

## **Legeros Fire Blog Archives - 2007 Postings Compiled, Part 1**

**July 2021**

Greetings!

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## Apartment Fires in Cary

01/03/07 46 W - + 12 - 10

One of the news stations reported that this morning's fire was the fifth multi-unit apartment fire in Cary in the last 30 days. Could that be right? WRAL also has a [good slideshow](#) of viewer-submitted shots. Hear they made a rescue, as well.

Since Thanksgiving night Cary has had 8 working fires, 3 of which have been multifamily dwellings. 4 of the 8 fires have been extra alarms and fire loss prior to the Preston Grove fire is at \$575,000. This is for the period of 11/23/06 to current. Preston Grove should tack on another half million or better once the numbers are in and the report is done. So yes its been an expensive month and the news was just a little off with their numbers. Also a rescue was made of an elderly disabled female from a lower level apartment with fire conditions worsening overhead. The company with the rescue is yet confirmed but believed to be Rescue 4 or Truck 7.

**fireone** - 01/04/07 - 11:03

The news report in question is online at NBC17.com and picks up after the segment on the fire. Its actually talking about the Red Cross and how they have responded to 5 major mutlifamily fires in the last month. These include Cary, Durham and Raleigh. Its a PR story for them and how they are currently taxed for resources.

**guest** - 01/04/07 - 11:16

The rescue was w/ both T7 and R4. I heard them call in and say they had a trapped victim and were going in; then a few mins later, they were coming out w/ same. This was several mins (maybe 15-20 or so) into the fire.

**Lee** - 01/04/07 - 12:52

Well, if this is true then let me be the first on here to say job well done brothers! You all are due a cold beer.

**Mike** - 01/04/07 - 16:28

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**Very Full Assignment**

01/05/07 41 W - + 12 - 12

Dispatched a bit ago to a fire alarm on Lenoraway Drive: Raleigh Engine 23 and Ladder 23, Durham Highway Engine 4, Engine 2, Tanker 7, and Rescue 5, and Bay Leaf Engine 122, and Western Wake Engine 191. That's 6.09 miles from Western Wake Station 1, says Mapquest.

To understand this dispatch you have to understand that DHFD doesn't distinguish between a structure fire call and a fire alarm. What I mean is that if the same call had come in as a structure fire you would have gotten the same units. L23 and E23 are going because of closest unit which is good. Full assignment from DHFD, and then 2 other mutual aid pumper tankers. The idea is that initially, both Raleigh units, two dhfd units, the wwfd unit will all role immediately any time of the day, the Bay Leaf units just depends on whether or not station 3 is staffed at the time. Unlike the city county departments really need to get all of those ISO points for a structure call run and to that you need a certain number of units responding to the call hence the large run.

**DHFD** - 01/07/07 - 23:03

So DHFD can roll 4 fully staffed pieces right on dispatch? I'm guessing it is 3 per engine, 1 or 2 on the tanker and 3 on the rescue?

I didn't think staffing was that good at DHFD, but right on if that's what you can roll 24/7

I still think the county needs to level out the coverage across the county with some stations being almost full 24/7 (eastern wake comes to mind) and others only running 2 or 3 part timers during the day, it still seems to me that we're no better off than we were before the county took over the whole fire tax district, there are still the "haves" and the "have nots" when it comes to staffing

**CFP 7021** - 01/08/07 - 12:44

DHFD is correct. All fire insurance districts that have been approved to include areas within 6 miles (as compared to the standard 5 miles) must respond the same response to a fire alarm as a structure fire. That's just one of the conditions a department must meet to be allowed to use a 6-mile district. All of the county fire insurance districts have met the 6-mile district rules. People often wonder why so much is responding to fire alarms in the County and, usually, that is the answer.

**Chris** - 01/08/07 - 12:49

DH currently has 8 paid people on staff 24/7. County staff should be reducing that to 4 in the next budget year since that is twice what any other station has. The other mutual aid departments mentioned do not have paid 24 hour staff at all their stations, hence, it takes 2-3 minutes for volunteers to respond, but they do respond. The majority of structural calls are covered with 2 engines and a service (or ladder) according to ISO, the other responding units are tankers or manpower. If RFD station 23 was on a call already nothing would have been dispatched in place of them, so the run order would be back to a normal size.

**guest** - 01/08/07 - 18:01

DH actually has 7 full time employees. I am curious of where you got the info about DH being reduced to 4.

**LtEng3** ([Email](#)) - 01/08/07 - 19:53

Other guest, DH staffing is as follows, during the day there are 3 full timers and 2 additional part times, and night there are the same 3 full timers and between 2-5 vollies. We normally role 2-3 trucks on dispatch with the other trucks getting enroute within 3-5 minutes.

**guest#2** - 01/08/07 - 23:29

I have heard the same thing, from a good source, cutting DH staff to 4.

**guest#3** - 01/09/07 - 00:39

4 per day so taking away one of the part timers? correct?

**guest#2** - 01/09/07 - 09:04

Why would the county "cut" positions. We should be fighting to bring the other stations up rather than bringing DHFD down. Lets think about this a minute, if we act on that thinking, Cary should reduce it's staffing from a max of 5 to 4 on an engine company, 2 on a rescue company to match Raleigh. Or wait, maybe we should reduce all stations to 2 on a company like some departments in the county due to lack of staffing.

The fact of the matter is we should be fighting tooth and nail to get as many people on the companies regardless if they are paid or volunteer. With a county as large as Wake, and the growth in the area we are seeing, there is no reason ALL fire companies that roll out the door should have a crew of 5 and no less than a crew of 4 firefighters.

Hats off to Cary for getting their staffing up and fighting to keep it that way.

As far as a "full" assignment for a fire alarm, great job on DHFD's part in getting what they need on ALL CALLS. Why can't all departments work together to get the numbers up. Think about it like this, if it was your house, business, or property, would you want one truck with 2 people or a full assignment with 4 people per apparatus? If we were responding on the side of the public, we would be sending "full" assignments all the time.

MFD

**MFD** - 01/09/07 - 22:15

and on the same note they are looking at shutting fire stations down, and being content to run 3 person engine companies county wide (with some exceptions)

kudos to Wake Forest for not putting their ladder in service before adequate staffing allows it! granted it's just sitting there, but once it's staffed then it truly is a ladder company, not just a ladder truck that gets whatever staffing shows up.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, there needs to be a staffing standard across the county for those getting county \$\$\$, there is no reason that some have 24/7 and some only have part timers. Also good luck to Fairview who is asking for 24/7 staffing this year from the rumor mill. I hope you get it and that trend continues, that is the only way the county's closest unit dispatch will work properly, and that is the dispatch of STAFFED units to calls, not just pieces that are sitting at the station waiting on people to show up.

**CFP 7021** - 01/09/07 - 23:12

couldn't have put it better myself MFD, CFP 7021.

**guest#2** - 01/09/07 - 23:23

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## Annual Reports

01/07/07 99 W - + 8 - 11

Annual reports are on the way for Raleigh and Wake County. Mike will be collecting and compiling run numbers for both the city and the county, as well as FD milestones for the city. Watch for a couple [unofficial summaries](#) coming soon. Also, please pass along links to any official year-end reports. We'll post the links. Finally, on a personal note, here are a pair of reports on the subject of Mike. The first summarizes a highly productive year of [buffing and related activities](#). The second summary is for fire toy collectors, Mike's annual [top ten list](#).

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**Fowl Play at Station 28**

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Seen across the street from the construction site:



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**That's a Wrap**

01/07/07 80 W, 1 I - + 12 - 11

Two years and 102 fire departments later and Mike's historical series **Then and Now** has wrapped. The twelve web articles excerpted Sanborn Fire Insurance Map summaries from 1900-1920, and contrasted that information with present-day stats. Old photos were included where possible. Each article first appeared on [FireNews](#), and they are also archived on [Mike's site](#). Thanks for everyone's help around the state. Next up, compiling those great old photos in a book.



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**This Morning's Fire**

01/08/07 63 W, 1 I - + 13 - 9

Updating with a great pic from Lee. Vacant residential structure at 1001 Parker Street. Tax records say built 1920 (at least!) with 3,270 square-feet. Fully-involved on arrival of Engine 5 just after 4:30 a.m. Three-inch hand lines and portable monitors on the ground. Here's an [aerial photo](#) of the two-acre site. Here's some [historical information](#) about the building.



To clarify something; the owner lives on S. Boylan, but the property address is Tower St. Probably an investor doing a remodel job.

Also, I want to get feedback from everyone on a topic that disturbs me a little.

Do you take the word of someone else that a property is vacant? Or, do you go by the "it's not vacant until we say it's vacant" motto? I favor the latter, simply because you never know if you have squatters in the structure, or if you have a citizen (neighbor) running in the back door while everyone else is running out the front door who's now trapped, attempting to help prior to the FD's arrival. I understand that some fires are just not possible to make entry to conduct a primary, like this one. However, you hear it all the time "so and so says the property is vacant". When I hear that, it's taken very lightly.

What do you think?

**Silver** - 01/08/07 - 10:28

Well, Silver I agree with you. The building isn't vacant till the FD says so. The fire had to start somehow and if this was a vacant then someone had to be in there at some point in time to start it. I am sure there weren't mice in there playing with matches. All the more important you never know when or where you will find squatters in that area and further south.

**Mike** - 01/08/07 - 14:04

Building was called the Latta House: <http://www.lattahouse.org/househistory.h..>

**Legeros** - 01/08/07 - 14:05

I grew up in the Oberlin neighborhood and while there weren't many homeless people around, it was common for children to sneak into homes that were being remodeled and/or under construction. In fact, when I first heard of the fire my thoughts were that it was started by children playing around.

On another note, when I called my grandmother to ask her about the fire (she lives about three blocks away), she told me that she slept through the commotion, but she was surprised that the house had not already collapsed because it was in such bad shape.

**Rookienc** - 01/08/07 - 16:05

To clarify, I wasn't referring to this job. It was obviously well off when 5 got there, and analyzing risk vs reward, it wasn't worth sending anyone in that house. Also, if someone was in there, they'd obviously have a low survival rate. I was just asking the question "in general".

**Silver** - 01/08/07 - 16:18

I'm with ya on this silver... we don't know if it is un-occupied or vacant until we deem it as vacant. Now if the fire is so far along that a "safe" interior attack can be made then the feasibility of survivors are almost nill. once again like you said risk v. gain

**CFP 7021** - 01/08/07 - 16:28

No use in me repeating what was said above... I agree.

**Luke** - 01/08/07 - 17:37

Actually, mice, or rather rats, DO play with matches. Or did. Back in the day, many a fire was attributed to "rats with matches." They would take the things into walls, or other spaces, for the purposes of nesting. In the process of being carried through small spaces, the matches would rub against a surface and ignite.

**legeros** - 01/08/07 - 17:55

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**It's a Buff's Life**

01/08/07 59 W - + 8 - 11

This *Washington Post* article called [Chasing the Heat](#) has been making the rounds. Mike's wife got a good laugh from the line: "But she can't stand it when he leaves a room with the fire scanner blasting." Needless to say, she does not finding the sound of alert tones as intoxicating as her husband does.

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**What a Pane**

01/09/07 50 W, 1 I - + 13 - 9

A reader in Apex passes along this picture. Renovations have started on the old Town Hall building. Workers have discovered that some of the original glass panes that were above the [former firehouse bay](#) are still intact. How cool is that?



It would be really cool if Apex could remove those in one piece and hang them on the wall in station 1 or 3.

**Mike** - 01/09/07 - 21:40

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**Film Still**

01/09/07 41 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

Random still image from the [Raleigh Fire Department film footage](#) that Mike recently had transferred to DVD. Pictured are 1950 FWD and 1936 American LaFrance pumpers during drills on the east side of Memorial Auditorium.



I got the opportunity to see this video, it is very cool. I especially like the part in the drill shown above when they are catching the hydrant and they literally jump off the back of the truck while it is still going at a good clip.

**guest** - 01/09/07 - 23:20

As the web page notes, mail me for information on obtaining copies. Also, if your group or agency would simply like a showing, also let me know. If you can provide a projector, I can likely pay a visit. Add a microphone and speaker and I'll narrate the action that's happening on screen.

**Legeros** - 01/10/07 - 06:57

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**GPS Coming**

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This [news report](#) reports that Wake EMS and SO are getting GPS systems for their vehicles.

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### Web Sites Comments

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Here are some usability and design suggestions, based on clicking around the previously posted web sites. We've posted web suggestions before. These may repeat those. Mail Mike for specific feedback on your pages and if "brutal truth" or "gentle prod" is desired. Ha ha. Onto the suggestions...

- Banners - Drop any big banners that stretch across the top of a page, and that require users to scroll down to see content. Where possible, stay "above the fold." That is, don't require users to scroll, or scroll much. Broken Links - Bad links are always bad. Check your site from time to time, particularly those links that link off-site. Such as a page linking to other agencies. Mike is guilty of this.
- Color Schemes - You can't go wrong with black text on a white background. Or dark text on a light background. Inverse conditions can be more difficult to read. Same with backgrounds that utilize graphic art.
- Desktop Settings - Test your web site using 800x600 desktop resolution, and then at higher settings. Does it still pass muster?
- Empty Pages - If your site is nothing more than an empty template, it's probably not worth having. If nothing else, dump some general contact and agency information on there.
- Index Page Names - Does your site REQUIRE a default.htm or home.html or similar file name to load? And will the page NOT load if just www.firedept.com is entered, instead of www.firedept.com/home.html? Fix that.
- Old Information - Does your web site clearly display outdated information, such as an obviously outdated apparatus page? This can affect user confidence, leading them to believe (and perhaps correctly) that the entire site is outdated.
- Old Patches - Does your web site display your department's old patch? Check that, and update as necessary.
- Splash Pages - Avoid "click to enter" pages that appear BEFORE the web site itself appears. Users appreciate when the site itself loads and they do not have to click to enter.
- Unified Fire and EMS Page - If your site contains information about both Fire and EMS, ensure that a unified page with information about both agencies exist. That should be the first page that users encounter.
- Why Fix These - Is a user-friendly web site even desired? Good question. Who is your audience? Do THEY have experience with better or friendly web sites? Can THEY find what they are looking for?

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**WCFC Meeting 1/18**

01/10/07 56 W - + 10 - 11

The next Wake County Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building on Cary Drive near I-440 and Poole Road. The agenda is circulated a day or two prior and we'll try to post here.

are these open meetings?

**guest** - 01/10/07 - 23:32

Yes, these are open meetings, and typically attended by representatives of each of the county FDs, usually their chiefs or other officers.

**Legeros** - 01/11/07 - 06:41

Mike is right, the meetings are open, and they provide some insight into the on-goings of the fire service in Wake County. Attending them regularly for the last, few years kind of opened my eyes that my interpretation of who the "County" is was not completely correct. The various departmental Chiefs dedicate a significant amount of time and effort in arriving at decisions that affect the system than I knew a few years ago. This is accomplished through a the standing committees, of which the meetings are open and they encourage anyone to attend, not just Chiefs or even departmental Officers.

**McGraw** - 01/11/07 - 15:53

Fire Commission meetings are held every other month. I've attended regularly for a couple years now as a citizen observer. They can be dry at times, such as with budget minuted. They can also be quite colorful, depending upon the particular topic being discussed (and occasionally argued). Good networking, too.

**Legeros** - 01/11/07 - 18:27

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**Ladder 1**

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Always on the prowl for new old photos, Mike found this great picture this week at a retiree's house. It depicts Aerial Ladder Company No. 1 in the late 1940s or early 1950s, at a church across the street from what appears to be a park. Moore Square, perhaps? The apparatus is a 1939 / 1916 American LaFrance.



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**EMS Questions Answered on the Watch Desk**

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01/10/07 22 W - + 18 - 7

See this [Watch Desk thread](#) for answers to questions raised on the Vehicle Safety thread.

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**Heard on Scanner**

01/12/07 30 W - + 10 - 12

Yesterday, vehicle incident with minor injuries, school bus versus speed bump, seven students who hit their heads on the roof. That must have been some speed bump!

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**Picture of Picture**

01/13/07 58 W, 1 I - + 14 - 8

Another old photo, this one a photo of a photo of the Hillsboro Apartments that burned early in the morning on September 16, 1961. The building, built in 1880, was located at the corner of Hillsboro and Dawson. One person was killed, a janitor who was found dead in his basement apartment.



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**Blog Down**

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The service provider of legeros.com has been having problems, notably during morning hours. They are working to resolve the problem.

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**Past Poles**

01/13/07 119 W - + 13 - 12

Outside of Raleigh, fire poles have been largely an anomaly in Wake County. Three Raleigh stations have them, as does Apex Station 3 and Bay Leaf's design for a renovated Station 1. Is Holly Springs new fire and EMS station pole-enabled? Looking backwards, old city stations with poles included old Station 1 on West Morgan Street, old Station 2 on Fayetteville Street, old Station 2 / Station 1 on South Salisbury Street, old Station 3 on East Hargett Street, and old Station 5 on Park Drive. The present Station 1 has two poles, down from three. The third pole was removed a couple decades ago to either convert or better optimize the front portion of the dormitory, then or later used as office space for Fire Prevention.

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**Cary Old Station 1**

01/13/07 251 W, 1 I - + 10 - 15

Here's a lesser-known fact. The original design of old Station 1 in Cary was a two-and-a-half story monster complete with four bays facing Academy Street and two bays facing Railroad Street. At the time of the building's design in the mid-1950s, CFD was still some years away from its first paid personnel. Click to enlarge:



The town had two stations, however, to house all their fire apparatus. Old Station #2 was more like a Station #1 annex and was located around the corner from the Town Hall and fire station on Railroad Street. Construction of Old Station 1 started in 1959, after five years of fundraising. FFs did most of the work themselves, after hours. Construction was halted one year later, during the dispute between FFs and town officials regarding coverage for rural areas. This dispute led to the creation of the Yrac Fire Department. By this time, the basement had been dug and the foundation had been laid.

The station was finally finished in 1965, though without the second story and only a single bay facing Railroad Street. Had the FD continued as a single instead of split entity, would the station have built as designed? Don't know. By that time, the town's Public Utilities building was also housing a piece of fire apparatus, the department's first ladder truck, a 1957 Chevrolet service truck. Old Station 1 presently houses CFD Administration.

More information on [CFD history](#) and [Yrac history](#). And an admission: it took YEARS before Mike realized that Yrac was Cary spelled backwards.

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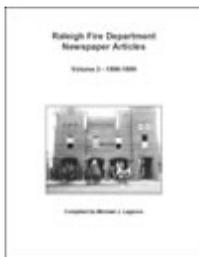
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## Free e-Book #3

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Mike has created a third free electronic book for download. [Raleigh Fire Department Newspaper Articles, Volume 3](#) presents a third collection of historical newspaper clippings. These are from 1890 to 1899. More fires, more infrastructure upgrades, and a bunch of fireman's tournaments. The e-book is PDF format, 136 pages long, and 19 megs large. Volume 4 will finish the series and should arrive in another month or two.



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## Chapel Hill's Tower

01/14/07 30 W, 1 I - + 12 - 8

Lee has [posted some pics](#) of Chapel Hill's new tower, now lettered. How about those blue deluge pipes in the bucket?



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**Hubert Altman**

01/15/07 38 W - + 14 - 11

Retired Raleigh Fire Department District Chief Hubert Altman passed away on Sunday morning. Funeral service is 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church, 120 West Hargett Street. Burial at Montlawn with full firefighter honors. [The obituary.](#)

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**Raleigh Area Public Safety Racing League**

01/15/07 70 W - + 15 - 6

Root for your favorite public safety racing team on Monday, January 29th at 3:30 p.m., at [RushHour Karting](#) in Garner. Teams are expected from Wake EMS, Raleigh Fire, Raleigh Police, Wake County Sheriff's Department, Garner Police, Garner Fire, Garner EMS, Raleigh-Wake 911 Center, and some Wake Tech EMS students. They'll race for 90 minutes. Winners get a trophy and bragging rights. Everybody gets to have fun.

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**Watch Desk**

01/16/07 24 W - + 14 - 9

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Notable discussions underway on the Watch Desk: [Six Forks/ Garner Crash Truck... Why?](#), [GPS on Wake County Vehicles](#), and [Wake EMS questions](#).

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## Promotions

01/16/07 103 W, 1 I - + 14 - 12

The City of Raleigh Fire Department recognized the promotions of 14 firefighters in a ceremony at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 16, at 2:00 p.m. Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant are D. B. Campbell, B. A. Gayle, R. C. Scott, L. W. Smith, A. R. Stanley, B. W. Taylor, B. W. Travis, S. S. White, and J. G. Whitford. Promoted to the rank of Captain are R. C. Braxton, B. B. Grisel, F. C. Hicks, Jr., and D. B. Tart. Promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief is B. D. Spain. Pics on [Lee's site](#).



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**Dropped Dead**

01/17/07 64 W - + 12 - 12

From the June 5, 1900 edition of the *News & Observer*: "On Sunday afternoon a short while after the fire company's team returned from the fire at the old ice factory, Blue, one of the best horses in the fire company's stable, dropped dead. It is supposed that his death was caused by the rupture of a blood vessel during the race to the fire."

What happened to the horses, you ask? Some died during their service period, while others were retired. Either put to pasture or reassigned to lighter city duty. I haven't found any records of memorials or tributes to particular animals. This may be partly due to the fact that horses were part of the Raleigh Fire Department for a relatively short period. About 1877 to 1915. During the first years, the horses were shared with other city departments. During the last years, from 1912 to 1915, motor rigs were being added and horse teams were being removed.

**Legeros** - 01/18/07 - 07:09

darn, mike, you sure do know how to find the info! in case you haven't been told recently, i'm sure i speak for all who frequent your website, we surely do appreciate all the time you invest and the info you provide us!

**pal** - 01/18/07 - 10:26

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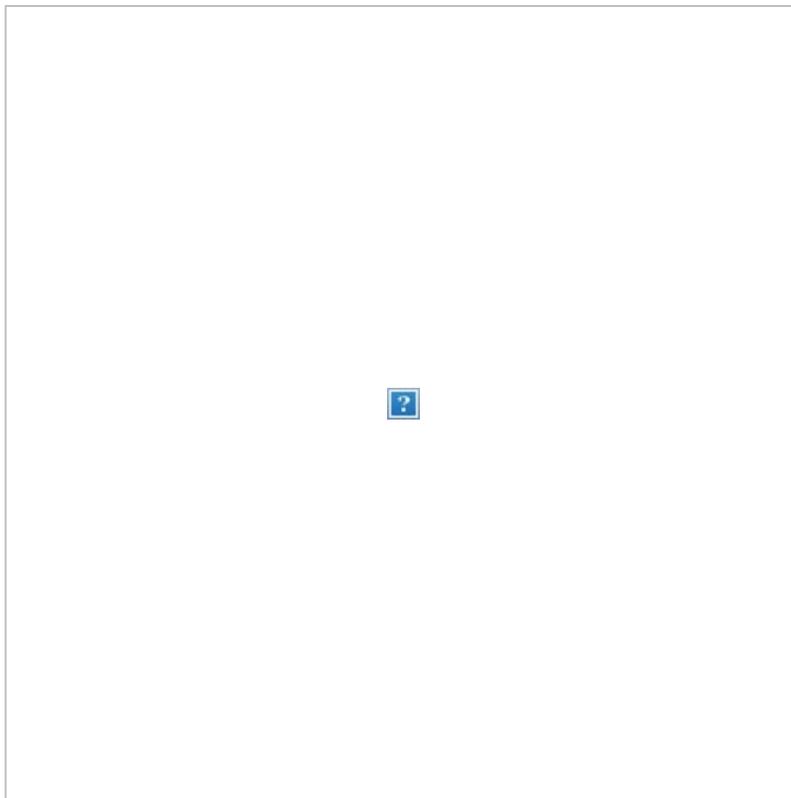
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**Now This is a Tanker**

01/22/07 22 W, 1 I - + 11 - 15

As seen in the [New Deliveries section of FireNews](#), a 2006 Kenworth/4 Guys 3,000 gallon tanker-with-pump in Guilford County:



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I am confident the designers of this apparatus looked closely at the specific needs of their response area when creating the specification for this purchase. I just gotta ask why dual Q-sirens?

**Olson** - 01/22/07 - 19:27

one is mechanical, one is electrical like on the EMS trucks

if you want to see a truck with dual Federal Signal Q2B sirens look no further than: <http://www.smugmug.com/gallery/2046413/2..>

they have a habit of dual Q's on trucks, and dual bells, etc... this picture has 2 Q2B's and 2 electrical sirens covered by the "Q" grill!

They go over the top a lot with trucks.

Parkwood also has 2 3000 gal tankers that they have gotten within the past year or two [http://www.ustanker.com/apps/show\\_image...](http://www.ustanker.com/apps/show_image...)

**CFP 7021** - 01/22/07 - 22:50

Why such a gross understatement about Mt. Horeb's trucks... 7021?!!!!

Considering this is one of their ambulances: <http://www.fdmh.org/prod05.htm>

If you take a look at their other apparatus you will soon realize, either A.) they must have a TON of traffic, B.) they have a ton of money to spend (waste) on duplicated "bells and whistles" (no pun intended) or C.) they are REALLY ate up!

**Luke** - 01/22/07 - 23:04

I would guess that the answer Luke is C – strongly supported by B. A custom cab ambulance – no possible way to justify such an expenditure. Those Parkwood tankers look awfully plain after viewing the FDMH calamities.

**Olson** - 01/23/07 - 00:18

You would notice that the Mt. Horeb trucks have been that way since the early days, it looks like something they've always done. I guess if you've got the money and the backing why not right!

**CFP 7021** - 01/23/07 - 10:00

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**Fire Horse Balked**

01/22/07 124 W - + 15 - 8

From the December 7, 1901 edition of the *News & Observer*: "There were two alarms of fire yesterday, one from box 16 in the morning, and the other from box 37 last night. Neither amounted to anything. The one last night proved to be a fence near the Hillsboro Street bridge. The Rescue Company had trouble in getting away from the engine house, and it was fully ten minutes after the first alarm sounded that the driver was able to get the team out of the house. A balking horse that had never been worked before refused to move, despite the lashes that were applied to his back. Finally in desperation, the firemen got out and pushed the wagon on him and he decided to go."

"A balking horse that had never been worked before refused to move, despite the lashes that were applied to his back. Finally in desperation, the firemen got out and pushed the wagon on him and he decided to go"... thought this was a mispost from the Watch Desk thread about Probies.

**Olson** - 01/23/07 - 00:20

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**Fatal Fair Fire**

01/22/07 178 W - + 18 - 12

Another interesting story from ago. On October 25, 1901, the State Fair suffered a fatal fire. About 3:30 a.m., a wooden building containing a small restaurant was discovered aflame. It was located in the center of the Midway, between the booth of the "Alligator Boy" and a "snake show." Many heard screams from the burning building and efforts were made, but failed, to open the door. After the fire was out, the body of a young boy was found. Though the newspaper article of the time describes the condition of the body, and the parts therein, we'll leave that information to the imagination. There was also a report of \$350 stolen from the "Alligator Boy" booth, as well as foodstuffs stolen from a restaurant by some of the hundreds of "Midway people" at the fire. It is unknown if RFD responded to the fire, or was even notified of the blaze. The Fairgrounds, then located across Hillsboro Street from then A&M College, were outside of the city limits. The State Fair moved to its present site in 1928.

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**Biometric Scanners**

01/23/07 18 W - + 11 - 10

Way cooler than timesheets, though not without their detractors: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/23/nyregion/23scanning.html>.

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Look Familiar?

01/26/07 41 W, 1 I - + 11 - 14

Here's Clayton Fire Department's Rescue 1, formerly Morrisville Rescue 1, relocated to Johnston County in 2005. MFD in turn acquired two rigs, one small rescue from Clayton Rescue and one walk-in rescue from somewhere "up North."



The walk-in rescue if Im not mistaken came from Atlantic Hook and Ladder company.

Adam Brown - 01/26/07 - 21:17

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## The Perils of Public Funded History

01/27/07 38 W - + 10 - 11

Today's News & Observer has a [cover story](#) about the controversy surrounding the state House Historian and her 20 months of well-paying work. Time to lobby the Legislature for a State Fire Historian position...

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## County-Wide Fire Department

01/28/07 150 W - + 14 - 14

Found this this morning, while skimming a stack of old articles on another topic. In 1964, a proposal was suggested to the Wake County Board of Commissioners to study a county-wide fire department. The study was suggested by Tax Supervisor J. M. Brothers, in response to petitions calling for special elections for special taxes to support rural fire departments. He was approaching the situation from a financial perspective, however, when he asked the question "has the point been reached that it would be just as feasible for the county to maintain a tax-supported county-wide fire department." At that time there were 17 departments providing "rural" fire protection: Apex, Bay Leaf, Fairgrounds, Fairview, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Six Forks, Stoney Hill (old spelling), Swift Creek, Wake Forest, Wake-New Hope, Wendell, Yrac, and Zebulon. What became of the proposal is not known, though obviously a county-wide department was never created.

This may be the answer to all the concerns and thoughts that have been going around. This may be the easiest ways to getting the dispatch and responses on the right path.

**guest** - 01/30/07 - 15:12

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**WakeMed Vehicles**

01/28/07 85 W - + 18 - 9

There's an amazing array of emergency vehicles at the corner of Sunnybrook Road and Calumet Drive these days. Eight or ten ambulances of varying sizes, six or eight trailers (short and long), a couple "beer trucks", a pair of EMS-style "Suburbans", a new-looking box truck, and a Squad 51-style unit. Alas the view from the street isn't great, and shooting pics on their property is a no-no without prior approval from their PR department. Maybe we'll have some pics at a later time.

Mike-

Quick question that relates to picture posting legalities. Based on the quote above:

*"WakeMed policy prohibits posted photos without PR department approval"*

Just out of curiosity, is that something that is posted somewhere or is that something that you found out through "trial and error."

If someone were to take pictures of their equipment (MICUs, MCI trucks, etc) while out on the scene of an incident, would those pictures not be allowed to be posted without approval?

I was always under the impression that something like that would be "public" therefore anyone could see those units for themselves, so why couldn't they be posted?

I would think the same would hold true for a Fire Department attempting to prevent a freelance photographer from posting pictures from a fire scene. Anyone who went to the scene (residents, citizens, media, etc.) could see for themselves exactly what those pictures show, so how could someone prevent others from posting them?

Basically, through all this mindless rambling, I was wondering what some of the legalities about on-scene and agency apparatus photography have you encountered? I would imagine that most all fire departments don't mind because it portrays them in a positive light. What might the reasoning be behind WakeMed (if you even know)?

**Luke** - 01/28/07 - 16:31

Good questions. First, with regard to WakeMed, they have a photography policy that is probably similar to other corporations. At their fleet facility this morning, I inquired about (a.) taking pictures on their property for (b.) posting on a personal web site. They indicated that while (a.) might be okay, (b.) would require approval from PR department. No problem. Since this particular facility is partially hidden by fences and foliage, I declined to take any pictures from the public street or public sidewalk.

Regarding public photography and the law, this Photographer's Rights "cheat sheet" is a favorite resource of mine:

<http://www.krages.com/phoright.htm>. In a nutshell, anyone in any public place can take pictures of anything. Private property, of course, is a different matter. As are the odd exceptions, like military installations or such. Reasonable expectations of privacy is also a factor. Reproduction of such images is another matter entirely, notably for commercial purposes.

Regarding incident and apparatus photography, I cannot recall any issues with legality and reproduction. Of course, my incident photography is a non-commercial venture that targets responders as the audience. Victim identities are typically hidden, and the images are more documentation-oriented than sensational or exploitive. They're also exclusively web-based, and usually deleted after a month or two.

As for shooting on scene, that's its own can of worms. With official credentials, scene shooting is reasonably straightforward. Without credentials, it's a rocky road. And if it's an MVA with injuries (that is, during patient care), anyone "not in uniform" taking pictures is an a@@hole. That's just the way it is.

**Legeros** - 01/28/07 - 18:18

That and I guess these Wake Med units would actually have to run calls to be photo'd on one. I've never seen any on calls, can anyone share if they've seen them?

**CFP 7021** - 01/28/07 - 18:56

I saw at least one or two of the Wake Med ambulances in Waveland, MS in September of 2005. They were close to where Carolinas MED-1 was set up in the K-Mart parking lot off of Hwy 90.

**Rink** - 01/28/07 - 19:18

Anyone on here from Wake Med? If so, can you tell us what the units are used for?

**Silver** - 01/28/07 - 20:50

Mike, thanks for answering those questions. Something that perplexes me is the fact that some fireground photographers (not you or Lee) charge a "flat rate fee" if you want one of their pictures. Why would I want to pay for a picture of myself that they wouldn't have been able to take if it weren't for me!! I understand that they might be taking the pictures as a "side-job" or a means to make a little extra pocket change, but come on... charging ME for a picture of MYSELF seems like a bit much!!

Sorry, that's enough of my ranting... back on topic!

What are those different units used for??

**Luke** - 01/28/07 - 21:12

I believe the wake med fleet that we are talking about is actually volunteer units for major incidents aka they got fed grant money for units so they could respond to another Katrina like situation effectively.

**Guest** - 01/28/07 - 22:04

Alas, I should have added that a couple of the trailers at WakeMed were lettered for Wake County and decorated in the familiar blue and white scheme. The rest of the trailers (and other vehicles) bore the red and white WakeMed designs.

**Legeros** - 01/28/07 - 22:06

Mike I just want to say you do a great job with this website. I always look forward to the comments and incident photos. I apologize for not putting this in another thread.

**Adam Brown** - 01/28/07 - 22:17

Well, let me see if I can answer some of these questions...

"Do they actually run calls?" —Yes, sort of. Most of the ambulances are for interfacility transfers, and do run emergency as dictated by their WakeMed response guidelines. The Excursions are for staff use and official functions. The Squad 51 type truck and all the trailers (except for the Blue & White ones) are for the SMAT team. The Blue & White trailers are for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (the urban terrorism/disaster medical response), and there are also trailers at WakeMed Cary.

Second, as far as unit uses, they did go to Waveland, MS, and also to the RDU airport for decontamination of arriving medical refugees... anything else can be drawn from those conclusions.

Mike— those Blue & White trailers are NOT WakeMed property, but property of the Federal government.

**EMS Guy** ([Email](#)) - 01/29/07 - 20:35

Revisiting the comments in this thread about photography and the law, here's an interesting JEMS article on some of the HIPAA and EMS issues related to scene photography. Warning, there's a graphic photo included! <http://info.jems.com/jems/emsphotography..>

**Legeros** - 02/17/07 - 13:45

The ambulances at WakeMed Mobile Care Services do run calls both emergent and non-emergent interfacility transports. They run ALS, SCT, Peds, and Convecent transports. Last time I knew they were running in excess of 600 calls/transports a month. The F550 trucks are used to haul the trailers around to different areas for medical care, along with the large box style trucks with general tent equipment, generators, and such supplies.

**Michael** ([Email](#)) - 02/17/07 - 17:51

Does WakeMed have any self-contained decon units? What other decon capabilities does WakeMed have?

**Silver** - 03/29/07 - 08:39

If I remember correctly, there is a large straight-chassis truck called the "Special Operations Support Unit" that set up a field decon site at the shelter that was established for Katrina/Rita evacuees last year.

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**EMS 100** ([Email](#)) - 03/29/07 - 14:00

OK, but it's not self contained? Meaning pull up and flip a switch and have people walk through.....

**Silver** - 03/29/07 - 18:09

The one that I saw was not self-contained; more of a huge unfolding tent structure.

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**EMS100** ([Email](#)) - 03/30/07 - 07:19

Ewwwww.....more tents. Self contained will be more practical....

**Silver** - 03/30/07 - 11:17

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## Ladies Handbags

01/28/07 114 W - + 18 - 14

Mike's other photographic passion is occasional [travel photography](#). For reasons unknown, some pics from some years ago from [New York City](#) have been tremendously popular. That is, super-high numbers of hits in relation to the rest of [legeros.com](#). Within the last year or so, a couple international users have requested hi-res copies for their personal use. No problem, except the shots were shot with a 2.9 MP camera. Thus they don't enlarge well. Today the electronic mail delivered the most unusual request to date, a person in Canada who wants to purchase rights for printing an image on... a handbag. Wonder if fireman's wives would buy bags with incident photos on them?

Update on this oddity. One-time rights have been sold and the picture will presumably be appearing on a limited run of handbags in the future. What was the pic? Do a Google image search of Times Square. It's the second image that appears, as linked from someone's blog.

**Legeros** - 02/07/07 - 22:27

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**Scandals**

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As our readers have likely observed, we've stayed away from blogging about "media scandals." That is, those things raised or covered by local media and typically involving personnel issues. We've stayed silent on diversity and the Raleigh Fire Department. We've stayed silent on personnel actions, such as arrests, incarcerations, and firings. It seems prudent to continue this path. Links to news stories are easy enough to pass around, and they are certainly passed around among firefighters. But while WE may understand the complexities of dirty firehouse laundry, the public is less familiar with the inner workings. Plus, what is reported by the media is rarely the whole story. Blogging about such things can just add fuel to the proverbial fire. So we shall continue to stay silent. And wish the best to those who facing those challenges.

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### Gas Station Explosion

01/30/07 29 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

This *New York Times* [web article](#) includes a stunning aerial photo of today's tragedy in West Virginia, showing the worse-case outcome of a reported gas leak:



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## Fun with Numbers

01/31/07 184 W - + 14 - 10

One of Mike's ongoing projects is a database of all Raleigh Fire Department members from 1912 to present. He's identified as many as 736 former members, both uniformed and civilian. Service years are known for 363 former members, with a collective total of 7,958 years. And which averages per member to 21.9.

Six members served longer than 40 years. Ten members served between 35 and 39 years. Fifty-seven members served between 30 and 34.9 years. That's 2,432 years from those 73 members alone! Alas, service years are not yet known for the remaining 373 former members.

Rank or titles are known for 393 former members, including Fire Chief (14), Assistant Chief (13), Division Chief (5), Battalion or District Chief (24), Captain (160), Driver or Lieutenant (51), First Class Firefighter (28), and Private or Firefighter (61).

The most popular first names of former members? James (40), William (39), John (25), Robert (24), Charles (23). The most popular last names? Johnson (15), Perry (15), Jones (14), Smith (14).

Assorted nicknames of former members: Ace, Bozo, Butch, Chill, Choo Choo, Cowboy, Dad, Doc, Dude, Goose, Pap, Pop, Red, Runt, Slick, Smitty, Text, Tootsie, Tramp, Woody.

The most popular months for hiring former firefighters? January (158), September (91), and February (78). The least popular? November (39), March (37), April (36), and August (35).

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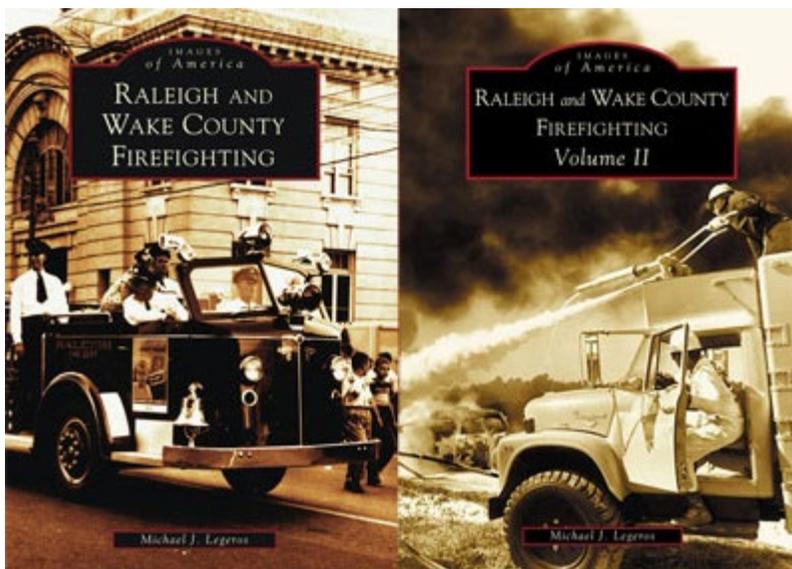
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Books

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Answering a reader question, Mike's made two books on local fire departments. *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* and *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting, Volume II*. They were published in 2003 and 2004. They each have 128 pages, about 210 photographs, and are priced at \$19.99. They are available in local bookstores. Volume II is also available through the publisher, [Arcadia Publishing](#). The first volume is out of print, so the store copies are the remaining copies. That is, unless 600 people want to pool their money and another print run can be ordered. [More information about the books.](#)



Just wondering if you have plans for a Volume 3?

ewfd200 - 02/04/07 - 12:15

Negative, there are no plans at this time for a Volume 3. My only present print project is a book of historical fire department photographs from around the state. It's a multi-year and possibly multi-volume project.

Legeros - 02/04/07 - 12:18

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Snow

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Here's a reader-submitted photo of Holly Springs Station 1 shot during the morning snowfall:



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**This Morning's Fire**

02/03/07 42 W, 1 I - + 14 - 10

Private message from Lee to Mike at 2:00 a.m. "Slow week." Structure fire dispatch at 4:09 a.m. Vacant house fully involved. Private message from Mike to Lee at 6:22 a.m. "Famous last words."



Who's call was this?

**Question** - 02/03/07 - 16:51

2 first in, along with 1, off of Carolina Pines (605 Oleander).

**Silver** - 02/03/07 - 16:53

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## Something in the Water

02/04/07 48 W - + 12 - 10

Thursday night, a car collides with an EMS unit on New Bern Avenue. Driver flees. Then a couple hours later, a [motorcycle runs into the back of Engine 10](#). Driver arrested. Saturday night, a [car collides with the Apex EMS building](#). Driver transported. What's next!?!  

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## Unusual Incidents?

02/04/07 275 W - + 8 - 11

What are some of the more unusual or atypical incidents that have occurred around here, in years or decades past? Such as:

City-wide blackout drills in Raleigh in the 1940s.

Gasoline leaks into gutters, ignites, and damages 15 cars parked along the street in downtown Raleigh. January 29, 1946.

Seaboard passenger train catches fire after collision with heavy equipment in New Hill. No injuries, but burning engine continues to Apex and waiting firefighters. May 6, 1953.

Race riots in downtown Raleigh in April 1968.

Spire atop church in downtown Raleigh shaken loose by strong winds. A firefighter is strapped to the aerial ladder and raised 100 feet to remove the thing. December 1968.

Sniper kills three and wounds eight at North Hills Mall before taking his own life. May 29, 1972.

Plane strikes church steeple and crashes on Ridge Road in Raleigh, killing pilot. June 19, 1977.

Some 200 people become sick at a convention at a hotel on Highway 70 west. More than 100 emergency workers and nine ambulances shuttle patients back and forth between Rex Hospital, Wake Medical Center, and Durham County General Hospital. Rescue squads include Raleigh, Six Forks, Wendell, Cary, Clayton, Butner, Wake EMS, and the private ambulance service Medical Transport. June 30, 1977.

Man kills himself and estranged wife with bomb at law office in Cary. May 11, 1978.

Rex Hospital moves. Rescue squads assist with transporting 168 patients. September 28, 1980.

Gunman holds woman and two children hostage on Amtrak train at station in Raleigh. Woman and one child subsequently killed. October 8-11, 1982.

Balloon strikes television tower support cables and crashes. Three killed. June 11, 1989.

Television tower collapses in Garner after ice storm. No injures. December 1989.

Runaway hot-air balloon crashes at Millbrook and Green roads in Raleigh. No injuries. May 1, 1992.

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Back around 1974-5, there were a couple of canoers trapped in the swollen Neuse River at Falls. An army helicopter was finally called in to rescue them. Several agencies were involved, including Wake Forest Rescue, Cary Area Rescue, and Falss FD. Trivia- the army helicopter had to use Cary's basket stretcher for the rescue. It was the only Ferno 'plastic' stretcher around, and everyone considered this essential for the rescue. Everyone else (Raleigh was the only other agency in Wake County with a basket) had the wire mesh type.

DJ - 02/04/07 - 10:06

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## The Motorcycle Story

02/04/07 480 W - + 9 - 10

Saturday night on South Wilmington Street. Southbound, just south of the Beltline. This guy on a motorcycle is weaving between lanes, and slowing down and speeding up. He stops for the light and has trouble staying upright. Then he's moving again, with more weaving and slowing and starting. And Mike and his bride are right behind him. What?!?

It's date night, of course, which means no fire or EMS calls. She Who Should Be Obeyed can tolerate the scanners (plural), but has communicated clear instructions regarding responding. Nonetheless, Mr. and Mrs. Legeros had found themselves wandering in the direction of an MVA involving a motorcycle at South Wilmington Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. (She didn't mind the diversion as they were fresh from Dairy Queen and she was still consuming her hot fudge sundae.)

No victim was found and dispatch advised that the caller may have seen the cyclist riding off. About this time, as the units are clearing, Mike and his bride arrive. They sit in traffic for a few, then turn south on South Wilmington Street. No destination in mind, just wandering. Enter the sloshed cyclist.

One block past the training center and Weaving Wally is spotted. Like good citizens, Mike calls 911 and reports a possible 10-55. The call taker advises they'll make a general broadcast. The slow-speed chase continues onto Highway 70, then Highway 401, as the general broadcast is heard over Raleigh Police 1. There's more traffic on 401, of course, and the fool is still seemingly ready to run off the road at any moment. Mike and his bride are now a couple car lengths behind, and one lane over.

After the guy crosses an extra lane turning left onto Old Stage Road, it's time for another 911 call. SHP, this time, says they'll make an announcement. The cyclist is two or three cars ahead, but not for long. The speed limit's higher and the joker's going slower. So the other cars pass him. He hugs the center line at times, causing visions of collisions in his follower's minds.

With the cyclist's speed slowing at times to a crawl, the vehicles are quickly queueing behind him. Mike's keeping a car length's distance, but it still doesn't seem safe. So Mike pulls to the side and lets the others go by. Returning to the roadway, Vandora Springs Road is passed. Seconds later a siren is heard. Here comes an unmarked trooper.

The black sedan promptly passes everyone. Mike and his bride catch up with the officer within a minute. He's pulled beside a convenience store, where the cyclist has run off the road and into a dumpster. Uninjured and seemingly soused to the gills. Twenty minutes and one pair of handcuffs later and Mike and his bride are returning to Raleigh. They gave their information to the officer and thanked him for the interception. Book 'em.

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And I thought I had bad luck when out with friends or on dates... That took one too many 911 calls to get that menace to traffic stopped...

**EMS Guy** ([Email](#)) - 02/04/07 - 23:49

What a story. Now what do you have planned for Valentine's Day? Maybe hang out at the observation deck at RDU with her – just in case the big one happens?

**Olson** - 02/04/07 - 23:49

And hopefully he will hang out on Valentine's Day in SOMEONE ELSE'S RESPONSE AREA!!! Durham County is good. Guilford County is better...

**DJ** - 02/05/07 - 00:22

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## Wake County Firefighter's Association Meeting

02/05/07 52 W - + 15 - 13

Public service announcement. The quarterly meeting of the Wake County Firefighter's Association will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m., at Morrisville Station 2. All members are encouraged to attend. Apex Fire Chief Mark Haraway will be speaking and hopefully showing some cool photos from the EQ fire.

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## Sunday Morning's Fire

02/05/07 62 W - + 14 - 8

Cary had an interesting commercial structure fire on Sunday morning. Originally reported as a burglar alarm, PD reporting smoke showing when they arrived. Quick containment, we're told, as most of the fire had burned itself out. Near total loss on the second floor. Arson suspected and multiple agencies on scene Sunday and today, including ATF, SBI, CCBI, and WCFM.

What and where?

**Stretch** - 02/06/07 - 09:05

Office building on Darrington Drive. See: <http://www.newsobserver.com/102/story/54..>

**Legeros** - 02/07/07 - 18:15

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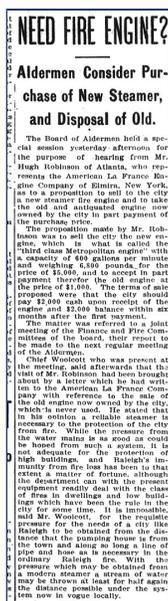
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**Need Fire Engine?**

02/05/07 60 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

This article appeared in the March 10, 1905 edition of the *News & Observer*. The steamer was soon purchased, and is still on Raleigh's roster as an antique. It was also needed to prevent the city's insurance rating from dropping. All told, some [35 or more steamers](#) were acquired in North Carolina between the 1860s and the 1900s. [Click to enlarge:](#)



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**Cary Station 7**

02/07/07 15 W - + 14 - 9

Occupancy of the new Cary/Morrisville facility is expected Friday, February 9, we're told.

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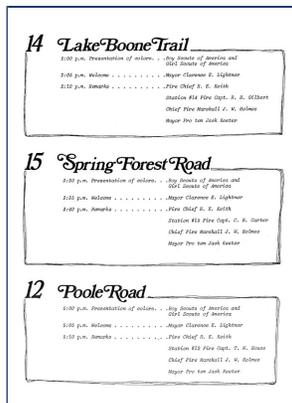
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Station Dedications, 1975

02/07/07 35 W, 1 I - + 12 - 9

Random artifact. On June 22, 1975, three Raleigh fire stations were dedicated. Here's the program for the ceremonies at Stations 12, 14, and 15. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts provided the presentation of colors. Click to enlarge:



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**UPDATED: News & Observer Building, 1915**

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November 17, 2012

The below information is incorrect. This photo is from the second time the *News & Observer* building burned that decade, on November 6, 1915. Described by *The Raleigh Times* as the worst fire in Raleigh's history, the blaze destroyed over \$300,000 of property. It started at 6 a.m. on a Saturday morning, in either the second or third story of the E. M. Uzzell & Company printing company building. Flames soon spread to the *News & Observer* building to the east, to the Wake Shoe Company to the west, and finally to the Crystal Theater. Flames damaged or destroyed a couple other buildings. Two firefighters were slightly injured when a wall collapsed. This photo and the incorrect date and details appeared in the Raleigh Fire Department's previous commemorative book, published in 2007. Annotate your copy as needed.

February 7, 2007

Here's another goodie from ago, passed along from a fellow fan of history. This is [NOT] a postcard view of the *News & Observer* building on Martin Street, which was destroyed on April 24, 1913. Hydrant pressure was lost during this blaze due to a water main break. Quick-thinking Fire Chief Sherwood Brockwell directed the steam engine to the intersection of Fayetteville and Davie Streets, where it utilized one of the old underground cisterns. This image is also one of the oldest surviving images of any fire in Raleigh or Wake County. Click to enlarge:



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## Collapse at Warehouse Fire

02/08/07 62 W, 1 I - + 12 - 9

WATE-TV in Knoxville has [stunning footage of a building collapse](#) and what appears to be the utter absence of a collapse zone. Check the box in the upper right corner for the particular film clip. Has it been a couple decades since a building that size has burned that bad in Raleigh, e.g. the Mangel's Building in 1981?



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## Steamer Arrives

02/08/07 68 W - + 11 - 9

From the July 7, 1905 edition of the *News & Observer*: "The new steam fire engine reached the city yesterday. It cost the city \$5,000, weighs 6,800 pounds, and is a substantial looking machine. A test will be made as soon as the representative of the manufacturers reaches Raleigh, and it is expected this will be made this afternoon, corner of Fayetteville and Martin streets." [Here's the article](#) about the test.

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## Clinton Water Supply 25

02/09/07 93 W, 1 I - + 15 - 10

Though we tend to keep our passion for miniature fire apparatus separate from our pursuit of the real things, a recent release from First Gear warrants mention. The Clinton Fire Department in Maryland has produced a splendid scale replica of their Kenworth/Pierce water supply unit. It's a tricked-out monster pumper that's stunning both in person and in miniature. The piece is also a rare one-off tooling. The 1:34 scale replica runs \$80.00, ouch, and is available only from CFD. [See their web site for details.](#)



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## "Terrible Flames"

02/09/07 189 W - + 12 - 8

Dramatic language on display in this the March 20, 1905 edition of the News & Observer: "Several experts visited the ruins of the Standard Oil Company's warehouse yesterday, and after half an hour's inspection of the huge oil tanks, expressed themselves as being amazed that these did not explode, and said that the successful prevention of this was almost a miracle. Learning that the Raleigh Fire Department was composed of volunteers, and that nearly the entire department, with hardly an exception, fought the fire, they said that such faithfulness is seldom seen anywhere. If the firemen had not kept two constant, heavy streams of water on the tanks during the entire conflagration, the tanks, they said, despite the air holes in the top, would have exploded; and to keep this water on the tanks the men were compelled to stand within twenty feet of the terrible flames from the oil and gasoline tanks, where the heat was hardly endurable, and which was intensely hot enough to set afire buildings situated at three times the distance. From the standpoint of personal risk, this was the most dangerous fire ever in Raleigh."

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## This Afternoon's Fire

02/09/07 35 W, 1 I - + 15 - 8

Four engines from Raleigh and a tanker and a brush truck from Garner at Hammond Road and I-40. The burned landscape adds an artsy effect:



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## Towns Outgrowing Their Fire Service

02/10/07 31 W, 2 I - + 9 - 9

Wake Forest and Garner fire departments and the towns talking of taking over. More coverage of this issue in [today's News & Observer](#). And with pictures:



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Wayne, you're my hero....

**Silver** - 02/10/07 - 12:53

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**Beacon Lake Drive...**

02/10/07 43 W - + 9 - 11

...has two sections, Mike discovered this morning while en route to the working fire that Engine 21 reported. Here's [the accurate Google aerial map](#), versus the one consulted in the car. Few things are as annoying as a split-second of road.

Well, at least you were not RESPONDING to the call! And correction, there is nothing anymore annoying than a road that changes names after you go through the intersection (e.g. Edwards Mill Road and Creedmoor Road, and then you have to make two turns to get to the OTHER section of Edwards Mill Road), except maybe for the ones that they change the name to (i.e. South Peartree Lane) something else WITHOUT telling anyone.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/10/07 - 14:59

Quick question, I could not recall if Raleigh FD was running with Chief Aides; are they? If so, where does that rank fall into the entire rank structure? Would it be a promotion from FF, but below Lt. (or whatever the Driver/Engineer is called)?

**Luke** - 02/11/07 - 00:51

No they are not, I remember seeing somewhere that the position was requested or going to be requested for the next budget year though, will be interesting to see if they get it.

(you are correct, Drivers are called Lt's in RFD)

**CFP 7021** - 02/11/07 - 07:28

OK, I was just wondering because I had seen the same Firefighter working at two different fires in a capacity that I would have guessed was a Chief's Aide. Being in that in both cases he was operating at the BC vehicle doing (I believe) accountability.

**Luke** - 02/11/07 - 17:45

Currently, the 2nd in engine company chauffeur is used as a "Chief Aide". Chief McGrath is pro-Chief Aides, expect to see them soon. More than likely it will be the Batt. Chief's "pick" at who he/she uses as an aide. Will probably be a first class or senior firefighter (fill in driver) position due to the fact that one huge responsibility would be driving the Chief around and getting them to the scene safely, as well as having some experience on the fireground.

**Silver** - 02/11/07 - 18:29

It only makes sense. With all of the tasks that have been delegated to the BC's (as well as the EMS District Chiefs) it is only smart to provide them with an aide. Afterall, many managers with fewer responsibilities have administrative assistants.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/11/07 - 18:52

Thanks for explaining that Silver, it seemed too much of a coincidence that I'd see the same person operating in the same function at two different fires.

Does anyone know of any departments (in the South) currently using Chief Aides or is it still mainly just a Northern thing?

**Luke** - 02/11/07 - 21:10

Charlotte used to have them. I would expect to see them again soon since the BC's now have so many responsibilities. I wouldn't want to be hauling butt to a fire in a crown vic, all while trying to drive, talk on the radio, read/push buttons on the MST, read/push buttons on the laptops that are now in the Battalion cars. Luke you know how bad the drivers (citizens) in Charlotte are.

On a related note, chief's aides/drivers is a good promotion for some folks, especially for some of the older guys who are close to retiring. They could squeeze out a few more years that they couldn't if they were assigned to a company. That also opens up just as many opportunities to hire more firefighters to fill the vacancies left by those that were promoted.

**Rides A Truck** - 02/12/07 - 03:01

Rides.. I was actually talking to a BC a few weeks ago about Chief's Aides, especially since we were going over the lap top and just how much

it distracts them from their focus – the horrible drivers! I believe that they would be able to utilize their lap tops much more if they had a Chief's Aide. Of course, they would need to pick their Aides wisely... not too much room in the crown vics after you add all their equipment.

**Luke** - 02/12/07 - 17:02

With the possibility of adding chiefs aides, wouldnt that call for a bigger vehicle then the crown vic. Say something the size of an expedition or tahoe?

**Adam Brown** - 02/12/07 - 23:15

What's the difference between that, and say, two police officers riding together?

**Luke** - 02/13/07 - 00:45

The amount of equipment carried would be the big difference. and the fact that the crown vic is built to be a police cruiser. Just looking at bigger cities, most use some sort of SUV for the BC.

**Adam Brown** - 02/13/07 - 02:27

Raleigh BCs drive SUVs...

**Legeros** - 02/13/07 - 06:46

Any reason why the BCs all seem to have different types of vehicles? Is that because that is all that was available in surplus when they got them?

**Luke** - 02/13/07 - 18:41

Luke, I think it has something to with the state bid contract thing? we don't have any Dodges. back around 98 they bought the first suv. Ford Expedition and after years passed by they were too small so they went with the Excursion, then they burned up breaks to quick and were tough to drive 1039. Then all of a sudden they bought the ugly burgundy Tahoes. Now we are back to the new and approved Expedition. My old man is retired from RPD and they actually started buying Pontiac for the investigators because of prices. Luke were are you from and what do you all use?

**Jason Lane** - 02/13/07 - 23:55

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Garner's Fire

02/11/07 48 W - + 8 - 10

There's quite a bit of activity on Tac 14 and Central at this time, with a working fire on Crowder Road, requests for additional tankers, requests for move-ups, some POVs in the way, and a single-vehicle MVA involving a Deputy who is apparently shaken but not injured.

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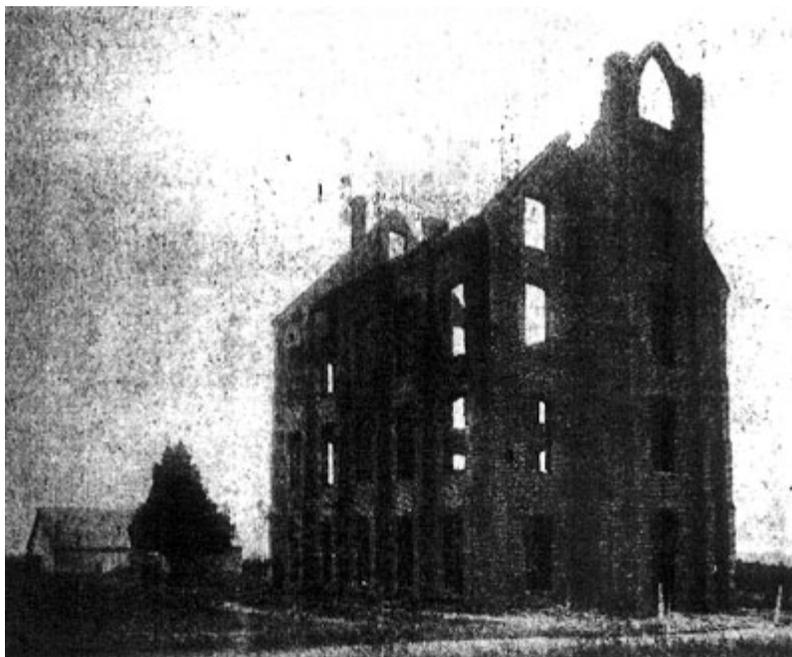
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**Catholic Orphanage, 1905**

02/12/07 93 W, 1 I - + 11 - 13

On October 29, 1905, the dormitory at the Catholic Orphanage burned. The building housed priests and students of the priesthood. Three people were injured leaping from the roof (!), one of whom later died. Several decades later, the story inspired the legend of "Cry Baby Lane," where visitors to the site purportedly heard screaming children and smelled smoke. The orphanage was located in the Nazareth Community west of Raleigh, around the present-day Centennial Campus. This newspaper photo was taken some time later, for a feature on local institutions.



i lived at Nazereth in the 60's. altho the best years of my childhood it could be very unsettling. the cry-baby lane legend is true. it was usually experienced on the lane which dead ended at cardinal gibbons high school.

**jon** ([Email](#)) - 10/02/10 - 21:52

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Heard on Scanner

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Quote: "Patient is 400 pounds and combative." Context: Engine company requesting PD officers.

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**Fire Engine Test, 1906**

02/13/07 285 W - + 13 - 9

From the February 1, 1906 edition of the *News & Observer*: "The test of the steam fire engine, which is made about once a month, in order to see if the engine is in good working order, was made yesterday afternoon on Fayetteville Street, the engine being positioned at the post office corner.

While the test is regarded as a necessary thing, there were not a few citizens who yesterday afternoon questioned the necessity for using Fayetteville Street. For nearly an hour the testing was kept up with various styles of nozzle, and the high stream, aided by the wind gave a rainfall effect all along the street and sidewalk beyond the Yarborough House. So heavy was this at times that passers by had to halt or hurry into buildings to escape the water, as yesterday was not a day for umbrellas.

Another complaint was that the puffing and blowing of the engine tends to frighten horses. Mr. T. B. Mosley had a rough time while the engine was performing, as for fully a half hour he had to stand at the head of his horse, hitched in the front of his office, which was threatening to run away, at times other men having to assist him.

The question raised by Mr. Mosley and others is as to the need of having the test made on Fayetteville Street, where many vehicles pass and where there is every danger of accident or a runaway, and where the water that indiscriminately falls in the street and on the sidewalk interferes greatly with people passing up and down the street, as was the case yesterday. The answer to the question is of course with the fire department authorities."

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15 or 16

02/13/07 32 W - + 16 - 11

Locution says "sixteen" but it sure sounds like "fifteen." Then the siren across the street starts and the call is confirmed for Engine 16. Do they sound the same to anybody else?

Yeah, a lot of times they do. A lot of the crews for EMS15 and EMS16 are announcing as "EMS15, one0five" and EMS16, one-six"

DJ ([Email](#)) - 02/14/07 - 14:42

Dale is right... with so many units out there, it's time to take clear text to the next level and phonetically announce our numbers. After all, it's not One-Oh-One, it's One-Zero-One.

Olson - 02/14/07 - 18:15

In Maryland we were not dispatched as "engine one-twelve", instead in was "engine one-one-two", likewise "medic one-one", "truck two-eight", etc. Eliminated a lot of confusion that way.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 02/14/07 - 21:05

Good suggestion, someone should forward it to the proper person.

Silver - 02/14/07 - 22:21

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**Night Photography and Exposures**

02/14/07 171 W, 1 I - + 13 - 14

Answering a reader question, here's a tip on capturing the correct exposure when shooting at night. When you point and shoot at the brightest thing in the frame-- flames, lights, etc.-- the camera (in automatic or semi-automatic mode) adjusts the exposure and likely renders everything else in the frame too dark. To compensate for this, first frame the shot. Next, aim the camera at something in the frame that is darker than the brightest object in the frame. Press the shutter trigger halfway to lock the focus and exposure settings. Then recompose the picture with the desired framing. Try that a couple times and check the LCD viewer after each shot. You'll get the hang of it. Additional options include (a.) using a flash, which doesn't always work very well and (b.) changing some of the manual camera settings for shutter speed, exposure, etc. And, don't forget to change the ISO setting to a higher or the highest possible setting.



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**Early Indicators**

02/15/07 194 W - + 15 - 10

Three stories. Our family vacationed in Pompano Beach every year. We spent three long days driving from Minnesota to Florida and stayed at my mother's parent's apartment. They managed an apartment building two or three blocks from the beach. Mother tells of Mike as a two- or three- year old, being watched by his grandmother. There was a siren outside and a fire truck passing by. Grandma turned around and Mike was out the door and tearing down the street. Maybe a couple years later, it was not uncommon to find the kid in his yard in Minnesota, suburb of Minneapolis, spraying water on the trees and bushes. He was pretty good with his pretend fire hose and nozzle. Maybe a couple years after that, perhaps the most telling behavior is recalled around the beloved television series "Emergency!" Mike would walk home after school, plop himself in front of the television, and watch afternoon re-runs of the show. He also had a notebook, in which he recorded the various runs of Engine and Squad 51. Oh, to see that notebook today. But everybody probably has similar stories, and probably more embarrassing than these.

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**Spelled Backwards**

02/15/07 45 W - + 14 - 11

Yrac is Cary spelled backwards, which took this smart guy some years to figure out. Noted by a reader, Renrag is Garner spelled backwards, and was the name of the Garner High School newspaper in the late 1960s. Any other notable reverse spellings?

If I am not mistaken the Cary HS yearbook is/was called the YRAC

**CFP 7021** - 02/16/07 - 07:59

7021 you are correct.

**McGraw** - 02/16/07 - 10:49

The Broughton High School yearbook was called LATIPAC at one time, maybe still is.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/17/07 - 14:03

Wake County is not the only one that has spelled Rural Fire Districts backwards. The rural fire district for Ayden (in Pitt County) is spelled NEDYA.

**steven** ([Email](#)) - 02/18/07 - 13:41

I cannot guess at how many people asked me where YRAC was. And all of the ways they tried to pronounce it- YEE-rac, yee-RAC, yerac. The first member of the public I ever encountered, while I was a member of Yrac, who guessed it all correctly was a Pompano Beach firefighter I encountered way back in 1981 or so.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/18/07 - 14:43

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Spell-Checking / Firefox 2

02/16/07 39 W, 1 I - + 13 - 7

Download the latest version of the [Firefox Web browser](#) and it automatically checks spelling in Web page forms, such as used in this blog. How cool this that? And it's free!

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This is an example of spell-checkng.	

Why worry about spell-checking on a blog (or other forum), when we all know what each other is trying to say? Clarity of communication is always something to strive for, as even the best mind readers can become confused by confusing words. (Or missing words, something that this typist can be frequently cited for.) It can also be difficult to determine if misspellings are intentional, particularly if the poster is new or unrecognized. Do you take the posting seriously, as some people deliberately misspell words for comic or shock effect. However, that is a more of a discussion board or newsgroup thing. There's also the dreaded specter of public perception. Poor spelling perceived as poor thinking. In a targeted forum such as this, with a more inclusive audience, it's probably not an issue.

Postscript: This message took twice as long to edit as it did to compose. And you should have seen MY mistakes...

**Legeros** - 02/16/07 - 07:23

I could not agree more with the informal nature of the blog. I am new to this and am in no way passing judgment. I just used the statement "look at a post " as a way of saying we could all do a little better. It is not acceptable on a document that is public record. My poor spelling in the posts reflects my light heartedness in communicating with my brothers and I take others misspelling the same. I do however see the need for formal grammatical classes to give us the tools to recognize when we have made a mistake. IFSTA realized we are not that bright a long time ago. They write their manuals on a 9th grade reading level. When I say not that bright I do not mean we are stupid. The sad part is i am not exactly for the need for a college degree to be a company officer. I like the notion of the fire officer 1 & 2 certificates.

**Porter** ([Email](#)) - 02/16/07 - 09:44

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**Blog Dinner - March 14 - Hideaway BBQ - 2210 Capital Boulevard**

02/16/07 74 W - + 16 - 10

Let's try [Hideaway BBQ](#) at 2210 Capital Boulevard for the first blog dinner. Wednesday, March 14. "A" shift. Start at 7:00 p.m., though Mike may get there as early as 6:45. The calendar says no live music, so talking should be fine. Pass through, stay and eat, whatever you like. Plan for an hour or longer as desired. RSVP if you like. In-service units invited as well.

I (along with radios) should be in attendance. Hope to see a good group there!

**Marshall Sherard CFP[714]** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/16/07 - 20:48

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Other Dinners?

02/16/07 46 W - + 11 - 13

Just how many different groups have regular dinners around here, anyway? The Wake County Firefighter's Association meets quarterly, each time at a different station. Retired Raleigh firefighters meet the second Tuesday of each month at Pam's on Western Boulevard, starting around 7.30 a.m. Others?

Capital Area Fools meets the first Wednesday of every month, usually at Napper Tandy's at 7PM, you can enjoy both food and beverage.

CFP 7021 - 02/16/07 - 18:51

That would probably work better actually. It's at 7pm, bar in the back at Napper Tandy's (the old RiRa's) on North West St.

Silver - 02/16/07 - 19:09

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## On-Job Napping Good For Heart

02/16/07 29 W - + 9 - 10

Or so says some [newly released research](#) reported this week. Best spot for discrete dozing? Tiller seat, in the back of a darkened bay.

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**Survey: County-Wide Newsletter**

02/16/07 171 W - + 13 - 12

The [Wake County Fire/Rescue Division](#) is looking at ways to increase information sharing among our fire departments and fire protection agencies. One option is a newsletter. What would readers request of such a thing? Please respond to the following as desired. Feel free to post a response, or respond by [private e-mail](#). If you respond via private-email, your identity will NOT be shared unless you advise otherwise. We'll compile and pass along to the Powers That Be.

1. How frequently should a Wake County Fire-Rescue newsletter appear? Monthly | Quarterly | Other
2. How should the newsletter be distributed? E-mail | Print | Web | Combination | Other
3. What content should the newsletter contain?
4. What would compel YOU to read the newsletter?
5. For responders, what information do YOU want or need on a regular basis?
6. For non-responders (citizens, buffs, etc.), what information do YOU want?
7. What agencies should be included or excluded in the content and distribution of the newsletter?
8. Do you have any additional comments about a Wake County Fire-Rescue newsletter?

Thanks for participating.

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**guest** - 02/16/07 - 20:10

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**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/16/07 - 20:39

all of the above but maybe do a department spotlight each time so that others in the county can learn about departments from all over.  
Example I know very little about Rolesville FD

**apexbattchief** - 02/16/07 - 22:09

All above are great. I think monthly might be a bit overly optimistic...Quarterly would probably be better, then there would be more time for info to be acquired to deliver....like more fire/rescue incidents to report on...etc... I really like the department spotlight Apex Batt. Chief...how about whats going on with you guys at Fire Rescue? Roles and resposilities/expertise of each of your staff positions. What you guys expect from the fds after a fire, like dos and donts prior to investigations. Your short and/or long term goals/dreams for Wake County fire service etc... Training goals or delivery info on the training center etc...overall, a good idea.

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 02/17/07 - 00:40

- 1) Quarterly
- 2) Combination

3) Changing topics every publication. I would like a department spotlight as well. It would be a good opportunity to reveal unique resources that some departments have that could be utilized by others.

4) Interest/education

5) Special/New Hazards, Educational, Etc.

7) All public safety agencies in WC.

8) Promote countywide cooperation and response. Provide good information to increase interoperability and insure a seamless response. Good way to post SOG's that can be applied Countywide. (not trying to start an argument about sog's)

**AB** - 02/19/07 - 11:39

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**Fatalities**

02/17/07 47 W - + 14 - 7

Such a curious collage of fatal incidents in the last couple days. Two killed in the three-truck collision on I-85 yesterday morning. Two killed in apparent carbon monoxide poisoning in Wilson this afternoon. Durham police officer killed in vehicle accident overnight. Wonder what Sunday will bring?

Peace, relaxation and harmony sounds good to me.

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 02/18/07 - 01:33

He is right, I wouldn't mind taking it east tonight!!!

**Knightdale** - 02/18/07 - 08:11

Hopefully today will bring a good race, too.

**Luke** - 02/18/07 - 10:50

Spoke too soon....one dead in a house fire in Fayetteville!!!

**Crap!!** - 02/18/07 - 14:25

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**Disaster Control and UFOs**

02/18/07 69 W - + 16 - 9

Then there's this, the famous/infamous thirteenth chapter from FEMA's *Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control*, 2nd Edition, June 1992: **Enemy Attack and UFO Potential**. Google has plenty of links to transcribed content, such as [this excerpt](#). There are plenty of strange and unidentified things on this planet, of course. And just as soon as they cause stress or alarm, somebody invariably summons the fire department.

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Station 28

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Still slated to open in April...



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**This Afternoon's Fire**

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Turned out to be a good day for grass and woods fires, sunny and windy and dry. Raleigh and New Hope contained a couple acres off Louisburg Road a little while ago:



Mike, too bad you didn't get any pics of the old New Hope "Mule" in the woods. Guess you didn't see it.

**AB** - 02/19/07 - 10:33

Was the Mule at the first fire, which I attended? I know it appeared at the second fire, early that evening.

**Legeros** - 02/19/07 - 19:24

It attended, but eventually rolled over later that evening on the scene.

**New Hope** - 02/19/07 - 20:59

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**Monitoring RDU / Heard on Scanner**

02/18/07 68 W - + 17 - 11

Having trouble receiving RDU talkgroups lately? We're told the airport has moved their system site from Apex to RDU, the first step in the migration to the Wake County radio system. They're still on the air, you just have to be close to the airport to tune in. Also, heard this for the first time this afternoon: Lie-gone Middle School. Another Locution classic.

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## Why We Play Nice

02/21/07 164 W - + 14 - 11

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Because the fire service is ultimately about relationships. Tools, training, etc. are key components, but they all require people. And those people have to get along to work effectively. This is why we censor comments, as well as ourselves. There are plenty of things WE talk about but don't blog about. Feel free to comment about anything and everything on this blog. Play nice and no editing will be required. Play rough and editing may happen. Play rough and without signing your name, and editing probably will happen. Firefighters are there own worst enemies, it is said, and that is certainly true on the communications front. Thus why we "help" these conversations and the folks conversing therein. Because at the end of the day, we all have to work together and therefore have to get along with each other. That said, come to the blog dinner and we'll chew the unexpurgated fat. Mike'll buy the first round of fifty-cent words.

Good points...not to mention the big picture is customer service, which is why we are here...to serve!

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 02/22/07 - 01:34

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**Make Some Money**

02/21/07 128 W - + 16 - 11

This announcement is making the rounds: "*Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment* magazine is now paying \$200 for photos of recently delivered new apparatus fighting at fire scenes. Photos selected will appear on the cover with full credit to the photographer. Complete information as to apparatus designation, name of department, contact phone number for department and for photographer as well a scene description must accompany all submissions. Preference given to apparatus delivered within the previous eight months. Photo must clearly show at least half of the apparatus plus the fire scene. Cutline information should describe what is going on in the photo. Photographer must provide name and affiliation of any identifiable firefighters or people in the photo. More info at [www.fireapparatusmagazine.com](http://www.fireapparatusmagazine.com)." Photogs, give it a shot!

Guess CAD should start recommending additional police units for fire photographer traffic control. Has there been a working fire in Wake County recently without a new apparatus?

**Olson** - 02/22/07 - 10:54

Hmmm... I'd like to see some of the old trucks working too, like Raleigh's Mack/Baker. Then again, if their purpose is to focus on "New Deliveries at work" then this would defeat that purpose. Maybe later they can do a project with older apparatus on the job.

**Luke** - 02/22/07 - 11:48

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**The Big Fire**

02/22/07 28 W, 1 I - + 19 - 10

Mike has posted some [preliminary photos](#). He still has some 600+ to process. Lee has 200+ or more. Watch this space.



Besides KPS what other county units stood by at city stations?

**Mike** - 02/22/07 - 23:23

The complete list: Cary at 8, DHFD at 4, BLFD at 9 and 16, KPS at 12, WFFD at 19 and 25, Rolesville at 15, SCFD at 20, and GFD engine and ladder at 1.

**Legeros** - 02/22/07 - 23:24

New Hope Station 1 was also assigned to Stations 19 and 27 with units responding out of NH Sta. 1

**nhfd** - 02/23/07 - 00:51

The News & Observer has a slideshow of shots, including some good aerial photos: <http://www.newsobserver.com/1202/story/5..>

**Legeros** - 02/23/07 - 07:02

Second version of preliminary photos posted. Many, many more. Auto-focus was an issue with all that smoke. Still some strangely tilted photos. That one's either a misaligned sensor or ongoing operator failure. Roadway shots are Trinity Road in Cary, the Beltline around Six Forks Road, and Capital Boulevard approaching Highwoods Boulevard.

**Legeros** - 02/23/07 - 08:35

Falls 211 also stood-by at st.4

**Nick** ([Email](#)) - 02/23/07 - 09:22

Wonder if they'll speed up merging that CAD database any? What an afternoon!

**qb** - 02/23/07 - 12:57

Cause of fire was "carelessly discarded smoking material" informs the WRAL site.

**Legeros** - 02/23/07 - 19:03

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**Heard on Scanner**

02/22/07 16 W - + 13 - 12

"Motorcycle that is under a car, and the car is on fire." Yikes!

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**Big Views**

02/23/07 28 W, 3 I - + 17 - 13

Here are three panoramic views of the big fire. First view facing north. Second view facing east. Third view facing north, but later. Click to enlarge:



Good pics Mike! How did you take these?

**Griggs** - 02/24/07 - 10:07

Those were shot with a Canon Digital Rebel XT, saved as highest-resolution JPG. These steps were performed:

1. Rename files using Flash Renamer.
2. Edit files using Photoshop Elements.
3. Slight rotation as needed.
4. Batch processed to resize, auto-level, auto-contrast, and sharpen.
5. Batch saved as high but not maximum resolution JPG.
6. Photomerge feature used to "stitch" together.
7. Stitched image cropped and resaved.

**Legeros** - 02/24/07 - 10:11

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## Big Fire Summary, 1926

02/24/07 22 W - + 20 - 15

By way of comparison, here's an [informal narrative](#) recounting one of Raleigh's largest early-era fires, at Dorothea Dix hospital.

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**More Photos**

02/24/07 22 W, 1 I - + 21 - 12

Lee has [posted his photos](#) from the Big Fire. Excellent color, contrast, and lighting.



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Two Days Later

02/24/07 16 W, 2 I - + 16 - 13

Here are a pair of panoramic views from Oneonta Court on Saturday afternoon:



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## 2007 Battle of the Badges

02/26/07 125 W, 1 I, 1 D - + 19 - 14

On Sunday, March 25 at the RBC Center, the Leatherheads (pictured) and the Blueliners will battle on ice to raise money for fallen and sick public safety workers. The event is FREE to the public, so bring the family and help raise money. Donations will be accepted at the event. Proceeds will benefit the [200 club of Wake County](#), the [NC Fallen Firefighter's Foundation](#), the family of fallen Durham Police Officer Charles Callemyn, and Raleigh Firefighter Morgan McLamb who is courageously and bravely battling brain cancer. For more information contact: Raleigh Firefighter Kevin Ellsworth (919) 368-2884 or Raleigh Police Officer Bob Hoyle (919) 255-8081. Click this PDF icon to view the event flyer: 



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### Japanese Hydrant Covers

02/26/07 27 W, 1 I - + 17 - 7

From a reader, pictures of a pair of in-street hydrant covers from Hamamatsu, Japan. How cool are these?



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## Friday Night's Fire

02/26/07 54 W, 1 I - + 15 - 14

For night photographers, this was shot in the rear of 335 Sherwee Drive early Friday evening. Very dark alley, with minimal street lighting. ISO at 1600 and camera held as still as possible. Tripod was sitting in trunk. D'oh! Auto-leveling and other post-processing rendered the funky colors.



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**Keeping Your Rear in the Clear**

02/27/07 56 W, 1 I - + 18 - 14

[News & Observer feature](#) on operating the a\$\$ end of Ladder 1. Speaking from experience training on the old tiller, that's a blast and then some. Here's a bonus montage for Ezzell and the "C" shift crew. Left to right, top to bottom: 1939/1916 ALF, 1958 ALF, 1979 Mack/1958 ALF, 2004 Pierce. Click to slightly enlarge:



And I thought driving the monster at WakeMed was tough...

**EMS Guy** ([Email](#)) - 02/27/07 - 13:00

How much did Wendell (Raleigh's) old ladder go for on ebay?

**Ebay** - 10/16/07 - 15:24

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**Heard on Scanner**

02/27/07 19 W - + 15 - 20

Unit to dispatch: "Patient is GOA." Dispatch: "Patient is dead?" Unit: "Patient is gone on arrival."

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"Raleigh"

02/27/07 28 W - + 18 - 15

Sounds like some dispatch changes have happened, or are being tested, with "Raleigh" now named as the department when dispatched with county units on the county talkgroup.

It may be the beginnings of the closest unit dispatch intergration...

**FireF** - 02/28/07 - 08:29

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**Yarborough House and Square Footage**

02/28/07 106 W, 1 I - + 18 - 9

Happened upon this postcard on eBay, which makes a keen visual aid to the following figures posted earlier as a comment: the average square footage of the Big Fire homes was/is 1,428.75. Each two-story, four-unit building measured 5,715 square-feet, with twelve buildings burned, partially burned, or had to be protected. 68,580 square-feet total. When Raleigh's Yarborough House on Fayetteville Street burned in 1928, and tied up the entire fire department plus engines from Durham and Smithfield, the three-story building measured some 46,500 square-feet (from insurance maps). Fifteen lines, 7,200 feet of hose, and 30 engine hours on that one.



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## Day Trip / Carteret Apparatus

02/28/07 78 W, 1 I - + 23 - 15

Mike is going to the coast for the day. The last time he took a midweek Morehead trip, and was absent from his workplace that is but five minutes from the airport, a military jet exploded on the runway. What will today's absence bring? Yeah, yeah, hopefully nothing. Update, next morning. Here are three new or newer pieces of apparatus from Morehead (top two) and Atlantic Beach (bottom):



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**Johnston County Dump Fire**

03/01/07 49 W - + 14 - 11

Says [this WRAL article](#), smoke from the yard-waste dump fire near Clayton is suspected of setting off smoke alarms in buildings at NCSU on Wednesday night! That's some 15 miles as the crow flies. Officials were stumped. Ha! Update: [News & Observer article](#) on extinguishing techniques tried.

Have the environmental agencies been monitoring particulate levels to protect the firefighters and nearby residents? I see or hear no mention of anything but carbon monoxide levels online and on TV.

I've looked into this subject a lot, since mother was poisoned by a contractor neighbor that was burning construction debris (some of it treated). The following page is one of the best links I've found.

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/burn/burnpg.h..>

See:

January 1997

EPA/600/SR-96/128 Evaluation of Emissions from the Open Burning of Land-Clearing Debris

October 1996

EPA-600/R-96-128 Evaluation of Emissions from the Open Burning of Land-Clearing Debris (CTC)

1998

EPA/600/SR-98/013 Products of Incomplete Combustion from Direct Burning of Pentachlorophenol-treated Wood Wastes

December, 1993

A Summary of the Emissions Characterization and Noncancer Respiratory Effects of Wood Smoke-EPA-453/R-93-036

**[hnizdo]** - 03/03/07 - 19:34

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**Big Fire, Street Names, New Streets**

03/03/07 42 W - + 15 - 15

For those that listened to that [dramatic 911 exchange](#) from the Big Fire, this morning's [News & Observer article](#) expands on the question of street names and response times. That exchange is also transcribed in this [accompanying article](#).

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Station 28

03/04/07 8 W, 1 I - + 19 - 13

Panoramic view this time. Click to enlarge:



nice looking station, I love the arches, adds some historical elements to it.

**CFP 7021** - 03/04/07 - 12:52

I agree 7021, especially if they allow the guys at that station or if they city pays to have a sign up over the archway that reads ENGINE 28 and LADDER 28 if one is put out there. It adds a little pride for the guys stationed there.

**Mike** - 03/04/07 - 19:59

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## Station 7

03/04/07 25 W, 1 I - + 12 - 17

Random historical image, Raleigh Station 7 when it opened on December 30, 1959. That's a hand-wound Gamewell gong on the wall.



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**Blog Dinner Next Week**

03/06/07 55 W - + 11 - 17

This is a reminder that [Hideaway BBQ](#) at 2210 Capital Boulevard is the destination for the first blog dinner. Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. Come, chat, chow. Plan for an hour or longer as desired. They're not expecting us, so seating will be catch as catch can. In-service units are invited as well.

...might even bring name tags, too. I'll be the guy in the Hawaiian shirt.

**Legeros** - 03/07/07 - 20:44

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**Explorers?**

03/07/07 26 W - + 15 - 11

How many departments around here have Explorer posts? And what are they allowed to do or not do, both at the station or on scene?

Raleigh Fire Explorer Post 108 was organized in 1985. Members, aged 14 to 21, are or were allowed on scene at working fires, and could participate in activities such as carrying air bottles and rolling hose. They are or were allowed to visit stations and assist with regular duties such as cleaning, maintenance, and checking off apparatus. For some years up until last year, ride-alongs and overnights were also allowed. Haven't seen them in a while at scenes, but I presume that they are still active.

**Legeros** - 03/07/07 - 07:45

Apex and Fuquay have explorer posts. Wake Forest has a Junior program.

**CFP 7021** - 03/07/07 - 09:38

Durham Highway, Bay Leaf, Falls, and Stoney Hill all have junior programs, what a junior member can do at each varies greatly.

**DHFD** - 03/07/07 - 19:12

Legeros, the reason you have not seen the explorers at scenes lately are because of newer strict guidelines on the program that RFD has put forth to reduce a "liability." Explorers can no longer cross the fire line, ride along which was fought for since I joined in 1999. I resigned from the program in 2003 before the new rules came to be, but generally, I believe the program is disbanding or in a severe rut.

**former explorer** - 03/08/07 - 18:12

That is sad that a program which is a great recruiting tool and opportunity to get young people interested in the fire service for RFD is no longer of a service. It should say something the number of individuals hired that started out as explorers.

**Guest** - 03/08/07 - 18:57

Durham Highway's Junior program has lead to many great vollies and paid people and DHFD, it is truly a shame that RFD's explorers have been trashed...

**DHFD** - 03/08/07 - 23:41

Knightdale Public Safety and Eastern Wake EMS both have a explorer/cadet program.

**Gold** - 03/14/07 - 12:25

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**SMAT Sighting**

03/07/07 43 W, 1 I - + 18 - 9

Seen at WakeMed Emergency Services, a State Medical Assistance Team mobile field hospital. Lee takes the photo, Mike makes the pun. MCI with gunmen at flea market. What is SMAT with SWAT at a swap?



More information about SMAT teams in North Carolina: <http://cms.premis.net/smat/index.php?opt..>

**Legeros** - 03/08/07 - 08:02

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Responding as Safety

03/08/07 37 W - + 18 - 9

That phrase that you're hearing on RFD channels, for Beltline wrecks, refers to a new procedure that sends a second engine (or ladder?) to vehicle incidents, for the purpose of assisting with traffic control.

heard it today with 23/24 on 540 and with 8 and western wake on 40.

great idea, glad to see it catching on

CFP 7021 - 03/08/07 - 23:26

Actually, it's supposed to be all incidents, not just MVA's, to act as a "blocker".

Silver - 03/09/07 - 12:26

County units has been doing that since I 540 was opened and it works well. If they get through a 40K pound engine or 70K pound ladder I guess it's your time to go...

DT - 03/09/07 - 18:18

and well before that on certain stretches of I-40, Cary has been doing it on US-1 since the new construction started a couple years ago, sending L-3 to act as a block.

glad to see this tactic catching on around the area, there's no reason to have any injuries or deaths due to being hit by a car at a scene. It's preventable.

CFP 7021 - 03/09/07 - 19:26

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## Wake County Fire Commission Meeting, 3/15

03/08/07 54 W - + 11 - 14

The next Wake County Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building on Carya Drive near I-440 and Poole Road. If we receive an agenda ahead of time, we'll post.

Mike, Any word on the Fire Commission Agenda?

**AB** - 03/12/07 - 17:46

Negative. They are typically transmitted the morning of the meeting day, if memory serves. Or maybe one day prior.

**Legeros** - 03/12/07 - 17:51

The agenda:

1. Call meeting to order

Invocation

Roll of members present

Approval of Agenda

2. Minutes

Adoption of Minutes for January 18, 2007, Regular Meeting

3. Regular Agenda

Budget Process Update

Apparatus Committee

4. Information Agenda

Staffing Committee

Facility Committee

Chair Report

Fire/Rescue Services Director Report

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

30 minutes maximum time allotted, Maximum 3 minutes per person

7. Adjournment

**Legeros** - 03/13/07 - 17:04

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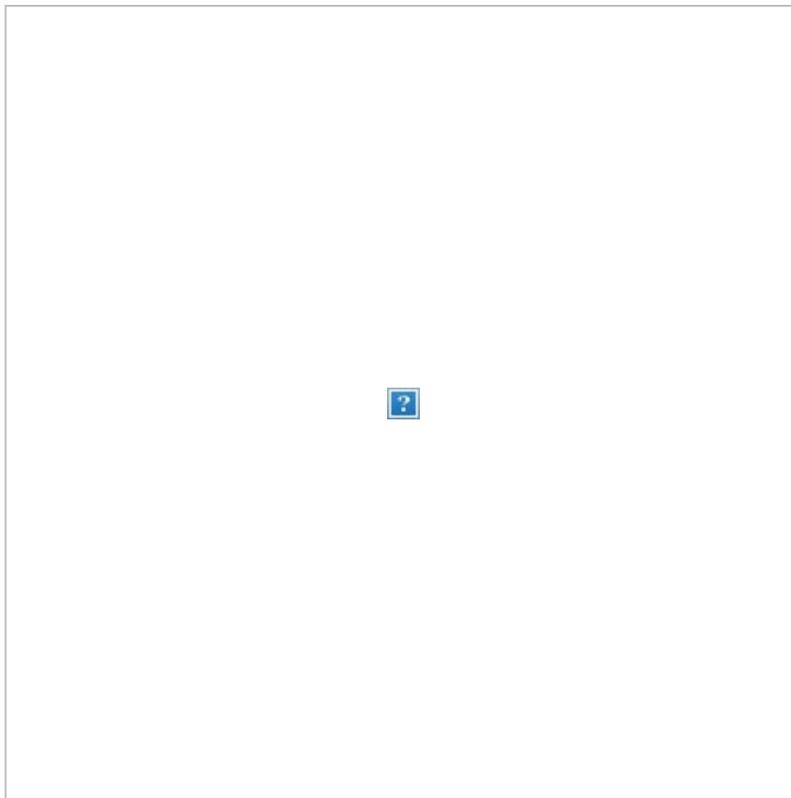
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## More Robots

03/08/07 41 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

Remember those pictures posted of [Japanese firefighting robots](#), featured here after the Apex chemical fire? Seems such technologies are working their way to the States. Check out the [LUF 60](#). Heck, maybe similar units have been available here for years...



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**Mike on TV / Old Film Footage**

03/09/07 74 W - + 15 - 15

This month's edition of Fire Watch, shown on [Raleigh Television Network Channel 11](#) (click on [RTN11 - Government](#) to view a PDF program listing), includes interview-style narration by Mike of the [vintage film footage](#) that he recently surfaced. Fire Watch is hosted by retired Raleigh Fire Department Life Safety Educator Jan Parker. This is Mike's third or fourth appearance. Don't be alarmed by the presence of his golf shirt.

saw you on the Sky 5 footage of the vehicle into building that was either today or yesterday... you're famous? do you even own a golf shirt? joking!

**CFP 7021** - 03/10/07 - 00:35

Nope, was some other person at that incident...

**Legeros** - 03/10/07 - 06:33

And, now that episode of FireWatch is available as streaming video: <http://raleigh.granicus.com/ViewPublishe..>

**Legeros** - 03/15/07 - 20:54

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**Raleigh/Wake Scanner Feeds Coming**

03/09/07 49 W - + 15 - 12

[Carolinas Fire Page](#) informs that live scanner feeds of Raleigh and Wake County fire and channels are coming. Dispatch, tac, and ops. They presently host feeds from [Charlotte/Mecklenburg County](#) and [Greensboro/Guilford County](#). Look for the Raleigh/Wake feed around or after May.

Did he say if it would just be for dispatch or maybe some tac channels also?

**nc-ghost** ([Email](#)) - 03/09/07 - 21:33

Dispatch, tac, and ops. I corrected the original posting.

**Legeros** - 03/10/07 - 06:34

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**Something in the Air?**

03/10/07 34 W, 1 I - + 23 - 11

What's with all the wrecks around town today? Pin after pin after entrapment after entrapment. Seven transported from 64/264 earlier. Pics of that extrication forthcoming.



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## High-Rise Assignments Coming

03/11/07 140 W - + 11 - 14

For those who haven't heard, high-rise assignments are coming in Raleigh. The training is about completed at the company level, and the new procedures (and run card) should take effect in the coming months. Any report of fire in any building over 75 feet in height will consist of the following:

### First alarm:

- 5 engines - fire attack, water supply, fire attack, lobby control, RIT
- 2 ladders - search fire floor, search floor above
- 1 rescue - elevator control
- 1 battalion chief - operations
- 1 division chief - command

### Second alarm:

- 5 engines - safety (1), fire attack (2-4), RIT (5)
- 2 ladders - search above the fire floor
- 1 rescue - fire attack
- 2 battalion chiefs - sector chief, logistics
- 1 assistant chief
- 1 chief
- 1 air unit
- 1 field communications unit
- 2 EMS units
- 1 EMS supervisor

### Third alarm:

- 5 engines
- 2 ladders
- 1 battalion chief
- 2 EMS units
- 1 assistant chief

### Fourth alarm or greater:

- 5 engines
- 2 ladders

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Correction to the assignments; Ladder companies will be: 1st due = fire floor and 2nd due = floor above, not lobby control. Five engines will be on the first assignment, the 4th due (as dispatched) engine being lobby control.

**Silver** - 03/11/07 - 09:16

Corrected. Thanks.

**Legeros** - 03/11/07 - 10:18

On The First Alarm, what about an EMS Unit and A Supervisor. That is normally dispatched on a "structure fire call" unless you are talking

about fire alarms?

**Gold** - 03/14/07 - 00:28

I think they are going on the first alarm as well.....we're talking "reported fires" in a high-rise....

**Silver** - 03/14/07 - 09:24

Once the protocols and training are complete, the EMS response to a working high-rise fire will include 3 ambulances, two chiefs, and the major operations unit. Deployment of those resources will include inside rehab/medical (2 floors below the fire, with the FD operations command post), lobby medical, and an outside medical unit (located at "base") to take care of civilian casualties.

This is the same response compliment for a non-high rise "major working fire" but the deployment is different.

Skip

**EMS 100** ([Email](#)) - 03/14/07 - 09:26

Chief,

Will this be county wide or just Raleigh FD?

**CFP 7021** - 03/14/07 - 12:24

Thanks Skip, looks like yall have everything in the works.

**Gold** - 03/14/07 - 12:24

Reference "the whole county or just RFD," I hadn't given that much thought until you asked. I'm trying to think of "high rise" buildings outside the city (there may be some but I don't know them off hand). We would have to be asked by the FD having jurisdiction, develop protocols, and train with other FDs. As of today, RFD asked and we responded, with the specifics you see. But county-wide, we (including the contract agencies) will send whatever is needed wherever it is needed.

Skip

**EMS 100** ([Email](#)) - 03/14/07 - 14:58

Any high-hazard facility should qualify for a similiar response. Regardless of its location.

**DT** - 03/14/07 - 15:12

We can't get Chief's in this county to come up with descriptions for a brush unit versus an engine. Do you really think that they could come up with set "box" assignments for different size buildings?

**Guest** - 03/14/07 - 21:59

We've added extra resources for high rise buildings because it is too far to travel from the fire floor outside for medical or rehab, so those functions will be inside the high rise building. On buildings where rehab can be outside, we don't think the extra ambulance will be needed. Of course, the IC can special call whatever he thinks he needs.

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**EMS 100** ([Email](#)) - 03/15/07 - 07:39

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**This Evening's Fire**

03/11/07 68 W - + 13 - 11

Stony Hill is working a house fire on Hinshaw Road. Reported as deck on fire. Working fire on arrival. Engines requested from Durham Highway, Wake Forest, Falls, and Bay Leaf for manpower. Tankers requested from Durham Highway, Wake Forest, Brassfield, and Creedmoor. Water point at Stony Hill Station 2. Second ops channel for water supply. Update 9:21 p.m. Old Weaver Trail requested as second water point.

Is this Stony's second fire of the night?

**Jonny** ([Email](#)) - 03/11/07 - 21:37

Yes, the first fire was on Creedmoor Road around 6:30 p.m. Smaller fire, I think. They may have also had an MVA on 98 in-between the fires.

**Legeros** - 03/12/07 - 17:18

It seems that everyone is running more working fires lately. County and City Wide

**AB** - 03/12/07 - 17:42

The reason for the second water point being established was due to the fact that the water point at SHFD Station 2 is a 10000 gallon tank. Water supply command knew that this tank would empty so he requested that the Old Weaver Trail water point was established.

**yesiwasthere** - 03/12/07 - 19:26

Crews also refilled the Station 2 tank before clearing, it sounded like. Over a century ago, such underground tanks in downtown Raleigh were called fire cisterns. Then hydrants were laid some decades later. Maybe hydrants will come to the farthest reaches of the county before 2107.

**Legeros** - 03/12/07 - 20:49

Any photos available?

**AB** - 03/13/07 - 18:59

Mike; There are preliminary plans for Auqa-marine formerly known as Heater Utilities to install a million-ish gallon tank at the s/e corner of Hwy 98 and Creedmoor Rd...maybe the beginning of something positive in the water supply department for the North Region.

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 03/13/07 - 22:44

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**Congratulations**

03/12/07 109 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

Raleigh's newest recruits graduated this evening at Fletcher Opera Theater in the Building Formerly Known as Memorial Auditorium. Congratulations to A. Bakhshi, A. Burns, J. Callender, C. Carlson, R. Carlson, D. Carroll, G. Ceisner, T. Cruse, P. Guidry, A. Gutierrez, B. Harris, L. Hubbard, D. Hunter, W. Janke, I. Johnson, K. Joyner, T. . Kennion, C. Lewis, P. Marks, C. Moore, E. Palmer, W. Pearce, D. Penny, D. Richardson, E. Stephenson, G. Todd, B. Uptont, R. Vradenburgh, P. Walters, A. Winston, S. Woodall, and A. Young. Here's a salute, the best of wishes, and hoping that the above names are all spelled correctly.



Awesome ceremony, made me proud to be one of Raleigh's Bravest.

**Silver** - 03/13/07 - 10:12

Pictures posted from Lee and Mike.

**Legeros** - 03/13/07 - 17:29

Jeff, I cannot agree with you more!! I was jealous thinking about 11 years ago graduating in the basement of the civic center in May, no air conditioning and remodeling construction down the hall. But after being present the other night seeing the new dress uniforms that the white hats had knowing ours are coming soon, seeing Ladder 1 and Engine 13 out front, and most of all having the Pipes and Drums from Wake and District play for our new brothers and sisters. I was extremely proud to SAY I am a Raleigh Firefighter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And after teaching some classes for the new probies I can honestly say they are going to do a great job on line!!!!!! Hats off to Car 1, 10 Capt. Kevin, Brandon, Chris and everyone else that helped our new additions from the 33rd!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GOD BLESS you all and good game!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stay Safe and see y'all at the parade on Saturday( St. Patty's Day)

**Jason Lane** - 03/14/07 - 00:27

It was a well put together ceremony. It was cool to see those who came out in support of the 33rd! The one thing that put a sour taste in my mouth was the dropped badges.

**LtEng3** - 03/14/07 - 12:13

Congrats to the new RFD brothers and sisters, welcome to the greater family. It looked to be a very nice ceremony, glad to see things like this coming to the triangle

**CFP 7021** - 03/14/07 - 12:26

Lt., I agree about the badges. Hopefully next time they will put them in some sort of case or box. I think that was the only unfortunate thing the other night.

**Silver** - 03/14/07 - 13:46

Dropped badges, the perfect metaphor for the fire service? As comments on this blog have long demonstrated, just about any event or incident features at least one unplanned and highly visible occurrence. Some people notice, some get uncomfortable, and everyone moves on.

**Legeros** - 03/14/07 - 22:00

Where were the recruits assigned? By the numbers:

A shift – 9

B shift – 10

C shift – 13

E-1 – 1

E-3 – 3

E-5 – 2

E-6 – 3

E-7 – 1

E-9 – 3

E-10 – 1

E-11 – 3

E-12 – 2

E-13 – 1

E-16 – 2

E-17 – 1

E-19 – 1

E-21 – 3

E-22 – 1

E-23 – 1

E-24 – 1

L-1 – 2

**Legeros** - 03/16/07 - 18:31

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**Fuquay's Fire**

03/13/07 49 W - + 17 - 11

Some serious drama unfolded in Fuquay last night. Industrial plant with multiple fires. Originally reported as a fire alarm. Street address originally reported as Raleigh, with RFD dispatched. It was compelling listening for the armchair observer. Chief Mauldin is the man. And here's the [morning paper's coverage](#).

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**New Hope's Off-Road Fleet**

03/13/07 197 W, 1 I - + 19 - 8

Public service announcement. The New Hope Fire Department reminds everyone that their off-road fleet is available anytime, anywhere. The brush truck, Mule and trailer, and tanker are based at New Hope Station 2 on Watkins Road. The Mule can be requested alone or with the brush truck. It is normally towed by either their Suburban (Truck 2) or Brush 7. Their Tanker 9 responds with Brush 7 on all calls as a water source. The Mule is very effective in treacherous terrain. It can go places a brush truck cannot, and help conserve manpower by hauling equipment in and out of woods. Click to enlarge:



Specs are as follows: Brush 7

County Spec Brush Truck

300 Gal Tank

Tanker 9

Off Road Tanker

1250 Gal Tank

Gas Pump

Booster reel

The Mule (1950's Army Mule Customized)

Off Road Utility Vehicle

All Wheel drive

Approx 100 Gal Water Tank

Booster Reel w/ Gas Pump

Capable of drafting from a static water source (pond/river) or filled from tanker or brush truck

Has assorted hand tools (Pulaski, Fire Rake, Shovel, etc)

2 1/2 gallon water extinguisher

2000 lb Electric Winch

Exterior lights for night operations

Equipment tray capable of carrying a stokes basket for off road rescue situations.

It would be good to present specialized equipment in this way. So all our neighbors know what resources are available. Thanks Mike!

**AB** - 03/13/07 - 19:01

I agree with AB, Mike it would be awesome if you could go around to every department and show us their specialized equipment.

**Roger** - 03/15/07 - 15:03

The Mule information and photos come courtesy of NHFD, which I should have noted, and were posted at their suggestion. Other departments are welcome to submit information and photos about their special units. I will review and post as time permits.

**Legeros** - 03/15/07 - 17:08

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**Heard on Scanner**

03/13/07 22 W - + 12 - 13

Vehicle fire on I-40. Grill still burning in the back of a truck. You might be a redneck if...

Heard that to, also send me an engine 10-40, 10-40, Love that clear text!

**Yo** - 03/14/07 - 00:26

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Public access of public records are in the news, notably in [this morning's newspaper article](#) and a slightly sensationalized [article from Sunday](#). The *News & Observer* has been running a whole series. What are the laws pertaining to public records in North Carolina? Here's [some information](#). With enough initiative and expended energy, interested parties could be quite "in the know" on local fire department matters, though perhaps at the expense of their relationships with said agencies. Postscript: Imaging the latter and *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* comically comes to mind. George C. Scott to Peter Sellers: "You can't let him in here! He'll see everything! He'll see the big board!"

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**Dinner Report**

03/14/07 67 W - + 18 - 10

Tonight's blog dinner saw exactly two participants. Lee and Mike enjoyed extended conversation over hush puppies and chopped pork at Hideaway BBQ on Capital Boulevard. Topics discussed: new training equipment, this week's USAR drill in Charlotte, Monday's graduation ceremony, recent fires, and other news and views. Join us again at the next one, to be scheduled and announced later. We'll be there. Watch this space.

Sorry I missed this one, but money and time prevented it. I will definitely try to make the next one...

**EMS Guy** ([Email](#)) - 03/14/07 - 23:30

Sorry. I am at station tonight and couldn't make it

**batt chief 13** - 03/15/07 - 00:28

It is like so many things, there is a lot of talk, but when it comes to action not so much follow through (from us all). It is easy to talk, discuss, and criticize, but when it comes to action, at times no one steps up. I know there are a lot of good reasons people don't step up and do (working, family, school, and other commitments) but it is still the facts.

It is the same as criticizing the county or other fire departments, It is easy to write here on the blog, or talk at the station, but when it comes to taking steps forward to make changes, not so many are around to help. The system we have (good or bad) requires involvement at the fire commission level and at your own department level. Talk to you Chiefs and department leaders, sell your plan to them, get buy in at the local level and then work your way up and out to neighbors. Be involved on some county committees, be active, not just talk and complaining.

There are a lot of talented people in this county and a lot of good ideas, if we would focus on, and put effort into those ideas, instead of criticizing and tearing down, we can make progress and improve.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the fire commission meeting tonight. Come out, see how it works and get involved!

**A Wake Co. Chief** - 03/15/07 - 12:50

AMEN! Chief.:-)

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 03/15/07 - 14:26

Honestly, I just forgot. I found out by coming on here to look for the date, and saw it was yesterday. Unintentional, and looking forward to the next. Be safe.

**Flip** ([Email](#)) - 03/15/07 - 16:10

Those are inspirational words, A. Chief. Be the change that you want to see. Years ago, I wanted to see web pages with information about local fire departments. So I made them. Later, I wanted to see a detailed, year-by-year history of the Raleigh Fire Department. So I made one. And so on. Just do it. The hardest part is getting started. Or, perhaps, getting started getting started.

**Legeros** - 03/15/07 - 17:10

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## Are the Horses All Right?

03/15/07 273 W - + 14 - 15

From the *February 8, 1910* edition of the News & Observer: "Sunday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, while responding to an alarm from box 36, Rescue Fire Company No. 1 experienced a serious accident, involving both the driver of the hose wagon, Mr. J. S. Hinnant, better known as "Pete" Hinnant, the fire wagon and apparatus. The horses were not injured and behaved excellently when the accident occurred.

The accident occurred at the corner of Fayetteville and South streets, just as the wagon was turning from Fayetteville into West South street, and was precipitated because of the steel tires of the hose wagon slipping and sliding in the curve of the street car track.

Driver Hinnant was thrown from his seat and was very painfully hurt. As the accident occurred within a few feet of Rex Hospital, Mr. Hinnant was quickly carried into the hospital and was received immediate attention, and last evening was reported to be getting along nicely. It is expected that he will be able to be taken to his home today or tomorrow.

It was reported on the streets yesterday that his knee was fractured and his many friends were thereby greatly alarmed over his condition. His injuries consist chiefly in a cut four inches long in the back of his scalp, a badly sprained right ankle (which disables him from walking), and several bad bruises on other portions of his body, but none of them are considered permanently serious. Mr. Hinnant's concern for his horses is so deep that after his terrible fall the first question he asked when he was able to speak was, "Are the horses all right?"

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Firefighters can be replaced..... The horses are another story !!!!!!!

**HAZMAT GURU** ([Email](#)) - 03/19/07 - 12:38

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## Pieces of Board

03/15/07 60 W - + 17 - 10

Another gem from 1910, about a fire on South Swain Street that burned three "cottages." After the Raleigh firemen went "into the heat," it was "necessary for members of the company to hold pieces of board in front of the faces of the men at the nozzles so that the water could reach the flames." No helmets then.

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## Heliport Coming

03/16/07 48 W - + 14 - 11

Details in [this morning's paper](#). Based on the street address of the property owner, it looks to be the land off the service road on the other side of Yonkers Road. Here's a [Google map](#). Helos will certainly make for an interesting new hazard around here.

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Speaking of general aviation, it appears another airport's in the works as well: <http://www.newsobserver.com/712/story/55..>

**Legeros** - 03/20/07 - 05:26

And, says WRAL, said heliport here! <http://wral.com/news/local/story/1708648..>

Here's the property, at Capital and I-440, <http://maps.google.com/maps?q=capital+bo..>

**Legeros** - 08/15/07 - 21:14

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**Boom!**

03/16/07 67 W, 1 I - + 18 - 12

The power in Mike's neighborhood is occasionally flaky. So when lights go dark, he sits and waits for the inevitable arcing wires or transformer call. Or like tonight, already a block from the house, he turned around and idled in front of Station 16. Only a couple minutes passed before the tones started. And what a transformer fire it was!



Good use of resources by IC I assume he called for CFR because of foam? I believe another resource he could have called upon is one of the Durham Highway's engines which I believe has a CAFS system on it?

**Roger** - 03/17/07 - 15:41

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**Station 28**

03/17/07 12 W, 1 I - + 16 - 15

The front pad's in place:



Its going to be sad when Raleigh 28 is done before the much delayed Cary 7! Over a year and a half a counting. Can you please send over your contractors name?

**guest** - 03/18/07 - 12:29

rumor has it #7 will be open "this week" haha... been hearing that one for a while now.

**CFP 7021** - 03/18/07 - 14:58

Shev, What's the deal with 7? I drive by it everyday since I live out there, hoping to finally see a Cary fire engine in it. I'd also like to know where my tax dollars are being spent, it's been forever.

**Silver** - 03/20/07 - 12:16

Electrical contractor problems. I heard they just changed contactors within the last week so the job could get finished.

**Heard of a good source** - 03/20/07 - 13:29

Electrical contractors are just the tip of a massive ice burge! We've been hearing "this week" since February so dont get your hopes up. City inspectors are just as big a problem as any of the contractors. Not to mention the station should have been opened 5 years ago. Even when this one opens were still 2 behind, so Silver, call and ask the mayor that qesiton! Tell him contracted agencies are great, but your not paying taxes for fire trucks that dont say Cary.

**guest** - 03/20/07 - 18:43

Consider it done....

**Silver** - 03/20/07 - 19:23

Yeah the support is needed for the other two stations in that area that are already needed. Better than the mayor (figurehead) call the town manager's office and the council members

All of the money earmarked for an aquatic center and none for providing BASIC municipal services to citizens of a under protected area.

**CFP 7021** - 03/20/07 - 20:24

Yeah Shev, don't you know that aquatics are more important than fire protection??

**Silver** - 03/20/07 - 20:42

Give everyone who joins the fancy "aquatics center" that's Caryese for "Pool" a bucket, when West Cary burns down they can make a hell of a bucket brigade!

**guest** - 03/21/07 - 08:08

By way of comparison, here are all current Cary CIP projects over \$1M. The Aquatics Center is \$5M. From <http://www.townofcary.org/depts/budget/c..>

33,361,862 Town Hall Building C  
17,608,250 Davis Drive Widening  
15,675,946 Open Space Acquisition  
14,868,000 Tryon Road & Piney Plains Road – Phase I  
13,453,253 WWRWMF – New Water Reclamation Facility  
13,198,333 North Cary Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade #2 – 10 MGD to 12 MGD  
13,103,023 Reclaimed Water System  
12,955,000 WWRWMF-West Cary Pump Station & Force Main  
12,399,084 Thermal Biosolids Dryer  
12,070,453 Fiber Optic Traffic Signal System  
11,259,000 Site Acquisition – All  
10,653,833 USA Baseball – Brooks Park  
9,295,000 High House Road Widening  
8,000,000 WWRWMF – Water Reclamation Facility Land  
7,776,201 Kildaire Farm Widening  
7,069,338 McCrimmon Parkway Road Improvements  
6,387,479 Morris Branch Regional Pump Station  
6,000,000 Maynard Widening – Kildaire Farm Road /West Chatham Street  
6,000,000 US 1/64 & Walnut Interchange  
5,790,000 Davis Drive North (Morrisville-Carpenter Road)  
5,488,500 Chapel Hill Road Widening – Phase I  
5,000,000 WWRWMF – Design & Phase IV Planning/Permitting  
5,000,000 US1/64 & Cary Parkway Interchange  
5,000,000 Aquatics Center  
4,950,000 Swift Creek Pump Station Expansion  
4,209,000 White Oak Greenway – Phases III & IV  
4,166,132 Carpenter Fire Station #7  
3,970,000 Rocky Branch Sewer & Pump Station Elimination  
3,633,800 Black Creek Greenway – Phase IV  
3,355,000 Evans Road Widening  
3,313,396 WWRWMF – New Water Reclamation Facility Pump Station & Force Main  
3,270,000 North Cary Water Reclamation Facility – Odor Control  
3,270,000 Morrisville Parkway Extension – Phase I  
3,200,000 Kit Creek Pump Station Upgrade  
3,100,000 Morrisville Parkway Extension – Phase III  
3,000,000 Walnut Street Corridor Improvements – Phase I  
2,925,000 Walnut Creek Flow Diversion  
2,900,000 Louis Stephens Drive Extension  
2,895,000 Kildaire Spheroid Tank  
2,647,150 Morrisville Parkway Extension – Phase II  
2,600,000 Pavement Rehabilitation FY 2003  
2,479,818 Middle Creek Park – Main Project  
2,416,000 Operations Center Expansion – Warehouse  
2,400,000 Trinity Road Widening & Extension  
2,236,000 Sanitation & Recycling Truck Replacement  
2,060,000 White Oak Interceptor & Pump Station Elimination

1,950,000 Batchelor Branch Interceptor & Pump Station Elimination  
1,949,290 Radio System Upgrade  
1,876,818 Sears Farm Road Park  
1,744,986 Repair/Rehabilitation Sewer Mains FY 2006  
1,700,000 Storm System Drainage Database  
1,674,000 Walnut Street Park  
1,660,000 NC Highway 55 Water Line Extension – Phase II  
1,653,000 Holly Springs Road Water Line  
1,600,000 Brooks District Maintenance Facility  
1,593,000 Cary/Apex Water Treatment Plant Centrifuge Addition  
1,580,000 Camp Branch 'Reach A' Interceptor  
1,520,359 Annexation – Windsor Oaks  
1,501,951 Bond Park Improvements  
1,480,300 Greenway Land & Open Space  
1,480,000 Webster Street Drainage Improvements  
1,460,000 Hollybrook Sewer Extension Pump Station Elimination  
1,428,000 Yard Waste/Transfer Station/Recycling Facility  
1,400,000 Annexation – Summerwinds 1&2  
1,384,762 WWRWMF – Beaver Creek Pump Station & Force Main  
1,320,000 Annexation – Hillsdale Forest  
1,200,000 Biosolids – Digester  
1,085,436 Annexation Lines – Sewer  
1,080,000 Annexation- Greenwood Acres  
1,070,000 Pierce Olive Road Water Line  
1,000,000 Green Level to Durham Road  
1,000,000 O'Kelly Chapel Road Widening  
1,000,000 TCAP-Town Center Streetscape Improvements

**Legeros** - 03/21/07 - 08:25

just wondering, how the firefighters are going to feel with a county ems unit in station 28...this should be interesting

**guest** - 03/27/07 - 09:50

I don't think they will be there a full 24 hours. I believe it's just like Sta.22.

**pal** - 03/27/07 - 10:41

Word is that Cary Station 7 opened today (March 27th)

From what I understand Morrisville E-3 will be moving over in a few weeks

**CFP 7021** - 03/27/07 - 19:44

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**Pipes, Drums, Traditions**

03/18/07 37 W - + 11 - 15

Here's a [nice page](#) explaining fire department traditions, notably the Irish influence on the fire service. And here's the Wikipedia entry on [Irish Americans](#), though it minimally mentions the fire service. Still interesting, though.

"NINA" also has something to do with the Emerald Societies (named from Ireland's Emerald Isle) forming. It was a group for those that came over and took those unwanted jobs to socialize with their Irish brethren. This goes hand in hand why you see more Emerald Societies and pipe bands from up North. The Irish migrated through Ellis Island, then took the dirty jobs around that area (NY, NJ, Mass, Conn).

**Silver** - 03/20/07 - 12:29

Members of Wake & District do. In fact one of our pipers took a couple 1st place medals and a few 2nd place medals as an open piper

**Mike** - 07/15/12 - 20:34

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The Prior Substation Fire

03/18/07 107 W, 1 I - + 14 - 12

August 7, 2001. CP&L substation at East Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Smoke visible for miles. Hundreds of spectators. Very hot, very sticky. RDU sent a crash truck. Foam was also brought from Durham Highway, after Raleigh's supply was depleted. Some 75 residents were evacuated and ~20,000 customers were left without electricity on one of the hottest nights of the year. Mike watched from a couple books away and shot the following pics. Lee was a little closer. Foam was pumped again the next day, as the equipment still hadn't sufficiently cooled. Click to enlarge the center image:



<http://www.apexvfd.org/photos/transforme..>

Luke - 03/18/07 - 15:40

Many mutual aid departments brought foam. Western Wake, Six Forks, Durham Hwy, Etc. Foam buckets as far as the eye could see..

DO - 03/18/07 - 17:34

I believe that the 2001 fire happened during a fire commission meeting or a chief's meeting or something of the sort. Supposedly someone came in and asked all of the chiefs to send foam to the scene. Talk about ease of communication!

CFP 7021 - 03/18/07 - 17:51

From Lee, the final roster of units at this incident: E14 E16 E18 E8 L16 L20 R14 R19 HM2 SR22 FC1 A8 BC3 BC4 C5 C72 C1 C3, CFR2, EMS31 EMS32 EMS3 EMS4 EMS203, WC3, E21 and E10 to 17 as additional resources, E13 to 16 for coverage, E7 to 2 for coverage, and Western Wake E191 to 14 for coverage.

Legeros - 03/20/07 - 22:05

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BMA

03/18/07 15 W - + 11 - 16

Funny acronym coined by Billy Goldfeder in this [Firehouse editorial](#). BMA. Brotherhood My A@@.

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Station 22

03/18/07 55 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

What's parked outside Raleigh's stations? Haz-Mat 22 and a second trailer are parked at Station 22, seen below. Decon 1 is parked beside Station 20. USAR 1 and USAR 2 are parked behind Station 7. The fire safety house is parked behind Station 21. Plus a bunch of stuff at the Training Center and at Services.



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**The Raleigh Fire Station**

03/18/07 152 W, 1 I - + 21 - 6

What's the deal with all those Raleigh fire stations that look alike? William C. McGee, Jr., who designed Station 10 through Station 21, plus the third Station 4. Eighteen stations total were built in that style. Station 7 was the first (and only?) with the watch desk on the dorm side. It was also the only constructed with separate officer's quarters. Eight were built with dorms on the right, ten with dorms on the left. The first opened in 1959 (Station 7), the last in 1998 (Station 21). The smallest is 3,984 square-feet (Old Station 4), the largest is 5,298 (Station 18). One has a partial basement (Station 5), one has a full basement (Station 8). Only Station 2 has an attached structure, the old shop. Station 16 was the first with a rear bay door. Station 7 cost \$65,000; Station 21 cost \$730,000. And why did Raleigh stop using that style of station? The guy died, or so the story goes.



I just don't like the fact that they try to hide the firehouse, like 24 or 25 (especially). What happened to being proud to be in a neighborhood, rather than looking out the front and seeing the back of a grocery store. Seems like a red-headed step child.....

**Guest** - 03/20/07 - 12:19

Not everyone likes living near a fire station (or, like Yours Truly, buys a house that's practically across the street from one). Witness recent objections when Wake Forest Station 2 was constructed. Or go back a couple decades. When Station 16 was proposed, nearby residents complained.

**Legeros** - 03/20/07 - 17:02

I guess we can thank Mr. McGee for the problems we are experiencing now with bigger fire apparatus and the lack of "planning for the future"? It stinks that apparatus are just being put in places because "it's the only place they'd fit", versus tactical or operational reasons.

**Guest** - 03/20/07 - 17:54

24 and 25 are nice except the fact that 24 is falling off the face of the earth. But I personally enjoyed 26 and 27 design!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was a fresh change of having your own true bedroom without having to worry about keeping others awake. Those stations and the new 28 have a lot more room than we aren't use to having. I know back in the day when engines and trucks were smaller it made since. but I agree someone should have thought about the future. I remember driving the Snorkel out the rear of 15 because of front door issues!!!!!! But maybe it is because the new city manager likes bigger stations I bet that is a plus! I wish they would build them big but have some old school feel, like a monster station 6. Or build them like we see in Mike's old pictures, those stations were way cool.

**Jason Lane** - 03/20/07 - 18:48

Some of those stations have been enlarged to accommodate apparatus. The rear of 16 was extended around 1980. The roof on 11 was raised around 1990. The rear of 15 was extended and renovated to include two rear doors in 1996. The reason for the renovations at 15 was that front ramp was too steep for the 1988 Pierce platform, which was being placed in service as Truck 15. So the truck ran from the rear of the station. The street department also had to cut some curbing away from the access road, to accommodate the truck's turning radius.

**Legeros** - 03/20/07 - 18:57

If I remember correctly, Station 16's doors were also raised to accomidate old Truck/Ladder 16 in addition to the extension of the rear of the station. Those stations were built small, by today's apparatus standards, and on tiny lots of land.

Drive by old Station 4 on Wake Forest Rd., and you ask "what land ? " I kind of like the suggestion of a "monster station 6", 3 double drive-through bays, lots of land and ladder truck length aprons. As for 24, last time I checked County Real Estate Records, it was not owned by the City, so if it falls in the creek, break the lease.

**Jon C** - 03/20/07 - 20:53

Correct my last comment. City does own 24 now, on 1.96 "calculated" acres of land, whatever that means.

**Jon C** - 03/20/07 - 21:27

Speaking of the bigger apparatus, I do not think anyone really ever thought that fire trucks (and ambulances) would be so much bigger now. And how many people ever really thought Raleigh would be as spread out as it is now?

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/20/07 - 22:20

Mike, I was at 15 after the remodel job and if I am not mistaken the remodel to the rear was to make it a drive through station due to the heavy traffic on Spring forest rd. And at the time T 15 was a Seagrave. We did not get the Snorkel until 99 or 2000. The front paid was fine we use to park the Snorkel out front on nice! The only reason we could not come out the front was 2 rows of bricks above the top of the bay door. We caught a lot of fire on that truck (15).

**Jason Lane** - 03/21/07 - 03:30

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**Job Finder?**

03/20/07 72 W - + 13 - 13

Reader suggestion: "Let's start an employment listing for firefighters and EMTs in Wake and surrounding counties. You know how hard it is to find an open position, and I am sure that with the help from other fellow public safety officials that we can help each other out." Sounds like a good idea. How do people presently learn of open positions? And what fire and EMS listing services already exist?

Here I am again. The one I have been using for some time that leans towards EMS more than anything is the link posted below. North Carolina Office of EMS. Once in a blue moon you will see a posting for a firefighter or other position.

**WakeFirefighter** ([Web Site](#)) - 03/20/07 - 17:19

Here I am again part II. It seems like I don't need any help with this issue but the one I am putting up now is used but not often. Fire News Dot Net under Forums.

**WakeFirefighter** - 03/20/07 - 17:22

I started a thread at the Watch Desk. Let's keep it going! <http://www.thewatchdesk.com/forum/showth..>

**WakeFirefighter** - 03/22/07 - 17:34

Some departments in the Wake County area are very good at sending out faxes to all surrounding departments announcing open positions. Others use a combination of internet postings on that department's website, or town site, and simply word of mouth. And then finally you have the departments which post nothing on the outside in order to limit the candidates to internal people only, which may seem like bull, but I personally would not want to work at somewhere like that anyway. The diversity of people's backgrounds provides a much better environment to learn different ways of doing the same things, and by limiting applicants to only in-house people, this is never accomplished.

**irishfire** - 03/23/07 - 15:46

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**Bob Biggs Passes**

03/20/07 156 W, 1 I - + 16 - 14

Retired Air Force Col. Bob Biggs passed away last night. One of the great friends of the Raleigh Fire Department, he is best known for his skillful restorations of antique fire apparatus including Raleigh's 1926 American LaFrance and 1950 Mack pumpers. He also helped return the 1905 American LaFrance steamer to the city, commanding a team of horses and pulling the thing from the Fairgrounds where it was serving as an auxiliary pump. He was a high-schooler at the time, this being the late 1940s. He was a familiar fixture at fire stations in the 1940s and 1950s, and a founder of the Raleigh Emergency Rescue Squad, before joining the Air Force. After returning to Raleigh, he also worked with the New Hope Fire Department for several years. He told great stories, and was a wealth of knowledge both about early fire apparatus and the early Raleigh Fire Department. He will be missed. Click to enlarge:

**Arrangements:**

Brown-Wynne Funeral Home

300 St. Mary's St.

Visitation – Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral – Friday 1:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Burial – Montlawn Cemetery immediately following the service.

**Legeros** - 03/20/07 - 19:37

Wow that's an old picture! Is that the Pirsch looking all good in the background?

**pal** - 03/21/07 - 11:51

Any idea as to when and where that picture was taken?

**guest** - 03/22/07 - 20:37

The picture presumably depicts old and new Engine 4, the 1926 American LaFrance and the 1985 Pirsch. The latter was removed from service as Engine 13 in late 1989, so the picture probably dates around 1990 or later. Col. Biggs and members of RFD restored the LaFrance in 1987. It was one of two Type 75 triple combinations delivered that year. The other one was wrecked in 1952, the accident that injured driver Vernon Smith and others. Smith died from his injuries four years later. Those were the last Type 75 pumpers delivered to RFD.

**Legeros** - 03/22/07 - 21:00

So I assume that picture was taken at the station on Wake Forest Rd.? Sorry, I just can't figure out that background.

**guest** - 03/23/07 - 23:20

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**This Evening's Fire**

03/22/07 50 W, 1 I - + 15 - 8

Mike and his bride wandered to Cary tonight. Though date night is usually reserved for non-fire activities, this condo complex was where she resided many moons ago. Thus her interest and even excitement in visiting. Took some good night shots, too.



Details on the job? Location, companies on scene, extent of fire?

**Silver** - 03/22/07 - 23:28

was off of New Kent Rd. Station 3's first due

E-3, E-2, L-3, R-2, T-6, Batt. 1 (IC) A/A from Western Wake E-191

2nd alarm units were E-6, L-1

they had it on Fox 50's news

**CFP 7021** - 03/23/07 - 00:02

The Auto-Aid unit from Western Wake was actually E-196.

**[barrett]** - 03/23/07 - 10:01

Mike, L1 was the only 2nd alarm unit, E6 stayed at the house. Car 1 & 2 and Batt. 2 were also on scene.

**car3550** - 03/23/07 - 13:16

From the pics of the job, Cary FD is looking pretty damn good. You guys have come a long way....

**Silver** - 03/23/07 - 17:21

Yes, Ladder 1 was special called to assist with evacuations. Didn't hear a second alarm called, but we missed the first few minutes of the radio traffic. Wish the pics were a bit better exposed. I'm making a mental note to practice picture modes and exposure settings this weekend. Hopefully we'll see an improvement.

**Legeros** - 03/23/07 - 18:41

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**Headlines**

03/23/07 521 W - + 16 - 13

For your Friday amusement, assorted headlines from the *News & Observer* in early and mid 1910. What's up with all these old newspapers? Mike will explain in due time.

FIRE WAGON ACCIDENT

"Are The Horses All Right?" First Question of Driver Hinnant of Rescue Wagon

Badly Injured Driver Whose Anxiety Was for His Horses is in Rex Hospital and the Wagon is in the Repair Shop as the Result of a Serious Accident Sunday Afternoon While on the Way to a Fire

February 8, 1910

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FIVE FALSE FIRE ALARMS TURNED IN

Firemen and Horses Risk Lives to Respond

DEMAND FOR CULPRITS

Within Twenty Minutes Alarms Were Sounded From Four Widely Separated Boxes-- More Than One Person Engaged in the Criminal Act-- Fireman and Best Element of Citizens Alike Indignant and Outraged-- Identification, Arrest, and Punishment Demanded

February 17, 1910

--

FIRE ON BLOUNT STREET

Residence of Mr. H. E. Litchford Slightly Damaged

Fire Due to Defective Wiring-- Greatest Damage Done by Water-- Practically All Furniture Saved-- Beautiful Painting Unharmed-- Loss Covered by Insurance

March 6, 1910

--

SOME DIRTY WORK FOUND AT A FIRE

Rocks in Two Nozzles of the Fire Hose

TWO HOUSES ARE BURNED

In Raleigh a Fire Yesterday Afternoon on South Swain Street is Conquered Only After Several Difficulties, the Firemen of Raleigh Doing Splendid Work in Overcoming the Flames

June 22, 1910

--

#### RALEIGH FIREMEN LEAVE

ON TO NEW BERN TO ENTER THE RACES OF THE TOURNAMENT

July 24, 1910

--

#### THE FIRE FIGHTERS CAPTURE PRIZES

Asheville Hose Co. No. 3 Wins First Prize

#### RALEIGH THIRD AND FIFTH

Salisbury Captured First Prize in the Hand Reel Contest and Salem the Second-- In the Grab Reel Race Salem Took the First Prize With Salisbury Second-- Series of Tableaux Close the Bi-Centennial Celebration

July 29, 1910

--

#### TWO HOUSES GONE BY FIRE ROUTE

Water Pressure in Raleigh Claimed at Fault

#### COMPANY DENIES THIS

Two Pretty Residences on South Person Street are Destroyed and the Complaints as to the Water Pressure Supplied is Such as to Demand a Full Investigation of the Water Company by City Authorities

August 9, 1910

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#### TO INVESTIGATE WATER PRESSURE

Avalanche of Complaints Reach Mayor Wynne

#### GOES TO COMMITTEES

Both Water Works Pressure and Condition of Plant is to be Investigated while the Fire Committee is Asked to Look into the Handling of the Fire by the Fire Department

August 10, 1910

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#### SWEPT AWAY BY FIRE

Home in North East Raleigh Far From a Hydrant

Fire Alarm Box Was Also Distant and Residence of Mr. J. S. Jeffreys Was Destroyed When it Was Finally Reached by the Firemen Who Gave All

Possible Help

August 24, 1910

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STATE COLORED FIREMEN

OVER 350 IN ATTENDANCE AT THE COLORED FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AT WINSTON-SALEM-- WELCOMED BY MAYOR

September 7, 1910

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AGAIN FIRE ALARM FAILED

HOUSE ON SWAIN STREET DESTROYED BY FIRE THIS MORNING-- THE SAME OLD STORY: FIRE ALARM WOULDN'T WORK-- FIRE COMPANIES HAD TO BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE

September 8, 1910

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FIRE THREATENS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lightning Struck Metal Cross on Steeple

DAMAGE ABOUT \$1,000

Serious Fire Barely Averted Yesterday Afternoon When Lightning Struck Cross on Beautiful Catholic Church at Nazareth, Setting Fire to the Steeple-- Fire Confined to Starting Point by Hard Work-- Water Secured From State Hospital

September 25, 1910

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**Blog Virtues**

03/23/07 46 W - + 10 - 19

Something interesting from Kathy Sierra on the [Creating Passionate Users](#) blog. She posted some PDF slides from a presentation she did on the [Seven Blog Virtues for Building a Global Microbrand](#). Here they are, repackaged in a somewhat smaller-sized format. [View the PDF slides](#).

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## Vital Records / Fallen Firefighters

03/23/07 266 W - + 15 - 11

It's that time of year again. Ahead of the second annual [North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#) Memorial ceremony in May, Mike is again researching fallen FF histories. Mostly he's copying death certificates, which are readily available at [Olivia Raney Local History Library](#) off of Poole Road (among many other places). The steps:

1. Consult the Death Index, either on [microfilm or microfiche](#). Entries are available from the early 1910s through 1996, I think. Entries list the first and last name, middle initial, county of death, death date, age, race, and a reference number for the death certificate. Some indexes are organized by county. Others are also indexed by [Soundex code](#).
2. Locate the death certificate, also on microfilm. Certificates are available from the early 1910s through 1974.
3. Copy the death certificate. This is done either by printing or scanning and saving on computer, both of which can be done at the library.

Very easy.

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The death certificates are a great way to flesh out historical details. Full names can be learned, instead of nicknames or initials. Exact death dates, too, which can vary in reports. Bad transcriptions might drop a digit, for example, turning a June 18 into a June 8. Other dates might cite when the injury occurred, versus the actual death. And so on.

Some certificates provided very detailed descriptions of the causes of death. Often they reference that the person was fighting fire, or driving a fire truck.

Reading those details *en masse* in a sobering experience. Perhaps we'll reprint some of the older ones here, without names. Some updated stats are also forthcoming.

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## Holly Springs Apparatus

03/23/07 51 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

Holly Springs supplies a picture of their new Pierce Contender pumper, newly delivered. It's one of the county contract rigs. They also report that their new platform is in service, and that they're expecting a new brush truck some time this summer.



Any pictures of what the platform looks like now?

**Adam Brown** - 03/23/07 - 20:46

Any idea if the new platform is also a Pierce?

**Luke** - 03/25/07 - 19:55

Platform is an ALF mid-mount.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/25/07 - 20:26

More about the HS platform: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

**Legeros** - 03/25/07 - 21:27

I will try to get some pictures of the platform since it has been painted and lettered in the next couple of days.

**Jason** ([Email](#)) - 03/25/07 - 22:19

What engine did this replace the FMC or the Pierce?

**Adam Brown** - 04/16/07 - 00:12

The Pierce became Eng 3 (reserve) and the FMC is being sold.

**hsfd** ([Email](#)) - 04/25/07 - 23:05

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**Airport Drill**

03/24/07 30 W, 1 I - + 14 - 16

Pity the poor passengers arriving at RDU this morning and seeing this scene at the end of the runway. Pics from Lee and Mike forthcoming. Click to enlarge:



To answer a reader question, here's how I created the above image:

1. Camera in Program Shift mode, 200 ISO (I think).
2. Stand still.
3. Shoot from left to right, keeping horizon level.
4. Compare images once saved to disk.
5. Brighten last image to match exposure of other images.
6. Use Photomerge feature of Photoshop Elements 3 to combine images.
7. Select Advanced Blending option.
8. Crop and save.

**Legeros** - 03/24/07 - 14:45

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**Falls Apparatus**

03/24/07 25 W, 1 I - + 25 - 11

Falls Fire Department passes along this photo of their coming Engine 212 at the Pierce plant in Florida:



Does that make three FDs in Wake that are sporting Chicago-land livery?

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/25/07 - 12:02

Will it actually fit in their station or will it be too tall?

**Mike** - 03/25/07 - 12:10

That is the reason behind the flat cab. The lighttower on the raised cab was too tall. It will fit with a few inches to spare.

**Rauer** ([Email](#)) - 03/25/07 - 13:02

Any reason they choose to go with the Chicago paint scheme?

**Adam Brown** - 03/25/07 - 13:39

New School versus Old School. Wanted a different look in the Northern Region.

**Rauer** - 03/25/07 - 14:50

is this a county spec pumper

**me** - 03/25/07 - 14:57

Looks like a sharp truck. Are they going to have a green LED light on the front right?

**Luke** - 03/25/07 - 15:11

Yes, it's a county-spec pumper.

**Legeros** - 03/25/07 - 15:25

wow, an influx of black over red in the county.... first KPS, then Holly Springs (or maybe reversed order) and now falls... cool

**CFP 7021** - 03/25/07 - 19:18

I thought I read they were closing Falls. Why invest in a new pumper?

**Guest** - 03/25/07 - 22:51

Twenty-five hours from the time of the initial posting to the first reader comment regarding station closures. That's about right.

**Legeros** - 03/25/07 - 23:07

not that it matters, it is a county truck so IF falls does get closed then it will be transferred to another county station or sold with the money going towards the county.

**wake** - 03/25/07 - 23:53

I believe Holly springs had the black over red before kps with the rescue truck they have. I could be wrong though.

**Adam Brown** - 03/26/07 - 00:08

Green LED on the front right? Who does that and what purpose does it serve?

**Flip (Email)** - 03/26/07 - 16:25

[http://www.scituatefire.org/why\\_are\\_fire..](http://www.scituatefire.org/why_are_fire..)

"You may also notice the green light on fire engines in northern states. This is also a traditional Chicago-style fire engine feature. Commissioner Albert Goodrich of the Chicago Fire Department (1927 – 1931) had a nautical background. He applied the marine scheme (red light on port, green light on starboard) to fire apparatus, and the idea became a tradition of the Chicago Fire Department. It is also used to mark the bay doors at most Chicago fire stations"

Green is also an indicator for Incident Command Post, usually applied to the top of the apparatus or the top of a light tower.

**CFP 7021** - 03/26/07 - 16:38

To add to 7021's post, here are a couple of pics of Chicago's trucks. You'll notice that every truck (and BC vehicles) has a green light on the far right... both on the top and on the front.

<http://www.firegroundphotos.net/033003/C..>

<http://www.firegroundphotos.net/CFDT6006..>

If you search around the net, you can find more pictures.

**Luke** - 03/26/07 - 17:04

At first it seemed like all the "gearheads" were wanting to copy New York. I guess it's now moving west to Chicago. I fear the day it becomes San Francisco.

**pal** - 03/26/07 - 18:02

Is this new truck for Falls an Eng or Pumper/Tanker?

**Mike** - 03/26/07 - 18:46

Pumper/Tanker. So technically I guess it will be Pumper 212 when they change things in the CAD.

**Rauer** - 03/27/07 - 09:28

It's due in a couple weeks. Once in service, the old 212 will go to Wallace, South Carolina.

**Legeros** - 03/27/07 - 17:46

The truck looks great. We got a sneak preview when doing the final inspection on our truck last week. There were several red/black units in production. As always, you see many different paint schemes at a place like that.

**Zeb101** - 03/27/07 - 22:30

why pumper? what happened with Engine? Pumper really sounds like crap. I thought you designate what the apparatus type shall be, despite the title on the piece.

**fwcman** - 03/28/07 - 21:01

New CAD naming scheme, see <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Air – Breathing air vehicle

Brush – Brush trucks, mini pumps

Boat – All watercrafts

Car – Sport utility vehicles, chief officers  
Engine – Pumpers (without rear dump)  
Haz-Mat – Hazardous response vehicles  
Ladder – Ladders, platforms  
Pumper – Pumper/tankers (with rear dump)  
Rescue – Rescue trucks (with extrication/rescue equipment)  
Squad – Service trucks (fire support, ISO support equipment)  
Tanker – Duh  
Utility – Pick-up trucks, utility vehicles  
Unit – Special equipment (command unit, others)

**Legeros** - 03/28/07 - 21:26

PAL – “GEARHEADS”? Maybe Falls is not copying Chicago, perhaps they chose to have the rig done black over red for the fact that this paint scheme is to symbolize respect and to honor our fallen brothers.

**FTM-PTB** - 03/28/07 - 21:37

Word on the street is it will be labeled Falls Rescue Engine 212. Just what the word it. Pal, everyone has had something before you have, it's not copying at all. Maybe like FTM-PTB said, it is to honor our fallen brothers.

**fwcman** - 03/30/07 - 13:46

I would be interested to hear where you heard that from. Doesn't sound familiar to me since I was on the committee that spec'd the truck.

**Rauer** - 03/30/07 - 14:27

C'mon Pal, you're better than that. Just because it's not the traditional Raleigh red/white scheme, you're sounding like one of the “good ol' boys” that is resisting change. FDNY, Chicago, and San Fran are some of the most traditional fire departments on the map, and a lot of the best instructors come from same.

**Silver** - 03/30/07 - 15:50

^haha, No, I'm not resisting change at all. I thought the statement had a slight bit of humor to it but I guess everyone who took offense has been called a copycat before.

**pal** - 03/30/07 - 21:28

Fwcman- This is not Kentland...even though Rescue Engine does have a better ring to it than Pumper 212.

Pal- Jealousy is a waste of emotion, my friend.

I think it is going to be a good looking truck... at least it will not look exactly the same as the other 15 Pierce Contenders.

**LtEng3** - 03/30/07 - 21:43

when is expected delivery?

**Andrew** - 04/15/07 - 18:23

Delivery should be the following week. They are looking at it tomorrow at the Pierce Plant.

**Rauer** - 04/16/07 - 22:03

The New Hope Contender is pretty sharp if I do say so myself, but I guess I'm a little partial.

**AB** - 04/17/07 - 21:39

who bought the old engine 212

**yogi** - 04/22/07 - 20:13

See approximately 12 comments above:

It's due in a couple weeks. Once in service, the old 212 will go to Wallace, South Carolina.

**Legeros** - 03/27/07 - 17:46

**Legeros** - 04/22/07 - 20:20

I passed by falls today and the new apparatus was sitting outside pics???

**Andrew** - 04/24/07 - 14:44

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## Ladder 1 / Apparatus Update

03/25/07 38 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

The rear of Raleigh's tiller has at last been re-lettered. We're also told that the new Pierce pumper, ladder, and rescues are behind schedule. They're now due in August.



This may have already come up, but what kind of platform will the new rescue be?

**CFP743** - 03/25/07 - 17:09

Custom cabs with rescue body, nonwalk-in.....

**Silver** - 03/25/07 - 20:50

A REAL rescue unit...

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/26/07 - 12:34

Any word yet where the new apparatus will be housed?

**[RFD574]** - 03/26/07 - 19:14

Ladder 16 gets the aerial, we've heard. Rescue 14 and Rescue 19 get the rescues. Not sure about the engine.

**Legeros** - 03/26/07 - 19:20

Have they found a name for it yet?

**[hnizdo]** - 03/27/07 - 10:58

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## Multitasking

03/25/07 39 W - + 14 - 12

[New York Times article](#) on multitasking that might make interesting reading for anyone who, say, operates a vehicle while trying to use a radio, pager, cell phone, laptop, etc. while driving. No one here does that, of course.

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Another Panorama

03/25/07 53 W, 1 I - + 17 - 13

Here's another stitched-together shot of Saturday's airport drill. This one took some trickery to produce, notably copying and pasting a section of the runaway on the right side of the image and then pasting, reversing, and skewing the same section on the far right side of the image.

Click to enlarge:



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## USAR 3

03/26/07 31 W, 1 I - + 16 - 13

North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 8 recently placed a third tractor-drawn trailer in service. It's presently stored at the Keeter Training Center:



What will be the purpose of this unit?

**Adam Brown** - 03/26/07 - 22:46

It contains the Base of Operations that was recently delivered.

See Mike and Lee's pictures of the Charlotte USAR drill!

**CFP 7021** - 03/26/07 - 23:35

That is, Lee's pictures. Mike did not attend.

**Legeros** - 03/27/07 - 05:48

Will Apex get one next?

**Guest** - 03/27/07 - 13:49

We might

**Apex Batt Chief** - 03/27/07 - 16:52

Would be a waste of tax dollars.....sorry....

**Guest** - 03/27/07 - 21:46

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## County Staffing Expansion Requests

03/26/07 195 W - + 20 - 8

Something left over from the recent Wake County Fire Commission Meeting. The Budget Committee Meeting report included a summary of expansion and small capital requests for the coming fiscal year. The line items included the following staffing requests, copied from the handout. Apologies in advance for typos.

Apex - Addition of 3 firefighters at Station 2.

Bay Leaf - Establish four-person 24-hour career staffing [at one station].

Fairview - Funding for 21 full-time 24-hour positions, and create additional volunteer Assistant Fire Chief position.

Falls - Funding for 9 full-time 24-hour positions, 3 additional part-time positions, and 4 full-time employees.

Fuquay-Varina - Partial funding (the county's percentage) for both safety officer and code enforcement personnel.

Holly Springs - Funding for 3 Battalion Chiefs, 3 Captains, 3 firefighters, and a training officer.

Hopkins - Funding for 4 additional firefighters.

Rolesville - Funding for 6 additional firefighter positions.

Stony Hill - Funding for 3 full-time 24-hour firefighter positions.

Wake Forest - Funding for 19 firefighters, a Deputy Fire Chief, and a Training Chief

Wake New Hope - Funding for 24-hour coverage at Station 1

Wendell - Funding for 3 additional employees at Station 2

Western Wake - Funding for 3 full-time 24-hour drivers, 1 part-time firefighter, and promoting 2 part-time Lieutenants to Captains

now the fun part.... we know what the chiefs want, so it's time to see who gets what... if anything. Could this be the year that the county steps up and starts funding what looks like 24 hour coverage for almost every dept in the county?

**CFP 7021** - 03/26/07 - 20:53

For clarification sake; our request (Bay Leaf) was for 1 station, not 3, career coverage as our volunteers would then cover a 2nd. If "they" want it done, "they" need to give up the denero...c?

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 03/26/07 - 21:57

Word is though... there is only approximately \$800,000 to go around for all of this... You will probably see only the higher call volume departments getting the personnel or the departments with VERY low volllie participation.

**Gooch** - 03/27/07 - 08:04

Eyeballing the handout, the staffing requests total around \$4,000,000. But that's very rough math.

**Legeros** - 03/27/07 - 08:14

A lot of firefighters and personnel they are requesting, when do you think they will be making the changes?

**WakeFirefighter** - 03/27/07 - 18:27

when they change the tax rate from 10 cents on the hundred to 80. lol

**guest** - 03/27/07 - 20:20

I understand that the county wants to put a minimum of 2 24hr personell in every fire station. That is the goal for this budget year.

**guest** - 03/28/07 - 14:31

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**Zebulon Apparatus**

03/27/07 32 W, 1 I - + 14 - 9

Another new Pierce arrived today in Zebulon. County-spec Contender, 1500 GPM pump, 1000 gallon tank. It replaces Engine 94, the 1987 GMC/FMC. It will be named Pumper 94.



Nice Ride, Congrats Zebulon.

**WakeFirefighter** - 03/27/07 - 18:26

and they keep on coming, congrats Zebulon, now for a question:

Since Zebulon is municipal and contracts the rural with the county is this 100% county bought or a joint venture between the Town/County?

Not that it matters, but just wondering how that's working now days?

**CFP 7021** - 03/27/07 - 19:46

Most departments that run in a town and rural have the cost split between both.

**Mike** - 03/27/07 - 21:32

I hear that the replacement for Swift Creek E-3 is also in the works.

**CFP 7021** - 03/27/07 - 22:18

The County paid 50% (which is the county's funding percentage of our budget) of the County maximum. In other words, the County paid half of the max they would've paid for a totally county department. The Town paid the balance, which was slightly more due to options, etc.

**Zeb101** - 03/27/07 - 22:27

Sharp looking truck! Can someone provide a more detailed list of options? Hydraulic Generator? Foam System? Etc? Congrats Zebulon!

**AB** - 03/28/07 - 07:42

10KW hydraulic generator, light tower, and lots of small items such as brow light, extra scene lighting on sides and rear, LDH discharge, Niedner lightweight booster hose, cab intercom/headsets, and others (nothing major). AB, I can get you a more detailed list if needed.

**Zeb101** - 03/28/07 - 17:25

Thanks 101. Sounds like a well designed apparatus. We went with the "brow" light here at NH as well. (tower light wouldn't fit) A well-lit scene

is a safer scene. I just hope these Contenders give us many years of service, I'm not quite sure they'll last 20 years yet, but time will tell.

**AB** - 03/29/07 - 07:50

SCFD E-3 replacement is in the works. Scheduled to be ready 1st part of May and delivered mid-May. I hope we don't get delayed. I am looking forward to the new truck.

**Griggs** - 03/29/07 - 12:58

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## FC1 and Thermal Imaging

03/27/07 40 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

Raleigh's mobile command post has four (or is it five?) television monitors, one of which is connected to a thermal imaging camera receiver. Here's what it looks like in action:



How cameras working at one time will this monitor cover?

**Adam Brown** - 03/28/07 - 16:24

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**Transparency**

03/28/07 28 W - + 16 - 14

[Splendid article from Wired](#) on the subject of transparency with regarding to blabbing, blogging, and business. Does it apply to the fire service? You be the judge.

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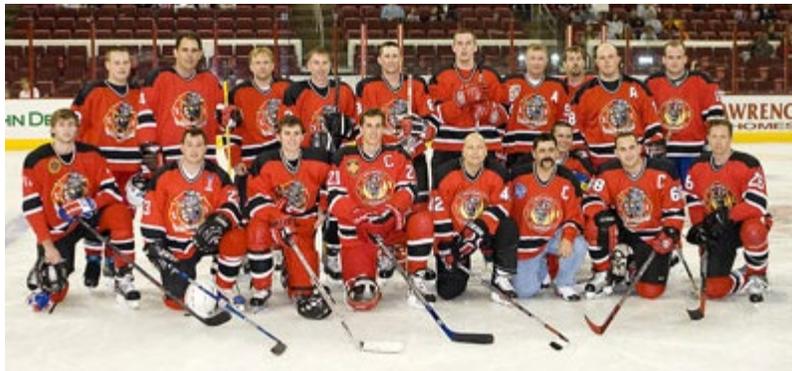
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## Hockey Pics

03/28/07 37 W, 1 I - + 16 - 13

Some pictures from [Sunday's charity hockey game](#) have been posted to Flickr. They were taken by a group of local photographers, one of which Mike sent in his stead.



The Leatherheads were victorious 7-6!

**CLH** - 03/28/07 - 08:21

7-5, but a win is a win!

**CFP 7021** - 03/28/07 - 21:31

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**Station 7**

03/28/07 56 W - + 13 - 21

Cary Station 7 opened yesterday at approximately 13:15 hours. It houses Engine 7 and Truck 7, and will also house Morrisville Engine 3 in another few weeks we're told. It ran its first house fire at 18:15 hours. Some [project details are here](#). For those who are counting, that's 573 days after construction was started, and exactly 208 days late. Alas, delays happen.

It's about time!!! I can delete the e-mail I was getting ready to send to the City Council....

**Silver** - 03/28/07 - 09:39

Open House will be 4-21-2007. Still alot of stuff needed to be done i.e. CLEANING

**Jay** - 03/28/07 - 10:56

Silver, send the email!!!!

**guest** - 03/28/07 - 12:23

Is there any way you can update the station and unit location information for the cary FD units? Is there any map of the layout of the units?

**Adam** ([Email](#)) - 03/31/07 - 22:35

I can give a quick run down:

#### Station 1

- Engine 1 (Pierce)
- Ladder 1 (Pierce 100' Rear Mount Platform)
- Reserve Engine (Pierce)
- Reserve Truck (Mack/Craft)
- Antique Engine (Seagrave)

#### Station 2

- Engine 2 (Pierce)
- Rescue 2 (Ford F-550/KME)

#### Station 3

- Engine 3 (Pierce)
- Ladder 3 (Pierce 100' Rear Mount Platform)
- Battalion Chief 1 (Ford Excursion)

#### Station 4

- Engine 4 (KME)
- Rescue 4 (Ford F-550/KME)
- Brush 9 (Ford F-450)
- Support Truck (Dodge Ram)
- Trench Trailer 1 (Wells Cargo)
- Trench Trailer 2 (Wells Cargo)
- Confined Space Trailer (Wells Cargo)
- Water Rescue Boat (Zodiak)

#### Station 5

- Engine 5 (Pierce)
- Ladder 5 (Pierce 100' Rear Mount Platform)

-Battalion Chief 2 (Ford Excursion)

Station 6

-Engine 6 (Pierce)

-Truck 6 (Pierce)

-Reserve Engine (Seagrave)

Station 7

-Engine 7 (Pierce)

-Truck 7 (Seagrave/Marion)

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 03/31/07 - 23:59

Shev, Any word on Cary's new rescue/service truck?

**Silver** - 04/01/07 - 00:11

nope

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/01/07 - 09:12

As for the new truck timeframe... what about the end of next week??!

sorry.

**Luke** - 04/01/07 - 16:13

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**Airport Radios**

03/28/07 86 W - + 15 - 14

We're told that RDU is switching to the county 800 system in another couple weeks. They tried the system Saturday at the drill and the radios worked like a peach. They have a mess of talkgroups, such as are [listed here](#). RDU ES DISP should be the one to monitor for fire calls dispatches, originating either from RDU ECC or from CFR, after tower notification. Mike has some probably outdated [Alert info](#) on his site, as well as a recently created [PDF format airport map](#).

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**Trunks**

03/29/07 34 W, 1 I - + 16 - 16

What does yours look like? The Mike Mobile is below. Snap and send and we'll add 'em. Personal or official, responder or buff. Show us your rears.



Nice Mike! Looks like someone has ran out of gas before! Knowing you it's there just in case! ? where is the Mike gear at(Hawaiian shirt)?

**Jason Lane** - 03/29/07 - 22:23

Would it be possible to tell us what everythings purpose is sir?

**Flip** ([Email](#)) - 03/29/07 - 22:50

Left to right, visible: extra coolant, socks 'n' sneakers (for those rare days that I'm wearing sandals), umbrella, ice scraper, Fix-a-Flat, gas can (never used, so far!), box o' tools, jump suit (for those rare days I'm wearing a Hawaiian shirt and shorts), safety vest, turnout coat (for winter incidents), turnout boots (for off-road incidents), traffic cone.

**Legeros** - 03/30/07 - 04:55

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**Safety Office / Safety Company**

03/29/07 49 W - + 15 - 15

Starting Monday, listen for a fourth engine company dispatched to working fires in Raleigh. They'll roll along with Car 5 and Air 8, and will perform the role of Safety Officer. The role is presently assigned to a second Battalion Chief who is dispatched to working fires.

Will the fourth engine take over the role of RIT once they arrive on scene?

**rookienc** - 03/29/07 - 18:00

No, they will serve as a safety company: securing the scene (tape), aide to the IC, accountability, Safety Officer...etc.

**Silver** - 03/29/07 - 18:08

great move, glad to see some proaction on the part of local depts in relation to OUR safety.

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 03/29/07 - 18:38

Sil, that's right, there was talk on A shift the other day saying the policy was coming soon and possible that the Capt. and Lt. would get a 2 sided view as safety officers. Ex: you could take A and B and I would take D and C if needed. But the main thing was Capt. (or acting Capt.) was taking safety officer and the Lt. or relief driver would relieve the 2nd in driver of accountability, then the ff's would assist us with what ever is needed. Now yesterday at work it even went deeper than that when the idea came out to dispatch that 4th(safety) Engine on the original run instead of waiting on notification to cut down on response time of your safety TEAM! If it is marked nothing showing than we just cut back like everyone else and return to service. Anyway I think it rocks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Growing pains are good and some are challenging, Grow baby Grow"!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Jason Lane** - 03/29/07 - 22:46

I think it's awesome!! E-mail came out today, made official and will start Monday. PRO-ACTIVITY!!! Ain't it great?! Especially since it will put the 2nd in driver back on the fireground.

**Silver** - 03/29/07 - 23:10

That is great! We could all use more help. Now no more comments about the amount of units dispatched to some County calls please. Let's play nice. :-)

**Wcfc** - 03/30/07 - 17:12

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**One Sweet Ride**

03/31/07 34 W, 1 I - + 12 - 19

Chief McGrath's new wheels were delivered to the shop yesterday. Radios and discrete lighting to be added. No lettering, though, just like his present vehicle.



Why The Jeep?

**Fire MAN** - 03/31/07 - 19:51

What features does it have? Is it really "fully loaded" with leather, CD Changer, etc. etc.?

**Luke** - 03/31/07 - 20:13

Could the Jeep have anything to do with the state contract? The fact that the SHP has all those brand new Dodge products, now a Jeep for RFD. Are we switching to an all mopar world? If so, God help us!!!! Is the Jeep 4wd? What's up with maroon versus red?

**Silver** - 03/31/07 - 22:40

It's actually a "Laredo", not a "Limited" as I previously misstated. It pretty much has all the bells and whistles but with cloth interior. The city actually can buy vehicles from various manufacturers (don't forget about the honda civics the city owns also). SHP is also buying new Tahoes which I must say look good since they have been modified with the handling package and sit lower than normal. Yes, the Jeep is 4wd. C-1 said he wanted a 4x4 Jeep. C-1 got a 4x4 Jeep!

**pal** - 03/31/07 - 22:49

Seems as though Ford is quickly losing their grip around the Public Safety world with their products, namely the Crown Vic. More and more departments are choosing alternatives to the Crown Vic (Dodge Charger, Chevy Impala) as well as other SUVs (Tahoe, Durango, Suburban, even 1500/2500 pick ups). Maybe there is some hidden reason behind this other than the obvious.

Nice looking Chief buggy, by the way. Pal, when I mentioned "fully loaded" I initially took that to mean leather, CD, sunroof, Navigation.... I could only imagine the outcry!

**Luke** - 03/31/07 - 23:04

correction, should read:

"Pal, when *you* mentioned "fully loaded" I initially took that to mean leather, CD, sunroof, Navigation.... I could only imagine the outcry!"

**Luke** - 03/31/07 - 23:06

Luke, I think Chief McGrath would agree to the navigation feature!! Thanks for the correction "pal" on the state bid stuff...

**Silver** - 03/31/07 - 23:31

It does have CD, power windows/locks/seats, etc. It does have navigation although its an aftermarket add-on (Ex: Garmin).

**pal** - 04/01/07 - 07:21

"Seems as though Ford is quickly losing their grip around the Public Safety world with their products, namely the Crown Vic." Ford just announced that they are discontinuing (for a while, they say) the E-450 chassis with the diesel engine, which is the chassis for most of the ambulances sold in this country. There is no real alternative, unless you go with the Navistar-Sterling-Freightshaker units (which provide a terrible ride for the patients), the F-450 series, or a GM chassis (I remember when GM ruled the EMS market). It is a shame that Dodge does not make an ambulance suitable chassis with the RAM series. I think that one of the reasons that Ford may be getting out of the emergency vehicle market is the slim profit margins, since most of them are purchased on a low bid contract. It reminds me of something a Mack representative told me back right before Mack stopped production of the CF chassis- the profit margins on the FDNY fleet was practically \$0.00.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/01/07 - 09:41

Ahh, I see, thanks for the info DJ.

**Luke** - 04/01/07 - 16:15

Can someone explain the color? If they dont want to pay for "fire engine red" why not white? At the least it would be uniform and go somewhat with the other vehicles and not add a third color to the mix. Fire trucks are red and white, support vehicles are white, nothing is purple??? Anybody know why we are seeing these and shouldnt white be as easy and cheap as purple?

**guest** - 04/01/07 - 17:05

Arent some of the batt chiefs vehicles maroon?

**Adam Brown** - 04/01/07 - 18:52

- Car 1 – Chief – Maroon sedan
- Car 2 – Asst. Chief – Maroon SUV
- Car 3 – Asst. Chief – Maroon SUV
- Car 4 – Asst. Chief – Maroon sedan
- Car 5 – Div. Chief – White SUV
- Car 10 – Asst. Chief – Maroon SUV
- Bat 1 – White SUV
- Bat 2 – White SUV
- Bat 3 – Maroon SUV
- Bat 4 – White SUV

**Legeros** - 04/01/07 - 18:55

Luke, contact me on private e-mail.

**Silver** - 04/02/07 - 01:12

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**Truck 12**

03/31/07 69 W, 1 I - + 18 - 19

Speaking of the shop, here's a blast from the past, an old hose roller labeled for T12. That service truck company was removed from service on September 20, 1988. By that time, it was out of service more often than not, its personnel filling vacancies on other apparatus. The 1980 Ford was moved to Station 15 and was replaced by the 1977 Mack platform the next year.



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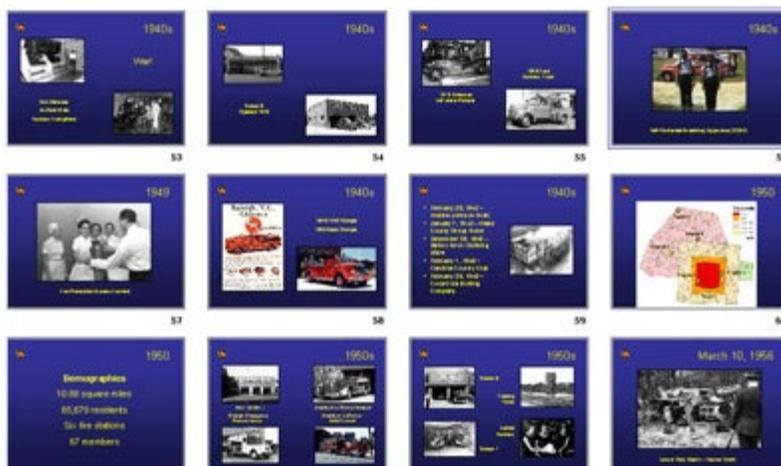
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## Presentation

03/31/07 85 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

Mike has developed and started delivering a presentation on the history of the Raleigh Fire Department. It runs about an hour and covers both the volunteer and career eras. The requirement for delivery are a laptop computer, a wall projector, and a dark room. Larger than smaller audiences are preferred, e.g. more than just one or two companies. Look for a likely library presentation as well, probably at Olivia Raney one evening. [Contact Mike](#) for more information.



I've seen it twice and think it's great. It's nice to see where "we've" come from.

**Silver** - 03/31/07 - 22:45

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**Eighteen Years Ago**

03/31/07 50 W, 1 I - + 16 - 22

Random scrapbook photo, found while looking for something else. That's Mike presenting a plaque at the 1989 academy graduation. Left to the right in the background are Bridges, Buck, Deyo, Haines, Hodge, Johnson, and Jones. Such fresh faces! In the foreground is Chief Sherman Pickard. Click to enlarge:



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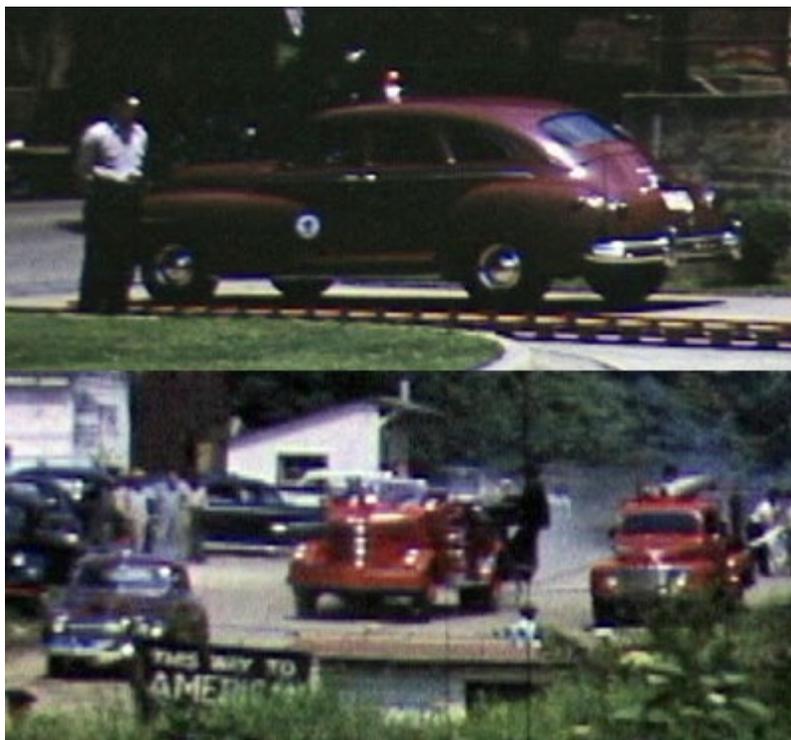
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**Marooned**

04/01/07 83 W, 1 I - + 13 - 9

Decades before the first maroon buggy appeared in Raleigh, the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief drove cars closer to purple than red. See below images, which may or may not show the same car. Why that color? Presumably the same reason as today: it's cheaper to purchase a stock color than a custom one. Yeah, it's a freaky at first. Mike recalls his double take some years ago when he first saw [such colors in Minneapolis](#).



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MFD

04/01/07 44 W - + 11 - 15

Speaking of the Twin Cities, the [Extra Alarm Association](#) has everything and then some about the Minneapolis and St. Paul fire departments. Now *that's* a buff's club. Mike's stepfather was a member. They conduct monthly meetings at different area firehouses. Great newsletter, too.

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**Station 7 (Again)**

04/01/07 20 W, 1 I - + 6 - 13

And here's a picture of Cary's newest station, now open for business.



While riding around last night, we also noticed that the Morrisville Public Safety Center has neither been built nor broken ground. Was that project shelved? One of the reasons for relocating Station 1 was the coming commuter rail and the right-of-way that would cut in front of the station. The commuter rail has also been shelved, I believe, so Station 1 is probably it for now.

**Legeros** - 04/01/07 - 09:33

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**Station 7 (Behind)**

04/01/07 51 W, 1 I - + 9 - 14

There are some interesting things behind Station 7 in Raleigh. USAR 1 and USAR 2 are parked there, the latter with a newer Volvo cab. USAR 1: 1998 Sterling/1974 Hackney. USAR 2: 2006 Volvo/2002 Great Dane. There's also a nice brick outbuilding that houses the rescue boats, among other things.



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## Soccer Dad

04/01/07 33 W, 1 I - + 12 - 9

Lee was out of service late last week due to car repairs. Since Friday night, he's been riding in a rental. One sweet, domesticated ride.



Family Man, What is in your trunk Lee?

**Wake Firefighter** - 04/01/07 - 22:02

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**Station 28**

04/01/07 55 W, 1 I - + 11 - 11

The new station is nearing completion. The construction trailer is gone and landscaping has started. We're told that the city seeks to have the building turned over to them by April 6, so the Services staff and those assigned to the station can commence their preparations the following week.



It ain't close 'till the lettering is done!!

**pal** - 04/01/07 - 17:05

In comparison, can someone remember when ground was broken on this one? Like to compare it to the build time for Cary 7?

**Guest** - 04/01/07 - 20:29

Station 28 broke ground in November, I believe. Maybe around November 1?

**Legeros** - 04/01/07 - 20:30

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## Classic LaFrance

04/01/07 29 W, 1 I - + 16 - 12

Lee has posted two sets of photos of older American LaFrance apparatus. Here's [the first set](#) and here's [the second set](#).



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Heard on Scanner

04/01/07 18 W - + 13 - 10

Acropolis Place in Garner. Okay, that's it. Coolest street name in Wake County. No question.

Diligaf Dr in Raeford has you beat...

DJ (Email) - 04/01/07 - 22:38

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**Building Station 1**

04/01/07 138 W - + 12 - 12

So you think Station 7 took a while to build in Cary? The land for Station 1 in Raleigh was purchased *twelve* years before that building was completed. On the same day the site of old Station 1 on West Morgan Street was sold to the state for \$35,000, the city purchased a \$15,000 lot on South Dawson Street from J. J. Towler on June 27, 1941. Building the thing took some time. The country was soon at war and construction materials were suddenly scarce. As the equipment of the \$120,000 fire alarm system needed a permanent home, however, the familiar alarm house was completed in the rear of the lot the next year. It was constructed using materials salvaged from the old station, including window frames. The accompanying Central Fire Station was finally completed eleven years later in 1953. It was dedicated on October 5.

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Houston Site

04/01/07 29 W - + 15 - 11

From a reader, here's an interesting buff's site from Houston: <http://www.4alarm.org/>. Interesting private apparatus service that they provide. Bet their insurance costs a *ton*.

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**Make Your Own Sign**

04/01/07 29 W, 1 I - + 12 - 7

For your April Fools enjoyment, here's a [Road Construction Sign Generator](#) that should be good for a few yuks.



Check out the large list of sign generators on <http://www.CustomSignGenerator.com> :)

**CoMeDy KiNg** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/18/07 - 13:26

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**Airport Response?**

04/02/07 21 W - + 10 - 11

Mike's [airport response chart](#) is horribly out of date. Can some forward or post corrected information? Thanks so much.

RDU is now on the Viper system, as of this morning

**LtEng3** - 04/09/07 - 14:47

When will Cary?

**Silver** - 04/09/07 - 16:16

never.... or at least not for a long time... there is an upgrade to the current radio system and CAD in the works

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/09/07 - 16:40

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**Tanker Versus Building**

04/03/07 23 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

Here's something you don't see every day. Glenwood Avenue at Millbrook Road. No injuries.



bet that guy is looking for a new job.

**AB** - 04/03/07 - 13:24

So thats why gas prices are rising.....

**Jason Boggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/03/07 - 15:49

You Are Right Chief Boggs

**Candler Thornton** ([Email](#)) - 04/03/07 - 21:47

Sad, but true.....gas truck was unmanned and actually went over there with nobody behind the wheel. Talk about luck!!!

**Guest** - 04/03/07 - 22:39

Mike (or Lee), some time (when we're not expecting it) you all should do an experiment and post a random picture and see how long it takes for an anonymous person to point out something they view as an "incorrect procedure." No wonder I've never met a perfect person, they all remain anonymous. 

**Luke** - 04/03/07 - 23:41

[ Deleted a mess of anonymous comments and responses to comments, ergo the response from Luke. Sign your name and your nits can stay. Or maybe we'll enable required registration one of these days. Sorry for no later pictures, had to get ready and go to work. Lunch engagement prevented revisiting. Lee is still 10-7. ]

**Legeros** - 04/04/07 - 04:47

Mike only to hear you say "ergo" on the radio;)

**McGraw** - 04/04/07 - 10:56

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**Fire Talk**

04/05/07 59 W - + 12 - 11

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Do you have questions about Raleigh and Wake County fire departments? Ask Frick and Frack, the Fire Talk Guys. We don't have a radio show, nor a toll-free number, so [mail your questions](#) and we'll answer to the best (or worst) of our abilities. And, as needed, we'll punt to our readers or off-line experts. Fire away.

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**The Phone Call**

04/05/07 100 W - + 9 - 11

From a discussion started at a station last night, where were you and what were you doing when you "got the call?" That is, the offer of a full-time firefighter position in Raleigh, Cary, etc.? Mike was working at a traffic reporting company, and was sitting in the studio the day of the call. Might have been morning. He was fresh from college and working a pair of side jobs as well, clerk at a copy center and Sunday evening board operator at an AM radio station. The starting salary of \$18,327 (if memory serves) seemed a *fortune*.

I came home from my job as a welder (3.25 per hour...about \$6,800.00 per year...I was making the bucks!) on a Friday evening and there was a note to call the fire chief at RDU. I got the message at 7 that night so I had to go find a pay phone around 10 on Monday morning (I had to drive about 5 miles from the job site). I started 2 weeks later. Whopping big salary of \$8,735.00 annually (I still have the original check stub... \$238.39 after taxes for a two week pay period). That first day I was issued a cotton duck turnout coat that was too big, a pair of turnout pants that were 8" too short, a pair of size 9 fire boots (I needed size 11), a pair of ancient asbestos gloves, and a fiberglass Bullard fire helmet without earflaps (I still have the helmet).

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/05/07 - 18:16

I was working at another fire department in the county and had to find a secluded spot in the fire station to talk to Chief Lynn.

**JD** - 04/05/07 - 19:33

Well I First got hired at Durham Highway Full-Time right out of High School on A-shift, but while I was working there covering on C-shift we had gone to Raleigh Station 23 for dinner, While we were there just after starting to eat, my cell phone rang and it was Chief. Bunnell he offered me a Job with the City of Durham Fire Department and needless to say I took it.

**KM** ([Email](#)) - 04/05/07 - 21:40

I was working 3rd shift security at Glaxo in Zebulon. 3rd shift worked from midnight to 8am. I was passed out asleep when Capt. Matthews called. He asked me did I want a job with RFD. I asked him to hold on a second. I thought I was dreaming and asked him to repeat the question because I was asleep. Needless to say I couldn't go back to sleep that day!

**Jason Lane** - 04/05/07 - 23:41

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**Scanner Laws?**

04/06/07 45 W - + 12 - 11

From a reader, are there any laws that prohibit or impact the use of a scanner to monitor public safety radio traffic? State, local, or otherwise? We don't believe so, but let's throw this to some bigger radio geeks than ourselves for confirmation.

§ 15A-287 in the General Statutes. I remember some NC law back when I bought my first Regency scanner that said something about it was illegal to monitor police radio transmissions during the commission of a crime, or something like that.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/07/07 - 00:37

Any laws about showing up to a scene, way out of the way of course, and observing?

**Adam** - 04/07/07 - 02:27

Conceptually, these things are true:

1. It's a free country, except when (a.) on private property or (b.) when ordered by a law enforcement officer.
2. Refusing to obey the order of an LEO in the capacity of traffic control is covered here: § 20-114.1. Willful failure to obey law-enforcement or traffic-control officer; firemen as traffic-control officers; appointment, etc., of traffic-control officers.
3. Refusing to obey the order of an LEO, period, is also a violation in some states. Not sure about NC, and Google isn't turning anything up.
4. Observing and taking pictures can increase the likelihood of intervention by LEOs. This is typically a function of distance. The closer you are, the more likely the intervention.
5. Observing during the "heat of battle" can also increase the likelihood of intervention. Again, it's a function of distance.
6. Stay back and obey any directions and you should be fine.

**Legeros** - 04/07/07 - 06:09

North Carolina has no restrictions on Scanner use...for a list of the states who do have restrictions visit this site:

<http://www.afn.org/~afn09444/scanlaws/>

**Marshall Sherard CFP[714]** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/07/07 - 08:23

In NC it is against the law to refuse the order of a LEO. See statute regarding "Resist, Delay and Obstruct".

**Silver** - 04/07/07 - 16:42

The law I referenced above is GS 15A-287. It says you can monitor police, fire, and other stuff. There is also stuff about intercepting info and stuff.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/07/07 - 21:52

[ Reference to a specific local incident removed. But the poster makes a good point. If it is against the law to refuse the order of an LEO, is it within the law for an LEO to compel compliance with an order? Such as, say, forcibly moving someone who refuses to move. Presumably, just because the first statement is true, the converse of that statement is not necessarily also true. ]

**Legeros** - 04/08/07 - 08:58

Reference to the specific incident noted, I have no idea what anyone is talking about; however, it is within the scope of law enforcement to "detain" someone who is not complying with their orders... in effect, detaining the person places them in their custody and they can move the person wherever they want (most times, to jail).

Anyway, I just think that a LEO saying, "Do this or else..." would be enough to make me move. The badge and the gun (but I fear the pepper

spray more) are enough justification to move. If we ask them to move for us, they would, so it's a matter of professional courtesy in the end.

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/08/07 - 09:07

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**Specialty Companies?**

04/06/07 108 W - + 11 - 19

Is this the correct list for the "specialty companies" in Raleigh, or those that operate special apparatus? What's wrong or missing from the following:

- E1
- E2 - haz-mat
- E3 - mini-pumper
- E4
- E5
- E6
- E7 - usar
- E8 - haz-mat
- E9 - investigation, mini-pumper
- E10
- E11
- E12
- E13
- E14 - usar
- E15 - haz-mat
- E16
- E17
- E18
- E19 - usar
- E20
- E21
- E22
- E23 - airport
- E24 - airport, mini-pumper
- E25
- E26
- E27
- L1 - usar
- L11 - usar
- L16 - usar
- L20 - haz-mat
- L22 - haz-mat
- L23 - airport
- L26
- R7 - usar
- R14 - usar
- R19 - usar
- Station 1 - field command unit

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Station 30 – Photo One

**Jason beach** - 04/08/07 - 00:32

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**Spectacular and Dangerous Fires**

04/07/07 1146 W - + 12 - 13

Thus read the headline of the May 27, 1911 edition of the *News & Observer*, when St. Agnes Hospital burned and every other building at St. Augustine School caught fire. The full story, quite amazing even by contemporary comparison, is printed below. First, some notes. The school and all its buildings caught fire before, on March 6, 1883. Only one building was partially saved. St. Agnes hospital burned two years earlier, in its earlier building. It burned again on December 16, 1926. St. Agnes, or external walls, still stands. It closed in 1961. The Milburnie power plant noted in the article is a hydroelectric plant on the [Neuse River east of Raleigh](#). Here's the article:

One of the most spectacular and most dangerous fires that the Raleigh Fire Department has ever had to fight was that at St. Agnes Hospital and St. Augustine School which started last night about 7 o'clock. With practically all of the buildings and much of the ground charged with 6,600 volts of electricity from the wires of the Milburnie plant of the Carolina Light and Power Company it was a very perilous situation for any one to face. It was nearly 11 o'clock when the current was cut off and everything was thought to be safe. Nearly every one of the buildings was ablaze at least two or more times during the night.

The first fire occurred in St. Agnes Hospital and the pump station, which stood nearby. Possibly a stroke of lightning hit the wires leading into the hospital, no one seems to know, or possibly it was the high wind that for a moment caused a clash of high voltage wires with the light circuit. Anyway, the fire started in the switchboard of the basement of the new \$40,000 hospital. The flames followed the conduits and the elevator shaft and soon spread over the building. One man went to throw a bucket water on the burning switchboard and was terribly shocked, the water being a means of forming a circuit. The nurses of the hospital and students worked hard to transfer the 47 patients to Smedes Hall, which is the old hospital, and had just succeeded in doing so when the fire gained great headway. Rev. A. B. Hunter, principal of the school, was almost caught in the flames near the floor, It was a pitiful sight to see the weak and feeble trying to reach places of safety. One particularly pathetic incident was a crippled man, whose leg was amputated Thursday, hobbling out on crutches amid great pain. The students worked valiantly to save the hospital, and had the fire somewhat controlled when the fire department arrived, and by hard work extinguished the flames for a time. Returning to the stations, the men had hardly pulled of their fire-fighting outfit[s] when a second call came and this time it was found that the whole hospital was charged with electricity.

From all points there was a sputtering and sparking that created a sight seldom seen. It was a dangerous situation, but finally Chief Lumsden of the fire department managed to work his way in, while City Electrician Will Carter was cutting the wires. The fire in the hospital was gotten under control and from the Smedes Building about this time the alarm of fire came. The patients were shifted to the Taylor Hall and cared for there until more comfortable quarters could be obtained. The flames did considerable damage to Smeades Hall, and especially bad was the water damage. The girl's dormitory, Goodman Lodge, caught fire; the laundry also blazed forth and in fact fire was discovered at times during in the night in all of the buildings at least one time and in many times more than two. In the meantime, City Electrician Carter was working to cut off the current as this was the only effective way of controlling the outbreaks. At times the trees on the grounds sparked and cracked. One of the big wires fell to the ground near Taylor Hall and sputtered, fussed, sparked and burned. No one could with safety move about the grounds, as there was no telling what moment one would step upon a charged area.

Rev. A. B. Hunter, the principal of the school gave the *News & Observer* reporter many facts about the fire. He said he was seated at his dinner table while the storm was raging outside and was attracted by seeing sparks of electricity playing about the wires in the library room and on a pole in his back yard. About this instant the fire in St. Agnes Hospital was again discovered and the fighting began. There are four hydrants on the grounds and the school boys prepared to fight the fire themselves, and did some good work at the hospital. Rev. Mr. Hunter said the school was completely at the mercy of the 6,600 volts of electricity from the Milburnie plant for about two hours. All possible efforts were have the current cut off, the power plant in the city finding it impossible to reach the Milburnie plant by telephone. Finally Chief Lumsden rushed out to the plant in an automobile, but before he got to the plant Electrician Carter had succeeded in cutting its circuits. However, Mr. Hunter was very grateful at the work the Raleigh Fire Department did to save the school.

The his indeed one fire where the public did not care to rush into. It took men who knew their business to venture about such dangerous places.

The pumping station with its two pumps and motor equipment was burned out, and it is feared the school will have difficulty in obtaining a water supply for a while. The damaged by the fire and water was hard to estimate last night, but will probably be about \$10,000 to \$15,000, maybe more. The new hospital, recently completed at a cost of \$40,000, is pretty badly damaged, and nothing definitive can be ascertained

until insurance adjusters make their report. The entire loss is believed to be fully covered by insurance.

While rushing to the fire last night the firemen narrowly escaped disaster on New Bern Avenue, near Idlewild. The storm had blown a big oak tree across the street. The firemen had to make their way down Idlewild Street and out another one.

The rapidity with which Chief Lumsden responded in his automobile shows the advantage of such a machine at times of fire. The machine also came in splendidly on the run to Milburnie.

The exactly place where the wires crossed was not ascertained last night. By permission of Mayor Johnson, City Electrician Carter cut off all the lights on the circuit near the school.

More than a year ago, St. Augustine school suffered sever loss by fire. The hospital was in charge of Dr. Catherine P. Hayden. The school this year has a total registration of 339 pupils, including the ones who attend from the city.

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**Postscript**

04/07/07 94 W - + 15 - 9

Speaking of St. Augustine School, insurance maps in 1909 listed the 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. By 1914, the fire department had relocated to a combination hose and coal house just north of the Lyman Building. The school'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.

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Absolutely Fire Proof

04/08/07 18 W, 1 I - + 12 - 13

From 1912, here's an amusing ad for an otherwise unfortunately named new hotel. Click to enlarge:



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**Cookie Cutters (Audio)**

04/08/07 66 W - + 13 - 6

Let's try a podcast. Here's an [audio answer \(mp3\)](#) to the following reader question: *As far as the cookie-cutter stations go, there has been a lot of discussion about newer rigs not fitting. Is this a problem of height, width, or length, or a combination of all three? And is this a problem with the older stations, or all of the cookie-cutter stations?*

So what are the reasons these apparatus won't fit. Is it just the size of the station or is that the Wake County contract vehicles won't fit? What I mean is you can buy apparatus that are narrower, lower in height and shorter in length but they aren't on the county contract.

**stretch** - 04/11/07 - 08:38

Stretch, you are correct about that. I was at the NJ Firemen's Convention a few years back, just checking out apparatus. I knew we at Truck 8 (RFD) were going to get a replacement soon, so I was scoping out ladder trucks. Seagrave had a low profile ladder, without tank, that more than likely would have fit in #8. But, such is life...Chief Woodlief was downstairs at the time and was very open to suggestions that we had "upstairs". As we all know though, big cities will usually go low bid.....(sigh).

**Silver** - 04/11/07 - 09:22

Raleigh is not buying county contract apparatus thought right. I remember the last few engines were enforcers where as the county spec is contenders?

**Adam Brown** - 04/11/07 - 13:16

yeah i think this was mostly about RFD... and they buy their own spec trucks. But even in the county the "county spec" won't fit in some stations, see Falls changing to a flat roof pumper. The same is true at WW#2, if it stays open, that the current spec will not fit due to height, and just barely will fit length wise.

I just think the problems with RFD stations is that they are just older, and the trucks are bigger and heavier, which the stations weren't designed for.

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/11/07 - 16:31

The original reader question refers to the same-style Raleigh stations that were built between 1959 and 1986. There have been problems for some time now with newer aerial apparatus fitting in the older of those stations.

**Legeros** - 04/11/07 - 19:44

I understand the original reader question, my statement was that the standard size aerial may not fit but a non-standard aerial might. For vertical limitations a reduced profile chassis (lower cab height) may fit in stations 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21. For bay width limitations a narrower chassis is an option (FDNY trucks are all narrower than standard). For bay length limitations a four fly aerial ladder instead of a three fly may save some apparatus length ( ie. Using a mid-mount aerial in a rear mount fashion) . I just thought it might be cheaper to alter the apparatus instead of altering or replacing the station(s) in question. I don't have the ability of measuring the bays of the stations in question.

**Stretch** - 04/11/07 - 21:33

RFD has already done this by putting a 75' in Firehouse 11, versus the "standard" 100' like 22 and 26 got.

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/11/07 - 21:39

A question for the Raleigh guys:

Just out of curiosity, how well has the 75' aerial worked out? Does it work well in the area that it serves? Is it able to reach most/all of the tops of the buildings in its district or are there some that would require a 100' ladder? I'm not trying to stir the pot, I honestly was wondering how well the 75' truck does with adequately serving its area.

**Luke** - 04/11/07 - 22:57

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**WakeMed Hummer**

04/08/07 24 W, 1 I - + 9 - 11

Seen at the special ops center on Sunnybrook Road. For the EMS agency that has everything...



Hummers?

**Wake Firefighter** - 04/09/07 - 09:26

Is some of this equipment purchased from grants or is this all bought by Wake Med?

**Silver** - 04/09/07 - 11:47

I was informed that the 1 hummer was purchased, with the assistance of a grant, to assist in hauling the specialty trailers Wake Med has...

**jdean** ([Email](#)) - 04/10/07 - 07:25

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**Station 28**

04/08/07 27 W, 1 I - + 16 - 6

We've heard April 15 as the opening date. Haven't been inside, but the exterior and grounds are looking good. Enormous apparatus bay as well. Click to enlarge:



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**Bullseye**

04/08/07 33 W, 1 I - + 13 - 10

Here's a view of the scene of last week's tanker accident, looking across Glenwood Avenue from the service station where the unmanned vehicle rolled away from.



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## Raleigh's Fire Chief is a Hero (audio)

04/08/07 61 W - + 13 - 13

Here's another podcast, this one longer and recorded on the first take. It's the quick reading of a *News & Observer* article from 1912, and tells about Sherwood Brockwell, Raleigh's first full-time Fire Chief, and his adventures while studying with the New York City Fire Department. The [mp3 audio clip](#) is just over four minutes long.

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**This Afternoon's Fire**

04/09/07 35 W, 1 I - + 20 - 8

Here's a panoramic perspective of this afternoon's two-alarm on Meadow Mist Court. Engine 24, 23, 17, 18, 16, 4, Ladder 23 (first on scene?) and 16, Rescue 14 and 19, and Battalion 1 and 4. Plus all the other usual suspects. Click to enlarge:



Great pics Mike, and good work to everyone who was out there today. I do have a question for the Raleigh guys as well as all other out there. I noticed in one of the pics of the hydrant that the wrench and bag were left at the hydrant. I know at our department we preach on taking the wrench with you once you open the hydrant to prevent any ole' person from just coming up and turning it back off. Do other departments have any rules or SOGs along these same lines, and what is everyone's opinion on the matter?

**FireLt.** - 04/09/07 - 21:36

i would like to see county units pulled to scenes like these or to back fill stations whenever a major working fire bangs out, i know the only reason bethesda is there is because they jumped it

**Roger** - 04/09/07 - 22:08

Are you certain they jumped it? A lot of the apartment complexes in Brier Creek have them on the run card because they are closer than 23 as a second due.

**Mike** - 04/10/07 - 15:32

99% sure, i heard bethesda on the scanner saying "we are checking in on a fire" bethesda and dhfd have a contract i believe that is the right side of 70 if you are driving towards durham, they don't cross 70 often on auto dispatch

**Roger** - 04/10/07 - 20:10

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**More Talk**

04/09/07 71 W - + 12 - 11

There's more talk on Raleigh fire calls of late, notably on fire alarms. Size-ups are being given, command is being established, and so on. If you miss the dispatch, check the talkgroup. If they're talking on an Ops channel, it's likely a fire alarm. If they're talking on a Tac channel, it's a structure fire. And if you hear additional tones and units dispatched, it's a *working* structure fire.

Some correspondence came out today requesting RFD companies spend the summer months getting comfortable using the NIIMS style of IC, so you will probably hear even more talking in the coming weeks. Hopefully this will only improve on our teamwork on calls. Personally, I like to hear what is going on when I'm second in on a call, and I certainly don't mind returning the favor. Stay safe, brothers (of all genders).

**Southern piper** ([Email](#)) - 04/14/07 - 22:32

More information about NIMS and IC:

FEMA resource page on NIMS: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>

FEMA document on NIMS (PDF): <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/n..>

FEMA resource page on IC: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSRe..>

**Legeros** - 04/15/07 - 06:06

I only wonder how this will affect mutual aid responses in the county. I do not know what the use level of NIMS by county departments is.

**Porter** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/07 - 10:34

EMS received a memo from EMS100 the other day. Let me quote it so I don't give any false info:

Please remember and implement the following:

The first unit on the scene of any dispatched incident, regardless of the type (with the exception of, perhaps, "inside the house" single patient medical calls), should do the following:

1. Report "on scene" verbally.
2. Give a brief "size up" to dispatch and other responding units. [on the assigned TAC channel]
3. Establish and "name" COMMAND on the TAC channel. [Commands are named geographically – DAVIE STREET COMMAND or CAPITAL BLVD COMMAND – not by department or incident type.]

And, also, later on...

"Even if it's not "your type" of incident — that's the procedure. You don't have to "stay" in command if, for example, you were first in on a house fire. As soon as the first engine arrives, give a report and "pass command" to the officer, and announce on the TAC channel [If you decide to locate your COMMAND POST somewhere other than your vehicle, then you should announce WHERE command is located also. For example, "MILLBROOK COMMAND will be on the northwest corner of the intersection on the sidewalk."

When it's time to pass command, on the TAC channel advise dispatch and all units that

ENGINE 22 is now MILLBROOK COMMAND."

And, further still...

"I thought that you would recall from ICS-100 that use of ICS is "the law" and not an optional thing. So, by copy of this message I am directing incorporation of the use of ICS practices and terminology on any incident that involves the response of more than a single ambulance with no co-responders. If there are more than one responding unit, ICS is a go."

ICS is here to stay...

(and if anyone would like a copy of this e-mail, I will be happy to forward it to you.)

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/07 - 12:54

K.I.S.S.

**Eric** - 04/15/07 - 15:22

In truth, that's what ICS is... Keep It Simple Stupid. One chain of command, people reporting to only one person, clearly defined objectives... isn't that what we all want?

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/07 - 16:28

The county units are using it.

**Porter** - 04/15/07 - 19:59

Such consistency in communication between agencies has been needed for the 20+ years I've been in Fire and EMS in Wake County. It's fun listening to folks learn the new jargon and swim thru the process, but it's getting better by the hour. Strong work folks.

**Olson** - 04/15/07 - 23:38

I agree with Olson. The more we do it, the better we get. It's just like the 10 codes back in the day... it took a while, but we got it. We'll get this too.

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/07 - 23:56

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**North Charleston / American LaFrance Fire Museum Opens**

04/09/07 85 W - + 10 - 13

Press release. The grand opening for the North Charleston / American LaFrance Fire Museum and Educational Center has been announced as Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, food vendors will be present, and both old and modern fire trucks will be on display. See the [forthcoming web site](#) for more information. Mike and the Missus will be there, bundling the event with their one-year wedding anniversary. Can't have a romantic getaway without fire stuff.

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**Special Fire Commission Meeting**

04/10/07 83 W - + 11 - 12

Notice. There will be a special meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission on Monday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a report on the evaluation and the application of the commission's closure criteria to Western Wake Station 2. There will be a presentation by county staff followed by a presentation by Western Wake Fire Department. The meeting will be held at the Wake EMS Training Facility, in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building.

GOOD LUCK YRAC/WWFR2  
Scottie

David "Scottie" Harris  
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**Scottie** - 04/11/07 - 00:25

Sad thing to close a station. However, rather than 'close it', if they do not need it as a fire station, move a Cary EMS unit there.  
**guest EMS** - 04/11/07 - 18:19

I would say if an EMS unit was needed anywhere in cary, an additional one is needed in the West Cary/NC 55 area. Cary EMS would have to buy or lease the facility from WW as it is not a "county" building

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/11/07 - 18:33

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## Station Closures

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Here's a short history of fire station closures in Wake County. Comments, corrections, and additions welcome.

Apex's first fire station in the municipal building at 235 N. Salem Street. It was used from 1927 to 1956, when the station was moved to 210 N. Salem Street.

Bay Leaf's first permanent station at 11617 Six Forks Road opened in 1967 and was moved to 11713 Six Forks Road in 1983.

Cary opened a single-bay fire station beside the Town Hall at 100 W. Street in 1953. It was moved to 100 N. Academy Street in 1965.

Cary's first Station 2 in the 100 block of Cedar Street opened in 1953-54 and closed in the early 1960s.

Durham Highway's first station on Davis Drive opened in 1965, was renamed Station 2 after a second station at 8312 Pinecrest Road opened in 1976, and was finally closed in 1992.

Durham Highway's second Station 1 on Pinecrest Road was renamed Station 2 after a third station opened at 11905 Norwood Road in 1992. The station opened as Raleigh Station 23 in 2000, though Durham Highway continued to house apparatus there.

Fairground's station at 1515 Blue Ridge Road opened in 1961 and moved to 4120 District Drive in 1992.

Fuquay-Varina's municipal building at 131 Fuquay Avenue opened in 1951 and included a single-bay station. It was moved to a combination municipal and rural fire station at 301 South Fuquay Avenue in 1978. The rural fire department also moved from their 1965 station at 128 Fuquay Avenue.

Garner's first permanent station at 110 Pearl Street opened in 1953 and was moved to 503 West Main Street in 1970.

Holly Springs Public Safety's first station at 127 N. Main Street opened in 1995 and moved to 700 Flint Point Lane in 2006.

Raleigh's earlier fire stations are covered here: <http://www.legeros.com/history/stations/raleigh/>

Rolesville's first permanent station at 106 S. Main Street opened in 1960 and moved to 104 E. Young Street in 1980.

Six Forks Road opened their first permanent station on the east side of Six Forks Road just north of Lassiter Mill Road in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The station was relocated to 5305 Six Forks Road in 1962, and relocated again to 1431 Lynn Road in 1974.

Stony Hill's first permanent station at 7025 Stony Hill Road opened in 1963 and moved to 7038 Stony Hill Road in 2003.

Swift Creek's first permanent station at 6115 Holly Springs Road opened in 1962 and moved to 6000 Holly Springs Road in 1983-84.

Wake Forest's municipal building at the corner of Brooks and Owen Streets opened in 1930 and included a basement fire station. It moved to the 300 block of S. White Street in 1973 and relocated again to a combination municipal and rural station at 430 E. Elm Street in 1988. The rural department also moved to Elm Street from their 1966 station at 352 S. White Street. Wake Forest Fire Department #2 also moved to Elm Street from their station on Taylor Street.

Wendell opened a two-bay fire station on Fourth Street in 1952. It was moved to Hollybrook Road at Fourth Street in 1961, and to a new municipal building at Pine and Fourth Street in 1963. The station was moved to 2960 Wendell Boulevard (present street name and number) in 1984.

Western Boulevard's permanent station was an old "barbecue shed" located at the southeast corner of Western Boulevard and Powell Drive. It was used from 1957 to 1960, when the department was disbanded due to city annexation. The department reformed as Fairgrounds one year

later.

Yrac's first fire station was a rented garage at the corner of Cedar and Ward streets. It was used from 1961 to 1966, when it was moved to 325 E. Durham Road.

Zebulon moved their fire department into a new municipal building at 111 E. Vance Street in 1951. The two-bay station was moved next door to a dedicated building at 113 E. Vance Street in 1974.

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"Bay Leaf's first permanent station at 11617 Six Forks Road opened in 1967 and was moved to 11713 Six Forks Road in 1983." Are you forgetting the former 3-bay main station on Norwood Rd just off of Six Forks Rd? They were in this station when they moved to the new one on Six Forks Rd.

"Durham Highway's first station on Davis Drive opened in 1965, was renamed Station 2 after a second station at 8312 Pinecrest Road opened in 1976, and was finally closed in 1992." The station on Pinecrest Rd was known as 'station 2' when it was opened and I believed stayed that way until the old station on Davis Drive was closed. That station was 'station 1' the whole time I was affiliated there. We kept unit 1 and unit 2 there, with unit 3, 4, and 5 being at the new station.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/10/07 - 22:23

Bay Leaf's old station on Norwood Road is actually addressed 11617 Six Forks Road, or so county real estate records say (as I recall).

**Legeros** - 04/11/07 - 05:34

Oh....I see, said the blind man....

**DJ** - 04/11/07 - 18:15

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**Pumper and Utility**

04/11/07 104 W - + 11 - 11

Locution has started saying Pumper and Utility when dispatching some departments. Pumper is the new designation for a pumper-tanker, and Utility is the new designation for a pick-up truck or other utility-type vehicle. We're told that the changes are being made at a rate of about two departments a week. Sounds a little different, but should very effective for knowing exactly the type of truck that's responding. About 100 county rigs and vehicles are being changed, or about 40 percent of the fleet. You've already heard some of the changes. BLFD Truck 25 is now BLFD Ladder 25, FVFD Truck 1 is now FVFD Rescue 1, etc.

These are the new names:

- Air – Breathing air vehicle
- Brush – Brush trucks, mini pumpers
- Boat – Watercraft
- Car – Sport utility vehicles, chief officers
- Engine – Pumpers (without rear dump)
- Haz-Mat – Hazardous response vehicles
- Ladder – Ladders, platforms
- Pumper – Pumper-tankers (with rear dump)
- Rescue – Rescue trucks (with extrication/rescue equipment)
- Squad – Service trucks (fire support, ISO support equipment)
- Tanker – Duh
- Utility – Pick-up trucks, utility vehicles
- Unit – Special equipment (command unit, others)

**Legeros** - 04/11/07 - 19:45

interesting to see that a truck can be a "pumper" with or without having a drop tank.. it's only required to have a rear dump... it's a great start though!

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/11/07 - 20:03

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## Rex Healthcare

04/12/07 26 W, 1 I - + 12 - 15

This trailer is parked across the street from Rex, along with a handful of ambulances. No Hummers, however.



Capabilities? Uses?

**Silver** - 04/12/07 - 17:36

Similar to WakeMed's gaggle of stuff, just on a smaller scale. By the by, there's also one parked down by the ER. As far as the ambulances go, they're for granny-hauling.

And Rex should get a Hummer, to compete with WakeMed. They could race them around the Beltline...

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/12/07 - 17:56

I guess it *really* has to be a bad day for Rex's "Disaster Response" team to be activated!

**Luke** - 04/12/07 - 18:36

Rex is part of the SMAT (State Medical Assistance Team) just like many other hospitals. The Rex team was used extensively during Katrina, etc.

**AB** - 04/13/07 - 19:11

Anyone have details on SMAT and what their response would be in the event of a WMD attack? Would they set up at the hospital or go to an area as requested by an IC? How long does it take for them to assemble and deploy?

**Silver** - 04/14/07 - 10:54

<http://cms.premis.net/smat/>

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/14/07 - 11:04

Rex actually has 2 disaster trailers. 1 is parked at the ER and 1 is across the street. 28 ft and 24ft trailers. The SMAT is activated through Emergency Management.

**AB** - 04/14/07 - 21:40

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Fire Horses Slip on Way to* « [Rex Healthcare](#) » [State Medical Assista...](#) *Duty (audio)*

### Fire Horses Slip on Way to Duty (audio)

04/12/07 43 W - + 9 - 11

Here's another audio recording, another news reading from 1912. The location of the slipping horses is Dawson Street in front of Union Station, which was located beside the present Station 1. The [mp3 audio clip](#) is 2:40 long.

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**State Medical Assistance Teams**

04/14/07 18 W - + 16 - 11

From a reader comment on another topic, here's a nifty [NC SMAT web page](#).

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## Good Work by Fire Truck (audio)

04/14/07 64 W - + 12 - 12

Here's a recording of *Raleigh Times* article from 1912, about the demonstration of an American LaFrance motor truck. This one took a couple takes, plus a couple edits. Mike is recording these using [Audacity](#) and a standard Radio Shack microphone. The sound files are normalized, and a bass boost is added before exporting. The [mp3 audio clip](#) is 4:56 long.

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Overnight Sensation

04/14/07 39 W, 1 I - + 17 - 14

The wee hours will be wet hours, or so the weathermen say. Get those rescue boats ready. Don't expect pictures, however. It tough enough to shoot in daylight in driving rain.



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## Traffic

04/14/07 113 W - + 12 - 13

How popular are these pages? Last month, the blog was viewed 9,134 times and the photo site was viewed 9,480 times. That is, the main pages of both. Average daily traffic was 268 views (blog) and 306 views (photos). The most popular blog entry is not known. The most popular photo sets were the Glen Eden Drive transformer fire (19,561 views), the RDU drill (10,215), the RFD graduation (10,181), and Big Fire on Capital Boulevard (6,068). The total traffic in February for the Big Fire photos was 43,443 views. Now, there are some apples and oranges here. The blog and photo site totals reflect a single page each. The photo set totals reflect *all* pages, both index page and slide pages.

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**Holly Springs Ladder Painted**

04/15/07 52 W, 1 I - + 13 - 10

Here's Holly Springs' new ladder, shot Sunday between cloud bursts. It's a 1999 ALF/LTI mid-mount 93-foot platform with a 2000 GPM Hale pump that served Pattonville, MO. The red section of the wraparound light bar includes twelve LEDs that firefighters installed. Sharp-dressed truck.



I agree... very sharp truck.

**CJS** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/07 - 18:14

Are they going to go through and start repaint other trucks?

**Adam Brown** - 04/15/07 - 18:56

That truck (oops – ladder) looks really good. I'll have to get down there for a firsthand viewing.

**Olson** - 04/15/07 - 23:34

What's the staffing on it?

**Silver** - 04/16/07 - 10:24

By the way, if any Holly Springs folks are on here and have any questions, contact me. We at L-20 (RFD) have a twin, and I know set-up can be a bear because you can't see the person on the other side.

**Silver** ([Email](#)) - 04/16/07 - 10:27

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**Holly Springs Station 2**

04/15/07 91 W, 1 I - + 13 - 11

Renovations are nearly complete at Holly Springs Station 2. They included reducing the bays from three to two and increasing the number of sleeping rooms. We'll get some photos after the finishing touches are finished. The 1971 structure first served the Holly Springs Rural Fire Department. It became an HSPS facility after the merging of the municipal and rural departments in 1997. It present houses an engine, a reserve engine, a brush truck, and one of two ambulances that is rotated into service at Station 1.



WOW, Mike those are some great pics of HS #1, I did not realize it was that nice of a station, HSPD is to be proud of what they have built.

Are there any plans to build a station further towards the New Hill area or further north towards the Fairview/Swift Creek/Cary area?

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/16/07 - 11:37

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Hot Video

04/15/07 36 W - + 12 - 11

As linked from [this Firehouse article](#), here's some [incredible raw video](#) of a bowling alley fire in Pennsylvania that includes the daring moving of a raised platform. Holy cow. Here's the related [forum discussion](#).

Would this be that same incident? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8ebiZeOR..>

For some reason, I couldn't get the news footage to play.

**Luke** - 04/15/07 - 23:32

Yes it is just a different angle on the ladder. The news video was more from the side of the ladder.

**Adam Brown** - 04/15/07 - 23:50

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**Special Fire Commission Meeting Report**

04/16/07 174 W - + 13 - 9

There was a special meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission this evening, called for the purpose of receiving a report on the evaluation and the application of closure criteria to Western Wake Station 2. [Some background on this agenda item](#). Both the county and WWFD made presentations to the fire commission. The county sees both increased service and decreased cost by contracting Cary for a portion of Station 2's territory, then using Western Wake Station 1 to cover the remaining area. Western Wake sees downsides ranging from ISO impact to the loss of volunteer members. And though they don't see Station 2 staying open forever, they don't see right now as the right time, either. The meeting was intended as an information exchange, however, and the fate of the station was not hanging in the balance. Questions were asked after each presentation, the need for additional answers was acknowledged, and the meeting concluded with a vote to investigate the report in greater depth through committee. That's the short version, at least.

They'll drag this one out till the walls crumble down on E Durham Rd. "The need for additional answers was acknowledged" interprets into "we all think it should happen but no one wants to take the heat for saying so".

**Cranky Old FF** - 04/18/07 - 01:04

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**Wind**

04/16/07 51 W, 1 I - + 7 - 12

Busy day in Raleigh today. At least the rain was yesterday. Heard of more than one dumb-a@@ driving through traffic cones and into power lines. The mini-pumpers were out and about, aiding as they do during severe weather. Trees and lines, rinse and repeat.



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**AVL**

04/17/07 40 W - + 7 - 11

Automatic Vehicle Location in all county ambulances in two weeks, says [this WRAL article](#). Wake SO cruisers have already been equipped. There's also an [article on same](#) in this morning's N&O. Here's some [general information](#) about AVL systems.

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**Station 28**

04/17/07 74 W, 1 I - + 9 - 12

Station 28 should open Monday, we're told. It'll be staffed with a single engine company. The three oldest antiques will also be there, the 1905 American LaFrance (steamer), the 1926 American LaFrance, and the 1950 Mack. They may also move a Mack pumper and the Mack platform out there. The 9,960 square-foot facility is the first three-bay station built by the city in 50+ years. It cost some \$2.3 million, building plus land.



Where would the Raleigh Fire Department be without "This End Up" furniture?

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/18/07 - 08:20

Where is Engine 28 getting moved from?

**where?** - 04/18/07 - 08:21

Where would any local FD be without "this end up"???

**[CFP 7021]** ([Email](#)) - 04/18/07 - 09:02

Ummmm, Engine 28 is a Pierce enclosed cab, I think it's the old E-15....

**Silver** - 04/18/07 - 09:13

About Six Months Ago, I thought I saw a brand new Pierce with E-28 On it, correct me if I am wrong.

**Gold** - 04/18/07 - 10:30

Good one "Gold"....no, you are incorrect. There's an older Pierce, enclosed cab, with "28" markings on it. It's been at Keeter as well as Fire Services.

**Silver** - 04/18/07 - 10:53

Thank You "Silver"

**Gold** - 04/18/07 - 12:44

The signage for the station is pending. It will look like the last stations, but darker. There are ten bedrooms, a couple of which are larger captain's rooms. There's also an office, an exercise room, and a PPE storage room. No coat racks in these bays!

**Legeros** - 04/18/07 - 20:34

E-28 is a 95'-96' Pierce (Dash) i think. It was originally E-15, which is the sister to E-21 (originally E-11).

**firedriver** - 04/18/07 - 20:49

Engine 28: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/a..>

**Legeros** - 04/18/07 - 20:52

Are there any future plans for adding additional companies to the station in the future? It just seems as if the one residential fridge won't cut it if others are added. Ideally each shift would have their own, but as we all know, that costs more money....Just a thought.

**Platinum** - 04/19/07 - 07:58

The trend in the RFD is 1 refrigerator. I know #1 has more than 1 due to the number of personnel. But, unless you bring another from home, I haven't seen services issue more than 1 to a house. I know in Durham, we had multiple fridges which was nice.

**Silver** - 04/19/07 - 11:28

In Cary each firefighter gets a personal Chef.

**Rusted Aluminum** ([Email](#)) - 04/19/07 - 13:26

Holly Springs station #1 has three refrigerators.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/19/07 - 16:49

What about Cary? Every shift gets their own food locker but there is only 1 refrigerator.

**car3550** ([Email](#)) - 04/19/07 - 21:19

Let me take care of that rust for ya.

**Polish** - 04/19/07 - 22:11

Same at RDU-CFR, from what I've seen anyways.

**Rusted Aluminum** - 04/20/07 - 12:32

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**For Sale**

04/19/07 42 W, 1 I - + 14 - 9

As noted by a reader, these are for sale at the State Surplus Center out Highway 54. And if we never told you before, we love the blue and white colors. Great change, that was.



RPD should buy one for SEU. Heck, they're already blue and white!!

**Guest** - 04/20/07 - 09:02

Probably should have kept them a little longer as spares. No doubt they have seen better days, and are expensive to keep running as front line units. But given Wake's lack of spares, maybe they could have kept them a little longer. And why not convert one to a bariatric unit? Better than paying a lot of money for a specialty bariatric truck. Kind of like the special event vans.....

**Guest 3** - 04/20/07 - 09:11

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## Familiar Faces

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Here's a recent find from the State Archives, an audience of Raleigh firefighters at a civil service hearing in 1979. See how many people you recognize. Click to enlarge:



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**The Next Police Chief**

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Something interesting on the City of Raleigh web site, a [four-question survey for residents](#) from City Manager Russell Allen seeking input on the next Police Chief.

What about the cops themselves? They're the ones' on the street, dealing with crime!! Did Mr. Allen give the members of the department a survey as well?

**Guest** - 04/20/07 - 09:05

Excellent point "guest" as the morale of RPD is quite low from what I understand. I think the city could benefit greatly from hiring someone from the outside who can bring in new ideas and perspectives, such as the FD did with its new chief. The new chief will have alot on his/her platter with a city that is growing so fast, and along with it, crime.

**Platinum** - 04/20/07 - 16:35

This is a classic demonstration of the perils of blogging. As my words indicate, I found it interesting that Mr. Allen was conducting the above citizen survey. But I also possessed additional information that I did not include in the posting. I know Mr. Allen conducted a similar survey of fire personnel before he hired Chief McGrath. And I have heard that he conducted a similar survey of police personnel before conducting Chief Purlov. Thus, to me, it is likely that Mr. Allen is or already has conducted another survey of police personnel at present. However, I did not include this additional information in my posting. For a reader who does not possess that additional information, they may reach the same conclusion as the first commenter, "what about the cops themselves?" That comment puts Mr. Allen's actions in a "one-down" position, and could just as easily lead to conversation either defending or criticizing Mr. Allen's actions, and any off-shoots therein. All of which is fine, except it is a bit unnecessary. Mr. Allen gets slammed for something he very likely hasn't done. Had I included the additional information in my posting, there would be a more informed perspective for readers to base their comments upon. They may choose to defend or criticize Mr. Allen's actions anyway, but at least they would have that information. Thus are the perils of blogging.

**Legeros** - 04/20/07 - 17:12

The world of blogging is interesting indeed.

I don't know enough to offer an opinion on RPD, but I have strong feelings about promoting from within versus bringing someone from the outside. Every now and then, a "new bull" is needed (there's an article on the subject of bulls in the herd in one of the NC fire publications this month, that's where that came from), but a well-run department should have a program in place to develop internal talent. After too many "hired from outside," you run the risk of demoralizing your own guys – as in "What are we, swiss cheese?" RPD's last chief was from the outside, so maybe it's time for an interal promotion? Lots of their senior guys seem pretty sharp.

Personally, one of my goals is to have several long-term employees professionally qualified (education, training, and experience) to promote before I'm ready to retire from Wake County EMS.

Skip

**EMS100** ([Email](#)) - 04/20/07 - 17:40

Mr. Allen has sent out a survey to all officers. As an aside, he is very "pro-public safety".

**Silver** - 04/21/07 - 10:52

Just hearing rumors from a few of my close RPD friends, the majority wants someone from the outside.

**Guest** - 04/21/07 - 10:53

Skip, I certainly understand where you are coming from in not wanting to confuse people on the inside too much by constantly bringing in new people and new ideas, but every once in a while I do believe it has its benefits. As for RPD, I know quite a few officers and their morale is quite low and has actually gone downhill since the interim chief has taken over. While this is understandably a small portion of the department, it does lend some weight into the fact that perhaps it is time for a change within the higher ups of RPD in general. There are alot of great guys

and girls there and they deserve to have nothing but the best and I just hope whoever the new chief is will allow them that opportunity.

**Platinum** - 04/21/07 - 14:46

First off this ain't Mr. Allen's first cake cutting!!!! He hired Jane from the the outside. He did the same question type format with the officers and public before. #2 Chief Brown who was chief before Jane was straight up from the ranks of RPD! Now to throw in a response to Skip or anybody else questioning hiring from out not in. Since October of 2006 RPD has had 1 Deputy Chief and 2 or 3 Majors retire. So her or their higher ups are either slim pic-kin or have only been a higher ranking officer for only a year!!!!!!!!!!!!!! # 3 I think it is definately time for some more outside blood when the acting chief is changing things just to mess with people ie; changing task force teams uniforms from BDU to dress or class A or B uniforms.#4 Skip you remember that since you were brought form the out side, you go after that goal of developing your staff for that next step and help them be better candidates for your retirement!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Later, Jason

**Jason Lane** - 04/21/07 - 23:16

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