen Clumpner's article before. If you or anyone else have any other good info,

I would appreciate it.

Thanks, Todd

T. Saunders ([Email](#)) - 08/28/06 - 22:55

We wanted to take a moment to stop in and thank you for your recent post on your site and visiting us at VentEnterSearch.com. Our Intention is to give a medium in which we can share experiences and views from around the nation on fire ground tactics and concepts. Truck companies nationwide are going through rapid changes and often times the truck company functions are overlooked and even eliminated due to various reasons such as manning, lack of training and understanding of the importance of this company's mission. VentEnterSearch.com is constantly trying to update and provide many useful tactics, tips and views. We will also have articles and writers from many notable agencies across the nation. In the near future we are looking to host symposiums and forums giving firemen the opportunity to talk shop and ask questions to speakers with extensive fire service backgrounds. Thank you once again for your support and bear with us as there will be many informative and educational discussions coming. Stay Safe –JP-

Jeff ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/30/06 - 11:48

Hey guys, thanks for the comments about the VES article posted on <http://www.firestation8.com>.. If anyone would like a copy of the article (with references) I would be more than happy to e-mail it to you.

Stay safe,

Mike

Engine Co. 10

Charlotte Fire

Mike Clumpner ([Email](#)) - 09/20/06 - 18:22

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Apex / Asbestos / Heery

08/26/06 35 W - + 9 - 13

We've heard Apex Station 1 is presently closed, due to asbesto abatement, required after Heery renovations uncovered some of the stuff. What else has been happening on the Heery project / facility upgrade front?

I have heard the same thing, but to add, that the Heery contractor did not follow the plans and disturbed the asbestos. If the contractor had followed the plans there would not have been a problem. I have heard of Heery problems at other stations. Anyone care to comment if the rumors are true about problems at stations other than AFD St. #1.

Concerned FF - 08/26/06 - 19:25

Heery built a fire wall at Swift Creek to separate apparatus bay from living quarters. Fire wall stopped at ceiling grid because of hvac duct blocked from terminating at roof. What good is a fire wall if it does not go all they way to roof? They said "engineers" have to look at the problem to find a solution, but had it inspected anyways – building inspector failed the wall. New cabinets for radio room were built by wrong set of plans because contractor did not give cabinet maker revised plans. That just starts the list of problems. The list goes on.

Guest - 08/26/06 - 22:30

I can attest that EMS has had MULTIPLE problems with the station upgrades. Cabinets have been an issue in LOTS of stations. They put in cabinets and no doors for them – crazy stuff like that. Bathroom renovations that were supposed to take a couple of days end up taking weeks. The quality of the workmanship is terrible. The fake laminated hardwood floors bubble up and look bad.

ems dude - 08/27/06 - 02:36

I see where this thread appears to be headed... Are these contractors picked via a low-bid process? Is this a what-you-pay-for-is-what-you-get problem??

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 06:24

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Old Station 3

08/26/06 101 W, 1 I - + 17 - 10

Mike found this this weekend, a rare view of old Station 3 at 135 East Hargett Street. Located on the northwest corner of Hargett and Blount streets, the two-story station opened on April 2, 1898. It housed the volunteer Victor Company and replaced a station at Salisbury and Davie streets that burned the night of April 7, 1897. The station was closed on July 26, 1951, when Station 3 relocated to 13 South East Street. The structure-- pictured after the station had been sold-- was demolished the next year and replaced with a used car lot. The building site is still presently vacant.



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North Carolina Firefighting in 1899

08/26/06 69 W, 1 I - + 16 - 12

Here's a neat chart that Mike found Friday, while scanning some old North Carolina State Fireman's Association conference proceedings at the Greensboro City Museum. It lists the towns in the state with organized fire companies. The information was presented at the 1899 conference, which was held in Greensboro that year. Twenty-four towns reported a total of 68 fire companies with 1,516 firefighters.

DETAIL REPORT.

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TOWNS HAVING ORGANIZED FIRE COMPANIES :

NAME OF TOWN.	NUMBER COMPANIES		NUMBER FIREMEN.	
	White	Col'd.	White	Col'd.
Henderson, N. C.	1	2	17	37
Wilson.....	1	2	22	40
Concord.....	1	1	17	26
Asheville.....	3	.....	45	.....
Kinston.....	1	.....	43	.....
Fayetteville.....	3	.....	34	.....
Raleigh.....	3	1	63	27
Salem.....	2	.....	40	.....
Wilmington.....	5	.....	32	.....
Goldsboro.....	3	.....	48	.....
Elizabeth City.....	1	1	20	30
Salisbury.....	3	.....	24	.....
Greensboro.....	5	1	97	20
Charlotte.....	2	.....	24	.....
Winston.....	3	1	60	20
New Bern.....	3	3	154	80
Durham.....	2	1	40	20
Reidsville.....	1	.....	10	.....
Monroe.....	1	1	20	20
Greenville.....	1	2	32	60
Tarboro.....	1	.....	37	.....
Enfield.....	1	.....	32	.....
Washington.....	3	1	130	75
LaGrange.....	1	.....	20	.....
Total.....	51	17	1061	455

Winston and Salem merged in 1913. Winston had four fire companies, with four hose wagons, two steam engines, and two hook and ladder trucks. Their volunteers numbered 120. Salem had two companies, with 42 volunteers. They operated a couple hose carts and two steam engines. The towns shared the same Gamewell alarm system of 26 boxes.

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 21:58

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North Carolina Steam Fire Engines

08/26/06 29 W - + 16 - 12

Speaking of history, here's a [new database](#) of all steam engines known to have served in North Carolina. Nearly a dozen are still around...

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Raleigh's Earliest Engines

08/27/06 197 W, 1 I - + 16 - 13

Raleigh's earliest engines were made by American LaFrance (and exclusively so until 1949). The first motorized rigs were a pair of **1912 Type 5 chemical and hose trucks** delivered in 1913 and placed in service as Hose Company 1 and Hose Company 2. They cost \$9,800 and were driven by the Chief and Asst. Chief until regular drivers were trained. They were also adapted to tow the old steam engine and old service ladder truck. The first motor pumper was a **1914 Type 12 triple combination** that took the place of Hose 1. The horse-drawn rig at Hose 3 received Hose 1's apparatus. The second motor pumper was a 1918 Type 45 triple combination that again replaced Hose 1's rig, which went to Hose 2. The third motor pumper was a **1922 Type 75 triple combination** (pictured below). It went to Hose 1, and the 1918 engine went to Hose 3. The truck cost \$12,250. In 1923, the motors for the 1914, 1918, and 1922 engines were overhauled. By October 1924, the companies were called Engine companies. By that time, one 1912 unit remained, used solely for towing the steamer, which was a reserve piece. The source for this information includes a National Board of Fire Underwriters report from October 1924 that Mike recently unearthed.



The horse-drawn apparatus of the last decades of the 19th Century included:

- Hand- and later horse-drawn Gould steam engine, delivered 1870
- Hand-drawn Rumsey & Company hand engine, delivered 1870s
- Hand-drawn service ladder truck, delivered 1870s
- Hand-drawn bucket and ladder truck, delivered 1870s
- Horse-drawn Champion chemical engine, single-cylinder, delivered 1879
- Horse-drawn Champion chemical engine, double-cylinder, delivered after 1879
- Hand-drawn and later horse-drawn hose reels, two-wheel, beginning 1887
- Horse-drawn hose wagons, two- and four-wheel, beginning 1887
- Horse-drawn service ladder truck, delivered 1890
- Horse-drawn American LaFrance steam engine, delivered 1905

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 07:21

How many steam pumpers does Raleigh/Wake county still own and are any of them on display? If so, where? Are any others planning to be refurbished?

charles ([Email](#)) - 06/16/07 - 18:07

Only two steam engines ever served in Wake County. Only one survived and is still in the possession of the Raleigh Fire Department, a 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan. It is presently stored at Station 28.

Legeros - 06/16/07 - 21:42

Do you know if the 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan has been restored and is it available for the public to see at Station 28?

charles ([Email](#)) - 06/17/07 - 22:34

No, the steamer has not been restored, but, yes, it is available for public viewing. Here are some photos:

<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/a..>

Legeros - 06/18/07 - 07:32

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Winston-Salem / South Fork

08/27/06 67 W, 1 I - + 20 - 13

While wandering through western Winston-Salem on Saturday, Mike saw this interesting building in the 4400 block of Country Club Road. One phone call and a little Internet browsing later, he confirmed that the structure is a former firehouse, and served the South Fork Fire Department until the late 1980s. It's presently used as a garage for a neighboring church.



This is the old county station 10. City of WS E-10 is just around the corner. South Fork FD lost alot of their area due to the city annexation. Not quite sure how but South Fork and the village of Clemmons merged. Now Clemmons has 2 stations theirs (sta 14) and their sub station (sta 10) [\[WSFirbuff\]](#) (Email) - 08/30/06 - 17:55

The South Fork FD was formed in 1951, says the Secretary of State corporations database. The Forsyth County real estate records don't list the building (that I could find). I wonder if it's the original station house?

Legeros - 08/30/06 - 19:17

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Reedy Creek / Radio Patches

08/27/06 45 W - + 22 - 10

The present radio traffic, at the Umstead Park long-walk-to-retrieve-patient incident, appears to aptly demonstrate the challenges of patching between two radio systems. Everything seems to be working out fine, though the comm centers don't sound able to talk to each other.

Comm Centers talk to each other over TriComm (Cary 4720)...hopefully things will sound better when everyone is digital (ie: Cary)...

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/27/06 - 14:32

it still to this day and time amazes me that they patch, and that the fire chiefs haven't done anything about it. It is dangerous, period. There is no good reason for it, as all the comms centers should or do have Mutual Aid 1-15 in their consoles. Assign all units responding one talkgroup and use it, that's what they are there for. I know for a fact that Cary Comms has M/A 1-15 in their consoles, and Wake should have at least 1-5, therefore everybody can talk to everybody (if it's a raleigh/county/cary incident) on M/A 1-5 at the LEAST, that includes the units working the call and the comms centers involved, I still have no idea what the major malfunction at the higher levels are.

CFP 7021 - 08/27/06 - 15:37

Uploading some pics...

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 16:52

Units on scene: Western Wake E296, Car 1, Raleigh E14, R14, Car 5, Decon 20, Cary EMS, and Wake Emergency Management.

Just out of curiosity, is that a typical run-card for EMS calls within Umstead Park? Obviously it appears that Decon 20 was special called for the Mule, but what about the rest of the assignment?

Luke ([Email](#)) - 08/27/06 - 18:29

Units on scene were actually Western Wake 100 (Car 190), E-196, Raleigh E-14, R-14, Car 5, Decon 20, Cary Medic 2, Wake EM, and a Cary EMS supervisor. Raleigh E-23 was on the original dispatch, but returned to service when the call was found to be on the other side of the park.

The typical assignment for Umstead varies on which address for the park is used, either the Glenwood Ave. address or the Harrison Ave. address. If the Glenwood address is dispatched then it is usually E-23 and a WWFR unit, although Durham Highway would appear to be closer. If the Harrison Ave. address is dispatched it is usually E-14 and a WWFR unit. And depending on the day, sometimes it will be a county only call with no Raleigh units at all. Basically it boils down to finding exactly which of the half-dozen or so entrances is closest to the person injured and then sending the appropriate units. Today was just an exception due to the location of the subject and needing a variety of equipment from different apparatus... and the manpower didn't hurt either.

Guest - 08/27/06 - 18:40

Photo caption units list updated accordingly. Thanks, Guest.

Legeros - 08/27/06 - 18:49

Cary EMS also has all of the Wake County talkgroups in their radios, but then they lose comms with Cary Communications, I guess that'll become a bit larger of an issue when they switch to being dispatched by Wake Rescom in the near future..

also typically if the Glenwood Ave entrance is dispatched it is a RFD and DHFD response, if the Harrison Ave it used to be just RFD, maybe WWFD if CAD is feeling froggy, as for the Trenton Rd entrance I'm thinking a WWFR and RFD response. It also makes no sense that a Harrison Ave dispatch wouldn't include a CFD engine as they are closer than WWFR or RFD... but there in it's in Raleigh's City Limits, so closest unit dispatch doesn't count!

It also seems like RFD would have some way to transport that gator via a smaller trailer towable by a BC? Seems like a bit overkill to roll an 18 wheeler out for that! But I love the use of available resources!

CFP 7021 - 08/27/06 - 18:50

The issues with patching are, in the very near future, going to be reduced by up to 90-95%. In early September, maybe the second week a new policy will be instituted which will call for the automatic assignment of MA channels on dispatch. The policy, which has been orchestrated by members of the Tri8Net users group, (Wake, Durham, Cary and RDU... I think) will standardize a plan to assign a MA channel on dispatch when multi-jurisdictional units are dispatched. The call will be run on the system belonging to the authority having jurisdiction. For example if Cary receive a call for a house fire on Harrison Ave., the assignment would call for a WW Mutual Aid Engine. Because the call is in Cary's AHJ the call would be assigned Cary MA 11-15 on dispatch. This info would be relayed to WW on their dispatch and they would respond on the MA channel with no patch. They would leave there mobile on the Wake system to allow the system status head to work but switch to the MA channel for all fire ground traffic. In retrospect, if Morrisville receive a house fire and Cary is Auto Aid, the call would be run on MA 1-5 on dispatch and Cary would switch to that channel when they responded. The only time a patch would be required is if the call was originally dispatched with out mutual aid and it was requested later in the event. An example would be a fire alarm that turned out to be a fire. The original dispatch would have been assigned a Tac or Ops channel. When the call is upgraded to a structure fire and auto aid or mutual aid is added and they are from a different system then the two channels would be patched. So, the patch will be a necessary evil for a while but its opportunities will be greatly reduced. Also, it looks like Cary EMS will be heading to the Wake System around Nov 1st. So this means every Fire call in Cary that gets and EMS unit will be run on their MA channels, this will include all First Responder calls, 10-50's, HazMats, and structure fires. Hope Cary can run all those calls on 5 channels? As for the call today and the two comm. centers not being able to talk, well that is an error caused by the comm. center originating the patch not pushing all the right buttons. This has been a constant problem with calls between Raleigh and Cary. Sometimes you can hear both centers sometimes you cant. It has in the past been described as a "training issue".

fireone - 08/27/06 - 19:43

Finally the system will work as it was supposed to... and Cary already runs all those calls on 5 channels, PS TAC 5-10, and all S/F's are already on a M/A Channel due to the auto aid dispatching, so I'm sure there won't be a problem. Cary is about to have a CAD and radio system upgrade so it will be interesting to see what happens with the talkgroup in the future. But it's about time that RWECC has finally got the ability to dispatch M/A channels, in the mean time most depts have already been switching over to the assigned M/A channels already on the handhelds and leaving the mobiles on the Wake System at least you can hear what's going on that way!

CFP 7021 - 08/27/06 - 19:51

You are correct that they run the channels on PS 5-10 and MA 11-15, but thats 10 channels that divides the call based on nature, so when they switch to the new dispatch policy they will only have half the channels for the same numbers of calls. And another thing, look for a change to the counties run order. In the near future you will see Cary running in to Umstead Park and other areas that a Cary engine company is closer to but not in the City. It appears that Cary is close to signing on to a comprehensive closest unit response plan.

fireone - 08/27/06 - 20:01

Should it be Raleigh E-8 on the run for the Harrison St. side if any RFD unit is sent to that side? Also, that is huge overkill just for the use of the "Mule". I know it has been recommended by some that the RFD look into the decon trailers that are self contained that you just drive to a scene and hook up to power, versus the tents. If one of that type was purchased, they'd be able to have a unit like #22 has (Ford 550) and have a trailer for the "Mule".

Guest - 08/28/06 - 02:02

Why is Decon 1 huge overkill? One FF operates the vehicle, which would be the case if a smaller special response unit was used. Is it operating cost? Response time? Added time, e.g. the extra time required for parking, backing, etc.? Or is it just the sheer physical size of the unit that seems out of place?

Legeros - 08/28/06 - 06:11

Anyone know for the period between the changes mentioned in September and whenever Cary EMS switches to the Wake System what talkgroup assignments will be given for EMS calls with Cary EMS 1 in the town limits and 2 in the unincorporated areas?

McGraw ([Email](#)) - 08/28/06 - 08:59

In September when the radio procedure change takes place Cary EMS will respond on a channel provided by the AHJ. For example if Swift Creek has and EMS call and Cary EMS is the responding agency, the assignemt will be a Wake MA channel. Cary EMS will switch to that channel upon there dispatch for the "car to car" traffic. After they move to the RWECC in November the call will be assigned a regular Tac or Ops channel just like any other call in the counties jurisdiction.

fireone - 08/28/06 - 10:19

Thanks for the reply. We have seen some confusion on interpretation of AHJ with first responder calls (i.e. is the FD the AHJ or the EMS service the AHJ)...

McGraw ([Email](#)) - 08/28/06 - 12:27

Correct, If the call is in the County then the County has jurisdiction. The call will be run on a County MA channel if the EMS unit is from Cary or any other unit that does not have the Wake Tac/Ops channels. IF the call is in the City of Cary and SCFD is dispatched as the closest unit and regardless of where the EMS unit is responding from it will be on a Cary MA channel and SC and EMS will come to that talk group.

fireone - 08/28/06 - 15:14

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The Next Big One?

08/27/06 70 W - + 17 - 10

With news of the Kentucky air disaster playing in the background, here's today's question: what keeps everyone awake at night, or at least occasionally glancing at their multi-agency disaster plans? Air crash? Rail-based haz-mat? Mass-casualty medical? Raleigh and Wake County isn't chock full of fixed hazards, per se, but we have plenty of highways and railroads. Not to mention a certain power plant to the southwest...

Just saw a show on the Military Channel about electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weapons. That could provide a "bad day" for everyone..
"In less than a nanosecond after generation, an EMP can radiate in all directions and induce heavy currents that will overload and fry the circuitry of almost all electronic components. Such an effect can instantaneously paralyze both military targets and civilian centers by disabling vital electronic systems."

The calculations show that if detonated 300 miles above the center of the US, the EMP will radiate across the entire US, essentially disabling everyone. It is believed that it would take months, if not years, to recover from that type of attack.

I doubt this is would happen during my lifetime (I hope not!), but then again, I wouldn't have thought that planes would be flown into buildings either.

Luke ([Email](#)) - 08/27/06 - 18:04

Mike, interesting topic. Fixed hazards for multi-casualty: RBC Center, Walnut Creek, Central Prison, State Capital, Federal Courthouse, RDU International Airport, RTP (it's close enough), Carter-Finely Stadium, NCSU, a major pipeline distribution facility in Apex, the large LNG tank on the Three-lane in Cary, chemical/drug plants, 4 major hospitals, 5 or 6 large shopping complexes, not to mention the rail and roadways. Yeah the chances are there, and real... it's only a matter of time before something happens. And after the disaster drill at Carter-Finely a couple years back, what did NCSU do? They cut public safety staffing on game day! When are we ever going to learn?

And this whole E.Coli thing that's been in 3 counties this week has got me wondering too....

CFP 7021 - 08/27/06 - 19:04

As a young person I've always been worried about a fire at a nightclub, similar to the one in Rhode Island (?) a couple of years ago. Combine a disoriented and possibly intoxicated crowd, blocked exits, and fire department staffing issues, and you have all of the elements of a major disaster.

[toofarfromhome] - 08/27/06 - 21:32

I agree with the above comment. Some of the clubs downtown are clicking time bombs. Some of them are in basements and are way overcrowded. I see something of this nature being one of our next MCI calls.

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/28/06 - 00:34

I've taken numerous classes involving WMD's and Homeland Security around the U.S. The number one thing that came from just about every class; we're not ready, and there's not really much we can do to prepare. We, as Americans, don't want to change our mindsets because we enjoy our freedoms. WITH that being said, we tend to be complacent.

Look at Glenwood South. A huge gathering place, mostly confined with America's youth, equals a bullseye for cowardly terrorists. To make matters worse from this aspect, there was a huge article in a N.Y.C. newspaper about the Glenwood South area, referring to it as a mini-Manhattan of sorts. Unfortunately, that just made the bullseye a bit bigger. We might see someone down there taking pictures one night. Does that throw up a red flag, or do we just right it off as a typical bar-hopper taking a few snapshots of the nice "sights" of Glenwood South?

It's a matter of time. Just look at Charlotte; a man (Mid-Eastern decent) who was supposed to be back in Pakistan in 1998 was arrested a few years ago (2004) in downtown Charlotte with videos of downtown buildings, one of which housed an FBI office. Pretty scary folks....

Silver - 08/28/06 - 01:49

If my memory serves me correct, there is also a small reactor at NCSU.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 08/28/06 - 10:20

There is a small reactor at NCSU, but not really a threat to the area.

Silver - 08/29/06 - 14:06

This link provides decent information about the Research Reactor at NCSU: <http://www.ne.ncsu.edu/info/cwm.html>

"Research reactors are much smaller than commercial power reactors. The PULSTAR Reactor power is about 1/3000th of a commercial reactor."

For those who like historical documents, here is the Typescript from July 5, 1950 which describes the possible hazards associated with the Research Reactor and the reasons for wanting to build one. <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollectio..>

When I was attending State, I vaguely remember hearing people say that the most that Reactor could do, and/or what it was mainly used for, was to boil an egg. Whether or not that is an actual fact, I never confirmed.

Luke ([Email](#)) - 08/29/06 - 21:43

Yes Luke, you are correct. There is a very low level of radiation present at the NCSU reactor, and not much of a concern to the public.

Silver - 08/30/06 - 14:01

I think the northern region of the county today 8/30 showed us how understaffed stations with a large amount of calls in a short time can easily skip over things and I don't know why automatic move ups like ems has isn't something that wake county fire departments have decided to utilize. Today there was an electrical investigation that a certain department had which was like their 4th call in thirty minutes during the thunderstorms they unfortunately did a very quick check of the building because of other calls in their district, and low and behold forty five minutes later they were called back to that address for a structure fire with fire in the crawl space. To conclude if a thunderstorm can screw us up so bad I am very scared to see a MCI event or any of the events Mike mentioned in this thread unless something is changed.

guest - 08/30/06 - 22:21

Not to mention CAD/locution going down. At least now days with unit based dispatch in place it automatically fills in run cards with the next closest unit, not like back in the day when X FD would get banged out to 7 calls at the same time with no units available to respond, we're about 60% there...

CFP 7021 - 08/31/06 - 09:07

First, to address the issue raised concerning the thunderstorm and call volume referenced on 8/30, some FACTS need to be relayed here. I was working so I know. First, yes we were over extended for a while, however mutual aid worked (somewhat) how it is supposed to. The incident involving "an electrical investigation that a certain department had...forty five minutes later they were called back to that address for a structure fire with fire in the crawl space" This is all false. First, due to all of the house fires, fire alarms, and electrical investigations being dispatched (all within about 10 mins) we were unable to get any of our apparatus to that incident, it was thankfully handled by our mutual aid departments, secondly; the electrical investigation was at one house while the fire was at a completely different house down and on the opposite side of the street.

I agree that there should be improvements made to move companies around when things get hectic like they did across the northern part of the county yesterday. But in my honest opinion there are so many things that we all feel need to be improved in this county/area, where do you start?

Wayne - 08/31/06 - 09:17

It appears again as if a thunderstorm came through and the CAD went down. The 911 center was manually dispatching all calls – and they did a great job! It took experienced telecommunicators to pull that off, and they did well. My problem is with the system as a whole. We are trying to bring in other agencies to the CAD, yet everytime it thunders the CAD goes down. What is wrong with our system? Every bad storm we have, the telecommunicators tell us, "The CAD is locked up, stand by" when we are asking for routing instructions, etc. I think RWECC needs to try to work those bugs out before they bring Apex and Cary EMS, and other agencies on board who are doing ok on their end already. Again, it is a system problem, not a telecommunicator problem – the line telecommunicators are doing a great job!

Guest - 08/31/06 - 09:49

Mr.Guest, why are you having to ask for routing instructions? Shouldn't you know your 1st in area or the district that you cover? Now granted I don't know every street and I don't know if I ever will, but you should have a street book in your truck and a map book.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 08/31/06 - 10:58

Ha! Yeah, trying to get people to stop calling for directions is next to near impossible. All of Raleigh's stations have an alphanumeric pager, an analog pager, and a rip&run. Why are units still calling HQ asking for incident type, address, or even the TAC channel? They could either check the alphanumeric pager for info, read the rip&run, or better yet and the easiest, just hit the playback button on the analog (Minitor) pager and it'll play back the last 8 calls for you. It just doesn't get any easier than that but yet you still hear them calling HQ.

pal - 08/31/06 - 22:07

I can sympathize with some of the calling back to HQ or Central. There are normally a couple of times a cycle that when we get the page across the alpha pager that the tact or ops channel isn't listed. We have 1 alpha pager for the driver of the eng, and we don't carry a monitor pager. I carry around a radio all day instead. That is about the only time we call back to Central or HQ for further unless we call our tact channel or need some other assistance ie public works, pd or something of that manner.

Mike - 09/01/06 - 14:44

The problem during the storm was that the CAD was down – no alpha numeric paging nor rip and run was available. The telecommunicators could not give cross streets with the CAD down. As for knowing my first-in area – as an EMS provider that is hard because there are no district lines. I may go from one side of the county to the other on calls in a matter of a few hours.

I totally agree that on normal days we should not have to call back for information.

guest - 09/02/06 - 01:08

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Saturday Presentation « The Next Big One? » Raleigh Fire Department... For Download

Saturday Presentation For Download

08/28/06 44 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

A version of the PowerPoint presentation that Mike used on Saturday is [available for download](#). The file size is 9.2 megabytes. Here's the History Guy in action in Auditorium IV of the Koury Convention Center:



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Raleigh Fire Department in 1925

08/28/06 62 W, 1 I - + 11 - 19

Here's another cool clipping, this showing the Raleigh Fire Department in 1925 at old Station 1 on West Morgan Street. Three hose companies-- they may have been called engines by that time-- and two ladder trucks, a tillered aerial and combination service truck. Plus chief's car. Now if only the original print were around...



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Washington Fire History

08/29/06 17 W - + 23 - 13

Here's a [neat site](#) containing oral histories of Washington's fire department in Beaufort County.

Said site includes this corker: In 1902 the Silsby steamer was fighting a very large fire on the waterfront. The fire was about to overrun the steamer so the firemen pushed the unit into the river. It stayed on the bottom of the river for a week then it was pulled out and sent back to Seneca Falls, New York and rebuilt.

Legeros - 08/31/06 - 21:28

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County Fire CAD Counts

08/31/06 75 W - + 16 - 14

How many unit types are there around the County? Not counting Raleigh or Cary, here are counts of the CAD unit types... .

Aerial	1 (Zebulon)
Air	1 (Wake Forest)
Battalion	7
Bay Leaf	3 (BL130/BL250/BL360)
Boat	19
Body Transport	4
Brush	19
Car	71
Confined Space	1 (Cary)
Decon	1 (Raleigh)
Engine	123 (!!)
Falls	1 (F210)
Haz-Mat	4
Ladder	9
Mini	4
NC Forestry	4
Rehab	1 (Wake Forest)
Rescue	13
Safety	3
Squad	7
SR	3
Support	1 (Cary)

Tanker	27
Tower	1 (Apex)
Tower Ladder	1 (Wake Forest)
Trench	2
Truck	36
Unit	7
USAR	2

Way too much....

guest - 08/31/06 - 19:44

4 different for WC7? Interesting...

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/31/06 - 21:04

Raleigh and Cary added to the above numbers...

Legeros - 09/01/06 - 17:15

I think the 4 different WC7's are so they can stack calls.....hopefully that's not used (at least not often).

Guest - 09/02/06 - 14:26

there aren't 4 different units, just 1 actual van right now (it's actually a replacement for the old one), with a second one on the way. Maybe CAD is just set up so they can dispatch either of the two team leaders as well? I really don't know...

CFP 7021 - 09/02/06 - 23:11

Looking closer at my CAD information, it appears that the four WC 7 units are actually one WC 7 vehicle and three WC 7 people. If that makes sense.

Legeros - 09/03/06 - 04:52

It is so that they can stack calls

911 guest - 09/03/06 - 11:47

No pun intended. Heh.

Legeros - 09/04/06 - 08:16

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Duplicate Unit Numbers in Wake County - Master List

08/31/06 43 W - + 21 - 11

You want it, you got it. Here's a [complete list \(PDF format\)](#) of all duplicate unit numbers in Wake County, as best determined by a helpful file of CAD data. Includes Raleigh and Cary.

Oh God, it's worse than I thought!

Is there anyone that can justify this!!!!!!

harkey ([Email](#)) - 09/01/06 - 08:54

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Outside Chiefs?

08/31/06 43 W - + 8 - 18

With Chiefs John McGrath (Raleigh) and now Jerry Swift (Wake Forest) shaking up the status quo, who are the other "outside" Chiefs around the county, versus the homegrown crew? Bay Leaf's Ron Roof quickly comes to mind, of course. Who else?

I wouldn't really consider Ron Roof an outsider. Yes, he is originally from upper NY, but he was a volley at Bay Leaf for a good number of years before he became the Chief and then the Paid Chief. He held the post as safety officer for a handful of years before he was the Chief there. I bet he has been associated with Bay Leaf for close to 20 years now.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 09/01/06 - 14:36

Apex's Mark Haraway is from out of county.

Wayne - 09/01/06 - 15:43

D'oh! Thanks for clarifying, Mike.

Legeros - 09/01/06 - 17:13

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Station Thirteen?

09/01/06 64 W, 1 I - + 13 - 15

What cities have or don't have a Station 13 around the state, region, or country? Charlotte, yes. Durham, yes. Fayetteville, no. Greensboro, no. High Point, yes. Raleigh, no. Winston-Salem, no. Charleston, SC, yes. Columbia, SC, yes. Richmond, VA, yes. Norfolk, VA, yes. It's called [Triskaidekaphobia](#)... fear of the number 13. Photo by Robert Busbee from the [CFD site](#).



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Heard on Scanner

09/02/06 22 W - + 8 - 14

Locution pronouncing "Fuquay Springs Avenue" and "Foo-quay Springs Avenue." It's the little surprises that make monitoring so much fun...

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Firefighting... Tattoos?

09/02/06 43 W - + 12 - 11

Who has 'em and wants to show 'em? Snap and send a picture to Mike. We'll post the PG-rated ones and leave the bearer unidentified. They surely get enough grief and/or glory already, and even if there name isn't Shirley.

strikethebox.com is a cool place to check out some cool tats!!

John - 09/02/06 - 12:02

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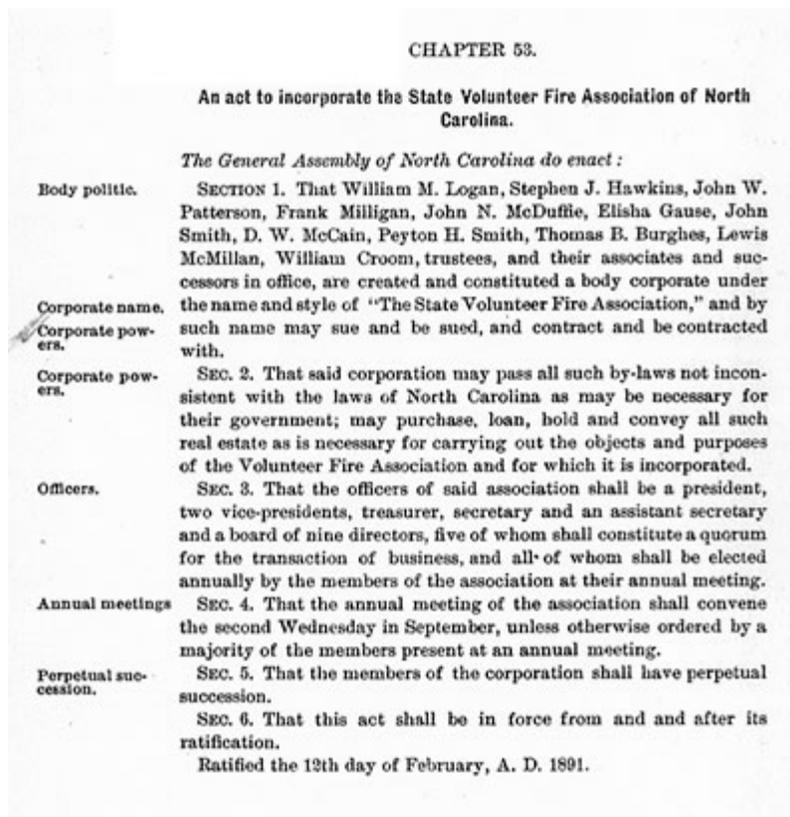
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Interesting Artifact

09/02/06 84 W, 1 I - + 14 - 7

Here's an interesting artifact that Mike finally found after many, many months of looking. It's the General Assembly's incorporation of the State Volunteer Fire Association of North Carolina, also known as the North Carolina Colored Fireman's Association. They formed in 1888 or 1889 and also held conventions and tournaments around the state. Chuck Milligan's [Early Black Firefighters of NC](#) talks about them in detail. Regrettably, records for this group are exceptionally hard to find. But we're still looking...



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Another Artifact

09/02/06 48 W - + 13 - 10

Here's another recent find, an [RFD companies chart](#) from a National Board of Fire Underwriters 1924 report. It makes a neat comparison and contrast with their [1931 report](#), which Mike obtained on eBay a couple years ago. For more information on early RFD apparatus, see this [apparatus register](#).

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RFD Badges, 1880

09/02/06 84 W - + 11 - 12

From the Raleigh Governing Board minutes of May 14, 1880: "...authorize Chief Engineer to purchase 250 fireman's badges to be worn by active, working members of Dept at times of fire not convenient to recognize firemen at fires. The firemen do not wish to ruin their uniforms at fires, nor do they ever stop to put them on to answer an alarm, and the city should furnish some mark or design by which the officers of the Dept may know to whom their orders apply."

Heh. From the February 4, 1881 minutes, the following claim was allowed: "W. T. Mabry. Whiskey for firemen. 3.50"

Legeros - 09/02/06 - 13:16

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Event on Fire M/A 3?

09/02/06 43 W - + 12 - 14

There's an event on Fire Mutual Aid 3 with a lot of teams talking. Sounds like a stadium, from some of the traffic. Is that the NCSU ball game today? Why are they using a Fire Mutual Aid channel?

...though we're now treated to such colorful emergencies as a student who swallowed a bee.

Legeros - 09/02/06 - 16:21

NCSU Football game...Traffic on Tri8net Mutual Aid 3w & 4w along with Event 3 (Digital). I would guess they chose the Mutual Aid channels cause pretty much everyone in Wake County has those talkgroups programmed into their radios...and remember the Tri8net Mutual Aid Talkgroups are for ALL public safety not just fire...

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 09/02/06 - 17:05

Oh and Mutual Aid 3W is patched into Raleigh PD channel 8 (460.225Mhz).

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 09/02/06 - 19:25

NCSU football game: Mutual Aid 3 was being used by P.D., Mutual Aid 4 was used by fire and medical.

Silver - 09/03/06 - 12:43

is raleigh pd not on 800 yet?

fireone - 09/05/06 - 09:22

RPD is beginning the phase-in project of 800 mhz. Should be another year or so and they will be on board.

Silver - 09/05/06 - 14:59

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Where's the Fire?

09/02/06 19 W, 1 I - + 15 - 8

Whatever they were cooking behind the station sure smelled good...



Wakefield this morning; Any info on the 2 alarm job in Wakefield?

Silver - 09/03/06 - 12:45

Large home with heavy fire on Jasmine Cove Way. Deluge from E25, stream from L22. Three hydrants used. Second alarm on arrival. Dispatched 6:30 a.m. Lee was on scene, I was asleep.

Legeros - 09/03/06 - 21:12

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Patch Display Boards?

09/03/06 25 W - + 8 - 13

A reader is inquiring about patch display boards. Anyone care to share their tips? Cork board, foam board, etc.? Stapled, pinned, etc.?

I use cork board & staple the patch. The cork is more reliable then the foam.

chris - 09/03/06 - 14:28

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Railroad Accident

09/03/06 46 W, 1 I - + 14 - 14

Miniature railroad accident, that is. Engine 5 responded to this incident this afternoon at Pullen Park. EMS transported the injured engineer. The train was loaded with seventy or so people. Bumps and scraps on a couple passengers, we're told.



Oh the Humanity! Not since the Hindenburg have I seen something this terrible!

Marshall Sherard CFP[714] ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 09/03/06 - 20:48

I am 33 years old and cannot count all the times growing up that my parents and grandmother carried my 2 brothers and my self on that train. On May 6th after the Fallen FIREFIGHTERS Day My wife and I carried our 18 month old son for his first Pullen Park Train ride. We sat up front and he loved it. I just hope that they don't decide to shut the train down permently like the news said. Think about all of the kids that will miss out of that long tradition.

Jason Lane - 09/08/06 - 22:02

I road on the Pullen Park train a couple of times waaaay back when. There was also a smaller version beside the old Hardee's on Capital Blvd (then it was North Blvd, and the city limits were right there at Crabtree creek). I got to ride on that every time my parents went to the Farmer's Market on the weekends (waaaay back in the 60s).

DJ - 09/13/06 - 10:56

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Cary, Radios, Working Fires

09/04/06 36 W - + 11 - 7

Working fires in Cary may be the best listening in the county, as is happening now. Each and every action is seemingly communicated to Command. How is same for those on scene?

Mike, can you offer a little insight on your comments?

fireone - 09/05/06 - 08:18

Cary's communication during working fires is a seemingly near-constant stream of reports and requests between command, units, and personnel. Much more detailed than the typical working fires in Raleigh, though probably closer to what happens with major working fires. Some county departments can talk this much at fires. Though oranges to these apples, RDU CFR is also very verbose on the radio. Alas, I've never heard Durham, Durham County, or Chapel Hill, so I can't cite additional comparisons.

Legeros - 09/05/06 - 18:39

Water always works better than words at any fire, although talking a fire out is often tried but rarely successful. Where was the fire and does anyone who was there care to offer any insight?

fireone - 09/05/06 - 20:04

Speaking as a CFD firefighter, detailed progress reports are given for three reasons. One is to hit benchmarks for the critique (there is a check sheet that is gone over), the other is that our communications center timestamps almost everything in the narrative, making it easier to write the report, and third is to let incoming or additional companies know what's been done and what they need to do, really without having to ask.

There is the "plan" that all CFD companies must abide by on residential fires— a set plan of actions that each company does on the fire, aka if the second-due truck (or ladder) hears that search is being done by the first-due truck (or ladder), then they know that on arrival they will be ventilating, and vice versa.

Also you have to remember that CFD is more used to working incidents on their own channel— more than Raleigh or the county is used to— and therefore they don't have to worry about how much traffic is going on, because they're on the channel that's dedicated to that call. I'm not saying that all traffic is necessary, but then again it really varies from shift to shift and battalion to battalion, and even more so from company to company.

I've been through the entire range of the spectrum, from a fully involved fire wity very little traffic, and that was put out quickly and safely, to chasing a fire where there was more talking than spraying.

The fire in question was last night, was a lightning strike to a home with fire in the attic that was held by the initial alarm. Yes there was a lot of radio traffic, but for the most part it was constructive traffic though mixed with a lot of "can you repeat" due to poor reception and officers getting used to SCBA's without voice amps (they were recently removed from service due to another issue). But almost every transmission was time stamped by communications and will be used in the narrative and critique. The fire was under control within 20 or so minutes and was a good stop (from what was heard over the radio).

I'm not defending or condemning anything that we do, but it's what we do and hey nobody is perfect.

Guest - 09/05/06 - 21:10

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Wakefield Pics Coming

09/04/06 22 W, 1 I - + 12 - 10

Lee's pictures of Sunday morning's second-alarm are coming in another day or so:



Wow, I wonder how many cars are in the driveway when the family is IN town!

Luke - 09/05/06 - 21:30

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Picture of Fayetteville Old Station 5?

09/04/06 28 W - + 13 - 10

Anyone happen to have a picture of Fayetteville Old Station 5, the one demolished in 2004? Mike needs one for a coming former firehouse article.

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Raleigh Rescue Mock-Up

09/05/06 57 W, 1 I - + 12 - 10

For those that didn't see it the first time, here's a mock-up of what Raleigh's coming rescues could look like. They're spec'ed with a custom cab and a non-walk in body. Pierce cab + SVI body yields the following... Bids are opened in two days, says the city site.



Jeez, i guess i really am too far from home..., could someone please enlighten me, has Raleigh finally decided to go to true heavy rescues?

[toofarfromhome] - 09/05/06 - 21:49

The new units will replace Rescue 14 and Rescue 19. They were budgeted for the new fiscal year, along with a ladder and a pumper. We haven't heard of any pending changes to the two-person rescue companies, however.

Legeros - 09/05/06 - 21:57

Toofarfromhome, yes, it took a new Chief, but we are finally getting out of the old school way and making the switch!! Woohoo!!! Now, hopefully Chief McGrath can get the money for a full crew and we'll be in good shape.

Guest - 09/05/06 - 23:46

lets hope that they dont write "city of raleigh" backwards on the real one! :-) (check out the door)

guest - 09/06/06 - 08:00

Will Raleigh staff the rescue with more people?

Jason - 09/06/06 - 09:36

Well, if the city decided to use the two new rescues as heavy rescues, and got rid of the third "medium" rescue, they would really only have to train 6 new members. The crews of the other rescue could be broken up and dispersed to the two heavy's, and it wouldn't cost much to train some members from say, the USAR team.

toofarfromhome - 09/06/06 - 09:58

a 4-man crew on a rescue will never happen in Raleigh. I don't care how much any firefighter, chief, or association deems it necessary, it just will not happen. Here's why: ISO does not even require a rescue company. The city council will use that to their advantage to save money and advise the dept. how "fortunate" we are to have what we have now. The money will be spent elsewhere, like opening new stations that ISO does require since we are currently 4 stations and 3 aerials short. Take this info for what it's worth. True, hopes and dreams never hurt anyone, but it looks like we'll be waking up from the dream.

pal - 09/06/06 - 12:28

But then, if you had said that we would have the staffing levels we currently have on engines and ladders, as opposed to several years ago, or digital communications, or some of the other stuff we have, we would have been told we were dreaming, as well. It took RDU years to get decent trucks rather than the rehabs. And look at all the trucks that were just bought in Wake County...

DJ - 09/06/06 - 12:35

Pal, I disagree with you on your comment. One thing is sure in this business, never say never!! It is rumored that certain administration sees the need to have more than 2 people on a rescue company. It has also been heard that certain admin doesn't like the fact that a driver, which is called a Lieutenant in Raleigh, is in charge of a crew all of the time and would like to see a Captain run the show, which is the way it should be. Look at the 2 departments that Raleigh is always compared to, Greensboro and Charlotte. Both of these departments, one smaller and one bigger, have heavy rescues staffed by a full crew.

Training the additional personnel wouldn't really be an issue. The cost of adding a Captain (6) to each would be the big stickler. We will see soon hopefully.

Silver - 09/06/06 - 16:34

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Heard on Scanner

09/06/06 16 W - + 10 - 9

Forklift versus pedestrian. Huh? Location is a Post Office. Okay, makes more sense.

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Feeling Blue

09/07/06 30 W, 1 I - + 16 - 10

As noted by a reader, this appeared on firenews.net yesterday. It's a KME tower that will replace the department's last red front-line rig, a 1992 Simon-Duplex platform ladder:



Does anyone have a photo of the unit to be replaced.

Chris King ([Email](#)) - 09/07/06 - 18:48

On a lighter note, did anyone see Chapel Hill's new Tower Ladder on firenews.net? WOW, looks like it will be a nice truck.. I just think I'd need an "embarrassment bonus" for riding on a truck that big that color! No short of school pride (or color) in the Chapel Hill FD!! If I'm not mistaken, won't this truck complete their fleet of all Baby Blue trucks?

Luke ([Email](#)) - 09/07/06 - 18:48

Tower 71 is depicted on this page, also on firenews.net: [http://www.firenews.net/wh_01/current ro..](http://www.firenews.net/wh_01/current_ro..)

Legeros - 09/07/06 - 18:50

yuck, yuck yuck... firetrucks should be red PERIOD.

it is kinda neat though all kidding aside, I'm just waiting for them to switch to blue helmets with UNC on the side (kidding). From what I've heard everything that is normally black or red on a normal truck is blue on this one... it'll be a eye-catching piece nonetheless...

CFP 7021 - 09/07/06 - 21:39

I'm not much on blue either. But they do look good in person. I'm a die hard Wolfpacker my self. But the Ram on the rigs adds alot of home town pride! 7021 I agree fire trucks should be red, Ocean Isle Fire Dept. has an all white fleet with reflective dark blue and they are real nice.

Jason Lane - 09/08/06 - 21:12

The following is on the Town of Chapel Hill's website regarding the blue trucks:

Why are Chapel Hill Fire trucks blue? Aren't fire trucks required to be red?

The Carolina Blue fire truck tradition began in 1996 to commemorate the joint purchase of Engine 32 by the Town of Chapel Hill, UNC and UNC Hospital. Since then there have been several joint purchases of trucks and since the Carolina Blue truck was so well liked it was decided to convert the entire fleet. Tower 71 is the only remaining red fire truck and currently a new one is being ordered. It too will be Carolina blue making the entire Chapel Hill Fire Department fleet Carolina blue.

Native Charlottean - 09/08/06 - 21:46

why not have them all blue? regardless whether or not the school purchased the trucks, the town wouldn't exist without the school.

pal - 09/09/06 - 21:29

What if other towns started going with the school colors. Greenville Pirate Purple, Wilmington Seahawk green, Winston-Salem wakeforest black and gold, Durham Duke blue, what othe school colors am I leaving out?

Adam Brown - 09/09/06 - 21:52

well, with the exception of greenville, the other cities would exist without the school.

pal - 09/10/06 - 10:41

Raleigh, NC State Red and White... oh yeah... they already are... :-)

CFP 7021 - 09/10/06 - 11:39

Right all of the other cities would still exist but wouldnt that be great school spirit?

Adam Brown - 09/10/06 - 12:36

Now... how many lime rigs have operated in the area? Yrac had one. The airport had a mess of them. Durham ran lime for a period. Any other notable non-red rigs around here, historically? Raleigh ran all-white for its first few years.

Legeros - 09/10/06 - 19:57

Goldsboro use to run white rigs with red stripes up until a few years back lik 04 or something, wilson use to run yellow rigs. there old snorkel is still yellow. rockymount same thing use to run all yellow.

Adam Brown - 09/10/06 - 20:37

Apex has two white rigs, E-1 and R-1 are both white...

CFP 7021 - 09/10/06 - 20:57

Clayton Fire Engine 7 is still lime and still in service (1976). From what I hear it is getting ready to be taken out of service. Maybe you could get some pics before it is retired.

guest - 09/10/06 - 22:24

I remember as a kid Charlotte's two or three tankers and their one rescue truck (this was back in the 80's when they only had one) was lime green. Everything else was red. In the early 90's they converted to the red/white scheme that they use now. My dad's old volunteer department (Hickory Grove, now Robinson) used all white trucks.

Native Charlottean - 09/11/06 - 02:16

Charlotte for a time the 70's like a lot of departments tried the slime green thing and then thank God switched back to the Red and White (go PACK!). I think the Waxhaw VFD in Union County still has an old Charlotte rig that is green.

Guest From Charlotte - 09/11/06 - 02:30

In Davidson County, Lexington still has a reserve engine that is lime green. The story goes the city bought the truck for a song when Charlston SC ordered several trucks and then did not take delivery of all of them. Around here most everyone uses Red or Red/White. Exceptions include Southmont VFD, they are militatly yellow. South Lexington VFD uses White/Blue. Gumtree VFD uses white with a red stripe.

William Hunt ([Email](#)) - 09/11/06 - 10:38

A new one on me. Norfolk has a e one pumper that is BLACK. Here is a link.

http://go.firebuff.com/pics1/fire_ap/Nor..

Chris ([Email](#)) - 09/11/06 - 13:52

Another "college town" that has unique color apparatus is Clemson, SC. Clemson University Fire and Emergency Medical Services operates White/Orange trucks.

<http://stuaff.clemson.edu/cufd/content/a..>

Luke ([Email](#)) - 09/11/06 - 18:34

Arrington FD in Wayne County has all yellow rigs, I thank it has been referred as lime green but they look school bus yellow to me. Dudley FD in Wayne Co. had lime green trucks but now everything has been sold and is red and white.

car3550 - 09/12/06 - 10:31

I think Nahunta had lime trucks, as did the Bailey (Nash County) department. Their fire district name was "Green Hornet". Yrac also had a chief's vehicle (I think it was the Chevy station wagon) that was repainted to the lime color. RDU had several. The 1969 International/Ansul unit was originally a school bus yellow color, but it was repainted by the RDU shops. Seymour Johnson AFB also had lime green trucks for a period (I think that DoD is changing that). And, Wake Forest had a white pumper also.

DJ - 09/13/06 - 10:53

That is correct about seymour johnson. most of the arff trucks are yellow with one being the red and white paint scheme. the tanker and scat are yellow. everything else engines, rescue, and hazmat are red and white, the chiefs trucks are solid white.

Adam Brown - 09/13/06 - 22:05

Hockey Teams

09/07/06 133 W - + 13 - 9

A reader posted the following announcement under another thread: We now have two FD hockey teams at the Ice Plex in Raleigh, one in lower "C" and one in upper "C". These are beginner and advanced beginner we have 30 guys between the 2 teams and need about 10 more who can skate at least a little bit. none of us are ready for the NHL. The team name is The Carolina Leatherheads. we are non-profit and will soon be playing the PD in charity games. if you have any questions or are interested in playing contact Don Gross dgross7@nc.rr.com. Also are website is under construction but almost complete, the address is www.carolinaleatherheads.org. As of now the games are played on Sundays at the iceplex. Come support the brothers.

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Rescue Company Articles of Incorporation, 1870

09/07/06 383 W - + 11 - 12

Here's a random historical artifact, the articles of incorporation of the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company, the first incorporated firefighting organization in Raleigh:

An Act to Incorporate the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company Number One, City of Raleigh

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That J. C. Brewster, W. C. Stronach, John C. Gor-man, Douglas Bell, Samuel Merrill, A. Moses, William Price, Thomas G. Jenkins, and C. D. Heartt, and other persons who shall be associated with them for the object intended and those successor duly elected and chosen according to the by-laws of the company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company number one, of the city of Raleigh, for the purpose of a more unified and efficient action in the extinguishment of fires in the city of Raleigh, and by said name and style shall have the power to acquire a steam fire engine or engines and other necessary apparatus as may be necessary and such real estate as may be needful for their proper care and custody, the value of which shall at no time exceed the sum of fifteen (15) thousand dollars.

Section 2. That said company shall by the name and style aforesaid have succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure and make by-laws and rules necessary for the proper government of the company and the management of its funds and property not inconsistent with the laws of the state and in all matters to do and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the objects of its association.

Section 3. That members in the actual service of the company performing duties when required, shall be ex-empted during the continuance of said service from jury and militia duty, and after the faithful performance of the required duties in the company for a term of seven years, a certificate thereof from the secretary of the company, approved by the foreman and under the seal of the company, shall exempt from life the holder from jury and militia duty.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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RFD's Volunteer Chiefs

09/08/06 145 W - + 12 - 7

In the final decades of Raleigh's volunteer fire department, the position of Chief of the Department was served by a variety of individuals, some of whom were seemingly rotated in and out of the position. The position was called Fire Chief by 1888, with earlier titles including Chief Engineer and even Chief Marshall. The position was later paid, by 1896 or so, and earned around \$30 a month.

Joseph D. Backalan
1870-71

John C. Gorman
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Unknown
1872-74

Henry T. Clawson
1874-77

Joseph H. Green
1877-81

William J. Weir
1881-82

Thomas W. Blake
1882-88

Edward B. Engelhard
1888-92

Charles E. Johnson
1892-93

Edward B. Engelhard
1893-94

Louis A. Mahler
1894-01

Lonnie H. Lumsden
1901-03

Walter Woollcott
1903-05

John W. Mangum
1905-07

Lonnie H. Lumsden
1907-08?

Frank B. Simpson
1908

John W. Mangum
1908-09

Lonnie H. Lumsden
1909-11

Walter Woollcott
1912

Sherwood B. Brockwell, first fully-paid Fire Chief
1912

Where was that information found, you ask? Here some of the sources:

- City Minutes, January 29, 1870.
- Sentinel(d), July 31, 1874, p1c4; Raleigh City Directory 1875-76, p10.
- Branson Business Directory, 1877-78, Raleigh City Directory, 1880-1881.
- City Minutes, May 24, 1881; City Minutes, January 6, 1882.
- Annual Reports, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888; City Minutes, January 6, 1882, December 17, 1888.
- Annual Reports, 1889, 1890, 1891; City Minutes, December 17, 1888, June 5, 1891.
- City Minutes, June 2, 1893.
- City Minutes, July 7, 1893, September 10, 1894.
- Annual Reports, 1898, 1899, 1900; City Minutes, November 3, 1894, May 11, 1895; Raleigh City Directory, 1896-97.
- City Minutes, June 7, 1901; Annual Report, 1902, 1903.
- City Minutes, May 6, 1903; Annual Reports, 1904, 1905; City Minutes, July 15, 1904.
- Annual Report, 1906; City Minutes, July 7, 1905, May 22, 1906, May 3, 1907.
- City Minutes, July 5, 1907.
- City Minutes, November 6, 1908.
- Annual Report, 1910. City Minutes, July 2, 1909, December 1, 1911.
- City Minutes, June 7, 1912.
- City Minutes, November 1, 1912.

Legeros - 09/08/06 - 22:22

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Then & Now / More Photos

09/10/06 39 W - + 10 - 13

Fans of the [firenews.net](#) Then & Now series should occasionally peek at the local copies on [Legeros Dot Com](#). Additional pictures are occasionally added, such a couple [vintage MHFD and BFD pics](#) added this morning.

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Keeter Training Center in 1962?

09/10/06 71 W - + 17 - 11

Found in a League of Municipalities report from 1960, from a list of anticipated capital improvements: "1962 - New training building, 8,000 square feet, at present fire tower on Highway 401 South, \$84,000." It wasn't built until 1982, when the 7,000 square-foot Keeter Training Center opened at that location. It cost \$446,068.69. That said, the design and functionality of the 1962 building is not known, so comparing same to its 1982 incarnation is likely apples to oranges.

...memo to self: research relationships of chiefs and city managers of the past few decades. There's probably a good narrative in there on municipal planning and proactivity versus reactivity. Add to queue that includes regular RFD history, RFD volunteer history, NC fire history, NCSFA history, Asheville former fire stations, Greenville former fire stations, NC former fire stations, etc. etc. So many directions, so little time.

Legeros - 09/10/06 - 10:03

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Knightdale Public Safety Center

09/10/06 79 W - + 13 - 13

A reader reports that the Knightdale Public Safety Center opened on Friday. The fire department has moved into the structure and with equipment that includes Truck 138, a 2006 Ford F-250 pick-up truck. The new engine is scheduled to arrive around December First. We'll wander that way and get some pics. At last report, the fire department is retaining use of the Public Works space for use as a satellite station. Watch this space for more info.

That is correct. Equipment at new public safety center includes Car 130, Engine 131, Engine 132, Engine 133, and Truck 138. Public Safety Center also houses Eastern Wake EMS Medic Untis 73 and 72. Fire administration and police administration will also be located there as well. The Old Station (Public Works facility) will house Engine 135 (TeleSquirt) until new engine arrives. That truck will come to the new station, and Engine 131 (2003 Pierce) will come to the Public Works Facility.

Knightdale - 09/11/06 - 08:32

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September 11 Observances

09/10/06 23 W - + 14 - 10

From the city's site, [here are the details](#) of tomorrow's official observances in Raleigh. What else is happening around the area?

Mike, did you or Lee make it out to any of the events? Any pictures?

Luke ([Email](#)) - 09/12/06 - 21:05

Negative for myself, but here's coverage of Station 6 from the Raleigh Chronicle, a new daily newspaper:

<http://www.raleighchronicle.com/20060912..>

Legeros - 09/12/06 - 22:22

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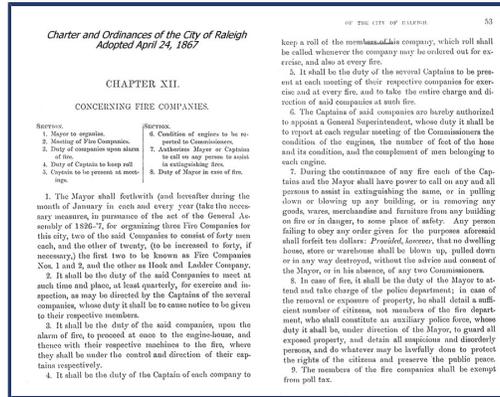
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Birth of a Fire Department

09/11/06 82 W, 1 I - + 11 - 12

The beginning of a formal Raleigh Fire Department can be traced to the years immediately after the Civil War, when the City Commissioners adopted a new Charter and Ordinances that detailed the organization of the volunteer fire companies. The city's fire apparatus at this time consisted of two hand-pulled hand engines, hook and ladder equipment, and possibly a hand-pulled hook and ladder wagon. Here's a scan of a copy of the actual artifact from 1867. Click to enlarge:



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Non-Red Rigs, Part 1

09/13/06 51 W, 2 I - + 15 - 12

Some of Wake County's notable non-red rigs, past and present. From left to right, top to bottom: Garner, Apex, RDU, Six Forks, Apex, Forestry, Stony Hill, Wendell Rural, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Wake Forest, Yrac, RDU, RDU, Cary, and Cary. Plus eight Raleigh rigs. Click to enlarge.



Stony Hill S26 also
guest - 09/18/06 - 18:23

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Downtown FD Facilities Past and Present

09/13/06 41 W - + 12 - 12

From the 1850s to present, here's an updated [map of downtown RFD facilities](#). It's linked from Mike's main [RFD history page](#). Yes, someone has too much time on their hands, but drawing is very fun...

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Knightsdale PS Center Pics

09/14/06 28 W, 1 I - + 12 - 10

Here's the first pic of the new Public Safety Center. Watch the photo site for more coming soon:



Photos have been posted: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/20..>

Legeros - 09/15/06 - 19:50

Great Job Mike. Thanks for posting.

chris ([Email](#)) - 09/15/06 - 19:53

Where did Knightsdale's Telesquirt come from before they bought it?

Mike ([Email](#)) - 09/15/06 - 20:38

Guilford College

CFP 7021 - 09/15/06 - 20:56

Anyone have any information on what the new truck will be?

Adam Brown - 09/15/06 - 23:25

Pierce Contender, along the lines of the Wake County Spec'd trucks

CFP 7021 - 09/16/06 - 09:26

Also, We may be receiving a new ladder truck as well. (Replacing or adding to the fleet)

Knightsdale 200 - 09/16/06 - 17:43

following the "county"/"raleigh" spec such as what Wendell just got or going thru municipal means to get what you want?

CFP 7021 - 09/16/06 - 18:56

On the Ladder Truck, possibly going "what we need" rather than county specs.

200 - 09/19/06 - 23:34

who is knightsdale 200?

as - 09/20/06 - 13:05

To ascertain the identity of any particular fire department's "numbered officer," I recommend contacting the department directly.

Legeros - 09/20/06 - 21:22

I am a member (KPS 205) and there is no such number 200 within our department

KPS 205 - 09/20/06 - 21:39

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Fire Toys / Del Prado

09/16/06 95 W - + 15 - 6

For those who collect fire toys, there's an interesting subscription series of die-cast replicas that's been making the worldwide rounds for the last couple of years. Called World Fire Engines, it's a series of weekly releases made by [Del Prado](#). The releases have been tracked by Mike in one of his PDF format [model guides](#). He also has an [older FAQ list](#) about the series. Alas, most of them are unavailable in the US, outside of eBay. A good place to ask for more information at this [fire toy discussion board](#).

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Then & Now 11 / SE Central FDs

09/16/06 106 W, 1 I - + 10 - 12

The second-to-last [Then & Now article](#) has been posted to FireNews. The twelve-part series was started in January of last year, and has compared fire department and municipal information from pre-1923 to present day. Most locales have grown, though a number have shrunk. Wilmington, for example, was one of the state's largest cities at the turn of the century. The fire departments are almost all still intact, though some were reinvented as rural departments. Lots of great old photos were surfaced in the series as well. Watch for the final part in another month or two.



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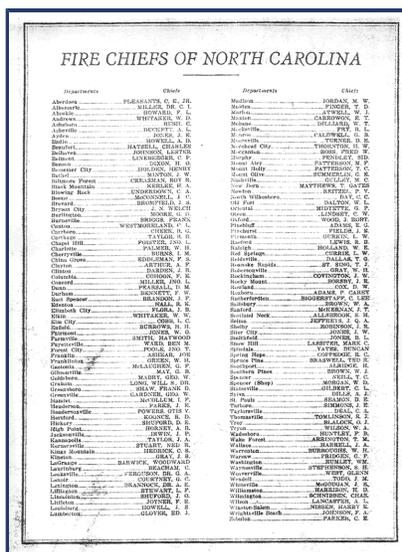
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Another Artifact / Fire Chiefs of 1930

09/16/06 68 W, 1 I - + 13 - 10

Here's another interesting artifact, this a list of the state's fire chiefs from a 1930 state fireman's convention program. Alas, it's a copy of a copy, thus the resolution is weak. The Spencer (Shop) that is listed is the fire brigade at the famous railroad shops. Four fire departments are listed for Wake County. The 1930 convention was held in Morehead City. Click to enlarge:



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Mini Book Update

09/16/06 92 W - + 11 - 12

Work continues on Mike's mini book, a history of RFD in the decades before the full-time department. Two chapters have been previewed, [the 1880s](#) and [the 1890s](#). When finished, it'll be distributed for free electronically. Probably 80+ pages. Alas, a recently discovered cache of historical documents has restarted the project. One the new information is completed combed through, the book will be expanded by a decade and will cover 1870 to 1910. Still no timeframe for completion, and no hurry for that matter. It's way too much fun playing in the past.

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Heard on Scanner

09/16/06 20 W - + 13 - 12

Mayday! Mayday! That's Engine 7 and others conducting RIT exercises at the old Winn-Dixie on New Bern Avenue.

Also heard on scanner this morning that Garner FD had a fire fatality. Anyone else have more info on same?

Guest - 09/16/06 - 11:27

From the scanner traffic, working fire on arrival of first officer. Maybe fully involved, I can't remember. Heavy fire, however, from the sound of it. Command immediately called for additional tankers. ECC later advised eight minutes from call received to first engine arrival.

Legeros - 09/16/06 - 13:03

Garner station 2 has 24hr people, and the house was only about a 4 min drive if that from the station. I am willing to put money on it, that they forgot to hit their arrival button and that 8 mins is the second in truck.

Guest - 09/16/06 - 18:24

<http://www.newsobserver.com/692/story/48..>

Legeros - 09/17/06 - 06:00

I went back and looked at the CAD times. I stand corrected. From the time of dispatch to arrival time of 1st due engine was 7 mins.

Guest - 09/17/06 - 14:44

A bit bone chilling to hear on the Radio Garner get a house job and then hearing the RIT drill, while the radio was on scan. Had to check to see if they were talking on the same channel. Luckily not.

Falls201 - 09/19/06 - 16:54

No kidding.

Legeros - 09/19/06 - 17:19

Yeah, that was not a very good feeling to hear that on the radio!

James Blunt - 09/19/06 - 18:21

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