

## **Legeros Fire Blog Archives - 2008 Postings Compiled, Part 1**

**July 2021**

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This Evening's Fire in Fuquay

01/01/08 77 W, 2 I - + 16 - 14

Eight-unit apartment building at [500 Ashewyck Commons Court](#), off Cardinal Drive, off Stewart Street. Two-story, brick/frame structure with 7,262 square-feet. Built 1996. Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs, Fairview, and Northwest Harnett County, for starters. FV and HS aerials operating, notes the [FireNews incident log](#). Alarm time around 7:30 p.m. The [WRAL story](#) has a slideshow with several photos. Click to enlarge the top photo below by Keith Caudill. There's also [aerial footage on the WTVD site](#).



units on the scene were fuquay E1,E3,E4,E5,L1,R1 Holly Springs E1,E2,L1 Fairview E1,E8 and a northwest Harnett county engine. Another Northwest harnett engine covering at Fuquay Station 1. Apex E1 covering at Holly Springs Station 1. Swift Creek E3 covering at Fairview Station 1.

4447 - 01/01/08 - 09:25

EMS9, EMS14, EMS52, EMS T1, and EMS District 2 were also on scene.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 01/01/08 - 11:54

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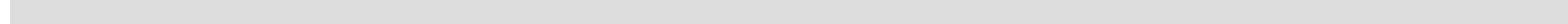
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## New Raleigh Investigation Unit

01/01/08 73 W, 2 I - + 19 - 14

The Raleigh Fire Department has a new investigation vehicle. This 2007 Ford F-350 was placed in service today at Station 9. It will service as the primary vehicle for Car 198. The new unit is equipped with a four-person cab, a camper shell, and a slide-out equipment/compartament tray. It was photographed at this morning's house fire on The Circle.



Are they gonna letter it anymore than it is? I can see the little emblem and the light bar, but is that all?

**Beach** - 01/01/08 - 20:48

They still keeping the van?

**Jimmy** - 01/04/08 - 07:18

There are no plans to letter the vehicle any further. Unlike most of the fire department vehicles, the intend is to NOT be flashy with decals and striping. The reasoning behind this is prevent suspects or witnesses from fleeing a fire scene upon the arrival of an investigator. This is similar to why police detectives and ATF arson investigators utilize unmarked vehicles.

The van has been gutted and will probably be used by Services.

**RFD574** - 01/04/08 - 11:03



Versus putting pictures of it on the internet? Hahahahaha.....

**Silver** - 01/04/08 - 11:21

And a big red light bar on top....very discreet

**[MTH]** - 01/04/08 - 13:16

MTH, you are missing the point...it is not about being discreet. There would already be many fire trucks on the scene whenever an investigator arrives, so being discreet would be out of the question. The intent is to merely avoid advertising the arrival of investigators in hopes of not running off any potential witnesses.

The only reason the lighting was installed was to provide investigators the ability to respond in a timely manner. Have you ever tried to go from Station 20 to Station 28 at 5pm?

**RFD574** - 01/04/08 - 14:11

Acutally, I used to run light bars on my vehicles from the time I became a fireman in 1980 up until 1999 and then I found that the effectiveness of disguised strobes and leds worked just as well when placed correctly. I drive a similar vehicle to the one pictured and as those that know we will attest, I can go anywhere I need to go and the public is well aware of my presence. Besides, I was not faulting the lack of lettering, my point simply was the with the bar light on, it is pretty much identifiable as a fire department vehicle anyways although I agree I probably would not plaster INVESTIGATIONS down the side....sort of like my unmarked Crown Vic...blackwalls and a couple antennas.....ah.....yep me thinks its a police car.....bingo....

**MTH** ([Email](#)) - 01/04/08 - 23:57

MTH, I find your knowledge about emergency response interesting and I disagree. I have been involved in the selection of emergency equipment on our vehicles for about eight years now. As you say those that KNOW will attest our vehicles are equipped properly for there use and response.

**RFD457** ([Email](#)) - 01/06/08 - 21:26

Great thing about this country, everyone can express their opinions and they all do not necessarily need to be the same.

**[MTH]** - 01/07/08 - 09:33

The van that previously served as Car 198 has been assigned to Station 8, for transporting the personnel of Engine 8, when they respond to haz-mat incidents as part of the regional response team.

**Legeros** - 01/19/08 - 07:36

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Rockingham County Line of Duty Death

01/01/08 64 W, 1 I - + 12 - 19

The new year has started tragically as [this NBC 17 story](#) reports. Oregon Hill Volunteer Fire Department member Paul Lewis Ellington, 36, died this morning while answering a call for a trailer fire, when his personal vehicle ran off the road. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. [WFMY-TV also has details](#). The accident occurred on Crutchfield Road near Business 29 northeast of Reidsville.



My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ellington Family. Lets all PLEASE learn from this and drive careful and wear seatbelts, even in back of an Engine company. Be Safe.

**Apex Batt Chief** - 01/04/08 - 22:59

The same thing I posted on The Watch Desk. No judgements on anyone, just my observations over the years.

"Several items in the news (local, state, and national) related to driving that have involved emergency services folks. This stuff is totally preventable- totally.

To my firefighting brethren out there- slow down. It is not your fault the world is combustible.

For my EMS brothers and sisters- slow down. Speed is not a medical treatment at anytime. If it's their time, then it's their time.

And for my law enforcing cousins out there- slow down. You can't catch the bad guys from the back of my ambulance.

Be safe. Be careful. Slow down. And buckle-up.

DJ"

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/05/08 - 09:03

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# Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Artifact - Wake County Fire Station & Equipment Identification System

## Artifact - Wake County Fire Station & Equipment Identification System

01/01/08 103 W, 2 I - + 23 - 12

Here's an interesting artifact, the [original county-wide numbering system](#) that was apparently implemented by the Wake County Firemen's Association. The document is dated April 30, 1979. Methinks the year is 1979, but others can verify. To view a longer and modern list of Wake County fire station numbers, see [this list on Carolinas Fire Page](#). Wonder which fire stations were #1, #2, #3, #10, and #35? They're absent from the old list as well. Gone by that time was Western Boulevard Fire Department. Same for Wake Forest Fire Department #2. That's two possible candidates. Maybe Forestry was one? Maybe Raleigh Central was another??

DRAFT

**Wake County Firemen's Association**

FIRE STATION & EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

DEPARTMENT	STATION #	(1-4) EQUIP #	(5-9) SPECIAL USES (PUMPS, TANKS, AUXILIARIES)	(10-19) TRUCK #	(20-29) BRUSH #
✓ APEX	4	41, 42, 43		47, 48	49
✓ BAY LEAF	15, 25	26, 27		27, 28	29
✓ CARY	5	51, 52, 53, 54	TRUCK 56		57
Duckhorn Highway #2	14	141	Squad 16	147	
Duckhorn Highway #2	17	171	Squad 17	177	
✓ FAIRGROUNDS	19	191, 192, 193	Squad 19	197, 198, 199	
FAIRVIEW	20	201, 202		207, 208	
FALLS	21	211, 212		217	219
FURLEY-VIRGINIA	7	71, 72, 73, 74		77, 78	79
✓ GREENE #1	8	81, 82, 83	Squad 8	87, 88	
✓ GREENE #2	18	181	Squad 18	187, 188	189
Holly Springs	14	141		147, 148	149
Hopkins	22	221, 222	Squad 22	227	229
Kingstonside	13	131, 132	Squad 13	137, 138	139
✓ Mendenhall #1	23	231	Squad 23	237	239
✓ Mendenhall #2	24	241	Squad 24	247	249
✓ Rolesville	15, 15	151, 152, 153	Squad 15	157, 158	159
✓ SIX FORKS	12	121, 122	Squad 12	127	129
✓ STONEY HILL	26	261, 262, 263		267, 268	269
SWIFT CREEK	27	271, 272		277, 278	279
✓ WAKE FOREST	6	61, 62, 63, 64	Squad 6	67	69
WAKE NEW HOPE	28	281, 282	Squad 28	287, 288	289
WENDELL	11	111, 112		117	
✓ YEAC	29	291, 292		297	299
ZEBULON	7	71, 72, 73		77, 78	79

The one on the CFP is the 'enhanced' version that takes into account all of the newer stations. The list as shown is from late 1979. That was the year we put '29' on the sides of our helmets at Yrac. I don't remember hearing anyone really say as to why there was no 1, 2, or 3. However, I notice that RFD, NCFS, and RDU are missing.

As I remember, Apex, Bay Leaf, Fairgrounds, Falls, F-V, Hopkins, Rolesville, Six Forks, Stoney Hill, Wake Forest, Wendell, Yrac, and Zebulon were the only ones that signed onto the idea. Cary used a modified version, dropping the '5' from everything, instead going with simply ENGINE 1, ENGINE 2, TRUCK 6, and BRUSH 9.

The rescue squads were already using something similar that coincided with the numbers assigned to the towns (and Six Forks).

Great find, Mike.

And no, we are not going to beat that poor horse, again. One of my New Year Resolutions- no beating of dead horses.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/01/08 - 22:14

Wonder if #35 was the Harris Plant Fire Brigade? They were tied to the county radio system, I think, as they used to participate in the monthly (?) radio checks.

**Legeros** - 01/01/08 - 22:22

Amazing how similar some of the data is to this list we did in August of 2007:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=p..>

Isn't there a Fire Commission meeting this month? At the last meeting they announced they would be working on this issue. Hope some progress has been made.

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 01/02/08 - 02:07

Looks very different from what EMS has implemented...has anyone completed the above spreadsheet out to include staff/officer positions as well for all the fire stations, both City and County? If so would they mind posting it here?

Thanks, Mike

**[MTH]** ([Email](#)) - 01/02/08 - 15:02

How about the first LINE OF DUTY DEATH right here in little old NORTH CAROLINA. My heart felt condolences goes out to the Oregon Hill Fire Department and their Families. I hope that everyone and their families have a safe and Happy New Year. Stay fire safe and PLEASE STOP AT RED LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS.

**John johnson** ([Email](#)) - 01/02/08 - 19:45

Ask silver about the Harris Plant # DJ. I am sure he knows.

**yosilver** - 01/02/08 - 23:06

^^ also slow down and wear your seatbelts! I hate to fear that his family will not get the full amount of death benefits because he wasn't wearing it. Let us learn from it.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/02/08 - 23:22

It seems I can very vaguely remember hearing the Harris fire brigade talking over "Wake Fire 1". If I had to guess, I'd say this was back in the mid-90's, but I can't recall the call sign they used.

If anyone has contact with Jimmy Nobles, he'd be the one to ask.

**Silver** - 01/03/08 - 11:32

I had always heard that Raleigh was allotted number 1

**Mike** - 01/03/08 - 13:56

The spreadsheet that was done in August is good, but needs to be updated and put into service. With the addition of missing and new units, the system could work.

**NEff109** - 01/04/08 - 07:20

I think NEff needs to take advice from DJ's post (more importantly last line of first post). It's over and done with, we've discussed this time and time again, let it be.....

**Silver** - 01/04/08 - 11:24

OK...change of pace...anyone know where I can locate one of the old Wake County Fireman's Association decals? The ones with the maltese cross and the picture of the county borders in the middle?

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/04/08 - 12:10

Dj, I asked President Lane that question just last night. I beleive that he has the box with all of the association paraphernalia and was going to look and see. As to NEFF's question, and not beating the dead horse (I concur), HAS anyone updated the spreadsheet and most of all, how will line officers within County departments be numbered? I am aware of how the City is doing it, ie. 101, 201, 301 for engines, 106, 1106, 2306 for ladders.

**[MTH]** - 01/04/08 - 13:29

If they are not a chief officer why do they need a number? Why don't they go to the station and make sure that a staffed piece of apparatus gets out of the house? Or they could be Car whatever number.

**Mike** - 01/04/08 - 18:23

Is this just a really bad dream that keeps replaying over and over again?

**Silver** - 01/04/08 - 19:17

Mike – The Old ID system that you show above was done when I was an officer with the Wake Co. Firemen’s Association in the late 70’s, early 80’s. I still have the blue line copy at home. We tried to arrange departments alphabetically but also matched those departments with existing rescue squads to existing numbers. (Example, Bay Leaf traded 15 to Rolesville since Rolesville rescue was 1571.) We were trying to solve the ID problem on the radio with everybody having an engine 1. We wanted to be more specific on the fire scene. It worked but now Wake County has confused the issue again with duplicate EMS/Fire numbers. I guess we were ahead of our time. Some liked it, some didn’t. What has changed?

**Hal Atkinson** ([Email](#)) - 01/15/08 - 15:54

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Battle of the Badges Charity Hockey Game, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

01/02/08 98 W, 2 I - + 15 - 11

News release. The Second Annual "Battle of the Badges" charity hockey game between Leatherheads (fire) and Blueliner (police) hockey clubs takes place on January 13, 2008, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at [the RBC Center](#). The event is free to the public, though donations will be accepted. Last year, nearly 1,100 people attended and almost \$8,600 was raised for charity. This year's proceeds will be donated to the UNC Burn Center for Children and the 200 Club of Wake County. [Read this PDF flyer for more information](#) .



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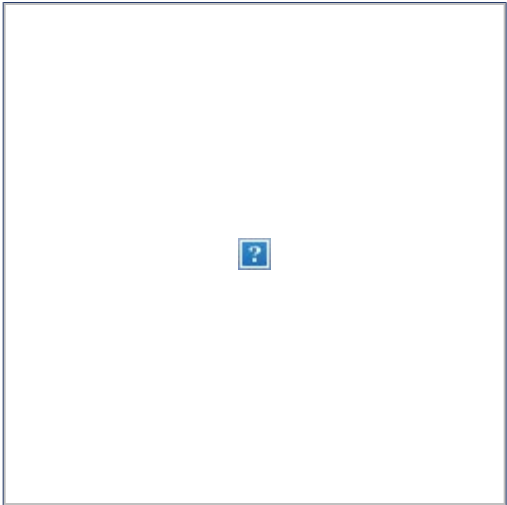
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FireNews Hot Shot from Concord

01/05/08 43 W, 1 I - + 9 - 14

The latest [FireNews](#) update features some strong photos, including this image of a gutted church in Concord. Jennifer Simpson, CFD PIO, submitted same. Click to see original size. The *Independent Tribune* has [this story](#) and a morning-after photo.



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Kitchen Improvements at Station 3

01/05/08 90 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

The kitchen at [Raleigh Fire Station 3](#) has been upgraded. The cabinets were painted, and received new hardware. A new sink, counter, and floor has been installed. Station "A" provided the labor, and the city provided the materials. Captain Robbie Braxton functioned as project supervisor. Work started late last year, and is nearly finished. Some cosmetic touches remain, such as trim work. Station 3 is the second oldest fire station in the city, and one of only three equipped with fire poles.



It's just like the Station 8 improvements... it's nice to see people taking pride in their stations and apparatus. The kitchen looks great, and it's going to be very functional for them as well.

EMS 7597 - 01/05/08 - 13:29

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Old Shift Calenders Wanted

01/05/08 47 W, 1 I - + 20 - 15

Looking for old shift calenders, such as the [pocket-sized versions shown here](#). Have a couple years, 2007, 2005, 2003, 2001, 1996. Seeking other years, going as far back as anyone can find. All will be scanned and archived on the history pages. [Mail Mike](#) if you can help.

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## This Morning's Fire

01/06/08 102 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

Commercial structure at [3008 Highway 70 west](#) near the county line. Adult entertainment establishment, not occupied. Single-story, 3,859 square-feet, built 1975. Heavy smoke on arrival of Garner Fire Department. Eastern Wake also initially dispatched. Defensive operations after about 20 minutes. Garner Ladder 1 operating. Clayton, Wilson Mills, Archer's Lodge, and maybe one other as mutual aid, for water shuttle from hydrant about a quarter-mile east on Highway 70. Garner EMS and Wake EMS on scene. Alarm time 6:28 p.m. Controlled within two hours. One injury to firefighter, slight burn on foot. [Latter reported by WRAL](#). Pictures and photography notes forthcoming.



Who's yellow rescue truck?

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/06/08 - 20:26

Garner EMS old 881. The current 881 is in the shop.

**Legeros** - 01/06/08 - 20:47

Guess I need to get out more...

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/06/08 - 21:00

Thats Garner's back up rescue truck 882.

**Mike** - 01/06/08 - 21:17

I have noticed several pictures with fire personnel standing between the tanker and the drop tank. I was taught when I was a volunteer (in another NC county) to step up (make sure the driver sees you) on the tailboard when the truck got close enough or stand out of the way while backing up when using the water tubes for safety reasons if something went wrong with the truck. Please don't get caught in that spot. Just a thought to keep us safe. Thanks!

**fire1983** - 01/06/08 - 21:31

What's the run down on the number of trucks that responded?

**car2550** - 01/06/08 - 21:51

Until someone consults CAD, this was the likely line-up for the first 90 or some minutes of the incident: Garner E1, E5 (P5?), L1, R1, Tanker 8, Car 1, Car 2, Car \_\_, etc., Eastern Wake E1 (P1?), Tanker 3, Clayton E2, E3, E4, Car 1, Car \_\_, Archer Lodge Tanker 1, Wilson's Mills Tanker 1,

Car 1, GEMS 81, 82, 882, EMS 1, D1, T1.

**Legeros** - 01/06/08 - 22:10

Anyone know if any smooth bores were put in service?

**Silver** - 01/06/08 - 23:30

I made an earlier comment to myself when looking at the pictures... from those alone it does not appear so. It also looks as if they had water supply issues as there were drop tanks on the ground. It also appears that they may have put some sort of a relay operation into place as well. I would be very interested to learn from what hoses were placed where and how the water supply operation went. It looks like it could be a great learning tool.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/06/08 - 23:43

It was Clayton Car 3 and Eastern Wake PUMPER One

**Car 9** - 01/06/08 - 23:53

Select photos also posted on firehouse.com: <http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Phot..>

**Legeros** - 01/11/08 - 19:58

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**This Afternoon's Haz-Mat**

01/06/08 53 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

Ethanol leaking from railroad car at [1500 Carson Street](#). Alarm time about 1:05 p.m. Leak stopped about 2:30 p.m. Units included Engine 6, Engine 8, Ladder 20, Ladder 22 operating Haz-Mat 22, Rescue 7, Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Haz-Mat 2, Haz-Mat 15, Air 8, Car 5, EMS 3, EMS District 1, EMS Truck 1. Pictures from Lee and Mike coming.



Kenly had a big and considerably dangerous-er haz-mat incident last night, gasoline leaking from storage facility.  
<http://wral.com/news/local/story/2259882..>

**Legeros** - 01/06/08 - 16:08

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**Recruit Academy Starts Monday**

01/06/08 122 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy #34 starts on Monday with 24 future firefighters. They'll train for six months, and graduate on July 7, 2008. During their 26-week academy, the recruits will receive certification as EMT, Firefighter I and II, and Rescue Technician VMR. They will also receive training on haz-mat operations and awareness, fireground procedures, high-rise operations, rapid intervention teams (RIT), accountability systems, safety companies, engine and ladder company operations, and firefighter safety and survival. Hiring started in the summer, and applicants underwent a process that included an agility test, a written exam, background checks, an oral interview, and a physical. Congratulations and good luck. See you on the drill pad. Photo below by [Lee Wilson](#).



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## Raleigh Mini Pumper Histories

01/07/08 458 W, 1 I - + 19 - 12

The first mini pumper, then called an "auxiliary truck" or a "squad truck" or simply a "squad," was a Dodge half-ton truck most likely of 1944 model year. Its equipment included a booster pumper, booster reel, water tank, and overhead ladder and suction hose rack. It operated from around the summer of 1944 until being destroyed in an accident with a Greyhound bus on September 12, 1947. The two firefighters operating the unit were both injured.



The second squad was a 1948 Ford F3. Purchased in FY48, it also was equipped with a booster pump, booster reel, and water tank. It also had an overhead ladder wrack. The truck was assigned two firefighters, and responded solo to small fires, and was also dispatched to all structure fires. It was housed at stations 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 over the years. The squad was still in service into the 1970s. Don't know when it was removed from service, yet. Nor if it was staffed into its final years.

The fire department placed a brush truck in service by March 23, 1982. Called Brush 1, the 1965 International D120 was renamed Brush 3 by May 22, 1985. The light-duty truck had previous served as Foam 5, and as Maintenance 3. The unit was presumably unstaffed. Brush 3 was removed from service by August 18, 1986.

Three Chevrolet Silverado brush trucks were placed in service on August 18, 1986, at Stations 3, 9, and 17. Each was equipped with a 350 GPM pump, 200 gallon water tank, and twin booster reels. They cost \$24,000 each. The unstaffed units were named Mini 3, Mini 9, and Mini 17. They were utilized for brush fires, vehicle fires in parking decks, overnight fire watch after structure fires, storm response, off-road EMS response, towing trailers, and other special duties. Mini 17 towed a confined space rescue trailer housed at Station 17 for several years.

On March 14, 1997, one of the three mini-pumpers was destroyed in an accident on Lead Mine Road. On January 25, 2006, a third mini-pumper was again placed in service. The 2005 Ford-F550 truck was equipped with a Reading body and a Slagle pump unit. It was placed in service as Mini 3, though it operated from Station 2 for several months. During that period, the foam truck had been removed from service, and reserve foam was stored on a trailer with other haz-mat supplies at Station 2.

The mini pumpers have been assigned to Stations 3, 4, 9, 17, 23, and 24. Mini 3 has operated from 1986 to present. Mini 4 operated from 2000 to 2004, and from 2007 to present. Mini 9 operated from 1986 to 1997, from 1998 to 2000, and from 2006 to 2007. Mini 17 operated from 1986 to 1998. Mini 23 operated from 2004 to 2006. Mini 24 operated in 2004, and from 2006 to present.

The specific vehicle histories go something like this:

1986 Chevy #1 (shop #001039)  
M3 in 1986 > M9 in 2006 > M4 in 2007



1986 Chevy #2 (shop #001040)  
M17 in 1986 > M9 in 1998 > M4 in 2000 > M24 in 2004 > M23 in 2004 > M24 in 2006

1986 Chevy #3 (shop #0010\_\_)  
M9 in 1986 > Wrecked 1997

2005 Ford  
M3 in 2006

Looking at the lower left picture of the Chevy reminds me of many of the brush trucks built on p/u trucks. So many of them were WAY overloaded! Made them real interesting to drive, too. Definitely something you did not want to get into much of a hurry with. Seems like most of them had that tell-tale 'squat' in the back-end.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 01/08/08 - 09:50

Corrections to the above information. The in-service dates for the three Chevy mini-pumpers were staggered. Mini 17 was placed in service on May 13, 1986. Mini 3 was placed in service on August 18, 1986. Mini 9 was placed in service on April 24, 1987.

Legeros - 01/12/08 - 11:31

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Matchitecture

01/07/08 36 W, 1 I - + 14 - 9

For the fire hobbyist who has everything, a "[New York Fire Truck](#)" that you make out of wee wooden sticks. Just don't display it too close to the fireplace! Sold by [Burbank's House of Hobbies](#).



...striking.  
**Legeros** - 01/07/08 - 20:56

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Hoahh!

01/08/08 25 W - + 11 - 12

...and the newest recruits reported for duty at the Keeter Training Center on Monday. Lee Wilson [shot some of their first day](#). 129 days remaining.

Good touch with the red lettering!!

**Silver** - 01/08/08 - 16:39

Once again the another recruit academy starts. Here is to the growth of Raleigh Fire Department.

**John johnson** - 01/09/08 - 17:22

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01/08/08 26 W, 1 I - + 13 - 15

As this [WRAL story reports](#), one of the Department of Transportation's Interstate Motorist Assistant Patrol vehicles burned on I-40 in Durham County today.



And it burned

**Neff109** - 01/09/08 - 10:11

bet they werent complaining about the fd blocking traffic on I40 this time....

**JB** - 01/11/08 - 10:05

Good one!!

**Silver** - 01/11/08 - 17:36

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## Old Darley Ad on eBay

01/09/08 36 W, 1 I - + 15 - 8

From a reader, here's an [old magazine ad for Darley for sale on eBay](#). It shows pics of pumpers for Knightdale, Youngsville, and Archer Lodge, among others. Click to slightly enlarge:



Now that is old!

**ewfd200** ([Email](#)) - 01/09/08 - 08:37

Wonder what they ended up doing with that truck?

**Kdale0** - 01/09/08 - 10:11

The last time I was around there Morrisville still had their Darley of similar vintage (one of 3 they eventually bought) in modified form. I think Archer Lodge still has theirs. Durham Highway also had one of the same vintage, very similar to the Morrisville unit.

There were a lot of them around NC from the same era. They were good, dependable units. The Darley pump, in my experience, was one of the best- pumped a many a gallon of water through a Darley.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/09/08 - 11:06

Dont you know?  that's the NEW engine we've got on order!

**Kdale** - 01/09/08 - 19:07

I wanted to buy that book off of ebay, but a certain captain, won it!! Thanks William!!!!

**Beach** - 01/10/08 - 13:07

Ha!

**ewfd200** ([Email](#)) - 01/10/08 - 13:54

While out doing pre-plans today, came across an old fire truck on the side of the road. As we are riding by, I yelled at my driver to stop the truck. I am in total shock of what I have seen. It is the above truck in the picture. Youngsville Fire Department! I made a few phone calls and it appears that one of the members had seen it a couple of months ago and called about purchasing it. From what I have been told, it is not for sale. However, there is interest there, and maybe, it will be back at YFD before too long? I took some pictures and will be sending them to

Mike on Tuesday.

**ewfd200** ([Email](#)) - 01/14/08 - 22:03

It would be interesting to see where a lot of the fire trucks from the 60s and 70s wound up. I know the Ford/ALF that Apex had was totaled, but what about DHFD #1, Yrac #1, the K-dale truck pictured in the ad, and others. Anyone got any ideas?

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/14/08 - 23:59

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01/10/08 151 W, 1 I - + 16 - 12

Training news. During the week of December 17, members of the Raleigh Fire Department's hazardous materials team trained on containment and control techniques of natural gas. Morning classroom instruction was followed by a practical exercise using new clamping equipment. The new clamps can be used on gas service lines up to two-inches in diameter. The exercise was followed by an intense obstacle course, with firefighters practicing using dry-chemical extinguishers on natural gas-fed fires. Three gas-fed props were used. The quickest team to extinguish all three props with only one extinguisher was Jeff Silver (L20) and Corey McGee (E2), who finished in 13 seconds. They were closely followed by Special Operations Battalion Chief Brad Harvey and Mark Mitro (E2), who finished in 17 seconds. The classes were conducted at the PSNC training facility at 901 East Chatham Street in Cary. Photos by Jeff Silver. [Click to enlarge:](#)



Will Firefighters be using the clamps to stop gas leaks. This is something we looked into a while back and I would like to know if any FD's are clamping gas lines

**Apex Batt Chief** - 01/13/08 - 21:35

PSNC prefers the FD's not clamp unless it is a dire emergency or they have a significantly delayed response. I purchased (2) tools for Raleigh FD about 3 years ago to use as a backup to PSNC. The clamps are only capable of clamping up to a 2" plastic line and their cost in 2004 was approx. \$900.00 each. Give PSNC a call and discuss training and application opportunities.

**A. Rich** - 01/14/08 - 00:30

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Journalist and blogger [Dave Statter](#) has been offering some interesting perspectives of late on the subject of responders and cameras and the Internet. [His latest column](#) includes compelling commentary from an Assistant Content Editor at firehouse.com. How will departments deal with Internet-enabled photography? The guest columnist imagines divergent paths. Some departments "recognize their strengths, weaknesses, shortcomings and will take advantage of every opportunity a photograph or video presents in order to continually train its officers and members and build on their relation with the public." Others will "become immediate media censors, clamping down on images captured even by their own members, and decrying the invasion of the fireground by a documenting outsider." And he sees greater value in the former, than the latter. Good reading.

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Old Engine 3

01/10/08 107 W, 1 I - + 13 - 12

Here's a beautiful sight. This 1951 American LaFrance 700 Series pumper was saved from the scrap yard last year by a member of the Raleigh Fire Department. It originally served as Engine 3, then as Engine 8 (1963), Engine 14 (1974), and Reserve C (1975). The 750 GPM, 150 gallon pumper cost \$19,048.94 including equipment. It was delivered with high-pressure nozzles, which were the rage then. Changed from gasoline to diesel in the 1980s, the apparatus was sold in 1986. Its present condition resulted from open-air storage in Granville County over a couple decades. The owner's plans are to be determined. Few more photos coming. [Learn more about Raleigh's old engines.](#)



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Raleigh Fire Department Promotion Ceremony

01/11/08 64 W, 1 I - + 15 - 10

Honored today at the City Council Chambers were six recently promoted members of the Raleigh Fire Department. Timothy N. Pearce, James E. Reeves, and Brian L. Sherrill were promoted to the rank of Captain. Frankie L. Beasley, Brian V. Pearce, and Jayson T. Ramsey were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Congratulations, all!



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CompactFlash Recovery Software

01/13/08 156 W - + 13 - 11

Here's a tip for digital cameras with [CompactFlash \(CF\) memory cards](#). Recovery software, such as [CardRecovery](#), can recover deleted photos. It can also read a seemingly corrupted card. This has happened twice to Yours Truly with high-capacity (8GB, 16GB) memory cards. For regular deleted images, the software's great if you are a fast reviewer. Myself, prior to moving files from the camera to the computer, I review the images as stored on the card. It's a fast way to cycle through them. I delete as I go, and some times delete a keeper. Enter the software. It requires a bit of time to run, but it retrieves the picture that was seemingly deleted. In the second scenario, with a corrupted card, the software will recover many but not necessarily all photos. But when shooting with a high-capacity card, with dozens or hundreds of pictures taken, recovering some is certainly better than recovering none!

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Forwarded from a colleague, here's an [excellent perspective by Gerry McGovern](#) on doing versus saying in the context of web sites. Simply, never tell what you web site will do, just let it do it.

Interesting read. The author makes some good points, but I think he misses a few. Websites need to be kept relative. And they need to be kept current as well as serve a purpose. This is an ongoing purpose that unfortunately few agencies follow through on.

From the view-on-the-street perspective of a street paramedic, I view a lot of different websites looking for good information that I can use. Unfortunately, there are very few sources of this content available, mostly because what is out there is out of date. To all you webmasters out there, if you have not updated it in more than a month, your stuff is pretty much obsolete and 'old news'.

I'll take the concept of an emergency services agency website. If you're going to but bios up there, you need to have pictures. If you're going to put your fleet up there, you need to put up more than a couple of pictures- provide a 'tour' of your trucks. Put your SOPs and protocols up, but make sure they are kept updated. Show off, make a statement.

Put good info up there. Tell people about your agency. Make the site useful and relavant.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 01/20/08 - 13:23

Along those sames lines, here's a compelling commentary on the subject of content: <http://www.gerrymcgovern.com/nt/2008/nt-..>

The author asks "What problem is your content seeking to solve?" What are you trying to do, when you build that web site or create that online content?

Legeros - 01/24/08 - 21:00

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### Wake County Fire Commission Meeting, Thursday, 1/17

01/14/08 63 W - + 23 - 9

The next Wake County Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building at [4011 Cary Drive](#). That's off Poole Road, off I-440. Drive around to the rear. Look for a large number of sport-utility vehicles with warning lights.

Mike,

I believe the correct date is January 17th.

**Correction** - 01/15/08 - 11:15

whats on the agenda?

**question** - 01/16/08 - 23:26

No agenda was receive in advance of the meeting, ergo no agenda was posted here.

Highlights from tonight's meeting forthcoming.

**Legeros** - 01/17/08 - 23:20

Here are some highlights of last night's Fire Commission meetings. Corrections and clarifications welcome.

#### Regular Agenda

There was a presentation on the state's Domestic Preparedness and Readiness Regions (DPRR). These are new entities, created at the request of Homeland Security. Raleigh and Wake County reside in region 4, which is comprised of Wake, Chatham, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Person, Granville, Nash, Vance, and Warren Counties. There's a core committee from Wake County participating in planning, and they represent public health, municipal police, sheriff's department, municipal fire, rural fire, EMS, hospitals, emergency management, rescue, and public works.

A letter from the county attorney was presented, regarding facility and/or land ownership in cases where the county is investing a significant amount of money in construction or renovation of a fire station. This was an issue carried over from the last meeting, and the letter answered some questions (or at least reinforced answers given at the last meeting). The issues were raised at the prior meeting in regard to renovations of Bay Leaf Station #1.

The Facilities Committee (FC) chair presented a report containing several items, including a new plan for future fire station repairs and renovations and an update on dormitory renovations, and the impact of a recent fire code change that requires sprinklers in fire station structures.

Regarding future fire stations, two items were noted. Properties around Raynor Road are being examined for the southeastern Wake County fire station. There's also a 4,000-home housing development planned in Wendell in five years. The FC sees a need for a fire station, or likely fire/police/EMS facility there. They recommend planning for buying land, and adding construction costs to the CIP. The station would be built in five years.

Regarding the evaluation of fire stations for closure, the FC developed a method for ranking stations. They then applied this ranking method to every county fire station. Five met their criteria to be evaluated for closure. One is already set to close, Western Wake #2. The remaining are Bay Leaf #3, Falls, New Hope #1, and Western Wake #1. The FC requested that the four be evaluated at the same time, notably because all four could be covered by Raleigh. The next step is for the county to talk to the Raleigh Fire Department, and see if they're interested in contract coverage for one or more of the station areas.

The Compensation Committee chair presented a report with recommendations on funding retirement, longevity, and life insurance programs, for county fire departments that contract with the county.

The Apparatus Committee chair presented a pair of policy drafts, an administrative and small vehicle replacement policy, and a vehicle disposal policy. The latter requires departments to dispose of vehicles and apparatus within specific time frames after receiving replacement vehicles.

There was a presentation on the subject of the Fire Protection Service Tax District Long-Range Business Plan. The plan consisted of a binder containing documents including facility and staff recommendations already approved by the Fire Commission, a placeholder for an updated capital expenditures model (there were additional items approved that night), the original long-range business plan, and the compensation plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2003.

The presentation resulted in a colorful and lengthy discussion about next steps. Some people thought the document was ready to present to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) in their February work session, as planned. Other people thought the document was not ready for presentation, and/or that they needed more time to review the document. A motion was made to accept the document, and proceed with plans to present same to the BOC. The committee voted, and the motion was rejected. However, it was decided that a special meeting will be held next month, as a work session to address some of the issues raised about the business plan.

As the meeting entered its third hour, it was noted that monthly meetings of the Fire Commission may need to be considered, due to the number and nature of agenda items.

The meeting schedule for the 2008 calendar year was also provided. January 17, March 20, May 1, July 17, September 18, November 20. Note that in past years, the May meeting has been rescheduled to coordinate with the county budget process.

Information Agenda

There was a presentation on Fire Protective Service Tax District Debt. It contained a lot of numbers.

There was a presentation of policy documents that relate to the appointments of county boards, commissions, committees, or authorities.

The meeting concluded shortly thereafter.

**Legeros** - 01/19/08 - 07:31

Is there a site/location that gives the criteria for ranking the county stations, and the criteria considered when being evaluated for closure? Additionally, is there information or copies of contractual agreements for coverage?

**Wayne** ([Email](#)) - 01/20/08 - 11:04

wasnt Eastern Wake 2 on that list not too long ago?

**curious** - 01/20/08 - 19:02

All those districts cannot be covered by Raleigh. The majority of the areas in question are non-hydranted and greater than 6 miles from another County station. The issue is more complicated than it is made out to be and requires much more research and planning. Not trying to defib the dead horse, I'm just saying it's not as simple as the County makes it out to be.

**ncff** - 01/21/08 - 13:10

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Tones, Glorious Tones

01/14/08 54 W - + 19 - 12

Cary dispatches a second structure fire, Swift Creek is paged as mutual aid for the first fire, and Raleigh Engine 8 is sent to a shooting. Three scanners-- yes, only three-- with three sets of tones, plus a pager beeping too. Truly a heavenly noise. Can't imagine why they annoy the wife.

You know, in my younger days I could listen to two mobile scanners, a pocket scanner, and a Minitor all going at the same time and tell you what was going on with all of them. Now, just listening to DISPATCH 1, it all runs together. But then again, back then we only had a small handful of channels to listen to- RFD, CFD, RESCOM, WC Fire 1 & 2.

DJ (Email) - 01/15/08 - 00:05

We were dispatched to both fires in Cary (New Waverly Pl and Jones Franklen Rd). Actually only one fire at China Pearl on Jones Franklin Rd. It was unclear at first if there was one fire or two, so two complete and different assignments were sent.

The fire at China Pearl was a short/arcing emergency exit sign.

Griggs - 01/15/08 - 11:02

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Old Youngsville Engine

01/15/08 45 W, 1 I - + 13 - 11

As noted in [this thread about an old Darley ad](#), here's that old Youngsville engine that "ewfd200" found and photographed. Click to enlarge. Learn more about the history of the Youngsville Fire Department on their [web site](#), and specifically their [history page](#).



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Chief Haraway's Coming Book

01/16/08 113 W - + 18 - 5

Apex Fire Chief Mark Haraway's coming book, *Large Scale Incident Management*, is [available for pre-ordering on Amazon.com](#). From the description: "The book places readers in the Incident Commander seat for the EQ chemical fires that occurred in Apex, North Carolina, in October 2006: an event that lasted three days, shut down an entire city, and displaced 17,000 citizens. Using this large-scale incident as a running example of how critical components of successful incident management are actually applied in real life, it provides detailed insight into important topics in the field." The publisher is [Delmar Cengage Learning](#). The release date for the 288-page softcover volume is April 30, 2008. No cover image yet.

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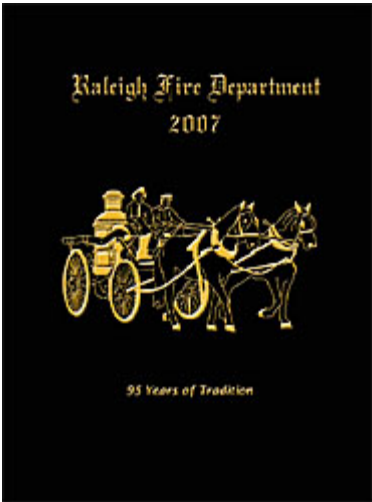
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Yearbook Ordering Deadline Extended

01/16/08 60 W, 2 I - + 14 - 12

The deadline has been extended for ordering copies of a new Raleigh Fire Department yearbook. You now have until **February 1** to place an order. The cost is \$50.00. The hardcover book with all-color pages will be published in the late spring. To order online, [visit the publisher's web site](#). To order by mail, [view this PDF-format flyer](#) .



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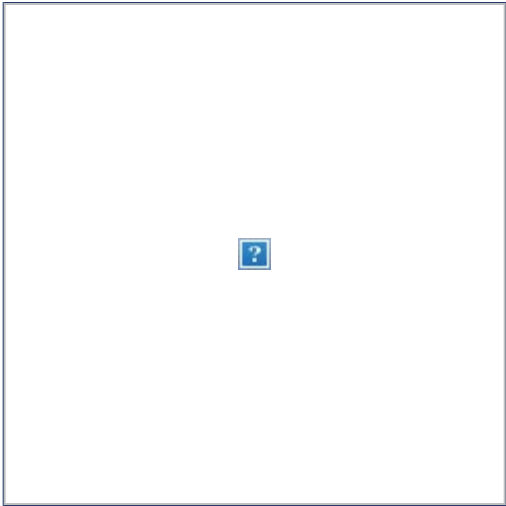
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Battle of the Badges Pictures

01/16/08 26 W, 1 I - + 14 - 15

Pictures from the Battle of the Badges 2008 charity hockey game, from a couple photographers, have been posted to [this Flickr site](#).



Good time, let’s try to fill up the whole lower bowl next time!!

**Silver** - 01/17/08 - 14:55

score?

**Andrew** - 01/17/08 - 15:19

Unfortunately, the Blueliners won, 7 to 5. But, on the good side, a lot of money was raised for two worthy causes.

**CJS** - 01/17/08 - 15:51

~\$12,000 to charity!

They did have to open up extra seating as well, which is a great sign for years to come!

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/17/08 - 16:45

\$12,000 compared to what amount last year?

**Silver** - 01/17/08 - 17:00

over \$8700 last year – 1100 fans – see [http://firenews.net/archive\\_05032007.htm](http://firenews.net/archive_05032007.htm)

**corner hydrant** - 01/17/08 - 19:49

It was my first time attending, me and the family totally enjoyed the event. Great job done by all. Looking forward to next year. Thanks Don Gross City of Durham fire Department.

**jj** - 01/18/08 - 10:37

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Full Airport Response in London

01/17/08 81 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

Found on the [Firehouse forums](#), this was the full response of the London Fire Brigade to [today's incident at Heathrow Airport](#). Kind of interesting: 6 Pumps, 3 Rescue Co's (2 for USAR), 3 Bulk Foam Units, 1 Hose Layer, 2 Command Units, 3 USAR modules, 1 DAC Monitoring officer, 1 Borough Commander (DC) as Incident Commander, 2 Stn Commanders (BC's) Ops, 1 Stn Comm for Hazmat, 1 Stn Comm for USAR, 1 Stn Comm for Press, and 1 Stn Comm for Control Tower Liaison. 1 Asst Commissioner informed for remote monitoring.



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## New Livery For Garner EMS

01/17/08 39 W, 1 I - + 16 - 11

Garner EMS has adopted a new vehicle design, the first example of which was photographed at tonight's Fire Commission Meeting. That's at 1600 ISO, with camera held very steady.



great looking set of wheels!! – the side stripe matches the exact angle of the back chevrons – would love to see the 801 on a slant or in italic  
**corner hydrant** - 01/18/08 - 00:01

Agreed Corner Hydrant, this vehicle is nice. Is that the Garner EMS patch on the rear window?  
Whats up with red lights on the rear? Mini Vectors?

**jetexas** - 01/18/08 - 18:00

can't make out the rear – would be cool to have all FD (including BC cars), EMS, USAR with similar stripes, all in their respective colors with matching chevrons – ems bicycles and other cart-type vehicles could have the matching look too – would make it easy for the public to identify emergency vehicles right away

**corner hydrant** - 01/19/08 - 00:15

looks like an expensive paint job to me! way to go!

**7driver** - 01/21/08 - 04:05

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**Fires at Watson's Flea Market**

01/19/08 155 W, 1 I - + 17 - 10

How many fires at occurred at the location of [Watson's Flea Market](#)? Mike's history pages have two. On April 30, 1982, a feather processing plant caught fire about 5 p.m. The thick smoke was seen as far as 30 miles away. The one-story brick building burned for about an hour, but the adjacent Watson's Poultry plant was not damaged. On February 12, 1994, the Watson's Flea Market restaurant burned. Two alarms for two-story structure, with Truck 1 operating.

But were there others? Readers recently asked about this. Today, scanning a newspaper from March 1987 found another. On March 28, a warehouse building at Watson's Marketplace Place was destroyed. Two businesses were lost, and third were damaged. Five fire units took more than three hours to control the 11:30 a.m. fire. Some 2,000 people were present at the time of the fire, most at the outdoor flea market. The *Raleigh Times* ran this photo:



In my explorer days with RFD, I remember taking in a "Code 3" one night. It was between 1993 and 1995.....

**Silver** - 01/19/08 - 12:37

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Extended Extrication on Six Forks Road

01/23/08 71 W, 1 I - + 13 - 16

[WRAL has aerial footage](#) of yesterday evening's MVA on Six Forks Road. Sky 5 was in the area at the time of accident. One victim required extended extrication. The incident occurred near Norwood Road just about 5:00 p.m. Six Forks EMS, Bay Leaf, and Durham Highway's rescue, if memory serves. The WakeMed air ambulance we also en route, but returned to service. Click to enlarge photo:



anybody know the specifics on this incident?

**Curious** - 01/23/08 - 22:37

yep

**mk** - 01/25/08 - 09:25

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## 27-Year Fire Department Veteran Herman Jones Dies At the Age Of 58

01/23/08 213 W, 1 I - + 15 - 10

News release. The City of Raleigh Fire Department lost one of its own on Tuesday, January 22. Lt. Herman S. Jones, a 27-year veteran of the Raleigh Fire Department, died after suffering an apparent heart attack. Lt. Jones was on duty Friday, January 18 at Fire Station 10 when he began to experience chest pains. He was transported to Wake Medical Center and then to UNC Hospital.

Lt. Jones began his service with the Raleigh Fire Department on May 5, 1980 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on June 16, 2001.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Haywood Funeral Home, 2415 South Wilmington Street. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 26 at Juniper Level Baptist Church, [9104 Sauls Road in Raleigh](#). A visitation will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday and the service will be at 2 p.m. The burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Lt. Jones is the third firefighter to die while on duty. On April 20, 1965, Lt. Paul Mimms, 41, died of an apparent heart attack while operating a pumper at a structure fire. On March 10, 1956, Lt. Vernon Smith, 44, died from injuries suffered after his pumper overturned on November 14, 1952.

For more information contact Asst. Chief Tommie Styons, 919-831-6392.



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Our #1 killer claims another Brother; R.I.P. "Herm".....

**Silver** - 01/23/08 - 18:18

All of the members of Raleigh Fire Department will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong

**Luke** - 01/23/08 - 18:57

Rest in peace – from you friends and brothers at RFD Station #8A (A.Rich, S.White, G.Buxton, B.Page, K.English)

**RFD Station #8A** - 01/23/08 - 20:05

Rest In Peace friend from Dekalb County Fire Rescue .....

**Jim Kay** - 01/23/08 - 21:20

Rest in Peace. From your Brothers on the North side.

**NH Station #1A** - 01/23/08 - 23:24

Apex has your family and brother firefighters in our thoughts. God Bless you

**Apex Batt Chief** - 01/23/08 - 23:52

May he rest in peace.

**Jay** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 01/24/08 - 09:51

May he rest in peace, stay strong RFD, your in our thoughts and prayers. -Your Brothers at the Falls

**FFD21** - 01/25/08 - 08:27

Rest in Peace Brother – Williamsport Bureau of Fire (PA) Local 736.

**Kevin Breen** ([Email](#)) - 01/25/08 - 13:17

To the Jones family from my family may we Honor Brother Herman, for he gave the ultimate sacrifice to the fire service and we will rejoice in his coming home to the "LORD". To the MEN and Women of the Raleigh Fire Department our Deepest Sympathy to the Lost of of OUR BROTHER HERMAN. May "GOD" stay in our hearts at this time of sorrow.

**JJ** - 01/25/08 - 20:08

Rest in Peace Brother, Our thoughts and prayers will be with Lt. Jones' family and the RFD family.

-DHFD C-shift-

**LtEng3** - 01/25/08 - 22:45

Rest in Peace Brother Jones! The thoughts and prayers of Charlotte E11 are with the family of Lt. Jones and the Brothers of the Raleigh FD.

**Rides An Engine** - 01/27/08 - 10:48

Rest in Peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family now and always.

**Sta. 14** - 01/27/08 - 11:02

Rest in Peace Brother. Keep the faith RFD, our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Brother Jones and our brothers at RFD. – DHFD A-Shift

**DHFDeng1** - 01/27/08 - 13:32

Rest in Peace. Our thoughts and our prayers are with your family and the Raleigh Fire Department.

-Durham Highway Fire Department "B" Shift

**DHFD** - 01/27/08 - 16:32

Rest in peace Lt. all of our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Brother Jones and the family of RFD.

**DHFDVollies** - 01/27/08 - 16:39

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State College Student Discovers Raleigh's Old Fire Bell

01/24/08 124 W, 1 I - + 15 - 15

Here's a great story that appeared in the North Carolina State University newspaper *Technician*, about Matt Robbins and his discovery of the city's old fire alarm bell atop Withers Hall. See aerial view of building and cupola. The bell was cast in 1870 and was originally housed in a clock tower at Metropolitan Hall. It served as a clock bell, and also an alarm to summon the city's volunteer firefighters. It was moved to Station 1 in 1914, and removed from there in 1938. A decade later, it ended up atop a building at the college. Great story, and even includes an appearance by Yours Truly. More information on the early fire alarm system.



Here is a better aerial pic.  
<http://maps.live.com/default.aspx?v=2&cp..>  
2redline (Email) - 01/24/08 - 23:11

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**Southern Pines Ladder**

01/24/08 21 W, 1 I - + 18 - 11

Lee found this on a [fire photographer's Flickr site](#). Southern Pines Pierce ladder. Look familiar? Click to enlarge:



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RAPS Race Remembers Herman

01/24/08 68 W, 1 I - + 20 - 13

Tonight's Raleigh Area Public Safety (RAPS) kart race was dedicated to Raleigh Fire Department Lt. Herman Jones, who died on Tuesday after suffering an apparent heart attack Friday night at Station 10. His photo was posted at the door, and each kart was labeled "Engine 10." A moment of silence was observed, and then the pipes band played "Amazing Grace."



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**Public Safety DepartmentParticipation in Lt. Herman Jones Funeral**

01/25/08 219 W - + 16 - 17

News release. The Raleigh Fire Department would like to express our gratitude at the outpouring of sympathy that our department has received following the death of Lt. Herman Jones.

**Processional Escort for Hearse**

We invite the participate of any *apparatus* from Wake County public safety agencies. Personnel who wish to place *apparatus* in the processional are requested to stage at Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh](#), on Saturday, January 26 at 10 a.m.

For questions about the processional escort, please contact Assistant Chief Larry Stanford at 919-796-7011.

**. Walk of Honor**

Any Public Safety Officers, from both Wake County and other locations, that would like to participate in the Walk of Honor at the Church should arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. on Saturday morning. Chief Ed Brinson with the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation is coordinating this.

**Parking**

Please carpool if possible. Parking is expected to be an issue.

**Funeral Arrangements**

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 26 at Juniper Level Baptist Church, [9104 Sauls Road, Raleigh](#). A visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the service will start at 2:00 p.m. The burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Lt. Jones is survived by his daughter, Tiffany Jones, mother Louise Jones, two brothers, and two sisters.

New Services Truck

01/25/08 56 W, 1 I - + 15 - 13

This truck was recently seen at the Raleigh Fire Department Support Services Center. The Ford F-250 cargo truck replaces a prior cargo van, and will be used to transport station supplies. The chassis looks suspiciously like old Car 48, a [1990 Ford/Omaha utility truck](#) that the shop used.



Another beautiful addition to the Services fleet!

**Earl Scheib** - 01/28/08 - 13:56

It's great to see that they're refurbing some equipment for better use. Though it wasn't being used as a mobile service vehicle anymore (due to the new service vehicle, which is also a refurb), there wasn't anything wrong with the chassis. Rather than spending Lord knows how much on a new box truck, they dropped just a fraction of that for the same thing. Good thinking!!

Hopefully the money saved can be put into manpower, and/or overtime to help supplement manpower for "the line". Ya' know, it's unfortunate; excellent, practical ideas like this and many others in recent past seem to end up hurting you(us) in the long run. The ones' that control the purse strings (not FD) seem to take advantage of that, and allocate the money elsewhere which at one time might have been coming to the FD. If only the mindset would change to; (purse string controller speaking) "Hey, thanks for doing the right thing. We'll give you \$10,000 extra in 2 years for that new \_\_\_\_\_".

One can dream, right?

**Silver** - 01/28/08 - 15:03

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North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force #8 has a web site, if you haven't heard. The site is located at <http://www.nctf8.org/> and includes a short history of the team, and links to both weather information and other USAR sites.

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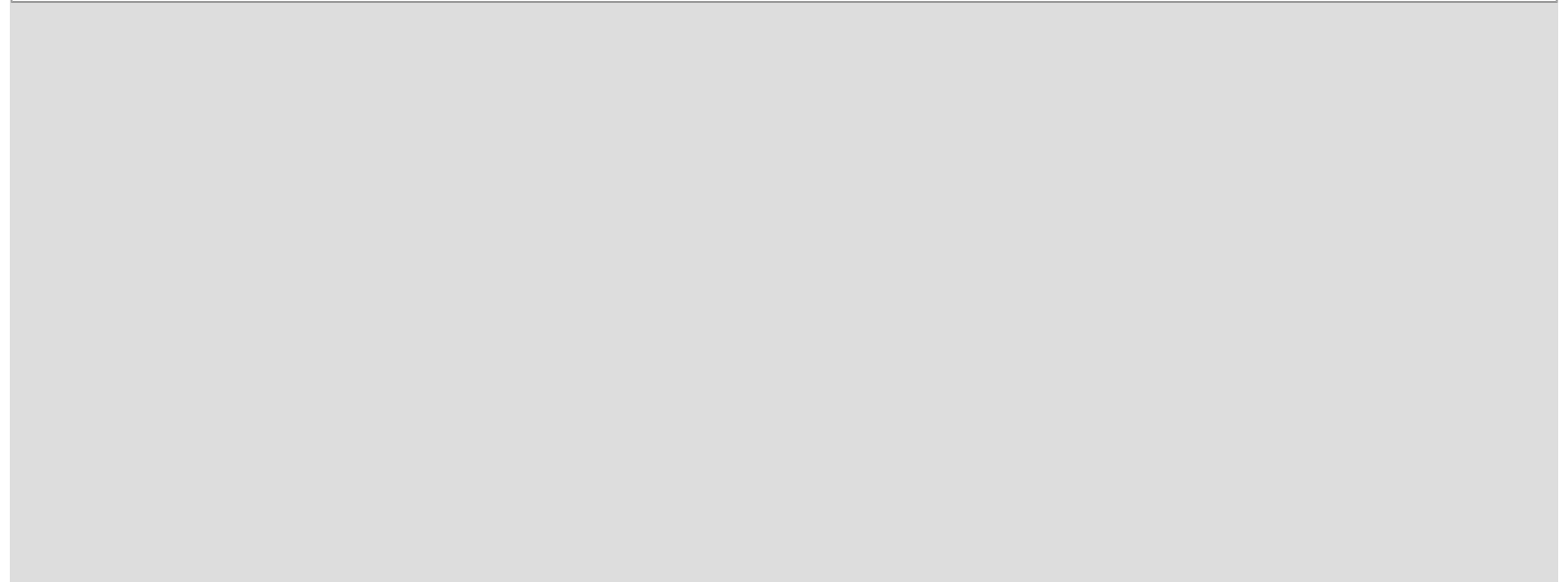
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## New Old Photo

01/25/08 52 W, 1 I - + 15 - 14

This vintage image recently surfaced. It shows personnel in dress uniforms, perhaps being photographed for a promotional ceremony. The image dates from between 1975 and 1979. Click to see faces and scary hairstyles enlarged. Depending upon your browser settings, you may have to click a second time to enlarge even more.



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## Juniper Level Baptist Church History

01/27/08 79 W, 1 I - + 15 - 20

The site of yesterday's moving funeral service for Lt. Herman S. Jones, Juniper Level Baptist Church at [9104 Sauls Road](#) was organized in 1871. They also founded a school and a lodge. In 1927, construction was completed of a new church, lodge, and school. The structure was renovated and expanded around 1960. This is the older building beside the cemetery, and across the street from the present sanctuary. [Read more church history.](#)



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Engine 221

01/27/08 80 W, 1 I - + 12 - 16

Raleigh recently renumbered some of its reserve fleet. Engines are now numbered 120+ and 220+. Ladders are now numbered 110+ and 210+. The 100 units are for short-term assignments, such as a day or two. These units include equipment. The 200 units are for long-term assignments, and do not include equipment. Engine 9 is presently operating Engine 221, a 1995 Pierce Dash pumper. Ladder 210 is a 1988 Pierce Arrow articulating platform. The city presently has six engines and three ladders in reserve status.



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Canon EF 18-55m Lens + Sledgehammer

01/27/08 108 W, 2 I - + 12 - 12

After 18 months of faithful service, my Canon Digital Rebel XT kit lens was failing. Error 99 messages were appearing with increasing frequency, and requiring a camera restart. This was not helpful when shooting spit-second happenings. Like, say, fireground action. Ordered another on eBay. The replacement has been error-free since Friday, and passed Saturday's event with flying colors. What to do with the old lens? Smash it, of course. The glass from the lens has yet to be found, but everything flew only a few feet. No humans were harmed in the making of this blog post. That is, not counting lost brain cells.



I have on of these lens, not much different smashed or working. Other Canon lenses much better than kit lens.

David Watson (Email) (Web Site) - 01/28/08 - 22:03

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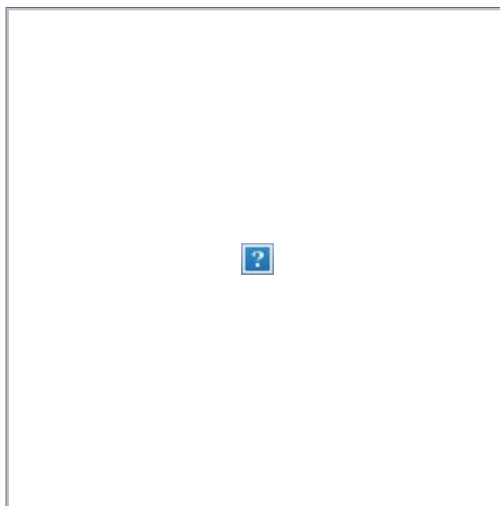
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## Chevrons on Front!

01/28/08 21 W, 1 I - + 12 - 8

From a reader, here are some wild-looking Pierce platforms recently delivered to Montgomery County, MD. Click to enlarge:



More chevrons from MD, these in Howard County.

<http://www.singerassociates.com/delivery..>

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/28/08 - 20:01

beautiful....

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/29/08 - 20:42

I like it.....I guess it comes down to "safety or show piece"?

**Silver** - 01/29/08 - 21:48

Well...since I don't like seeing my mama's oldest boy getting hurt, I guess I would have to go with 'safety'.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/29/08 - 23:06

show piece and safety! just like garner's gorgeous new ems vehicle – i had a hard time containing my excitement at seeing these this morning! bring on the japanese led lights they use on all trucks in japan – makes japanese highways very safe at night when you can see the complete outline of every eighteen-wheeler on the road – like driving through a pachinko parlor or through las vegas (i am not kidding) seriously, the chevrons make things so much safer and they also happen to look great!

**corner hydrant** - 01/29/08 - 23:19

Not too bad... wouldn't say I'm a fan of them though. That's not to say I'm not a fan of 'safety' but... what is next? Painting the entire truck in that paint scheme? Most of our wrecks around town are enroute to the call/returning from a call, with the few exceptions. If people still miss all the LEDs and noise, I'm not sure what else we could do... except maybe start installing sensors in vehicles that are tripped by the sound range of a siren that automatically turns the radio off and rolls down the windows so they can hear us. Oh, it would be nice if it automatically adjusted their mirrors OFF of their faces, so they might actually be able to see out their back window! Just a thought.

**Luke** - 01/29/08 - 23:24

every little bit helps I guess... I'm a HUGE advocate for fire scene safety, especially on the limited access roadways. Bring on whatever can help us out!

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/29/08 - 23:41

if i remember correctly, in japan, all emergency vehicles have really loud megaphones announcing their arrival, asking people to move, etc – anyone in japan reading? is my memory serving me right?

**corner hydrant** - 01/30/08 - 00:26

Luke, I guess my argument is that you can have that polished chrome bumper that looks great in parades, or, you can have markings on your vehicle that serve a purpose but some might consider “tacky”. Personally, coming from someone that works a portion of interstate, I’ll pick the safety side...

**Silver** - 01/30/08 - 00:32

well, i was thinking the leds are more necessary for 18-wheelers since it’s so difficult to gauge their size at night – chevrons are a must (i just happen to think they look great!)- now, i’m really curious if emergency services can and do take over the airwaves in japan(??) in earthquakes, they do – highway radio is on a certain frequency and comes on with updates for the entire national highway system whenever you are in range of it’s signal (a really great service announcing shutdowns, conditions, accidents, etc) – now, the navigation systems in cars turn into tv at the stop sign or whenever you’re stalled in traffic (this was years back), so i wouldn’t be one bit surprised if emergency services could take it over for emergency announcements – would be really interesting to get some feedback from japan to see what’s going on there these days

**corner hydrant** - 01/30/08 - 01:02

The chevrons appeal to me because of the safety factor (that happens as you get older- I’ll save the extra chrome for my personal ride) and they also appear to a certain ‘tacky gene’ in me. Afterall, I remember the tacky stuff we wore in the 70s and 80s (including the hairstyles on the picture from RFD that Mike posted).

It would be really nice if we could take command of airwaves within a certain distance of our vehicle, or set off a sensor in side of another vehicle that a.- interrupted cell phone conversations, b.- shut down the stereo, c.~~activated a light around the side view mirros to call attention to us,~~ and d.- blacked out the rearview mirror, since it is seldom aimed out the back window, anyway.

Of course, 40mm gun turrets would be a nice option, as well.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/30/08 - 09:21

I seem to remember a system a number of years ago that was used that would cut into your stereo with important announcements over I believe the RDS system. I do remember reading that it could be used (with the proper transmitters) to alert drivers to oncoming emergency vehicles as well. I guess that technology never panned out. Wouldn’t it be nice if these GPS and navigation systems in vehicles could somehow be linked to technology that would announce the direction of travel of oncoming emergency vehicles. Pipe dreams I guess!

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 01/30/08 - 10:38

Oh, the technology is here...just no demand for it. But I have heard of a device being sold in NYC that will disrupt cell phone calls within a specific radius. I would gladly pay out money for one of those!

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/30/08 - 10:45

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## Making a Picture

01/31/08 125 W, 1 I - + 22 - 11

For fires at night in very low light, you just point the camera and shoot. Highest possible ISO. Steady as you can with the camera. Meter toward a light source. Looks good on the LCD panel, but not as good on the computer. Crop unwanted elements and find the "core picture." Then do some more work. For last night's outbuilding that burned on Stanhope Avenue, [this picture](#) was finished with the following steps. After cropping closer, rotate right 1 degree. Crop again, even closer. Adjust brightness and contrast, to conceal the graininess. Presto! That last step isn't something that I usually perform. Takes too long in the work flow. For a short series, though, extra tweaks can be worth it. Click to enlarge:



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Vintage Chevrons

01/31/08 41 W, 1 I - + 15 - 13

These appeared on the crash truck of the Clayton Rescue Squad in the 1970s. [See more classic photos](#), as scanned by Clayton Area EMS Asst. Chief Jason Thompson. Love that old Dodge van.



You know, between what Wake EMS photos are floating around, the many scrapbooks at Garner EMS, these Clayton EMS pics, and the stuff that Travis Loy has, there's probably a picture book that's waiting to be made.

**Legeros** - 01/31/08 - 21:20

When i left Cary back in 1985, there was a HUGE box of pictures. I have seen numerous pictures at the old Knightdale Rescue station. It might be hard to find some Fuquay-Varina, Northern Wake, or Wake Forest Rescue stuff (I am sure it is in someone's closet somewhere). And then to find pictures from Beacon, Raleigh Ambulance, Bright FH, and I several of the other funeral homes that I know of that ran ambulances (Overby, Sugg, Apex, Lewis, and I think the one in Zebulon did), there is a book to be made.

Of course, some of us who would really like to see it done don't have the time (working 2 1/2 jobs, going to school, etc).

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 01/31/08 - 23:43

I agree... I'd love to see a picture book that focuses on EMS & Rescue history in our region.

**Jason** ([Email](#)) - 02/01/08 - 02:26

Sad part is...I remember some of those old vehicles, particularly the crash truck (when it was an open bed), the old dodge van, and the van that is pitcured on the old NC OEMS manual. I used to have several copies of it but my ex thought they were trash, so....

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/01/08 - 09:08

Great pics!!! Please post more!!!!!!

**Travis** ([Email](#)) - 02/03/08 - 10:00

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Car 198 > Car 20

01/31/08 89 W - + 15 - 10

The Raleigh Fire Department fire investigation unit has a new number. Car 198 became Car 20 yesterday. The second investigation vehicle, also at Station 9, is numbered Car 21. So where did the number Car 198 come from? As the story goes, Fire Prevention units were once numbered in the 90s. Car 91, Car 92, etc. Fire Prevention also performed investigations. When Fire Prevention added another unit after Car 99, the numbers were simply repeated but with a "1" in front. Thus the now-familiar Car 195 (fire education) and Car 198 (fire investigation). Or so the story goes.

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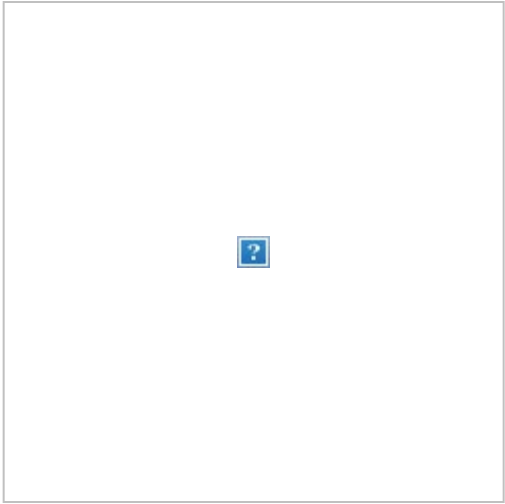
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Surry County Plane Crash

02/01/08 44 W, 1 I - + 11 - 16

WXII12 has a [slide show of surprisingly up close images](#) from today's plane crash outside Mount Airy. They've also got the [911 calls on audio](#). Other photos and incident details are available at the [Mount Airy News](#), including the image below:



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *This Evening's* « Surry County Plane Cr... » WakeMed in the Mornin... Fire

### This Evening's Fire

02/02/08 58 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

Two alarms at [3211 Shoreview Road](#). Two-and-a-half story, wood-frame apartments with 13,358 square-feet. Alarm time just after 6:00 p.m. Engine 18 first on scene. Battalion 4 initial command. [WRAL](#) reports at least 10 units damaged. [NBC17](#) reports four firefighters were briefly trapped, but escaped unharmed. [Listen to the radio traffic](#). Photos from Lee forthcoming:



From listening to the radio, it sounded like it took 2-3 mins from the time the MayDay was called till the RIT had the crew from E-16 out of the apt. Good job. Does anyone have any details of what happened?

**Mike** - 02/03/08 - 13:23

Which Archived entry is it exactly? From the time the Mayday was called? I looked for it, but there were just so many entries....

**Dannyboy** - 02/03/08 - 15:50

If memory serves correct it is 618pm to 632 or so.

**Mike** - 02/03/08 - 21:34

Start listening to the following. I believe the MAYDAY came in in the second or third file. I listened to at least these 5 until I heard "everyone's accounted for" BTW, for those on a Mac, RealPlayer seems to work best.

Audio recorded on 02/02/2008 from 05:48 pm – 06:03 pm

Audio recorded on 02/02/2008 from 06:03 pm – 06:18 pm

Audio recorded on 02/02/2008 from 06:18 pm – 06:33 pm

Audio recorded on 02/02/2008 from 06:33 pm – 06:49 pm

Audio recorded on 02/02/2008 from 06:49 pm – 07:04 pm

**corner hydrant** - 02/03/08 - 21:38

It would be in the 6:03-6:18 file. The Mayday came around 6:14 or so.

**leeeee** - 02/04/08 - 00:48

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WakeMed in the Morning

02/03/08 61 W, 1 I - + 13 - 11

While killing time on New Bern Avenue yesterday morning, this composition exercise presented itself. Objective #1: Shoot Air Mobile 1, lighted by the sun peeking over WakeMed. Objective #2: Shoot from the public sidewalk, versus the hospital grounds. Perhaps with a stepladder, this would have looked better. But it was a fun, fleeting exercise.



Mike, perhaps you should offer your services to WakeMed as a freelance photographer... this shot would make a great public relations shot for them, even with your "concerns" about the shot.

Just a thought.  
**EMS 7597** - 02/04/08 - 00:36

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Old Bridges

02/03/08 98 W, 1 I - + 11 - 10

Let's divert exclusively into local history. Lee recently found this photo of the old Boylan Heights bridge. Built in 1913, the Warren Truss bridge was demolished in 1982. It was a registered as a national landmark, and its dilemma surrounding its status at the time led to the creation of the [Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association](#). What's equally interesting about this undated photograph is that same shows a second bridge, that extended Martin Street from [West Street to Kinsey Street](#). You can see still where the road ended, atop Kinsey and looking east.



Years ago, during the late 60s or early 70s, RFD responded to a lot of fire alarms on DDH grounds. By that time the one-way street craze had struck, and Martin Street was one-way, east bound, from Boylan Ave to East St. So units from RFD #1 would have a direct route, lane control lights, like the ones at RBC, were in place along Martin St. They were located between Harrington and Dawson, West and Harrington, and just off of Boylan. One would go red while the other green.

At the time my father worked for Dillon Supply, and I remember several times seeing the ALFs (two engines and the tiller) heading towards DDH, westbound on Martin.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 02/04/08 - 16:56

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**Fire Commission Work Session, Thursday, 2/21**

02/06/08 69 W - + 13 - 11

The Wake County Fire Commission has scheduled a work session for Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building at [4011 Carya Drive](#). Note the earlier time than regularly scheduled meetings. The purpose of the work session is for the Fire Commission to continue discussion and work on the long-range business plan.

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## More Golden Oldies

02/06/08 101 W, 1 I - + 11 - 9

Here's another a great picture that recently surfaced, showing driver training at the Fairgrounds in the 1970s. This is the first color photo seen of one of the city's American LaFrance 700 Series pumpers. Raleigh had four of them, two in 1951 and two in 1953. They were delivered by rail, as the story goes. This particular pumper is lettered C, which was the designation for reserve engines. It is probably a 1951 model, and would have served as Engine 3, Engine 8, and Engine 14. [See more of these photos](#), but don't cut yourself on those sharp hairstyles.



Great pics Mike!!! Keep them coming!

**Travis** ([Email](#)) - 02/06/08 - 21:41

I remember seeing them out there a couple of times. One time they had the 1950 Mack along with one of the 900 series ALFs.

We also used to do driver training out at RDU. The state OEMS offered an EVOC course that we helped with out on the closed runway. There may be some pics of that somewhere, possibly in any Cary News archives.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/06/08 - 22:29

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Old Rescue Squads

02/07/08 51 W, 1 I - + 15 - 14

It's history week here at Blog Center. Look at these classic rigs as operated by Clayton Rescue Squad back in the day. [Clayton Area EMS](#) Asst. Chief Jason Thompson continues to uncover old photos. They and some others will be posted later.



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## Morrisville's New Ladder

02/07/08 96 W, 1 I - + 12 - 13

The Morrisville Fire Department recently took a trip to inspect their coming KME platform ladder. It's due in a few more weeks. Their old ladder's been sold, thus the reason Parkwood's ladder's at their station at present. How many ladders does that make in Wake these days? Let's see. Raleigh has 7, plus three reserves. Cary has 3, with a fourth almost here. Apex has 2. Bay Leaf has 1. Fuquay-Varina has 1. Garner has 1. Holly Springs has 1. Knightdale has 1, albeit a Sqrut. Morrisville has 1. Wake Forest has 1. Wendell has 1. Zebulon has 1.



I heard through a rumor that Knightdale Public Safety was getting a new ladder truck... can someone tell me if it is true or not?

**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 02/07/08 - 12:26

No, there not. Believe they are working on a station two (town website), so an additional pumper/engine should be in the plans.

**Eye in the sky** - 02/07/08 - 12:34

There will be a new engine, expected delivery late spring/early summer

**inside track** - 02/07/08 - 22:50

Somewhat relevant to the discussion, Bethesda FD is expecting delivery of a new 75’ Quint in July to run the Brier Creek contract area with E24 and E23, also to run mutal aid with Durham Highway.

**John** - 02/08/08 - 12:56

That seems like a big expense for a quint when most likely Raleigh will cancel the contract when Station 29 is built off of Leesville Rd area.

**In the Know** - 02/08/08 - 15:40

But, Bethesda also has a first-due area that could benefit from the quint, “In The Know.” Just because a new station is built, also, doesn’t mean the contract will be automatically cancelled. Maybe we should let the powers that be sort it out later, and reap the benefits from the added equipment when it is delivered.

**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 02/08/08 - 17:29

Have any contracts ever been cancelled in the past?

**Curious** - 02/08/08 - 17:34

Published among the town’s Board of Commissioner documents in 2006, here are the truck’s specs: <http://www.ci.morrisville.nc.us/webAgend..>

**Legeros** - 03/22/08 - 21:27

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Chief Lane Passes Away

02/08/08 80 W, 1 I - + 12 - 13

Retired Assistant Chief Roy Kenneth Lane passed away Thursday, February 8. He was a 32-year veteran of the Raleigh Fire Department when he retired in 1997. Visitation will be at [L. Harold Poole Funeral Home](#) in Knightdale on Sunday night, February 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The funeral will be Monday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m. at Wakefield Baptist Church, [13029 Falls of the Neuse Road](#), with burial at Raleigh Memorial Park at [7501 Glenwood Avenue](#).



Obituary posted here <http://www.legacy.com/newsobserver/Obitu..>  
**Legeros** - 02/10/08 - 08:56

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Checking For Overused Words

02/09/08 124 W - + 10 - 18

Blogging about fires, fire departments, fire history, fire photography, and some times other stuff. Such as writing. Here's a great Word tip. Use this to count the number of times you've used a particular word in a document. It's a great way to check for overuse.

1. In Word 2007, click Find in the ribbon. In Word 2003, click **Edit > Replace**.
2. In the **Find What** field, enter the word you want to check
3. In the **Replace With field**, enter the characters ^&.
4. Click **Replace All**.
5. The number of instances of the word is displayed. No words are replaced, as Word ignores those two special characters.
6. And if you don't believe that no words are replaced after step #5, click **Edit > Undo** from the main menu.

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This Evening's Fire

02/10/08 73 W, 1 I - + 14 - 16

Apartment fire at [7013 Woodbend Drive](#). Two-story, wood-frame, 10,672 square-foot apartment building. Engine 4 on scene with a major working fire. Battalion 1 in command. Ladder 16 and Ladder 11 positioned, but not needed. Interior attack contains and controls. Alarm time about 9:55 p.m. Units included E4, E9, E15, E19, E11, E18, L16, L11, R19, R14, B1, B4, C5, A8, C20, C2, EMS 16, EMS D1, EMS T1. [See preliminary photos](#).



...command terminated by Engine 22 at 7:52 a.m. the next morning. Today's News & Observer reports two units with major damage, and two with minor damage. Fire controlled within 20 minutes. No injuries.

**Legeros** - 02/10/08 - 08:53

EMS121 was also there.

**Defib** - 02/10/08 - 16:09

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## Very Dry, Very Windy

02/10/08 83 W - + 16 - 9

[Weather.com](#) says 62 degrees and 19% humidity, with winds from the west at 20 mph, gusting to 32 mph. One big brush fire in Johnston County so far, plus trees and wires starting to fall down around. The Weather Service has also issued these [watches and warnings](#) for Wake County:

- Fire Weather Watch from 9:00 a.m., Feb 10 until 9:00 p.m., Feb 10
- Fire Weather Warning from 9:00 a.m., Feb 10 until 9:00 p.m., Feb 10
- Wind Advisory from 12:00 p.m., Feb 10 until 9:00 p.m., Feb 10.

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Large (LARGE) Brush fire in Cleveland at this time. Response including Cleveland, 50-210, Elevation, Clayton, Wilson's Mills, Fuquay Varina, Garner, and West Johnston fire departments. Also, forestry service making helicopter drops and operating the plow at this time. Call came in around lunch time. Fire has consumed two barns and is threatening homes at this time.

**Fv78** - 02/10/08 - 16:16

Fire contained at this time, 3:40pm

**Fv78** - 02/10/08 - 16:40

Listening in @ 17:30....heard units from Hopkins, New Hope, Wake Forest, Stony Hill and Zebulon  
How many acres in Franklin County are involved??

**jetexas** - 02/10/08 - 19:29

Also a Eastern Wake and Falls Brush truck.

**4447** - 02/10/08 - 19:55

According to cad Morrisville is on the call in Franklin County also. Can anyone advise if they are or are they covering for another department

**Apex Batt Chief** - 02/10/08 - 22:33

If they were, CAD sure did pass A LOT of units and departments that could have been utilized.

**Fv78** - 02/10/08 - 23:14

DHFD squad 4 to Youngsville for woodland fire.

**DHFD** - 02/10/08 - 23:59

The reason they skipped around on the units going to Franklin County is so that all resources are no depleted from each station on the north side. Also, with as busy as it got today, north side stations were not getting out to every dispatch. Hence the reason for skipping around.

**FV78answer** - 02/11/08 - 00:00

SO you send morrisville!!!

**tanner** - 02/11/08 - 14:47

It was like a fire storm in Franklin County yesterday. I know you southern Wake County folks must have been wondering where they were sending you. Thanks for all your help! Those that were there were greatly appreciated! We're still mopping up today all over the county.

**Youngsville 482** - 02/11/08 - 18:53

After asking folks with Morrisville they answered an anyone that can send someone call and volunteered to send an engine co.

**Apex Batt Chief** - 02/11/08 - 22:00

Thanks for everyone that came and helped out

**423 PF** - 02/11/08 - 22:15

Thanks Apex Batt for clarifying the Morrisville deal. Although I was not working in the ECC that day I know from several people who were that said the ECC was extremely busy that day. While Morrisville to Franklin County does seem absurd, the mere fact that it is absurd seems to suggest there was a reason for it. People are so quick to blame CAD and the dispatchers, but what they dont realize is that there is a method to the madness of what goes on sometimes especially on a day like that! How about giving us the benefit of the doubt once in a while.

**Raleigh 911** - 02/11/08 - 23:52

I am sure things were busy at the ECC. From the interaction I had with Telecommunicators, things seemed to be going well, especially considering the work load. Swift Creek was dispatched to Johnston Co., but when we called verified the dispatch, as we were responding, Raleigh was already working on a closer unit and swapped us with Fuquay. As I understand it, SCFD was requested by Johnston Co as probably the next closest so we were dispatched. Then the Wake Co. and Johnston Co. ECC talked and decided Fuquay was closer and available, so Fuquay swapped with us.

We had a couple other calls on Sunday (power lines in the roadway, working garage fire, and working brush fire) and I am not aware of any issues with CAD or the ECC.

**Griggs** - 02/12/08 - 14:00

Kudos to Stoney Hill 202 and Wake Forest 63....You both sounded like you were ass deep in alligators out there!

**jetexas** - 02/12/08 - 18:29

Thanks to all the dispatchers working on Sunday. It seemed like locution never took a break after about 13:00 in Raleigh. You all did a a great job and we appreciate it!!

**firedriver** - 02/12/08 - 21:40

I want to say thanks to all the Wake County units that went to Franklin County to assist them with all working fires they had. Being out there and working for several hours, Franklin County units were extreamly happy to see all the help, regardless where they came from. There were units from Franklin, Wake, Granville, and Vance counties working out there.

**Michael** - 02/12/08 - 21:58

How many acres burned total at the Franklinton fire? It was the biggest one I have ever experienced...

**Beach** - 02/12/08 - 23:33

This week's Wake Weekly has a good article about the Franklin County fires, <http://www.wakeweekly.com/index.php?cate..>

**Legeros** - 02/15/08 - 07:57

Reference the Franklinton call. There were 3 fires on US 1 for a total of 899 acres per NCFS. We have asked Walt Fuller for a rundown on the units and departments that responded to Franklinton.

**say what!** - 02/15/08 - 09:45

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Cary Fire Department News02/12/08 266 W - + 13 - 10

The Cary Fire Department reports the following news. New Scott AP-75 air packs have been purchased for the entire department. The department bought 124 air packs, enough for both operations and training. The main reason for the upgrade was the number of older air packs that were reaching the end of their service life. Personnel are being training on the new air packs, which are expected to be placed in service in the beginning of March. The new air packs comply with the newest NFPA standards for air packs. The features of the new equipment include individual face masks with heads-up displays, and 30-minute carbon bottles.

The replacement for Truck 7 is expected in early June. The Pierce Velocity rescue truck will serve as a both a truck company and a rescue unit. The two-axle apparatus will be equipped with a non-walk in body, and was designed to meet ISO ground ladder requirements. It will be equipped with a full complement of ground ladders.

The replacement for Truck 6 is expected in early to mid-April. The Pierce Velocity ladder truck will serve as a truck company. It will be equipped with a 105-foot aerial ladder and a 1,500-GPM pump. The specs for the apparatus were based on Raleigh's recent Pierce ladder bid, but with a different chassis and other enhancements including a larger pump.

Work is proceeding to procure land for a new fire station in the O'Kelly Chapel Road area, off Highway 55. The station will likely be numbered Station 8. The time frame for construction, and the staffing of the station, are to be determined.

Excellent news on the new replacement equipment. I am excited to hear the prospect of station 8 to be built around the corner from me. I have been starving to hear the roar of a Q on a more frequent basis. Any chance that CFD station 7 might receive an aerial truck sometime soon?

Can anyone comment about the recent disappearance of CFD dispatch and operations from the Cary 800mhz trunk system? Where did everyone go?

CaryFrontier (Email) - 02/12/08 - 23:47

Congrats Cary, glad to see you guys will be wearing "real" packs...hahahahahaha. As a taxpayer though, I'm glad to see you get rid of those anchors you wore on your backs and can't wait for that second firehouse out my way.

Silver - 02/13/08 - 21:28

We also just put 30 new 2007 SCOTT SCBA's with EBSS and pak tracker option (SCBA locator system) in service at New Hope. Including two RIT-PAK II's. Thank goodness for the AFG program. Congrats CFD.

AB(NH200A) - 02/13/08 - 23:54

7 RIT-PAK II's with 1 hour cylinders were also purchased, one per truck/rescue/ladder. This is an increase of 5 RIT-PAK's for the dept.

CFP 7021 (Email) - 02/14/08 - 11:19

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## Boom!

02/13/08 29 W, 1 I - + 16 - 14

This looks like the best image of last night's explosives demolition, from [the WRAL story](#). See these [daytime photos from Lee](#), long before the big booms started happening.



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It was great listening to the scanner traffic and hearing the "booms." They definitely went into the night detonating those things.

**drewnc** ([Email](#)) - 02/13/08 - 11:26

I'll stay in Holly Springs. I've heard all of the munitions detonations I care to...

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/13/08 - 18:06

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/s..>

Everything you ever wanted to know about the 90mm recoilless rifle, M67, but were afraid to ask.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/15/08 - 17:45

There'll be some great stats on this incident, once the dust has literally settled. Number of agencies. Number of fire companies. Number of detonations. Number of tac channels used. Number of meals delivered. etc., etc.

**Legeros** - 02/15/08 - 18:56

who bought meals? I don't think RPD contributed anything.

**fireman** - 02/16/08 - 21:35

Barry's Cafe and their "Feed The Firefighters" program. The stuff (I believe) has an allowance from the county commissioners, but the program itself is not for profit, and most everything is donated...

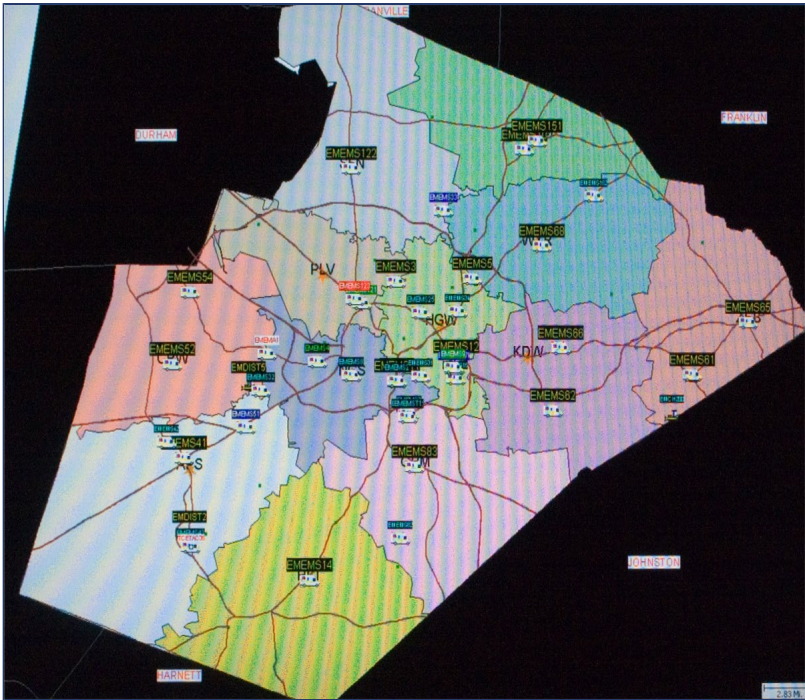
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**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 02/17/08 - 02:13

AVL in Action

02/13/08 101 W, 1 I - + 14 - 15

As seen on the big board at the communications center, with proportions corrected from widescreen monitor mode, here's what the real-time view of Wake County EMS units looks like. Click to enlarge. Then, indulge this blogger's favorite "big board" quote, from Stanley Kubrick's great comedy from 1964. "I... I... I don't exactly how to put this sir, are you aware of what a serious breach of security that would be!? I mean, he'll see everything! He'll see the big board!" George C. Scott to Peter Sellers, *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*.



Dr Strangelove...one of the true classics and number four on my favorite movie list...

DJ (Email) - 02/13/08 - 22:22

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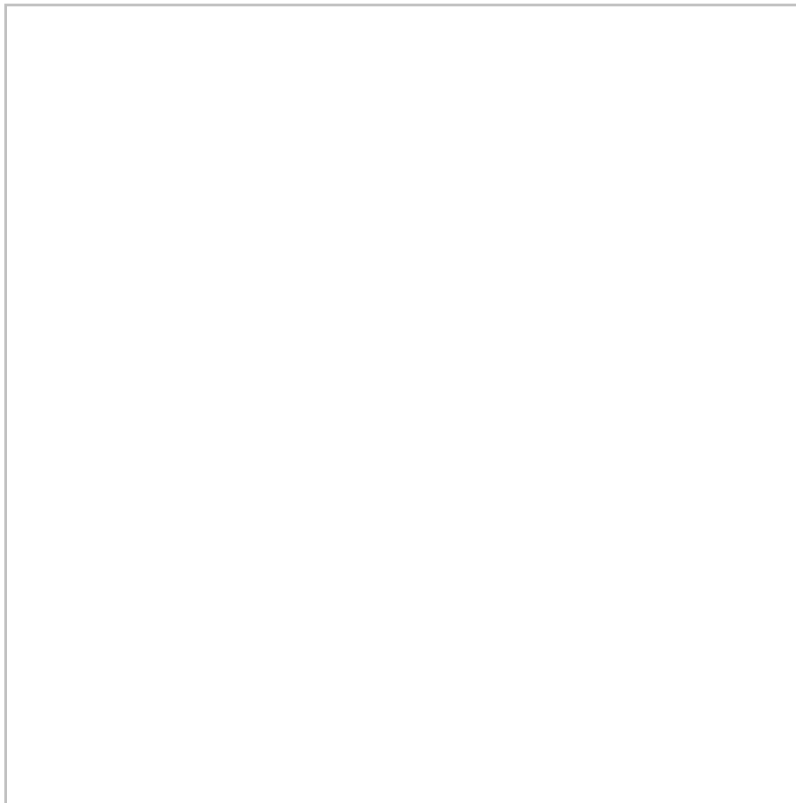
## May You Live in Interesting Times

02/13/08 1010 W, 9 I - + 11 - 15

Let's recap the last couple days of activity in Raleigh, with data as observed by Mike and Lee, and from media reports. We'll start with Saturday morning's house fire. The address was [704 Princeton Street](#). The structure was a single-story, brick-and-frame, 1,414 square-foot single-family dwelling built in 1968. Alarm time about 3:35 p.m. Car 20 was first on scene and reported fire through the roof, and one subject reported trapped inside. Crews made an interior attack against heavy fire, and then went defensive with hand lines and deck gun. One occupant escaped and was transported to a burn center. The other occupant was later found inside. Units included E9, E15, E16, E4, E19, E11, L16, R19, A8, B1, C20, C5, C2, C10, EMS3, EMS2, EMS5, EMS4, EMS D1, EMS T1. Car 20 and Engine 9 remained on scene through the morning, investigating with RPD and CCBI. "A" shift, then "B" shift was working. Lee Wilson photo:



The next big one was Saturday night, a major fire at [7013 Woodbend Drive](#). The structure was a two-story, wood-frame, 10,672 square-foot apartment building. Engine 4 was first on scene and reported a major working fire. Battalion 1 arrived and took command. Ladder 16 and Ladder 11 were positioned, but not needed. The interior attack contained and controlled within about 20 minutes. Four units were damaged, two with major smoke and fire damaged. The alarm time was about 10:00 p.m. Units included E4, E9, E15, E17, E19, E11, E18, L16, L11, R19, R14, B1, B4, C5, A8, C20, C2, EMS 121, EMS 16, EMS 11, EMS D1, EMS T1. "B" shift was still working. Mike Legeros photo:



Sunday afternoon saw a spate of brush fires. It was a dry and windy day, with gusts in the 40 mph range. Some grass fires, downed lines, and downed trees were reported around noon, but the bulk of the activity started around 2:00 p.m. The north side seemed particularly active, late that morning. The big calls are below. There was also a brush fire at the Lakes apartments, off Six Forks Road, with Engine 9 and Engine 4, if memory serves. RFD answered 80+ calls between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. By way of comparison, they answer an average of 100 calls in a 24-hour period (is that right?). "A" shift was working. Mike Legeros photo:



Late in the 3:00 p.m. hour, a fast-moving grass fire at [12424 Cilcain Court](#) brought Raleigh and Falls units to Wakefield. What looked like tree-high flames from photos threatened and slightly damaged several homes. Units included E25, E22, E15, E18, E19, L22, R19, Falls 212, Falls 219, and Falls Brush 1. Matt Howard photo:



About 4:20 p.m., a major brush fire erupted in [300-400 block of Newton Road](#). Engine 4 was dispatched to a brush fire, and found flames threatening a three-story apartment building. Engine 4 requested a full working fire assignment. Engine 9 was second on scene and upgraded to a major working fire. Three sides of the structure were threatened. An automobile was also fully involved in the front of the building. A second brush fire was burning about a block east, on the south side of Newton Road. Ladder 16 was directed to that, and subsequently supplied water by Engine 23. A third brush fire was also discovered. The alarm time was about 4:20 p.m. Units on scene included E4, E5, E9, E11, E14, E16, E17, E23, R7, R14, L16, L23, B2, B3, B4, C5, C2, Mini 4, EMS 12\_, EMS 12\_, EMS 1280, and Wake MD 1. Lee Wilson photo:





About 5:00 p.m., a brush fire on the east side of [Glenwood Avenue near Lake Boone Trail](#) was reported. The fire was started by a tree limb touching a power line, which ignited debris in a ditch. Flames climbed an embankment, and spread onto the 17th hole of a golf course. About five acres of the course were burned. The fire was controlled after 9:00 p.m. Units on scene included E14, E6, E5, E13, E8, Mini 3, B2, B3. Mike Legeros photo:



About 5:25 p.m., a dumpster fire was reported at a restaurant at [8011 Brier Creek Parkway](#). Arriving units found flames had spread to the building. The fire was quickly contained. The building was safely evacuated. Units on scene included Bethesda T421, Raleigh E24, Durham Highway E1, Raleigh Battalion 2, two EMS units, and EMS D2. Other companies, including Raleigh Ladder 26 (!) were canceled. Lee Wilson photo:



Monday was quiet, but Tuesday started with a bang. Personnel at Station 2 heard the explosion at a metal recycling facility at [2310 Garner Road](#) about 10:45 a.m. The explosion was the result of live ammunition exploding in a compactor. Two workers were transported with injuries. Garner Road was closed and the area evacuated. Nearby rail traffic was also halted. The incident appeared to be winding down by noon, and most fire and EMS companies released around that time as officials awaited the arrival of demolition experts from Fort Bragg. "C" shift was

working. Lee Wilson photo:



Tuesday afternoon, subsequent identification of the ordinance caused an escalation of the incident. Three 90 mm rifle rounds and 18 anti-tank projectiles were found in the bales of scrap metal, reported WRAL the next day. Several fire companies and EMS units were recalled to the scene, with many other agencies soon arriving. A larger area was evacuated, with fire companies assisting with evacuating residents. Plans proceeded to begin exploding some of the ordinance, instead of moving same off-site. The first controlled explosion occurred at approximately 11:05 p.m., the sixth and last one at 2:40 a.m. The Beltline was closed for the first explosion, for approximately 30 minutes. The incident continued into Wednesday, today, with additional detonations. The process was expected to cease overnight, and resume Thursday night. Mike Legeros photo:



Participating agencies and units on Tuesday included:

Raleigh Fire Department

E2, E10, E1, E13, L26, R7, B2, B3, C5, C20, C2, C92, FC1, fuel truck, IT staff. Later L1, C1, E19, E6, R19, B1, B4, and recalled off-duty personnel.

Wake County EMS

EMS 1, EMS11, EMS13, EMS D1, EMS T1, MD1, MD20. Later EMS C200, EMS 15.

Wake Emergency Management

Wake Fire Marshal

Raleigh Police Department

State Highway Patrol

Wake County Sherriff

Wake CCBI

North Carolina ATF

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History Presentation, Sunday, March 902/14/08 66 W - + 15 - 9

Raleigh Fire Department Historian Mike Legeros will be speaking at [Olivia Raney Local History Library](#) on Sunday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the [Wake County Historical Society](#), the 45-minute presentation on the history of the Raleigh Fire Department is free and open to the public. The library is located at 4016 Cary Drive, near the intersection of Poole Road and the Beltline.

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The Sky is Falling

02/18/08 48 W, 3 I - + 14 - 13

FEMA has issued information regarding that rogue satellite that the military's trying to shoot down. Here's their [space object responder guide](#).  Here's their [memo to responders](#).  Here's their [concept of operations](#).  Needless to say, the odds of same striking here are, well, astronomically low.

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The History of the Chapel Hill Fire Department

02/18/08 37 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

The Chapel Hill Fire Department has put [some of their history online](#), including a nifty interactive time line. Click to view the site:



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**Clayton Fire Department Open House on Sunday at Station 2**

02/20/08 49 W - + 17 - 10

The Clayton Fire Department is conducting an open house at Station 2 on Sunday, February 24, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. They recently completed an addition to the facility, adding living quarters for a full-time crew. The station is located at [800 Highway 42 East](#).

Clayton has started 24/7 staffing at station two and will remain using day timers for station one and paid per call members at night time for station one.

**Fv28** - 02/20/08 - 09:43

What's their staffing levels and what do they staff (engine, ladder)?

**Silver** - 02/20/08 - 14:57

Prior to the addition of full time staffing, Clayton was staffed with full time day crews at both station one and station two. The Town has approved to place a 24/7 crew at station two and continue daytime staffing at station one. Clayton is now dispatched by department(station now), which the unit that they typically take to the call, will go. Clayton does not have a ladder truck at this time. Night time hours, Clayton will continue to use their paid-on-call members with station one and the 24/7 crew at station two will wait for two more members to respond with a truck from that station.

**Fv28** - 02/20/08 - 15:06

Just so I understand; when the buzzer hits in the middle of the night for Station 2, that full time crew still has to sit and wait for 2 vollies?

**Silver** - 02/20/08 - 22:30

The Town of Clayton Fire Department is a combination department with full time and part time on call employees. During the restructuring of the department in the last ten years our staff has been recognized by the Town as employees not volunteers. Our recruitment and promotion process is the same for everyone. All part time on call staff receive hourly pay for incident response, training, scheduled equipment inspections/check-offs and special called duty shifts.

Effective 2/16/08 we began shifts at Station 2 with a Fire Equipment Operator (Driver) and a Firefighter. During daytime hours they are assisted with another Firefighter. After hours, weekends and holidays they are depending on the part time on call staff to respond to staff both engines with a full crew per our SOG. We have reprogrammed both Minitor and Alpha pagers for separate tones for station response. Major incidents will get a full response.

Our Manager and Town Council are committed to working with and helping all of our Town Departments. We have been allowed to increase our staffing, replace/add equipment and apparatus. It is up to the department as dedicated firefighters to respond to the calls for service by getting the required apparatus out of the station and safely to the incident.

I would like to personally invite everyone to come out and visit us at Station 2 on Sunday to ask questions about our department. Our recruitment process is in May and November. If you live in the area or would be interested in part time day time work contact our Training/Safety Division at 919-553-1520.

Silver- you understand correctly. I would be happy to discuss the reasoning for this with you feel free to stop by anytime.

**cfdcar1** ([Email](#)) - 02/20/08 - 22:53

Chief,

What do you require of your part time day workers, i.e. (certs, schedule)

**FF87437** - 02/20/08 - 23:41

FF87437- As stated above our recruitment and promotion process is the same for everyone. Call Chief Dean and request a time to come by so

he can discuss our process. The TOC web site is being re-organized and we plan to post everything on line in the near future. We do try to give our PTOC staff priority in the daytime scheduling. Our PTOC staff are very committed to helping out during the day and after hours. Our PTOC staff are required to maintain a min. of 15% attendance to all calls. In 2007 the percentages range from approx.25% to 65% with a total of 850+ calls for service.

**cfddcar1** ([Email](#)) - 02/21/08 - 00:02

I might need to do that just to see ol' CHIEF Dean!!! Thanks for clearing that up....

**Silver** - 02/21/08 - 18:21

Come on over Jeff, long time no see!!

**DCJDean** ([Email](#)) - 02/21/08 - 22:05

I was hoping you were on here.....I'll stop by next week, off Tues-Fri. Let me know a good day...

**Silver** - 02/21/08 - 22:36

Tues or Wed mornings best for next week...

**DCJDean** ([Email](#)) - 02/22/08 - 13:59

See ya Wednesday, Fire Station #1?

**Silver** - 02/23/08 - 10:47

Yes sir, Station 1. 325 W. Horne Street. (Corner of Horne and Robertson Streets) Call office if need further 919-553-1520 ext 6007

**DCJDean** ([Email](#)) - 02/23/08 - 15:32

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The Internet is a scary place, right? The boss reads your e-mail, your credit card number has already been stolen, and online predators are targeting your children. Right? A new study [debunks the last item](#), according to researchers who study the nature of such Internet-initiated crimes. The complete paper is [also available](#) . Such findings compel the question: what other social aspects of the Internet do we exaggerate, or grossly exaggerate? And, conversely, what do we under-estimate? Regarding the latter, the impact of e-mail and messaging comes immediately to mind, and in the context of concentration in the workplace. Or at home. Or in mobile settings, with wireless. More later, and maybe some best practices.

I really have to agree at least with the 'debunking' of the last item. I don't see it is as big a problem as people say, just that the few times we hear of it it is broadcast rapidly over the 'net, CNN, etc. These 'monsters' have always been around- it just was not as sensationalized as it is now. It's like mall shootings. They have been happening since there were malls. We just here about it quicker than we used to, if we used to at all. After all, how many people know about the North Hills Mall shootings from the early 70s?

I think we really want to believe there is a boogie man out there and many of us feed on this stuff...

DJ ([Email](#)) - 02/20/08 - 15:10

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## February FireWatch

02/21/08 53 W, 1 I - + 15 - 16

SSP part 1. The [February edition of FireWatch](#) has been posted to the CTV site. The community television show is produced by the Raleigh Fire Department. This month's edition features an interview with RFD historian Mike Legeros, on the subject of the department's past line-of-duty deaths.



Hey Mike, you sound good... but next time, look at the camera a little more... we want to see all of your smiling face.....

**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 02/22/08 - 01:00

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NIMS and ICS: From Compliance to Competence

02/21/08 51 W - + 16 - 11

SSP part 2. This month's issue of EMS Magazine features a [feature from Wake County EMS Chief Skip Kirkwood](#). The topic is incident comment, and includes a summary of the nursing home evacuation in Fuquay-Varina on September 14, 2007. Good stuff, and with a few familiar photos.

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**Raleigh Receives New Engine**

02/21/08 48 W, 1 I - + 14 - 14

This 2008 Pierce Enforcer was delivered on Monday. Equipped with a 1500 GPM pump, a 500 gallon water tank, and 20 gallon foam cell, it's the replacement for Engine 9. Their old engine is planned for Engine 21, whose old engine will go into reserve. [See more photos from Lee.](#)



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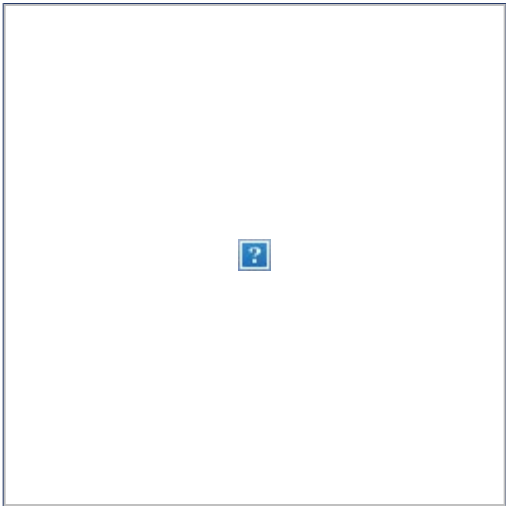
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Face Lift for Ladder 112

02/21/08 35 W, 2 I - + 15 - 14

Also noted by Lee in his [photos from the shop](#), Ladder 112 is sporting a new look. The 1990 Spartan/LTI was damaged in April. Click to enlarge either of Lee's photos below:



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Yearbook Update

02/21/08 165 W - + 15 - 12

*Raleigh Fire Department 2007: 95 Years of Tradition* is nearly ready to send to the publisher. Last-minute orders can still be submitted online at [www.mtpublishing.com](http://www.mtpublishing.com). Look under Products, and [Coming Soon](#). The hardcover book will number 160 pages. It will be sized 9 by 12 inches, and with all color pages. The yearbook is priced at \$50, though that will increase in a couple weeks. At that point, the book will only be available in limited quantities through the publisher.

The yearbook will feature portraits of all personnel, plus over 100 retiree portraits. In addition, it will have photos of each station's personnel, one photo per shift. Dozens of action photos from Lee Wilson and Mike Legeros are featured, along with dozens of candid photos of personnel. Photos were also submitted by personnel and will be included. A history section explores the origins of the paid fire department in 1912. Over 60 historical images will be present in the book, including "then and now" apparatus pages. A guaranteed good read.

## One Tanker, Foamed

02/22/08 32 W, 1 I - + 17 - 10

Here's a picture from WRAL of that gas tanker in [Johnston County that overturned](#). Chad Flowers snapped same. They flip one out there, what, every four months? Every eight?



Who still carries class B foam on their 1st out Engines? Anyone? It seems everyone is class A or cafs, not saying it's good or bad, just curious.

**wcff** - 02/22/08 - 16:12

Johnston County's foam unit is housed at Selma Fire Department, which responded to the spill

**Fv28** - 02/22/08 - 17:19

If you look at all of the roads around the Selma Oil Terminal it easily explains why they respond to so many of them. Buffalo Rd, Old Beulah Rd, NC 96, NC 39, and all of the connecting roads are potentially treacherous, two-lane, rural roads. True, a lot of them go out to US 70, then to I-95. But a large number utilize US 301, with access via Old Beulah to Jerry Rd. And still more work their way around to NC 210.

It just goes to prove that you have to be ready for the hazards in your response area, and not just what is BUILT in your area. It includes what TRAVELS through your area.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/23/08 - 10:44

DJ, well put. The same discussion could be made for Raleigh, with the railyards and the industrial areas that we have, or of Apex with the LP facility right by the highway. Maybe this would be a good discussion to start on — exactly what goes on in our areas, and how much we really know about what goes through them...

**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 02/23/08 - 16:19

Oh yes. Pay attention to the trucks riding the back roads here in Wake County. There is a lot of #1203 placards in 8,000 gallon capacities on some of these back roads. Drivers ost, taking short cuts, going to see a girlfriend, etc. And they drive like they are on I-95 still.

Sit at the railroad corssing while wating for CSX or NS to pass and translate the placards. There is some pretty wicked sh\*\* that rolls through here.

IT also reminds me of a plane crash that happened in Georgia in the mid to late 70s or so when a Southern Airways DC9 had to land- right now. Landed on Main Street in a little place called New Hope, GA. I've Googled it and cannot find anything, but there was right up in Fire Engineering and Fire Chief (I think it happened before Firehouse came out).

That was an indication of "it CAN happen here". You may not be able to prepare logistically for it, but you better have a plan in place.  
**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/24/08 - 09:20

[http://www.nts.gov/ntsb/brief.asp?ev\\_id..](http://www.nts.gov/ntsb/brief.asp?ev_id..)

Southern Airways DC-9  
  
April 4, 1977

En route to Atlanta. Complete engine failure during thunderstorm. 60 fatalities, it looks like. Another 21 injured (?).  
**Legeros** - 02/24/08 - 09:25

More links: <http://www.super70s.com/Super70s/Tech/Av..>), [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern Ai..](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Ai..)  
**Legeros** - 02/24/08 - 09:26

You know, if you push the right key you never know what you might find...  
  
From WikiPedia-

January 6, 1960 – National Airlines Flight 2511, a Douglas DC6B bound from New York to Miami, crashes near Bolivia, North Carolina, when a bomb planted on board explodes in mid-air. All 34 people on board are killed.

September 11, 1974 – Eastern Air Lines Flight 212, a DC-9, crashes on approach to Charlotte, North Carolina; 72 of 82 people on board are killed.

January 24, 1961 – A B-52 bomber suffered a fire caused by a major leak in a wing fuel cell and exploded in midair 12 miles (19 km) north of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina. The incident released the bomber's two Mark 39 hydrogen bombs. Five crewmen parachuted to safety, but three died—two in the aircraft and one on landing. Three of the four arming devices on one of the bombs activated, causing it to carry out many of the steps needed to arm itself, such as the charging of the firing capacitors and, critically, the deployment of a 100-foot (30 m) diameter retardation parachute. The parachute allowed the bomb to hit the ground with little damage. The fourth arming device — the pilot's safe/arm switch — was not activated, and so the weapon did not detonate. The other bomb plunged into a muddy field at around 700 mph (300 m/s) and disintegrated. Its tail was discovered about 20 feet (6 m) down and much of the bomb recovered, including the tritium bottle and the plutonium. However, excavation was abandoned because of uncontrollable flooding by ground water, and most of the thermonuclear stage, containing uranium, was left in situ. It was estimated to lie at around 180 feet (55 m). The Air Force purchased the land and fenced it off to prevent its disturbance, and it is tested regularly for contamination, although none has so far been found. [22]

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/24/08 - 11:29

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Lacking a Natural or « One Tanker, Foamed » Loss-Less JPEG Rotati...  
Usual Covering (as of Hair, Vegetation, or Nap)

Lacking a Natural or Usual Covering (as of Hair, Vegetation, or Nap)02/23/08 60 W - + 15 - 16

Raleigh Fire Department members go under the clippers on Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m., at Hibernian Restaurant & Pub at [311 Glenwood Avenue](#). They are raising money for the [St. Baldrick's Foundation](#). More information about the soon-to-shorn is [available hair](#). You can also contribute online. Funds, that is, not locks.

Hey Mike! Don't forget the St. Baldrick's event on March 8th, at Napper Tandy's. Lots of Firefighters, Police and EMS folks are shaving their heads to help find a cure for cancer. The event starts at 2:00pm! We've already raised over 27-thousand dollars! Come on down and support us by standing with us, joining a team, and getting your head shaved! Thanks Mike!

Jonny - 02/23/08 - 17:21

More information on the March 8 event: [http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/event\\_..](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/event_..)

Legeros - 02/23/08 - 17:33

...that's the participants tab, here's more info, too: [http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/event\\_..](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/event_..)

Legeros - 02/23/08 - 17:34

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Loss-Less JPEG Rotation

02/24/08 118 W - + 11 - 12

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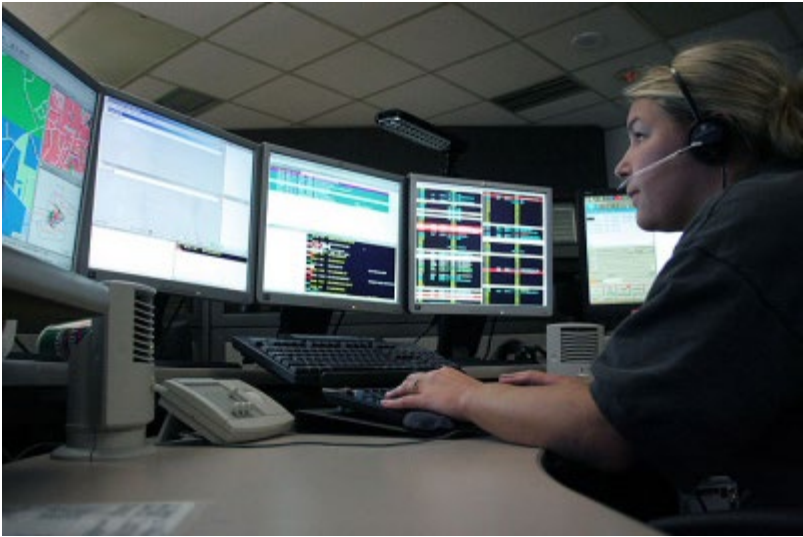
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Last Call for Telecommunicators and Call Takers

02/27/08 50 W, 1 I - + 15 - 16

The Raleigh-Wake County Emergency Communications Center is accepting applications through the end of this week for call takers and telecommunicators. They anticipate starting their next academy in May. For more information, see the city's [employment web site](#).



Have any idea how long the academy will be?

**martin** - 02/27/08 - 23:04

Twelve weeks of classroom followed by direct and indirect observation and training on the floor.

**RWECC** - 02/29/08 - 18:34

<http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article..>

**sound familiar?** - 02/29/08 - 21:50

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Emergency Fashion

02/28/08 25 W, 1 I - + 14 - 16

From a reader, here's a Hawaiian-style shirt with firefighter icons. Same is sold at [Fireswap.com](#). Flashy, but could be a bit brighter...

Visit [fireswap.com](#)

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**Fire Commission Work Session, Thursday, 3/6**

02/28/08 79 W - + 15 - 15

The Wake County Fire Commission has scheduled a second work session for Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Cary Drive. The purpose of the work session is for the Fire Commission to prioritize elements of the Staffing and Facility components of the Long Range Business Plan. The latter was unanimously approved at the last work session on February 21, 2008.

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Vintage Drills

03/02/08 118 W, 4 I - + 12 - 15

Here's are some images with interesting things to see. Taken at the training center in the 1970s, the first shows the 1979 Mack/1958 American LaFrance tiller prior to its paint job and behind-the-cab bench seat (which was interesting place to ride once it was installed, let me tell you), the plastic fire helmets with numbered shields, someone with a yellow helmet, and some red striped socks worn by whomever is playing the victim. The second shows the smokehouse, apparently in action. The gloves in the foreground bear the initials W.R.F. Perhaps it's a last name + Raleigh Fire? The third picture shows a view from above. Helmet numbers of the pictured are #363, #104, #209, and #396. Click to enlarge:



The yellow helmets were worn by the guys on Rescue. The helmets were Chieftains and MSAs.

The suspension in side of the helmets were the same type found in construction hardhats. Some of the helmets had elastic chinstraps, others had leather. MSA also had a unique style to their leather shields- the ones with a metal medallion mounted the medallion high on the shield center. They also had a specific style of lettering on the MSAs, which can be seen in the numbers 6, 9, or 8 on one of the shields.

The shields were made by Plectron from Overton, NE. They also made alert monitors and pagers for volunteers back in the day.

Ahhh...and the smoke house picture brings back memories...nothing like eating smoke to put hair on your chest!

DJ (Email) - 03/03/08 - 10:11

I think the yellow helmet is being worn by retired captain Jimmy Russell, the black helmet 363 is Chief Alan Walters,The person playing the victim is Captain Wayland Holden.I am not 100% sure but I think that is who they are.

Kp (Email) - 03/03/08 - 20:25

Sorry, correction the correct helmet number for Chief Walters is 396 not 363.

KP (Email) - 03/03/08 - 20:27

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## Lightner Public Safety Center

03/03/08 52 W, 1 I - + 15 - 9

On February 19, the Raleigh City Council received a presentation of the design plan. You can watch and listen to the presentation as [archived on the CTV site](#). Fast forward to the 38 minute mark of the February 19 video link. Also read this [related press release](#). Image below from WRAL:



Speaking of developments, here's a site with renderings of the Wake County Justice Center: <http://www.gogoraleigh.com/2008/02/11/wa..>

**Legeros** - 03/03/08 - 18:10

I guess the City of Oaks is onboard with dropping some dough on public safety as of late.. <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/251..>

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 03/03/08 - 18:11

Note that the Fire Department gets ONE floor in the building. 911 operations are on an upper floor.

**jeff harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/04/08 - 09:22

Note that Wake County Fire employees like 20 people total...

**guest** - 03/06/08 - 23:55

guest, how do you figure?

**confused** - 03/07/08 - 09:00

to "Guest" — this building is the RALEIGH public safety center. Wake County's Justice Center is a separate project. The Raleigh Fire Department will have one floor (which is somewhere around 100 people, I figure), with 911 operations on an upper floor. Raleigh Police will have most of the rest of the building.

And you are correct, guest, in your estimation of the number of Wake County Public Safety Fire/Rescue Division officials who actually have offices in the current Wake County Public Safety Center, but they will move to the new building when it is built. However, there are more than just 20 people employed by Wake County Fire/Rescue – think about all the instructors who help out at WCFTC, they aren't all Wake Tech folks, and there are others I'm sure I'm forgetting.

**EMS 7597** ([Email](#)) - 03/07/08 - 19:25

any museum/archival/exhibition facilities, or future space set up for such?

**corner hydrant** - 03/08/08 - 00:31

Maybe I missed it, but where is the relocation to the CITY bldg of WCFR cited? I see moving the EOCs to one bldg, but not to a joint EOC which makes no sense.

**Concerned Taxpayer** - 03/08/08 - 12:27

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Disaster in the City

03/04/08 42 W, 1 I - + 16 - 10

From a reader comes this stunning shot from the Maldives, an [island nation in the Indian Ocean](#). (This blogger is not necessary smarter than a Fifth Grader.) The photo is by Ali Nishan, [posted to his Flickr site](#):



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Live Line Electrical Demo Tonight,* « Disaster in the City » Electricity *New Hope Station 2*

### Live Line Electrical Demo Tonight, New Hope Station 2

03/04/08 115 W, 1 I - + 17 - 11

Event reminder. Progress Energy is conducting its 911 Live Line Electrical Demonstration for fire, rescue, and law enforcement personnel tonight from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wake-New Hope Fire Department Station 2, 4409 Watkins Road, Wendell. They will recreate live-voltage scenarios such as downed power lines, trees on lines, vehicle wrecks involving power lines, antennas, cranes, ladders getting in power lines, and dig-ins on underground facilities. They will also discuss how Progress Energy responds to 911 emergency calls. Attend and better understand the dangers of electricity and the safety required while working around energized facilities. The event is open to any responders who wish to attend.



I have not personally attended this, but I know others who have been to this same training and said it was very good. I would encourage those who have the time to go.

**Griggs** - 03/04/08 - 10:10

Great demonstration. I attended one held at Pike Electric a few years ago. Very informative and eye opening!

**DCJDean** ([Email](#)) - 03/04/08 - 10:32

There is also one today (March 4th) at Cary FD Station 6 from 12-5.

Western Wake Station 1 will also be hosting them during the week contact them for the schedule.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 03/04/08 - 10:41

Bay Leaf this thursday night @ 7pm.

**Hubbell** ([Email](#)) - 03/04/08 - 10:54

Anyone able to provide a contact to see where else and when this is going to be presented in the coming months? This is the first I have heard about it (I guess I need to get out more...)

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/06/08 - 12:29

It will be @ Bayleaf tonight 3/6 and back at Western Wake tomorrow 3/7. Not sure where it is going after tomorrow. Like some others have

said, it is a GREAT demo. I would highly recommend this to everyone out there

**Wayne** - 03/06/08 - 17:20

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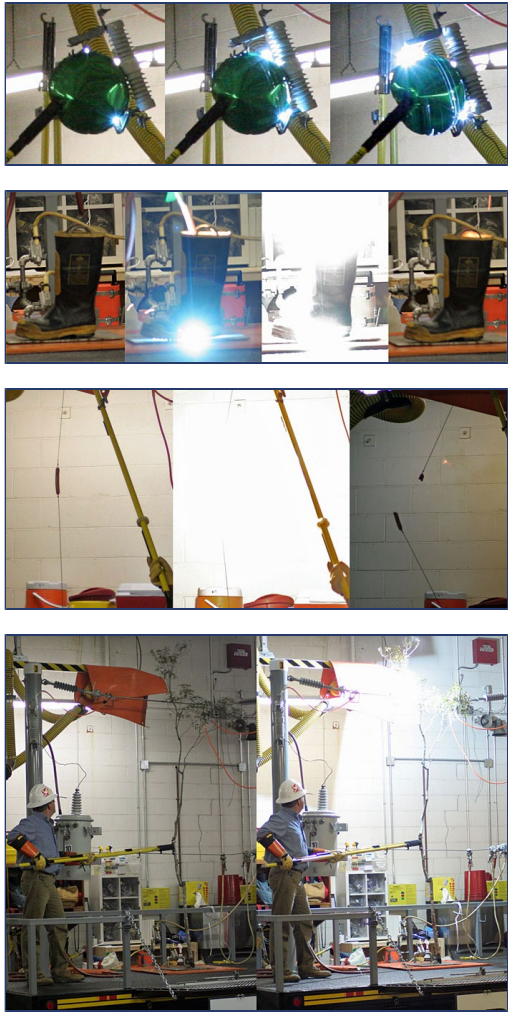
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Electricity

03/04/08 45 W, 4 I - + 15 - 10

From tonight's highly informative demonstration by Progress Energy at New Hope Station 2, here are sequential images of high voltage electricity as conducted by a metal-coated balloon, a rubber boot, a hot dog (as substitute for human flesh), and a tree limb. Click to enlarge:



Excellent demo. We video taped the presentation for future training opportunities, hopefully the audio will come out. Good turnout: Raleigh, Rolesville, Wendell, Eastern Wake, WSO, Archers Lodge, and Bay Leaf had members present.

AB - 03/04/08 - 23:27

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Stormy Weather

03/05/08 39 W - + 16 - 12

Been a while since we've seen some boomers. Was there just one working fire overnight, the townhomes at [7530 McCrimmon Parkway](#) in Cary? Alarm time around 11 p.m., says WRAL. Lightning strike, damage mostly to attic, they add.

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**WakeMed Mobile Communications and Coordination Center**

03/06/08 22 W, 1 I - + 16 - 12

Seen on Sunnybrook Road, at the WakeMed Special Operations facility. Made by LDV. Click to enlarge:



Anyone know how much this is actually used? When does it go out? Has it been used before?

**Native Charlottean** ([Email](#)) - 03/10/08 - 20:32

I think they've only had it a few weeks.

**Olson** - 03/10/08 - 23:08

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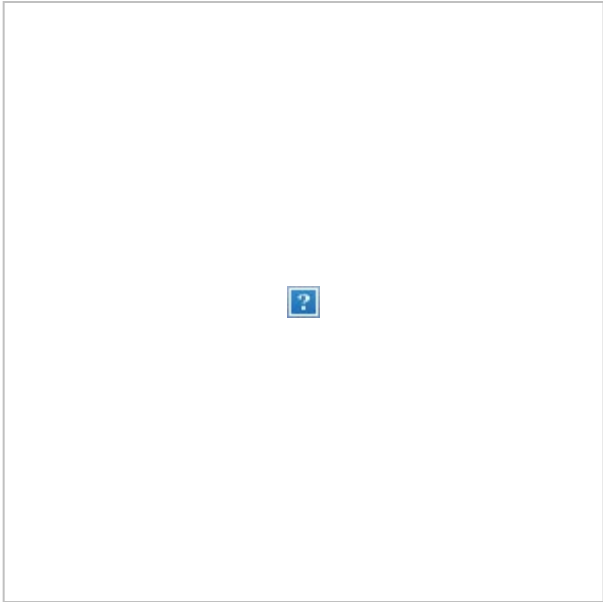
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Salisbury

03/08/08 26 W, 1 I - + 20 - 9

[FireNews has posted information and links](#) about yesterday's tragedy in Salisbury that killed Firefighter Justin Monroe and Firefighter Victor Isler. May they rest in peace.



God Bless to our fallen brothers and the families...RIP

**LeBeau** - 03/08/08 - 15:41

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May God be with the fallen.

**Falls201** - 03/09/08 - 15:38

Per the Charlotte Observer, a procession will take place today, transporting the bodies of the fallen from Charlotte back to Salisbury, in preparation for funeral arrangements: [http://www.charlotte.com/breaking\\_news/s..](http://www.charlotte.com/breaking_news/s..)

**Legeros** - 03/10/08 - 07:31

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Fire Station, Fire Apparatus Footage Sought

03/08/08 52 W - + 17 - 11

Do you have video footage of our area's oldest or newest fire stations, inside or out? Or our area's newest fire apparatus deliveries? There's a firefighter to our north who is working on a project, and will pay for footage. [Mail Mike](#) for his e-mail address.

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## Pierce in Snow

03/09/08 36 W, 1 I - + 14 - 7

From a reader, here's Raleigh's new pumper before it left the factory in Wisconsin. 2008 Pierce Enforcer with a 1,500 GPM pump, a 500 gallon water tank, and 20 gallon foam cell. Future Engine 9. Click to enlarge:



Any word on where the current E-9 is going?

**guest** - 03/09/08 - 23:42

According to an article placed on here by Lee, showing the truck right after it arrived in Raleigh.

It stated that this was to replace Engine 9, Current 9 to 21, current 21 to reserve.

And the possibility of the reserve Mack going on the auction block

**rnln** ([Email](#)) - 03/09/08 - 23:52

Well, E-20 is currently riding E-221, which I think is the old E-21 (Pierce w/ the bigger motor). If that's true, what is 21 currently riding on?

**Silver** - 03/11/08 - 13:03

I thought that E-221 was the old E-16?????

**4447** - 03/11/08 - 18:25

221 is old 21. 21 is on a Quality. Not sure which one though.

**guest 2** - 03/12/08 - 09:22

Would be nice for 20 to be swapped out...the current 20 saw some hard driving when it was at 2, we shall see though...

**Silver** - 03/12/08 - 13:23

Engine 21 will be running on old engine 9 a 2002 quality, where will the 1995 pierce that 21 was running on go to, maybe reserve 222? The 1997 pierce that was engine 16 went to reserve 221.

**Adam** - 03/12/08 - 15:11

Where did old E-8 and E-2 go? I thought one of them went to 21.

**guest 2** - 03/12/08 - 17:08

old engine 8 a 1999 quality went to engine 27, old engine 2 went to engine 19 hope that helps. all information is pulled from legeros site.

**Adam** - 03/12/08 - 17:27

engine 2 was a 2000 quality

**Adam** - 03/12/08 - 17:27

Currently, 21 is riding a Pierce Saber (old 16?). They WILL get the Quality that is currently Engine 9 when 9 gets the sweet, new Pierce.

**Silver** - 03/12/08 - 19:05

Hey Silver. If I remember correctly, Eng 21 got old Engine 15

**Jon C** - 03/12/08 - 19:09

In 1995/96 the 2 newest engines to RFD were the Pierce Dash with the 60 series Detroit motors. They would FLY, Engine 11 and 15 got their new rigs after we loaded the hose on them in the 96 academy! Engine 11 was replaced with one of the Quality engines, and the dash went to 21. While engine 15 rode on the dash until it was replaced in 06 with the new Pierce. E-11 since 96 has been a Pierce, Quality and back to a Pierce. E-15 has only had the 95 Pierce and the 06 Pierce. 28 is riding on old 15's Pierce Dash.

**Jason Lane** - 03/16/08 - 11:04

Thanks for the run down "J". By the way, for those that missed out, the District Pipes and Drums were PHENOMENAL yesterday!!!! They definitely stole the crowd. Great job, looking forward to next year (Savannah?)!!

**Silver** - 03/16/08 - 14:58

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Seen on someone else's blog, this exceptionally interesting [article in Time magazine](#) investigates how people get good at what they do. Quote: "[the researcher's] primary finding is that rather than mere experience or even raw talent, it is dedicated, slogging, generally solitary exertion [...] that leads to first-rate performance. And it should never get easier; if it does, you are coasting, not improving."

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## Random History of RFD

03/10/08 437 W - + 17 - 11

The rent of the house on Method Road, used as Station 8 in the early 1960s, was \$100 a month commencing April 1, 1960. It was located north of Seymour's Auto Service... In 1969 on an unspecified date, the Public Works Committee recommended that the same architectural designs used for Station 4, Station 8, and Station 9 be used for any new fire stations to be constructed. Recommendation approved. No kidding... The fire department work week was reduced to 66 hours effective February 1, 1970. This action required 24 additional men: 6 captains, 7 drivers, and 11 privates... The bid amount for the first Mack CF pumpers was \$33,580.52 (per truck), plus \$3,400 for additional equipment. Five bids were received, unknown which other apparatus makers... By 1971, the price of a Mack pumper had increased to \$40,928... The Six Forks Road Volunteer Fire Department was contracted by the city in 1960 to protect city territory north of Crabtree Creek, for \$350 a month, until a fire station could be built... City minutes from 1961. "The Council was informed that firemen tore down old Fire Station No. 5 to make way for the new station, thereby saving the City considerable money, and that the material will be used to building a smoke house back of the present fire tower for training firemen. The Council expressed appreciation and commended Chief Keeter and members of his department for their cooperation"... The bidders for a 750 GPM pumper in 1949 were Howe, Pirsch, Oren, Mack, American LaFrance, Maxim, Ward LaFrance, and Seagrave. The award went to Mack, for \$13,300... Bids for the tiller in 1957 were submitted by only two companies, American LaFrance and Seagrave... City minutes from 1958: "The City Manager reported that the cooking range at Central Fire Station was worn out and after investigation it was recommended that it be replaced by a heavy-duty restaurant type stove, and he requested the Council to authorize a transfer of \$675 within the department for the purchase of the stove"... The expense of supplying air conditioning to the fire stations was approved in 1971... In January 1951, construction of an additional room at Station 4 was approved. It would be used as a kitchen, with firefighters providing the labor... City minutes from 1953, regarding acquisition of a Civil Defense rescue truck for the fire department: "the truck must be considered as a piece of stand-by equipment subject to call to Norfolk, Virginia, in the event of an attack by enemy forces"... The bid price in 1926 for a new American LaFrance pumper was \$12,500. The city received a \$1,500 discount, for trading an old Type 12 pumper... Salaries in 1947-48 included \$2,700 for Asst. Chief A. B. Lloyd, \$2,460 for mechanic May T. Parker, \$2,040 for the newest firemen, and \$1,560 for each of the three telephone operations.

Mike,

Speaking of history and the current lack of working fires in Raleigh within the last week or so...in your research throughout the years, have you noticed or discovered a similar lull in working fires? I'm also wondering how the number of working fires in today's time compare to the number of fires in yesteryear...more, less, about the same? As always, just curious.

**RFD574** - 03/14/08 - 18:34

That is an interesting question, and one that's difficult to answer. My historical data is too spotty to fully answer the question. But we can make some observations.

In 1925, there were 8 working fires that used 3 or more lines. That year, RFD answered 338 calls. So, those 8 fires represented 2.4%.

In 1930, there were 6 working fires that used 3 or more lines. Out of 458 calls, they represented 1.3%

In 1935, there were 7 such fires. Out of 562 calls, they represented 1.2%

In 1949, there were 4 such fires. Out of 698 calls, they represented .5%

Call volume rising, and fires requiring 3 or more lines dropping. But it's just a sampling, and not necessarily with 100% valid data.

Last year, RFD answered nearly 35,000 calls. Let's say 40% of those were non-EMS calls. And using those early 20th century percentages, let's compute 1.5% of 14,000, or 210.



Last year, were there 210 fires that required 3 or more lines? That would be comparable to the 1930s, roughly, vaguely, possibly.

Ask again in another year or two, as I am always adding to my historical data.

**Legeros** - 03/14/08 - 19:34

Paul has the capability to gather fire info from our Firehouse – giving a reasonably accurate accounting of working fires. The 3 or more lines part may be slightly more difficult to break down though.

**goose** - 03/14/08 - 21:22

Here’s a fire report form from 1931, <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/h..>

In days of old, when knights were bold, these forms were tallied in a oversized ledger books, with multiple columns of data. I’ve done one round of transcription, recording all fires using three lines or more. e.g., major or pretty good-sized fires. Someday I’ll return and record all fires, or, heck, all calls.

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

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The next meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission is Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 PM, at the Wake County EMS Training Facility, which is located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building on Cary Drive.

The agenda:

- Call meeting to order
- Invocation
- Roll of members present
- Approval of Agenda

- Minutes
  - Adoption of Minutes for January 17th, 2008, Regular Meeting
  - Adoption of Minutes for February 21st, 2008, Special Called Meeting
  - Adoption of Minutes for March 6th, 2008, Special Called Meeting

- Regular Agenda
  - Apparatus Committee
  - Facility Committee
  - Fire Commission Committee Structure

- Information Agenda
  - FY 09 Fire Tax District Budget Development
  - Long Range Business Plan Update
  - Chair Report
  - Fire/Rescue Services Director Report

Other Business

- Public Comments
  - 30 minutes maximum time allotted, Maximum 3 minutes per person

- Adjournment
  - Reminder: May meeting rescheduled to May 8, 2008.

**Legeros** - 03/18/08 - 19:13

Anyone on the blog care to share highlights? Any progress to report on renumbering the units? I seem to remember something about a recommendation at this mtg from some of the past posts here.

Who’s getting new trucks next year and people to run them? Any Big Water tankers in the future?

**Concerned Taxpayer** - 03/22/08 - 19:44

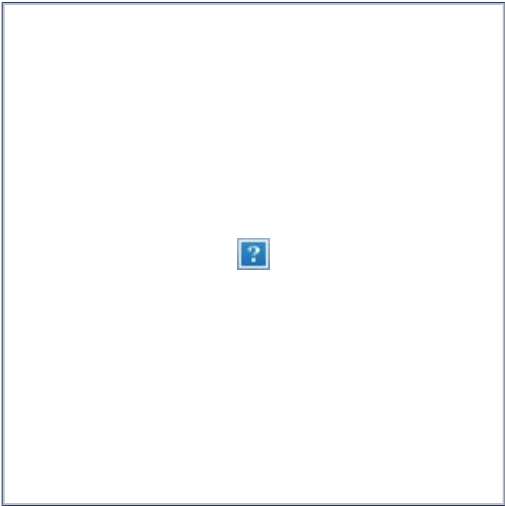
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Atlanta's Tornado

03/16/08 47 W, 1 I - + 12 - 14

Shane Durrance was atop his condo off Howell Mill Road when he shot this stunning (to say the least) photo of the EF-2 tornado that struck downtown Atlanta, [reports this news article](#). The tornado is the light-gray vertical strip in the picture. Click to enlarge:



Looks like there might be two...see one smaller to the left by the free-standing tower with triangle top (if the large light grey cloud in the center of the photo is supposed to be "the" tornado)

**Boggs** - 03/19/08 - 13:54

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Raleigh's Tornado

03/16/08 108 W, 1 I - + 19 - 18

Ours was a suburban storm the morning of November 28, 1988. Unseasonable humid the night before. I remember rattling windows through the night at my apartment on Calumet Drive. Woke around 5 or 5:30 a.m. for my traffic-reporting shift. Scanner was full of activity. Called the police desk, asking if a major fire was working somewhere. No, just the tornado. Insert exclamation points. Here's a [summary of the weather event](#). The [Wikipedia page is rather slim](#), however. Here's a [News & Observer retrospective](#). Gary Knight took this aerial image of the K-Mart parking lot on Glenwood Avenue, used for command and staging. Others can add more memories. Click to enlarge:



I remember that mess. Rode backwards on a Mack for 8.5 hrs that night..from call to call to call to...

**AB** - 03/17/08 - 17:01

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Fire Call, 1963

03/16/08 53 W - + 15 - 13

Found an interesting entry in the 1963 fire reports for Raleigh. Tanker 9 to Raleigh-Durham Airport Road, aid for Morrisville. Undoubtedly a fire of some sort. Who else would have been called for water back then? Fairground. Cary Rural. Someone from Durham County? The microfilm newspaper archives at Olivia Raney should tell more.

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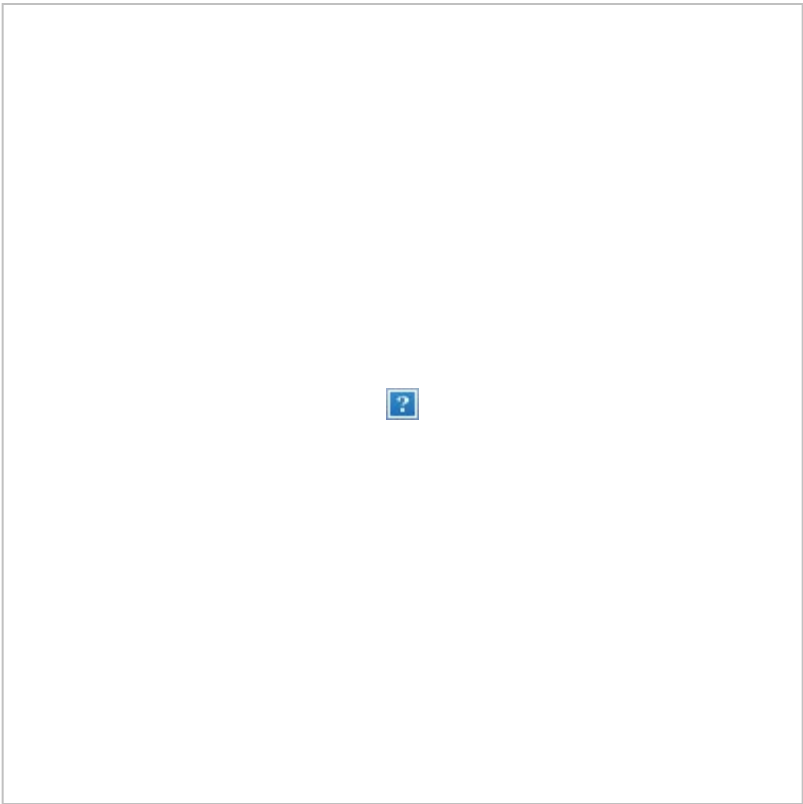
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**Raleigh's Original Tiller Found and For Sale** 03/17/08 169 W, 2 I - + 14 - 15

The city's original tiller has surfaced in downtown Smithfield. Found by fellow fire photographer Carter Rabil, it's sitting in an open lot behind Boykin Motors at [650 S. Brightleaf Boulevard](#). Less than hour's drive from Raleigh, even on a Monday after work! The 1939/1916 American LaFrance served as Truck 1 until 1958, then as a reserve ladder for several years. It may also have seen service as Truck 6. The cab is a 500 Series, the ladder is a Type 17.

The wooden, two-section, 75-foot ladder was spring-raised for the initial elevation, then hand-cranked the rest of the way. Last seen sitting behind Station 8 in the early 1980s, the truck was sold as surplus and sat outside in Apex for the next 20 years. It was recently relocated to Johnston County, and will be auctioned on the second Saturday in April. See [more photos of the apparatus](#). Or watch some [old film footage](#) showing the truck in action. Pictures forthcoming from this afternoon's visit.



Random notes about this truck...

Personnel periodically refinished the wooden ladders. They'd scrape off the old varnish using broken glass.

The ladders were stored in a single rack, which rendered the tiller seat that much higher.

The tiller seat swung to the side, and the steering wheel was removed to raise the ladder.

The steering column was also removed, when the ground ladders were removed.

The ladder was raised by pressing a pedal, which released a lock, which caused a spring to raise the ladder by 30 or degrees.

The remaining elevation was achieved by hand-crank. Two additional cranks extended or retracted the second section.

A fourth crank on the turnable rotated the ladder.

The truck was stored at Station 6 for a period of time. To accommodate the length, a window was removed and a metal shell was added to protect the ladder that poked out.

**Legeros** - 03/18/08 - 21:09

Broken glass? Now that's funny!!

**Silver** - 03/19/08 - 12:52

whats so funny about that Silver? We've done the same to rehab axe handles.

**7driver** - 03/21/08 - 10:41

Really Ron? I would've thought in todays time, there's another way to do that versus using broken glass.

**Silver** - 03/21/08 - 16:01

Hi, I found you web site through the article in the SPAAMFAA publication Silver Trumpet. I work for the Reno (NV) FD and we are restoring our 1917 ALF Type 17-6 85' tillered aerial ladder. I would like to talk to whoever bought this rig and see what their plans for it are. It would be good to be able to talk to someone who also is working on a rig like ours. Our web site is below if you are interested.

<http://www.iaff731.com/History/Apparatus..>

**Jon Wagner** ([Email](#)) - 05/01/08 - 13:17

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Strange Poles?

03/20/08 50 W, 1 I - + 13 - 12

What's the purpose of those enormous, rust-colored, pulley-equipped poles being erected around the Fairgrounds? From a reader, it's 230KV tap line from Progress Energy. Thing's been planned for years. Here's [more information including a map](#). Wonder how they'll string the lines? Helicopter?



How about those fake, ugly, trees up on Wakefield Pines Dr and the one in cary close to Harrison Avnue  
**4447** - 03/20/08 - 09:15

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Sling Bag Camera Bags

03/20/08 29 W, 1 I - + 13 - 10

Saw one of these recently, a [sling bag camera bag](#) by Lowepro. Designed to go from "carry mode" to "ready mode" in seconds. Pretty cool.



very cool, but definitely not female friendly for DD cup size – real obstacle to getting the bag to the front – same problem with some of those new laptop bags – those things really get in the way

corner hydrant - 03/20/08 - 12:39

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**Light and Space Where Fire Alarms Once Rang**

03/20/08 18 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

Today's *New York Times* tours a [1931 firehouse-turned-residence in Rhode Island](#).



what a spectacular art space!! I WANT ONE!!  
**corner hydrant** - 03/20/08 - 12:31

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## DC-1

03/22/08 33 W, 1 I - + 17 - 15

The Wake County EMS district chief's cars have been lettered with larger identification letters and numbers on the rear windows, if you haven't seen them lately:



I like it. I would also like to see larger numbers on the ambulances as well, about the same size.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/23/08 - 17:33

I wonder if District 5 and 6 is going to get the large letter's and numbers like that?

**Citizen** - 03/23/08 - 19:01

Yes, and Wake County EMS on the side to.

**Citizen 43** - 03/26/08 - 09:04

[ Anonymous, pot-stirring, off-topic comments and responses (included one signed response, sorry about that) removed. Go nuts over at the Watch Desk, or mail Mike with either blog topic ideas or official news to report. ]

**Legeros** - 03/28/08 - 06:28

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## Join the Raleigh Fire Department

03/22/08 60 W - + 16 - 11

Raleigh is again hiring firefighters. Applications are being accepted March 24 through May 2. Visit the [fire recruitment site](#) for more information, including a [recruitment packet for download](#) (MS Word format). Starting salary is \$31,117, says the city employment page. The [recruitment process page](#) lists key dates, and the projected start of the next academy: August 25, 2008. Good luck.

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Does anyone know what the agility test will be like this testing period?

**In Shape?** - 03/27/08 - 12:06

CPAT

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 03/27/08 - 18:05

I wouldn't be so sure about that....might be something a lil' different.

**Hmmmm** - 03/27/08 - 19:54

So what are they going to use this year? I noticed on the site that the only link for the recruitment info not working is the section for the PAT. Notice I said PAT and not CPAT, so anyone have any info to offer up? CPAT again, something like the FF Challenge, a modified CPAT, RFD's old obstacle course?

**Coop** - 03/28/08 - 17:41

I "heard" that the CPAT won't be used for the next academy because not enough females were passing the test and the department needs to increase it's number of female employees. I also heard that they are planning on hiring around 65 (no typo, you read right, sixty-five) recruits.

**RescueRanger** - 03/28/08 - 19:07

Ok pay attention! There will not be the CPAT as the physical test!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You are correct on that! The test will be very much like the old test with some new things added in the obstacle course like a push pull and a sledge hammer drill like the cpat machine. I might be wrong but I am almost 100% sure the 1.5 mile run and ladder raise and sled drag will still be there. They have the new obstacle course set up on the top deck by the old smoke house. Now for the numbers on how many they are going to hire is open. They are predicting 50 or so BUT they will not be definite until the budget gets approved! That is coming straight from the training center! I'll give up more info when it is passed along! but for now I say anyone looking to come join the ranks apply!!!!!!!!!!!!!!


**Jason Lane** - 03/28/08 - 19:49

[ Unsigned rant removed, plus one signed response. Sorry about that. Closing thread for now. Take comments over to the Watch Desk as desired, or mail me with personal concerns. ]

**Legeros** - 04/01/08 - 05:41

Future Durham Fire Stations

03/22/08 134 W, 1 I - + 17 - 13

Speaking of public documents available online, the [Public Protection section](#)  of the city of Durham [2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program Book](#) lists quite a few fire stations planned for our friends to the west. The plans include:

- Station 1 - Upgrades. (2008-2010)
- Station 7 - Renovations. (2012-2014)
- Station 9 - Rebuilt near Midland and Camden Street. (2008-2010)
- Station 10 - Rebuilt in same general area. (2013-2016)
- Station 12 - Upgrades. (2007-2010)
- Station 15 - Built in far northern area of city. (2006-2008)
- Station 17 - Built in northeastern area of city. (2010-2012)
- Station 18 - Built in northeastern area of city. (2011-2013)
- Station 19 - Built in far southern area of city. (2014-2017)
- Station 20 - Built in southern area of city. (2013-2015)
- Station 21 - Built in southern area of city. (2014-2016)
- Station 22 - Built in northern area of city. (2015-2017)

By way of comparison, here are similar CIP documents for Raleigh and Cary.

- <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/portal/server...>
- <http://www.townofcary.org/depts/budget/c..>

Legeros - 03/22/08 - 21:49

And a couple more...

- Charlotte – <http://www.charmeck.org/NR/rdonlyres/esl..>
- Chapel Hill – <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/Document..>
- Greensboro – <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/NR/rdonlyre..>
- Winston-Salem – <http://www.cityofws.org/Assets/CityOfWS/..>

Legeros - 03/22/08 - 21:59

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9 Digital Camera Settings for Every Photographer to Discover

03/23/08 42 W - + 11 - 13

Here's a [great web article](#) on using these digital camera settings: exposure bracketing, histograms, burst mode, full manual mode, RAW file format, custom white balance, aperture and shutter priority mode, ISO, and white balance.

great site with some really cool links and tuts!! thanks mike!!

corner hydrant - 03/24/08 - 19:24

at the risk of perhaps causing some misunderstanding tuts = tutorials – i have a habit of abbreviating everything

corner hydrant - 03/25/08 - 00:46

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This Afternoon's Fire

03/26/08 84 W, 1 I - + 11 - 17

Two alarms at [3917 Knickerbocker Parkway](#). Three-story, wood-frame apartments with 13,896 square-feet. Rescue 14 first on scene, reporting major working fire. Ladder 16 and Ladder 20 operating, after interior crews brought out. Engines 14, 17, 16, 8, 23, 6, 9, 18, Ladders 16, 20, 23, Rescues 14, 7, Battalions 4, 3, Air 8, and Cars 195, 20, 5, 4, 2, 1 among the fire units initially on scene. EMS units included EMS 2, 1, 11, 14, 123, DC-1, Truck 1, and Chief 200. *News & Observer* reports 29 people displaced from 12 units. Alarm time about 1:45 p.m. Controlled after an hour. Crews still on scene, and extinguishing hot spots into evening.



The second video clip at <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=...> shows 13+ minutes of raw aerial footage from, say, 30-40 minutes into the incident.

**Legeros** - 03/27/08 - 17:39

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Fire Safety Starts at Home

03/28/08 51 W, 1 I - + 18 - 13

Pop, flash, scorch, and a demonstration of the danger of frayed electrical cords. File under hazards hiding in plain sight, or how long have you not been noticing that, jack a@@? Next up, buying the wife a new hair dryer.



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Blue Rescue #2

03/28/08 29 W, 1 I - + 20 - 16

Garner EMS has repainted and re-lettered Squad 882. Their secondary rescue unit, formerly yellow-green, is now a striking dark blue over white:



Sharp looking truck Garner! I never did like the faded yellow.

YFD482 - 03/28/08 - 23:25

Here’s another blue stunner, built by the builders of the present 881. Honolulu Police command vehicle: <http://www.evi-fl.com/fire/deliveries/re..>

Legeros - 03/29/08 - 07:11

2 rescue trucks at Garner? Do they serve different purposes? Can’t imagine what else they need that isn’t on #1

CFD334 - 03/30/08 - 15:48

I think they run 882 as reserve only and if the volunteers show up they can take it.

4447 - 03/30/08 - 20:45

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## Eastern Wake Chevrons

03/29/08 26 W, 1 I - + 17 - 20

2008 Pierce Contender, 1000 gallons, 1250 GPM, delivered in February, presently in service at Eastern Wake Fire Department Station 2.  
Photographed by Lee Wilson. [See more photos.](#)



Why no amber lighting on the rear?

Bonus point awarded for the chevrons and painted roll-up doors.

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 03/29/08 - 16:26

The arrow stick probably serves as their amber lighting.

**guest** - 03/29/08 - 18:44

Kudos on the chevrons, but to me they kind of blend into the overall appearance of the rig. I'm sure it stands out at night, but during the day I just don't see it. I do agree to change some of the lenses/LEDs on the perimeter of the truck to amber, but that's just me. I do like the painted roll up doors, if you're going to go roll up, go painted, it looks so much better.

The proposed changes to NFPA 1901 state: 15.9.3.2 At least of 50% of the rear vertical surfaces of the apparatus shall be equipped with a minimum 4 inch alternating yellow and red chevron retroreflective striping sloping downward and away from the centerline of the vehicle at an angle of 45 degrees.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 03/29/08 - 19:26

Shev, I agree, the chevrons would look better with red and yellow...

**Silver** - 03/29/08 - 22:14

now, the artist in me would like to see the side white stripe, continuing into the white back chevron and would also like to see the whole back chevroned, except for the eastern wake plaque and numbers, which would then need wider yellow borders, or maybe no borders at all – just keeping the chevrons at a certain distance would create a frame in itself (OK, now i'm nitpicking – if i'm a pain, delete me mike) – these are just my esthetic observations and also observations from someone who's vision is not that good

**corner hydrant** - 03/30/08 - 00:56

download Chief Kirkwood's paper "Safety or Marketing – Why We Decorate Our Vehicles The Way That We Do" (PDF) from the following link

<http://www.wakegov.com/NR/rdonlyres/5E00..>

**corner hydrant** - 03/30/08 - 01:15

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Press F11 when Viewing Incident Photos

03/30/08 48 W, 1 I - + 18 - 16

Here's a tip when viewing our incident photos. Press F11, which activates the web browser's full-screen mode. Depending on your screen resolution, this may negate the need for vertical scrolling with portrait-oriented images. Works with both Internet Explorer and Firefox web browsers.



anyone knows how to get this to work on a mac? i'm always scrolling since i'm on a 13" F11 just sends all my program windows to the periphery – all open windows, browsers, itunes, etc

corner hydrant - 03/30/08 - 21:38

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D.C. Medics to Treat Overuse of 911

03/30/08 79 W - + 17 - 17

Some time back, we discussed fire prevention programs and what the equivalent might look like on the EMS side. Or maybe that was a Watch Desk thread. Seen this week on Firehouse.com, a program starting in Washington D.C. to reduce unnecessary calls for the fire department. Paramedics will periodically check on residents who routinely call 911 for chronic but non-emergency health problems. [Here's the story that originated in the Washington Times](#).

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*& Rescue Trucks, 1960s to 1980s*

**Call for Photos: EMS & Rescue Trucks, 1960s to 1980s**

03/30/08 117 W - + 19 - 12

David Elliott, a firefighter-paramedic in South Carolina and former Parkwood FD member and Orange County Rescue Chief, is finishing a book on the history of EMS and rescue in the state/region. He's seeking pictures of EMS and rescue trucks from the 1960s through the 1980s, in particular vehicles from Durham, Martin, New Hanover, Orange, and Wake Counties. These include units operated by fire departments, rescue squads, EMS agencies, and hospitals including critical care units and helicopters. If providing scans of photos, try these specs:

300 DPI or higher  
8 x 10 inch image size or larger

His contact information:

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1001 Lantana Lane  
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<https://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog/pivot/entry.php?id=1408>[10/14/2019 8:03:36 PM]

Here's an interesting site, the [Code of Ordinances](#) for the city of Raleigh. Observe some of the older language in the **Fire Protection and Prevention** section. There's over 150 years of history behind those ordinances and their objectives. On the role of the Fire Chief: "During fires and inspections [they] shall control all fireplugs, maintain order among the firefighters, and do all things proper for the efficient operation of the department." On fire alarm equipment: "It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the fire alarm telegraph or the poles, wires, fire-police emergency boxes, or other apparatus." And so on.

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Fire Station Uses Rain Water To Wash Vehicles

03/31/08 49 W, 1 I - + 16 - 16

Two rain barrels have been installed at Station 8. The pair of 250-gallon containers are being used to wash vehicles. [Read the press release](#). Below is a photo of one, plus a newly installed emergency generator:



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Sunday Morning's Fire

03/31/08 80 W, 1 I - + 20 - 14

Two alarms at [4703 Bayridge Crossing](#). Dispatched 4:48 a.m. Engine 19 arriving at a two-story, wood-frame apartment building with 10,816 square-feet. Battalion 1 requested a second alarm about 10 minutes later. Units on scene included E19, E15, E11, E27, E22, E28, E7, New Hope E2, E21, L11, L22, R19, R7, B1, B3, C20, C5, C2, A8, EMS 5, 16, 2, D1, D3, T1. Crews remained on scene through the morning. Eight second-story apartments destroyed, and at least 10 residents displaced, [reports WTVD](#). Picture below from Lee:



Nice pic .. it was still burning then. I remember talking to the person who was taking the pic.  
Can I use this pic for personal use?

**1503 resident** - 04/02/08 - 17:46

Yes, you can use the picture. I don't think it was me that you talked to though. You can see more at flickr.com/photos/leewilson  
**lee** - 04/03/08 - 22:31

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**A Day in the Life of a Fireman, 1903**

03/31/08 65 W - + 20 - 17

From a reader, [here's a great silent movie](#) showing turn-of-the-century firefighters in action. The six-minute film was directed by Edwin S. Porter and George S. Fleming, and features a number of horse-drawn rigs. Chief's buggy, hose wagon, steamer, and ladder, they're all there. [More information about the film and the filmmakers.](#)

FlashoverTV is powered by [FireRescue1.com](#)

Doesn't look like there was much of a staffing problem back then.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 03/31/08 - 19:36

I partially agree with DJ. But i feel the problem perused not because of staffing but the disorder with accumulated those days between the firemens.

Jesse R. Schurg  
<http://www.fire-service-recruitment.co.u..>  
**Jesse R. Schurg** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/17/09 - 04:39

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Spectacular Storm Chasing

04/01/08 39 W, 2 I - + 11 - 8

As storm season approaches, some [spectacular storm photos](#) have been posted on London's Daily Mail web site. They're from a new book called [Adventures in Tornado Alley: The Storm Chasers](#) by Mike Hollingshead and Eric Nguyen.



“Storm Chaser: A Photographer’s Journey” is a really good one too!  
**corner hydrant** - 04/02/08 - 16:08

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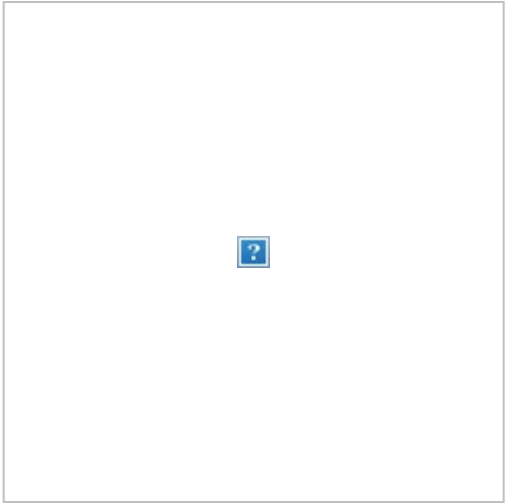
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[Compelling photos posted on Firegeezzer](#) provide examples of a flashover in Ocean City, MD. He also links to [Dave Statter's coverage of the nine-alarm fire](#), who links to some [strong photography on the Bethany Beach FD site](#).



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Shoot, Don't Shoot

04/03/08 49 W - + 16 - 11

While we're linking to other blogs, Dave Statter offers his perspective on [cameras, officials, and homeland security](#). His context is a [incident in Washington D.C. on Sunday](#) involving a person asked to delete pictures of a security checkpoint. [Read the reader comments](#) for maximum effect.

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A Camera for the Shot You Missed

04/03/08 32 W - + 10 - 14

While we're talking photography, today's *New York Times* reviews a [new digital camera from Casio](#) that shoots 60 shots per second. That's right, 60 shots per second.

Nice article!  
**Attin** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/09/08 - 01:14

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Hazard Found in Burlington Fire Check

04/03/08 87 W - + 14 - 8

If you missed it, here's the [News & Observer story](#) that opened "a routine inspection [...] last month found a chemical supply that could have killed hundreds of people and harmed thousands more." On February 14, they report, a BFD inspector found 856,000 pounds of sodium hydrosulfite. That's a highly combustible powder that produces the highly toxic gas sulfur dioxide. Stats, facts, and scenarios follow. However, notes a quoted emergency management official, the situation is not an emergency and there's no possibility of imminent danger.

Also, today's paper offers an editorial on the subject, <http://www.newsobserver.com/print/thursd..>

Legeros - 04/03/08 - 05:40

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Raleigh RIT Training

04/03/08 90 W, 1 I - + 11 - 14

For the last couple of weeks, Raleigh firefighters have been conducting Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training at [9400 Forum Drive](#). The location is a vacant commercial building, formerly used as a charter school. The one beside the cafeteria, and whose parking lot was used as a playground during the week. (The school would block both ends, so the kids could mill about.) The training has been the source of those hair-raising "mayday" calls on the radio, for those scanning all talkgroups. [Lee has posted pictures of the drills](#).



It is great to see you guys out there doing this important kind of training, I've got a quick question for those that have participated, who is the battalion chief in charge of this drill or who is in charge? Thanks in advance for your help.

dear raleigh ffs - 04/05/08 - 00:53

With access to this facility, it would be great to see Raleigh partner with Wake County Fire-Rescue and try to expand this training to the County departments. RIT is something that we need to advance countywide on a more consistent basis.

Olson - 04/05/08 - 12:18

dear raleigh ffs, send an email to me ref your question and the need to know who is in charge. [cfp702@aol.com](mailto:cfp702@aol.com)

lee - 04/05/08 - 21:58

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More City Ordinances

04/03/08 76 W - + 13 - 10

Digging through the archives, here are [city ordinances pertaining to the fire department](#) from 1867, 1908, and 1929. Compare to their present versions, which are [available online](#) as noted in a prior posting. Note the references in the early versions to pulling down and blowing up buildings. Hooks attached to ropes and chains were used for the former, to help create fire breaks. It's also the origin of "hook and ladder" in reference to fire equipment.

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Hands-Only CPR Works

04/04/08 60 W - + 15 - 11

From a reader and likely old news for responders, here are a pair of CNN stories on revised CPR recommendations: chest compressions, as soon as possible and with no interruptions even for rescue breathing. First story, about an [American Heart Association announcement](#). Second story, about [responders in Glendale, AZ](#). And here's the [AHA site on hands-only CPR](#).

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Smokehouse Date Sought

04/04/08 53 W, 1 I - + 18 - 10

Does anyone know anyone who knows when the smokehouse was built at the Keeter Training Center? It was built by firefighters between September 1962 and August 1964, and built using the bricks from old Station 5. Firefighters demolished that station, which was located beside the present station. [Mail Mike if you can help.](#)



Are there any immediate plans to renovate the smokehouse? The smokehouse is about the only thing left at KTC that hasn't been overhauled in some shape or form.

**Wondering** - 04/04/08 - 08:43

I was out there this week, and it appears some work was being done to it. Mikey L, I saw your car there too, cna you fill us in on what its' status is?

**Silver** - 04/04/08 - 11:20

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## Bay Leaf Firefighter Fights For Her Life

04/04/08 61 W, 1 I - + 14 - 10

A member of the Bay Leaf Fire Department is fighting for her life against illness. The friends and family of Paula Sukenik welcome your thoughts, prayers, and support. You can learn more, or leave a message for her to read upon her recovery at [caringbridge.org/visit/paulasukenik](http://caringbridge.org/visit/paulasukenik).



This is a very special lady to us at Bay Leaf. She is a wonderful person who has always done ANYTHING for anyone else. Its time for us to take care of her now. Please say a prayer for her often and/or leave her a message on the site provided. Thank you Mike for putting this up.

**mk** ([Email](#)) - 04/09/08 - 12:25

We now have another Angel in heaven looking after us!!!!!!! God Bless you Paula you will be missed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Please keep Paula's girls and all the brothers at Bayleaf in your thoughts and prayers!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you need us don't hesitate to call.

**Jason Lane** - 04/12/08 - 16:52

Rest in Peace Paula. Watch over your proud FF's in Bay Leaf Town. They performed very well today (Sat). My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and the Bay Leaf family of FF's.

**lee** - 04/13/08 - 00:10

Jason your right – we now have an Angel among us now. The photo she took of me, J. Lane and R. Hubbell at a live burn several yrs ago will forever remind me of her spirit. Thank you Paula for showing us how to live.

**Darrell Adams** ([Email](#)) - 04/14/08 - 18:12

Rest in peace Paula.

**RP** - 04/14/08 - 19:28

Rest In Peace Paula. Thoughts and Prayers go out to you guys in Bay Leaf and Paula's Family.

**C. Thornton** - 04/15/08 - 13:05

Rest in Peace, Bay Leaf family, please let us know if you guys need anything at all.

**DHFD** - 04/15/08 - 14:04

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2008 at Bright Funeral Home, 405 S. Main St., Wake Forest, NC 27587 (919) 556-5811.

A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Binkley Chapel at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, NC.

Obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/newsobserver/Obitu..>

Rest in peace.

**Legeros** - 04/16/08 - 06:19

I wish I had known Paula. She seems like she was one in a million.

**Denise Dolan** ([Email](#)) - 04/28/08 - 16:55

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Fayetteville Fire Station 15

04/04/08 65 W, 1 I - + 8 - 11

The Fayetteville Fire Department opened a new station today. Located at [8434 Cliffdale Road](#), Station 15 replaced a temporary facility on Buhmann Drive. It's staffed by a five-member engine company, and has room for a second fire company. The \$2.6 million, 10,000 square-foot building took approximately 14 months to complete. The station will serve as a footprint model for the next three or four stations. [More information](#).



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## Engine 9

04/05/08 137 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

Their new pumper was placed in service yesterday, a 2008 Pierce Enforcer, 1500/500/20. Their old engine will be placed in service as Engine 21. Some history: Engine 9 was placed in service with a 1953 American LaFrance (#4726) as the second engine at Station 1 in October 1953. After August 29, 1959, Engine 9 received a 1958 American LaFrance. On April 1, 1960, Engine 9 and its crew were moved to Station 8 on Kent Road. The second engine at Station 1 stayed out of service until April 21, 1961, when Engine 10 was placed in service. Station 9 opened on February 14, 1963 and was assigned a 1951 American LaFrance (#4432). On July 15, 1974, Engine 9 received a 1974 Mack (#1595). On or after January 13, 1987, Engine 9 received a 1982 Mack (#2198). Around November 22, 1989, Engine 9 received a 1989 Pierce (#0768) and upon which this blogger rode to his first fire. On August 11, 1997, Engine 9 received a 1997 Pierce (#0165). On April 25, 2002, Engine 9 received a 2002 Spartan/Quality (#0817).



Great looking rig. Saw the guys at Food Lion this past weekend showing it off. I know they are excited to have it. I am excited to have it protecting my house. Many thanks to all of our public servants.

**David** - 04/10/08 - 23:27

Engine 21 placed their 2002 Spartan/Quality in service on Monday, April 21.

**Legeros** - 04/23/08 - 21:12

Does RFD have any other equipment on order?

**Guest** - 04/23/08 - 23:06

I don't think so.

**lee** - 04/24/08 - 12:59

Any idea what they may be seeking to purchase next year?

**Adam Brown** - 04/24/08 - 14:28

I forgot. Probably another ladder and engine. ???

Can anyone esle advise?

**lee** - 04/24/08 - 20:47

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Last Night's Fire

04/06/08 85 W, 2 I - + 15 - 10

Two alarms at [2241 Stonehenge Drive](#). Dispatched about 10:39 p.m. Second alarm struck while units were en route, due to numerous calls. Engine 4 first on scene at a two-story, wood frame apartment building with 12,154 square feet. Offensive then defensive attack, with aerial operations with Ladder 16. Units on scene included E4, E9, E15, E16, E17, E18, L16, L22, R14, R19, B1, B4, C5, A8, EMS 11, 121, 122, D1, T1. Crews remained on scene entire night. Archived scanner traffic is [available online](#). Click to enlarge morning-after photos:



See "the watchdesk".....  
**Silver** - 04/07/08 - 10:28

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Blog Till You Drop

04/06/08 46 W, 1 I - + 14 - 14

Today's *New York Times* features a feature about the [pressures of professional blogging](#) and the demands of the 24/7 Internet age. That is, with regard to scooping stories and driving revenue. Making money from blogging. Imagine that.



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Fashion Station Number One

04/06/08 41 W, 1 I - + 13 - 10

This Hudson-Belk advertisement appeared in local newspapers in August, 1964. The photograph appears in one of the *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* books, but here's the ad. Found same while trying to find smokehouse dates. Click to enlarge:

**riding high! the campus brigade goes first  
to Hudson-Belk . . . then back to school!**

Your teen fashion board names Hudson-Belk "Fashion Station Number One" . . . and one look at the fashion blouse the happy group has started will show you why!

From left, Broughton's daisy Kiki (1) cheers in Rainwater's double-breasted rayon-cotton gingham, 19.99. Navy brightly lined with Red, while Cheryl Stephenson (2) of Millbrook, waves the banner in Yankee Pudding's Green corduroy slacks, 10.99. Both from our Second Floor. Jane Howell (3) from Cary, wears a White Blazer by Kellie, 14.99, also in Camel, Red, or Navy, and her turtle neck sweater and plaid skirt by Gailand are in Green, Blue, or Poppy . . . 8.99 each, Sportswear—Second Floor. Side from slippers is Betty Matthews (4) of Broughton, in Lanson's Decan and Cotton trench coat, 19.99, and boots by U. S. Rubber, 13.99 . . . and Ernie's Betty Keen (5) is all set in a Blue lined Giffen double-breasted jumper, 17.99, and white roll sleeve blouse, from our Youth Center—Second Floor.

Joining the "Brigade" are Gomer's Woods Heavy (6) in Giffen's "Country Casual" print sublimed slacks . . . 10.99, Vane Carter, Ernie, (7) in "77 Originals" sailor double-breasted all-weather coat . . . 19.99, and Paula Fields (8), from Cary, in Old Colony's Patriot Blue Blazer Sweater, 16.99, and Walking Skirt, 14.99, from Sportswear—Second Floor. Laura Whitely (9) from Broughton, lights the way in her Yellow Tweedbury cable-knit cardigan, 19.99, and iron-clash Country Shirt, 5.99, with David Ferguson's Newmarket check slim skirt, 14.99. In the driver's seat is Millbrook's Linda Weaver (10), in Bobbie Brooks matching V-neck sweater and slim skirt . . . 7.99 each, Second Floor Sportswear, with Old Colony's turtle-neck dickey . . . 2.99.

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04/06/08 49 W - + 14 - 11

City Councilmen approve installation of special traffic light on Western Boulevard in front of the new Station 8. The controllers for the manually operated light will cost \$572. Where else were lights or traffic light controls installed? Station 1 had them, if memory serves, controlling the lights at Hargett and Dawson.

Western Wake Station 1, box in the station still works and used to also have remote controls for the light at District and Blue Ridge

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/06/08 - 12:04

The controls at RFD #1 also controlled the lights at Martin and Dawson and the lane control lights on Martin Street up to the old Martin St viaduct for responses to Boylan Heights and DDH.

EMS#4 on District drive has a control for the light at District and Blue Ridge that works. ou have 55 seconds form the time you push the button until the light changes back.

The DFD station on Wake Forest Road had stop lights in front of it, as did a couple of others. At least one Greenville station had them,also. Southwood VFD on NC58 sound of Kinston had the flashing lights like RFD#8 in front of their station, along with Emerald Isle #1 before they moved into their new station. Seems like Wildwood VFD outside of Morehead City had them also a few years back.

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**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/06/08 - 13:12

RFD Engine 4 used to utilize an opticon system to control the stoplight at Six Forks and Sawmill Roads. Due to the close proximity of the fire station to the intersection, by the time the light was triggered by the opticon, the Engine had already passed through the light. It was eventually removed from the Engine.

**RFD574** - 04/06/08 - 20:07

on the note of opticom systems there are many opticom controlled signals in Cary that Cary FD, Cary PD and Cary EMS are able to preempt.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/06/08 - 20:17

Does anyone feel like putting some energy toward opticom throughout the county?

Skip

**CHIEF100** ([Email](#)) - 04/08/08 - 11:46

In Durham, we had "routes" to remember. If memory serves me correct, routes 10 & 11 were in Engine 4's first due area; known as the "greenway system".

The way the system worked; Engine 1 dispatched to a car fire, "Engine 1's en-route, give me routes 1 & 2" (example). The dispatcher pushes a button, and all lights along that route through downtown turned green. Proved beneficial for the downtown units that had a lot of traffic lights in a row. Then when you're through, "Clear routes 1 & 2". That system would be awesome for Capital Blvd., Glenwood, Six Forks, Hillsborough, and downtown.

**Silver** - 04/08/08 - 17:55

I agree with the Opticom. Something for the main corridors in and out of the city, at least. Capital Blvd, New Bern Ave, Glenwood Ave, Hillsborough St, Louisburg Rd, Western Blvd, Wilmington St/Fayetteville Rd, Wake Forest Rd/Falls of Neuse Rd, and Six Forks Rd. And maybe Millbrook Rdand Lynn Rd/Spring Forest Rd as a northern loop-around. And throw in Blue Ridge Rd/ Duraleigh Rd and Lake Boone Trail for ED access to Rex.

I don't know what Cary has in place around WakeMed Cary, but maybe something for the Tryon Rd and Kildaire Farm Rd area could be done

also.

As much as units (fire and EMS, although it seems more for EMS sometimes) are responding from places other than the neighborhood’s first-due, the Opticoms might work better. If I am going to an MVC at Capital and Buffalo on EMS4 responding from cover at Six Forks main, the Opticoms would work better than dedicated routes.

I would imagine we owuld be talking about some serious cash, though. It would be really nice to have both, but you know how the budget people are...

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/08/08 - 21:32

Cary does have an Opticom system in place @ Tryon/KFR and many other intersections in town.

**Fire1983** - 04/10/08 - 21:34

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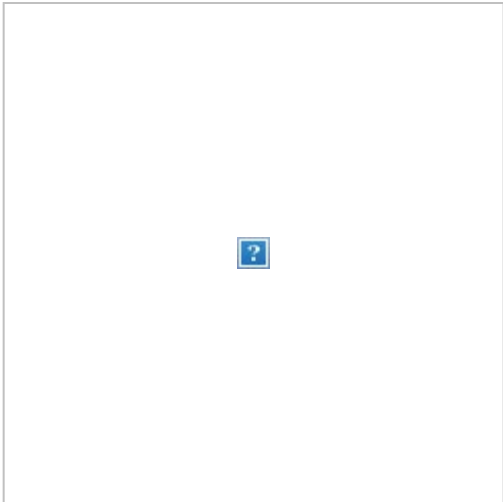
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Blog Upgrade

04/06/08 17 W, 1 I - + 13 - 9

The machinery behind the blog has been upgraded. [Please report](#) any weird or wacky behavior.



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Building the Smokehouse

04/08/08 300 W - + 15 - 10

When was the smokehouse at the Keeter Training Center built? The range of dates has never been a mystery. On **August 21, 1961**, the Raleigh City Council was informed that firefighters had performed the demolition of old Station 5 on Park Drive, that they saved the city a considerable amount of money by performing the work themselves, and that the bricks would be used to build a smokehouse behind the training tower. In **August 1964**, a photo of the smokehouse appeared in the Raleigh Times. It was operational, being used for a fireman's school. The photo showed an apparently completed building, with two stories and a roof.

But when was it actually built? .

County real estate records say 1965. One retiree remembers it still not built when he started in September 1962. Sundry skimming of newspaper articles from summer 1963 found nothing. Nor was anything indexed in the City Council minutes from those years.

But what about the station log books? Not surprisingly, the answer was right there:

**(Tuesday) March 24, 1964**

[8:00 a.m.] Eng #1 & Truck #1 went to tower to clean bricks. 4 hours.  
1:00 p.m. Eng #1 & Truck I #1 went [back] to drill tower to clean bricks. Returned to station at 4:30 p.m.

**(Sunday) March 29, 1964**

9:00 a.m. Eng #10 went to tower to dig footing for smoke house.  
12:00 p.m. Eng #10 return to quarters.  
1:00 p.m. Eng #10 went back to tower to pour cement footing for smoke house.  
3:30 p.m. Eng #10 return to quarters.

**(Thursday) May 7, 1964**

8:15 p.m. Eng #10 working at drill tower.  
11:50 a.m. Eng. #10 returned to quarters.  
1:00 p.m. Eng. #1 working at drill tower.  
4:15 p.m. Eng. #1 returned to quarters.

**(Wednesday) May 27, 1964**

8:00 a.m. Eng #1 & Eng #10 went to drill tower for 3 hours this morning.

**(Monday) August 3, 1964**

9:00 a.m. Eng #1 went to drill tower and drilled in smoke house on use of breathing equipment.

Mystery solved.

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North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial on May 3

04/09/08 81 W, 1 I - + 15 - 9

The Third Annual North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be held on Saturday, May 3, at [Nash Square in downtown Raleigh](#). The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and follows Hillsborough Street to S. Dawson Street. The memorial service starts at 1:00 p.m. Eight firefighters in North Carolina died in the line of duty last year. FireNews has a [list and links](#). For more event information, see [www.ncfff.org](#).



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### Fallen Firefighter Golf Tournament on June 12

04/09/08 92 W, 1 I - + 17 - 8

The Raleigh Fire Department will host the second annual National Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament in support of the [National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#) on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club, [545 Competition Road](#), Raleigh. Tee time is 10:00. The entry fee is \$75 and guests will also receive a complementary breakfast before, and a full meal after, range balls, door prizes and gift bags, pre-game competitions, and trophies. Other activities are still being planned. For more information, see [www.fallenfirefightergolf.info](http://www.fallenfirefightergolf.info).



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Renovating the Smokehouse

04/10/08 61 W, 1 I - + 15 - 11

Returning to present day, as well as answering an earlier reader question, the old smokehouse at the Keeter Training Center is undergoing renovations. New stairs to the second floor have been built, and a section of the roof has been expanded to add an open-air storage area. Interior work is also being done. Lee has [snapped some photos](#) :



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## Will Shoot Live Burns

04/11/08 55 W, 1 I - + 12 - 14

Does your department have a live burn coming up? And would it favor the presence of a photographer or two? Post a note, drop a line, let Lee and Mike know. With weather warming and water levels rising, it's time for burning down the houses.



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Knightdale Public Safety is having a live burn April 26th

**411** - 04/12/08 - 12:30

10-4 on KPS and Thanks. If you find out any details, (when, where, what, etc) please let us know. Send us an email.

**lee** - 04/12/08 - 16:29

Lee, Please Email me or call the station for further

The live burn is TENTATIVE by all means. It is a re-schedule of a burn that was supposed to occur, but fell victim to a burn ban imposed 1 day prior. There are some minor issues to be worked out on the property owner's behalf, and if these are not taken care of we will NOT burn. We do things by the book when it comes to live fire, so all apologies to anyone who may be disappointed if the burn does not take place.

Burn or no burn, we welcome all to come by sometime, If it's C-Shift call ahead or email me- we'll do a meal.

**JBoggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/13/08 - 20:23

Fuquay Fire Dept. Live burn Saturday April 19th 2008 On west street in town Probally start around 8-9

**FVFD85** ([Email](#)) - 04/14/08 - 21:29

I like that comment Jason!....

**ewfd200** - 04/15/08 - 16:08

JBoggs. Where is the burn supposed to be held at?

**411** - 04/15/08 - 16:10

I didnt mean it that way willie! (guilty conscious?, HAHA!)

I thought 411 would know where it was since he announced our burn for us- its off Massey Farm rd, where we've burned before. They are planning a large residential development there eventually (seems to be taking forever).

Again this is TENTATIVE.

**JBoggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/08 - 17:09

Dont get so offensive!

**411** - 04/15/08 - 20:28

Get Em’ Boggs!

**CThornton** - 04/16/08 - 10:28

I heard today that the KPS burn has been cancelled (for now).

**lee** - 04/16/08 - 18:09

That is correct, the burn has been cancelled for now.

**JBoggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/17/08 - 13:29

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## Mystery Truck

04/12/08 32 W, 1 I - + 15 - 9

Here's a three-axle telesquirt that's sitting off [Farm Well Road](#), off Knightdale Boulevard at Old Milburnie Road. Lime yellow. Looks like a Kenworth. Winston-Salem?



It looks very very much like a Winston Salem aerial. I bet I have pictures of it from the 90's. I probably posted it when I was doing the yellow colored apparatus thing a year or two ago on the flicker site.

**lee** - 04/12/08 - 21:16

We have a winner! <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leewilson/2..>

**Legeros** - 04/12/08 - 21:44

So its old Aerial-3, or possibly Aerial-1? Both 1984/5 Kenworth Grumman 75' aerials.

**lee** - 04/13/08 - 00:18

We had one of these at Anne Arundel County FD #11. It started out as a Ranger/Pemfab, but when Ranger shut down E-One finished it. I was amazed at how useless the truck was- not a real aerial device; too big for a pumper. They only kept it about three-four years and got rid of it.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/13/08 - 08:55

It is a former Winston Truck. It is owned by Grady Poole, of Pooles Well Drilling. My stepdad works with him, and brought it home about a month and a half ago. It was purchased for 5 grand, at a government sale. He intends to use it as a service truck, meaning a truck to haul water, pipe, and tools to the jobsite. He first wanted to take the ladder off of it so he could stack the pipe up there, dont know now. I talked him out of that for now I guess, we've been playing with it every now and then. Runs well, ladder operates, but we havent tested the pump yet, although service records indicate it passed last year. It's been offered for us to use for training at KPS while they decide what to do with it. I intend to use it at an upcoming hose, streams, and appliances course, packing it with spare hose, keeping our equipment in service.

**JBoggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/08 - 17:04

Show me a pic of the drivers side, If it has a after-market diamond plate bx on its lft side(like a high-side compartment) then it is old Aerial 2 from station #5 on Palmer Rd. I road it for three years until the arrival of our new sutphen 70ft paltform. great truck back then seen alot of work but wouldn't trust the ladder until tested. the twin to it was a piece, and was just sold recently, it sat on the side of I-40 in guilford county 4-sale for a while

Clay Simmons - 04/20/08 - 20:46

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Chop

04/13/08 43 W, 1 I - + 10 - 17

[Wake Forest Road is being widened](#) between the Beltline and Six Forks Road. One casualty is the apron at old Station 4, which is receiving a significant reduction. The building is presently occupied by a software company.



Wasn't there a time a few years ago the city wanted it back?

Beach ([Email](#)) - 04/13/08 - 20:05

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## New Lens

04/13/08 69 W, 1 I - + 14 - 11

Bought a new lens, a 50mm Canon EF f1.8. Older version, metal build. It's a [prime lens](#), meaning a fixed focal length. Zoom is performing by moving closer to or farther from the subject. It's the fastest lens to date, and hopefully help improve night photography. Here's last night's car versus tree that Engine 16 reported across the street from the station:



I have a 50mm Nikon f1.8 that I love. It's extremely sharp and great in low light situations. "Zooming" with your feet takes a little bit of getting used to, but the results are worth it.

**[Todd D]** ([Web Site](#)) - 04/21/08 - 17:56

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Automatic Roll Bars

04/13/08 36 W, 1 I - + 16 - 9

Also at last night's wreck, one of the responders pointed these out: automatic roll bars behind the rear seats. They deploy when the vehicle wrecks. Very cool.



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Pierce New Deliveries

04/13/08 42 W, 4 I - + 15 - 8

Noticed the following new deliveries on the [Pierce web site](#) from around NC, including a Velocity pumper for Concord, an Arrow XT pumper for Four Oaks, an Impel pumper for Ebenezer, and a high-riding Dash pumper for Beech Mountain.



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The fourth full-time Fire Chief of the Cary Fire Department was Lee Matthews, who has been listed in records as Lee Mathews, who started January 21, 1967 and stopped in May 1967. A newly found newspaper article reveals more. Dated February 22, 1967, the clipping notes Lee Matthews was a retired Raleigh Fire Captain who was named Acting Chief, after the resignation of Chief John W. Ward three months into his position. Though the clipping calls Matthews a retired Captain, he was more likely retired Asst. Chief R. Lee Matthews, who left in 1963 with 37 years of service. His employment with Cary was intended as temporary. Subsequent CFD Chiefs included \_\_\_\_\_ Ascue (67-68), John L. Dew (68-69), Billy Henderson (69-71), Terry Edmundson (71-75), and Ned Perry (75-93).

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**Raleigh Fire Department Volunteer Members, 1866-1911**

04/15/08 316 W, 1 I - + 11 - 10

Here's a new compilation of historical information, a list of [Raleigh's volunteer fireman from 1866 to 1911](#) . The list features some 450 names of fire company members from the hand- and horse-drawn era. This and many other goodies are linked from the [RFD history site](#).

Surnames include Abernethy, Adams, Allen, Alston, Anderson, Andrews, Armstrong, Arthur, Bagwell, Bain, Baker, Barbee, Bell, Belvin, Betts, Bevers, Billings, Blake, Blow, Boshier, Boylan, Bradley, Branch, Brannan, Branson, Brenig, Bretsch, Brewer, Brewster, Bridgers, Brockwell, Brooks, Broughton, Brown, Bryant, Bullock, Bunch, Burgess, Burt, Byrd, Caldwell, Cardwell, Carver, Chavis, Cheatham, Cheek, Chowder, Christopher, Churchill, Clancey, Clements, Coke, Cole, Correll, Crabtree, Crawford, Crayton, Creech, Creighton, Crocker, Cross, Dancey, Dancy, Davis, DeBoy, Dicks, Dobbin, Dodd, Donahoe, Doolittle, Doyle, Drake, Dunston, Durham, Edwards, Ellis, Engelhard, Ennis, Farmen, Farmer, Faucette, Fentress, Ferrall, Ferrell, Fleishman, Flow, Fowler, Francis, Franklin, Fraps, Freeman, Gardner, Gattis, Gaylord, Glenn, Gorham, Gorman, Gowan, Green, Grimes, Gulley, Gully, Habel, Hall, Hampson, Hardie, Hardy, Harrell, Harris, Hart, Harward, Hawkins, Haynes, Haywood, Heartt, Henley, Henly, Hilker, Hill, Hinnant, Hinton, Hobbie, Hooks, Hoover, Horton, House, Hunter, Hutchins, Hyatt, Jeffries, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Keith, Kelly, Kennette, Killibrew, King, Kreth, Lamson, Lane, Lang, Lassiter, Laswell, Lee, Linehan, Little, Lougee, Love, Lumley, Lumsden, Mabry, Macy, Maguire, Mahler, Mallett, Mangum, Manly, McDonald, McDowell, McGown, McKee, McKimmon, McPheeters, McRary, Medlin, Merrill, Miller, Milligan, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Morson, Moses, Moye, Nolan, Nottingham, O'Donnell, Olive, Otter, Palmer, Pardue, Parish, Park, Parker, Parrish, Peebles, Pennington, Penny, Pepper, Perdue, Perry, Pomeroy, Pool, Prempert, Price, Pulley, Purnell, Putney, Ransom, Ray, Rhodes, Rice, Richardson, Riddle, Rix, Roberts, Rosenbaum, Royster, Scales, Scott, Separk, Shakespeare, Shaw, Simpson, Smith, Snow, Snuggs, Solomons, Sorrell, Spark, Sparks, Spence, Steadman, Stephens, Stevenson, Steward, Stewart, Stibel, Stines, Straughn, Stronach, Syme, Taylor, Terry, Thiem, Thomas, Thompson, Tucker, Turner, Underhill, Upchurch, Utley, Waitt, Wall, Waring, Warren, Watson, Weathers, Weatherspoon, Weigel, Weir, Welsh, White, Wicker, Williams, Winters, Witherspoon, Womble, Woods, Woolcott, Wray, Wright, Wynne, Yearby.

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Chemical Safety Board Issues Video on EQ Fire

04/16/08 88 W, 1 I - + 12 - 12

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board has released a 16-minute video on the Environmental Quality explosion and fire in Apex on October 5, 2006. It's [linked on this press release page](#), along with a case study. The video features computer animation showing the spread of the fire, as well as interviews, aerial footage, and other images. The most prominent of the stills, shown below, was shot by *News & Observer* photographer Chris Seward. It is a very well-produced video feature.



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Station 23

04/19/08 29 W, 2 I - + 11 - 12

A reader sent the first photo, snapped last week, of a new apron being built at Station 23. As the second photo shows, the concrete pad is presently finished.



Is that the old Durham Highway station?

**Retired FF** - 04/23/08 - 18:13

Yes it is....

**Guest** - 04/23/08 - 18:17

Does Durham Highway still run out of this station also?

**Adam Brown** - 04/24/08 - 14:29

yes, we do. we have an engine and a tanker that is stationed there.

**DHFD** - 04/24/08 - 15:14

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Motion at Night

04/19/08 36 W, 1 I - + 12 - 11

Ladder 1 in motion on Martin Street, as photographed by "John" and posted to [Goodnight, Raleigh!](#), a site that displays night photography from Raleigh and surrounding areas. See also [Goodnight, Asheville!](#) and [Goodnight, London!](#).



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Station 5

04/20/08 40 W, 1 I - + 17 - 13

The Cameron Village fire station looks a little different above the doors, with its trademark red letters now against a white background. The doors and the door openings have been raised to accommodate a reserve ladder. Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh Fire Department Fire Calls, 1887-1910

04/20/08 94 W, 3 I - + 15 - 13

What was the call volume of the Raleigh Fire Department before 1912, back in the volunteer era? Yours Truly has scanned several yearly reports between 1887 and 1910, and compiled them into a [single PDF document](#). It's a bit large, 6.6. megabytes. Give it time to load. And as the introduction page points out, check this [RFD historical chart](#) or [these timelines](#) to place this information in context. These were the decades of horse- and hand-drawn apparatus, of corner alarm boxes and hydrant pressure-powered fire hoses.

April	2	11:50 a	12	Out town .....
	2	1:40 p.	32	114 North Dawson street ...
	5	10:35 a.	21	109 South Blount street .....
	5	3:55 p.	31	525 South Dawson street ...
	30	12:30 a.	23	Wilmington street .....
	30	3:20 p.	31	Southern Ry. cotton platfo
May	2	11:53 a.	25	Corner Blount and South st
	17	8:10 p	212	Hargett street .....
	23	8:40 a.	35	Union Station .....
	31	10:45 p.	32	Hillsboro street .....
June	21	1:15 p	17	Corner Wilmington and N
	27	4:10 a	34	321 West Lenoir street .....
July	3	5:03 p.	43	North West street .....
	15	4:50 p	41	410 West Jones street .....
	16	5:00 a	26	Newbern Avenue .....

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## Cary's New Ladder

04/21/08 61 W, 1 I - + 14 - 9

The replacement for Truck 6 was delivered this morning. The 2008 Pierce Velocity, equipped with a 105-foot ladder and 1,500-GPM pump, will replace the town's 1993 Pierce service truck. Specs are based on Raleigh's recent Pierce ladder bid, but with a different chassis and other enhancements including a larger pump. Should be the first Velocity for the Triangle. Click to enlarge:



Now that's sweet...

**Olson** - 04/21/08 - 22:32

It sure does look nice.....

Anyone know if it is going to be Truck 6 or Ladder 6? Seems to me T6, note the big label on the window, but why not call it a ladder?

**Wondering** - 04/21/08 - 22:40

It will run as Truck 6. Cary FD will be phasing out the "Truck" concept in the future and migrating to the Engine, Rescue, Ladder concept of operations. But that will require a rework of the fireground operations and a CAD change in addition to a reevaluation of assignments (currently the Company Officers on Trucks and Rescues are Lt's, whereas on Engines and Ladders are Captains).

The replacement for Truck 7 is in construction as we speak and is more of a Rescue than a Truck. It will have a compliment of extrication tools in addition to the traditional truck company assortment, including a SCBA fill station/compressor. In the future these two trucks may be renamed as Ladder 6 and Rescue 7, but the time frame is undetermined.

Truck 6 will also serve as a reserve Ladder if L-1, L-3 or L-5 are out of service, and can act and be used as a Ladder for commercial alarms in District 6, preventing a Ladder from coming into the district. The only CAD change will be that Engine 6 will be picking up the EMS runs in District 6.

Hope that helps clear the waters...

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/21/08 - 23:08

Nice rig. It does seem confusing though, Shev. If you went with the current concept, it would seem that this ladder would become "Ladder 6", and the new rescue-style rig would be "Truck 7". Whatever floats your boat, I'm just glad my tax money is buying top notch equipment for you

guys. Stay Safe!!

**Silver** - 04/22/08 - 20:31

Its T6 for now, because they had to replace a T6. To justify getting a replacement, they had to get another "Truck" 6. It may eventually be renamed L6.

**lee** - 04/22/08 - 21:48

What other departments, local or statewide, have piggy-backed on Raleigh's Pierce bids in recent years?

**Legeros** - 04/22/08 - 21:54

Crystal clear now Lee, thanks...

**Silver** - 04/22/08 - 23:03

I know that Greenville's new Purple Pierce Engine was set up as a Piggy Back on RFD's bid. GFR has also bought a Encore 75' Quint and Encore Rescue in the past couple years and has two new Pierce 75' Quints on order.

**Steven** ([Email](#)) - 04/23/08 - 11:06

Does anyone else feel like more and more we are sitting in cockpits instead of a drivers seat? Soon I imagine we will have two joy sticks that will be used to control where we go instead of a steering wheel.

**Mike** - 04/23/08 - 11:38

Selma Fire Department purchased an Enforcer piggybacked of raleigh about two years ago.

**Adam Brown** - 04/24/08 - 14:29

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Black Triangles

04/21/08 41 W, 1 I - + 16 - 13

Described in this [Wikipedia article](#) as "totally silent, black triangular craft hovering or slowly cruising at low altitudes over cities and highways, usually at night and making no attempt to evade detection." Raise your hand if you've seen one.



I’ve went for a ride in one once.

lee - 04/22/08 - 12:26

I have the recording. “Sure that wasn’t a Cary Medic Unit”

JG - 04/27/08 - 23:07

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Minneapolis Bridge Collapse Report

04/21/08 60 W - + 13 - 8

As Firehouse.com reports, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) has released the [Interstate 35W \(I-35W\) Bridge Collapse and Response Technical Report](#) . The PDF-format report numbers 60 pages and examines many aspects of the August 1, 2007 incident. At the time of the collapse there were approximately 120 vehicles carrying 160 people on the bridge. The collapse killed 13 and injured 121.

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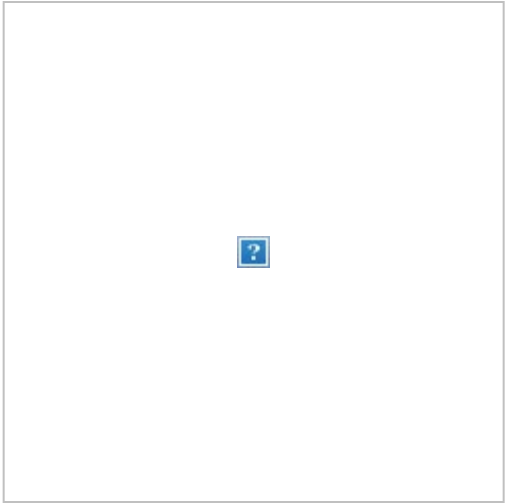
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Fire on the Mountain

04/22/08 41 W, 1 I - + 10 - 14

The [Asheville Citizen-Times](#) has a handful of photo galleries of the McDowell County wildfire that has burned nearly 800 acres in the Pisgah National Forest. Click the links in the upper-right corner of this [news article web page](#).



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Mayor Of Charleston To Speak In Raleigh To Kick Off Preservation Month 04/22/08 92 W - + 11 - 15

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. of Charleston, S.C., will be the guest speaker at a kickoff event in Raleigh for national Preservation Month, which is celebrated in May. Mayor Riley’s lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28 at the Long View Center, [118 S. Person St.](#) The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission is sponsoring the lecture with support from [Preservation North Carolina](#). The lecture is free and open to the public. [Read the rest of the press release.](#)

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Firefighter Events at Southern Women's Show

04/22/08 96 W, 1 I - + 12 - 11

It's that time of year again. Below are two events at this weekend's [Southern Women's Show](#) at the State Fairgrounds to benefit the [North Carolina Firefighters' Burned Children Fund](#) .

Saturday, April 26 - 3:00 p.m.

**Bachelor Auction to Benefit the Burned Children’s Fund**

Bid on a date with a local area firefighter and support a great cause. Hosted by Diane Ramsey from Mix 101.5.

Sunday, April 27 - 3:00 p.m.

**It’s Getting Hot in Here: Firefighter Fashion Show**

Benefits the Burned Children’s Fund. Fashions from Belk and sponsored by Mix 101.5.



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Runway Incursions

04/25/08 85 W - + 15 - 16

Forget skipped inspections and botched repairs, this morning's [New York Times article](#) notes, what really worries aviation specialists is runway collisions. April 6 at Dallas-Fort Worth, one incident recounts, a tug pulling a 777 comes within 25 feet of an MD-80. The tug operator couldn't stop in time. Here's an [FAA site dedicated to runway incursions](#), for pilots, controllers, and vehicle drivers. There are some stats there. For actual reports, or a database, try the [Aviation Safety Report System](#). Search their online database by Event Type.

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## Knightdale's New Pumper

04/25/08 31 W, 1 I - + 18 - 14

Here's Knightdale's new rescue pumper as it nears completion. Due in early May, it's a Pierce with a 1,500 GPM pump and a 750 gallon water tank. Click to enlarge:



I'm guessing that this is outside of the county Contender purchase order?? Looks like a nice truck...

**Gooch** - 04/27/08 - 00:46

Saber, Non-County contract

**gary** - 04/27/08 - 00:48

The saber cab is the cab that all the contenders have. They just dont say saber all over them.

**guest** - 04/27/08 - 16:54

the difference between the two is one has more options than the other, and a few inches gained in length

**guest2** - 04/28/08 - 08:30

Saber I think is made in Wisconsin at the better plant were contender is made in Florida.

**4447** - 04/28/08 - 17:52

Knightdale's new pumper will be coming from Wisconsin (may 9th). There Contender came from Florida in 2006.

**Jd** - 04/28/08 - 18:08

The better ones to me seem to come from Wisconsin.

**4447** - 04/28/08 - 20:40

friends don't let friends buy pierces made in florida... j/k sorry mike I had to

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/28/08 - 22:26

I like that CFP 7021, as a matter of fact I heard that they (Pierce Florida) was changing the name from Contender to Pretender. Can't you see it now..... "PRETENDER, by Pierce."

**Answer** - 04/28/08 - 22:32

In addition, does anyone know, or even want to share about the funding of this rig? Just curious did the Town of Knightdale fund it or Wake County? Nice truck though.

**Answer** - 04/28/08 - 22:33

municipally funded, outside of the county contract.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/28/08 - 22:42

This truck looks very similar to a contender to me. Regardless were it is made it still says Pierce on the front. The county truck is a good truck if you know how to spec. a fire truck. If it was not for the county and the apparatus committee most of the fire departments in wake county would not be riding around in new fire trucks.

**Guest** - 04/29/08 - 13:26

And it does. Not sure if I agree that the county truck is a good truck, I have heard many departments have had problems with them. Knightsdale has the option of buying what they want, regardless of the "county contract".

**FF262** - 04/29/08 - 14:33

Guest, I think everyone has had their problems with the contender. It is funny though, every dept. has had the same problems.

**Answer** - 04/29/08 - 14:57

Contender: POS Firetruck that lacks safety options such as tak-4 suspension and roll over protection. Low bid crap. Spend a couple extra dollars to ensure that the truck is a good one and it will work even if it means only 10 new trucks are ordered per year not 20.

**Contender** - 04/29/08 - 19:58

Definition of Contender

Con` tend `er

n. 1. One who contends; a contestant.

Years ago, many of the fire apparatus manufacturers had two different trucks they would bid. If it was a strictly low-bid situation, they had one truck they would bid, and for those that were not strictly low-bid, they had another truck. A sales rep for Seagrave told me that. And he showed me the difference right in their factory. Pierce did it also, as did E-One (I can show you some E-Ones in PA and NY that would rival anything Pierce has ever built). The low-bid trucks were intended to go up against smaller manufacturers, like Atlas/EEI was around here.

As the economy takes its path, you will probably see more Contender-type offerings. Fortunately, RFD and CFD have found a way around low-bid, but a lot of others have not. They still have the administrations that look strictly at price. I have worked for a few of them over the years.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 04/29/08 - 21:24

It's all about perspective. If you're used to having Dash-type trucks, the Contender just doesn't have the same quality. If you're used to having Ford/Chevy chassis with EEI-quality bodies, you're probably happy to get the Contender (which for some is their first custom). It's all about the money....you get what you pay for.

**Chris** - 04/30/08 - 07:45

There was a recommendation I ran across several years ago that was geared along the lines of "commercial" vs "custom" cab/chassis for fire apparatus. In summary, the author said that unless the unit was running over 1,000 calls/year (about 3-4/day), a commercial cab/chassis would serve just fine.

Now we all know of departments/companies that don't run anywhere close to 1,000 runs in a year, yet they still buy full blown customized trucks.

And you'll probably remember during the eighties, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Dallas, Charlotte, etc., ordered Ford C cabs for their pumpers, and occasionally for aerials. Those companies were running thousands of calls.

(Not making an editorial comment, just some food for discussion).

Is there a point where a non-busy department is paying more than they should for apparatus?

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/30/08 - 11:44

To your question: No! But it looks good in the annual Christmas parade!

**FF262** - 04/30/08 - 13:46

I know Durham bought a few commercial style pumpers a few years ago. Anyone here from the Bull City care to comment on them?

**Silver** - 04/30/08 - 15:21

For me it's the simple fact that commercial cab trucks are not designed to be fire trucks period. They do not have the handling, braking,

acceleration nor safety features that custom cab trucks should/do have. We have custom chassis now with airbags, rollover protection, independent front suspension, and braking systems that are designed for the usage that we put them through. Yes commercial cabs will run forever if they are being used as a pepsi delivery truck that runs every day with the same driver and is not subjected to the rigors of emergency driving. There is also the issue of access and room within the cab. They are not user friendly during emergency operations, just look to see how high the steps are into the cabs. Not to mention the fact that these trucks are not designed to be used with SCBA seats. As for pumpers whenever you are adapting one thing to another there will be problems. It's why single source manufacturers are so sought after. It's a one stop shop and they design the chassis and cabs to be fire trucks, not concrete trucks or trash trucks.

I also think you get more service life out of a custom cab/chassis because it is doing what it is designed to do. For tenders and the like commercial cabs are fine, as the speed should be limited on these trucks anyways as the new NFPA 1901 standard dictates.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/30/08 - 16:14

How will this unit and the new station affect the apparatus line up? Is there still a unit at public works? What is the fate of the old Guilford College Telesquirt and Service unit. Thanks.

**Steven** ([Email](#)) - 05/02/08 - 16:49

Plans are, to have a rescue pumper placed at station two and run with a driver/operator and firefighter. A 2003 International commercial cab pumper is housed at the public works location and is rolled by public works personnel during the day and volunteer personnel at night. The telesquirt is currently ran as a ladder truck (station one) but it has some age on it. I believe they are trying to obtain a grant for a new ladder truck. Hope that helps!

**Hinton** - 05/02/08 - 20:33

I would tend to agree with CFP 7021. But...those pesky budgets and politicians get involved. And then there are those people that tend to think that schools, parks, greenways, and libraries are way more important than fire trucks that are seldom used. Whereas the older commercial chassis tended to last longer, they were much better built. The current Freightliners and Navistars are just not built to the same standard. I would take the 1962 Chevrolet that was Yrac #1 over a modern day Freightliner or Navistar any day.

I do think that sometimes we overspend on some of the trucks. Although I have always liked all of the stainless and chrome trim, along with the bells, in my old age, with a mortgage and an annual property tax bill... I do question some of the expenses. While the younger me that lived for the pager thought "spare no expense for a nice truck", the older curmudgeon I am becoming takes the stance that if it does not contribute to the firefighting function of the vehicle or the safety of the occupants, then maybe it is a bit much. And I am also not one for all of these multi-mission trucks. It seems that they do a lot of stuff, but nothing real well. Oh well. I guess they did not consult me on that.

Now, if we could just get Pierce to build a 1 ton or 1 1/2 ton chassis, suitable for use as an (whispering) ambulance, then maybe we could get decent ones.

I know, I'm dreaming.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/02/08 - 22:01

Multi-mission trucks were originally designed by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Accountants). Is it cheaper to fund the acquisition and personnel for 4 pieces of quasi-speciality function equipment to a minimum staffing standard (even if it's 2) or invest a few more dollars in the multi-mission apparatus and assign it the same minimum staffing compliment? And you guys thought tradition was impeding the Fire Service in the US...

Our problem is the same with every other public safety discipline – we've learned to get by on less, do it faster, look good on television (most of the time) and therefore pretty much tank any ironclad cases for a significant change in the way we are publicly financed.

Boy have we hijacked this thread or what???

**Olson** - 05/04/08 - 22:22

Hijack? Nah. Any really good discussion naturally rambles. Besides, it keeps you from having to hit the back button, go to another thread, type there, go to another one, type there, etc.

"Our problem is the same with every other public safety discipline – we've learned to get by on less, do it faster, look good on television (most

of the time) and therefore pretty much tank any ironclad cases for a significant change in the way we are publicly financed.” Well said, and it is against every thing we stand for to do otherwise.

But I still do not like the ‘multi-mission’ trucks. My first exposure was to “TELE-SQUIRT 11” with Anne Arundel County (MD) Fire back in the 90s. It was a 1500 gpm pumper with a 75’ telescoping boom, 500 gallons water, 250 gallons AFFF, four 1 3/4” crosslays, 1500’ 5” hose, and all of the equipment carried on a pumper.

How did it work out? They got rid of it after 4-5 years. Too big for a pumper, too little for a ladder, not enough usable storage space, and the hosebed had trouble deploying the 5” LDH. Of course, part of it had to be in the design. But one thing for sure, it sure did look good.

Most of the time I see the ‘quints’ with a 1500 gpm pump and a 300-500 gallon tank, and the pump is seldom used, the hose is seldom (if ever used), etc. Same with most of the platforms that have crosslays- never have seen them used.

OK, back to the Contender. I have not had the chance to use or drive one (probably won’t). I do remember using several trucks built on the Ford C series (the only dud was an Atlas model), and pre-90s Seagraves (awesome trucks), Pierces (they were the up-and-comer of the time), Ward LaFrances (has to be something said in running a truck with a Waukesha gasoline engine), Emergency Ones (before they got the idea to change to E-One- they were pretty good trucks), and the venerable Mack CFs and a Mack C (really awesome trucks). And of course, everyone should have to use an EEI custom at least once. It’s the difference between a Ferrari and a Yugo. I guess you could say they just don’t make them like they used to.

DJ - 05/05/08 - 09:10

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Morrisville's New Ladder

04/25/08 41 W, 1 I - + 13 - 13

Fresh from FDIC, Morrisville received their new KME ladder this morning. The 102-footer replaces a 1995/1985 KME/Grumman that was sold some weeks ago. MFD has been operating a quint borrowed from Parkwood in Durham County. Click to enlarge:



Nice truck! One question, what is that red pipe with the notch in the top in the background? I have wondered about that since that station was built.

**Kurt** - 04/25/08 - 20:18

I am pretty sure it is a pump testing pit.

**fvfd85** ([Email](#)) - 04/25/08 - 21:04

that it is, a test pit.

Sharp looking rig, I'm sure the brothers in Morrisville are happy to finally have it in the house, it's been a long wait!

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/25/08 - 23:43

How many will staff it?

**Silver** - 04/26/08 - 16:24

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## NFPA Apparatus Standards

04/26/08 149 W - + 16 - 15

From a reader, two new articles from *Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment* magazine provide details on revisions to the [NFPA apparatus standard](#). The articles are by [C. Bob Barraclough](#) and [Robert Tutterow](#). Some details:

- The new standard applies to all orders placed after January 1, 2009.
- Vehicle data recorders (VDR) on all vehicles.
- Automatic external defibrillators (AED) on all apparatus.
- Helmets stowed and secured when vehicle is moving.
- High-visibility traffic vests for each seated position.
- Five or more high-visibility traffic cones on all apparatus.
- Chevrons covering at least 50 percent of rear facing vertical surfaces.
- Chevron striping single color alternating between red and yellow, florescent yellow, or fluorescent yellow green.
- Chevron striping 6 inches wide.
- Aerials must be at least 50 feet long to be included in the aerial category.
- Aerials with a knuckle must have the knuckle painted with retro-reflective paint or reflective material.
- Foam systems not required, but highly recommended.

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So am I correct in assuming these are still "optional" for apparatus purchased by Depts in NC? I believe that some states stipulate that apparatus purchased "in all or part" by taxation funds must comply with the existing NFPA standards, but I don't believe that NC is one of them. Anyone with insight on how these may apply in NC?

**Olson** - 04/27/08 - 11:55

The manufacturers will typically not build a fire apparatus unless it meets the current NFPA standard that is in effect. Too much liability, unless the purchaser signs a waiver. The NFPA 1901 ROP (Draft) for the 2009 edition is at <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutT..>

Jon, I am unaware of a N.C. (state) requirement for tax fund supported apparatus purchases to follow the NFPA standard. However, I believe the Wake Co. Fire Commission's Apparatus Committee uses it as their standard.

**A.Rich** - 04/27/08 - 22:47

i also heard something about adding blue lights, is this correct?

**JDH** ([Email](#)) - 04/28/08 - 10:20

Ya' know, I had heard something about the feds trying to come up with a "national" type lighting system. I mean, if you go to NJ blue lights are vollies, red lights are cops and chief officers of fire departments, but blue lights down here are cops. That really wouldn't surprise me if "they" did....

**Silver** - 04/28/08 - 14:56

yes thats what i heard from becky when i was in appleton the first of the year she also mentioned that she heard all fire apparatus needed to be updated as well, they were still trying to figure out the % of blue to red

**JDH** - 04/28/08 - 20:03

It does make sense. Many years ago there was a study done about emergency light visibility. Seems like blue was the most visible behind white and amber, respectively. I don't remember much about the report, other than it was from the early 80s.

Oh, but I can see the firestorm brewing over light colors...if it ever comes to that.



DJ (Email) - 04/28/08 - 20:12

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Update on Raleigh's Original Tiller

04/26/08 62 W, 1 I - + 14 - 12

The 1939/1916 American LaFrance tiller that was recently auctioned in Smithfield now resides outside Angier. The private owners plan to restore the apparatus. They also welcome visitors wishing to view the apparatus, which is stored outside until its storage building is completed. They are located at [1395 James Norris Road](#). For more information, call them at 919-639-6421.



What does restoration of such a rig look like? As posted as a comment to the other tiller thread, here are pics of a restoration in progress in Reno, <http://www.iaff731.com/History/Apparatus..>

Legeros - 05/04/08 - 18:14

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Super Hose Truck

04/27/08 63 W, 2 I - + 21 - 11

Random browsing of Japanese fire sites yields this monster, found on [www.rescue-119.com](http://www.rescue-119.com). Giant hose tender? Special pumping engine? Web translator provides a few details. Mitsubishi engine. 10,000 liter tank. 100 liter pumpers, plural. 100 liters of Class A foam. Can also be utilized to supply potable water after an earthquake or during water shortage. Guess it's a tanker. Click to enlarge:



with built in water filtration from what i can make out – have you noticed that none of their vehicles have chevrons on their rear ends?  
**corner hydrant** - 04/27/08 - 23:26

look! its even got fold-out steps so they can reach the top of the compartment!!  
**JDH** ([Email](#)) - 04/28/08 - 10:17

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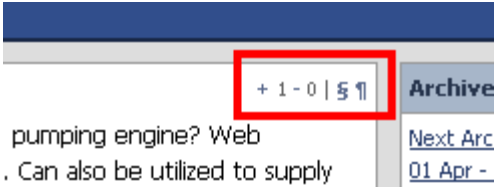
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Voting04/30/08 49 W, 1 I - + 29 - 9

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## Apex Public Safety Station #4

04/30/08 59 W, 3 I - + 14 - 11

Google finds some information about Apex #4, including this PDF-format [site plan and building drawing](#) . Located at [1615 E. Williams Street](#), it's listed as a 12,179 square-foot structure on 2.086 acres of land. It and other Apex developments are listed in [this PDF document](#) . This makes AFD only the third Wake County fire department with a fourth station, no?



nice looking house... I see they will be sharing it with Apex PD, similar to Firehouse 5 in Cary that has a substation in it.

And yes by all counts Apex now joins Raleigh and Cary in having 4 or more stations.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 04/30/08 - 20:27

and Garner FD should be the next, at least as I understand it with a station near 70 and Rayner Rd.

**Maybe** - 04/30/08 - 21:13

And Wendell Station #3 is planned, though several years out: <http://www.easternwakenews.com/front/sto..>

**Legeros** - 04/30/08 - 21:21

What happened to the watch desk?!?!?

**JBoggs** - 05/01/08 - 16:37

Nothing happened to the Watch Desk. It is still there: <http://www.thewatchdesk.com/forum/forumd..>

**Legeros** - 05/01/08 - 17:01

Shev, it ain't built yet! I ran into a few AFD guys and it seems that one day it's in the budget, the next day it's out. I wish them well, hopefully it'll stay in.

**Silver** - 05/01/08 - 23:07

yeah i see its still there but the other day that "what's new" thread was GONE...oh well.

Apex, nice looking design! Hope it all stays on track

**JBoggs** - 05/03/08 - 09:09

The Cary News provides an update: <http://www.carynews.com/front/story/9173..>

**Legeros** - 05/28/08 - 19:52

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**Wake County Fire Commission Meeting, Thursday, 5/8**

05/02/08 47 W - + 8 - 9

The next Wake County Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, at 7:00 PM, at the Wake EMS Training Facility, located in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Carya Drive. Will post agenda ahead if made available.

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Keeter Training Center Upgrades

05/03/08 63 W, 1 I - + 13 - 13

Lee Wilson has posted photos of some upgrades in progress at the Keeter Training Center, including the finishing touches on smokehouse renovations, a ventilation building under construction, and a new mobile home for SCBA training. He also has pictures of a new forcible entry prop, and the future Haz-Mat 8, a 2008 Ford F-350 Super Duty that's awaiting lettering and lighting.



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Tar Heel 578

05/03/08 64 W, 1 I - + 15 - 10

This monster truck from the Tar Heel Fire Department appeared in today's fallen firefighters parade. [This web page](#) says its a 1992 E-One purchased in 2006 from the Goodwill Fire Company in Carlisle, PA. Equipment includes communications equipment, two light towers, and a cascade system. THFD remembers Lt. Ronald Phillip Allen, Jr., who died in the line of duty on September 22, 2006. Click to enlarge:



It was a very interesting rig. There was a nice assortment of trucks at the parade yesterday. Thanks for everybody coming out.

CFP 7021 ([Email](#)) - 05/04/08 - 12:05

I haven't been to Tar Heel since the early 90's for a meeting where they rolled out the Rescue Technician Stds (it was not a pretty scene for the OSFM). I have to assume that have a new station for this machine would have never fit in the facility we met in that night. That's a hoss.

Olson - 05/04/08 - 22:13

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Deadly History

05/04/08 39 W, 1 I - + 12 - 14

Here's a longer version of the AP story that appeared in Saturday's *News & Observer*, about a [Civil War buff who was killed in February](#) while attempting to disarm an old cannonball. More about [cannons and their history](#).



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New County Apparatus

05/05/08 54 W - + 13 - 8

New brush trucks have arrived at Bay Leaf, Garner, and Rolesville. Should be about the same as last year's replacement orders, Ford chassis with Seagrave body. Also, the first Spartan/Hackney heavy rescue has arrived at Hopkins. Others departments receiving rescues include Wendell and Stony Hill. Hope to have photos soon.

I hear the Hopkins Rescue unit is a BEAST! any pics yet?

**JB** - 05/06/08 - 22:11

I was going today, but it was a little cloudy.

**lee** - 05/07/08 - 00:28

Fairview Brush 4 arrived yesterday at station 1. Will be in service in a couple weeks

**4447** - 05/10/08 - 07:24

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Update on Raleigh's Old Fire Bell

05/05/08 98 W - + 12 - 13

What's happening with Raleigh's old fire bell, as discovered atop Withers Hall at NCSU? The [original Technician article](#) describing the find has been followed by a handful of updates:

- [January 31 article](#) on a proposal to move and use the bell in the bell tower, which presently sounds with recorded chimes.
- [February 2 editorial](#) supporting the plan.
- [February 12 article](#) on college officials and the plan.
- [February 19 letter to the editor](#) disagreeing with the plan.
- [April 4 article](#) on city officials and the plan.

Current status? The university is waiting for formal endorsement from the city.

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**Photo of Raleigh's Old Fire Bell**

05/05/08 41 W, 1 I - + 17 - 10

What does the 1870 bell look like? Here's a photo from Matt Robbins, the grad student who uncovered the thing and who is the champion for relocating the bell to the bell tower. Click to enlarge:



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Oldest Continually Operating Fire Company

05/05/08 429 W - + 19 - 7

The February-March edition of the [Extra Alarmer](#), a buff’s publication from the Twin Cities, features an article on the oldest, continually operating fire company serving the city of Minneapolis. Reading same promptly compelled a question about Raleigh: what is the oldest, continually operating fire company serving our city?

Let’s go back to the end of 1912. Five volunteer fire companies stopped, and two fully-paid fire companies started. Hose Company 1 operated the equipment and occupied the facilities of the Capital Hose Company, organized and continuously operating since 1887. Hose Company 2 operated the equipment and occupied the facilities of the Rescue Hose Company, organized and continuously operating since 1870.

What about Hose Company 3, later Engine Company 3? Though they operated the equipment and occupied the facilities of the Victor Fire Company-- organized and continuously operating since 1869-- the city’s third fully-paid fire company was not placed in service until February 1913. Ergo, interruption of service.

What about the truck company? The first fully-paid ladder company was not placed in service until February 1916, a full four years after the volunteer Hook & Ladder Company was removed from service. Another interruption of service.

Is the answer Hose Company 2, later Engine Company 2? Maybe, maybe not. When Station 1 on Morgan Street was closed in 1941, three pieces of apparatus required relocation: an engine, a service ladder, and an aerial ladder. The “new” Station 1 on Salisbury Street had but a single bay, so both ladder trucks were moved to Station 2 at Memorial Auditorium. Engine 1 occupied Station 1, along with Engine 2. Or that was the plan.

Records suggest Engine 2 may have been removed from service for a period between 1941 and 1949. The latter is the year the service truck was moved to a dedicated Station 6, and thus freeing one of the spaces at Memorial Auditorium. During this time, a two-man squad truck also operated. Was it called Engine 2? Was it the second engine’s replacement? Alas, these facts are still unknown at this time.

That leaves Engine 1, which is at a minimum the second oldest, continually operating fire company serving the city of Raleigh. Organized as a Capital Hose Company in 1887, and replaced by Hose Company 1 in 1912. Thus, Engine 1 with 121 years of continual fire protection.

Future research may reveal that Engine 2 indeed takes the prize. Organized as the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company in 1870, it was replaced by Hose Company 2 in 1912. And we can bump the Rescue period back by one year, as the organization was formed by members of the Merchants Independent Fire Company, which was organized in 1869.

Engine 2 with 139 years of continual fire protection? Could be.

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Are They Really Reading Your Web Pages?05/06/08 118 W - + 14 - 7

Usability guru Jakob Nielsen's newest [Alertbox](#) presents this startling but probably not surprising fact: users have time to read at most 28% of the words on a web site during an average visit. More realistically, he notes, they'll read 20% of the text on the average page. Another key point is that the percentage INCREASES as the amount of text on the page DECREASES. No duh, right? On pages with 111 words or less, for example, users read half the information.[Read the whole thing](#). And how do you computer how many words are on your web page? Copy and paste into Microsoft Word, and choose Tools > Word Count. This blog posting numbers 122 words.

thanks for the "alertbox" link – lots of good articles  
**cornerhydrant** - 05/06/08 - 21:47

this paragraph was too long  
**lee** - 05/07/08 - 00:29

did you read about the ones that skim only are higher-literacy users – what does that make me? :( i read the whole article, plus several more on the "alertbox" site in full!  
**cornerhydrant** - 05/07/08 - 00:39

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Clayton's New Engine

05/07/08 35 W, 1 I - + 20 - 7

Our friends to the south and east received this 2008 Pierce Enforcer on Monday. The mid-mount engine (1500/1000) will be placed in service at Station 2 in some weeks. [Lee took this and other photos:](#)



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## Hopkins New Rescue

05/08/08 45 W, 1 I - + 16 - 10

[Lee has posted photos](#) and details of Hopkins' new rescue truck, a 2008 Spartan MetroStar/Hackney. Delivered April 28, placed in service May 5. Equipped with light tower, cascade system, extrication tools, ground ladders, etc. He also photographed Rolesville's new brush truck, a 2008 Ford/Seagrave.



...and two others are coming, Wendell and Stony Hill. These were spec'ed and ordered as part of the county apparatus replacement program.

**Legeros** - 05/08/08 - 05:42

Removable 'wench' on the Hopkins truck. How does she feel about that?

**HAHA** - 05/08/08 - 07:27

What's with the '22' in the middle of the word 'rescue'. Looks kinda weird

**clackmannan** ([Email](#)) - 05/08/08 - 08:31

Thats their county station number I believe. Thats a sweet looking truck!

**Mke** - 05/08/08 - 11:37

Yes Hopkins is Wake County Station 22. And as such that is Rescue 22. Nice looking rig that the county committee spec'd out. Looking forward to seeing Wendell and Stony Hill's trucks.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 05/08/08 - 12:33

just noticed the lack of amber warning on the rear or anywhere else on the truck for that matter?

**guest** - 05/08/08 - 12:38

22 is the size of the extension required on the firehouse so they could park this inside.

**Guests Brother** - 05/08/08 - 13:43

The way "RES-22-CUE" is spelled out on the side is called "bowtying". It's just a different style, that's all. Nice rig!

**Silver** - 05/08/08 - 14:36

Go back and look at the pics from last Saturdays memorial parade, Vance County Rescue Truck is numbered the same way. Accept they use a 3 digit number

**rnln** ([Email](#)) - 05/08/08 - 15:15

It's something that has been done for years...

**Silver** - 05/08/08 - 18:34

As far as I can tell, the Com##pany graphic might have been started in FDNY, as in RES1CUE, RES2CUE, etc.

From a graphic stand-point, it "reads" horribly. Just like text on an arc reads poorly.

A lot of Charlotte rigs have their front bumper done as LAD27DER, etc.

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/08/08 - 21:56

Yeah Jeff H., take your pick; Boston, FDNY, Philly, DC, Memphis, Atlanta, Miami, Chicago. Don't know why it started, maybe some crazy O.C.D. thing about having a graphic that isn't "lop-sided" (RESCUE 1 versus Res1cuE)? Who knows....

**Silver** - 05/08/08 - 22:01

That is a nice looking truck! Long time coming, the old rescue was so overloaded with equipment it was a chore driving it around non emergency.

**Kermit** - 05/09/08 - 16:00

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Everybody Loves a Tiller

05/08/08 60 W - + 16 - 8

Exchange with citizen on Maywood Avenue last night, after training exercise. "Excuse me, that fire truck that just drove off, the tractor-trailer truck?" "You mean the ladder truck?" "Yes, what is the role of the person in the back?" "The rear driver? He steers the rear wheels. Helps the ladder truck around tight corners." "Wow. Cool."

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Ice Cream!

05/08/08 22 W, 1 I - + 22 - 10

Seen at a shopping center in Cary. Unknown number of flavors, or if they're guaranteed to satisfy. Click to enlarge:



sacrilege!!  
**cornerhydrant** - 05/10/08 - 00:27

I know of an ambulance that is used as a DJ van. It is labeled "the jambulance" I will try to get you a picture mike.  
**Graney** - 05/13/08 - 09:43

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Rolesville EMS Merges with Eastern Wake EMS

05/08/08 87 W - + 16 - 11

Though this is probably old news for most responders, Rolesville EMS merges with Eastern Wake EMS effect July 1. There's some doc on this change in the agenda of the May 5 meeting of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. The particular agenda items are [Public Hearing on the Amended Emergency Medical Transportation Service Franchise for Eastern Wake EMS, Inc. \(Second Reading\)](#) and [Eastern Wake EMS, Inc. Emergency Medical Service Agreement Amendments](#). Minutes from both should be posted in a couple weeks.

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Quarantine After Tornado in Guilford County

05/09/08 61 W - + 11 - 12

The Greensboro [News-Record](#) reports that a commercial and industrial area in Guilford County has been quarantined, while search and rescue teams, inspections and engineering crews assess and evaluate each building. The area is around US 421, I-40, NC 68, and [Sandy Ridge Road](#). They define quarantine as meaning no traffic or employees are allowed in that area.

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## The Slammer

05/11/08 178 W, 1 I - + 13 - 14

You've seen them in convenience stores for a few weeks now. Color cover page with mug shots and a bold logo with handcuffs. Reeks of tabloid and thus will probably make a mint. What's inside? The May 9 - May 16 issue of the Wake County edition includes mostly mug shots: Recent Arrests, Domestic Violence, Principal's Office (arrested students), DWIs (plus Featured Impaired Driver), Mature Menaces, Sex Crimes, Wanted (with color commentary), Slammer Salon (hair don'ts), Smiles & Tears, Call a Doctor! (featuring bruises), and Sex Offenders (with street addresses!). The center spread (in pink!) features Mother Murderers and Murdering Motherings. There's also other crime stories, weird news, adoptable pets, and... restaurant health ratings. Ads include mortgage companies, debt services, and bail bondsmen. Of course. The editors take great pains to remind that all suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The fine print notes that their purpose and intent includes informing the public, assisting in deterring crime, fostering public involvement, and to "satisfy the natural curiosity of readers." [They also have a web site.](#)




Oddly, or perhaps wisely, the world's oldest profession is exempted, or at least in the issue that I sampled. Curious.

**Legeros** - 05/11/08 - 10:26

I enjoyed my first copy of "The Slammer" last week, great idea! I hate I didn't come up with it!

**Silver** - 05/12/08 - 11:51

where can I find this? 

**jb** - 05/12/08 - 14:12

Instructions on obtaining:

1. Go to nearby gas station.
2. Walk inside.
3. Look on counter.

**Legeros** - 05/12/08 - 19:43

The funny thing about it is that the first copy I saw contained 2 people I know, one used to be a firefighter.

**firedriver** - 05/12/08 - 19:56

I truly enjoy seeing folks I went to school with in there. Such upstanding citizens they've become..

**Luke** - 05/12/08 - 23:56

And ain't it great when they were the 'in' people?

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/13/08 - 09:05

Though it took another blogger to point it out (thanks Geezer!), they have back issues on their site now!



<http://www.slammernews.com/previousissue..>

**Legeros** - 05/25/08 - 22:24

The slammer has caught the attention of WRAL. <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/325..>

**Legeros** - 07/22/08 - 19:04

The N&O has discovered the Slammer: [http://www.newsobserver.com/news/crime\\_s..](http://www.newsobserver.com/news/crime_s..)

**Legeros** - 07/27/08 - 07:09

I would like to get the Oct. 3rd issue. How ca nI do this asap. Thanks!

**Dee Heald** ([Email](#)) - 10/16/08 - 11:50

this is veniqua and im coming up here to let all you people know that yow need to get yourself together cause life is real short and its not nothing to play with so take me at my word and improve and some of you call on the name of jesus get your life right get encouraged and god will step in and t6ake over your problems and he just might turn everuything around and next t6o you know it you will be gettinfg out in no time wondwering how did that happen and i got 10 years its the power of god moving beyond your life but anyways pray at night and 2watch god work.....god bless you.

**veniqua** ([Email](#)) - 08/12/09 - 09:35

I can understand incorrect grammar use on the iNt3rN3t but please take the time to capitalize Jesus and God.

**RescueRanger** - 08/12/09 - 15:40

how can i get the oct. 3rd issue

**lisa mcleod** ([Email](#)) - 10/17/11 - 08:55

Who's in the Oct 3rd issue that everyone is wanting to see?

**Mike** - 10/17/11 - 15:12

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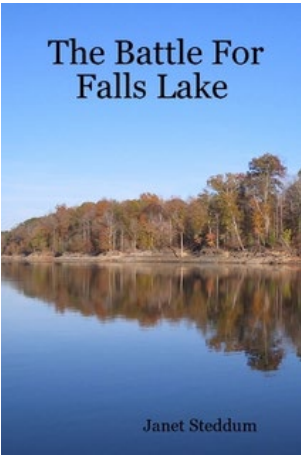
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The Battle For Falls Lake

05/11/08 101 W, 1 I - + 11 - 11

Came across this at the local history library. *The Battle For Falls Lake* by Janet Steddum. With 168 pages and 39 b/w historical photos. It's available for reading at [Olivia Raney Local History Library](#). Or you can [purchase a print or electronic copy online](#), through Raleigh-based Lulu.com. From the [Wikipedia entry](#): Falls Lake is a 12,500-acre artificial lake located in Durham, Wake, and Granville counties, formed by the confluence of the Eno, Little, and Flat rivers, and in turn the source for the Neuse River. Construction of the dam that holds the lake was completed in 1981.



Bit o’ trivia. To build the thing, the Army Corps of Engineers purchased property from everyone and their brother. One purchase was a part of the parcel owned by the Raleigh Fireman’s Club. They purchased 3.63 of the club’s 11.74 acres in the Bartons Creek township. The club bought the property in 1968.

Legeros - 05/11/08 - 10:43

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Charlotte Parking Deck Collapse

05/14/08 24 W, 1 I - + 9 - 11

WSOC-TV has [photos and footage](#) of yesterday's parking deck collapse in Charlotte. Second such collapse in six months. No injuries.



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Charleston Report

05/15/08 72 W - + 15 - 9

Copies of the the City of Charleston Post Incident Assessment and Enhancement Review Team Phase II Report are circulating, and can be found at [charleston.net](#), [sconfire.com](#), and [firehouse.com](#), among other sites. The report numbers 272 pages and includes time lines, transcripts, unit summaries, and profiles of the fallen firefighters. There's commentary over at [firefighterhourly.com](#), and even trivia from [Dave Statter](#), regarding the [FFH blogger and the report](#).

Read it tonight.....wow.

**Silver** - 05/15/08 - 23:38

Got about a third through the report last night.

What was new info to me (an is relative to ALL fire departments), is the amount of un-permitted construction that took place at the SSS. It was non-code compliant, obstructed existing exits, and was constructed of sub-standard materials. The way the additions were constructed actually connected all of the structures together, and the resulting size would have required an automatic sprinkler system. Add to this the fact that non-authorized operations and storage were taking place at the facility. Then fill the structure with highly flammable furniture. Bad place to fight a fire.

Pay attention when doing your pre-plans!

**jeff harkey** ([Web Site](#)) - 05/16/08 - 08:06

Holy disaster-waiting-to-happen, Batman!

Read it. Reading it again.

This is anywhere, USA.

Like JH said, pay attention doign you pre-plans. Pay attention when you are riding around. And pay attention during those EMS calls.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/16/08 - 14:30

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One Sweet Ride

05/15/08 43 W, 1 I - + 12 - 10

Seen Monday in Morrisville, a locally-owned 1948 American LaFrance 700 Series. There are also pics on the [ALF Owners Network site](#), include a shot of the Pennsylvania rig's original yellow color. You can imagine my double take while driving. Click to enlarge:



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ECC Awards "I Knew What To Do Award"

05/16/08 103 W - + 16 - 7

Today the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Department honors 11-year-old Kayley Lancaster for an emergency call she placed to the Raleigh-Wake County 9-1-1 Center to report that her mother had been injured in a fall. City officials will be in attendance for a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at West Lake Middle School to present Kayley with the "I Knew What To Do Award." This award was created to raise awareness about how children should be taught to give information and take instructions from 9-1-1 operators. [Read the entire press release.](#)

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Cary's Proposed Budget

05/16/08 59 W - + 17 - 7

The town of Cary has released their [proposed budget for FY2009](#). For capital expenditures for the fire department, they include a replacement pumper, a "rescue equipment transport system," the remaining cost of a rear driveway for Station 5, and construction of Station 8 in the [O'Kelly Chapel Road](#) area. The pumper for Station 8 will be purchased in FY10.

Updated with corrected and expanded information.  
**Legeros** - 05/16/08 - 07:38

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Apex Emergency Readiness Expo on Saturday, 5/1705/16/08 27 W - + 13 - 10

Event notice. Apex Emergency Readiness Expo on Saturday, May 17. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location: Fire Station 3 at [736 Hunter Street](#).

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## Ladder 1

05/17/08 33 W, 1 I - + 14 - 8

With his body wedged low against the smokehouse, and with a parking sign still in the frame, a 17-85mm lens was just wide enough for this decent shot. Click to enlarge:



Perhaps I am biased as a Raleigh firefighter, but Ladder 1 has to be one of the nicest looking trucks around!

**RFD574** - 05/17/08 - 20:11

no bias needed. It is probably the nicest looking rig in the area.

**CFP 7021** ([Email](#)) - 05/17/08 - 20:38

Say what you want...Pierce does make some nice looking trucks.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/17/08 - 21:13

Ladder 1 (delivered as Truck 1) will be remembered as a "classic" around here.

I still remember the day it was delivered. I took my son down to see it at KTC. Have some great pics of him with the headsets on.

I was giddy. A Raleigh FF (off-duty), came by to see it. He said, "Harkey, calm down, it's just a fire truck."

"Nah, man. It's much more than that."

Ask Wilson about driving it. I think he followed it around for the first couple of months.....

And the Raleigh FF mentioned above is now a Captain on Ladder One. The next time I see him, I need to ask him if he still thinks of it as "just a fire truck....."

**harkey** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/18/08 - 08:49

You knew this was coming... so how many tillers have operated in NC, period?

Asheville

Early motorized

Charlotte

Early motorized

1970s Ward LaFrance

Durham

Early motorized

Fayetteville

1950s ALF 700

Greensboro

Early motorized

Raleigh

1916 ALF 17

1939 ALF 500 /1916 ALF 17

1958 ALF 700

1979 Mack / 1958 ALF 700

2004 Pierce XT

Rocky Mount

1910s ALF

1956 ALF 700

2000s Pierce

Wendell

1979 Mack / 1958 ALF (ex-Raleigh)

Wilmington

Early motorized

1960s ALF

Winston-Salem

Early motorized

1950s ALF (?)

**Legeros** - 05/18/08 - 10:47

Dosen't seem like there have been many. I always thought we were missing out down here. There were lots of them in Maryland when I was there and we could put them in a lot of places that rear-mounts could not hope to get into.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/18/08 - 11:07

Doesn't High Point Currently operate one?

**Rauer** - 05/18/08 - 11:11

Actually, they do. I think their's is pretty much like RFD's, and if memory has not failed me, was delivered just before RFD's.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/18/08 - 11:13

High Point's came in just before Raleigh. Very similar. The High Point unit is on a Dash, Raleigh is an Arrow XT. They have a light tower on the cab. Their tiller cab is painted out white, vs red for Raleigh. They may also have an extended front bumper. It is assigned to Ladder 2.

**jeff harkey** ([Email](#)) - 05/18/08 - 12:29

High Point had a 1970's Seagrave tiller.

And yeah, I got to drive the RFD tiller shortly after it came in!!

**lee** - 05/18/08 - 13:28

I wish we had 3 more....

**Silver** - 05/18/08 - 14:09

List o' tillers moved to dedicated posting, for ease of updates: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

**Legeros** - 05/18/08 - 17:55

Mike the 50's Winston-Salem tiller is a Seagrave which is now owned by a ex Winston-Salem fireman who is restoring it.

**Rod Warner** ([Email](#)) - 05/18/08 - 19:06

The Winston tiller is a 1950's Seagrave Nellie belle ( noted for the fed firebrand in the nose) and a V-12 waukesha engine, The retired fireman is restoring it and will be used for a parade piece

**Clay Simmons** - 05/18/08 - 22:41

Ah...the sound of the old Waukesha and Hall-Scott gas burners. The Detroit 6V71 and 8V71 engines sound good, but the raw POWER of the old, big gas burners...

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/19/08 - 07:59

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USAR 801

05/17/08 73 W, 1 I - + 14 - 10

Here's USAR 801 with its recently delivered boat trailer. There are four of these trucks, one per Task Force 8 member department (Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh). Each is identically equipped with water rescue equipment. The custom-built trailers will carry two inflatable boats, spare motors, generators, and lights. The trailer's third level can carry a third boat, or be used for storage. It can also be used as an observation deck. Click to enlarge:



Remembering Hurricanes Fran and Floyd and all the water that was dumped in NC, these are a welcome sight. I remember working with nothing more than jon boats, rope, life preservers, and just enough knowledge to get us killed.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 05/17/08 - 21:17

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## **Tillers in North Carolina**

05/18/08 113 W - + 6 - 11

From the Ladder 1 thread, a master list moving forward. Horse-drawn apparatus not included. Tillers served Asheville, Charlotte, Cornelius-Lemley, Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Shallot, Wendell, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem. Four are still active.

Asheville  
1920s (?) ALF 75'

Charlotte  
1917 ALF 75'  
1970s Ward LaFrance

Cornelius-Lemley  
1988 Seagrave 100'

Durham  
1920s ALF

Greensboro  
1910s/20s ALF 75'

High Point  
1920s ALF 75'  
1970s Seagrave  
2004 Pearce Dash

Raleigh  
1916 ALF 17  
1939 ALF 500 /1916 ALF 17  
1958 ALF 700  
1979 Mack MC / 1958 ALF 700  
2004 Pierce Arrow XT

Rocky Mount  
1919 ALF 65'  
1956 ALF 700 85'

Shalotte  
1979 Mack MC / 1958 ALF 700 (ex-Wendell)

Wendell  
1979 Mack MC / 1958 ALF 700 (ex-Raleigh)

Wilmington  
1910s/20s model, probably ALF  
1963 ALF 100'  
1970s Seagrave

Winston-Salem  
1910s model 65', probably ALF  
1950s Seagrave

In Mecklenburg County, Cornelius Fire Dept recently put into service a used Seagrave TDA bought from a department in VA. Here is a link to the website: [http://www.corneliusfd.org/apparatus\\_ite..](http://www.corneliusfd.org/apparatus_ite..)  
Haven't seen it in action yet, but if I recall there hasn't been a TDA in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg area since the old Charlotte Ladder 4 (the Ward LaFrance mentioned above) was retired sometime in the mid-80's.  
**Coop** - 05/18/08 - 19:16

Don't think it would qualify as a 'tiller' per se, but at one time Swansboro had a 'ladder trailer'. I saw it once around the early to mid 80s sitting at their old station.  
**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/19/08 - 11:49

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## Raleigh Announces Budget

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The proposed FY09 budget for the city of Raleigh was announced today. [Read the budget docs](#). Highlights include construction of Station 29 in northwest Raleigh, a new ladder company with 15 positions, a new pumper, more mobile data terminals (MDTs), and more back-up generators for fire stations. Station 29, to be located in northwest Raleigh, will serve Brier Creek and surrounding areas, house an engine and ladder, and be staffed by 30 people. The MDTs are for front-line apparatus and will provide real-time building and inspection data to personnel.

There's also an Interactive pump simulator planned, which will save an estimated 7 million gallons of water during an average training course; continuation of capital leadership training program for department personnel; and support of firefighter promotional process. Though vendor costs are rising, the budget notes, RFD is moving toward a two-year promotion list, which will lessen the frequency of the process.

Other budget items include uniform purchases deferred over past years, furnishing for remodeled administration and prevention offices, and facility and ground maintenance at the training center. For both fire and police personnel, starting salaries will increase by 5%, and then 3% increase after the academy. And there's major capital funding for the Clarence E. Lightner Public Safety Center.

Direct links to select docs:

Introduction,

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.p..>

Public Safety budget,

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.p..>

General public improvements,

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.p..>

Budget presentation including some familiar photos,

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/portal/server.p..>

**Legeros** - 05/20/08 - 17:28

With all the drought business going on, we shouldn't have a problem getting that pump simulator.

**Silver** - 05/20/08 - 23:47

what if the city council said okay, we will give you what you asked for. oh yea and since you guys do such a great job how about we give you another 3 ladders with staffing and, it looks like you could use another 4 or 5 pumpers to replace some of your older ones. thank you firefighters for doing a great job protecting the capitol city. I guess i better stop dreaming and get to work now.

**Eric** - 05/21/08 - 08:53

Wake up Eric, you're in "never gonna happen land".

**Silver** - 05/21/08 - 10:41

Here's a press release issued on the budget and the fire department: <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/portal/server...>

**Legeros** - 05/22/08 - 06:44

What about the 5% increase in the starting FF salary plus the 3% increase after the academy; and the compression that will cause in the FF pay grade? The next academy will be making more walking into KTC than the current academy that graduates in July. Interesting... hopefully an "across the board" raise is coming, but has not been mentioned yet(?).

**A.Rich** - 05/23/08 - 21:12

I just hope our union board is aggressively seeking out a solution to this, the sooner the better.

**Silver** - 05/23/08 - 21:19

Compression is right! The last time we had a big "New Hire" increase like this was around 99. They increased starting pay by 14%. I remember it because that year we made first class and got 5% plus a 7% raise, which gave us 12% increase. But the 2 academies behind us got a 12% increase that year and the next year when they made first class they past or group with another 5% raise. Point being they past us in PAY! I am not complaining by no means I LOVE my job, but when you start to get first class and new senior firefighters making \$1500 to \$2,000 more a year than a Lt. something does seem right! I had a senior firefighter tell me one time at work, "why do I want to get promoted to driver when I make more money than you with less the headache"! Anyway we do need to be competitive with the rest of the market when it comes to starting salaries but we also need to look after the long term employees also or we could run the risk of our experienced people leaving to go elsewhere for better top pay. That is what happened at PD, that is why they are trying new incentives! But I will repeat my self I love my job and I am thankful for the money I make!

**Jason Lane** - 05/24/08 - 12:03

I think that something you are starting to see is people leave RFD because of better opportunities. In the past, no one left and everyone put in their full 30 years. It seems people are now starting to use RFD as a stepping stone to better themselves. And to be totally honest, I don't blame them one bit. After all, RFD isn't going to take care of you, you have to do that for yourself. Eventually, RFD will have to take similar actions as RPD in order to keep highly motivated and experienced personnel. I also don't think this is a problem specific to RFD, as it is a problem across the country. This sort of thing happens on a daily basis in the business world. It is just now seeping down to the ranks of public safety.

**Johnson** - 05/24/08 - 14:56

Agreed! There have been far too many increases in starting pay – which is great for the new guys – but a steady erosion of the earning power of the remaining employees. My last two promotions have seen guys here 3, 4, 5 years less and 2-4 years less time in grade making more money than I. That very obviously indicates a compression problem. And I mean the term problem, not issue. We have begun to see a degradation in company loyalty brought on by the issues noted here and above. I too love my job. I would also like to see some of the extras like the PD is given in my check and my retirement as well.

**FYI** - 05/25/08 - 22:10

That whole retirement thing.....don't even get me started!!

**Silver** - 05/25/08 - 22:25

Anyone know if everything went through unscathed?

**Silver** - 05/28/08 - 22:32

These things that you guys are facing are the very thing that we face here in Cary Fire. I look at some of the other departments such as Apex, Fuquay, and Garner they may not make the money that we make in a big municipal departments but they rely on there "Cost of Living Check". Which means that like you and me Jason who are in a RANKING position we have guys saying the same thing. Why do we want to promote for 2.5% or 5% more and have more of a headache when it is less of a headache just riding backwards. When I got to Cary I thought it was great when I was getting all that "COMPRESSION MONEY" until I seen people start after me and are getting as much if not more than me cause of the "Cost of Living" doesn't effect everyone? As A.C. Rich said it not fear. Silver is right too about this is the very reason why RPD and CPD have high turnover rate. The City Raleigh and the Town of Cary says it is easy to give a few a cost of living raise than to give to everyone. But in return it is not fear that someone with less than 5 years makes as much as someone with almost 10 years or more. Now here is the flip side of all those savings: 1) More fire stations, 2) More fire equipment, 3) More fire personnel. So do you think that this is a fair trade off.

**jj (Email)** - 05/30/08 - 09:23

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**Falls FD Public Safety Day, May 31**

05/21/08 31 W - + 10 - 16

Falls Fire Department is hosting a Public Safety Day on Saturday, May 31, at Wakefield High School, [2200 Wakefield Pines Drive](#), from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Event Photography

05/22/08 129 W, 1 I - + 15 - 9

With the second set of pictures from [yesterday's EMS ceremony](#) uploading, this photographer is officially out of control. Over 300 [pics are posted](#). So who's going to look at all those? Maybe the folks that were honored, or those who wanted to attend but couldn't. Some 170 were shot in the auditorium, and reflects a best attempt to capturing everyone on camera. Probably missed a couple folks. Learned some good lessons. Tripod with remote release is perfect. Then add a second camera body, for close-ups and such. Wish I'd had one. No fancy settings to speak of, beyond Program Shift at 1600 ISO. Saved as RAW, and the exposure scaled back on just about all of them. Good practice, and a large had by all. Watch for Lee's shots later.



Capt Joe looked good playing the bass with the stove pipe hat on.

Mke - 05/23/08 - 17:23

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Sniper Kills Three at* « Event Photography » Vintage Advertisement... *North Hills Mall*

### Sniper Kills Three at North Hills Mall

05/24/08 173 W - + 13 - 17

Looking through a stack of clippings from the Seventies finds the account of May 29, 1972, Memorial Day weekend, when a sniper killed three and wounded eight others (one critical, three serious) before turning his rifle on himself. The shooting started about 12:05 p.m., and lasted from four to six minutes. The gunman stood in the parking lot, in front of Ronson's and beside the mall entrance. U.S. Sen. B. Everett Jordon was also at the mall, making a "handshaking visit," and had gone inside just prior to the shooting. His presence was unrelated to the shooter's motive. One car crashed into a couple others, as the window was shot out, though the driver uninjured. The extent of the response to the incident isn't noted, beyond that 8 of 10 city detectives were working on the case. And that the fire department was summoned to clean the scene. The 22-year-old young man purchased his 10-shot, semi-automatic .22 rifle at Thorne's Hardware Store on South Street at 10:30 a.m. that morning.

Being that it happened in 1972, not many people know about it outside of Raleigh. If it happened today, it would be around the country (if not the world) by 1230. RFD E9 went to clean up the blood. Beacon Ambulance sent several ambulances out, along with RFD R-1. I was fourteen at the time (yes, I'm getting old). My girlfriend called me that night and told how their teacher at Carroll Jr High would not let them leave the classroom.

A friend of mine at what was then Aycock Jr High had a sister that had dated the shooter for a while just before the incident.

Amazing how back then you knew a lot of people all over the city.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 05/24/08 - 15:37

We lived in Wendell at the time, about 20 minutes outside of Raleigh. My mother took me (age 6) and my older sister (age 9) to the mall to shop several days after, and I remember that there was still blood on the pavement. It really scared me, and I remember her being really upset because she had not realized that there would still be remnants of the shooting, and I remember her covering my sister's eyes with one hand, holding my hand with her other hand and telling me to just close my eyes and follow her into the mall. It must have really made an impact because today, at 44 years old, I still remember the incident.

**Angie O'Neal** ([Email](#)) - 10/20/10 - 23:15

I was there that day, working at Ivey's. One woman who worked in my department went up to meet her newly wed husband for lunch. As he drove up he was shot in the head and did not survive. another man stumble into the jewelry section, front door of Iveys and fell to the floor.

**rhea** - 07/26/12 - 19:28

The guy in the car who was meeting his newlywed wife for lunch, was Melvin Harrison Jr. He was my cousin. originally from New Bern,NC he went to school at NC State .

**Galax,va** - 07/27/12 - 13:32

Mel was my best friend. He pledged Sigma Pi at NCSU, and I was his big brother there. His wife was named Brenda, who yes worked at Ivey's. He went to pick her up for lunch. It was just supposed to be lunch with his beautiful young wife.

He and Brenda were my good friends. I maintained contact with her for a while. She came to my wedding, as I recall. She later remarried, and I lost contact.

My sincere best wishes to her for a happy and fulfilled life.

**Ken Butler** ([Email](#)) - 11/11/12 - 23:35

Vintage Advertisement

05/25/08 31 W, 1 I - + 15 - 12

Bought this on eBay, an advertisement from *Fire Engineering* magazine from 1920. For future use in a book of historical fire photos from around N.C. Someday. Click to enlarge:



It’s amazing to see how much NC apparatus has been featured in fire apparatus ads over the years. Ads for American LaFrance, Ward LaFrance, Snorkel, Seagrave, Darley, FWD, Howe, Pierce, Emergency One, John Bean, and Atlas come to mind.

DJ (Email) - 05/25/08 - 10:41

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Ferrara for Archer Lodge

05/25/08 73 W, 1 I - + 18 - 7

Lee has [posted photos](#) of Archer Lodge's new Engine 2, a 2008 Ferrara Inferno rescue pumper, 1500/750/30. Don't see many made by Ferrara around here. Bahama has one in Durham County. From the [Ferrara web site](#), it looks like custom pumpers have been recently delivered to E.M. Holt, Efland, Elroy, Queheel, Tobermory, Valmead, and Wilson's Mills fire departments. Ferrara aerials as well in Fayetteville, Mount Olive, and Sumter. Click to enlarge:



I'm sure it's a better truck than these pos contenders. Nice Engine AL.

**nice truck** - 05/25/08 - 10:11

What makes a Contender a p.o.s.? Are they breaking down? If so, is it because of the way they are driven, cared for, and maintained? Are they a p.o.s. because of the way they are spec'd? Or are they a p.o.s. because everybody else says they are?

**RescueRanger** - 05/25/08 - 14:24

A lot of the problems are with the way they are built. Not your normal Pierce Fire Apparatus. All in all a good truck though, just a few problems here and there

**bubbaFire** - 05/31/08 - 16:40

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Feuerwehr in Action

05/25/08 27 W - + 12 - 13

Your random YouTube video of the day, a volunteer fire department in Germany. The footage shows pager notification through fire attack and victim rescue.

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Welcome to Raleigh

05/25/08 78 W - + 10 - 17

On June 1, 1969, the city of Raleigh annexed the Brentwood subdivision, as well as an industrial district along Highway 1. The action added some 3,000 residents to the city population. The residents received one free month of municipal services, with property taxes due in 30 days. Their \$1 car tags-- remember those?-- were required on the day of annexation, however. Police officers and firefighters personally delivered brochures to each household, explaining city services and citizen obligations. Ah, simpler times.

And as I remember it was opposed by the residents, as was Oak Park several years later. The industrial tract included what was then the Westinghouse plant on what was then North Boulevard.

Eventually the car tags gave way to stickers, which went in the lower left corner of the windshield.

DJ ([Email](#)) - 05/25/08 - 13:26

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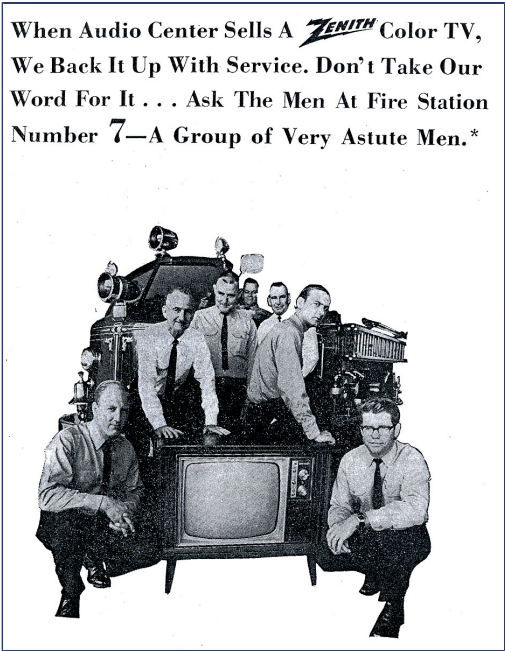
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Vintage Advertisement #2

05/25/08 19 W, 1 I - + 10 - 13

Speaking of great old ads, here's a gem from 1969. It appeared in local newspapers. Click to enlarge:



I remember this one in the Raleigh Times. We were looking for a new TV and I pestered the crap out of my father to “get a Zenith like the firemen had”.

We got an RCA from Tuttle’s.

DJ (Email) - 05/25/08 - 13:28

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Wrong Way Crashes

05/25/08 61 W, 1 I - + 9 - 10

This morning's triple fatality motor-vehicle accident on the Beltline is reported as caused by a wrong-way driver. That is, wrong-way and allegedly intoxicated driver. Here's an [interesting article from the Federal Highway Administration](#) on wrong-way crashes and what Washington State has tested as preventive measures. There's also an interesting sidebar on interchange designs. Photo from the *News & Observer*.



Lee has posted pictures and an incident summary <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leewilson/2..>

**Legeros** - 05/26/08 - 07:41

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