

Durham's New Engine 4

06/01/12 87 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

As photographed by Lee Wilson, this 2012 Sutphen Shield Series pumper (1500/500) was placed in service on Tuesday as Durham Engine 4. [See more photos](#). Speaking of the Bull City, The Durham Fire Department has a [nifty Facebook page](#), if you haven't seen it. They post everything from event announcements to incident "tweets." Here's an example of the latter: "3-20-2012 Trench Rescue @ 603 Appaloosa Trail (C-Shift). Bahama VFD, E7, R7, E16, T16, L2, SQ1, B2, SAF1, MS1, DCEMS." Neat.



Lee Wilson photo

Nice looking rig!

Curtis Teague - 06/02/12 - 17:43

Nice to see some more Sutphens In the tarheel State. WSFD has two more Custom Monarch chassis engines that should be delivered in June/July.

Clay Simmons - 06/03/12 - 13:31

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The Thorny Thicket Today

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Remember the Watch Desk and the Raleigh-Durham forums therein? They were active for a little while, a couple years ago. Withered on the wine, and certainly never approached the volume of postings (and ferocity of opinion) seen in the Baltimore-DC area forums. (Which is where the site originated.) Both Statter911 and Firegeezer are talking this week about the Watch Desk's pending temporary closure and issues relating to a site administrator's employer's reaction. Mike Ward, on of the Firegeezers, recounts the history of the Watch Desk and asks if such messages are even important today, given the explosion of personal digital channels. Facebook, YouTube, personal blogs, personal web sites, etc. My question slash observation involves the anonymous component and employer/employee perspectives. Below is a comment posted in both stories. Reflect, react, or add your opinion to the story comments.

Legeros says

In days of old, when knights were bold, and Internet hadn't been invented, employees showed their faces and their names when criticizing their employers.

The thorny thicket today (or one of them, perhaps, related to this issue) is this: how should we regard an employee's role in participation, facilitation, or enabling of anonymous criticism of their employer?

I have personally wrestled with this issue locally on my own fire blog, as I have witnessed the personal reactions (and tangible outcomes) that result from anonymous online criticism of departments and their actions.

(Because of course, ever entity and action traces back to a person. A living, breathing, feeling, and reactive human being. And a person within a chain of command, with peers, with rivals, with people to lead and people they follow.)

No answers here...

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Yesterday's Ambulance Accident Johnston County

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WTVD has posted a photo and short story about yesterday's collision of a Johnston County EMS unit and a pick-up truck on Highway 222 near Kenly. Two paramedics and an occupant of the truck were transported and treated with non life-threatening injuries. [Read more.](#)



WTVD photo

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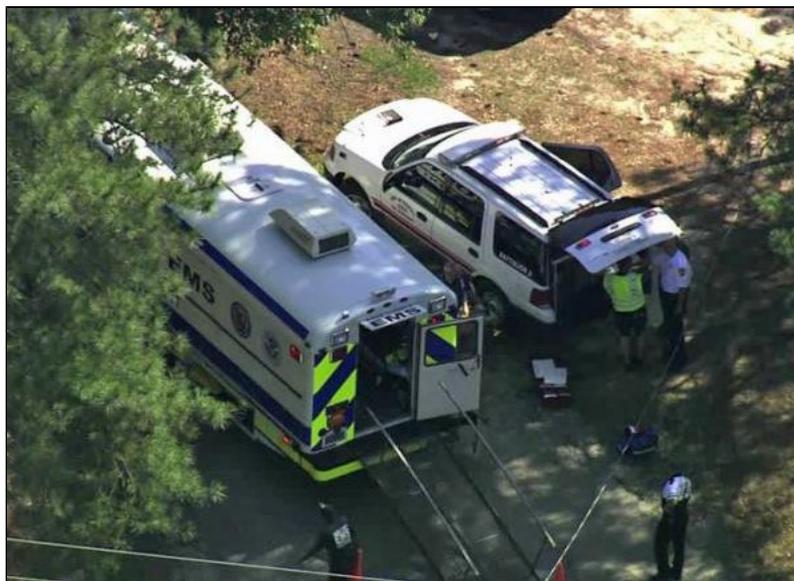
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Yesterday's MPI in Raleigh

06/01/12 95 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

WRAL posted this photo and story about yesterday morning's Multi Patient Incident on Saunderford Road in Raleigh, where some 60 children and eight adults were evaluated for carbon monoxide poisoning. None required treatment, reports the story. The location is a day care, the cause was a gas stove left on overnight. E10, L8, B2, EMS 5, EMS 62, D5, D2, M92, MD20, T1, and EVAC 1 were among the units on scene. That's the big bus and Battalion 2 shown below. And they're no longer called Mass-Casualty Incidents, right? [Read the story.](#)



WRAL photo

"Casualties" makes people think of "dead" – so unless you have lots of deceased, you have a multiple patient scene.

Many kudos to those who ran this call – very well handled.

Skip K ([Email](#)) - 06/01/12 - 20:09

Just don't get a bunch of you guys in the same room, discussing the factors and phenomenons of such multi-patient events. Otherwise, you might end up with... wait for it... a mass casualty incident.

Legeros - 06/01/12 - 20:18

'Casualty' is a word I had to use in the second language I learned in the Army. I was to use an M16A2, M67s, and an M9 to inflict casualties (amongst the enemy).

DJ - 06/01/12 - 23:03

Skip is this name change a county thing or something you all got somewhere? This is the first I had heard of them not being called a mass casualty incident

Mike - 06/01/12 - 23:41

Nothing official – just a trend ...

Skip K - 06/07/12 - 06:40

And this wasn't so much anything as a "multii-want-to-be-checked-out"!

Skip K - 06/07/12 - 06:41

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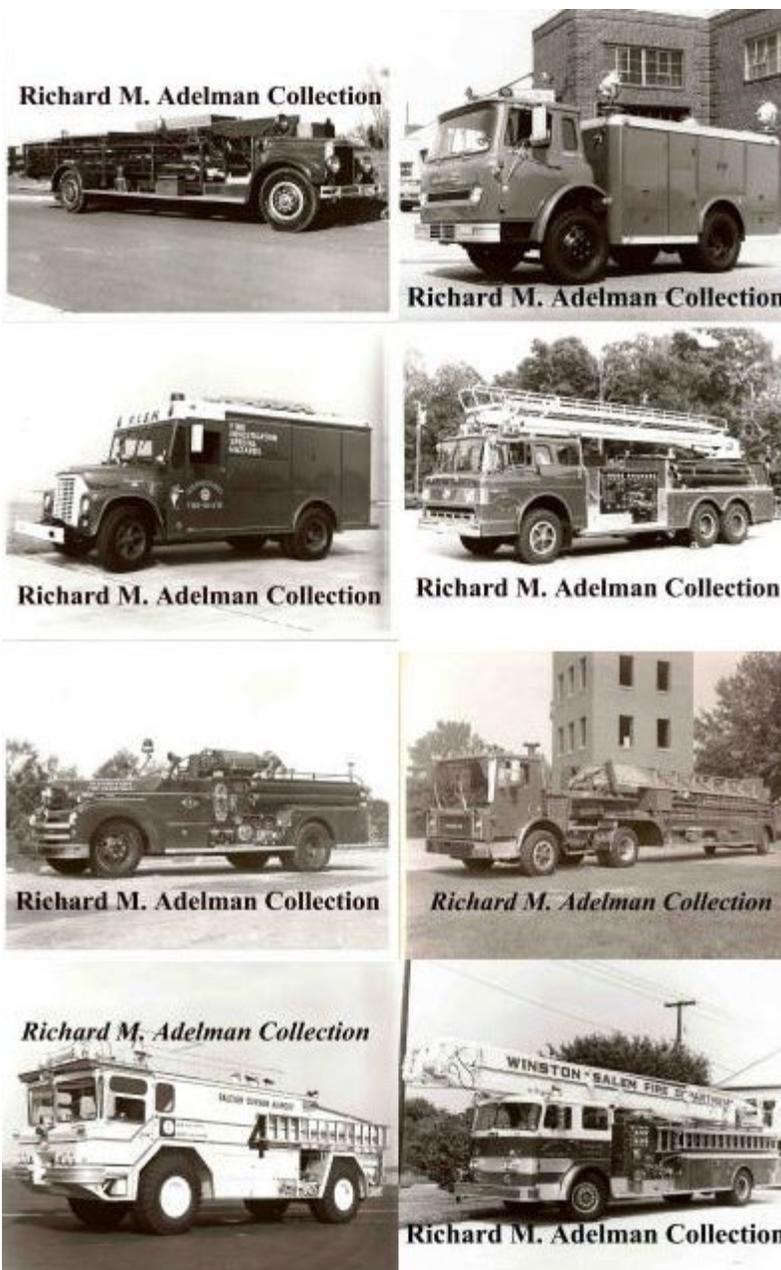
The Richard M. Adleman Collection

06/02/12 186 W, 1 I - + 7 - 6

A treasure trove of historic apparatus photos has started appearing on eBay. The pictures are from the collection of the late Richard M. Adleman of Memphis, TN. During his decades in the fire service, he shot and traded thousands and thousands of photographs. His son Bill Adleman, a retired firefighter, is making them available on eBay. He's 8x10 photographic prints from the original negatives. Using a darkroom and everything. Among the offerings so far are dozens of North Carolina rigs.

Here's a sampling from his most recent auctions. Left to right, top to bottom are trucks from Goldsboro FD (no windshield!), Greensboro FD (light/power truck), Guilford County FD (FISH team), Guilford College FD (and later Knightdale Public Safety), Kinston FD, Raleigh FD (pre-cab extension and white-over-red), Raleigh-Durham Airport FD, and Winston-Salem FD (two-axle snorkel!).

Great stuff, and he welcomes queries about specific trucks and departments. As his description notes, the collection features hundreds of thousands of shots. [See all his current items for auction.](#) And keep watching for more, as he regularly adds items.



I noticed on ebay that there was a sold photo of an American LaFrance Aerial that my company used to own. I was wondering if I could purchase a reprint.

craig ([Email](#)) - 10/04/12 - 13:11

looking for any slides of my old fire department. TRURO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. Reynoldsburg, OH if you can help let me know. thanks

mike - 04/06/17 - 16:52

I found a picture on ebay of a truck I sold as a new unit. Bay City Florida is the title, actually Bay County Fl. Had the word Southport on it. I ordered it and I notice it is a side a picture is way more preferred over the slide, he also took a picture of my dealership Panama Fire Apparatus had a lot of extrem neon on the building, I would LOVE to purchase that picture if possible, please contact if that can be done Thank you

Michael Woolford ([Email](#)) - 08/31/17 - 16:08

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Aftermath of Extended Extrication

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Overturned tractor-trailer truck in Johnston County, on ramp from westbound Highway 70 Bypass to southbound Interstate 40. Driver extricated after just under two hours. Garner Fire Department (E1, E4, R1, BC), Cleveland FD (E2, E5, T1, Chief), 50-210 EMS (ambulance), Johnston EMS (car), Wake EMS (EMS 19, D1, M93, MD1). Plus heavy lifting by Ivey's. [See photos by Legeros](#). Click to enlarge:



Since responders came from two counties, I'm curious: What radio channel did they use?

rfburns - 06/02/12 - 14:44

Each county used their respective channels, and a patch was established between the two. That's the common method for cross-county communications.

Legeros - 06/02/12 - 16:42

Johnston County would be on Viper FE

Wake County would be on JC911

Doc ([Email](#)) - 06/02/12 - 17:49

EMS 19 was the unit

Wonder how many personal total there from the two counties. Looks like an excellent job by both sides!!

ncems - 06/03/12 - 00:48

If my numbers are correct there should have been about 28 total.

CVFD - 06/04/12 - 10:25

Medic 1 was the Johnston County EMS car that responded. It's a shift supervisor for JCEMS

BW - 06/04/12 - 11:56

Aftermath of Apartment Fire

06/02/12 76 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Two alarms at 319 Railroad Street in Knightdale, just a block or so from Smithfield Road. Two-story apartment building with heavy fire showing on arrival. Second alarm requested. Fire controlled in about 20 minutes. Knightdale PS (E132, E134, E131, L135, plus E133 on 2A), Eastern Wake FD (E2, plus E1, E4 on 2A), Wendell FD (L116, E113 on 2A), and Eastern Wake EMS (EMS 62, EMS 63, D6). [See photos by Legeros](#). Click to enlarge:



The Wendell firefighters are indeed the ones wearing the black gear.

Regarding alarm levels, these were the units dispatched on the second alarm yesterday: KPS E133, EWFD E1, EWFD E4, WFD L116. Three engines and a ladder. Unsure if that's the norm county-wide/CAD-wide, or if it's a district-specific specification.

Legeros - 06/03/12 - 09:32

Raleigh has set alarm assignments. County departments have a set up for it but it has glitches. Sometimes it will pull trucks that are not staffed but are in service and the crew assigned to that station is already at the incident. County units are better off requesting certain apparatus when they need more.

LT - 06/03/12 - 09:32

Thanks LT. Yes, a second alarm in the county can result in the dispatch of units that are not staffed. (That's an old horse on this blog that we've beaten a few times!) Telecommunicators provide help in this process, when they monitor the units en route versus still silence, and can adjust the response or communicate to command as needed.

Legeros - 06/03/12 - 09:47

Yes, black gear does cost more to the tune of \$60-70 per set.

Black PBI - 06/03/12 - 11:04

Black gear in the pbi outer shell does cost more where as black gear in advance runs the same as the other colors.

Gear guy - 06/04/12 - 09:08

There are no second alarms set up in CAD for any departments in Wake County the RWECC dispatches for except for Raleigh. In Raleigh, we can just change the incident type on the call and dispatch the correct assignment all the way up to a fifth alarm. In the county, the best thing to do is just for the IC to request exactly what they want and from where.

Marcus - 06/04/12 - 21:39

Fire Units on the scene. Knightdale Car 130, E131, E132, E134, L135, Truck 138, Eastern Wake Pumper 1, Pumper 2, Pumper 4, Car 20, Wendell L116, WC1. Initial dispatch per cad was EWP2, KCE132, KCE131, KCE134, KCL135, KCC130. Second dispatch included KCE133, EWP1, EWP4, WEL116.

Chris - 06/04/12 - 22:26

@rookie Different departments set up their alarm parameters for what fits their cities. For example, since you mentioned Philly and FDNY, they both don't send a RIT/RIC/FAST company until a "working fire" is declared. Doesn't mean anyone is right or wrong, just the way they choose to do business.

Silver - 06/04/12 - 22:47

Silver you answered my ques. I always wondered what fast was when buffaloe dispatches a "report of house on fire"

911 - 06/04/12 - 22:54

Why isn't there additional alarms set up for county department. Is this something RWECC can not do or hasn't been set up for county departments or somrthing the departments decided not to have. As an IC it would seem easier to ask for a 2nd alarm than for "X" number of engines, ladders, rescues, etc.

Jeff - 06/05/12 - 13:28

And here comes the dead horse on the apple cart. Jeff a short answer for you is that yes CAD can be set up to pull a second alarm and will if asked. The problem that arises is the CAD will do what its supposed to do, that being pull units that are marked in service. Well although some units are marked in service in this county doesn't mean that there is staffing for those units. If you need a second alarm you want staffed units. On top of that what a rural department might need as a second alarm (ie lots of tankers) is not what a more municiple based dept needs that have hydrants need. They may need the manpower. CAD also doesn't recognize city units when it considers pulling units for an alarm. So if the IC knows that a certain city unit is closer and what they need is manpower then it is easier currently to just call for that unit.

Mike - 06/05/12 - 13:56

@911 yeah, stands for Firefighter Assist Search Team.

@Mike yup, get the shovels to dig him up. It is something that SHOULD be done, but hasn't. Why? Maybe the "we've always done it this way" mentality? Who knows.....

Silver - 06/05/12 - 22:32

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The Original Truck 8

06/03/12 475 W, 1 I - + 11 - 7

Posed photos of Raleigh's [service ladder trucks](#), which operated from 1922 to 1988, have been exceptionally hard to find. My ten (?) years of photo research has found just a handful. Plus this one, from the [Richard M. Adleman collection](#) as bought on eBay. It's the first posed shot of the city's 1964 GMC service truck that we've found to date, shown as Truck 8 sometime in the 1980s. Chassis by GMC, body either by the fire department shops or Alexander Welding. Probably the latter. Suspect the only shop-built ladder truck was the 1963 Ford, a year prior. As the story goes, the ladder rack was reused from the 1922 American LaFrance service truck. Memo to self, revisit that research, and the newspaper story that year about the fireman that built the thing. Anyway, here's the new old picture. Click to enlarge:



The Raleigh Fire Department had five service trucks in its fleet: 1922 American LaFrance, 1963 Ford, 1964 GMC, 1971 Chevrolet., and 1980 Ford. The original was part of a two-piece truck company at Station 1 until 1949, when it was moved to Station 6. The others served at varying stations, which we'll detail below. The 1963 Ford was damaged in a vehicle accident in 1979, and rebuilt with a 1980 Ford chassis. It's last assignment was Truck 12, which was disbanded as a company on September 20, 1988. Believe that's the only instance in the department's 100-year history of a permanent company closure.

Here's what should be an accurate chart of the service trucks, combining my [apparatus registry](#) with my [company histories](#) (PDF). See a couple discrepancies, Truck 6 at the end, and Truck 15 with two rigs. Readers are hereby empowered to check and correct my work!

Truck 1 Truck 2	1922 American LaFrance	1922- 1949	Named Service Truck Company 1. Second of two-piece ladder company. Moved to Station 2 in 1941. Unsure when Truck 2 designation started.
Truck 6	1922 American LaFrance	1949- 1960	Replaced with another apparatus, 1922 ALF disassembled to create body for 1960 Ford as Truck 7.
Truck 6	???????	1960- 1962	May have operated 1939/1916 American LaFrance tiller, which was a reserve since 1958. Removed from service until 1965.
Truck 6	1964 GMC.	1965- 1979	Moved to Station 16.
Truck 7	1922 American LaFrance.	1960- 1962	Replaced with 1963 Ford.
		1962-	Rebuilt after accident.

Truck 7	1963 Ford.	1979	Replaced by 1980 Ford.
Truck 7	1980 Ford.	1980-1982.	Moved to Station 12.
Truck 8	1964 GMC.	1981-1987	Replaced by aerial apparatus. 1964 GMC moved to Station 15.
Truck 11	1971 Chevy	1972-1986	Replaced by aerial apparatus. 1971 Chevy moved to Station 15.
Truck 12	1980 Ford	1982-1988.	Company disbanded.
Truck 15	1964 GMC	1987-1988	1964 GMC. Replaced with 1971 Chevy.
Truck 15	1971 Chevy	1988-1989.	1964 Chevy. Replaced with aerial apparatus.
Truck 16	1964 GMC	1979-1981	Replaced with aerial apparatus. 1964 Chevy moved to Station 8.

Oh, and why are they called service ladder trucks? Because in the days of hand-drawn ladder trucks, they were sized both small and large. The former were good for "village service" and the latter good for "city service." Which was later shortened from "city service trucks" to "service trucks." [Read that explanation](#) from a 2010 posting.

Did Truck 6 operated as an aerial ladder company from 1960 to 1962? Believe so, based on a couple things. When Cary Firefighter Vernon Thompson died in a tanker rollover 1960, one of the scene photos shows the 1939/1917 ALF in the background. DJ caught that one, years ago. It conceivable responded with other "west side" Raleigh units. Also, at least one retiree remembers the original tiller housed at Station 6. It was too long for the building, however, and a window or two had to be removed. Believe they built a "box" or shelter for the ladder section that stuck out! Guess we'll ask the retirees again, and look for any period photos of Station 6 we might've missed. We, that means me!

Legeros - 06/03/12 - 10:19

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DARPA Developing New Fire Suppression Method

06/03/12 104 W - + 9 - 3

Saw this mentioned in [this morning's New York Times story](#) about a innovations that will change our lives tomorrow. [The video and accompanying news release](#) is from January. The technology involves suppressing fire by destabilizing flame plasma. The technology involves electromagnetic fields and acoustics techniques. The demonstration is very small scale. The issues are certainly many, the least of which is scability. Makes for exciting forward thinking. What if fire suppression was no longer water- or materials-based? What would the resources and equipment and support system (e.g. the fire service) look like, after *that* transformation!

I don't know, but I would be all the engines and pumers would have big flux capacitors. I mean, you gotta get one point twenty-one gigawatts of power from *somewhere...

Duda ([Email](#)) - 06/04/12 - 09:37

Let's say this becomes the predominate method of extinguishment some decades in the future. Maybe through in-building and in-equipment systems, which addresses the majority of fires. In turn, let's imagine that water and hose and other "heavy tools" become the exception, or the rarity. How does that alter the human resources equation? Fewer "strong backs," more "strong minds." Maybe a cadre of fire protection engineers becomes the norm? Of course, by this time, there will be robots or exoskeletons or such, to do the proverbial heavy lifting. Maybe even room and contents searching and such!

Legeros - 06/04/12 - 09:43

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Fuquay-Varina's New Engine

06/03/12 30 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

Delivered on June 1, this 2012 Pierce Saber 1500/100 will be placed in service in a few weeks. Photographed by Lee Wilson yesterday. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

I can assume that Engine 2's old truck, the KME, will replace Engine 1's current truck?

Will - 06/04/12 - 07:36

Thats correct. Current Engine 1 will go to reserve. Current Engine 3 will go to Engine 4 at station 1 and current Engine 5 will go to Engine 3.

911 - 06/04/12 - 10:23

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Bokeh

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In photography, "bokeh" is defined as the blur-- or the aesthetic quality of the blur-- in out-of-focus areas of an image. The picture below has good bokeh, as taken at [yesterday's vehicle accident](#) in Johnston County. Particulars: Canon EOS 40D, Program AE, 1/320, 5.6, Evaluative Metering, EF70-200mm f/4L USM, 149.0mm, RAW.



Hey I know that stache and the guy attached to it

Mike - 06/03/12 - 19:51

Loving the mustash too. Food for thought. Who has the meanest fire service stash in the area?

Stash - 06/03/12 - 23:18

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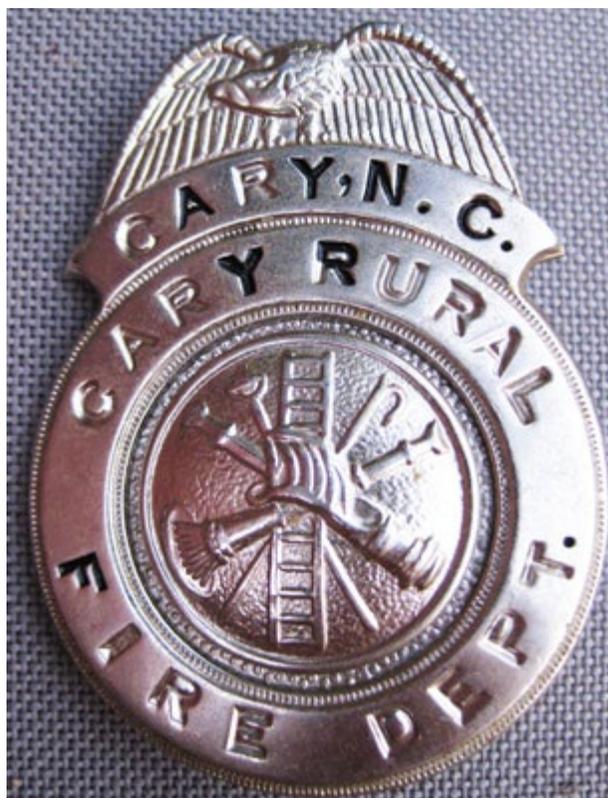
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Cary Rural Fire Department Badge

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From a reader, here's tonight rare artifact photo. This is a Cary Rural Fire Department badge, circa early 1960s. The department was organized on September 15, 1960, when the Cary Fire Department was split into two separate organizations. One department served the town, and the other the unincorporated areas. CRFD soon adopted the name of their fire district, Yrac. That's Cary spelled backwards. [Read more CFD and YFD history](#). And see a [Yrac FD badge](#) that recently appeared on eBay. Thanks Dustin!



I will give you ten bucks for it Dustin!

Kermit - 06/03/12 - 23:59

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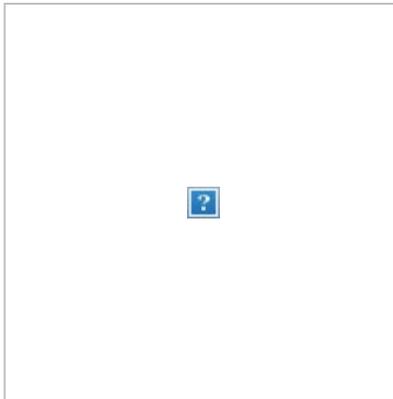
Raleigh Fire Museum Preserves 100 Years of Bravery and Service to City Residents

06/04/12 315 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

Press release. The threat of fire is constant. You can't escape the possibility that your home, your possessions and all those you love could be the victims of a disastrous fire. For the past 100 years, the Raleigh Fire Department has provided protection to Raleigh residents as a full-time professional fire department. The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) provides an important role by chronicling the history of the City's career fire department, and the preceding 50 years of protection provided by volunteer firefighters. The museum is located in a classroom trailer at the City of Raleigh Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. "We're trying to build awareness through the museum," said Alan Walters, who serves as the museum's vice-president, "so that the services of past firefighters will never be forgotten."

The museum opened in May 2011 under the organization name of the Raleigh Fire Department Historical Society. The group was formed in 2008 by a cadre of firefighters and Fire Department supporters. It was incorporated as a non-profit charity in 2010, and raised \$1,300 in donations from firefighters to make the museum a reality. "The funds allowed us to build displays," said Mr. Walters, who retired last month as a battalion chief after 31 years of service. "One of the first things we did was to build a curved wall to surround the 1870 fire alarm bell." Firefighters and museum staff members also donated their time to catalog artifacts, build displays, and frame photographs. [Read entire press release.](#)

Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum this Saturday, June 9. We'll be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And don't forget about Saturday, June 16. That's the all-day Raleigh Fire Department centennial celebration in downtown Raleigh. Starts at 10:00 a.m. with a parade. Read more at www.RFD100.com.



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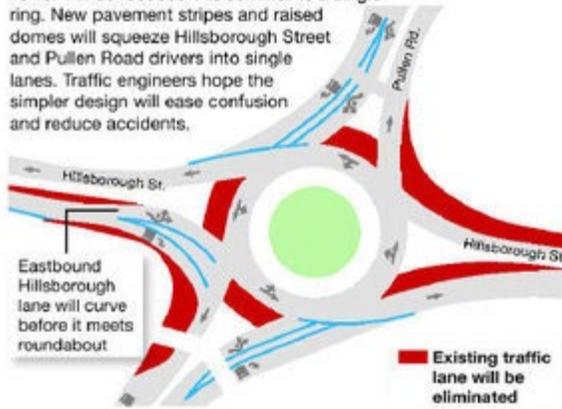
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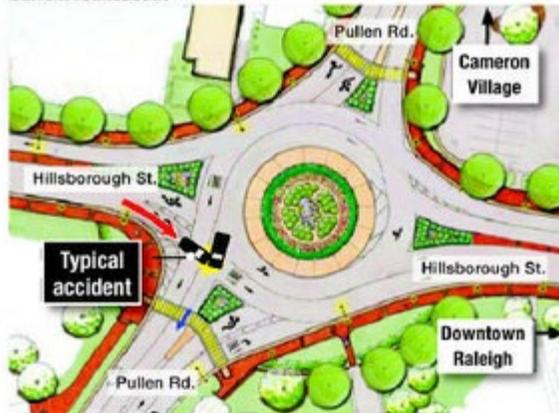
Today's *News & Observer* story reports that the Hillsborough Street roundabout will be reconfigured from two lanes to one lane. The objective is reducing accident rates since the traffic circle began operation in 2010. [Read the story](#). Below is the paper's graphic with pithy headline.

No more two-ring circus

The crash-prone roundabout at NCSU's Bell Tower will be reduced this summer to a single ring. New pavement stripes and raised domes will squeeze Hillsborough Street and Pullen Road drivers into single lanes. Traffic engineers hope the simpler design will ease confusion and reduce accidents.



Current roundabout



The News & Observer

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New Fire Station For Calabash, No Fire Station For Scotts Hill

06/06/12 169 W - + 8 - 4

FireNews has a pair of station stories from down south. Calabash Fire Department in Brunswick County has approved up to \$2 million in bonds for a new fire station. They're replacing their 40 year-old, 8,000 square -foot structure with one almost twice the size. Same location, so they'll utilize a temporary location during the building's building. Believe they're also razing a building beside the station, that served as the original firehouse. [Read that story.](#)

In Pender County, commissioners voted to cancel a planned fire station in Scott's Hill. The Hampstead Fire Department had been pursuing the project for two years. Scott's Hill residents petitioned the commissioners with signatures from 176 residents-- about 25 percent of the community. The project has cost over \$200,000 to date. [Read that story.](#)

And recall that the area was originally served by Scott's Hill Fire Department, which operated in the late 1970s through the early 1990s. Read earlier blog posts [about SCFD](#) and a cookbook its [members once produced](#).

The Scott's Hill area is currently covered by New Hanover County (through auto aid) and Hampstead FD.

Andrew - 06/06/12 - 18:12

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Changes Coming to Clayton EMS

06/06/12 101 W, 1 I - + 6 - 9

Here's a *News-Star* story from last week about the coming change to Clayton EMS. On July 1, the 50 year-old agency will transition from independent to county control. The objective is long-term financial stability. In the process, the story notes, Clayton EMS employees will be required to reapply and the cadet program will be discontinued. Princeton EMS is making this change this year. This will leave only three communities with independent EMS agencies: 50-210, Four Oaks, and Selma. Included in the story is a nifty historical picture from 1974, courtesy of their historian Jason Thompson. [Read the article.](#)



Thanks for posting, Mike! I learned to drive a manual transmission on unit 48, the command post shown in the photo. I ended up going as much backward as forward and avoided every hill in town! The command post was state of the art for its time, having a VHF High, UHF, and CB radio on board, as well as maps (all with state road numbers, as the roads weren't named at the time).

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) - 06/06/12 - 17:19

As an update, Johnston County EMS recognized the importance of the cadet program, and has reinstated it. The third Cadet Academy will be held in September. A lot of EMS folks around Johnston County got their start in local cadet programs, and we have already had a couple of our current cadets transition to EMT and employee.

DJ - 06/23/14 - 21:00

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial Celebration, Saturday, June 16 - Promotional Video

06/06/12 44 W - + 6 - 3

This nifty promotional video was added to www.RFD100.com yesterday. Nice title screen in particular. See you on Saturday, June 16, in downtown Raleigh, starting at 10:00 a.m. for the fire truck parade.

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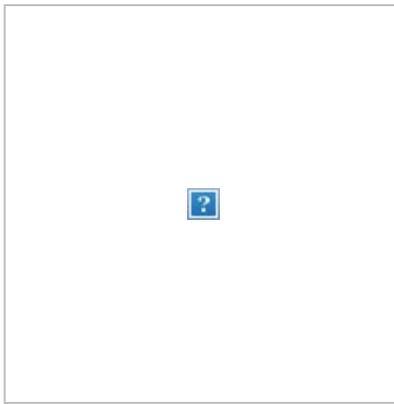
Raleigh Fire Department's Centennial Roll Call a Place of Honor

06/06/12 166 W, 1 I - + 11 - 4

Press release. The names below are listed in alphabetical order as the first three entries in the City of Raleigh Fire Department's Centennial Roll Call: Darrell Lee Adams, Kevin Paul Adams, Kim Adams. Behind these names are hundreds more.

The Centennial Roll Call contains the names of men and women who have served in the Fire Department since it was first established in 1912. The document was created by Fire Department Historian Mike Legeros to help commemorate the department's 100th anniversary this year.

"The Centennial Roll Call is designed as both a historical record and as a means of honoring those who have served the city for 100 years," Mr. Legeros said. A total of 1,541 names appear in the Centennial Roll Call. Counting names listed more than once, the number of entries grows to 1,602. [Read entire press release.](#) Or view the roll call document, as available [from this page.](#)



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Wake Forest Squad 5 and Engine 5

06/07/12 124 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Here's are two trucks from Wake Forest Station 5, recently opened after a merger with a Falls Fire Department. Left is Squad 5, a 1994 E-One Century 1000/1000. Right is Engine 5, 2007 Pierce Contender 1250/1000. Also housed there is Tanker 5 (2009 Pierce Contender, 1250/1000), Brush 5 (2005 Ford F-550, 250/300), and Boat 5. Photos by Lee Wilson. [See more shots.](#)

And speaking of the [Wake Forest Fire Department](#), they've upgraded their web site in recent months. They've added news articles to their home page, which include individual incident photos and short descriptions. There seems to be a trend these days, with new web sites for local fire departments. New and improved sites have included [Durham Highway FD](#) and [Garner FD](#). Who else is sporting a version 2.0?



Lee Wilson photo

What exactly is a squad in Wake county, just a rescue engine or something more?

PGtruckie - 06/07/12 - 08:11

The squad carries service truck equipment. There is not a hose bed but more tools. There is only one Crosslay on the rig. The truck acts as an extension of the ladder company or rescue company on scene of a box. It also responds to MVA calls in the 5 district.

That guy - 06/07/12 - 08:39

Tanker 5 was actually moved to Station 2

206 - 06/07/12 - 13:50

I know larger cities use the Box's to define a pull box area within the city, is Wake County moving towards using the term box instead of individual call types?

Watson - 06/07/12 - 14:10

@thatguy What's this "box" you speak of? Wake County FD's don't use that term....c'mon maaaaaan!!!

@pg Go to one part of the area and it's a pick-up with EMS equipment, go to another part and it's a Rescue-Engine. Just like the East Coast; go to Fairfax or DC and it's what I would call a "Rescue" but go to Baltimore, Philly or NYC and it's an Engine, beefed up with extrication and rescue equipment that operates as an Engine or Ladder Company on the fireground, depending on the needs of the IC, but also is part of the

Special Operations Command. Seems to me there isn't a set definition in the nation as to what a "squad" is or isn't.

Silver - 06/07/12 - 14:27

So whats in the place of the other speed lay? And what kind of tools are there in the hose bed. I know you said that there isnt a hose bed but I have been in this county long enough to know that it used to run first out like "the 5 engine" does now. Im not gonna bust on your box.....

911 - 06/07/12 - 21:28

Maybe some walk around pics of the squad to show what it now carries ...

Jim - 06/08/12 - 08:01

@ Silver: Sorry man. I forgot where we are..... Code 2 Condition red (insert 10 codes) LOL

That guy - 06/10/12 - 00:39

NICE!!!!

Silver - 06/10/12 - 13:33

Or maybe not.....

911 - 06/10/12 - 19:58

@ That guy. Hey can you take some pics of the compartments and list equipment on the Squad?

Ronald - 06/11/12 - 15:47

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Wake County EMS Station List

06/07/12 382 W - + 13 - 6

Effective June 14, here's the latest and greatest station list for Wake County EMS system units and their locations. CAD identifier include, since some of our readers ride the trucks. Memo to self, update earlier list located on [my scanner page](#). That one's merely two years old. Here's the numbering scheme: EMS 1-39 (Wake County EMS), EMS 41-49 (Apex EMS), EMS 51-59 (Cary EMS), EMS 61-69 (Eastern Wake EMS). For extra credit, identify the facilities for non-EMS buildings.

CAD ID	STATION NAME	STREET ADDRESS	TOWN	EMS UNIT(S)	NOTES
APM	Apex Main	315 W. Williams Street	Apex	41	
BTC	Bethany Church	6529 Bethany Church Road	Wendell	68, 66	
CRM	Cary Main	107 Medcon Court	Cary	51, 53, 55, District 5	
CRW	Cary West	2101 High House Road	Cary	52	Cary FD Station 5
DRN	Durant	10000 Durant Road	Raleigh	15, 33	
DWN	Downtown	331 S. McDowell Street	Raleigh	1, 11, 13, District 1, Truck 1	EMS 13 runs out of Raleigh FD Station 2 during day.
ERL	E Raleigh	2910 Kidd Road	Raleigh	7, 31	
FRG	Fairgrounds	4017 District Drove	Raleigh	4	
FRV	Fairview EMS	3609 Ten Ten Road	Cary	42	Cary FD Station 6
FUQ	Fuquay	301 S. Fuquay Avenue	Fuquay	9	Fuquay-Varina FD Station 2
GRE	Garner East	125 Spaceway Court	Garner	19, 37	Garner FD Station 4
GRM	Garner Main	1695 Timber Drive	Garner	18	Garner FD Station 3
GRS	Garner South	9115 Sauls Road	Garner	16	Garner FD Station 2
HLT	Hilltop	5627 Hilltop Road	Fuquay	14	Fuquay-Varina FD Station 2
HSP	Holly Springs	700 Flint Point Lane	Holly Springs	17, 32, Medic 91	Holly Springs FD Station 1
	Holly Springs	1140 Avent Ferry Road	Holly Springs		Holly Springs FD Station 2. Closed due to tornado.
KDM	Knightdale	949 Steeple Square Court	Knightdale	61, Medic 92	Knightdale Public Safety
KDS	Knightdale South	4828 Clifton Road	Knightdale	62	Eastern Wake FD Station 1
MNC	Mini City	4704 Hargrove Road	Raleigh	5, 36	
MSV	Morrisville	10632 Chapel Hill Road	Morrisville	54	Morrisville FD Station 2
NCS	NC State	1361 Varsity Drive	Raleigh	8	

NHL	North Hills	5305 Six Forks Road	Raleigh	3	
RDU	Airport	6901 Mt Herman Church Road	Raleigh	34, 35, Medic 95	
RVM	Rolesville Main	108 E. Young Street	Rolesville	64	
SFM	Six Forks Main	1431 Lynn Road	Raleigh	6, District 4	
SFN	Six Forks North	13116 Norwood Road	Raleigh	22	Bay Leaf FD Station 2
SHL	Stony Hill	7045 Stony Hill Road	Raleigh	12, Medic 93	Stony Hill FD Station 1
WEN	Wendell Main	401 E. Third Street	Wendell	63, District 6	
WFM	Wake Forest	706 S. Franklin Street	Wake Forest	10, District 3	
WML	Whitaker Mill	2024 Noble Road	Raleigh	2, Medic 94	
ZEB	Zebulon	115 E. Vance Street	Zebulon	65	

EMS Station 3 is still closed with fire repairs being performed. EMS 3 is currently housed at Station 6 (Six Forks Main)

Brendan - 06/08/12 - 04:41

EMS 13 runs out of RFD sta 2. They just get parked at EMS sta 1 after hours

Mike - 06/08/12 - 09:43

District 2 runs out of Fairview FD Station 1

FFD - 06/08/12 - 10:18

Spare unit is parked at FRG (#4). It is used sometimes as EMS37 (when extra personnel are available) and as EMS25 (hockey game special event unit).

DJ - 06/08/12 - 13:53

EMS12: 7045 Stony Hill Road is actually the address!! ... not that anyone will be sending Christmas cards!

A.C. Rich - 06/08/12 - 14:43

amazing to see how many ambulances are running out of firehouses these days. I count 13?

shevais - 06/08/12 - 15:16

Flip flop 63 and 61

KDM - 06/09/12 - 18:16

If you count them individually, including DIST2 and all of the medic units, it's 23 according to this list that run out of fire stations. At least, they park there sometimes.

DJ - 06/09/12 - 19:54

EMS 3 is slated to move back into Station 3 the later part of this week. Finishing touches currently underway as we speak.

NHL - 06/10/12 - 07:46

EMS-3 will be moving back into the North Hills station on Six Forks Rd tomorrow morning.

Olson - 06/11/12 - 15:40

The North Hills station was both repaired and partially renovated. Cracks in the exterior walls were repaired, new roof, new electrical, paint, carpet, Plymovent replaced with a new system that doesn't require exhaust connection. It was not made any larger :-)

CH100 - 06/15/12 - 08:08

What Ems is on the eastern wake side of wake County

Meme anderson ([Email](#)) - 05/13/13 - 22:16

Eastern Wake EMS which is a merger of the old Wendell, Zebulon, Knightdale and Rolesville Squads serves the eastern portion of the county. Those units are in the EMS 60 series (61-68) and District 6

shevais - 05/15/13 - 08:46

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Morning Fire Video

06/08/12 47 W - + 7 - 3

For your Friday viewing, from Statter911.com, some ladder and entry action in the District of Columbia on Wednesday. With enjoyable comments as always on the [original posting from Statter](#). How often are barred first-floor windows found these parts, by the way?

They are popping up more and more. A lot of businesses have them, but I'm seeing them showing up on houses now. Luckily more residents aren't installing them real securely so you can pop them off with a halligan or NY roof hook.

Mike - 06/08/12 - 09:40

A lot on the south side of Wake county in your shotgun style home neighborhoods and/ or streets in town.

911 - 06/09/12 - 17:28

Imperative the outside team of the Ladder Company or Rescue Company remove them. Insurance will replace the bars on the windows, we didn't start the fire but while we are here we need to establish egress routes for our members.

Side note; I guess we are looking at side Charlie, a fireman ended up performing a rapid egress from the second floor via ground ladder. So keep throwin' those ladders!!

Silver - 06/09/12 - 21:32

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One Hundred Years of Raleigh Fire Apparatus

06/08/12 109 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

Photo gallery as presented by the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#). Numerous contributors and sources, and notably lots and lots from Lee Wilson. He's been shooting these forever! Lots of engines and ladders. Some interesting and special pieces. Couple horse-drawn. And how many of those rigs have you ridden? Put me down for some of the engines active around 1990: Macks, EEIs, and the first Pierces. Plus the tiller and the Aerialscope. Maybe a couple others in there. [View the gallery](#). And pay attention on the streets this month. These new centennial logos are starting to appear on city fire apparatus. Click to enlarge:



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Yesterday's Condominium Fire in Fayetteville

06/10/12 106 W, 1 I - + 5 - 6

Here's your morning fire photo from Fayetteville, where a 14-unit condominium building burned on Saturday. The fire is believed to have started on the third floor. Sixteen people were displaced, one resident suffered minor smoke inhalation, and two firefighters were treated for heat-related injuries. This [short story from WRAL](#) has a pair of viewer photos. No parking in the rear, due to water. Exposure on another side. Probably parking or road on the remaining to sides. Guess at least a pair of aerial streams set up. Maybe our readers can post a run card or other details.



WRAL photo

Taking a guess, but crews that were likly on scene would enclude but are not limited to are: E8,R8,E6,T6,E9,T9,Sq9,BC3,BC1, E12,E15,T11,SQ.3 for air refill.

Anonymous - 06/10/12 - 23:45

Likely, and Include. Sorry for the spelling.

Anonymous - 06/11/12 - 00:07

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How Much Per Click?

06/10/12 307 W - + 5 - 3

In the days of film photography, there was a per-shot cost that could be calculated. The equation was something like this: cost of film + cost of developing / number of shots. With the advent of digital photography, the expense of film immediately evaporated. Same for the cost of developing, if you were sticking with digital viewing and digital storage of said shots. Does that make digital photography entirely "free?" Just shoot like there's no tomorrow, with no worries, mate? Not entirely.

Most digital cameras have moving parts, and those parts can break. They can range from the battery cover to the shutter itself. Let's talk about the last one. The shutter, which is an integral (or maybe *the* integral) part of a digital SLR camera. The shutters on DSLR cameras have design life expectancies. Usually in the tens of thousands, maybe higher, based on the brand. My primary camera body is a Canon 50D. The shutter life expectancy is 100,000 actuation. One actuation equals one shot. What's our per-click cost? Here are some numbers:

- \$900 (body only, new) / 100,000 = \$0.009, or just about a penny
- \$500 (body only, used) / 100,000 = \$0.005, or a half-cent
- \$250 (shutter replacement, estimated) / 100,000 = \$0.0025, or a quarter-cent

But what if the shutter fails earlier? Let's trim the life expectancy by half:

- \$900 (body only, new) / 50,000 = \$0.018
- \$500 (body only, used) / 50,000 = \$0.01
- \$250 (shutter replacement, estimated) / 50,000 = \$0.005

Now let's translate those numbers into real money. At a fire department event yesterday, took over 1,400 photos. All-day thing, but still a bit extreme. (They have medication for that, yeah, yeah. Save money, shoot video. Yeah, yeah.) What did that potentially "cost" me? Looks like anywhere from \$25 down to \$3.50. Quite a range, based on the above parameters. But worth keeping in mind. Endless clicking isn't free. And we haven't even talked about the *time* costs. For someone like myself, that's as valuable as money!

And cost of storage?

Interesting breakdown.

jcollins ([Email](#)) - 06/10/12 - 19:16

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Careless 911 Misdials Continue to Plague Raleigh/Wake ECC

06/11/12 135 W - + 9 - 3

Press release. Now that the month of May has ended and all the statistics have been compiled, it is abundantly clear that 9-1-1 hang-up calls and misdials continue at an alarming pace. The Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications center has released its analysis from the last half of May that shows no improvement over numbers experienced earlier in the month. Ten-digit dialing continues to cause significant problems for the Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Center. In March, prior to the area code changes, telecommunicators processed an average of 1,434 calls per day. The number climbed to 1,780 per 24 hour period in April, and to 1,820 each day in May. [Read entire press release](#). Or [read this WRAL story](#), that also notes that the number of 911 hang-up calls in Cary has tripled.

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Let There Be Steam!

06/11/12 232 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

On Friday, June 8, the Raleigh Fire Department's old steamer chugged to life for the first time in about three decades. The historic event took place at Fire Station 28 on Forestville Road, where the department's fleet of antique apparatus is stored. The 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan steam engine first underwent a hydrostatic pressure test on the boiler. Passing that benchmark, the crew of Raleigh and Charlotte firefighters (and local steam engine enthusiasts) then began firing the boiler.

Paper served as kindling for wood, which served as kindling for the coal. Slowly, steadily, the boiler pressure was raised until sufficient steam was available to power the pump. Drafting water from a drop tank (borrowed from nearby New Hope Fire Department), the old engine successfully supplied a deluge gun, which sprayed the station's north lawn. They soon swapped the fog nozzle for a set of straight tips, for further reach.

The steamer is being prepared for an appearance on Saturday, June 16, at the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial Celebration in downtown Raleigh. It'll be drawn by horses in the parade, which starts at 10:00 a.m. And it'll be fired and pumping started at noon. See more event information at www.RFD100.com. For more on the steamer, see photos from Friday by [Mike Legeros](#) (shown below) and [Lee Wilson](#), or watch a short video below.



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Firefighter Games 100 Years Ago

06/11/12 496 W - + 8 - 5

On July 23, 1912, the twenty-fifth annual North Carolina State Firemen's Association convention opened in Fayetteville. Some 1,500 firefighters attended from the state and region, including delegates from 94 fire departments in North Carolina. The first day's activities included a number of sessions and business meetings. Opening session speakers included Governor W. W. Kitchin and Association President James D. McNeil.

The second day, which was the first of two tournament days, opened with a "grand fireman's and floral parade" including nineteen horse-drawn hose wagons, six hand-drawn hose reel teams, two steam fire engines, one auto fire truck, a score of "gaily decorated motor car floats", carriages containing "distinguished citizens and fire chiefs", and 25 racing horses that would later compete in the firefighter games.

Fifteen cash prizes were offered for the best decorated floral and industrial vehicles and fire department vehicles. A carnival company and several other amusement organizations were also present to "take advantage of the gala week and off their attractions to the crowds."

The convention was also a "dry" one, as eight saloons were raided that week by Sheriff N. H. Geachy. He arrested every "no tax" dealer in the city and charged them with "retailing intoxicating liquors and beer and having more of the same in their possession than allowed by law." Five to six hundreds of barrels of beer were seized.

Tournament Day 1

- Two classes of steam engine contests
- Hand reel contest
- Grab reel contest
- Horse hose wagon contest
- Hook and ladder contest
- American LaFrance motor engine demonstration, with "exhibitions of actual fire fighting with motor-driven apparatus, both chemical and water engines."

Tournament Day 2

- Interstate contests along same lines of state contents.
- American LaFrance motor engine demonstration again.

Selected Results - Day 1

Horse Hose Wagon Race - Fifteen Teams

- New Bern No. 1 - 38 2/5 seconds - First
- Rescue of Raleigh - 34 seconds - Second (three-way tie)
- Fourth Ward of New Bern - 34 seconds
- Capital Hose of Raleigh - 34 seconds
- Caswell of Kinston - 34 1/5 seconds - Third

Hand Reel Contest

- Chapel Hill - 25 seconds - First
- Chestnut Hill of High Point - 25 4/5 seconds - Second
- Salem - 27 1/5 seconds - Third
- Cannonville [Kannapolis] - 30 seconds - Fourth

Grab Reel Contest

- Chestnut Hill of High Point, 18 seconds - First
- Salem, 18 1/5 seconds - Second
- Chapel Hill, 18 4/5 seconds - Third

Selected Results Day 2

Horse Hose Wagon (Interstate) - Eighteen teams

- Goldsboro - 33 seconds - First, tie
- Sumter, SC - 33 seconds - First, tie
- Kinston No. 2 - 33 2/5 seconds - Third
- Morehead City, 33 3/5 seconds - Fourth
- Riverside of New Bern - Fifth

Four "blow outs" resulted during the context for the Atlantic of New Bern, Fayetteville, Capital Hose of Raleigh, and New Bern No. 1 teams. The Rescue of Raleigh missed a coupling in their attempt. Burlington's horse had a harness failure.

Hand Reel Contest (Interstate)

Chapel Hill - 25 1/5 seconds - First

Grab Reel Contest (Interstate)

Chapel Hill - 18 2/5 seconds - Third

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Raleigh Retired Firefighters Invited to Participate in Saturday's Parade

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Raleigh Fire Department retirees are invited to ride in Saturday's fire apparatus parade, part of the all-day centennial celebration in downtown Raleigh.

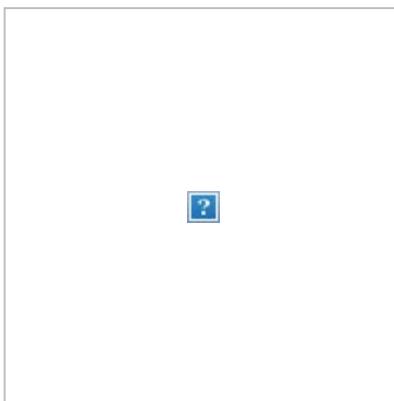
The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and will feature both antique and modern fire apparatus, pipe bands, marching personnel, and more. As a special treat, the city's horse-drawn 1905 steam fire engine will make its first appearance in many years.

Retirees are requested to park in the public parking deck at the intersection of Wilmington and Cabarrus streets. This is free parking. They'll board a tram shuttle to the parade staging area. **The trams will leave the parking deck at 9:15 a.m.** The trams will carry the retirees in the parade, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

The parade begins at the intersections of Hillsborough and Boylan streets, continues to the State Capitol, turns on Salisbury and Morgan streets, and finishes to the end of Fayetteville Street. The best viewing of the parade will be on Fayetteville Street, and a short walking distance to the other activities.

After the parade, retirees can enjoy the day's many centennial celebration events. The location for all activities after the parade are in the parking lots along Lenoir Street at Fayetteville Street.

An apparatus muster starts at 11:00 a.m. with static and live displays. The 1905 steamer will be fired and pump at noon. At 1:00 p.m., firefighter games will start with four-person teams from around the area. Other attractions include the Kidde Kid's Zone, which opens at 11:00 a.m. Birthday cake will also be served as supplies last. For more event information, visit www.RFD100.com.



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Harnett County Firefighter Death

06/11/12 92 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

[FireNews.net is reporting](#) that Asst. Chief Donald Suggs of the Summerville Fire Department in Lillington has died. He was 55 years old. He collapsed at home shortly after returning from a fire, [reports WRAL](#). Arrangements have been posted:

Visitation

Wednesday, June 13

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

O'Quinn Peebles Funeral Home, 1310 S. Main Street, Lillington, NC

Funeral and Burial

Thursday, June 14

11:00 a.m.

Lillington Baptist Church, 210 W. Lofton Street, Lillington, NC

Burial to follow at West View Memorial Gardens on US Hwy 421, Lillington.



Hey Mike any word on if this is being treated as a LODD & if so does the family want fire departments there or do they want a private service? Just wandering since it is so close and the ease of being able to go and honor a fallen Chief.

LetsHonorOurBrother - 06/13/12 - 18:38

While I cannot speak to the classification of the death, I can confirm that out-of-county agencies are apparently planning to attend the services with personnel and apparatus.

The NCSFA transmitted this message, in addition to the arrangements:

Out-of-county agencies that are planning to attend services on Thursday, June 14: contact Michael Martin with Harnett County FMO with number of attendees and apparatus. This will assist in planning. 910-984-6293 (mobile) or mmartin@harnett.org.

Legeros - 06/13/12 - 20:13

Thanks Mike

LetsHonorOurBrother - 06/14/12 - 00:50

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Reporters Train with Raleigh Fire Department

06/16/12 128 W, 2 I - + 7 - 8

June 16

Here's a second video segment, with WRAL reporter Stacy Davis recounting her experience at last weekend's Fire Ops 101 event. Lots of well-shot footage from throughout the day in this one, including a slow-motion replay of the hand line that got away from her. We've all been there and done that. Was a rewarding and educational day for everyone. [Watch the video story](#), or read the [accompanying article](#).



June 11

[This video segment](#) was broadcast this weekend on WTVD, after they participated in a Fire Ops 101 education event at the Raleigh Fire Department Keeter Training Center on Saturday. Both city officials and members of the media were invited to participate. See photos of the event from [Lee Wilson](#) and [Mike Legeros](#).



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Wake County EMS Station Reopens

06/12/12 188 W, 1 I - + 9 - 10

The North Hills EMS station at 5305 Six Forks Road reopened today, a mere 166 days after a vehicle fire damaged the structure on December 29. [As we originally reported](#), the paramedic ambulance EMS 3 caught fire inside the bay. The engine compartment was fully involved, and the bay ceiling was also burning. The fire was quickly controlled, but the ambulance was a total loss. The 1962 structure, formerly the Six Forks Fire Department fire station, was also damaged. The facility was closed, and a EMS 3 was temporarily relocated to the Six Forks Main EMS station at 1431 Lynn Road.

Repairs and renovations to the building included a complete reconstruction of the interior of the apparatus bay, including a new roof, new electrical components, and a new ventilation system. The crew quarters received new carpet and floor. Some remaining electrical items will be installed this week, including new lighting in the bay and on the outside of the building. The bay was repainted, and some exterior cracks in the building were also repaired. Welcome home, welcome back. [See photos by Lee Wilson](#). Click to enlarge:



Lee Wilson photo

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Schedule of Events for Saturday's Centennial Celebration

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial Celebration – Saturday, June 12, 2012

Downtown Raleigh

www.RFD100.com

10:00 a.m. – Fire apparatus parade begins at Hillsborough and Boylan streets.

Parade proceeds east to the Capitol, turns south on Salisbury Street, left on Morgan Street, and continues onto Fayetteville Street.

Please note that the best viewing will be on Fayetteville Street.

Planned participants:

- Horse-drawn steamer
- Antique motor apparatus
- Modern fire engines
- Honor guard
- Pipe bands
- Retirees riding tram shuttles
- And more.

11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. – Apparatus muster, in parking lots at the end of Fayetteville Street along Lenoir Street.

Antique apparatus will be pumping, as well as both antique and modern apparatus in static (stationary) display.

Special feature:

- Raleigh's horse-drawn, 1905 steam fire engine will be fired and demonstrate pumping at noon.

Planned displays:

- Antique apparatus
- Modern fire engines
- Raleigh's antique apparatus: 1926 American LaFrance, 1950 Mack, 1982 Mack pumpers
- Raleigh's recently acquired old Engine 1, 1961 American LaFrance pumper
- Raleigh's tiller, Ladder 4
- Raleigh's haz-mat and USAR apparatus.
- Winston-Salem hand-drawn hose reel

Trophies to be awarded for:

- Oldest Appearing Apparatus
- Farthest Distance Traveled
- Best in Show.

11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. – Kidde Kid's Zone in parking lots bordered by Lenoir, McDowell, and South streets.

This family-friendly event will feature numerous activities as displays for children of all ages.

Features:

- Bucket brigade for kids

- Squirt water, spin the helmet
- Smoke alarm house target shoot
- Remote controlled fire truck races
- Bean bag toss and other games
- The Home Depot Kid's Clinic
- Meet Smokey Bear, Blaze, Sparky, and other mascots.
- Learn about safety and fire prevention, with displays from NC Forestry and NC DOI.
- Get free temporary tattoos, a piece of birthday cake, and other giveaways!

11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. – Raleigh Fire Department and Raleigh Fire Museum displays, in parking lots on Lenoir Street at the end of Fayetteville Street.

Come inside the large white tent and:

- Learn about the Raleigh Fire Department.
- Learn about the Raleigh Fire Museum.
- Purchase museum memberships.
- Purchase centennial-stickers, t-shirts, and challenge coins.
- Pre-order the centennial history book.
- View the city's 1870 fire alarm bell.
- Have a slice of birthday cake!

1:00 p.m. until... – Firefighter challenges (games) begin in parking lots bordered by Lenoir, Wilmington, and South streets.

Four-person teams from around the area will compete in four events:

- Bucket brigade.
- Command and control.
- Hose stream deployment.
- Quick dress.

Also at the Event

Food vendors will be present all day, including Barry's Café. Portable restrooms will be present. Free parking is available at all city of Raleigh parking decks. See maps to parking locations at <http://rfd100.com/maps>

Learn more about the event at www.RFD100.com

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Morning Reading - June 13, 2012

06/13/12 398 W - + 8 - 5

Good morning Raleigh. Getting things ready this week for Saturday's centennial celebration. What, you haven't heard about that? We'll fix that in a moment. Camera Boy's been busy all week, [shooting and processing photos](#) from a number of fire department events. Steamer firing. Fire Ops 101. Fallen firefighters golf tournament. Will continue through the weekend! Meanwhile, here's some morning reading. Probably forgot something, so another story or two might get added!

- [Raleigh Fire Department reflects and celebrates...](#) - *Midtown Raleigh News* story about the department's 100th anniversary. Includes an interview with retired captain Clyde Carter, one of the oldest living retirees. And contrasts his experience with today's firefighters, and through the eyes of Senior Firefighter Lenoir Epps.
- [Downtown to Host Fire Department's Centennial Celebration Saturday](#) - Public Affairs press release about the activities planned on Saturday, June 16, in downtown Raleigh, plus a recap of some of other commemorative activities including the Centennial History Book and Centennial Roll Call.
- [Schedule of Events for Saturday](#) - Blog post from yesterday, with an easy-to-follow listing of everything that's planned for Saturday's centennial celebration. Yeah, yeah, new game, take a hit every time a blog posting mentions the thing. Will be grand fun. Hope to see you there.
- [Increasing population and decreased funding puts strain on emergency services](#) - *Raleigh Public Record* story about growth in the Capitol City and its impact on the Raleigh/Wake Emergency Communications Center, Wake County EMS, and the Raleigh Fire Department. Nice map of fire stations, as well!
- [Ghouls gone wild](#) - Dave Statter drips sarcasm in reporting the story of Colorado wildfires and one law enforcement agency's request to media. Constitutional considerations (and witty banter) aside, it can inspire some good thinking about good intentions with regard to sympathies for fire victims.
- [Hazing, hard play, and other pontifications](#) - Another Statter911 story, about a hazing incident in Texas, and this time with a pair of reader comments by Legeros. First is some logic-based pondering about hazing and hard play; second are some windy speculations about scrutiny of the fire service. Key quotes on the latter, on the subject of "an explosion of information sharing" that has happened. "Is perhaps a... vetting taking place, where all aspects and behaviors of firefighters are receiving collective attention?" You tell me. Will speculate for food.

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Sanford's Mack CF Pumper For Sale

06/14/12 56 W, 2 I - + 10 - 4

The Sanford Fire Department is selling a 1977 Mack CF pumper on [GovDeals this week](#). Five-speed manual transmission, two-stage Waterous 1000 GPM pump, 500 gallon tank. Current bid is \$2,225.00. Below is the truck as photographed by Lee Wilson. [See more Macks](#) that he's shot around the state.



GovDeals photo



Lee Wilson photo

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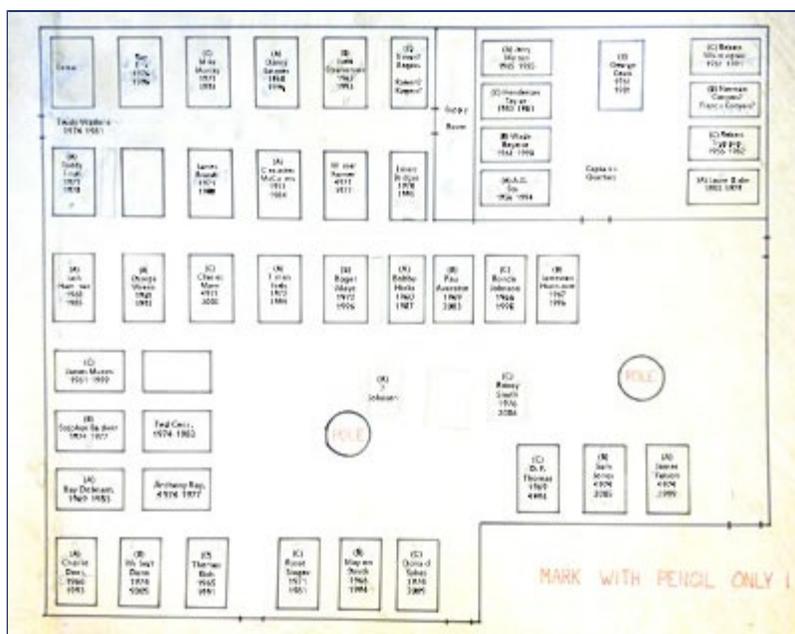
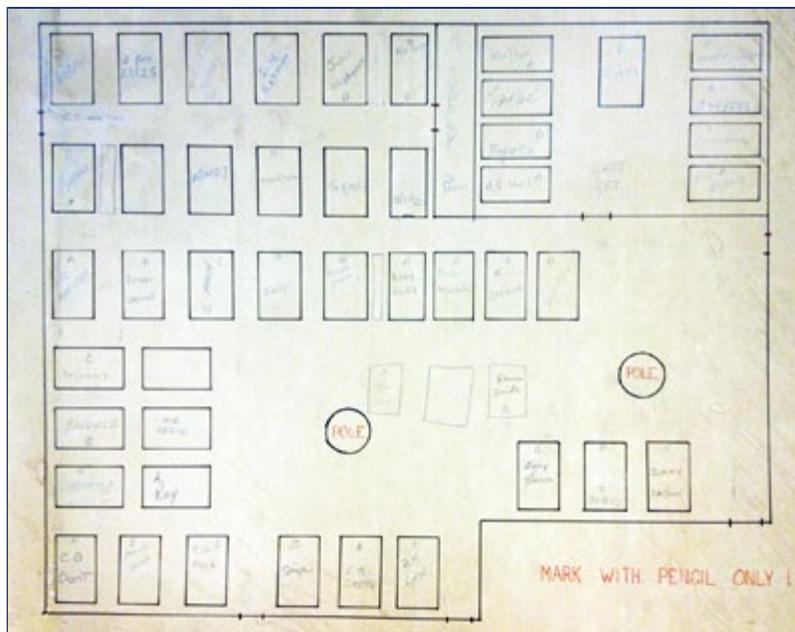
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Vintage Bedding Chart

06/14/12 105 W, 2 I - + 7 - 6

Here's a historical treat that was recently donated to the Raleigh Fire Museum by Senior Firefighter Mike Murray. He found this vintage bedding chart behind a locker at Station 1. Same shows the sleeping assignments for the second-floor dormitory. It dates to probably 1976 or 1977. That's right before the first female firefighters hired were in 1978, which resulted in partitions that divided the big room. Among those listed are Murray's father, Captain Mike Murray (retired). We've annotated the thing as best as possible, drawing upon the [Centennial Roll Call](#). Hollar as you spot errors or see other curiosities. **Click once or twice** to enlarge:



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Old Engine at Big House

06/14/12 48 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

Speaking of Station 1, Raleigh's [1926 American LaFrance](#) is spending a couple nights downtown. It's parked in preparation for [Saturday's parade and centennial celebration](#). You've heard about that thing, right? Might have a bunk mate by tomorrow night. We'll check back. Click to enlarge:



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Holly Springs' New Fire Chief

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The town of Holly Springs has a new Fire Chief. LeRoy Smith, former deputy chief of the Fire and Rescue Department at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, took command of the town's 37-member fire department on June 4. He succeeded long-time Fire Chief Cecil Parker, who resigned in January. Chief Smith was chosen from more than 50 applicants, seven of whom went through an intensive two-day assessment of their managerial skills. He joined the BWI department in 2010 after 22 years with Prince George's County Fire/EMS in Maryland. [Read press release from April 30](#), which tells more about Chief Smith and his background. Welcome aboard!



Welcome to Wake Co. Chief Smith!

A.C. Rich - 06/15/12 - 07:46

Welcome to the south chief. Miss having you around in the 4th battalion you taught many of us a lot about the job, good luck to you and to Holly Springs.

PGtruckie - 06/15/12 - 13:07

Welcome Chief. From your neighbors at Fuquay Fire Department.

FVFD - 06/15/12 - 21:20

Good Luck Chief. We will miss you at BWI!

BWI FRD - 06/18/12 - 14:23

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Postal Police Mobile Command Center

06/15/12 52 W, 1 I - + 13 - 3

Here's your unusual law enforcement vehicle of the week, a mobile command center operated by the Charlotte Division of the [United State Postal Inspectors](#). The truck was in town yesterday for a haz-mat exercise on Floretta Place. [See more photos](#) from Lee Wilson.



Lee Wilson photo

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Raleigh's New Foam Trailer

06/15/12 251 W, 1 I - + 10 - 10

Speaking of haz-mat, the Raleigh Fire Department has taken delivery of a foam trailer. The two-axle unit is equipped a 500-1000 GPM monitor and twin 275-gallon portable tanks, called totes. Each carries alcohol-resistant Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) concentrate, a foam designed for class B (flammable liquid) fires. The foam is proportioned between one and three percent. The trailer and the foam add an additional layer of protection for the many hazardous materials that are transported by road and rail through town.

The trailer is stored at the Keeter Training Center and will be towed by either training vehicles during day hours, or by the mini-pumper at Station 3. Three additional 275-gallon foam totes are planned to be stored at the training center as well. The trailer is supplied by two five-inch intakes, and can also supply a couple hand-lines. The estimated reach of the big gun is 100 to 150 feet. There's also a transfer pump, for connecting to other totes or foam concentrate supplies. The trailer is a Raleigh Fire Department asset, and can be requested as mutual aid equipment through the usual channels.

Next step, how about a history of Raleigh's foam apparatus and equipment? (Foam powder, then high-expansion generators, then inductors for hand lines...) We'll work on that. Who else has notable foam equipment in and around town? The airport, of course. The Apex Fire Department also has a foam trailer. [Here are some action shots](#) of same from a tire fire in 2010. Click to enlarge:



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Facts About Raleigh's Old Steamer

06/15/12 268 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Here's a bit of background about Raleigh's old steamer, which will be appearing in tomorrow's [Raleigh Fire Department centennial celebration](#) events in downtown Raleigh. We'll call this thing a fact sheet.



1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan Steam Engine

- Built by American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, Seneca Falls, NY.
- Registration number 3061.
- Third-size steam engine with 600 GPM capacity.
- Fox boiler with a two-piston pump on a crane frame.

- Delivered July 1905.
- Second steam fire engine for city. First was delivered in 1870, made by Gould.
- Purchased to replace the 1870 steamer, for purpose of fighting major fires and protection in the event of water system failure.
- Beginning 1887, nearly all fires in the city were fought using hand lines connected directly to hydrants. This continued into the 1910s and perhaps much later.

- Operated by the volunteer L. A. Mahler Steamer Company from 1905 to 1912.
- Operated by the career fire department from 1912 until the 1930s, or later.
- Housed at Fire Station 1 on West Morgan Street.

- Drawn by horses from 1905 to 1912.
- Motor-towed in early 1913.
- Responded to alarms in the fire district, or as a special called unit.

- Listed as reserve apparatus by 1931.
- Served as auxiliary fire pump at State Fairgrounds in 1940s.
- Returned to the Raleigh Fire Department in 1947.

- Permanently mounted on a two-axle trailer in the late 1970s.
- Boiler was last fired in the early 1980s.
- Restoration to operational capacity started in late 2011.

- Read more history at <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/history/writing/steamers.shtml>
- Or read more about steam engines in North Carolina at <http://legeros.com/history/steamers>

So you ask, what, that linked history page about the steamer(s) isn't enough? You have to create a second, smaller version? Well, yes. Here's a not-so-little known fact about people and reading. Less is more. Way less is way better. These bullet points, with much shorter sentences, is probably twice as easy to consume as the linked history page.

(Why isn't said history page written in this style? Well, longer sentences and longer paragraphs have their place. Plus, the history page is probably for more... dedicated readers. This "fact sheet" is designer for a wider audience, and for more readily grabbing attention.)

Now that everyone is reading and writing on a regular basis— through this newfangled thing call e-mail— we've all discovered a couple important things about people and words. When it comes to certain types of text presentation (web pages, e-mail), people do a lot of skimming. Or ignore text outright. Heck, we see this in ourselves. How many times have you thought "wait, I remember seeing that e-mail, but I think I just skimmed over what was written."

Legeros - 06/15/12 - 10:47

How many fires did the 1905 steamer fight in the city? Perhaps a couple dozen or even fewer. There were comparably few fire calls in those days. From March 1, 1903 to Feb 29, 1904, for example, there were 59 alarms for that fiscal year. Only 25 of those fires saw hose streams in service.

Two years later, from March 1, 1905 to February 28, 1908, there were 106 alarms. (Why did they double? No idea.) The companies that responded are not noted, and only about 16 of the fires are listed as having monetary damage.

Of those, only a handful had significant monetary damage. My guess, the steamer probably pumped a half-dozen times that year.

Here are some fires that saw the 1905 steamer in action, or poised for action:

Feb. 25, 1908 – Cary's largest building – Grist mill and office building. Raleigh Fire Department requested, with steamer and hose sent on special train. By the time it arrives, the spread of the fire to other buildings is controlled, and the steamer is not removed from the rail car. Loss \$11,475.

Apr. 12, 1909 – Two homes on West Jones Street – Low water pressure is a problem, and the steamer soon responds. Both buildings destroyed. Loss about \$6,000.

Apr. 30, 1908 – W. H. King Drug Company at Martin and Wilmington streets – Four streams used, including one from the steamer. Loss over \$30,000.

Apr. 24, 1913 – News & Observer building on Martin Street – Firefighter hampered by water main break. Steamer directed to the location of an old underground cistern, and continues fighting fire. Building destroyed. Loss over \$75,000.

Mar. 3, 1914 – Jenkins Memorial Chapel in the Glenwood and Brooklyn "suburbs" – Hose companies have two streams and insufficient pressure. Steamer is summoned, to be towed by motor car. The vehicle's driving chain breaks, and two horses must be found. By the time of the steamer's arrival, the church is nearly entirely destroyed.

Mar. 24, 1914 – Textile building at A&M College – Steamer and hose wagons respond to the college that is located outside the city, assist students and faculty using hose streams from campus hydrant system. Most of building destroyed. Loss \$80,000.

Legeros - 06/15/12 - 13:56

Next question, so hydrant pressure works for those decades, from 1887 past 1912. When did they start connecting their hoses to the pumpers? When did they stop using hydrant-pressure for hose lines? That's a good question. To be answered some time. Certainly by 1950. Have film footage showing training on pumping by that time.

Legeros - 06/15/12 - 14:04

How volunteer companies were operating in the city prior to the start of the paid department? Also what present day companies can trace their roots back to those volunteer companies ie the Capital Hose Company and the Mahier Steam Company?

Mike - 06/16/12 - 16:38

Mike, there were five volunteer companies operating when the paid department started. Engine 1, Engine 2, and Engine 3 can trace their roots

to three of the companies, or at least with regard to their equipment, apparatus, and facilities. This chart details that lineage:

<http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/histo..>

Legeros - 06/16/12 - 18:13

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Vintage Photo of Fayetteville Engine 2

06/15/12 50 W, 1 I - + 12 - 5

Found for sale on eBay, here's what looks like a delivery photo of a 1940s Mack for the Fayetteville Fire Department. Lettered for Engine 2. Dig that triple suction rack. Seller says Fayetteville, NC. Presuming accurate unless hear otherwise. Click once or twice to enlarge:



Not sure that this is North Carolina. Sanborn Maps for 1950 list FFD apparatus as follows. Unless the above truck is a 1950s Mack, though didn't they start buying 1950s American LaFrance 700 pumpers?

Station #1 – 1940 Seagrave pumper, 1926 Seagrave pumper, 1947 Ford/American LaFrance pumper, 1949 Studebaker (!) pumper, 1938 Chevrolet ladder truck, 1950 American LaFrance aerial truck, Dodge auxiliary truck

Station #2 – 1944 Ford/American LaFrance pumper, 1924 American LaFrance pumper.

Station #3 – 1944 Ford/American LaFrance pumper, 1924 American LaFrance pumper.

Legeros - 06/15/12 - 18:46

A 30 second Google search reveals Fayetteville Fire Departments in a lot of other places- AR, GA, NY, OH, and PA on the first page. I don't know...to me it just doesn't have the 'NC Mack look'...meaning I have never seen pictures of but two 'covered' Mack fire trucks like the one above, or older. One from Hamlet and the sedan pumper from Charlotte. Of course, I could have missed a couple....

DJ - 06/15/12 - 22:08

<http://www.fayettevillefd.org/apparatus...>

DJ - 06/15/12 - 22:12

Looking Into the Sun at a Very Large Flag

06/16/12 94 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

As seen on Fayetteville Street this morning, which was part of the parade route for the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial Celebration. That's Holly Springs' ladder holding one end of the Very Large Flag. On the other end is Bay Leaf's ladder. 'Twas a tremendously enjoyable day. Big thanks to the many, many people that made it happen. Your hard work is appreciated. Next question, when will Mr. Blogger's 2,052 photos get processed and posted? In due time, my friends. In due time. Click to enlarge:



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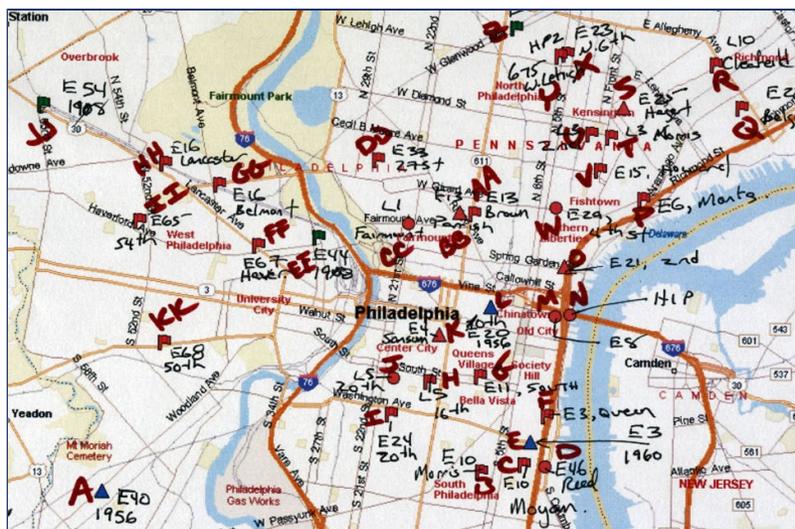
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Trip Planning... Philly

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You get exactly one guess regarding what's (partially) shown here. Planning for next month's trip to the Baltimore Fire Expo. [Read accompanying discussion](#) on Philly Fire News. Might take a couple summers to finish! Click to enlarge:



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Congressional Recognition for Maryland Firefighters Injured in February

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Speaking of our friends in and around Maryland, an event was held last week at the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department in Prince Georges County, MD. The occasion was congressional recognition for seven volunteer firefighters who were injured at a house fire on February 24. Framed copies of the Congressional Record were presented to Bladensburg vounteer firefighters Kevin O'Toole and Ethan Sorrell, Riverdale volunteer firefighter Michael McClary, and College Park volunteer firefighter Ari Schloss. (Riverdale members Michael Olszewski, Roberto Ramirez and Michael Naples were unable to attend.) Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc S. Bashoor was also presented a plaque on behalf of his entire department.

Recall from our [February posting](#) that the fire resulted in severe injuries to O'Toole and Sorrell. They were severely injured when a sudden gust of wind created a "blowtorch effect" inside the residential structure that the crews had just entered. Sorrell is a Buies Creek native with many ties to Wake County. He's been a volunteer member of BVFD while attending college. Read the [entire press release](#), that includes photos and this video. Congratulations.



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Scenes From Saturday's Parade

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Still working on the photos from Saturday. Gonna take a while...

The first photos from Saturday [have been posted](#). Partial collection from Legeros, and a full series from Lee Wilson. More to follow...

Seeing Double

That's Division Chief Garry Spain (left) and Battalion Chief Barry Spain (right). The brothers marched behind the honor guard. Barry is a graduate of the 1989 recruit academy, or Academy #13 for those counting at home. Training officers Gattis and Dunn worked some serious magic that year. The academy has produced (to date) four Battalion Chiefs, a mess of Captains, some Lieutenants, and, ahem, one Historian.

Click to enlarge:



Driver Cam

Did the participants have as much fun as those who were watching? By all accounts they did. Here's a view from behind the driver's seat of Old Engine 1, with Lt. Jan Chamblee at the wheel of the 1961 American LaFrance pumper that was recently purchased by the Raleigh Fire Museum through firefighter donations. Click to enlarge:



Horse Tales

Raleigh has an old steam engine? Yes, the 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan later pumped in a demonstration. Did Lee Wilson really provide the horses? Yes, it's a little-known fact that the prolific photographer is also secretly a horse-trainer. In Johnston County. Click to enlarge:



Crazy Lights

What the heck is the spinning thing with three lights? That's a Roto-Ray. Best viewed at a distance, or with a helmet if you get really, really close.



Taking Care of Business

Did Elvis make an appearance? No, but one of his catchphrases appeared on the side of Mar-Mac's monster rescue rig. They came from Wayne County, which is a fair hike. Also saw trucks from Brunswick, Durham, Johnston, and Mecklenburg counties (to name a few). Had at least one out-of-state attendee, a former Baltimore Salvage Corps truck from Virginia. That Pennsylvania ladder truck that you saw, however, is locally-owned.



The Big Turn

Why did some of the trucks turn on Davie Street, instead of continuing to the end of Fayetteville Street? That's because there's a weight limit in those last couple blocks, because there's a parking deck underneath. Thus the heifers were routed to Salisbury Street, and some of which were parked as displays at Lenoir and South streets. [Click to enlarge:](#)



Tiller Time

Finally, is the best job in the fire service driving the back of a tiller truck? That's what they say... Click to enlarge:



Congrats to the entire committee for their hard work and dedication with this project! I was blown away by the turnout; fist bumps to everyone that made this event the success that it was!!

Silver - 06/18/12 - 15:48

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Looking Closely at Raleigh's Old Macks

06/19/12 55 W, 3 I - + 6 - 6

Here are three of Raleigh's old Mack CF pumpers, Engine 4, Engine 7, and Engine 13. Model years 1973, 1971, and 1970, respectively. What differences do you observe? From the [Richard Adleman Collection](#). Learn more about [Raleigh's old engines](#). Or recall our earlier discussion about the [Macks and hard suction hose](#). Click to enlarge:





Did the hard suction just get moved to the other side or removed from the truck?

Mike - 06/19/12 - 11:21

Straight vs. angled axe mounting, Q siren vs. electric siren speaker in nose, Logo on drivers door, Pump panel layout varies, Mike already noted the ladders/hard suction storage.

NotSo - 06/19/12 - 12:01

Mike- they were removed. I remember a couple of differences. E1, E13, and E7, the first three, had rotating lights on top and Q2B sirens when delivered. They had Raleigh Fire Dept. on the panel behind the cab doors, and the engine number on the trimmed out circle on the cab door (FIRE RESCUE lettering came way later). The newer Macks (E3, E4, etc) had an electronic siren and a cheesy strobe light on the cab roof.

DJ - 06/19/12 - 12:02

You are correct, AP. Before the Macks, all of the city's engines were open cabs, ALF 900s, four 1950s ALF 700s, two 1950s FWDs, and a 1950 Mack B.

Legeros - 06/20/12 - 07:56

Was recently reading about Raleigh around 1940. There were plans to greatly expand the fire department. They were planning to add more men, more modern apparatus, and build two stations (Station 6, new Station1).

They already had land for the latter. That's where the alarm house was erected in 1942. Then Pearl Harbor was attacked, the country was plunged deeper into war, and new vehicles and new buildings and other resources became scarce.

The city didn't end up building a new Station 1, for example, for another decade. And the only pumper purchased was a 1919 ALF, purchased used from Farmville. (An auxiliary truck— mini-pumper, sort of— was added during the 1940s, however.)

Raleigh also lost firefighters, as they left to take higher-paying jobs for the war effort, or were drafted and entered the service.

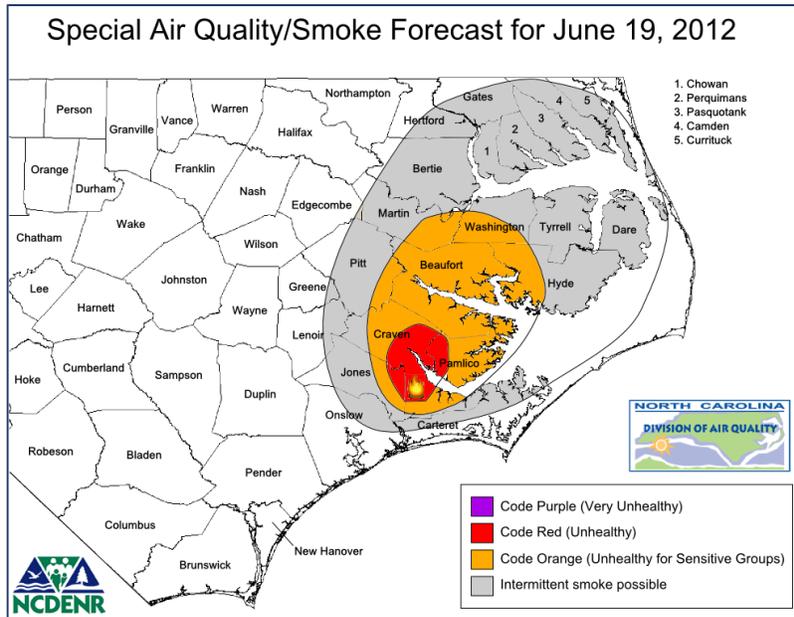
As a result, RFD had a developmental lag, of sorts, during the 1940s. And that's why they were still operating some 1920s pumpers at the start of the 1950s.

Legeros - 06/20/12 - 08:46

Today's Smoke Forecast Map

06/19/12 82 W, 1 I - + 12 - 3

From the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, mapping the smoke from the Croatan National Forest in Craven County. The forest fire is now 10,800 acres in size and will reportedly take a week to fully contain. Same started as a controlled burn on Thursday, and grew out of control on Saturday. [Read WITN story](#). Will be making a day trip to New Bern this week or next. Might bring back some interesting in-the-distance photos. Click to enlarge:



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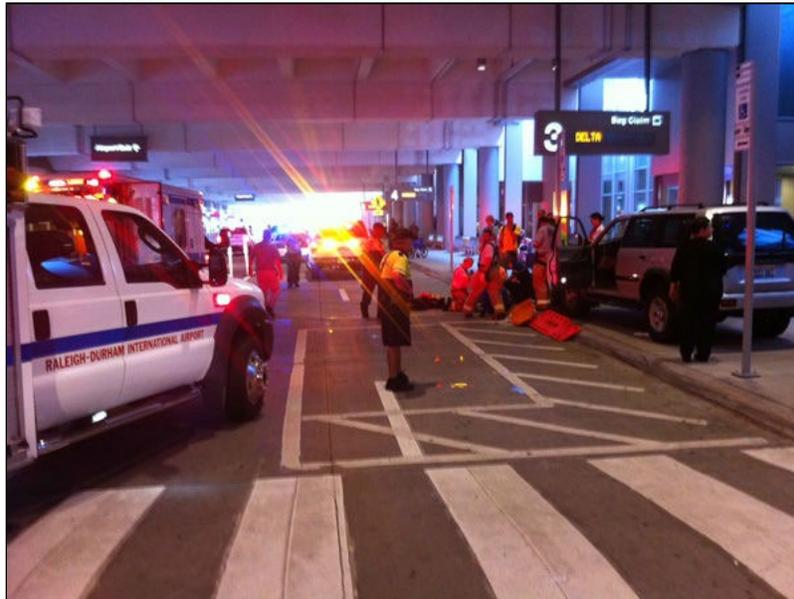
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Yesterday's Vehicle Accident at the Airport

06/19/12 76 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

Here's an unusual accident photo as posted by WTVD, where a sport utility vehicle struck three pedestrians in front of a terminal at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. [Read that story](#). It's a viewer photo, and those are increasingly common as citizens snap 'n' send pictures to media outlets. Don't believe we see a lot of bloody stuff in such shots and such coverage. Or do we?



WTVD/Suzanne Snipes photo

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General Assembly Recognizes Raleigh Fire Department

06/20/12 552 W - + 3 - 7

This joint resolution was passed by the General Assembly on June 14, 2012. [See the original document](#) (PDF).

House Joint Resolution DRHJR11382-LG-207 (06/14)

Sponsors: Representatives Jackson, Weiss (Primary Sponsors); Avila, Gill, Murry, Martin, and Ross.

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, the Raleigh Fire Department protects the citizens of North Carolina's capitol city in the county of Wake; and

Whereas, the Raleigh Fire Department was organized in December 1912 as a full-paid fire department after over 50 years of service by citizen fire companies; and

Whereas, the Raleigh Fire Department was led by Fire Chief Sherwood Brockwell, the first full-time Chief of Department; and

Whereas, the Raleigh Fire Department was placed in service in December 1912, with two fire stations, two horse-drawn hose companies, and the following 15 members: Fire Chief Sherwood Brockwell; Assistant Chief Charles Farmer; Company No. 1 members, Captain T. G. Welsh, Lieutenant S. H. Horton, W. M. Niblock, M. J. Martin, W. B. Barker, E. J. Lassiter, R. M. Simmons, and D. B. Jones; and Company No. 2 members, Captain A. A. Doolittle, Lieutenant H. C. Joyner, B. B. Parrish, O. K. Hester, and W. K. Justice; and

Whereas, in 1913 a third hose company and a third fire station was placed in service, and the first two motor fire engines were delivered; and

Whereas, in 1915 the Raleigh Fire Department was fully motorized and the last horse was retired from duty; and

Whereas, in 1915 the Raleigh Fire Department's force of 24 firefighters protected a population of over 24,000 residents living within four square miles; and

Whereas, in 1950, as the City of Raleigh grew in size, the Raleigh Fire Department consisted of six engine companies, protecting 65,679 residents, encompassing 10.9 square 23 miles. The department was staffed by 84 members and answered 911 calls that calendar year;

Whereas, by the end of the 20th Century, the Raleigh Fire Department continued to expand in both size and scope. Today's Raleigh Fire Department responds to fires, provides emergency medical care, responds to rescue calls, performs inspections and plan reviews of buildings, conducts fire and life safety education, and is equipped with special technical rescue, hazardous-materials, and urban search and rescue teams; and 30

Whereas, today the Raleigh Fire Department's 27 fire stations and 28 engine companies, eight ladder companies, and three rescue companies protect a population of 403,892 and 144.8 square miles. The Raleigh Fire Department has 575 uniformed and civilian 33 members. The Raleigh Fire Department responded to 37,781 fire, emergency, and service calls in the 2011 calendar year; and

Whereas, the Raleigh Fire Department will be celebrating its centennial anniversary throughout 2012 with a number of public celebrations; and

Whereas, this occasion is worthy of recognition and should be enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the founders of the Raleigh Fire Department and the men and women who have served the department in protection of the citizens of Raleigh.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Raleigh Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary as a career fire department.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Fire Chief of the City of Raleigh.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

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Video Clips of Raleigh's Steamer

06/20/12 50 W - + 7 - 3

Here's a very short collection of clips of the Raleigh Fire Department's 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan steam engine in action, at this weekend's centennial celebration and one week earlier at Station 28. The video is also included in this [excellent FireNews.net article](#) about Saturday's events.

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Old Fire Van

06/20/12 32 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

Reporting from the road. Found this old workhouse at a service station on the west side of New Bern. Former Tri-Community Fire Department, would seem. Click to enlarge:



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Forestry Rigs in a Parking Lot at Night

06/20/12 71 W, 2 I - + 5 - 7

Spotted these trucks at the hotel beside our hotel in New Bern. Looks like they've seen some service, probably or certainly at the Croatan National Forest that's burning to the southeast. Plus a couple light trucks and SUVs. Might see more the of the fleet come daybreak.



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North Lenoir Fire Station Construction

06/21/12 56 W, 2 I - + 7 - 6

Seen outside Kinston is this fire station construction on Highway 258. Shown in the second photo is a residence beside the fire station, where a mini-pumper currently occupies a car port. We'll presume temporary quarters, there. What stories of temporary stations can you share, both local and regional? Click to enlarge:



Holly Springs station 2 and 3.

Maybe - 06/21/12 - 22:08

Wake Forest Station 3 was in house during construction of the new station

firemedic - 06/22/12 - 00:38

Here's a full list of earlier temp stations in Wake County, from an earlier thread: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Legeros - 06/22/12 - 08:08

In Chatham County, in 1997, the EMS station in the northern area of Chatham County was located in a skilled nursing facility off of Whippoorwill Rd. The upscale facility had just opened and it had just opened and did not have many patients. EMS was located on the bottom floor with no patients. We were allocated two rooms for sleeping and a small day room. That lasted for a few months, then the station was relocated to an apartment off of Mt Carmel Road across from Governor's Club. Finally, that unit (FirstHealth of the Carolinas EMS #1771) was moved to the old North Chatham Fire Station on Farrington Point Road.

The Cary Area Rescue Squad once operated out of a house on North Academy Street for a short time until their facility on Medcon Dr was opened.

DJ - 06/22/12 - 09:05

While I was a member of the Grifton VFD Station 43 in southern Pitt Co. ,back in 1999, we were flooded by Hurricane Floyd. We had close to 4ft of water in our station. After the water receded, we had to relocate to a temporary location in the old Cox Trailers building north of town while our station was gutted and remodeled.

John Maynard ([Email](#)) - 06/22/12 - 11:08

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Yesterday's House Fire on Pettigrew Street

06/21/12 104 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Here's your (late) Thursday hot shot by Lee Wilson, from yesterday's house fire at [109 N. Pettigrew Street](#). Rescue 2 and Battalion 2 were first on scene with smoke showing from the one-story residential structure. Engine 3 deployed a pair of hand lines, Engine 7 laid the supply line, and Engine 1 connected to the hydrant for boosting. Subjects were reported possibly still inside, but all evacuated safely. Special call for extra engine and extra ladder. Dispatched 11:12 a.m. Controlled at 11:30 a.m. One firefighter with minor hand injury. [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#), and read more incident details.



Lee Wilson photo

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Raleigh Fire Department Recognizes Promotions

06/22/12 207 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

In a ceremony last night at the City Council Chambers, the Raleigh Fire Department recognized the achievements of individuals who obtained appointment or promotion through a competitive process over the last six months. The ceremony opened with a presentation of colors by the Raleigh Fire Department Honor Guard and remarks by Fire Chief John McGrath.

Recognized were Asst. Chief Bradley R. Harvey; Division Chief Kendall T. Hocutt; Safety Officer/Battalion Chief A.C. Rich Jr.; Battalion Chiefs John P. Fanning, and Franklin C. Hobson; Captains Lee C. Allred, Brandon K. Hopkins, Richard L. Ketchie, Roy T. McGee, and Dominic O. Orlando; Lieutenants Kent A. Davis, Michael R. Gerke, Grant R. Hall, Robert J. Harper, C. Tim Houston, C. Bryan Kirk, and Jeffrey M. Silver. (A couple others were unable to attend and will be recognized at the next ceremony.)

Also last night, recently retired members were recognized for their service, including Battalion Chief L. Alan Walters and Safety Officer/Captain Sammy G. McIntyre. A reception was held at Fire Station 1 afterward. A procession from City Hall to Station 1 was a Wake & District Public Safety Pipes and Drums piper. [See more photos](#) from the event from Lee Wilson.



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Going Wide

06/22/12 117 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

This shot from Saturday has proved popular, looking straight up Fayetteville Street as [Wake & District Public Safety Pipes and Drums](#) bears down. That's Drum Major and Raleigh Fire Department Lt. Jason Lane in the lead. Below's a panoramic-style version, which is just a cropped version of the regular one. Aspect ratio 6 x 2 instead of 3 x 2. Added a bit more sharpness, and a couple other tweaks. (Canon 50D in SRAW1 format. Program AE, 1/250 Tv, 7.1 Av, 100 ISO, EF17-40mm f/4L at 40mm, flash fired with -2 compensation.) [See all of my photos](#) from Saturday's parade, which was part of the fire department's Centennial Celebration. Exceptionally fun day. Click **once or twice** to enlarge:



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Engine A, Engine B, Engine C

06/23/12 141 W, 2 I - + 8 - 2

Did you know that Raleigh's reserve engines were originally identified with letters? Engine A through Engine C. Was there ever a Engine D? Haven't seen such a reference. (And which is why some of the equipment on our antiques bears "A" or "B" or "C".) When were the reserve engines changed to numbers? Don't have that handy. Maybe someone can read through my various web site and tell me! (Secret fact about historians. They don't commit every single factoid to memory. What they can do, though, is usually find where they recorded or found such facts!) Anyway, here's Engine A (1950 Mack) and Engine C (1968 American LaFrance) from around 1982. From photo copies recently privately acquired from the [Richard Adleman Collection](#). Learn more about [Raleigh's old engines](#). Click to enlarge:



Morning Reading - June 24, 2012

06/24/12 411 W - + 10 - 5

Good morning Raleigh. Here's some stuff that's caught my attention or the last week or so. Recapping here both for your enjoyment and to get my brain working on a Sunday morning, between breakfast and the first round of computer work at the man cave.

- [Raleigh Fire Department centennial celebration recap](#) - FireNews.net article from Wednesday, with an excellent recap of last Saturday's activities. Includes the winners of the firefighter games and the trophies for the apparatus muster. Plus numerous photos and links to photos, and a couple videos.
- [Area code mistakes still jam Triangle 911 lines](#) - News & Observer story from last week, about the continued "flood of fumbled phone calls" to emergency communications centers. So what's the long-term solution here? Is there a long-term solution beyond the obvious, continued aggressive public-education campaigns?
- [Durham choose Locution for altering and dispatching](#) - Press release from November, in case you missed it. They've been testing the new system lately. Readers, or one particular reader (you know who you are) can provide more.
- [Two hospitalized after car crashes into house in Benson](#) - The latest vehicle versus building, from last night in Johnston County. Recall at least year ago, when a Charlotte reader talked about CFD responding to these on a nearly daily basis. How many do we have weekly in the Raleigh-Durham metro area, do you suppose?
- [Blocking procedures at roadway incidents](#) - New learning module from ResponderSafety.com, with a number of local photos by Mike Legeros and Lee Wilson.
- [Carolinas Fire Page updates their web site](#) - Nice new look. Great service, and invaluable for keeping tabs on what's happening in the Carolinas. They also have some nifty resources on the site, include lists of all fire stations in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- [Ethics, freebies, policies, and news](#) - Interesting story and good reader discussion on Statter911, and covering both the issue and the implications of the issue being reported upon. In short, when another department makes news, your department might get asked about the same thing. And how you respond (timeliness, demeanor, etc.) can be as important as what you respond with (facts, info, etc.).
- [Five alarms and two hats](#) - Another interesting story on Statter911, and a passionate discussion about two-hatters after a big fire in Baltimore. Some very strong feelings there.

There was an alternative to the area code overlay scheme they went with. There's no reason the entire swath of central and eastern North Carolina needed to maintain the same area code. Since most people were accustomed to only dialing six digits they could have just changed the area code for say Raleigh to a new one, or maybe Durham, or Goldboro instead. So far as anyone was concerned their number would have stayed the same in normal usage. Then requiring dialing a 1 before dialing one of the new area codes would make the misdialing a non issue, because 1-911 does not get you an overburdened emergency operator.

PJ - 06/24/12 - 16:43

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Cary Station 8 Construction Photos

06/24/12 45 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

Here's a pair of reader photos of Cary Station 8, under construction at [408 Mills Park Drive](#). Search the blog for prior postings. Or [read more from CFD](#). Thanks, Jeff!



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *UPDATED:* « **UPDATE #2: Wake Count...** » **Raleigh Chamber Names...**
1944 Diamond T Pumper

UPDATED: 1944 Diamond T Pumper

09/21/13 124 W, 8 I - + 7 - 9

September 21

Reader Chad Simon recently found this rig parked outside Loop Road Auto Parts in Garner. Same was purchased from the auction mentioned in the below prior posting. Owned by current or retired employee of the store. The Diamond T pumper has a 1944 chassis with 1945 adds-on. Thought to have served in the Lynchburg, VA, area. Click to enlarge. Thanks Chad!



Chad Simon photos

June 25

Look at the lines on this beauty, a 1944 Diamond T pumper as photographed by Lee Wilson at a classic car auction at the State Fairgrounds this weekend. [See more photos from Lee](#). Or see a couple other shots [on this auction site](#). No idea where the truck originally served.



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June Episode of FireWatch - Centennial Celebration

06/25/12 101 W, 1 I - + 11 - 5

The [June 2012 episode](#) of the Raleigh Fire Department's cable television series FireWatch has been posted online. In this episode, Fire Educator Ron Campbell talks with Raleigh Fire Chief John McGrath about the fire department's centennial celebration on June 16. He also talks with Asst. Chief Bert Richards about the restoration of Raleigh's 1905 American LaFrance steam engine, with Lt. Chris Barrows about the firefighter games that day, and Heather Caldwell from Kidde Fire Safety about their participation at the event. You can also see earlier episodes of FireWatch [on this page](#) and [on this page](#).



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Holly Springs Station 2 Construction Photos

06/26/12 58 W, 2 I - + 6 - 6

Here's the latest look at Holly Springs Station 2, under construction on the site of the old station on Avent Ferry Road. The earlier building was demolished after being damaged by the tornado last year. Search the blog for that story and prior postings. [See more photos from Lee Wilson.](#)



Lee Wilson photos

Hmm, only one portico after all!

Glad to see the progress.

stretch - 06/26/12 - 12:44

Johnston County Takes Over EMS in Clayton, Princeton, and Smithfield

06/26/12 47 W - + 8 - 4

Effective July 1, Johnston County EMS takes over emergency medical services duties in Clayton, Princeton, and Smithfield. [Here's a prior posting](#) about Clayton EMS. Below are some other stories. That is all.

- [Clayton News-Star](#)
- [New14](#)
- [Smithfield Herald](#)
- [WRAL](#)

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UPDATED: Here Comes the BOSS

07/25/12 151 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

July 25

This has started. What are observations or opinions so far, regarding impact on emergency vehicles that must also use said shoulders? [Read recent News & Observer story.](#)



Chris Seward/News & Observer photo

June 26

Are you ready for buses on the shoulders of Interstate 40 in Durham County? That's the plan on a ten-mile stretch between the Durham Freeway and 15-501, plus eastbound between the Durham Freeway and Page Road. These will be Triangle Transit buses only. They'll be allowed on the shoulders only when traffic is moving slower than 35 MPH. The buses can travel no more than 15 MPH faster than the I-40 traffic, and no faster than 35 MPH period. Trial period starts today. Formal program starts July 16. Dubbed Bus on Shoulder System. BOSS. At least they're not using the accident-prone stretch between Wade Avenue and the airport! [Read more from the News & Observer.](#)

Emergency services should not change a darn thing that they do. Follow your procedures, block lanes for safety, etc. This is a wierd idea, but the burden should be on the bus to make safe use of this additional privilege.

Just my humble opinion.

Skip K - 07/26/12 - 17:29

Ditto what he said. Also, got to wonder how that is going to work with the minor fender-benders that are supposed to be 'moved to the shoulder' rather than block lanes. Then the traffic backs up due to 'onlooker delays'. And the traffic speed limit drops. Then the TTA bus takes to the shoulder. Then they come up on the fender-bender moved to the shoulder. Then no one will let the bus back on the road. Oh, the humanity.

DJ - 07/27/12 - 10:58

I agree with both the Chief and DJ! We have got to work harder to train EMS personnel to pass on the left!!! I see too many ambulances passing people on the right and that is entering a huge danger zone. In NC, by statute, drivers are supposed to pull to the right and stop (if they can). If an emergency vehicle attempts to pass on the right and the vehicle in front of them pulls right, they collide. I have seen it too many times to include more than one police car overturned from doing this.

Wake Forest Sells Fire Engine For \$1

06/27/12 73 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

The Wake Forest Fire Department sold a fire engine for one dollar yesterday. The availability of the 1998 FMC/Duplex pumper, old Engine 61, was announced to fire departments in need. The Woodland Fire Department of Northampton County fire department was chosen, and members from both departments met at Station 1 to complete the transaction Tuesday afternoon. Photographer Lee Wilson documented the event. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photos

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Old Hose Wagon, Old Station 3

06/27/12 162 W, 1 I - + 9 - 8

Here's today's random historical photo, a copy of a poorly preserved photograph of a horse-drawn hose wagon outside old Station 3, which was located at 135 E. Hargett Street. That's the present parking lot on the northwest corner of the intersection of Blount and Hargett streets. Before opening as Station 3 in 1913, the engine house served the Victor Fire Company. It was built in 1898. The Victor Company was all-black, so we'll presume this picture was taken in 1913 or 1914. Hose 3 was motorized in 1914, after the department's third motor apparatus was delivered. (Have any photos survived of the Victor Company? Not as we've found. Pictures from that period are exceptionally scare.) As for the fire station, believe we're seeing the back of the building. The columns on the far left were on the front of the building. The bay was drive-through, and this was the first fire station in the city with one! Click to enlarge:



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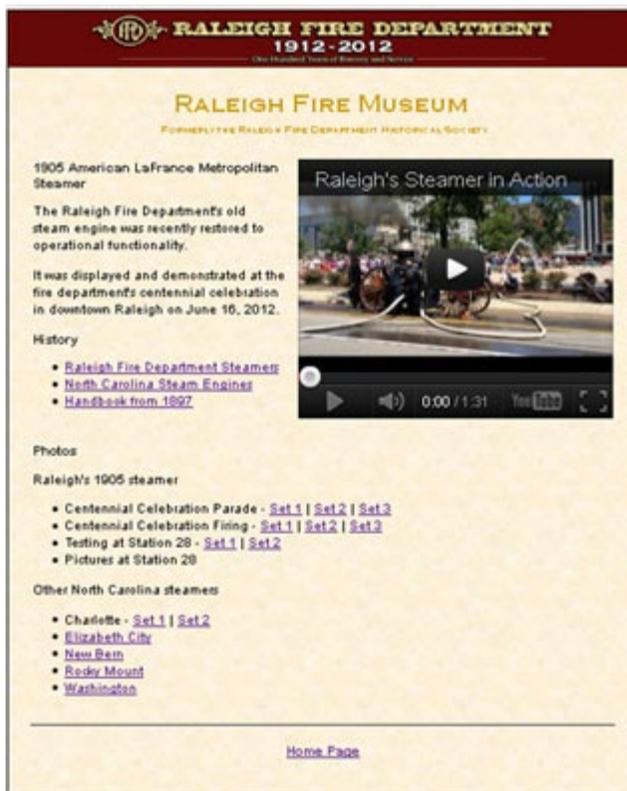
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Learn About Steam Fire Engines

06/27/12 33 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

New page on the Raleigh Fire Museum web site, about the Raleigh Fire Department's 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan steam engine, and other North Carolina steamers. [Visit the site.](#)



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Old Six Forks Rescue Heavy Rescue

06/28/12 99 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

As photographed by Lee Wilson, this 1993 Freightliner/RoadRescue heavy rescue originally served Six Forks Rescue Squad in Wake County as unit 1281. (And should we call that a medium rescue, versus a heavy rescue?) Was disposed to Myrtle Grove FD in New Hanover County, then to New Hanover County FD, and now serves Summerville-Bunnlevel FD. Those departments are merging effectively July 1. Now, if there's a Bunn and Bunnlevel in North Carolina, why isn't there a Dunn and Dunnlevel? We ask the hard questions on this blog... [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

Always wondered what happened to the ol 1281. Nice to see it still in service.

Emory - 06/28/12 - 11:59

I drove this truck some when it was with Myrtle Grove/NHC as R31, that is a tired truck...but a truck with some history to it.

Andrew - 06/29/12 - 09:31

I guess it depends on what equipment said truck carries...

Duda ([Email](#)) - 06/30/12 - 20:05

Any good pictures of this truck with its Six Forks graphics?

PJ - 07/01/12 - 13:30

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Memorial Run to Remember Raleigh Firefighters, Saturday, June 30

06/29/12 121 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

The Raleigh's Finest 5K Memorial Run is tomorrow morning at Fire Station 6 at 2601 Fairview Road. Runners and walkers will start at Station 6, proceed on Oberlin Road to Station 5, and return. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. The organizers are Melissa Johnson and Jill Kissinger-Hawks, whose husbands were killed in automobile accidents in December 2008 and December 2009, respectively. They want to remember and recognize all city firefighters who have died both on-duty and off-duty. Proceeds of the event benefit the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters and the 200 Club of Wake County. [Read this WTVD story](#). See [event details](#). See photos from [last year's race](#), which was held in September.



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Not a Former Firehouse

06/29/12 214 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

But it sure looks like one, doesn't it? That's the challenge in cities with older buildings with engine house characteristics such as arched doorways. This one's in Philadelphia and is a former mounted police station. It's also, we're told, a common question about the city's fire department history. Is that the old quarters for Ladder 3? Negative, that building was a few blocks north on Frankford Avenue.

Mr. Blogger is prepping for his summer trip to Baltimore, and his trademark "what's nearby" excursions. This year he'll return to Philly, and with an objective to find and photograph as many historic fire stations as possible. (Shot a half-dozen in 2010, so at least those are done!) He'll be there two nights. He's found, notably by pairing the appendix of "Hike Out!" with Google Maps street view, some four dozen buildings to find. Most of those are closed stations.

Read about this research on the [Philly Fire News discussion board](#). Read about earlier urban explorations, from Baltimore to Detroit to St. Louis, on [Mike's history page](#). Or see photos on [his Flickr site](#). See you in a couple weeks. Watch for the guy in a Hawaiian shirt who's talking in the third person. George likes spicy chicken.



Like this building, Mike.

stretch - 06/29/12 - 11:24

Crash Truck For Sale

06/29/12 88 W, 1 I - + 13 - 7

[Found for sale on eBay.](#) 1975 Oshkosh M1500 airport crash truck, came from an airport near Madison, NC. That's where the seller's located. Caterpillar diesel engine, automatic transmission. Buy It Now for \$9,995.00. You know want to buy it...

Saturday morning update. From a reader, this truck originally served as Crash 4 at the Greensboro Airport. In later years it was a reserve truck, and then was sold for scrap. The M1500, he adds, is the civilian version to the military P4 crash truck. Thanks Pete!



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Chief 103

06/29/12 40 W, 1 I - + 9 - 7

Speaking of former Six Forks Rescue Squad vehicles, here's a former Six Forks EMS vehicle. The Dodge Ram covered pick-up, photographed this evening in downtown Raleigh, now serves as Wake County EMS Chief 103's vehicle. Click to enlarge:



Mike, do you have a list of the admin numbers for EMS such as Chief 103, what thier rank/job title is? I've seen 100's and 200's on vehicles and I am curious.

curious - 06/30/12 - 00:20

Any clues as to the disposition of the other Ram? Two of the old Six Forks ambulances just sold off at State Surplus.

PJ - 06/30/12 - 13:07

chief 104 has it.

DJ - 06/30/12 - 16:54

Here's who's who in Wake County EMS system numbering scheme:

- CH-100 – Chief
- CH-101 – Not used
- CH-102 – Deputy Director/Professional Development
- CH-103 – Technical Services
- CH-104 – Logistics
- CH-200 – Operations
- CH-201 – Executive Officer
- CH-202 – Special Events Chief (multiple users)
- CH-301 – Training Supervisor
- CH-302 – Training Supervisor
- CH-400 – Apex EMS Chief
- CH-500 – Cary EMS Chief
- CH-600 – Eastern Wake EMS Chief
- MD-1 – Director/Medical Director

MD-2 – Deputy Medical Director

MD-20 – Deputy Medical Director/Clinical Affairs

Oddly, there are no unit numbers for the official photographers. We'll work on that one!

Legeros - 07/01/12 - 13:28

I thought I saw an EMS vehicle today marked DC 9, is this a new position in the system?

curious - 08/31/12 - 17:26

DC9 is the APP supervisor.

in the know - 08/31/12 - 19:20

Q: What is District 9, that I have heard on some calls in Wake County?

A: That's the Advanced Practice Paramedic supervisor. They work 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, and their office is at the Crisis & Assessment Services (CAS) center on the WakeBrook campus on Sunnybrook Road. They don't have a geographic district, and are currently not recommended for dispatch on any call types.

Legeros - 09/01/12 - 13:58

DC 9 was dispatched with us on a subject burned a couple of cycles ago. I asked what his position was and he told me APP supervisor.

fuquay - 09/01/12 - 15:57

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Road Closed for Big Fire

06/29/12 39 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

That's a recycling plant that's burning in Cayce, SC. That's near Columbia. The fire started about 9 a.m. and has been burning all day. Check local news sites for more coverage.



WMBF photo

news link with video

<http://www.wistv.com/story/18914031/recy..>

chris NCFireArt - 06/29/12 - 22:03

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Vintage Engine From Coats

06/30/12 82 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

This 1963 Dodge/American LaFrance engine is still on the roster at the Coats-Grove Fire Department in Harnett County. The department was created in 1990 as a merger of Coats FD and Grove Rural FD. The town fire department was organized in the 1940s, says [my information](#). They were incorporated with the state in 1954. Grove Rural FD was organized in 1973. [See more photos](#) from Lee Wilson, who did some apparatus explorations in Harnett County this week.



Lee Wilson photo

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Summerville and Bunnlevel Fire Departments Merge

06/30/12 200 W, 2 I - + 12 - 6

Effective July 1, 2012, the Summerville and Bunnlevel fire departments of Harnett County will merge into... Summerville Bunnlevel Fire & Rescue. As a *Fayetteville Observer* story from April 17 notes, the merger will lower fire insurance rates for a large section of rural Harnett County.

It is expected to reduce tax rates for the Bunnlevel service area. Summerville's service area may see a slight increase, however. The merger will also reduce staffing problems for both departments, [notes the news story](#). SFD is located at 111 E. Harnett Street in Lillington. BFD is located at 6896 Highway 401 South in Bunnlevel.

Summerville FD was incorporated on December 29, 1966, as the Summerville Fire Department District. On April 21, 1975, they changed their name to the Summerville Rural Fire District. On October 3, 1991, they changed their name to Summerville Fire & Rescue. On May 5, 2012, they changed their name to Summerville Bunnlevel Fire & Rescue, with articles of merger filed the next day.

Bunnlevel FD was incorporated on February 24, 1984, as Bunnlevel Emergency Services. They changed their name to Bunnlevel Fire Department on April 11, 1984. The department was incorporated again on September 17, 1992, as the Bunnlevel Volunteer Fire Department. Their articles of merger were filed on May 18, 2012.



The Right to Record the Actions of Police

06/30/12 187 W - + 12 - 4

Here's some slightly older news, about a recent statement from the Department of Justice that (a.) citizens have a First Amendment right to videotape the actions of police officers in public places and (b.) seizure or destruction of such recordings is a constitutional violation. [Here's a New York Times editorial](#) that includes a link to the statement, made in a letter from the DOJ to the Baltimore Police Department. Use Google to find other stories on this subject.

From here, we could take a discussion in a couple of different directions. What are best practices when confronted while recording police actions in public? (Depends, based on personal preference for short- and long-term outcomes.) What are best ways to avoid such confrontations? (Civil conduct always goes a long way.) What about taping or photographing anyone or anything in public places? (Totally legal.)

We'll end with a big fat disclaimer. Mr. Blogger isn't anything remotely resembling a legal scholar. He probably couldn't even pass as a substitute teacher in a media studies class. The kids would probably love his shirts, though.

If public officials are performing their job correctly, they should not be concerned about the videotaping. Don't forget, we work for the "videotapers." If concern of what may be seen is an issue (privacy, etc.), simply extend the perimeter. Video or not, we do have the legal ability to secure the scene due to safety. Problem fixed. Oh, and BE NICE and explanatory to the public – again, make sure "their" video shows you doing your job the right way!

A.C. Rich - 07/01/12 - 09:54

It's pretty hard to beat the combination of transparency and civility. Or, if you prefer, transparency and professionalism. If greater awareness of a public employee's job performance is a problem, then that's a bigger problem than that problem! Make sense, or do you a have problem with the problem of the problem?

Legeros - 07/02/12 - 08:12

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Here Comes the Scorpion

06/30/12 27 W, 1 I - + 15 - 9

Here's an interesting video from HME, introducing their Scorpion aerial platform. Has twin steering axles, which is unique for American structural fire apparatus.



Yep, multiple steering axles seem to be normally reserved for cement trucks (Kenworth chassis) and cranes. Very odd to see it on a fire truck. I would think they'd make the rear tandem a reverse-steer to help with corners. Pretty neat.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 06/30/12 - 20:00

Japan has used twin steering axles for ladder trucks for decades. Now I think I understand why!

Legeros - 06/30/12 - 20:21

Raleigh's next platform !! ???

lee - 07/01/12 - 00:37

Cool design! I am always skeptical about any fly-by-wire pump. No manual controls=problems! ...but I suppose that's what they said about fighter jets too...

A.C. Rich - 07/01/12 - 08:45

The department I worked at in Oregon had a number of Pierce "all-steer" pumpers and one ladder. They worked good on twisty roads, as long as the operator was very familiar with their operation. There were a couple of "adventures" when someone forgot.....

Skip K - 07/01/12 - 09:08

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Sunny Point's New Fire Boat

06/30/12 123 W, 1 I - + 11 - 12

Check your mailbox! The July-August 2012 issue of *Fire Apparatus Journal* has a story about Sunny Point Ocean Terminal's new fire boat. That's the Army munitions terminal near Southport. The 75-foot craft comes from Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding in Somerset, MA.

Delivered this spring, it's equipped with a 3,750 GPM/150 PSI pump, which is powered by a pair of 503 HP Caterpillar engines. Five monitors, including a remote-controlled deluge gun atop the wheelhouse. Jet propulsion. EMS-equipped cabin, designed to accommodate stretchers and stokes litters.

[Here's a WorkBoat.com story](#) about the boat. Sunny Point's prior fire boat was the 1954 large tug Valley Forge. [Read this State Port Pilot article](#) about the craft, which was sold at auction in February.



WorkBoat.com photo

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House Fire on Jasper Court

This Morning's House Fire on Jasper Court

07/01/12 209 W, 2 I - + 9 - 6

Durham Highway, Bay Leaf, Wake Forest, Stony Hill, and Bethesda firefighters fought a major house fire in north Raleigh this morning. Dispatched at 5:05 a.m. to 2620 Jasper Court. Two-story, wood-frame structure with 2,056 square-feet. Built 1997. Heavy fire in the back of the structure, from the deck to the roof. Durham Highway Pumper 1 first on scene.

Pulled a line to the rear, and another to the front door. Fire knocked in rear of structure, then crews entered structure to attack on first and second floors, then into attic. Crews evacuated after attic became fully involved. Deck gun used to knock down bulk of fire, then crews re-entered structure to finish extinguishment. ~~Aerial operations~~ Scene lighting with Bay Leaf Ladder 25.

Fire controlled in 45 minutes, [reports News & Observer](#). Durham Highway personnel were still performing salvage and overhaul at mid-morning, as Wake County and Raleigh fire investigators worked to determine the cause. Units on scene included Durham Highway P1, P4, P3, R5, Bay Leaf P366, P258, L25, Wake Forest E5, Stony Hill P261, Tanker 268, Bethesda 421; EMS 22, EMS 12, EMS 6, EMS 54, D4, T1. See stories from [WRAL](#) and [WTVD](#). Mid-morning aftermath photos from Legeros forthcoming.



Interesting to look at this. It seems to resemble the fire on Dagmar last summer in several ways. Any other thoughts on it?

206 - 07/01/12 - 15:30

This was the fire on Dagmar in Wake Forest last summer: <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Legeros - 07/01/12 - 15:34

I was at both and went inside on both. Dagmar seemed to have more interior damage but the spread seems the same

206 - 07/01/12 - 15:35

Mike- Bethesda 421 was also on scene.

DH - 07/01/12 - 19:31

There are not a lot of hydrants in this neighborhood.....did that impact the ability to fight this fire?

Neighbor - 07/02/12 - 17:19

Neighbor, from what I have heard from those on scene, no. Each truck carries 1000 feet of our 5" supply line that connects to the hydrant and we can even go further than 1000' by utilizing additional trucks along the way to boost the pressure. Also the county departments like the ones that responded here train rigorously on water operations in areas without hydrants. What we will do is set up a "drop tank" which is basically a big folding 2100 gallon swimming pool and large tanker trucks will come and dump water into them. The truck that is pumping the fire will then suck the water out of the drop tank and send it down the line to the firefighters. Also most engines in Wake County (not the city of Raleigh) carry at least 1000 gallons of water on board at all times. So no fear your house is quite safe even if you are not near a hydrant!

The tricky part to this fire is that it had progressed so far before the fire department was even notified.

Friendly FF - 07/03/12 - 01:07

wow good catch 206 they look almost identical!

ff - 07/03/12 - 01:08

Incident description updated, and with a correction. No aerial stream, but deck gun used.

Legeros - 07/08/12 - 11:39

Does anyone know the cause of the fire? – Neighbor

Nicole - 07/08/12 - 16:49

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Wake County EMS Workhorses

07/01/12 30 W, 1 I - + 10 - 8

Paramedic ambulance, District Chief, and Advanced Practice Paramedic (APP). Posed in front of a location of historical significance to Wake County EMS. Click to enlarge:



The parking lot next to the old county home. Up the metal stairs on the exterior was the old home of EMS 2 until the current station was built. Tricky navigation down those stairs in the winter!

Donnie ([Email](#)) - 07/02/12 - 20:12

Wake EMS folks...I saw one of the old Garner trucks today, with a "simulation ambulance vehicle" sign on the side. What are these trucks used for?

Bo Bo - 07/03/12 - 01:38

It is a mobile training simulator. It has a sim man dummy in the back that mimics a patient and you are presented with a scenario. The sim man is controlled by a bunch of fancy electronics in the front of the ambulance and you are recorded and evaluated. It is a good way to get as close to a real world training scenario as possible by putting you in the back of a real truck. Everyone does it every other month.

EMS - 07/03/12 - 21:43

Here are some pictures of the simulator:

<http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2012-0..>

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Legeros - 07/03/12 - 22:21

Budget Highlights Around Wake County

07/01/12 205 W - + 10 - 2

Here are some fire department budget highlights found on the web, via news stories and budget documents. Lots of varied highlights with regard to personnel, equipment, vehicles, or facilities. The source material varied greatly. Didn't find any budget information for Garner or Wendell fire departments, alas.

- Apex - Station 3 roof replacement, Assistant Chief, Training Captain, three new Firefighter positions, prime mover for foam tender. Source: [Budget document](#) (PDF).
- Cary - Add 15 firefighters for Station 8 in Spring 2013, one pumper replacement. Source: [Budget web page](#).
- Fuquay-Varina - Add one full-time position, two AEDs, laptop for engine. Source: [Budget message](#) (PDF).
- Holly Springs - New rescue truck, extrication equipment. Source: [Cary News](#).
- Knightdale - Opticam system. Source: [Budget summary](#) (PDF).
- Morrisville - Three new firefighters, new light rescue. Source: [Budget summary](#) (PDF), [Cary News](#).
- Raleigh - See below. Source: [Budget web page](#).
 - Three replacement engines, one replacement ladder
 - Full funding of recruit academies.
 - Fire station HVAC system replacements
 - Fire station construction projects, with incremental funding over three years:
 - Replacement of Station 12
 - Replacement of Station 14
 - Acquire land for replacement of Station 3
 - Acquire land for Station 30, location to be determined.
- Zebulon - Replace Engine 91's 500 gallon tank with a 1000 gallon tank. Source: [N&O](#).

What part of Raleigh is Station 30 to be located in?

stretch - 07/02/12 - 11:02

I heard it was going in the auburn knightdale/ rock quarry rd area of raleigh.

charles - 07/02/12 - 14:29

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Today's House Fire in Creedmoor

07/01/12 55 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

WTVD has posted this photo of this afternoon's hosue fire in Creedmoor. The 9,000 square-foot home on Sam Moss Hayes Road was a total loss. Fire departments on scene included Creedmoor, Oxford, Brassfield, Corithn, Providence, Stony Hill, and Redwood. Three counties worth! Readers are welcome to add details...



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Derecho

07/02/12 70 W - + 6 - 7

Defined by Wikipedia as "a widespread and long-lived, violent convectively induced straight-line windstorm that is associated with a fast-moving band of severe thunderstorms in the form of a squall line usually taking the form of a bow echo." Here's a timelapse of the storm system that produced the "super derecho" that struck the DC area on Friday, and that still has millions without power.

Mike, in this storm the Derecho arrived about 15 minutes prior to the actual line of thunderstorms and presented itself suddenly as a wall of wind. It actually went from dead calm to 80 mph winds in about 2 seconds. (The nearest official weather station is in Galax and registered the initial wind wall @ 81mph) The destruction especially to the power grid in West Virginia and South West Virginia reminds me of what North Carolina experienced during Hurricanes Floyd, Fran or Hugo. Friday night shortly after the storms had passed it was reported that 70% of West Virginia was without power. There was 1 Line of Duty Firefighter death a couple of counties over in Franklin County Virginia. A Volunteer Firefighter was responding to a call when a tree fell on top of his vehicle. He died this morning.

Galax, Va - 07/02/12 - 23:28

Wait, I thought only 30% of West Virginia had power to begin with.

Spanky - 07/03/12 - 19:57

No, you're confused with teeth.

Galax, Va - 07/03/12 - 22:35

And your foreign-language lesson for today is:

In Spanish, "derecho" means "right".

There is nothing "right" about what happened from this storm. Oddly enough, though, they played the Congressional Tournament even without power in the buildings or a gallery. Hm.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/04/12 - 15:56

My limited understanding of the word's etymology is this, found on the web: As an adverb, derecho typically means "straight ahead" or "in a

straight line" as in anduvieron derecho, they walked straight ahead.

Legeros - 07/04/12 - 16:08

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Granville Perkins Watercolor Collection of Philadelphia Firehouses

07/02/12 128 W, 1 I - + 13 - 5

Found this this weekend, a collection of watercolor paintings of Philadelphia firehouses circa 1860. These are all volunteer companies, some of which would comprise the career department formed in 1871. These are probably the only representations of same readily available. Casual Google Maps Street View browsing finds a five that are still standing: Friendship Hose House - Sepviva and Norris Streets, Marian [Hose] House - 542 Queen Street, Shuykill Hose and Truck - 1227 Locust Street, Southwark Hose House - 512 South 3rd Street (and still looks like it!), Tivoli [Hose House] - 2200 Brown Street. Pretty neat. [View the collection](#) or Google for other access points to the collection. Or read about my [PFD engine house research](#).



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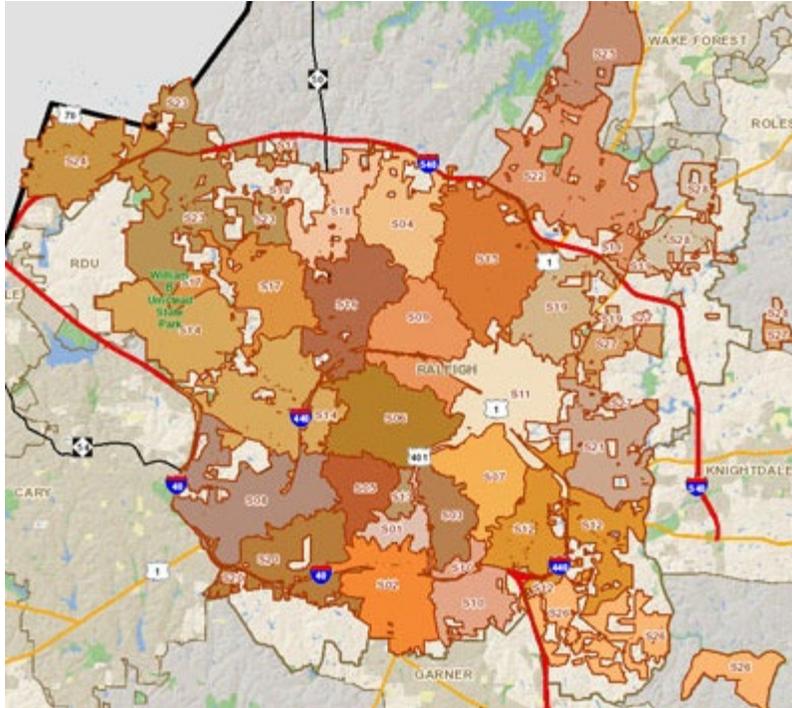
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IMAPS Application Adds Raleigh FD Response Districts

07/02/12 93 W, 1 I - + 5 - 8

The City of Raleigh and Wake County Geographic Information Services (GIS) organizations have launched Version 2.0 of IMAPS, which is the super-useful online mapping and property research tool. Among the enhancements are additional public safety map layers, which include Raleigh Fire Department response districts. That is, the first-due territory for each engine company. (Maybe ladder company layers in a future version? Or second-due territories? Or hydrant locations? We can hope...) Pretty neat. [Try iMAPS 2.0](#). Or [read this press release](#).



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Second Annual Brotherhood Bash, Friday, August 10

07/03/12 75 W, 1 I - + 3 - 5

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Brotherhood Bash on Friday, August 10. That's the weekend of the Raleigh Fire Expo. The location is again Napper Tandy's at 126 N. West Street in downtown Raleigh. Starts at 7:00 p.m. The sponsors are the Capital Area FOOLS and the Wake County Firefighters Association. (Good groups, both.) Here's the [Facebook event page](#). More information later. Here are photo's from [last year's bash](#).



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Coming in August: Fire Photography Panel, Raleigh Fire History Talk

07/03/12 227 W - + 7 - 2

Speaking of the Raleigh Fire Expo in early August-- better known as the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#), were the state's firefighters and state's fire chiefs and whole mess of exhibitors converge-- also mark your calendars for earlier on Friday, August 10. Yours Truly is participating in a pair of workshops:

[On Scene - Emergency Services Photography](#)

Friday, August 10

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Panel discussion moderated by Jeff Harkey (FireNews.net) and with panelists Mike Legeros (Raleigh/Wake County), Bob Bartosz (Rocky Mount/Nash County), Rob Brisley (Charlotte), and Mike Porowski (Charlotte/Mecklenburg County). Hopefully we'll have a hefty audience (in number, not mass) and thus a number of questions to answer or points to discuss. For a preview of what Legeros might talk about, [see these slides](#) (PDF) from a 2007 presentation on the subject.

[Centennial History of the Raleigh Fire Department](#)

Friday, August 10

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Looking back at two centuries of fire protection in the Capitol City, from Raleigh's creation in 1792, to the formation of the volunteer fire department in 1852, and the career fire department in 1912. Will also review general fire service history, and provide a contextual history of firefighting in North Carolina. For a preview, [see any of the slides](#) from earlier North Carolina Firefighting History or Raleigh Fire Department History talks.

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Fourth of July

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Happy Independence Day. Suggested activities are (a.) outdoor recreation, (b.) safety with regard to things that burn or explode, and (c.) reflections on the rewards (and the costs) of our freedom. Well, and maybe [watching 1942's Yankee Doodle Dandy](#) with James Cagney as George M. Cohen. That one's usually on cable today.



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Remembering Andy

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How about a pair of selections from his early recording career? Here's the great Andy Griffith, who passed away yesterday, singing a snappy rendition of *The Midnight Special*. Recorded in 1959. And one of his comic takes on a literature classic, *Romeo and Juliet*. It was part of his stand-up routine, and was also featured in an episode of the *Andy griffith Show*. It was also recorded in the late 1950s.

Sorry Mike. I know he did a lot to put NC on the map, so to speak. But I also heard several people that knew him personally say how mean and nasty he was, especially to his wife. I'm not sad that he's gone. I mourn in stead for the four men of the 145th Airlift Wing from NC ANG Charlotte, of which my good friend is a pilot, who perished when their C-130 went down in S. Dakota fighting the wildfire.

That seems a lot more relevant to me.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/04/12 - 15:51

Thank you for your opinion.

Legeros - 07/04/12 - 16:04

Thank you for posting, Mike. Andy Griffith was perhaps our state's greatest ambassador and personifies the phrase "North Carolinian." It is also of historical significance that he used our highway patrol in a few episodes. The earlier ones were actors with generic uniforms; however, in later episodes actual troopers were used with correct uniform/badge/patch of the time period.

Jason ([Email](#)) - 07/04/12 - 16:25

Duda, very true. When my sister was down at UNC-W she did an internship at Carolco Studios in Wilmington. Matlock was taped there; sis said he was a very nasty, mean old man. I know he was a voice in many folks homes around the area, so we'll just leave the rest alone.

Silver - 07/04/12 - 21:00

Just goes to show that no matter the good you do, or what we think you did, everyone has that 'other side' and all of our faults. However, I agree with Duda in that it seems the loss of our 145th Airlift Wing personnel are being lost in the media frenzy. However, in the grand scheme of things, Andy Griffith, even with his faults, put North Carolina on the map in a way, and with the persona he put forth on TV, he did give many people something to feel good about. In my mind, that is what I will remember him for and forgive him whatever faults he had.

DJ - 07/04/12 - 23:19

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Whoa

07/04/12 127 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

And then the skies opened, and Raleigh's warmest Fourth on record became one of the busiest for fire calls in several months. Can't readily recall the last such "storm surge." Three working fires in the city, on ~~Cobble Creek Lane~~ Oakshyre Way (house), Gemini Drive (house), and Wake Forest Road (commercial garage). A number of vehicle accidents on I-540 and I-440. Numerous other incidents and incident types. Plus special units detailed to special events. Ask dusk approaches, sounds like things are getting back to normal. Companies returning to their regular areas. Below is Ladder 2 operating on ~~Cobble Creek~~ Oakshyre . We'll get cracking on the pictures later, or maybe tomorrow. Fireworks to see downtown, first. And some clothes to dry out. Click to enlarge:



Also, one firefighter was injured on Cobble Court (correct street name Oakshyre Way) and transported to WakeMed. Have heard he's okay, but we're inquiring for official word. Recalling radio traffic, believe it occurred as interior crews were exiting due to deteriorating conditions. More information as it's known.

Legeros - 07/05/12 - 00:24

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Close-Knit Town Salutes Fallen N.C. Air Crew

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[Here's a story from today's *Charlotte Observer*](#), about the small South Dakota town of Edgemont and its reaction to Sunday's crash of a Charlotte-based Air National Guard C-130. Four crew members were killed and two injured while the aircraft was dumping retardant on a wildfire. Photographer John Minimum, of Edgemont, captured the craft on its next to last run over Craven Canyon, shown below.

[As this earlier *FireNews.net* story](#) reports (from [this *Charlotte Observer* story](#), and other sources), the crash killed Lt. Col. Paul Mikeal of Mooresville, Master Sgt. Robert Cannon of Charlotte, Joe McCormick of Belmont, and Captain Major Select Ryan Scott David of Boone. The two surviving crew members include Josh Marlowe of Shelby, who was seriously injured.

On Tuesday, flags on were flown at half-staff on all city property in Charlotte. On Wednesday, a moment of silence was observed before the city's fireworks show at Memorial Stadium. Governor Bev Perdue also ordered all North Carolina state flags to be lowered on Tuesday to honor the fallen Guardsmen.



John Minium/Charlotte Observer photo

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What is a Fire Buff?

07/05/12 1631 W - + 5 - 5

[This marvelous essay has been available for some time from [Mike's web site](#), and is from "Pictorial History of Firefighting" by Robert W. Masters, revised edition published in 1967 by Castle Books, New York, reprinted without permission. We posted this back in 2007. Let's revisit.]

What is a Fire Buff?

By Robert W. Masters

Bufs have been variously defined as "sidewalk superintendents of fires," as "fire-engine chasers who think they're the guys for whom the bell tolls," as "frustrated firemen," and as "smoked hams who are never quite cured." Irreverent as these definitions are, buffs have been called still nastier names by some firemen and chiefs. Traditionally, most professional fire-fighters look down on buffs, without good reason. The best behaved spectators at fires are usually the buffs. It is a principle of good buff behavior never to interfere or offer unsolicited suggestions, but to stand ready to perform any task requested. As buffs watch fires they resemble baseball fans watching home games. They cheer the direct hits and scoring plays, they groan at mishaps, and sometimes they tell each other the trouble started back when the second alarm was turned in too late. They may even criticize the chief for not bringing up the water tower to pinch hit for the deck pipe, but they'll say it quietly. Buffs are great rooters for the home town fire team, and they only wish they could be in there pitching.

Those fire chiefs who look down on buffs as nuisances might find on looking deeper into the subject that these men formed the core of auxiliary fire departments during World War II, when regular departments suffered draft gaps. In New York City, various buff clubs furnished most of the auxiliary personnel to man the fire alarm telegraph bureau. Overseas, Army, Navy and Marine fire departments were run by buffs, and a good many were cited for excellent duty. Even in peacetime, the Kansas City (Mo.) department, for example, has been forced to send out SOS calls for buff assistance, when strained to the limit by multiple coincident alarms. In case of another war, conflagrations may spread regular departments so thin, the buff is likely to become "the man of the hour" for chiefs to depend on.

A buff is not trained, but born. He's the boy who's always playing fireman, looking at pictures of fire engines and getting his daddy to take him to the fire house. Later, his childhood curiosity about fires develops into a mature understanding of the art of firefighting. He learns by watching and trading information with other buffs. But the original excitement and intense interest never diminishes.

Nothing can bring blood to the eye of a buff more quickly than being confused with the arsonist of the species... the fire-bug. The socially destructive pyromaniac bears as little resemblance to the intelligent buff as a fly does to a fly swatter. The bug's attention (if he's foolish enough to hang around) is centered on seeing how much damage his "pretty" flames can create. The buff is interested in seeing how much damage can be avoided and how quickly the flames can be controlled. A buff's hobby impresses him with the destructiveness of fire and keeps him alert to the dangers in his own home and neighborhood, making him an extremely valuable asset to any community.

The name "buff" originated in the hose-and-wagon days when enthusiasts with smoke-bleared eyes stood on icy street-corners for hours, huddled together tightly under buffalo robes. Firemen humorously named them "the buffaloes," which soon became "buff" for short. In some cities, they are known as "fire-fans" and in a few as "sparkies" but whatever they're called they're easily recognized. They're the boys who attend each major blaze with almost religious determination.

Buffing knows no social or class distinction. Doctors, lawyers, bakers, factory workers, grocery clerks and Wall Street financiers all answer the call of bell or siren. George Washington not only chased a goodly number of fires in his day, but also donated a hand-drawn hose cart to the volunteer department of Mount Vernon. Benjamin Franklin was a familiar figure in early Philadelphia firefighting. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes is remembered as a buff in Boston and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia in New York City. The radio comedian Peter Donald is a buff. Not to be outdone, the female "engine chasers" are represented by no less than Mrs. [Harry] Truman.

It is impossible to say how many buffs there are in existence today, and almost as difficult to find a community without one. There is a little buff in everyone-- who doesn't rush to the windows to see the fire engines whistling past?-- and many buffs hide their lights in unorganized areas. In large cities, where firefighting is a danger-filled occupation completely restricted to professional highly-trained men, buffs have organized clubs.

Many buff clubs have permanent club rooms where members can gather in off hours to pool their knowledge, discuss fire reports, examine old documents, and enjoy photographs and relics. Some clubs are fortunate enough to have a bell installed in their headquarters with fire department sanction, even though buffs seldom receive official civic recognition. At the clubhouse, the buffs listen to the calls pouring in from all parts of the city. It's a sure bet that, seconds after a second alarm comes in from a potentially hazardous area, little will be left of a clubhouse gathering but jangling hangers on an empty coat rack.

Bufs can reel off the locations of alarm boxes from their alarm numbers, some even recalling an entire large city system strictly from memory. In many cities, buffs carry their "bible" (the list of alarm box locations) with them at all times. One buff in New York City, Morris Heitowit, has even gone to the extent of printing a "bible" with other information to make up a Firemen's Manual for buffs to buy and enjoy.

True buffs seldom leave their radios. When they depart from the side of their club radio, tuned in always to the station broadcasting fire news, the members will go home listening to the same station on their car radios, and then keep an all-night half-waking vigil next to their bedroom radios. You'd be surprised how many buffs manage to attend early morning fires. Lately, some of the boys have converted their wives into buffs-- the ladies join their husbands at club functions and chase the engines too, rather than be left home alone.

New York City houses a number of buff clubs: The Fire Bell Club (where it's harder to become a member than in millionaire lodges), The Third Alarmers, and The "77" Club. To name a few, Philadelphia has the 1776 Club and The Second Alarmers, it's the Box 12 Association in Detroit and Toronto, the Box 52 Association in Boston, the Friendship Fire Association in Washington (D.C.) and the Phoenix Society in San Francisco. Buff utopia was reached recently by the Box Thirteeners in Cincinnati who now actively assist their city's firemen.

Becoming a buff club member is generally by-invitation-only, but since the fraternity is so closely knit the steady engine-chaser has little difficulty striking up acquaintances while watching fires. If there is an opening in the club membership, and the prospect's interest is sufficiently backed up with some technical knowledge of firefighting, he will be invited to apply for membership. Firemen of paid departments are not eligible for club membership. Occasionally, when a club member goes to join a paid department his club places him in a special nonvoting class where he still can participate in social functions and clubroom comradeship.

The pinnacle of success for a buff was achieved by Dr. Harry M. Archer, when he was appointed 2nd deputy fire commissioner of New York City, but refused to accept his salary in order to maintain his amateur buff standing. Dr. Archer believes he has attended more than 200,000 fires in his 60 years of buffing. When he began his medical career as an intern in the 1890's at Bellevue Hospital, there were no emergency stations at fires to take care of the burned and injured. Dr. Archer, of his own accord and often at his own expense, set up facilities at the scene of many disasters. Nobody called him at first, but he was always there... sometimes ahead of the firemen, and usually ahead of any other doctors. Today, at the age of 83, Dr. Archer is still active.

Just as a medical career can lead to buffing, so can buffing lead directly to a career: in news photography, as a fire insurance agent, as a writer, or possibly as a salesman for an equipment manufacturer. Many of the photographs in this book were taken by buffs arriving with firemen at the scene of a blaze. One well-known writer-buff for the past twenty years has gathered most of the material for his articles and books from on-the-spot observations. Some of the finest fire equipment salesmen have reached the top because they know their products from watching them in actual operation for years.

If you're not a buff you can't really know what a buff is. Those not infected with the desire to "chase fires" can't understand the buffs' deep inner urge to be on the spot when a blaze is in progress. One prominent buff explained his attitude this way, and it corresponds so closely to the attitude of the fire chief, it's worth noting: "I don't want anybody's house to burn down. But if yours does, God forbid, I want to be there to see it."

"Buff utopia was reached recently by the Box Thirteeners in Cincinnati who now actively assist their city's firemen."

Buff organizations in the Baltimore area have been actively supporting our emergency services organizations for many years!!

Since 1958 The Anne Arundel County Alarmers have proudly served the Anne Arundel County Fire and Police Departments and will gladly assist any surrounding jurisdictions when called.

http://www.freewebs.com/anne_arundel_ala..

It's interesting in the Baltimore area there are multiple "buff" organizations that run rehab/canteen units in support of the local emergency services. Box 414 Association in Baltimore City, the Central Alarmers & Box 234 Association in Baltimore County. These organizations even have mutual aid agreements. The Anne Arundel Alarmers have responded to Washington DC when the Friendship Fire Association needed assistance with multiple multiple alarm fires.

I know there were many cold nights that I was really glad to see that big white beast show up.

George Crosby ([Email](#)) - 07/06/12 - 11:30

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Umbrella Cam

07/05/12 69 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

How to take pictures in very heavy rain. Step one, place umbrella in crook of arm. Step two, place both hands on camera. Step three, good luck! See photos from yesterday on [Oakshyre Way](#) (house), [Gemini Drive](#) (below, house), [New Bern Avenue](#) (commercial structure), [Dixie Trail](#) (parade), and [various](#) (elsewhere). Didn't get to Wake Forest Road. Was grilling steaks.



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More Severe Weather, More Working Fires

07/07/12 122 W, 3 I - + 12 - 6

The hundred-plus heat wave has continued into the weekend. Thunderstorms have been passing through in the afternoons, and again sparked a string of fire calls on Friday. They included three working fires on Carterwood Court in Cary, Kings Castle Drive in Apex, and Legendary Lane in Morrisville. Believe all were started by lighting.

High winds brought down trees and power lines again, with a mess of damage around Apex. That included power lines across Highway 1 between Cary and Apex. Relief from this pattern is expected Monday or Tuesday.

Regarding the Morrisville fire, that's a two-story, wood-frame structure with 3,341 square-feet. Built 2011. Photos taken approximately 19 minutes, 47 minutes, and 65 minutes into the incident. [See more photos from Legeros.](#)





Run card for Morrisville included Morrisville P3, E1, L2, C3, C1, Durham Highway R5, R1, P4, Bay Leaf P258, P____, Durham E13, EMS 4, EMS 34, D5, T1.

Legeros - 07/07/12 - 11:01

Bay Leaf P-121 responded to relieve the crew on P-258 for shift change.

Bob Edmundson - 07/07/12 - 11:11

Thank goodness they didn't close BLVFD #3!

Vollie - 07/07/12 - 15:38

Vollie....do i detect a negitive tone?

Maybe I read you wrong.

Buckwheat - 07/07/12 - 23:56

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Morning Reading - July 7, 2012

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Good morning Raleigh. Getting ready to go north in another week or so. The Baltimore Fire Expo beckons. The current travel plans are as follows: Monday night on the road, Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Philadelphia, Thursday and Friday nights in Baltimore, and Saturday and Sunday nights outside D.C. The adventure begins with explorations of former and historic Philly firehouses. [Read about that project](#) on the PhillyFireNews discussion board. Then seeing the gang at the Expo. Then conclude with a couple days of recreation, including one of my favorite place for two-stepping, Cancun Cantina in Hanover, MD.

- [Renovations cause recent fires in New Bern](#) - From a reader, here's a Sun-Journal story about a trio of house fires on June 29. One was the Charles Slover House, where Civil War general Ambrose Burnside and Pepsi Cola inventor Caleb Bradham lived. The house was built between 1848 and 1849. Thanks, Joel!
- [Woodland's new engine from Wake Forest](#) - Also from a reader, here's a Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald story about the fire engine purchased for one dollar that we [blogged about earlier](#). They wrote the better headline: Truck for a Buck.
- [New and improved Raleigh/Wake County RadioReference radio feed](#) - Jeff Harkey and Mike Legeros have joined forces to improve the reception of the live audio feed named Wake County and Raleigh Fire on RadioReference.com. The archives, however, require a subscription. But it's very reasonably priced.
- [ECFA fire department assistance named Elwood Inscoe Fire Department Asstance Grant](#) - Last month's news from the NC OSFM, about the new name for an Eastern Carolina Firefighters Association grant. It's named for H. Elwood Inscoe, a former Rocky Mount Fire Department captain who joined OSFM in 1958. He was honored with a lifetime membership in the ECFA in 2010. Thanks Ken!
- [As furniture burns quicker, firefighters reconsider tactics](#) - New York Times story from July 1, about experiments this month on Governor's Island in New York City. (The story's been covered on assorted fire sites and blogs as well.) The fire department will burn 20 vacant row houses and test some of their core theories about ventilation and cooling. All in the context of the department's culture of aggressive interior firefighting. The results should be education for everyone. Thanks for sending, Paul.
- [Philly firefighter makes rescue, readers discuss response by fire administration](#) - Firehouse.com story that's good reading for the reader discussion, and the passionate opinions about risk versus reward. Might inspire some role-based thinking. Firefighter versus training officer versus safety officer versus fire administrator. Same team, same mission, but with differences.
- [The most beloved member of the fire station](#) - Dave Statter surfaces a heartwarming CBS Evening News video segment about a special man whose been fixture for 60 years at a fire station in Lansing, MI.

Hey Mike,

Can you clarify what is covered on the Wake county/Raleigh Fire feed?

Eric - 07/07/12 - 16:24

The Wake/Raleigh fire feed sounds clear.

Seems like the tac channels are garbeled and not very clear.

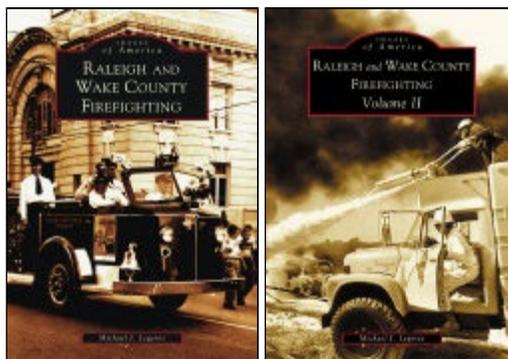
Maybe it's my computer but hey...it's great to even have the feed up and running anyways.

Buckwheat - 07/10/12 - 10:34

If You Can't Say Something Nice

07/07/12 1043 W, 6 I - + 5 - 4

Several years ago I wrote a couple books about local fire departments. These were photo histories of Raleigh and Wake County firefighting. They were softcover volumes, about 220 pages each. (And bargain priced at \$19.95, list!) They contained relatively little writing-- a couple pages of introductory text, and captions for around 200 images. So maybe "authored" is a better word than "written" here.



Both books contained errors. Small, medium, and big mistakes. The whopper was probably the wrong picture of old Station 6 in the first chapter of the first book. Sure, it looked like a former firehouse. Had two stories and everything. But the right building is right next door. A single-story affair, half of which the fire station occupied. (Lists of these errors, by the way, is available at www.legeros.com/books.)

The authoring process provided a valuable or perhaps invaluable lesson in limitations. Despite my best attempts at accuracy and clarity and artistic expression, the results were flawed. The books contained imperfection. There were things that I didn't like. They were typos, like Falls off Neuse instead of Falls of Neuse. There were boo boo's, like the aforementioned photo. Or, get this, the claim that Raleigh's first paid fire chief was the first one in America. Wrong!



(That howler came from a general history book about Raleigh. The correct statement might be that Fire Chief Sherwood Brockwell was the youngest full-time chief in the country at the time. Or maybe one of the youngest.)

There were also errors of omission. Things worthy of inclusion, but which weren't included. For example, there's no reference to the city's first line of duty death. Why not? During my period of research-- and when Yours Truly was just learning to walk as a historian-- only the sketchiest of facts presented themselves. Opting for safety over sorrow, the then-incomplete tale of Vernon Smith was left untold. (I didn't even have a photograph to write a caption about! That picture-- of the overturned engine-- was found on eBay a couple years later.)



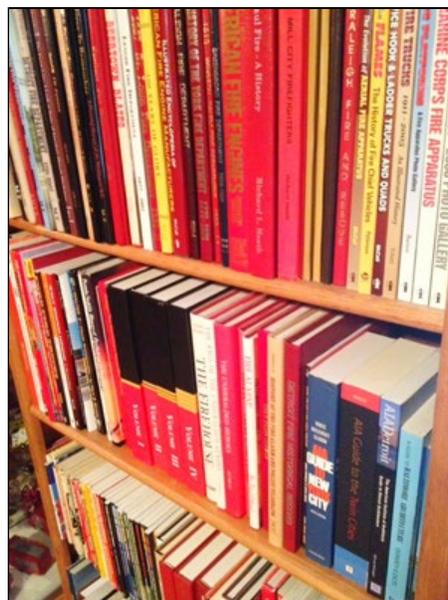
And, obviously, there were a whole mess of facts and figures that were clarified or corrected or worthy of expansion, as discovered upon subsequent research for the second book. And which has continued from that point to present day. But that's the nature of timing and opportunity.

A couple years ago, a bunch of us local history authors appeared at Barnes & Noble at Crabtree. I asked this question of the most experienced author: "How can you write history books that don't contain mistakes?" Her answer: "Don't write books."

What she meant, of course, was that the process of researching history and writing about history (and the process to get them published) contains a margin of error that's always there.

Something else happened to me in the process of becoming Author Man. I developed a critical eye toward these types of books. I became increasingly discriminating with regard to, accuracy of historical information, aesthetics and quality of old photos, and the totality of this thing called a "fire history book."

I haven't written any more history books about firefighting-- not yet, at least-- but I have bought or read quite a few. Say, three or four dozen over the years. And guess what? That critical eye has been staring coldly and at times unsatisfactorily at those nifty new books.



Boy, oh, boy, the things that I've seen. Inconsistencies of writing or editing styles. Bad cropping or poor color correction of images. Lame layouts of pages. Poor quality reproductions of photographic or digital images. Factual mistakes. And so on.

In fact, some (just some?) of same things that you'll find in *Raleigh & Wake County Firefighting* and *Raleigh & Wake County Firefighting, Volume II*. (Should this physician heal thymself first? He hopes to, and will someday write-- er, author-- more fire history books and with fewer errors per chapter than the first go-around.)

But parenthetical asides aside...

So there he sits, man in his man cave, in that room over the garage with the fire engine-red walls (the former owners were State fans), and pouring over some new fire history/apparatus/buff book. And he's just shaking his head. Maybe it's just a few flaws. Maybe it's a whole book of them. Usually, it's somewhere in the middle.

And... so what?

"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all," goes the familiar refrain. Is there really any good reason to rant about these things? (This is a rant about ranting, so it's justified!) Is there a tangible value in calling attention to quality issues in fire history books?

Honestly, I don't know.



Fire history books and fire apparatus books and fire buff books are such a relatively rarity that any new release is a reason to celebrate. Based on my brief period in the author's seat, there are going to be flaws. There's inherent imperfection in getting from here (idea of book) to there (copy of book).

Advances in digital photography and digital publishing aren't helping things, either. It's easier than ever for people to take digital photos. The results, however, don't always have the resolution of a photographic print. (And if that lower-resolution shot is the only shot you have, well...)

It's also increasingly easy to create book-like content using desktop computing applications. These can be created in shorter periods of time, and in greater quantity. This can also impact quality. (A six-month book project is a world of difference from a six-year book project.)

And, let's be honest, not every author has at their disposal the North Carolina State Archives, their collection of News & Observer and Raleigh Times negatives dating to the 1940s, and months and years of free time for photo (and caption) research. (Those were the conditions of creating the Raleigh and Wake County books.)

Is there a point to my points, then? Beyond just a plea from Yours Truly to "please make better books?"

Maybe that's it.

Dear authors, please strive for quality. Your discriminating readers will appreciate it.

Thank you.

Nice article Mike.

It is tough to be comprehensive, accurate and correct. It seems like some buff books are assembled from a collection of someone's photos, with the captions coming from someone else.

The same situation exists with technical and textbooks. I remember cringing when reading the first edition of Fire Officer when preparing to write the second edition. While the writing got better, there are things in the second edition that make me hang my head.

Maybe the third edition will be perfect (... who am I kidding!). Always appreciate your work and perspective.

Mike Ward ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 07/07/12 - 13:55

Thanks for the thanks, Mike. And we must admit to our influences and sources. I have stood and continue to stand on many shoulders. With historical information, each core "fact" is going to "travel down the line." Hopefully accuracy is preserved, and through citation and paraphrasing and rewriting. But there's this pesky problem with the authors: they're human! Just, say, handwriting some notes in a library can introduce errors, or they can manifest when those notes are typed onto a computer, and then again when retyped in a manuscript, and then again at the hands of an editor. Etcetera. One day I shall enthusiastically shout "no more books! That's it!"

Legeros - 07/07/12 - 14:04

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House Fire in Chapel Hill

This Afternoon's House Fire in Chapel Hill

07/07/12 94 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

[WTVD has posted](#) about 30 seconds of footage of this afternoon's major house fire at 6814 Mimosa Drive just outside Chapel Hill. The fire departments on scene included New Hope, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Eno, Efland, Hillsborough (Orange Rural), and Durham, as reports [this News & Observer story](#). The 3,700 square-foot, 2 1/2-story structure was built in 1998. The structure was fully involved when the first engine arrived from the New Hope station about a half-mile away. One firefighter was transported for heat exhaustion. The temperature this afternoon was 100 degrees.



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Orange Blossom Special

07/08/12 113 W - + 8 - 2

For your Sunday morning entertainment, let's go off-topic with a musical (and comic) interlude. Here's Roy Clark and a number of other talented instrumentalists performing the fiddler's national anthem "Orange Blossom Special" in concert in 1987. The quality of the footage isn't the greatest, but the audio recording is ace. The train song was written by Ervin. T. Rouse in 1938, and the first recording made one year later. Notes the Wikipedia entry, for a long time you couldn't get hired in a bluegrass band as a fiddler unless you could play the song. It's also a great number for drummers, one of my favorites for playing along.

Great find Mike! This little tune is also featured on the soundtrack for Smokey and the Bandit, which is one of my favorites!

T. Loy ([Email](#)) - 07/08/12 - 23:26

And there's a bit of "Beer Barrel Polka" in there on the banjo, no less!

Legeros - 07/09/12 - 21:11

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Fire Chiefs of the Raleigh Fire Department

07/08/12 99 W, 1 I - + 10 - 2

Here's a new poster created by the Raleigh Fire Museum, showing the career fire chiefs of the Raleigh Fire Department. From 1912 to 2012; from Brockwell to McGrath. The 16x20 poster will be displayed during the museum's regularly montly opening this Saturday, July 14. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. It's located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. Learn more [about the museum](#), or learn more [about Raleigh's fire chiefs](#). Click **once or twice** to enlarge:



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by Lee Wilson

Former Firehouses by Lee Wilson

07/08/12 59 W, 8 I - + 5 - 6

Photographer Lee Wilson has photographed a number of former firehouses during his explorations of nearby counties this spring and summer. Left to right, top to bottom are Pine Level, Bunnlevel, Flat Branch, Wade, Angier-Black River, Salemburg, Roseboro, and Spencer. Click to see larger versions. [See more of his random photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photos

Anderson Creek's former station is in there too.

lee - 07/09/12 - 01:34

Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter, Summer 2012

07/09/12 89 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

The summer 2012 edition of the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* has been posted to to the web site raleighfirenews.org. This issue's includes information about the restoration of the old steamer, office space changes, a new foam trailer, a budget summary, and highlights of the centennial celebration. Plus the usual recap of recent promotions, appointments, and retirements. Edited by department historian Mike Legeros, the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* is a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. [Read the issue](#) , or click to access:



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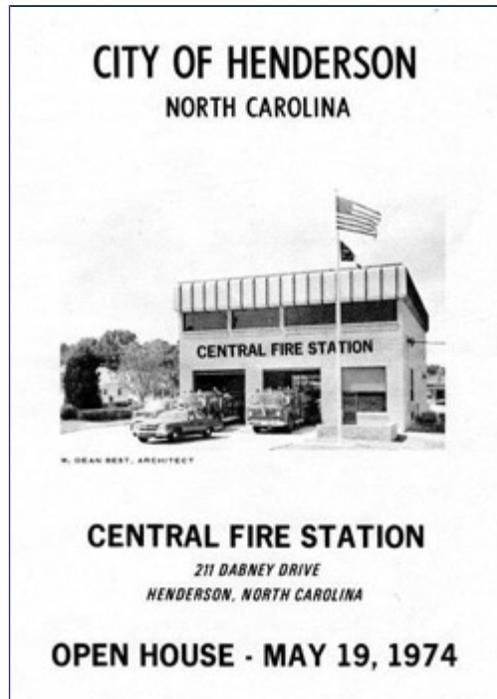
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Henderson Central Fire Station Open House, 1974

07/09/12 82 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Here's a nifty artifact from a reader as shared via Facebook, the program for the opening of Henderson's Central Fire Station on May 19, 1974. The engine house at 211 Dabney Drive replaced the old Central Fire Station at 205 N. Garnett Street. That building, built in 1908 and later shared by City Hall, remained open as Fire Station 2. It's presently the oldest active fire station in the state. [Click to view the program](#) as a PDF document. Thanks, Thomas!



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North Charleston's New Fire Boat

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'Twas dedicated on July 4. Metal Craft Marine built the 32-foot craft that's powered by a pair of Cummins diesel engines. Top speed 43 knots, and can pump over 2,000 gallons per minute through four monitors. Named W. Frank New, in honor of the fire chief. Read [Post & Courier story](#), or see this [press release](#). News reports say it's the first fireboat for the Charleston area. Could that be right? Seems like CFD or even the Navy might've operated one way back in the day.



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Fairview Announces New Fire Chief

07/09/12 119 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

The Fairview Rural Fire Department Board of Directors today announced the selection of David Price as Fire Chief. He begins his position on July 30, 2012. Price, a Captain at Bay Leaf Fire Department, is a 32-year veteran of the fire service in Wake County. He joined the Yrac Fire Department in 1980, was hired by Bay Leaf as a Firefighter/Engineer in 1985, and was promoted to Captain in 1991. He's served seven terms as Secretary and three terms as President of the Wake County Firefighters Association. He's also served three terms on the Wake County Fire Commission. He's presently the Chairman of the commission's compensation and equipment committees. Congratulations David!



Congrats David! We look forward to working with you on the south side. From Fuquay.

next door - 07/09/12 - 22:25

Congrats to David Price and Fairview Fire Department

Russell - 07/10/12 - 11:38

Way to go David, good luck

Rob Mitchell - 07/10/12 - 15:42

Congratulations Chief Price!

Mike Hart - 07/11/12 - 10:20

Congratulations David! I just visited Bayleaf's site and saw that you retired...I wish I had known and I would have tried to make it! Congratulations on this new chapter, I know you gave alot of your blood, sweat and tears there.

Bryan Bauman - 09/06/12 - 17:32

West Sanford Fire Department

07/11/12 138 W, 3 I - + 9 - 6

Photographer Lee Wilson took this photo yesterday of Orange Grove Fire Department's 1985 Ford/Grumman pumper-tanker. The truck originally served West Sanford Fire Department in Lee County. The department merged with Northview Fire Department on July 1, 2010. As this [Sanford Herald story reported](#), their district had shrunk to only 267 homes and 12 businesses. (The district included a small portion of southcentral Chatham County.) Memo to self, add WSFD to my [database of former fire departments](#).



Lee Wilson photo

After the merger, the station on Cumnock Road in northwestern Lee County became a substation for NFD. The West Sanford Fire Department was incorporated in 1956, say state records. Below are two more photos from Lee, showing the former NSFD station and the earlier (original?) NSFD station. They are across the street from each other.





Lee Wilson photos

McAdenville VFD and Cramerton FD in Gaston County have merged and is now Cramerton VFD with two stations.

rocket33 - 07/11/12 - 16:25

Sharp Grumman in the pic. Reminds me of Yrac #3 (later #292). Call me crazy, I always liked the lime paint jobs.

DJ - 07/12/12 - 10:59

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Like This Blog on Facebook

07/11/12 116 W - + 7 - 4

With a whopping 117 "likes" on Facebook, let's see if we can raise that number a bit. [Visit this blog's Facebook page](#) and click LIKE. It's that simple. You'll see these blog postings in your Facebook stream. And you can comment and start discussions on those threads, as well here. (And with no approval required for comments on Facebook!) Also, while you're social media-ing, consider following the [blog on Twitter](#) as well. Real easy to find, it's simply @legeros. (And does Mr. Blogger get, with more people liking and more people following? More eyeballs. More reach. Ego expansion. That's about it. Still haven't wanted to make money on this thing...)

Why Would I like this Blog, you want approve my Opinionated Comments, even if it is about Raleigh. You doosche.

Upset - 07/12/12 - 08:07

Point taken. Thanks for expressing yourself.

These days, my criteria for comment approval is along these lines: Signed comments get greater latitude than anonymous comments. Personal attacks aren't permitted across the board, however. Sh&t-stirring comments rarely make the cut, as well. Tactical criticism isn't a favorite of mine on this blog, either. That hasn't proven itself as a value-add on this site, with these users, and within this fire service community. (But Mike, you're always linking to places like Statter911, and they hold nothing back in those comments. What's with the double-standard?) What works in one place doesn't always work in other. For years, the QBs and KICs (Keyboard Incident Commanders) posed their questions and offered their advice on this blog. They've chewed over many a fire in Raleigh and Wake County. You can search the blog for those (in)famous threads. The problem is that they caused heartburn to the guy that runs this site. Blame him. Maybe he's just a softie. Or a doosche. Thanks for reading.

Legeros - 07/12/12 - 08:29

Maybe the comments don't get approved because of spelling and grammar?

E14 - 07/12/12 - 08:34

One of my favorite quotes from an e-mail signature seen long ago: "Please don't attribute to bad spelling what is poor typing."

Legeros - 07/12/12 - 08:36

For myself, I'm happy with your criteria. If a person can't put their name or "handle" on a comment, then do they really mean what they wrote; do they not want to be identified with the comment? If not, you probably shouldn't have written it in the first place. I also praise you for not allowing pot-stirring or derisive criticism of management decisions – if they made a mistake, odds are they know it, and have to live with it. I think you offer criticism in the proper context when/where it is warranted. Reminds of an editor I know of, of a weekly sports journal for a sports team, was offered the job by the owner, and replied he would take it only if he could also be critical of the team when performance warranted it. He got the job, and the criticisms he hands out are always in good taste. Some folks just don't want to see or hear things/comments when those disagree with their own views. In my world, you do not fall into the mentioned category. Let's try finding someone else who would take on the tasks that you do around Ral/WC.

Tim B (Email) - 07/12/12 - 09:02

Thanks, Tim. A future version of this blog will use Facebook for comments. That will negate the need to approve incoming comments. Will heated discussions also return? Maybe. The thing about firefighters is that their conversational centers are calibrated to the Moderately Confrontational setting. Must be from years of day room conditioning...

Legeros - 07/12/12 - 09:16

KIC... that's good!

DJ - 07/12/12 - 10:56

Mike...what is a doosche ? I like your site, and keep up the good work..... Maybe Upset is a doosche-mag

RIP Falls Fire - 07/12/12 - 13:08

Thanks RIP. I think a doosche mag is the type of flashlight that I carry in my camera case.

Legeros - 07/12/12 - 13:51

Mike, we've never had this before in our area until you came along. You and Lee do a great job and put a lot of heart into what you do, so keep up the good work and a big "Thanks", from all of us that appreciate you.

As for "Upset", well, he's a DOUCHE (proper spelling).

Silver - 07/12/12 - 14:43

Great web site and a great service to fire fighters in Wake County. Mike has the right to post or not post comments. It is his site. This is from the point of view from a guy with 39 years of service as a volunteer.

Bob Edmundson - 07/12/12 - 16:16

Thanks Silver, Thanks Bob. Correct spellings of feminine hygiene products notwithstanding, I can understand his frustration. I follow another board, and don't always agree with the moderator(s). It can be quite annoying, but I accept their prerogative. If you run the show, you get to call the shots. You get to be the doosche. And those unhappy with the system can go elsewhere or build their own or simply endure. What would I change if I had to start all over again? Everything and nothing, including the evolution from wide-open to moderated comments. The fits and starts and upsets and apologies have all been entirely necessary. They've produced the learning that, to me, is as crucial as the entertainment. Have fun, but have growth. (Yes, this blog is educational. Tell your station captain that this counts as "school." Let me know what happens.)

Legeros - 07/12/12 - 16:55

Well Now that I have read the expectations for this blog, I can understand why. You sir may not be a Douche, however in the moment of Rage about not having comments, which actually had very valid points in them, I blurted out somethings. Kind of like KeyBoard Turrets. But hey, it got a lot of comments for proper spelling and grammar, which brings up a good point. Why don't incorporate spell check on here?

Not as Upset - 07/12/12 - 22:33

That little red line under most of your words indicates that they are not spelled correctly. Right click it and see the magic! But based on reading your most recent comment, you might want to just slow down and edit your work before you submit or sign up for English 110. It's pretty hard to take a blogger's "opinionated" statements seriously when they can not form a sentence at the eight grade reading level.

To: Not as upset - 07/13/12 - 07:29

Regarding spell-checking, some web browsers provide this feature. On my computer, the Firefox web browser does this. When I am typing into a "text box" on a web page, a little red line will appear underneath misspelled words. Right-clicking on that word will, as the last commenter notes, "show the magic."

Regarding grammar and forming sentences and such, there are some variables worth considering. Not everyone expresses themselves as well as they might want, when typing into a text box on a web page. (These days, they might even be posting a comment from a smart phone. Talk about a typing challenge!) Here's a tip that I posted some time ago, and one that I often use myself. Don't start typing your thoughts on the blog. Instead, open Microsoft Word or even a blank e-mail message. Write and re-write. Get your thoughts good. Save them, if you get interrupted. When ready to post, copy and paste into the text field on the web page. Works every time.

Regarding writing in general. Is this a skill that's undervalued in the fire service? Quite possibly. Why does a firefighter need to write well? (That's the age-old question! "Why does a firefighter need to...") Odds favor that you'll be engaged in job-related written communication at some point, and probably pretty early in your career. But, you ask, does it really matter if that writing is "good" versus "just okay?" I think so.

First, there's the problem of perception. Poor or weak writing can produce a perception of poor or weak intelligence. Around the fire station, or a small department, maybe not an issue. Everyone knows everyone, and they know the different "smarts" that a particular person has. Maybe that understanding or benefit of doubt is shared department- or industry-wide as well. But what about the general public? What about other city or county officials? What opinions and judgments might they be forming? Think on that one for a bit.

Second, there's the core issue of communication. Writing serves to communicate thoughts. The better the first person writes, the better the second person understands. Come on, admit it. Raise your hand (which I just typed as you're hand, then I caught myself) if you've ever said

to someone else "I thought you meant something else by that e-mail message." Or, for that matter, "I didn't really understand what you were saying, so I just deleted the message." You get the idea.

My goodness, look at the length of this comment. Great example of a long comment that might benefit from editing. If I had more time, I'd copy and paste this puppy into Microsoft Word. Then I'd re-read the thing. Then I might edit a bit. Then I'd copy and paste back into this text field.

(Bonus tip. Here's the single best way to write better. Read what you wrote out loud. Not in a mumbling, under-the-breath voice. Read or say the words in the same volume that you'd talk to another person. Pretend someone is with you, and read it out loud. So effective it's scary.)

Legeros - 07/13/12 - 07:52

Writing is a basic skill that is fundamental in this career just as any other profession. This does not mean writing at the college level, but simply at the 10th grade level. We write EMS reports that can be used in court. Once promoted we will be writing evaluations and fire reports. Writing is a necessary skill of professional firefighting.

With regards to this blog;

If you can't express yourself at a 10th grade level, then you are not worth reading.

e14 - 07/13/12 - 08:11

Thanks, e14.

Disagree, to a degree. I am wary (or maybe also weary) of exclusionary thinking. I see your point, but think there's value in the sharing of thoughts despite any weaker writing skills.

Legeros - 07/13/12 - 08:18

And, here's a short version of my thoughts above on writing:

Poor typing does not equal poor writing does not equal poor thinking.

But it's deceptively easy to think otherwise.

Legeros - 07/13/12 - 08:21

Something I heard from a very experienced Chief officer the other day... (not pertaining to this blog). Essentially (paraphrased): "If a person has something to offer that is negative, it is because they are inexperienced and unprofessional. The experienced professional will quickly identify they have been in those "shoes" before and if something is said, it will be positive or encouraging so the error is not repeated... only fools make the same mistake twice." Simple yet solid words. In my opinion, maybe we should "practice" brotherhood more rather than "just saying" it. BTW, Redneck spelling is: "doosh"

A.C. Rich - 07/13/12 - 09:06

To begin with, I don't mind putting my name and e-mail on my posts. This is not meant to be inflammatory or derogatory. And if this offends you, perhaps you're one of those of whom I speak.

(Its) (knot) about (pour) (righting)/typing skills as much as it is about spelling, grammar, punctuation, and usage. (Inn) this day and age of technology, it is inexcusable (four) anyone to misspell or misuse a word, leave out punctuation, or use improper grammar. Many people put (two) much emphasis on speed over quality. That hurts my eyes. Just because (your) using a keyboard instead of pencil and paper, (yew) shouldn't be excused from using proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and usage (their, they're, and there, for example). If you don't (no) (witch) is appropriate, perhaps you should ask instead of inserting (won) and hoping it's right. Considering the education level that many employers require (fore) employment and advancement within an organization, (eye) (cant) believe some of the atrocities I've (scene) over the last few years as the current generation comes into the workforce. Is it the fault of the schools for not teaching the basics, does fault lay at home with parents not checking behind their children's work, or is this generation just (to) lazy (too) care about sounding and looking poorly educated? Personally, I'm appalled at myself if I misspell or misuse a word, even in something simple like a text message (damned auto-correct!). Worse than that is that all these abbreviations and typing shortcuts from the digital world have leaved into every-day writing. EVERYBODY should be appalled by that. My father was a science teacher for 22 years, and was an English minor (which meant he could substitute as an English teacher). Both my sister and I had a good basis for grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage from the start. Perhaps

after almost 37 years, that's why I cringe when I see the things (sum) people consider OK for the rest of the (whirled) to (sea) as an example of (they're) educational level.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/13/12 - 09:23

Mike, While I like the thought of using Facebook for posts, it does present a problem for some of us who read and post to your blog at work. I do not know about Raleigh, but where I work, Facebook is blocked from our computers. Just a thought as you move forward. I have a quote from my first Fire Chief, Ray Thaxton from Holly Springs, that I share with my son on a regular basis. "You have two eyes, two ears, and one mouth. If you look and listen twice as much as you talk, you will be just fine." I have not always lived by those words, but when I do, it has worked out very well.

Donaldson - 07/13/12 - 09:35

Where's the "Like" button for Donaldson's quote?

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/14/12 - 14:56

We haven't talked about listening in this thread. And that's also part of the equation. Using your ears (and your brain) before speaking or, in this case, typing your response. Yeah, yeah, electronic communication makes it SO easy. That REPLY button with e-mail. That comment field for a blog posting.

Be honest, how good are you at counting to ten? On e-mail, there's a magical RECALL feature. I've used that baby more times than I can count. What's the equivalent of RECALL on the blog? Duh! Send a message to me. I am happy to remove something that you've thought about, and thought it better left unsaid. (Or at least, no longer read.)

You can also supplement yourself. As you think about it later, or watch others respond to your words, you can further explain yourself. "This is what I was trying to say..." is a powerful phrase. Or go whole hog with "I apologize for the miscommunication." Tricky business, this thing called talking (and writing). Compounded by the annoying fact that the participants are human beings.

Legeros - 07/15/12 - 10:28

The worst part of text is that, without the unprofessional and goofy addition of "emoticons", it's difficult to convey the inflection of sarcasm, happiness, chagrin, etc. What one meant as a friendly jibe can be taken completely wrong and start a firestorm of bad feelings.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/17/12 - 09:49

The Upset guy could have meant it as a friendly name call. Which I mean Dousche, Dooshe, Douce, Douche, or however you spell it, can be taken any way you want. He could have meant it in a way such as "you dooshe"- I hate you and your blog sucks, or "you Dooshe"- unspecified meaning or joking manner, or "you Dooshe"- I just think you should approve the comments occasionally. Whatever this means, after 24 comments, I believe the subject has been looked at from all views, as some would say, "beaten like a dead horse". All people have opinions and Blogs are mostly opinions when you have topics as this one. And my Final thought, as you state earlier in the post, KIC's, this blog post looks almost like a Wake County Critique/ Wake County KIC covention , everybody sits around and runs someone, somebody, or some department in the ground. Where's the Brotherhood, haven't ya'll ever joked around in the Fire Station/House before?

Who Cares? - 07/17/12 - 20:09

Thanks Who Cares? It's worth noting that many of those 24 comments are from me! Not sure we've necessarily heard a collective perspective.

If there's a single lesson that I have learned from running this blog, it's that skins are a lot thinner when criticism or just chops-busting is done anonymously.

Legeros - 07/17/12 - 11:24

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On Being a Doosche and Writing Well

07/13/12 107 W - + 7 - 2

Great conversation is happening on this [earlier blog thread](#), which started as a request for more "likes" on Facebook. We'll blame Mr. Blogger's ego for that one. Reader comments have taken the thread into a couple different places. Yesterday, we talked about moderating comments and the criteria for allowing or not allowing their posting. Today, the topic is spelling, grammar, and writing skills. Does a firefighter need to write well? What the heck's the value in that? (Wrong, the answer is not "so they can get better on blogs.") [See my answer and join the conversation.](#)

Which Red is the Real Red?

07/14/12 82 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

As photographed at last night's recruit academy graduation, he's a fine example of sun versus shade with regard to the color of fire apparatus. These two trucks were painted with the same shade of red. When seen (or shot) in direct sunlight, it's a bright, vibrant shade of red. When shaded or under a cloudy sun, it's a deep, dark shade of red. See photos from last night by [Legeros](#) and [Lee](#). Click to enlarge:



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Fire Commission Meeting - July 19, 2012

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The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Wake County EMS Training Facility, in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building, [4011 Cary Drive](#). See below agenda and related documents. (Blog Man will be in Baltimore, so send me some highlights!) See [this earlier posting](#), to learn more about this governing body.

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
 - Approval of Agenda
- Minutes
 - Adoption of Minutes for May 10, 2012, Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - FY 2013 Fire Tax Budget Update
 - Consider Recommended Amendment to Fire Compensation Administrative Guidelines
- Information Agenda
 - Fire Tax Financial Report
 - Post Incident Review Program Update
 - Fire Services Training Division Update
 - Chair Report
 - Fire and Emergency Management Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments
 - 30 minutes maximum time allotted, Maximum 3 minutes per person
- Adjournment - Next Meeting September 20, 2012

Documents

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of the May 10, 2012 Regular Meeting
3. Regular Agenda - Consider Recommended Amendment to Fire Compensation Administrative Guidelines
4. Information Agenda - Post Incident Review Program Update
5. Fire Services Training Division Update

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Twenty Three Years Ago

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Speaking of graduation ceremonies, last night's activities took me back a double decade to May 26, 1989. That's Raleigh Fire Department recruit M. J. Legeros presenting a plaque from his academy to the members of the training staff. (Those being Lane, Gattis, and Dunn.) Included on the plaque was a picture our class taken at the Governor's Mansion. Started a tradition there! (How did he get that gig? Drew straws. And with explicit instructions to "don't screw up, Lou.")¹. Ours was a 14-week academy and we numbered nineteen. Among the positions being filled was the opening of Station 20, in January that year.

The members of what was later numbered Academy 13 (!) were Palmer L. Buck, Gregory R. Bridges, Donald L. Deyo, Tony Edmundson, Dennis A. Gaither, Daniel H. Haines, Charles A. Hodge, Robin R. Johnson, Todd E. Jones, J. Anthony Lane, Michael J. Legeros, Randall E. Mayo, Doug T. Melville, S. Alan Moody, R. Fred Noble, Robert M. Pearce, A.C. Rich, Barry D. Spain, and Jerry L. Ward. Talk about a cast of characters! And, indeed, friendships were formed that have lasted a lifetime. Click to enlarge:



¹Was nicknamed "Lou" as a shortened formed of mispronounced "Lou-geros." Believe Tramp coined that one. Here's some of the crew in present day, at a reunion breakfast a couple years ago. Click to enlarge:



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NCSU Fire Marshal's New Wheels

07/14/12 48 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

Seen on scene on Partners Way on the Centennial Campus this afternoon. Fire alarm with smoke found in building with fire found in trash can with sprinkler system found activated. Extensive overhaul, plus investigation for possible haz-mats. Photos later. Click to enlarge:



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Changing Times

07/15/12 53 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

Lee Wilson took this photo this week of Johnston EMS units at the Clayton EMS station. Effective July 1, they assumed emergency medical services duties in the town. Read [that prior posting](#). Or [see more photos](#). Those are some orange trucks! Need me some (more) shirts that color.



Lee Wilson photo

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Making Entry

07/15/12 195 W, 3 I - + 6 - 2

Two members of Raleigh's Haz-Mat 1 (operated by Engine 2) make entry into an engineering building on the campus of North Carolina State University, in the top photo from yesterday. Reported as a fire alarm, with Engine 20 and Ladder 7 dispatched to 911 Partners Way. That's a three-story, brick and steel educational building with 128,768 square-feet. Built 2004. Engine 20 found smoke on the third floor, and the call was upgraded to a structure fire.

Fire found in a wastebasket in a lab on the third floor. Sprinkler system had also activated. Extended salvage and overhaul operations. Room also investigated for hazardous materials, which special called a haz-mat unit. None found. That's Engine 20 in the bottom photo, with a booster line deployed for a decon pool. What's the secret to that deep-focus? Auto-DEP setting on my Canon setting, plus a **lot** of light. Bright sun really helps.

Units on scene included E20, E8, E1, E5, L7, L4, R3, B4, B2, A1, C10, C20, EMS 8, D1, T1. See [entire series of photos](#) by Mike Legeros. Perfect conditions for photography at this one.





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Fire Departments Celebrating Anniversaries This Year

07/15/12 211 W - + 8 - 1

The North Carolina State Fireman's Association is compiling a list of North Carolina fire departments celebrating anniversaries this year. [They've posted the below list](#) to the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo web site. Congratulations to all!

There are some apples to oranges, however. Some are the anniversaries of career departments, such as Raleigh and Charlotte. When was Raleigh's *volunteer* fire department formed? That was 160 years ago, when the "modern" volunteer department was established in December 1852.

You can get even more granular, citing the first fire companies. New Bern in/around 1773, Salem in 1785, Fayetteville and Washington in 1791, Raleigh in 1819, Charlotte in 1845, Wilmington in 1846, etc. [See these presentation slides](#) for some of that context. Those pesky historians, always adding more details!

- Benson Fire Department
125 Years
- Charlotte Fire Department
125 Years
- Franklin Fire Department
100 Years
- Littleton Fire Department
100 Years
- Raleigh Fire Department
100 Years
- Faith Fire Department
60 Years
- Garner Fire Rescue
60 Years
- Long Creek Fire Department
60 Years
- Pikeville-Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department
60 years
- Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department
60 Years
- Woodleaf Fire Department
60 Years
- Eno Fire Department
50 Years
- Red Oak Community Rural Fire Department
50 years
- Shine Fire and EMS
50 Years
- Stedman Volunteer Fire Department
40 Years
- Otway Fire and Rescue
35 Years
- Duck Fire Department
30 Years
- Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department
30 Years

The Red Oak Community Rural Fire Department, Inc.(Pitt County) is having their 50th anniversary celebration Saturday July 21st, 2012 at the fire station located at 925 West Star St. Greenville, NC 27834. This event is being held in conjunction with a blood drive and fundraiser to assist the family of FF Ray Brooks with expenses from his recent 2nd liver transplant.

John Maynard ([Email](#)) - 07/15/12 - 12:55

Durham Fire Department – 140 years

WATSON - 07/15/12 - 13:12

Durham was incorporated in 1869. The first fire company was formed in 1876. The town's unorganized fire companies came under a unified leadership in 1882, cites a written history that appeared in a DFD commemorative book. To my historical and sometimes hysterical mind, that's a milestone you can label as "volunteer fire department created."

Legeros - 07/15/12 - 17:48

90 years for the Cary Fire Department

shevais - 07/15/12 - 23:09

@ Alex: I visited durhamfire.net and read under the history section that the first fire companies were formed in 1872.

WATSON - 07/16/12 - 09:20

And thus exemplifies a good question with regard to fire department anniversaries. Is a fire department created when...

- The first fire equipment is purchased for citizen use?
- The first group of citizens organizes into a fire company, with said equipment?
- When the first fire companies are organized under a unified leadership or infrastructure?
- When the fire department in name is chartered?
- When the fire department in name is incorporated?
- When the fire department is organized with career members?
- Etcetera

Legeros - 07/16/12 - 09:25

I would say when a group of citizens organize into a fire company with a name ie Durham FD or whatever hose company.

Mike - 07/16/12 - 12:53

Knightdale Public Safety 10 years.

Chris Miller ([Web Site](#)) - 07/16/12 - 18:53

Clayton Area EMS (formerly Clayton Area Rescue) reached 50 years of service before being absorbed into Johnston County EMS. Smithfield EMS, which was formerly the Smithfield Rescue Squad, and before that Johnston County Civil Defense Rescue Service, reached 55 years of continuous service before being absorbed into Johnston County EMS, having started in 1957. Four Oaks EMS started as Four Oaks Rescue Squad in 1969 (43 years).

Next month will mark 36 years for Wake County EMS. Cary Area EMS started in 1971 (41 years) as the Cary Area Rescue Squad and Apex EMS also started in 1971 (41 years) as the Apex Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Raleigh-Durham Airport, although maintaining an emergency response capability since the late 40s-early 50s (not sure of the exact year), started their full time, around-the-clock fire station staffed CFR capability in 1979 (33 years). Prior to that the station was not staffed 24/7,

Wrong-Way Vehicle Accidents

07/15/12 195 W - + 7 - 3

Two people were killed this morning on Interstate 40, victims of another wrong-way vehicle accident. We've seen a couple of these in the last month. How many, when and where? From Google, here's the most recent and most serious. Seems the wee hours on the weekend are the deadliest, at least anecdote-ally speaking. Maybe we have accident-researching readers who paint a more complete picture:

Date	Time	Location	Details
July 15, 2012 - Sunday	2:30 a.m.	I-40 at Jones Sausage Road	Sedan travelling in wrong direction collided with (light) truck head-on. Truck's driver and passenger killed. Sedan's passenger injured, critical.
June 29, 2012 - Friday	3:38 a.m.	Wade Avenue near I-40	Honda SUV travelling in wrong direction struck Pontiac head-on. Two subjects pinned. Both transported with non-life threatening injuries.
June 10, 2012 - Sunday	4:00 a.m.	I-440 near Western Boulevard	Car left roadway avoiding Acura travelling in wrong direction. One killed, on serious injury. Driver of Acura cited for DWI and other charges.
March 30, 2012 - Friday	2:45 a.m.	I-440 near Six Forks Road	Dodge SUV travelling in wrong direction struck VW Jetta head-on. Driver of second vehicle killed. Driver of first vehicle transported with non life-threatening injuries. Cited for DWI.

Mike,

I think there was a wrong way crash on 540 between Leesville and Creedmoor Rd in 2006 maybe 2007. DHFD has the news clips of the accident

Mike ([Email](#)) - 07/23/12 - 09:53

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Comparative Analysis of Fire Department Milestones

07/15/12 126 W - + 6 - 3

Pretty good title for a paper, isn't it? For your Sunday afternoon enjoyment. Reader input and corrections are welcome. Sources are a bunch of fire department yearbooks, a bunch of Wikipedia pages, and a couple other web sites.

	City Created	First Fire Company	Volunteer Department Created	Career Department Created	Notes
Asheville	1797 (incorporated)	1882	The decade of the 1880s (?)	1924	
Charlotte	1768 (incorporated)	1845, first mention of fire engine	1865 (?)	1887	Plus one volunteer company, Neptune, that continued until 1907.
Durham	1849 (railroad station) 1869 (incorporated)	1876	1882	1909	
Greensboro	1808	1849	1884-1886	1926	
New Bern	1710	1773, town authorized to create fire company	1867	1961, first career members?	NBFD is a combination department.
Raleigh	1792	1819	1852	1912	
Wilmington	1739-1740 (incorporated)	1846	The decade of the 1870s (?)	1897	
Winston-Salem	1753 (Salem) 1849 (Winston) 1913 (Winston-Salem)	1772 (Salem) 1876 (Winston)	? (Salem) ? (Winston) 1913 (Winston-Salem)	1923	

OK, I have to ask, If Salem was first in incorporation, and alphabetization, why is it Winston-Salem and not Salem-Winston? Was it based on size of the two cities at the time? Or was it because Winston was named the county seat? The US Postal Service combined the post offices, but does not explain why Winston came first when they did not... Does anybody know?

Donaldson - 07/15/12 - 21:30

My best guess is that Winston was a manufacturing center, and perhaps the better-known or more economically prominent of the two??

Legeros - 07/15/12 - 22:05

Or, duh, Winston was bigger than Salem. Looking at the 1907 Sanborn Insurance Map, the populations were 15,000 (Winston) versus 8,000 (Salem).

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/sanborn..>

Legeros - 07/15/12 - 22:07

I think Fayetteville has a little age on them too, as far as fire departments go, don't they?

FireDog12569 - 07/16/12 - 00:50

Yes, Fayetteville is an old department. My chart is incomplete in that regard. I probably omitted a couple departments worthy of inclusion.

Legeros - 07/16/12 - 07:38

Growing up in the Winston-Salem area, I was told that it dealt with size and the economic power of Winston.

Curtis Teague - 07/17/12 - 21:53

Jennifer, I don't have a definitive answer for you. In fact, I don't know that a single decision led to that point. Rather, the year 1912 has been the prominent milestone in the department's story. It's the milestone that members have cited, and identified with, for ages. Five years ago, for example, RFD published a commemorative book subtitled 95 Years of Tradition. Why has the career milestone been "the" milestone, versus the 1819 milestone, or the 1852 milestone? That's a more detailed answer, and with a couple possible or parallel explanations. I'll commence analysis and advise at a later time. Or let other readers tackle that.

Legeros - 07/18/12 - 09:51

Bling! The computation engine has produced this answer, regarding the second question above. The 1912 events and their narrative has been documented for decades, and passed down from generation to generation of firefighters. It was a tangible and easy-to-understand beginning to that phase of the Raleigh Fire Department's history. The earlier milestones didn't resurface until the research of local historian Elizabeth Reid Murray in the 1970s, and which was used by Capt. B. T. Fowler in his historical text in the 1984 commemorative book about the department. But those earlier milestones were sparsely documented, and certainly didn't have the photos (few as they are) from the 1912 period. Thus, the 1912 milestone has just had many more decades to percolate in the department's consciousness. And thus is the first (and perhaps only) anniversary date/year that was suggested, any time anniversaries were discussed.

Legeros - 07/18/12 - 10:00

Fayetteville Fire Dept was chartered in 1791. The first apparatus was acquired in 1832. In 1947, the first 24 hr personnel were assigned to station 1 and 2. More can be found on our department website.

Frick - 07/20/12 - 00:02

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Building Decorations

07/18/12 55 W, 3 I - + 5 - 5

Reporting from the road, reporting from Philadelphia. Trying to photograph 50 or 60 former or historic firehouses over two days. Here are some of the decorations found on some of the older station buildings. More later.





Hi Mike,

Safe travels. You'll have fun in Philadelphia – awesome city with great firehouses. Don't forget to take photos of some of the current firehouses too! I recommend trying to catch Rescue 1 on Girard and Ladder 2 on N. 4th St (close to Old City). I look forward to seeing your photos.

Have fun!

-Trevor

Trevor James ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 07/18/12 - 10:56

Hit Tony Luke's for an Italian roast pork sandwich with provolone and broccoli rabe (located at 39 East Oregon). See you in Balmo!!

Silver - 07/18/12 - 14:24

Have a great time Mike. This architectural detailing almost makes me cry for its beauty.

Keep `em coming!

Chuk Gleason - 07/19/12 - 10:27

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New Foam Trailer For Apex

07/19/12 88 W, 1 I - + 5 - 6

Lee Wilson took this yesterday's of Apex's new foam trailer at Station 3. It was delivered about two month. The three-axle trailer carries 1,700 gallons (1,800 gallons max) of Class B ARAFFF foam, has a 1,200 GPM pump capacity (see reader details), and a 1,000 GPM monitor. Built by Plas-Tech Industries in Ocala, Fl. It'll be pulled by a Ford F-550 pick-up truck. [See more photos](#). Or [see earlier post](#) about Raleigh's new foam trailer, also received recently.



Lee Wilson photo

And here are photos of Apex's current/earlier foam trailer, in action at a "tar far" in New Hill a couple years ago, <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2010-0..>

Legeros - 07/19/12 - 09:41

Was the foam trailer used at the mulch/log fire yesterday?

WATSON - 07/19/12 - 13:52

No, was not used. Its only for chemicals.

lee - 07/20/12 - 13:35

1200 GPM PUMP?

Rob Mitchell - 07/21/12 - 18:23

No pump. It has 1200gpm eductors. I requires a pumper to flow to produce the foam. The unit can in turn supply foam to another engine or aerial and produce foam on all discharges. The facility that purchased it has an fdc and suppression system that this unit will supply.

Apex Batt Chief - 07/23/12 - 00:14

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Reporting From The Road

07/20/12 63 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Getting ready for a day at the Baltimore Convention Center, starting with a social media session at 8:30 a.m. Maybe more severe weather downtown (and in town) as well. Heavy thunderstorms yesterday caused flooding in the adjoining Hilton hotel. (Didn't see it in Hanover, by my hotel, until some hours later.) More later.



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Scenes From The Show Floor

07/20/12 114 W, 5 I - + 9 - 2

Here's some of the colorful apparatus seen on the show floor at the Baltimore Fire Expo this week. They're all rescue or medical rigs, as it happens. Plus one other "colorful" photo. Not sure what to make of that guy. Doesn't have enough grey hair to be a 'geezer. Must be a squatter. Looks like the convention center has a pest problem. At least you can spot that joker guy coming a mile off.





mike i dont think At least you can spot that joker coming a mile off...is a wise choice of words after that shooting.where the guy said he was joker

RFD FF - 07/22/12 - 08:11

Good point. It will be interesting to see how usage and perception of that word is affected, as time passes.

Legeros - 07/22/12 - 09:13

Rescue Squad 741 (Bethesda-Chevy Chase) is a massive truck. I really am not sure how they plan on getting it down some of those streets, though the operator did a good job the one time I rode on it.

Taylor ([Email](#)) - 07/25/12 - 18:23

Tight lane = close eyes, push accelerator because the sides close in tighter, hope for the best, open eyes....hahahahaha, kidding of course. It was a beast though, plenty of compartmentation with it being a walk-in but no seating area in back that I saw.

Silver - 07/26/12 - 23:36

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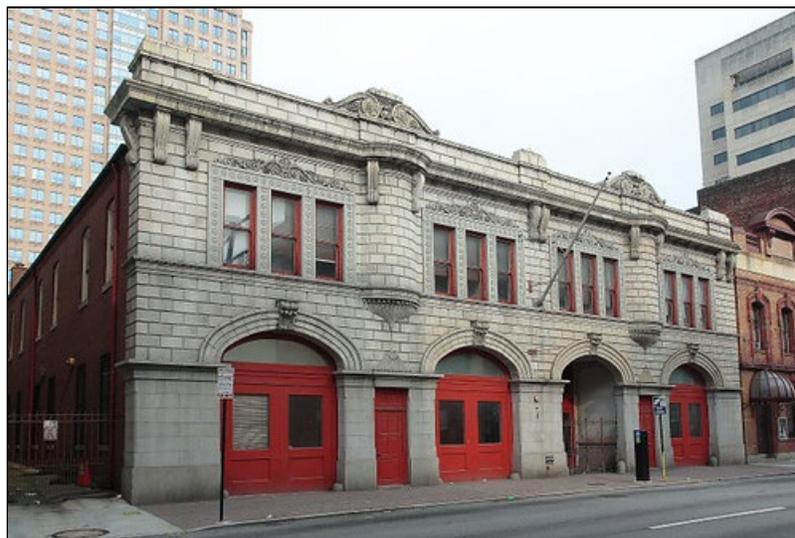
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Historic Firehouses of Baltimore

07/20/12 74 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Hey Legeros, when are you going to post some pictures of old Baltimore houses? Relax, been there and done that. Was a couple years ago. For your viewing pleasure, [here's a Flickr gallery](#). And a [historical web page](#). Want to see explorations of some other cities, such as Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and St. Louis? [Visit this history page](#). Heck, there's even a mess of North Carolina stuff in there!



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Howe, Howe, Howe

07/21/12 65 W, 2 I - + 8 - 1

[Photographer Lee Wilson](#) found this aging engine in Durham County the other day. That's Havelock's old Engine 1, a 1971 International/Howe that lives on Carpenter Pond Road near the Wake County line. Below that is Lee's photo from 1990, scanned from the film photo. Wonder if they make a special brand of GPS that targets such things!?



Lee Wilson photos

Yes, but it's organic; it's buried in the nose of photographers.

Chuck Gleason - 07/21/12 - 09:35

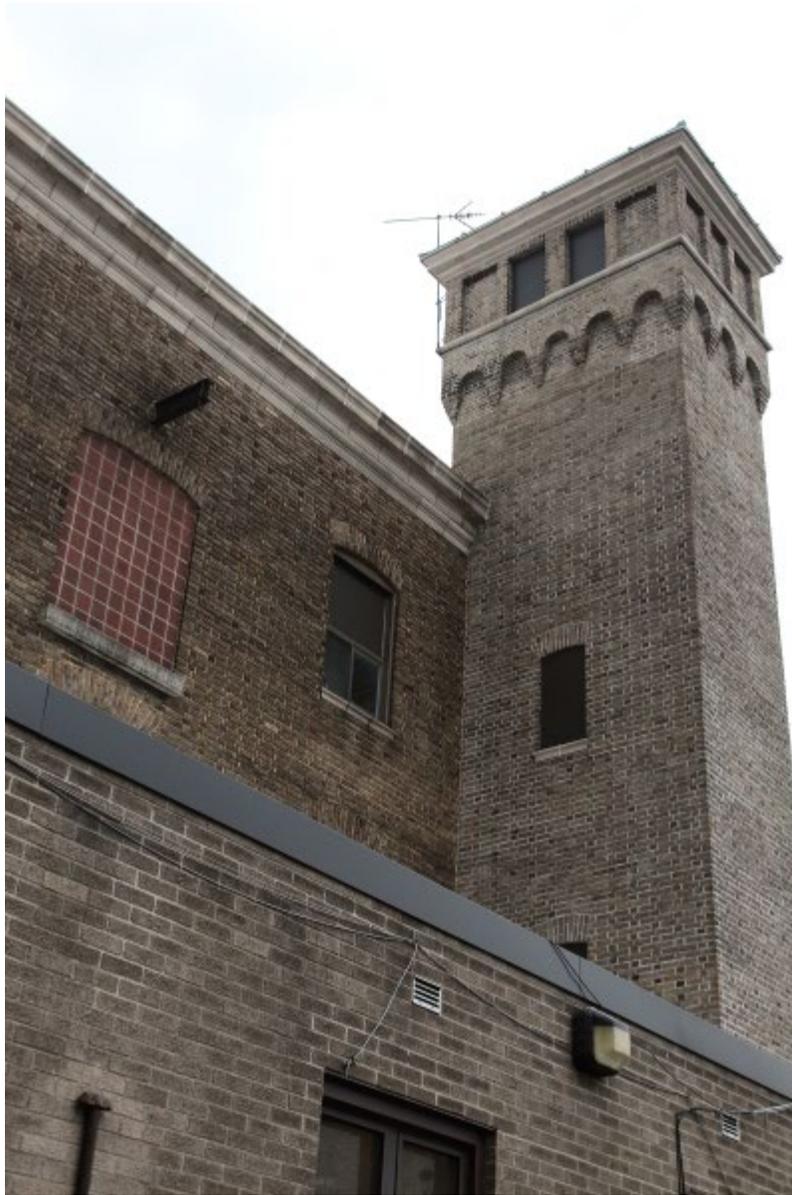
Hey, Hey, Hey

07/21/12 75 W, 3 I - + 6 - 4

Here are a few more historic Philly fire stations, this time highlighting the hay lofts. Found a number of these, in stations dating to the early 1900s, when apparatus was horse-drawn. Some with wooden beams, some with metal. One old station had two lofts! That's old Engine 8, now Fireman's Hall Museum.







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Carolina Brotherhood Bicycle Ride Starts Tomorrow

07/22/12 389 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

Inaugural Carolina Brotherhood Cycle Ride from Wilmington to Asheville begins July 23rd

30 Firefighters to Ride in Honor of Captain Jeff Bowen, Asheville Fire Department

Beginning Monday, July 23, firefighters from North Carolina and South Carolina will be joined by brothers from Florida, as they cycle over 400 miles in five days to pay tribute to Asheville Fire Department Capt. Jeff Bowen. He died on July 28, 2011, at a high-rise fire in a medical office building. Capt. Bowen, a member of Rescue 3, gave his life while searching for possible victims. Eight other firefighters were also injured. Firefighter Jay Bettencourt, one of the injured, will participate along with other Asheville firefighters in the demanding, cross-state bicycle ride.

This annual ride will be in tribute and support of the brothers and sisters from the Carolinas who have sacrificed their life for others. This year, the ride will make overnight stops in Elizabethtown, Rockingham, Charlotte, Forest City, and conclude at Asheville Fire Station 1. The cyclists will average 75 miles a day and end with a 6,000 foot elevation climb into downtown Asheville. Using GPS technology, the procession of each cyclist will be available in real-time on the website www.carolinabrotherhood.com.



This rolling tribute from the coast to the mountains is relying on donations, support, and sponsorship as the sole means of reaching their goal. This year's proceeds will go to the widow and three children of Capt. Bowman. Help them raise \$40,000 by visiting the [Carolina Brotherhood web site](#), to make a donation or buy t-shirts. You can also contact members about sponsorships. Follow them on Twitter @carolinablood or "like" them on [their Facebook page](#).

Overnight layover with a next morning 8:00 am departure:

- 7/22 - Wilmington Elk Lodge - 5102 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28409
- 7/23 - Elizabethtown Baptist Church - 1800 West Broad St., Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337
- 7/24 - NCNG Armory - 1207 Rockingham Rd., Rockingham, N.C. 28739
- 7/25 - Palmer Fire Bldg. - 2601 East 7th St., Charlotte, N.C. 28204
- 7/26 - Callison Recreation Center - 217 Clay St., Forest City, N.C. 28403
- 7/27 - Asheville Fire Department Headquarters - 100 Court Plaza., Asheville, N.C. 28801

Riders and supporting participants:

- Asheville FD (10)
- Charlotte FD (13)
- Charleston FD, South Carolina (4)
- Raleigh FD (2)
- Columbia FD, South Carolina (2)
- Southwest FD, Florida (2)
- And firefighters from Dana, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Wilson fire departments in North Carolina.

Shrimp Boat Burns Near Carolina Beach

07/23/12 78 W, 1 I - + 7 - 8

Here's your morning hot shot, a shrimp boat that burned near Carolina Beach on Saturday night. New Hanover FD, Wilmington FD (with boat?), and the Coast Guard responded. A (fire?) boat from Military Terminal Ocean Sunny Point also assisted with lighting, [reports this WECT story](#). After extinguishing the flames, crews removed 3,000 gallons of water from the boat, to prevent the vessel from sinking.



Darlene Strickland/WECT photo

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Last Night's House Fires in Apex and Holly Springs

07/24/12 161 W, 2 I - + 9 - 7

Lightning started two serious house fires last night, during a period of heavy thunderstorm activity. This two-story home on Hoboken Court in Apex caught fire about 7:00 p.m. Arriving units found the attic fully-involved, reports [this WTVD story](#). The occupants escaped injury, and a cat was rescued from second-story windows. See [this NBC17 story](#) for some photos. Apex E3, E1, E2, L3, L4, B1, C1, Cary E5, B2, Morrisville P3 were among the units on scene.



Steve Sbraccia/NBC17 photo

This two-story home at 504 Gooseberry Drive in Holly Springs caught fires shortly before 8:00 p.m. The flames spread to a second house, which caught fire. The heat also damaged the siding on a third home, on the opposite side of 504 Gooseberry. Two additional engines were requested. Departments on scene included Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina, Apex, and Cary. [See this WRAL story](#) for photos and video footage.



Thomas Babb/WRAL photo

Swift creek was there with Holly Springs also. Don't won't to leave anyone out.

The real deal - 07/24/12 - 08:24

Thanks Real Deal. I had just returned to town, and wasn't paying super-close attention to the scanner. Readers are welcome to add incident details and more departments/units that were on scene. More storms today!

Legeros - 07/24/12 - 08:40

Swift Creek E1 and Western Wake E191 were special called late for relief on Hoboken. Fairview was there early as well.

Andrew - 07/24/12 - 10:01

Fuquay engine 1 responded as well with a crew of 6

joe - 07/24/12 - 11:51

Fairview Engine 1 responded to the Hoboken fire. Fairview Engine 8 and Rescue 1 responded to the Gooseberry fire. Fairview Engine 8 was first in due to Holly Springs being tied up on other calls.

79 - 07/24/12 - 15:05

Thank you to everyone that responded to Hoboken. We also had numerous EMS assistance including Truck 1. This was 3rdcall in 2 weeks that we have had Truck 1 on. They are a great asset.

Apex Batt Chief - 07/24/12 - 18:15

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Saw You in Baltimore

07/24/12 110 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

[Photos have been posted](#) from last week's adventures in Baltimore and the Fire Expo therein. Some from the show floor, and some from the fire blogger booth. Okay, more than just "some." Left to right in this Saturday shot are Bill Schumm, one of the geezers from [Firegeezer](#), Firehouse columnist and book author Will Wyatt, and Dave Statter of [Statter911](#). Bill posted a number of updates, [including this one](#) and [this one](#). Also read [Dave's summary](#) for a run down of the various special guest stars that also appeared. Will play paparazzi for food.



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View From The Console

07/24/12 110 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

There was a steady stream of Locution-dispatched fire and EMS calls in Raleigh and Wake County this afternoon, as a band of severe thunderstorms passed through about 4:00 p.m. How long did she go without taking a breath? Here's what the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) screen showed at about 4:14 p.m. That's showing 51 active incidents, with seven pending. Lots of trees down, wires down, and smells of smoke. Kudos to the crews that have endured rain, wind, and other hazards these afternoons of late. (As well as the telecommunicators that face their own floods of phone calls and radio traffic.)

The screenshot shows two windows from a CAD interface. The top window, titled 'Incidents (1)', displays a list of 51 active incidents. The bottom window, titled 'Pending (2)', displays a list of 7 pending incidents. The data is presented in a table-like format with columns for incident ID, status, time, phone number, and address.

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EMS1				
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GFE4			GFC2	FDOPS4
55C1	A	16:04	020989	FOREST RD&HILLSBOROUGH ST
RFE3				
67A1R	A	16:03	020988	848 LAKE RALEIGH RD
RFE8				
5302	A	16:03	017984	MAJOR SLADE RD&S SMITHFIELD
EWB7				
53A0	A	16:02	017982	OLD HONEYCUTT RD&S NC 55
FVB1				
29B9	A	16:01	048066	PENNY RD&STATENHALL DR
EMS42			EMA13	
52C1G	A	16:01	017980	1325 HARVARD PARK WAY
GFE1			GFE2	OFBATT1 FDOPS2
69D6	A	16:01	017975	1339 HELMSDALE DR
FMA11				
55C1	A	16:00	020987	3917 QUAIL HOLLOW DR
RFE11				
55C1	A	16:00	017978	MID PINES RD&TRYON RD
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Pending (2)				
Count of Pending Incidents: 0007				
FV 67B1		15:59	017979	W ACADEMY ST&COLEY FARM RD
FV 67B1		16:01	017981	W ACADEMY ST&FLEMING LOOP
WE 5302		16:05	017988	MORPHUS BRIDGE RD&CORBIN R
OF 5302		16:08	017989	HORSE FARM TR&MAL WEATHER
AF 5302		15:39	017946	1005 WICKSTEED CT
FV 5302		16:03	017983	BARBOUR STORE RD&BUD LIPSC
GF 5302		16:05	017985	MEADOWBROOK DR&CASON ST

Is that an iPhone screen shot?

JJLBL - 07/25/12 - 08:52

Yeah, how'd you get this?

206 - 07/25/12 - 09:14

That's a screen capture, from a computer running the CAD interface software, as provided by a local chief officer.

Legeros - 07/25/12 - 09:15

Specifically, the PRINT SCREEN button with Windows XP (or later versions) captures a copy of your desktop to the clipboard. ALT + PRINT SCREEN copies the active window. The captured screen can be pasted into a document, e-mail message, etc.

Legeros - 07/25/12 - 09:17

Has anyone ever left work and just wanted to find the closest bar and drink a whole bottle of liquor? I did yesterday after this storm passed. We got it handed to us.

Challenging Extrication in Charlotte

07/25/12 83 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

This tractor-trailer turned over a guardrail in north Charlotte early this morning. The single-vehicle accident happened about 12:25 a.m. on the I-485 west ramp to I-77 north. Two people were extricated from the cab, and airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center. Huntersville FD, Long Creek FD, and North Mecklenburg Rescue were among the agencies on scene. Read more from [WSOC](#) and [WCNC](#). Truck was carrying rolls of paper that apparently shifted, causing the truck to turn over.



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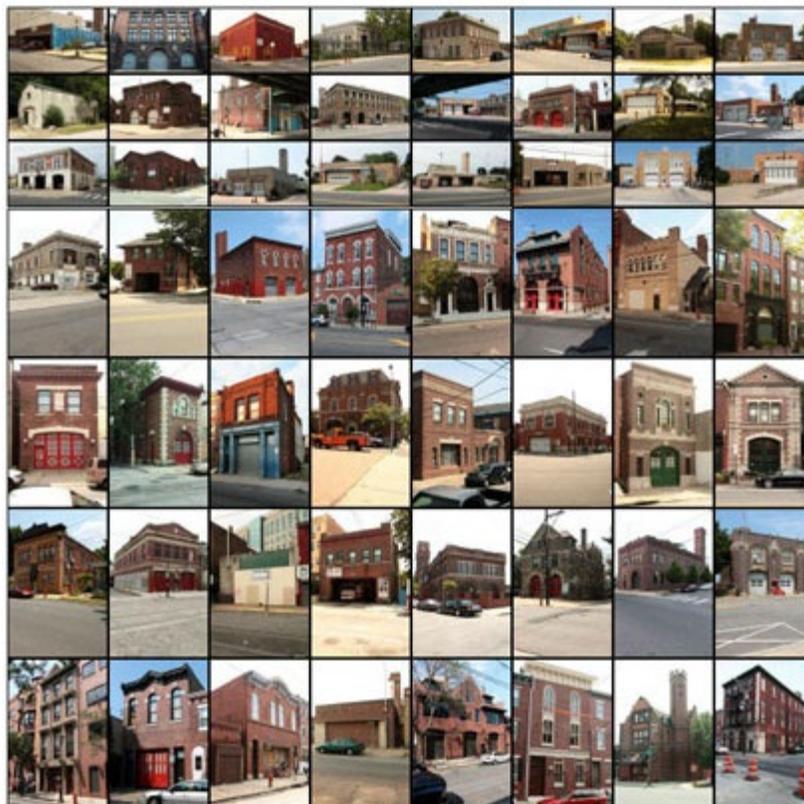
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Historic and Former Firehouses of Philadelphia

07/25/12 124 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

Presenting sixty-one structures that served the Philadelphia Fire Department, including a pair of high-pressure pumping stations, a pair of fire insurance patrol stations, and a trio of volunteer houses. The engine (and ladder) houses date from 1871, and with the oldest active station built in 1894. That's Engine 37 on Highland Avenue. Nearly all of these were photographed last week, during a two-day (!) blitz on the way to Baltimore. (Some 2,000 photos, of which 678 were posted. Yeah, a bit much.) [Read more about the firehouses](#), or view the [photo set on Flickr](#). Criteria for inclusion is (a.) active and older than 50 years of age or (b.) closed and of any age.



Great photos Mike. Thanks for posting them all. Did you by chance make it to Rescue 1 quarters on Girard St? I lived in Philly for 5 years back in the 90s and it's a fantastic city. Also, thanks for posting your photos from the Baltimore trip. Looks like you had a fun trip to the Firehouse convention, Baltimore and Philly.

-Trevor

Trevor James ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 07/26/12 - 20:09

Negative, didn't get there. Believe that's Engine 29, which was built in 1972. Too new, wasn't on my list!

Legeros - 07/26/12 - 20:12

Yes correct. That station has some cool lettering (to match the style on the rigs) above each bay door (for example see: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/philadelphi..>). It's been photographed quite a bit to say the least.

-Trevor

Trevor James ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 07/26/12 - 21:12

And here's a fun PhillyFireNews discussion board thread about this, <http://pafirenews.net/messageboard/index..>

Legeros - 07/27/12 - 07:28

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Durham Police Officer Injured in I-85 Crash

07/26/12 146 W, 2 I - + 7 - 7

[WTVD yesterday posted photos](#) of the crash scene on Interstate 85 near Cole Mill Road, where a Durham police cruiser was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer truck, moments after it had pulled over another vehicle. The officer, who hasn't been identified, was transported to Duke Hospital and last listed in critical but stable condition. See also other news reports, [including this WRAL story](#). There's also a ground photo in [this story](#) from the *Herald-Sun*.



Durham Herald photo

It's perhaps worth mentioning that the state's "move over" law turned ten this year. It took effect in January 2002, and requires motorists to move one law away, if safely possible, from any law enforcement or other emergency vehicle that's on the side of the highway. Violations result in a mandatory fine of \$250 plus court costs. [More info](#).



WTVD photo

Please continue to keep Officer Gilliam in your thoughts and prayers. She is still in critical but stable condition. I was down at the city fleet building yesterday and had the chance to the squad car up close (<http://i.imgur.com/EAMfa.jpg>) and realized I had done radio & radar maintenance in this vehicle a couple of months ago. Officer Gilliam had all of her emergency lights activated and was as far over off the road as you can get. It has been noted elsewhere that the truck driver was reportedly under the influence and hopefully will be held accountable for this accident. To all of my LEO friends please always use extra caution and keep an eye on all surroundings on all vehicle stops no matter how routine so that you can make it home safely at the end of your tour of duty.

Marshall Sherard KE4ZNR ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 07/27/12 - 14:46

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Stem's First Fire Engine vs. « Durham Police Officer... » Faces in Stone Cary's Second Tanker*

Stem's First Fire Engine vs. Cary's Second Tanker

07/26/12 81 W, 2 I - + 9 - 1

[Look at this photo from Lee Wilson](#), showing the Stem Fire Department in Granville County's first fire engine, an ex-military tanker. Then look at this photo of Cary's second tanker, an ex-military tanker constructed in 1956. Closed cab versus open cab. Could Stem's still be a match, with a hard top later added? Or is that unlikely? Read more [Cary Fire Department history](#) (on a site that is, alas, outdated).



Lee Wilson photo



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Faces in Stone

07/27/12 116 W, 2 I - + 10 - 4

Here's an interesting feature of Engine 14's house in Philadelphia. Located on Foulkrod Street, the two-bay building was built in 1927. Adorning the bottom of a second-story balcony on the front are these four faces. Any architectural historians handy, who can explain their significance? Based on their expressions, perhaps they convey some sort of comedy or fool? And/or are they racial stereotypes? Doesn't look like that to me, but... (Apologies if we enter dangerous political territory, there. Equal apologies if these are dead-ringers from someone at your station.) See the [entire set of photos](#). See related thread [about building decorations](#).





Posed this question on the Philly Fire News board, and received this answer: "The sitting Mayor (or one of his staff) is usually the model for such statuary." Wild!

Legeros - 07/27/12 - 19:27

I worked in a lot of the old firehouse in New York City and I would take them over the newer ones. Plenty of room, especially if you were a student. One of the first things you learned as a Probie was how to stoke the coal burning furnace. Be prepared to be crucified by the senior man (AKA First Whip) if the fire died.

John Rademacher (Captain FDNY retired) ([Email](#)) - 07/30/12 - 20:45

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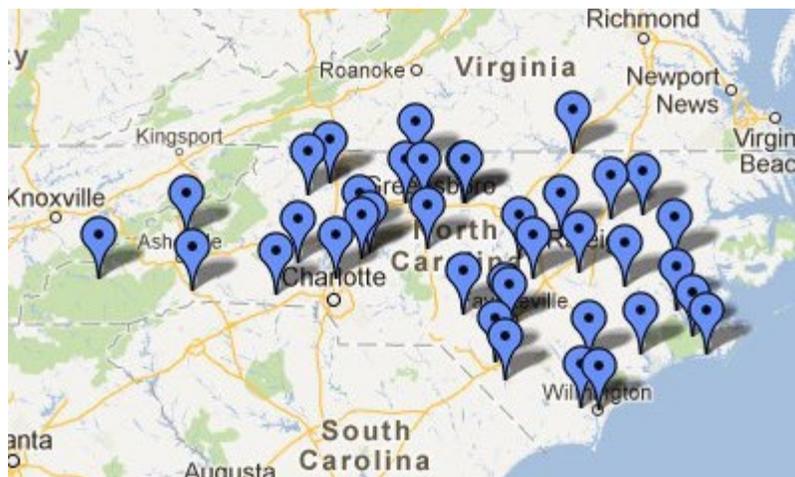
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North Carolina Fire Fatalities in 2012 via Google Maps

07/27/12 48 W, 1 I - + 9 - 8

Seen as posted on Facebook. Last updated four days ago. Interactive map showing this year's fire fatalities. Creator listed as "Frank." No contextual information provided, nor sources cited. [Access the map.](#)



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Super Pumper Appears at Michigan Muster

07/28/12 335 W, 7 I - + 13 - 10

The legendary Super Pumper appeared this week at the 2012 SPAAMFAA National Summer Conference in Frankenmuth, MI. Reader and Raleigh antique owner Tim Henshaw sent a couple camera photo photos. The tractor-drawn monster is owned by and resides at the Antique Toy and Fire House Museum in Bay City, MI. [Visit their web site.](#) Click to slightly enlarge:



Tim Henshaw photos

Below is some historical information about the rig, plus pictures of Code 3 Collectibles excellent 1:64 scale models of same. Recommend also reading [John A. Calderone's book](#) about the Super Pumper System, published in 1985 and reprinted in recent years by *Fire Apparatus Journal*:





The Mack **Super Pumper System** was built in 1963 for the Fire Department of New York. Designed by Gibbs and Cox, a marine and naval architectural firm, the Super Pumper System consisted of five pieces of equipment: the tractor-drawn Pumper, a tractor-drawn Tender, and three smaller Satellite units. The Super Pumper System was designed for major fires and could deliver 8,800 gallons of water per minute through 4 1/2-inch hose for a distance of a quarter-mile or more.



The DeLaval 6-stage centrifugal pump was powered by a Napier-Deltic 18-cylinder engine of 2,400 horsepower, which roared so loudly that special ear protectors were required of the pump operators. The Pumper drew water from special, high-pressure hydrants or using a 12-inch suction hose which was lowered via rear-mounted winch into the river or harbor. The Tender carried over 2,000 feet of 4 1/2-inch supply hose and was equipped with a rear-mounted, rear-facing steering wheel, to assist with positioning the apparatus.

Mounted on the Tender's tractor was a giant deluge gun capable of flowing 4,000 gallons of water per minute from four 2 1/2-inch supply lines. The Super Pumper System Satellite units also had large deluge guns. Both the Super Pumper and the Super Tender were retired in 1982. The Super Pumper, which along with the tender required 15 people to operate, ran 2,200 calls during its time in service.

I was at a 5th.alarm in the South Bronx in the late sixties when the Super Pumper arrived. Five companies were taken off hydrants to supply it and in the interim, the fire almost got away again. The Satellites however were very useful in that they would place a large manifold in front of the fire building and then supply it with the 4 1/2" hose. I feel a better innovation in those days was the introduction of the Tower Ladder. With all the vacant building fires in the War years,it was the greatest tool to reduce exposure to the members.

John Rademacher (Captain FDNY retired) - 07/30/12 - 20:36

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Now Available For Second Annual Brotherhood Bash, Friday, August 10

Raffle Tickets Now Available For Second Annual Brotherhood Bash, Friday, August 10

07/28/12 167 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

Get your raffle tickets for the Second Annual Brotherhood Bash on Friday, August 10. The location is again Napper Tandy's at 126 N. West Street in downtown Raleigh. Tickets prices are \$5.00 for one, or \$20.00 for five. Top prizes include a Cairns N6A leather lid and a set of leather fire boots. Lots of other swag and door prizes will also be given away throughout the night.

See any Capital Area FOOLS Board member and Wake County Firefighters Association member for tickets. You can also purchase tickets during the Fire Expo, on the show floor. Ticket sales will end at 8:45 p.m. on the day of the bash, Friday, August 10. Portions of the proceeds will be donated to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Here's the [Facebook event page](#). Here are photo's from [last year's bash](#). See YOU there for a fun filled night of fellowship and plenty of BROTHERHOOD!



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Museum Celebrates History of Kinston Fire Department

07/29/12 73 W, 1 I - + 11 - 5

Here's a [neat video story from WRAL](#) about the [Caswell No. 1 Fire Museum](#) in Kinston. See also this [handful of photos](#) from inside the museum, plus exteriors. The shots are seven years old, alas. We'll work on shooting new ones. Read also [some Kinston Fire Department history](#), in the context of their former firehouses. Thanks for passing along, Adam!



I wonder if they have the old rosters from the Kinston Fire Department. 1920's era possibly?

Curtis Teague ([Email](#)) - 07/30/12 - 00:10

Another source for historical rosters is the North Carolina State Fireman's Association. Give their office a call, and they may annual member rosters that you can copy.

Legeros - 07/30/12 - 21:54

Thanks. My Grandfather was a volunteer in Kinston for a while, it would be nice to find his record.

Curtis Teague ([Email](#)) - 08/01/12 - 00:09

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Morning Reading - July 29, 2012

07/29/12 371 W - + 8 - 7

Good morning Raleigh. Just about back to normal, after a splendid week's vacation last week. Two nights in Philly (for [firehouses](#)), two nights in Baltimore (for the [expo](#)) and two nights outside D.C. (for recreation). Look through the prior blog postings for tales and photos. Now turning attention to next week's Fire Expo, as well as continued work on the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book. The cost of this limited edition, full-color, 260-page, hardcover volume is \$60.00 through December 1. What, you haven't [ordered your copy yet](#)? Watch this space for a fresh marketing push, and a preview of the production cover.

- [Vehicle slams into tree in Raleigh, killing three](#) - WRAL story. Bad times for bad accidents in our area. Last night's tragedy saw Engine 10 (and Eastern Wake?) dispatched about 8:30 p.m., with Ladder 8 and Garner Rescue 1 promptly special called. Among the other units at the extended extrication were EMS 62, Medic 91, and District 6.
- [Counting down to the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) - Lots to be excited about. The show floor. The fire truck parade. The second annual Brotherhood Bash. And that renowned hysterical expert, He Who Wears the Hawaiian Shirts, appearing in two, count 'em two, conference sessions this year: a fire photography panel and a centennial history of the Raleigh Fire Department. See you there!
- [McClathy to end unlimited access to web sites](#) - *News & Observer* story about the *News & Observer* web site and others, which will be installing metered pay walls. Presumably includes *Cary News*, *Eastern Wake News*, and other local sites. No more unlimited free browsing. Bummer, but that's business. (Don't worry, this blog will always be free. Should probably pay *you* for the grand fun and great education that I have been having all these years.)
- [The 540 Outer Loop arrives in western Wake](#) - *News & Observer* story about the newest section of the Triangle Expressway toll road, which opens this week.
- [Atlanta helmet cam action](#) - Statter911 posting about posted footage from a recent apartment fire. We don't see a lot of fire videos in our state. Does that apply to the entire southeast, or, say, between Richmond and Atlanta?

The initial dispatch for the triple fatality was Garner Eng 4, Ral Eng 26, and Eastern Wake rescue 11. Eastern Wake responded with an engine which resulted in Ral L-8 and Garner R-1 being dispatched due to the pin ins. Garner Battalion 1 also responded.

Mike - 07/29/12 - 22:15

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Fueling The Tiller

07/29/12 111 W, 1 I - + 10 - 8

More than one driver likely did a double-take as they passed this service station today on Peace Street. That's Raleigh's 2010 Pierce Arrow XT tiller, better known as Ladder 4. And despite the camera's perspective, the rear cab clears the canopy with room to spare. Death, taxes, and diesel. Three constants of life. And long gone are the days of exclusive fueling using station tanks, or the old Dodge fuel truck that made the rounds on Saturdays. When was the retired, anyway? As for Raleigh fire stations with fuel tanks, they have included Station 1, Station 2 at Memorial Auditorium, Station 2 on Pecan Street, and Station 6. What others? Click to enlarge:



16's has a tank....right in your front yard Mikey.

Silver - 07/29/12 - 17:47

I knew that..

Legeros - 07/29/12 - 17:50

As to county stations, at Yrac we had our own as did Cary Area Rescue.

DJ - 07/29/12 - 22:11

Interesting fact about a department to the northeast. Wilson fire and rescue has a fuel truck that makes rounds several times a week. The chief stated this keeps his crews in district and in house with less out service time and more time to train. Interesting concept.

Interesting concept - 07/30/12 - 03:52

Cary has fuel tanks at every station for the apparatus and for the station generators that run on diesel. We also have fuel keys for the town pumps at the operations center.

MSW - 07/30/12 - 11:23

Morrisville also fuels its rigs at Cary station 7.

Spanky - 07/30/12 - 21:21

he Winston Salem Fire and Rescue Department has fuel tanks at all but one station. That is E-17/HM-1. It is because the land that the station sits on is near a large watershed. But there are three stations near-by that E-17 can use.

Clay Simmons - 07/31/12 - 11:37

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Orange Grove Fire Company Opens Second Station

07/29/12 48 W, 2 I - + 12 - 3

Lee Wilson has posted photos of an open house at [Orange Grove Fire Company's](#) new Station 2 on Rocky Ridge Road in Orange County. The two-bay, metal building houses an engine and a tanker. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photos

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Laurinburg Ladder 1 (and More)

07/30/12 75 W, 2 I - + 8 - 6

Photographer Lee Wilson found himself in Scotland County this weekend, and snapped this well-posed photo of Laurinburg Ladder 1. That's a 1997 Sutphen aerial platform (1765/300'/100') from Brunswick, NY. It's served the [Laurinburg Fire Department](#) for about six years. (They have two stations, named Station 1 and Station 6.) [See more photos](#), including some apparatus from Hamlet in Richmond County. including their early 1920s American LaFrance pumper and 1949 Mack pumper.



Lee Wilson photos

That is probably the 1949 Mack that was featured in a Mack Fire Truck ad, as well as an early 60s edition of Compton's Encyclopedia.

DJ - 07/30/12 - 08:59

Wilmington Firefighters Memorial Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, August 4

07/30/12 165 W, 1 I - + 10 - 6

Our friends at the Wilmington Fire Department pass along this event notice. On Saturday, August 4, they're hosting a volleyball tournament at Capt'n Bill's Backyard Grill, 4240 Market Street, to help raise funds for the Wilmington Firefighters Foundation. Come and support the firefighters memorial that's being constructed at Station 2 at Empie Park. There will be raffle prizes, bounce houses for the kids, a corn hole tournament, and an exhibition game with Wilmington firefighters versus Wilmington police officers.

If you'd like to participate, early registration is \$100 for a four-person, co-ed team. All proceeds from the registration fees and raffle go towards the Memorial Fund. Registration for the tournament starts at 11:00 on Saturday, and the games will begin as soon as registration ends and the brackets are made. See [this tournament flyer](#) or visit the memorial web site at wdfirefightersmemorial.org. For more information, contact Rodney Lester on Engine 1-B at Fire Headquarters.



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Who's Gonna Play This Old Piano?

07/30/12 105 W - + 11 - 5

Let's cruise off topic for an [interesting New York Times article](#) about the demise of used pianos. As their values have plummeted in recent years, owners are more likely to dump 'em than donate them. And many are also dying of old age, those that survived the golden age of American piano-making from 1900 to 1930. Interesting stories. And for a bit of appropriate musical accompaniment, here's Jerry Lee Lewis singing on the subject. Video clip from 1976, from the television series *Pop Goes The Country*. Song written by singer-songwriter Ray Griff, who had over 700 (!) songs turned into recordings.

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Chasing Smoke in Salisbury

07/31/12 96 W - + 12 - 8

Found via random Google searching ("NC house fire"), [here's a YouTube video](#) of a house fire in Salisbury on Independence Day. User kenjr29mfl describes the clip(s): "As we were headed to the interstate to leave Salisbury we had to stop for an emergency signal. I saw that the Paramedics, two Fire Trucks, and the Fire Chief all left out on the call. So I decided to follow and see what was going on. Turns out it was a house fully involved in a fire."

I know it was the poster's comments and not yours Mike, but that house is far from fully involved, at least in my part of the county anyways.

Mike - 07/31/12 - 12:05

I agree Mike. Always cracks me up when you're responding to a house fire, and sometimes the radio crackles with "PD on scene advising fully involved"; when you arrive you find fire coming out of one window. Gotta love the Brothers in Blue...

Silver - 07/31/12 - 12:25

I stopped and took a few pic's at their main station that same day! It was about 3pm. Missed the fire.

lee - 08/01/12 - 02:42

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Driving By an Oak Island House Fire

08/01/12 84 W - + 8 - 3

Search YouTube for "house fire NC" and you'll find an assortment of interesting clips. Many are older or very older, and many are very short. Haven't found a "go to" place for local or statewide fire videos. Here's a 30-second clip of a house in Oak Island that's fully involved. No fire department yet, but a citizen with a garden hose. Listen to that wind. Footage is from five years ago.

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New Ladder For Columbia

08/01/12 46 W, 1 I - + 7 - 7

Browsing the [Pierce new deliveries site on Flickr](#), here's an interesting rig recently received in Columbia, SC. Don't see a lot of mid-mount straight-sticks anymore. Are there any around here still operating, older or newer? Mid-mount towers, yes. [See more photos](#).



Doesn't Bethesda or Durham have a mid mount stick?

Mike - 08/01/12 - 09:29

Yes, you're right. Both of them.

Legeros - 08/01/12 - 09:48

Bethesda has a straight stick quint that they use as E411. Durham has E7, E16 and L1 that are straight sticks. and Durham also has a reserve ladder that is a straight stick

charlie - 08/01/12 - 10:35

Durham, WS Greensboro all have Mid-Mounts and all are Sutphens I believe.

Clay Simmons - 08/01/12 - 10:41

Wonder why Raleigh or Wake County Departments doesnt have mid mounts?

Just prefrance maybe?

Buckwheat - 08/01/12 - 12:58

Winston-Salem does have all mid-mount apparatus; it is a mix of sticks and platforms in both 100' and 75' and all Sutphens. The only other mid-mount in Forsyth county is Clemmons FD with their Pierce

Joffre ([Email](#)) - 08/01/12 - 14:15

Keep Your Eye On The Finger

08/02/12 47 W, 1 I - + 4 - 6

Poster campaign by the [Raleigh/Wake County Emergency Communications Center](#), to help curb the 911 misdialing that's been a pervasive problem since 10-digit dialing was implemented some months ago. This one was seen in the Dillon Building downtown. Click to enlarge:



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Franklin Fire Apparatus Parade Video

08/03/12 50 W - + 10 - 9

Here's a Friday treat, from July 21, from the Ninth Annual Franklin Folk Festival, an apparatus parade to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the [Franklin Fire Department](#). Maybe a reader will share the roster of who participated, and even the makes/models of the rigs.

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Durham Fire Department is Hiring

08/03/12 78 W, 1 I - + 11 - 6

Applications accepted starting August 6. [Learn more about the employment process.](#) Click to enlarge the below poster. Also curious what other department recruitment posters look like, around here or around the state. Share yours, via mail or posted link. Might get an interesting discussion out it as well. (Though we'll apologize in advance to any recruiters who might take same as a slam. Not intended. Your hard work is appreciated.) Click to enlarge:

LOOKING FOR A CAREER TO BE PROUD OF THAT ALLOWS YOU TO HELP PEOPLE AND HAS GREAT BENEFITS? THE CITY OF DURHAM NEEDS FIREFIGHTERS!

Qualifications

You must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have a valid driver's license
- Be a permanent US resident
- Successfully complete firefighter and EMS courses provided during the paid Fire Academy
- Provide driver/criminal history for the past 7 years

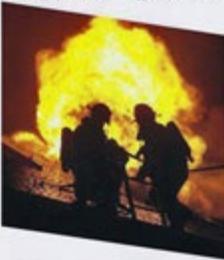
You must NOT:

- Have any DWI convictions within the past 4 years
- Have any felony convictions
- Have been dishonorably discharged from Military



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Background Investigation
- Drug/Alcohol Testing
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- Written Test (Aptitude Test-Not fire or medic related)
- Demanding Physical Fitness Evaluation including, but not limited to:
 - 1.5 mile run
 - Claustrophobia/confined space tolerance
 - Other physically demanding job related tasks

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AUGUST 6TH - AUGUST 24TH
www.durhamnc.gov (Scroll down to Fire Dept.)
 919-560-4234
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Charlotte Fire Department Turns 125

08/03/12 32 W, 1 I - + 12 - 6

Speaking of anniversaries, the Charlotte Fire Department has [posted this promotional video](#) to celebrate their 125th anniversary. The career fire department was placed in service on August 1, 1887.



Great Video! Capt. Brisley and Capt. Basnight do an awesome job marketing the fire department, especially on the web side of things.

Chris - 08/03/12 - 09:45

Very nicely done.

Buckwheat - 08/03/12 - 14:06

Happy birthday brothers and sisters! be safe!

Jason Lane - 08/05/12 - 19:53

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Historical Activities at Next Week's Fire Expo

08/03/12 454 W - + 8 - 8

Several historical activities are planned for the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) in downtown Raleigh next week. Here's a summary of what's planned. See you there!

Historical Displays in the Convention Center

Wednesday, August 8 - Saturday, August 11

Posters, display cases, and digital slideshows will be featured at the Raleigh Convention Center, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association. Look for artifacts displayed in both the lobby, and in display cases outside the conference rooms. Several giveaways are also planned to commemorate the anniversary. Ten pieces of antique fire apparatus will be also displayed within the Convention Center, including Raleigh's 1905 American LaFrance steamer (on the Mezzanine level) and Raleigh's 1926 American LaFrance pumper (on the exhibit floor).

Please note that badges or day passes are required for attending both the Expo Floor, and the conference workshops.

North Carolina State Fireman's Association Historical Presentation

Friday, August 10

9:00 a.m.

Ballroom C

This 45-minute presentation will detail the development and progress of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association (NCSFA), and will also recognize fire departments throughout the state that are celebrating anniversaries this year.

Centennial History of the Raleigh Fire Department

Friday, August 10

3:15 p.m.

Room 302A

Historian Mike Legeros will conduct a 90-minute presentation on the history of the Raleigh Fire Department, from the creation of the Capitol City in 1792 to present. He'll also talk about the history of firefighting in North Carolina, from the 18th Century to present.

Fire Apparatus Parade

Saturday, August 11

9:00 a.m.

Outdoors

Classic and modern rigs from around North Carolina are participating in the Expo's annual fire apparatus parade. The parade route is Fayetteville Street to Davie Street to South Salisbury Street. After the parade, static displays of apparatus will be featured in the parking lots in front of the Progress Energy Center on South Street.

Hand Pumping and Steam Pumping Demonstration

Saturday, August 11

11:30 a.m.

Outdoors

The Charlotte Fire Department will provide a demonstration of their 1866 Jeffers hand engine, which served the volunteer Neptune Fire Department. They will also provide a live steam and pumping demonstration of their 1902 American steam engine.

Raleigh Fire Museum

Saturday, August 11

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nearby

Free shuttle service will be provided to and from the museum, which is located nearby in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Center Drive. Please note that the Raleigh Fire Department's collection of antique apparatus is located at Fire Station 28 at 3500 Forestville Road, in northeast Raleigh.

The Raleigh Fire Museum will also be selling centennial merchandise during the Expo. Visit the Raleigh Fire Department's booth to purchase t-shirts, stickers, challenge coins, and pre-orders for the Centennial History Book.

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Matchbox Classic Seagrave

08/04/12 62 W, 1 I - + 7 - 8

Now appearing on store shelves near you. Bought mine at Target at Cary Crossroads. Scale not known. About three inches long. Ages three and above. Not bad for a buck! See a ton more images on [Google Images](#). Could make a heck of a promotional piece for departments that operated one.



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Sale of Surplus « Matchbox Classic Seag... » Raleigh's Cool New Po...
 Fire Trucks, 1976

Sale of Surplus Fire Trucks, 1976

08/04/12 131 W, 1 I - + 9 - 8

What happened to Raleigh's 1924 ALF service truck chassis, 1936 ALF pumper, 1949 FWD pumper, 1951 ALF pumpers (2), and 1957 FWD pumper? ([Read about those rigs.](#)) They were sold as surplus on December 20, 1976. The sale location was Fire Station 8, where some of the trucks had been sitting for a spell. The service truck chassis in particular had been collecting dust since 1963, when the ladder bed was removed and installed on a new Ford chassis. What became of these trucks? The 1936 pumper, if memory of conversations with the late Bob Biggs is correct, ended up wasting away in some woods in our area. (Or maybe it was down east?) The 1957 pumper was bought by a private owner in Knightdale, and later served the newly formed Hopkins Fire Department. Click to enlarge:

Form No. 1

THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Date, November 22, 1976

REQUEST FOR BIDS AND PROPOSALS ON
SALE OF SURPLUS FIRE TRUCKS

Provided in General Statute of North Carolina, Section 140-20, as amended, sealed bids and proposals are invited and subject to the conditions on the reverse side hereof, will be received by The City of Raleigh, at the Office of the City Purchasing Agent at Room 307 Municipal Building, Raleigh, N. C. until 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday, day of week the 20th day of December, 1976, at which time at a meeting at Room 307 Municipal Building in Raleigh, the lowest bids and proposals will be publicly opened for furnishing the apparatus, engine, auxiliary equipment and/or repair work and services, as described herein.

THE CITY OF RALEIGH
[Signature]
 Purchasing Agent

RF Request No. 76-70

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	1	1924 American LaFrance Service Truck Chassis only - SN 1941		\$
2	1	1949 FWD Truck - SN 115282		\$
3	1	1936 American LaFrance Pumper SN 7929		\$
4	1	1951 American LaFrance Pumper SN 14726		\$
5	1	1951 American LaFrance Pumper SN 14830		\$
6	1	1957 FWD Pumper SN D80353		\$

These units are inoperable and have been stripped of all usable parts.

Please contact Chief R. E. Keith at 755-6360 for additional information.

Location: Fire Station #8 - Western Boulevard.

Successful bidder must remove units within 10 days after award by City Council.

Work Required

IMPORTANT NOTE: Cash deposit on bid bond or CHECKER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY PROPOSAL. SEE ITEM NO. 1 CONDITIONS ON REVERSE OF THIS PAGE.

POSITIVELY NO BIDS CONSIDERED UNLESS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM

NOTES TO BIDDERS: All the required open may article as which for any bidding shall be shown as separate items and to be made available with price bid. Failure to comply with these conditions will be considered grounds for rejection.

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Raleigh's Cool New Police Cruisers

08/04/12 46 W, 2 I - + 14 - 8

Here's one of Raleigh's new police cruisers, one a couple Caprices that are being tested as possible replacements for the Crown Victorias that are no longer produced. The police department is also testing a couple other models. Click to enlarge:



there is another one out there with a way cooler Batman looking lightbar and cameras on it...

Joe Brady ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 08/04/12 - 13:18

OK, so you are all saying what a wimpy car, right??? So... let's see, one of these "futuristic fuel savers" falls in behind you on I440 looking like the meek V6 "Impala-like" car of old; AND THEN you quickly find they are 6.0L V8, rear-wheel drive, Police only package monsters that are not available to civilians and capable of 154mph! Like Clint would say... "Go ahead...,make my day!" Details at:

<http://www.gmfleet.com/government/police..>

A.C. Rich - 08/04/12 - 16:58

Saw one today. Glad they are fast, they sure aren't good looking!

gen3fire - 08/04/12 - 18:39

I guess the big thing is that they get the job done....love the "go to hell" rims too.

Silver - 08/04/12 - 23:23

Fuquay pd has purchased a couple of the new ford taurus. The smoke the crown vics and handle like a subaru due to the all wheel drive. It has only a v6 too.

fvpd - 08/04/12 - 23:50

What other models are they testing?

Will - 08/05/12 - 00:08

Reminds me of RoboCop! I believe RPD is testing a couple of the Ford Taurus Interceptors too... I am fascinated at the power to weight in these cars. Here's a link to a side-by-side comparison for the Chevy, Ford, and the Dodge Charger.

http://www.gmfleet.com/pdf/GM_Caprice.pdf.

A.C. Rich - 08/05/12 - 00:55

You will see marked chargers soon in Cary. I was at the town shop just the other day and several 2012 chargers white in color were being sent off to have the graphics package added. I will snap a picture soon enough for Mike to add...

Jay - 08/05/12 - 01:52

I sure hope Cary PD updated their graphics and got out of the 1980s.

I am liking the newest WSO graphics the best out of anything in the county right now, except maybe Holly Springs and Apex PDs

shevais - 08/05/12 - 12:44

The black charger with gold stripes in Wake Forest looks good also.

Rob Mitchell - 08/05/12 - 15:31

"handle like a subaru".... don't think I've ever heard that before nor am I real interested in trying it out. Now... a "no charge option 6.0 v8" with 355hp and 384 ft. lbs torque now that is my kind of action.

Car & Driver - 08/06/12 - 15:36

Any chance of Chargers in Raleigh?

Neil - 08/06/12 - 22:38

@A.C. – Nice comparo. Not sure how having a longer car and only nine more HP in the V-6 over the Charger makes Chevy "Best-in-class", but heck, it's nice to see Chevy back in the V8, RWD police car market. But I'm a Dodge man, through and through, and would take a Charger (new or old) over all those others in a heartbeat.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 08/09/12 - 09:18

They did a side by side test of the Ford, Chevy and Dodge the other night on Top Gear. The Ford pretty much beat the others in every category. It was really surprising to me. They also featured a mock chase with a Corvette. Wake S.O. got a "shout out" for having the only Z06 Corvette being used as a LEO vehicle in the country.

Russell - 08/20/12 - 21:26

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Snakes Alive

08/05/12 54 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Rescued occupant from apartment fire on Timber Creek Lane this morning. Medic 95 arriving about two minutes after dispatch and reporting smoke showing from the rear of the building. Engine 17 first fire unit on scene. Stove alight, quickly extinguished. Most companies soon released. [See more photos by Mike Legeros](#). Click to enlarge:



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Then & Now - Station 3

08/05/12 32 W, 2 I - + 6 - 4

What differences do you observe in these photos of Raleigh Fire Station 3 from 1954 and today? Other than the position of the camera, that is. Click to enlarge:



The only big difference I notice is the addition of a rack to hang mops.

Rescue Ranger - 08/05/12 - 20:34

The windows are different. There looks to be an a/c unit at the rear. Upper deck at the rear. Tree has grown up, along with the fence present and the landscaping out at the street. Plus there use to be an ALF 700 series pumper and what looks like the front of the ALF 400 series pumper in there. I remember during the late 60s when the last ALF 900 series was placed there for a while (even with the number '10' on it) and the 1950 FWD pumper was also kept there. My Cub Scout troop visited this station on a Saturday afternoon when the #10 ALF and the old FWD were there. They fed us lunch that day (Jesse Jones hot dogs on the grill), let us slide down the pole, and they hooked up a 'huge hoseline' and let us spray water into the street.

DJ - 08/06/12 - 10:36

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To Err or Breath Air?

08/05/12 94 W - + 7 - 6

Dave Statter posted a posting about this video over the weekend, showing a car fire in a transport trailer and also captured some exasperated comments from the vehicle's owners. From outside Chicago, in Arlinton Heights, IL. Reading the 28 comments posted so far, there's a difference of opinion regarding the use of breathing air. Winds blowing away from the nozzle man. He's keeping a cautious distance as approaches. For some readers, that make senses. For others, that's crazy man. Discuss as desired. Good video work from the Arlington Cardinal, though!

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Wilmington Fire Station 2 Update

08/06/12 176 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

[FireNews has posted an update](#) and photos of Wilmington's new Fire Station 2, which reopened on July 31. The facility is located at 3403 Park Avenue at Empie Park. It replaced an older station at the same location that was demolished in August 2011 due to mold problems. The 9,000 square-foot building is 880 square-feet larger, and has three bays instead of two. An open house and ribbon-cutting is planned for Saturday August 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A memorial garden is also planned for the location, including an artifact from the World Trade Center. It will be funded through private donations and sponsorships. Construction of the garden and monument is expected to begin next year. [Learn more about the memorial.](#)

The Wilmington Fire Department has lost six members in the line of duty: Asst. Chief Willie Monroe (1932, vehicle accident), Fire Chief Charles Schnibben (1933, vehicle accident), Lt. Raymond Core (1935, collapsed at fire), Lt. Emmett Williamson (1941, heart attack), Firefighter? Oscar Willis (1956, wall collapse), and Asst. Chief Harold Sandlin (1987, natural gas explosion). Source: [Legeros fallen firefighters database.](#)



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High Point Water Rescue Photo

08/06/12 162 W, 1 I - + 7 - 6

High Point Enterprise photographer Don Davis snapped this dramatic photo on Saturday, of High Point firefighters preparing to rescue a motorist stranded by flash flooding on North Elm Street. Lots to like, from the depth of focus to the sense of movement captured in the image. [Read the story](#). The picture was transmitted on the AP wire services, so it's appeared in such other places as firehouse.com.

And speaking of incident photography, Yours Truly will be participating in a panel on the topic at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) on Friday, August 10. From 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. FireNews Editor Jeff Harkey moderates, with Legeros, Bob Bartzosz, and Rob Brisley discussing their work and the craft. We'll be answering questions on any and every related topic. Bring a question, or bring several questions. [Read workshop discussion](#). Autographs are free, of course. Or maybe we're supposed to pay you!?!



Don Davis/High Point Enterprise/AP photo

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Fire Expo: Big Banner Up Close

08/08/12 163 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

August 7
Updated with super-large image! File is just under 7 MB in size. Can also spy with my eye Apex, Bay Leaf, Beaufort, Cherryville, Fairgrounds, Gastonia, Graham, Hopkins, Knightdale, Mt. Airy, Raleigh-Durham Airport, Sanford, Shelby, Wake New Hope, Warrenton, Williamston, and Zebulon fire departments. Pretty cool!

August 6
 Check out the Salisbury Street side of the Raleigh Convention Center, and the montage of historical photos promoting this week's [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Can see a number of familiar old photos in there, if not mistaken, from Albemarle, Asheville, Biltmore Forest, Carthage, Cary, Charlotte, Durham, Durham Highway, Garner, Greensboro, Goldsboro, Hickory, High Point, Nashville, Raleigh, Rolesville, Six Forks, Wendell, Western Boulevard, and Wilson fire departments. Need a closer look to confirm all of them, and the others. And one of these years, we'll resume working on a book of historical fire photos from across the state. That one needs to be done. Click **once or twice** to enlarge:



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Airport Firefighters Cushion Helicopter Landing with Station Mattresses

08/07/12 119 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

From a reader, here's an impressive story out of San Antonio. On Sunday, a medical helicopter struck a cellphone tower and lost a landing skid. Diverted to the airport, the pilot asked if firefighters had anything soft that could be placed under the craft. He suggested mattresses, so the quick-thinking firefighters headed to the station's dormitory. They grabbed three mattresses, plus weights from the weight room to hold the makeshift cushions in place. The helicopter landed safely, and with no injuries to the patient and three crew members. [Read the entire story](#) from the *San Antonio Express-News* and see a couple more pictures. Thanks James!



San Antonio Express-News photo

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Fire Expo: Antique Sneak Peek

08/08/12 56 W, 1 I - + 5 - 6

FireNews.net posted this photo on [their Facebook page](#). That's Charlotte's 1902 steamer "Old Sue" and 1866 Jeffers hand pumper on display at the Raleigh Convention Center, at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Ten, count 'em ten, antiques will be displayed inside the center this week. Click to enlarge:



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Fire Expo: Centennial Merchandise For Sale

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The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) is selling centennial merchandise this week at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Visit the Raleigh Fire Department booth on Friday and Saturday to purchase tee-shirts (gray and blue), challenge coins, and stickers. You can also pre-order your copy of the [Centennial History Book](#).



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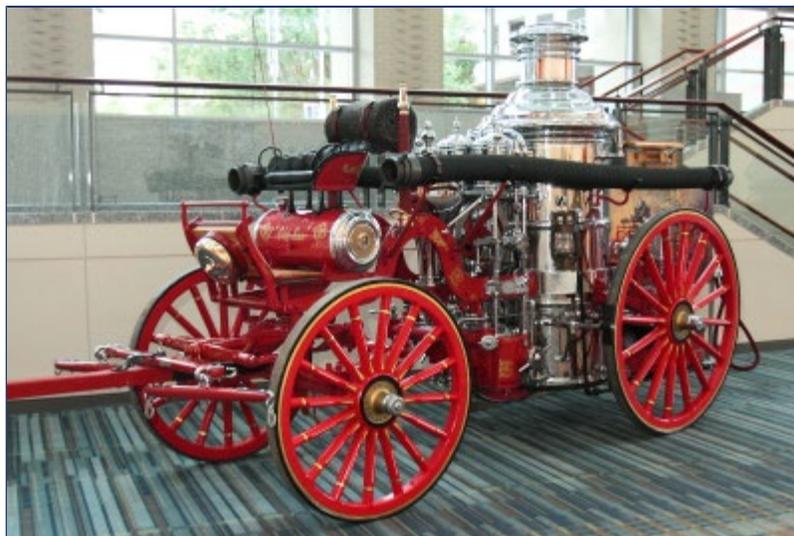
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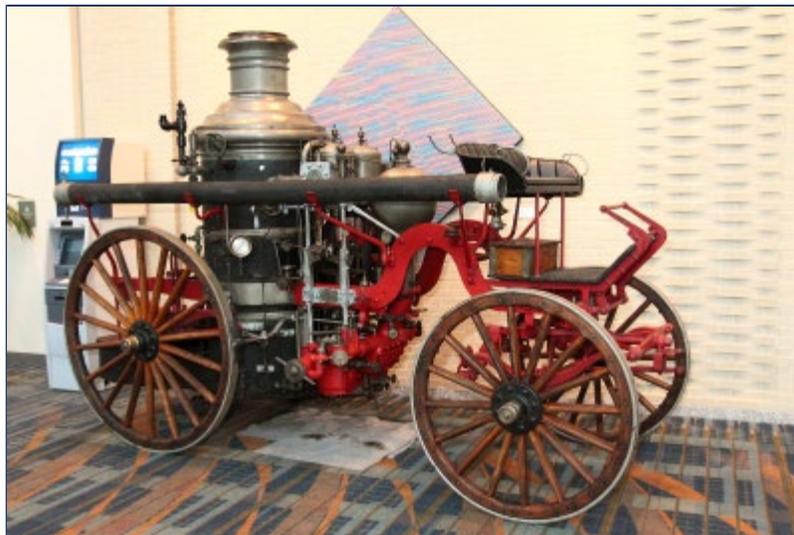
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Fire Expo: By Hand, By Horse

08/08/12 106 W, 3 I - + 5 - 7

These three beauties are displayed on the Lenoir Street side of the Raleigh Convention Center, for this week's [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Top to bottom is Charlotte's 1866 Jeffers hand-pulled, hand-powered engine, Charlotte's 1902 American Metropolitan steam engine "Old Sue", and Raleigh's 1905 American LaFrance Metropolitan steam engine. The steamers were horse-pulled, though that wasn't always the case in the Old North State. Some of our earliest steam engines were pulled by hand (!), including Raleigh's 1870 Gould steamer. [Learn more steamer history](#). All three of these will be demonstrated with live pumping on Saturday. Don't miss it! Click to enlarge:





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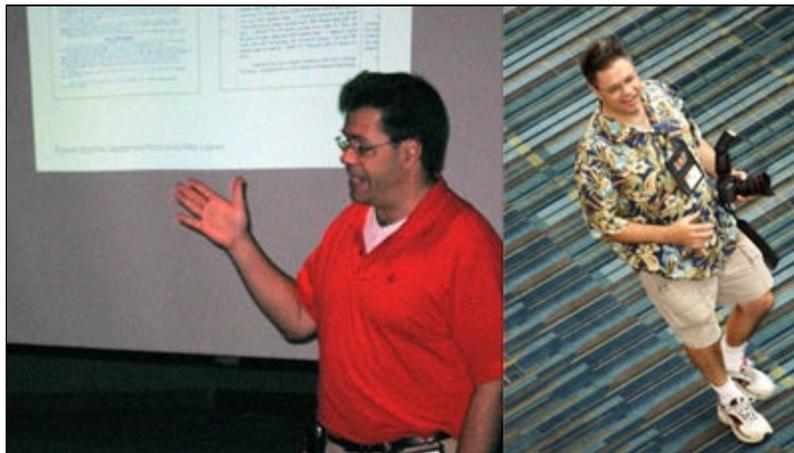
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Fire Expo: Meet Mr. Blogger

08/09/12 295 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Author/historian/photographer/blogger Mike Legeros will be appearing at two workshops on Friday, August 10, at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Jury's still out on what he'll be wearing. Probably a golf shirt, but maybe he'll take the tropical plunge this year.



Both of these people will be appearing at the Fire Expo

On Scene – Emergency Service Photography

Jeff Harkey, Editor in Chief, FireNews.net, Moderator

Bob Bartosz, Camden City/County (New Jersey) Fire Photographer (retired)

Mike Legeros, Historian, Raleigh Fire Department

Other participants/special guest stars TBD, due to schedule changes

Friday, August 10, 2012

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Room 302A

This panel discussion will open with each panelist presenting an overview of their work. These ten-minute overviews will be followed with a panel discussion on such topics as night photography, fireground safety, what to do with your pictures, and protecting the interest of agencies and the fire service. Plus the panel will answer audience questions, such as "how often do you hear the phrase 'you'll break your camera if you take their picture' ?" (Answer: Too often.)

Centennial History of the Raleigh Fire Department

Mike Legeros, Raleigh Fire Department Historian

Friday, August 10, 2012

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Room 302A

This year, the Raleigh Fire Department celebrates its 100th anniversary as a career fire department. Historian Mike Legeros looks back over the past two centuries, beginning with the city's creation in 1792, the formation of the first fire company in 1819, and the organization of the volunteer Raleigh Fire Department in 1852. He'll continue into the modern age with a decade-by-decade fire department history in the 20th Century. This workshop will also provide a contextual history of 300 years of firefighting history in North Carolina.

Fire Expo: Be the Bash

08/10/12 188 W, 2 I - + 8 - 4

Reminder! Brotherhood Bash tonight. Napper Tandy's on West Street. Here's the last thing we posted, about raffle tickets. No time for all new-posting. Bust my chops tonight as desired...

July 28

Get your raffle tickets for the Second Annual Brotherhood Bash on Friday, August 10. The location is again Napper Tandy's at 126 N. West Street in downtown Raleigh. Tickets prices are \$5.00 for one, or \$20.00 for five. Top prizes include a Cairns N6A leather lid and a set of leather fire boots. Lots of other swag and door prizes will also be given away throughout the night.

See any Capital Area FOOLS Board member and Wake County Firefighters Association member for tickets. You can also purchase tickets during the Fire Expo, on the show floor. Ticket sales will end at 8:45 p.m. on the day of the bash, Friday, August 10. Portions of the proceeds will be donated to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Here's the [Facebook event page](#). Here are photo's from [last year's bash](#). See YOU there for a fun filled night of fellowship and plenty of BROTHERHOOD!





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Fire Expo: Steamer Crews

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Pictured are the steamer crews from the Charlotte and Raleigh fire departments, who demonstrated on Saturday their 1902 American (CFD) and 1905 American LaFrance (RFD) steam engines, respectfully, as part of the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo.

Shown left to right are Capt. Robbie Myers (CFD) Capt. Michael Ezzell (RFD), Engineer Jeff Dixon (CFD), Lt. Patrick Murphy (RFD), Capt. Buddy Caldwell (CFD), and Battalion Chief Shane Nantz (CFD). Not pictured is Asst. Chief Bert Richards (RFD).

Photos and even a couple short videos from Mike Legeros are forthcoming. [Here's a story in today's News & Observer](#) about the antique apparatus demonstrations, which also included Charlotte's 1866 hand engine. Was an exciting, educational afternoon. Click to enlarge:



Fire Expo: Hand and Steam Engines Video

08/12/12 93 W - + 7 - 3

Charlotte's 1866 Jeffers hand engine and 1902 American steam engine, and Raleigh's 1905 American LaFrance steam engine in operation on Saturday, outside the Raleigh Convention Center and as part of the South Atlantic Fire-Rescue Expo. Mobile phone footage. Really short. What other videos from Saturday are worth noting? [Here's the parade](#) as shot by Fire Rescue TV. (And to watch a larger version of the below clip, click on the title at the top of the embedded video. That works with all embedded YouTube videos.)

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Fire Expo: Workshop Slides

08/13/12 82 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

PDF versions of my workshop slides from Friday have been posted to www.legeros.com/slides. Available for viewing or download is the content from "A Centennial History of the Raleigh Fire Department" and the "Meet Mike Legeros" segment of an incident photography panel. See me in person for autographs. Also available for weddings and bar mitzvahs. Thanks to those who attended. Was very enjoyable as always.



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Back to Work

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The South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo was a blast. Time to get back to work and back to regular blogging. Watch this space for... everything else that we usually post about. Mr. Blogger is rested and ready to resume normal operations. That is, once he's finished posting and processing a few more photos. Those'll get done this week. That's Little Betsy from Roxboro, by the way, and winner of Best Specialty Apparatus in the Expo parade. It takes a real man to ride a wee truck. Happy Monday.



That's Roxboro FD Chief Kenneth Torain driving.

Gary Clayton - 08/13/12 - 13:45

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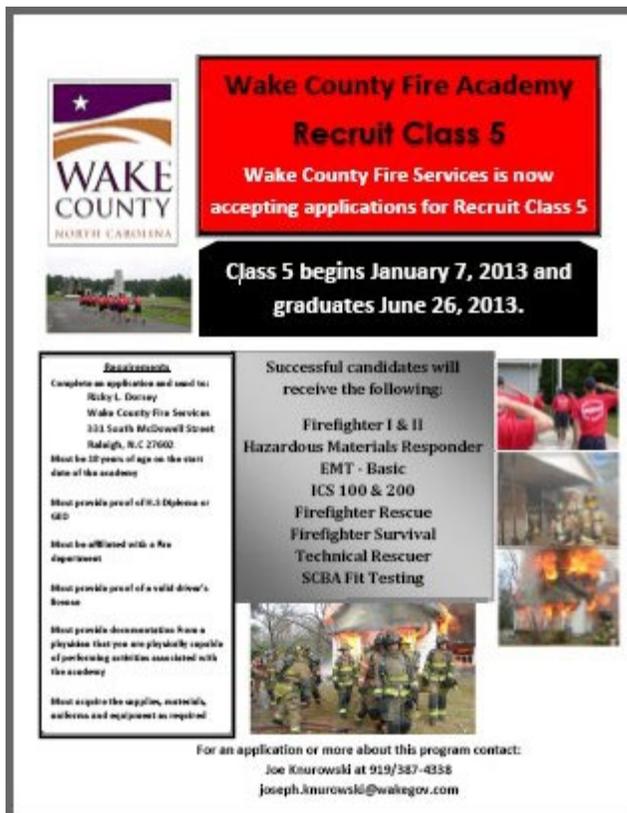
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Wake County Fire Academy Now Hiring

08/14/12 37 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Applications are now being accepted for Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 5. The class begins January 7, 2013, and graduates June 26, 2013. The application process closes November 19, 2012. See this flier for more information:



Wake County Fire Academy
Recruit Class 5
Wake County Fire Services is now accepting applications for Recruit Class 5

Class 5 begins January 7, 2013 and graduates June 26, 2013.

Requirements
Complete an application and send to:
Ricky L. Dorsey
Wake County Fire Services
331 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, N.C. 27602
Must be 18 years of age on the start date of the academy
Must provide proof of H.S. Diploma or GED
Must be affiliated with a Fire Department
Must provide proof of a valid driver's license
Must provide documentation from a physician that you are physically capable of performing activities associated with the academy
Must acquire the supplies, materials, uniforms and equipment as required

Successful candidates will receive the following:
Firefighter I & II
Hazardous Materials Responder
EMT - Basic
ICS 100 & 200
Firefighter Rescue
Firefighter Survival
Technical Rescuer
SCBA Fit Testing

For an application or more about this program contact:
Joe Knurowski at 919/387-4338
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Letter to the Editor - Old-Time Steamers

08/14/12 254 W - + 7 - 3

Published in today's *News & Observer*, in response to the [August 12 story](#) about the steamer demonstrations at the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo:

Old-time steamers

Allow me to add a historical footnote to the Aug. 12 article about antique engines at the South Atlantic Fire-Rescue Expo. A century earlier, steam fire engines (or steamers) were a regular feature of the annual convention of the N.C. State Fireman's Association. Each year's event, held in different cities, included an annual tournament. Fire companies and fire departments from the mountains to the coast participated. There were two steamer contests, with trophies awarded for quickest steam and longest distance of water stream.

At the 1894 convention in Winston, for example, the contest was entered by Greensboro, New Berne, Salem, Wilmington, Winston No. 1 and Winston No. 2. New Berne won the \$50 prize for quick-steaming, with a time of 3:19 2/5 .

Wilmington won the \$20 prize for long distance, "throwing 275 feet." A strong wind assisted their victory. The steam engine contests were discontinued in the 1910s. They were replaced by motor contests beginning in 1930. The last tournament was held at the 1940 conference in Salisbury.

Raleigh's 1905 American LaFrance steamer was restored to operational condition to help celebrate the department's 100th anniversary this year. It made its debut in downtown Raleigh at the Centennial Birthday Party, which was held on June 16, versus this weekend, as noted in the article.

Mike Legeros
Raleigh Fire Department Historian
President, Raleigh Fire Museum
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Scenes From The Fire Expo, Part 1

08/14/12 133 W, 3 I - + 6 - 4

[Have posted half of my photos](#) from the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo: the parade and hand engine demonstration from Saturday, and the full series of Brotherhood Bash photos from Friday. More coming. [See also this video](#) of the hand engine and steam engines operating. See also Lee's pictures from the [Fire Expo](#) and [Brotherhood Bash](#), plus the [Haz-Mat Challenge](#). The hand engine demonstration was a particular treat, and particularly for those who've never seen one in operation (such as myself). It also provides a nice contextual introduction to hand engines of that era. Raleigh's last-delivered engine was likely the same size and style. More on that later.





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Chapel Hill's Old Engine 36

08/14/12 94 W, 2 I - + 9 - 0

Reader and photographer (see his [Picsa site](#)) Andrew Messer found Chapel Hill's old Engine 36 in Campobello, SC. The 1980 Mack CF pumper is parked at Carolina Trailer Sales, just off Interstate 26. Click to enlarge. Thanks Andrew!



Andrew Messer photo

[Here's an earlier photo](#) of the truck by Lee Wilson, taken in ~~January 2011~~ several years ago. Interesting pre-connected hose on the rear driver's side, perhaps re-purposed from a hard suction hose rack? Maybe readers can tell about its history. Or about similar pre-connect experiments and innovations.



Lee Wilson photo

The attack line was used for like a jump line. It was used for like car fires and dumpster fire and such. It was 100 ft 1 3/4.

Knightsdale's Loaner Ladder

08/16/12 45 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

This 2002 American LaFrance mid-mount aerial ladder (95-foot) is now serving Knightsdale Public Safety as Ladder 135. Their 1997 Pierce aerial ladder (added in 2009) is headed to the shop for six months of repair work. [See more photos by Lee Wilson.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

Who loaned them that one? What's wrong with the other one that it needs 6 months of work?

Steve - 08/18/12 - 12:13

I believe it has a few things wrong, but the main issue is a cracked frame. The company that is fixing it is letting them use the loaner.

George - 08/18/12 - 21:33

Ouch! That sounds like a super expensive fix! Good thing they have a loaner for them though, that's great

Steve - 08/19/12 - 15:23

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Morrisville's Old Engine Returns Home

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This old beauty was returned to the Morrisville Fire Department on Monday, after a period of storage at the town's maintenance facility. Believe the 1963 Chevrolet/Darley 500/500 pumper was Morrisville's first newly-delivered engine, after a military surplus, shop-built pumper that was placed in service when the department was organized in 1955. (During that first decade they also operated a brush truck converted from a military surplus Dodge Power Wagon.) [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#), including it's first washing in some years.



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Morrisville's First Fire Engines

08/16/12 76 W, 5 I - + 8 - 3

Found these in my files. The first photo is a *News & Observer* image. The others were scanned from the scrapbooks and files of the Morrisville Fire Department, when my *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* books were being researched. That was a decade ago. The color photos are dated 1971. That's either a 1969 or 1970 Chevrolet tanker, 1,200 gallons. Plus the apparatus mentioned in [the prior posting](#). Click to enlarge:



News & Observer photo





Parkwood Fire Department's Third Annual BBQ Cook-Off, October 12-13, 2012

08/18/12 53 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

The Parkwood Fire Department in Durham County is holding their annual Pork BBQ Cook-off and Fundraiser on October 12-13, 2012. They're looking for people or teams to compete, as well as sponsors. Deadline for entry is September 30. [See this flier](#) (PDF) for more information.



BARBECUE Parkwood Fire Department **BBQ**
3rd Annual BBQ Cook-Off
October 12th-13th 2012

Parkwood Fire Department will hold their 33rd annual Pork BBQ and Brunswick Stew along with the 3rd annual BBQ Cook-Off at Parkwood Fire Department Station 1 at 1409 Seaton Rd. Durham NC. All contestants will come together to compete in Grand BBQ Cook-Off Style. We will be cooking Whole Hog. All meat will be provided, all you have to do is cook! Team entries will be served to the public during the BBQ fundraiser. Samples will be judged prior to the start of the BBQ fundraiser. The prizes have been increased this year!

Come enjoy the day-long camaraderie and show your support for Parkwood Fire Department.

Entry Fee:
 There is a \$50.00 entry fee for each team. However, We strongly encourage you to get a sponsor for your team. If you provide your own sponsor, we will waive your entry fee. Sponsorship information is attached. We appreciate your help in securing sponsors.

1ST PRIZE \$1000

Friday Oct 12th
 2:00pm - 7:00pm: Meet in and Setup
 7:00pm - 7:30pm: Cook Cook Meeting
 8:00pm: Meet distribution & Competition Starts
 11:00pm: Quiet Hours begin

Saturday Oct 13th
 8:00am - 10:00am: Preliminary meet (camp visitors, check out and judging sample containers distributed)
 10:00: Judging samples collected
 10:00-10:30: Single collection of BBQ from individual teams and also show up our table
 11:00: Competition results begin, and Sponsor Recognition

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Tuesday's Tanker Incident in Warren County

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[FireNews.net](#) has [posted a story](#) and photos from photographer John Franks, who was on scene at Tuesday's tanker incident in Warren County. About 4:40 p.m., Warrenton Fire Department was dispatched to an overturned vehicle about three miles south of town on Highway 401 at Rifle Range Road. Arriving units found a tractor-drawn tanker on its side. The cargo was 9,500 gallons of LP gas. No leak was detected.

Mutual aid was requested from neighboring Afton-Elberon FD. The county Fire Marshal's office was requested, and North Carolina Emergency Management was contacted. North Carolina Haz-Mat Regional Response Team 4, operated by the Raleigh FD, also responded to provide air monitoring and technical expertise. (That's 47.5 miles from Station 27, where Haz-Mat 2 is housed. Google Maps says 57 minutes driving time.)

[Read the entire story](#) to learn how the incident was mitigated, which involved off-loading the product into a second tanker (half before, half after) and utilizing three, count 'em three large wreckers (also from Raleigh, from Ivey's towing) to right the thing. And all while thunderstorms were steadily approaching. There's your pucker factor. And see many more photos on [John's Flickr site](#). Good work!





John Franks photos

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How Important is Good Writing?

08/18/12 99 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

[Saw this this week in the *New York Times*](#), one of their "Room for Debate" features on the topic "Is Our Children Learning Enough Grammar to Get Hired?" Five columnists offer their opinions on writing skills and hire-ability. How does this impact people who work in emergency services? Probably or certainly as a sliding scale. Maybe minimal at the entry-level, but obviously important as you, um, climb the ladder. Discuss as desired. And here's a special stock photo, created just for this posting...



How well you write demonstrates your mastery of the English language. It is a measure of who you are and, when it gets right down to it, how smart you really are. Yes, there are people who do not write well who are very intelligent. The sad part is, that is not how they come across. Especially to potential employers. Additionally, in this day of a litigation-hungry society, always seeking the "quick pay-off", poor writers are easy prey for mediocre lawyers. And it is simple things, like your/you're, then/than, to/two/too, etc.

DJ - 08/19/12 - 11:56

Dale, there's an interesting irony here. The Internet age affords the opportunity for much more practice at writing (and typing) skills. E-mail and social media make excellent proving grounds. You just have to pay attention. Becoming even slightly self-aware of how you're expressing yourself (and how well the other person is comprehending you) results in reaped rewards.

Legeros - 08/19/12 - 12:24

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A.C. Rich - 08/19/12 - 13:23

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Pierce Peeks

08/20/12 97 W, 3 I - + 5 - 11

Cursing around the [Pierce Flickr page](#) finds a couple interesting apparatus photos for your Monday morning. Here's Wilson's Mills' new Engine 2. Looks like an Arrow XT (?) pumper-tanker.



Check out these striking Velocity engines from Stafford, TX. Black tops, black wheels, curved striping, and bumper chevrons:



And anything from my hometown of Minneapolis and around the Twin Cities always catches my eye, like this shiny service truck and/or heavy rescue from Burnsville, MN. That's the land of really fully-enclosed apparatus, where even the pump panels get enclosed on some rigs:



Garner's new Eng 1 should be in in a couple of weeks hopefully as the final takes place soon.

Mike - 08/20/12 - 10:32

Were you really cursing or cruising?

Ryan - 08/20/12 - 11:47

Ryan, somebody needs to point out to this blogger the importance of good writing and accurate typing!

Legeros - 08/21/12 - 08:36

I think Wilson's Mills is a Saber, with the extended cab option.

JoCo - 08/22/12 - 09:01

It is a saber. Look for the pierce in the top of the grill. Arrows have the boxes built around the A/C units on the cab also.

firerunner184521 - 08/22/12 - 22:29

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NIOSH Report Released on Asheville LODD

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[FireNews.net reported yesterday](#) that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) report has been released on the death of Asheville Fire Department Captain Jeff Bowen. He died on July 28, 2011, while fighting a high-rise fire. [Read the report](#) (PDF). See also this [Asheville Citizen-Times story](#) from yesterday, and this [City of Asheville press release](#).



Death in the line of duty...

A summary of a NIOSH fire fighter fatality investigation

NIOSH

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

June 25, 2012

A Career Captain Dies and 9 Fire Fighters injured in a Multistory Medical Building Fire—North Carolina

Executive Summary

On July 28, 2011, a 37-year-old career captain died and 9 fire fighters were injured in a 6-story medical building fire while searching for the seat of the fire. At 1228 hours, dispatch sent four companies (2 engines, 1 truck, and a squad company) to an automatic fire alarm at a multistory medical building. Engine 2 reported a working fire with heavy smoke and fire showing on the top floor rear of structure and requested a second alarm. Instead, the dispatch center sent a Division Chief, Battalion Chief, Safety Officer, Engine Company, Rescue company, and Fire Marshal as the complement for a working fire first alarm. Engine 2 fire fighters connected 100 feet of 2½-inch hoseline to the standpipe in the stairwell on the top floor. Engine 2 flowed water for several seconds when their low-air alarms went off and they exited the structure. Rescue 3 took the hoseline but had issues getting water to flow. The top two floors and north stairwell were now heavy with smoke. Ladder 1 was setting up at the A/B corner to access a window on the 5th level (labeled 5th floor), side B. Two of Rescue 3's members were getting low on air, and the crew moved to the stairwell to exit the building. Two of the members exited the stairwell, but the captain (the victim) went down the hallway and two fire fighters followed him. The low-air alarms of the victim and two fire fighters were sounding when they reached the hallway that was connected to the fire rooms. One of the fire fighters grabbed the victim, who was acting confused, and started back to the stairwell. The other fire fighter got separated in heavy smoke, went toward the fire rooms, and made it to a window where the platform of Ladder 1 was located just as he ran out of air. The victim ran out of air and told his partner they needed to buddy breath. The victim undipped his regulator as his partner connected the buddy breather and all the partner's air escaped through the victim's SCBA. The victim transmitted a Mayday and activated his PASS (personal alarm safety system). The fire fighter also attempted to activate his PASS, called several Maydays prior to removing his mask and began looking for an escape path. At some point, the victim vomited in his facepiece and removed it. The fire fighter crawled down a hallway trying to open several doors unsuccessfully until he found a door he could open to the south stairwell. The fire fighter placed his axe in the door and then returned to the victim. The fire fighter grabbed the victim and pulled him to the south stairwell where he collapsed and the pair fell down a flight of stairs. The victim and the fire fighter were eventually located in the south stairwell by another officer who had exited the north stairwell and heard the victim's PASS alarm sounding. Medic units transported the victim and the fire fighter to the hospital.



Area of fire origin - A/B corner
(Courtesy of Fire Department)

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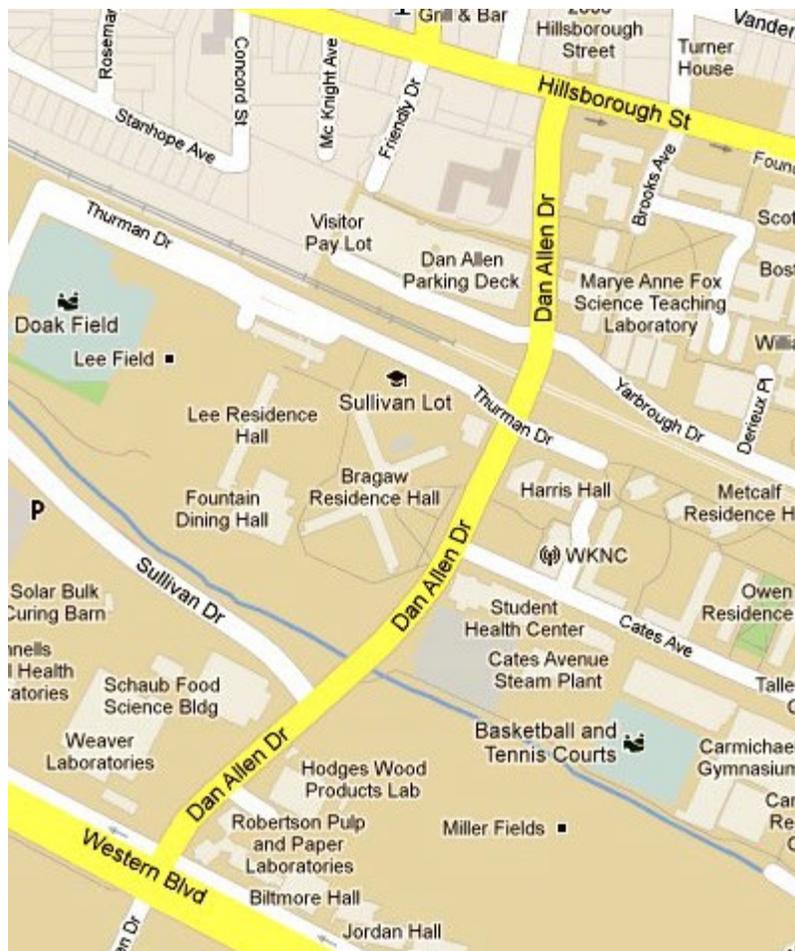
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Traffic Restriction Starts in October

Dan Allen Drive Traffic Restriction Starts in October

08/22/12 147 W, 1 I - + 7 - 6

Yesterday's News & Observer reports that Dan Allen Drive, a private road through the main campus of State College and popular cut-through between Hillsborough Street and Western Boulevard, will be restricted on weekdays started in October. Gates will be installed and will stay closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Only emergency vehicles, campus vehicles, and buses will be permitted. Notes the news story, Dan Allen Drive carries as many as 19,000 vehicles a day. That's mostly student, faculty, and employees. However, one in five of those travelers makes the trip from end to end. With so much traffic, the crowded Wolfline buses get caught and delayed. They're running on time only 60 percent of the time. The change will also improve safety for the masses of pedestrians and cyclists. Go State.



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Monday's Silo Rescue in Sanford

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The Sanford Fire Department on Monday and others responded to an unusual incident for our area, a worker trapped in a grain elevator. A worker inspecting the elevator fell about 40 or 50 feet and became trapped up to his waist in dog foot. Responders brought a leaf vacuum truck to the scene, and removed most of the granules from the elevator. From there, they untangled his injured foot. He was removed after nearly four hours. He never lost consciousness. Read coverage from [WRAL](#) and [WTVD](#). Good use of an articulating aerial platform, is that Sanford's rig? Next question, are silo rescues indeed rare around here?

*WRAL photo**WTVD photo*

That would be Northview's tower 6.



(http://farm7.staticflickr.com/6119/6307737095_acf7046e42_z.jpg)

Michael Crabtree ([Email](#)) - 08/22/12 - 09:09

There is a second aerial piece at the extreme bottom, middle of of the second picture. It doesn't appear to be a ladder, perhaps a Snorkel?
stretch - 08/22/12 - 14:56

That sanford's ladder.



(<http://www.sanfordnc.net/fire/images/206.jpg>)

Michael Crabtree - 08/22/12 - 15:54

Hey Crabtree is Northviews ladder strictly a ladder truck or is there a pump and tank as well?

PGTruckie - 08/23/12 - 17:48

True truck PG. No pump nor water.

JG - 08/24/12 - 08:24

Northview's Tower 6 has no pump but is plumbed for Engine tie in and master stream on aerial. It provided better mobility in the situation than Sanford's Ladder 206. And yes they are very rare but are trained for.

mike - 09/09/12 - 01:07

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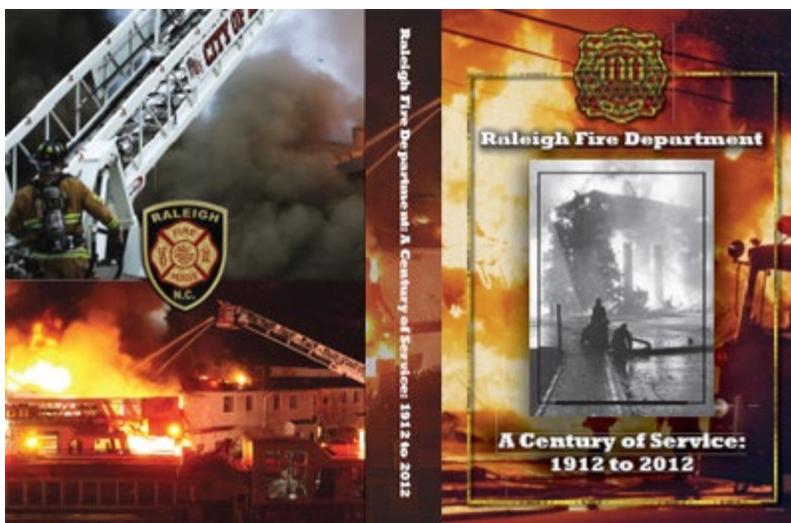
Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book - Order Yours!

08/23/12 174 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

Have you heard about the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book that's in production? And more importantly, have you ordered your copy yet? This will be a coffee table-sized hardcover, measuring 9 x 12 inches, with full-color dust-jacket (the prototype preview is shown below), and 260 full-color pages. The price is \$60.00 through December 1, 2012. Delivery is planned in early 2012.

Published by Strawbridge Studios (right here in Durham!), the book will feature a text history of the Raleigh Fire Department, along with 100 years of historical photos, fire station histories, apparatus photos, personnel portraits, and more.

This is a limited edition volume, so get one if you want one. And if you're sitting on fence, **place that order**. This project requires a minimum order of books, and we still need sufficient pre-orders. How to order? Download (and mail) an order form, or place an order online from RFD100.com. Got questions, or problems using the order form? [Contact Mike Legeros](#) and he'll help you.



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Small Vehicles

08/24/12 49 W, 3 I - + 9 - 4

Photographer Lee Wilson photographed these sharp-looking small vehicles recently. Top is Knightdale's chief's buggy at [Wendell's live burn](#) last week, middle is Wake Forest's Utility 1 at [Station 1](#), and bottom is Raleigh's Mini 3 at [Station 23](#). Note the new wheels on the latter.





Lee Wilson photos

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Old Military Fire Tanker

08/24/12 70 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

From the Department of Roadside Beauties, Lee Wilson found this [former military fire engine](#) on Highway 54 near Chapel Hill this week. Belongs to a construction company. Can't speak for the chassis, but the tank body looks slightly more modern. Maybe 1970s or 1980s? Perhaps a converted water of fuel hauler? Since the Chump is stumped, let's let the experts answer this one.



Lee Wilson photo

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Vintage Film: Fire and Police in Dearborn, MI

08/25/12 75 W - + 9 - 3

From a reader, here's a nifty short film from 1947 depicting fire and police services in Dearborn, Michigan. There's plenty to enjoy in this footage, from old-school artificial respiration to pompier ladder play. How 'bout those water tower nozzles getting polished in the station? And a pretty dramatic wall collapse caught on film. Can also be viewed on the [local A/V Geeks site](#). Thanks Chad!

Really enjoyed the old time news reel about the Dearborn, Michigan Fire Department. I was very surprised to see the news reel clip of the very big fire with collapsing walls and firemen running. That film was taken of a Camden, New Jersey fire at the famous R. M. Hollingshead Building. They were the maker of Whiz Chemical Products. This fire was on July 30, 1940. This was one of Camden's largest fires of the era, bringing fire departments from Atlantic City and multiple alarm assignment from Philadelphia Pa. This fire spread to numerous nearby dwellings leaving over 400 people homeless. One Camden firefighter was killed during this fire.

I am enclosing two photographs of the fire from our History Book. No I didn't take the photos, I was three years old at that time.

Bob Bartosz, Camden City NJ Fire Department Photographer, Retired

Bob Bartosz ([Email](#)) - 08/25/12 - 17:09

I found it interesting on the technology of the fire service now compared to 1940's, from the comment of "there is very little book work in this school (probationary firefighters) the emphasis is leaning by doing". Through hands-on still is a large part, book learning is a lot more than back then.

2redline - 08/25/12 - 22:20

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Henderson/Vance Snorkel For Sale

08/25/12 34 W, 1 I - + 11 - 5

Four days left on GovDeals. This 1978 Hendrickson/Pierce 85-foot articulating platform. Has a 1250 GPM pump. With 20,868 miles. Ground ladders included! [View the auction.](#)



What did they replace this with?

JG - 08/25/12 - 22:31

Here's some earlier history of the truck, <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

It was replaced in 2004 by a 100-foot aerial platform. The snorkel became a city/county truck, then a county-only truck.

Legeros - 08/26/12 - 10:50

This truck was purchased 50/50 back in the 1970's by the City of Henderson and County of Vance. When Vance County hired it's own Fire Marshall a few years ago, this truck became 100 percent Vance County. When Vance County took over operation of Kerr-Lake Fire Dept, they had an 1987 Pierce-Arrow Telequirt, which they had, now the County needed to get rid of one of them, causing the need to sell the Snorkle.

rnl ([Email](#)) - 08/26/12 - 17:28

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When The Training Center Was Young

08/26/12 137 W, 2 I - + 12 - 6

Some new old color slides of the Raleigh Fire Department have surfaced. They're dated October 1990 and are part of a series that was scanned and shown a couple years ago. They show stations and apparatus, plus a few surprises, such as this sparse lower-level of the Keeter Training Center. That facility was but eight years old at the time. Nice vintage shop pictures as well. Particularly good memories for myself and my academy-mates, who had graduated the summer of the year before. (Was assigned to Station 5 at this time, and rode the new Engine 5 shown in the set.) Alas, most of the shots are overexposed. They've been corrected to the best of this schlep's ability. [See the photos.](#)



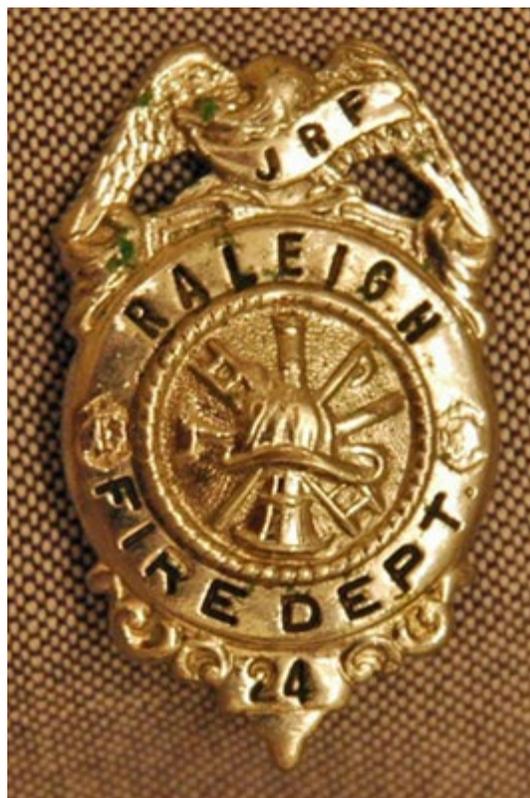
Brings back some memories Mike. Emil Burris and Fred Noble are on the two poles at #1 (B-Shift). Burris was a new boy and Fred (as with us) were only "1 year old" new boys! I was at #1 on A-Shift during that time and was so relieved when the 1990 academy graduated – the "newboy stigma" was passed to another group (whew!).

A.C. Rich - 08/26/12 - 13:10

Vintage Raleigh Badge, Belt Buckle

08/26/12 63 W, 2 I - + 8 - 4

Came across these in my archives. They're courtesy of Matt White, who took them in the seventies, who was a fixture at Station 6 during his childhood. Note the initials on the badge, in the upper-right corner. Likely or certainly belonged to J. R. Foy.



Cary Fire Department is Hiring

08/27/12 118 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

The Cary Fire Department is hiring for certified firefighters. Minimum qualifications included North Carolina Firefighter I and II, North Carolina EMT, and North Carolina Technical Rescuer (times two) certifications. (If pursuing one of the certifications through a North Carolina community college, or accredited agency, the coursework must be satisfactorily completed by January 14, 2013.)

Starting salary is \$34,736. Hiring is expected in January, with successful candidates completing an eight-week academy. Open houses for interested applicants will be held at Fire Station 1 from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 9. Applications are being accepted through Monday, September 10. Good luck to all! [Read the job posting.](#)



As noted there will be an 8 week academy. This is not the first time they have asked for already certified firefighters. It cuts the amount of time needed for an academy, saving the department tens of thousands of dollars to host a full 6 month academy. It also puts the personnel on the trucks quicker instead of paying them to sit through 6 months worth of an academy.

recently - 08/28/12 - 04:35

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Garner's New Engine 1

08/28/12 23 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

Lee Wilson photographed this 2012 Pierce Saber, 1250/1000, delivered yesterday to the Garner Fire Department. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

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That's a Lot of Utility Trucks

08/28/12 47 W, 1 I - + 10 - 5

From the [Carolinas Fire Page mailing list](#) comes this uncredited (for now) photo of the Daytona International Speedway, where Florida Power & Light Company staged dozens (hundreds?) of utility trucks this weekend ahead of Tropical Storm Isaac. Click to enlarge:



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Charlotte Firefighters Prepare For DNC

08/28/12 99 W, 1 I - + 11 - 8

Here's a WBTV story about the Charlotte Fire Department's preparation for the Democratic National Convention next week. Among their plans including assigning about 40 firefighters (working 12-hour shifts) to Uptown to respond only to convention calls, activating a third haz-mat team for Center City, and fully-staffing all of the city's 61 fire companies. (All vacations scheduled for that week were cancelled, the story notes.) About 30 fire inspectors will also be out at night and late night, enforcing fire codes at bars and restaurants. Perhaps readers can share a bit more. [Read or watch the story.](#)



And this Indy story provides a neat peek into the security at the DNC:

<http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/extraor..>

Date on which the Democratic National Convention begins in Charlotte: Sept. 3

Amount in federal funds the city will spend on security for the gathering, expected to draw 6,000 delegates and 30,000 visitors: \$50 million

Number of officers the money will be used to hire from outside departments: 3,400

Miles of 9-foot-tall "anti-scale" fencing the funds will be used to purchase: about 5

Miles of concrete barriers the Secret Service has requested for the event: 2

etc.

Legeros - 08/28/12 - 08:24

I heard RPD is sending 180 officers down, almost set up like an off duty job where you have to take vacation to go but you get paid well.

PD - 08/28/12 - 20:57

50-210 Fire Department Fireman's Day - Saturday, Sept. 8

08/28/12 43 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

The [50-210 Fire Department](#) in Johnston County is hosting a Fireman's Day on Saturday, September 8. The location is Station 1 at 50 Greenleaf Road, Angier. The time is 10:00 a.m. until. Click to enlarge this poster:

**50-210 Community Fire Department
Fireman's Day**
September 08 2012 10:00 am - Until
Starting At 10:00 am With The Sounding Of The Siren
Meet Your Community Firefighters Fun For The Whole Family
BBQ Chicken Plates
With All The Fixn's
\$7.00
BAKE SALE & AUCTION
SPONSORED BY THE
50-210 LADIES AUXILIARY
Auction 6:30pm
Hot Dogs & Drinks
INFLATABLE'S BY AIR FILLED FUN
Fire Fighting Simulation Game
For The Kids
50 Greenleaf Rd. Angier NC 27501
Corner Of Hwy 50 & Greenleaf Rd.
Serving And Protecting Our Community Since 1959

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Vintage Film: Our Obligation

08/28/12 87 W - + 12 - 3

From a reader, here's another vintage short film. This one's about school building fire safety, and depicts a full-scale building fire in Los Angeles. Lots of great apparatus shots, and a surprising amount of real fire and smoke that's been staged. Presumably staged, that is. (Plus real victims and real bodies under sheets. No punches pulled in this one!) Running time is 24:27 minutes. Can also be viewed (and even a copy ordered) on the local [AV Geeks web site](#). Thanks Chad!

Amusing footnote to this. From the July 22, 1963, minutes of the Raleigh Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary: "The President turned the meeting over to Vivian Carter who introduced Captain Rufus Keith. He showed the group a movie called 'Our Obligation'."

Legeros - 09/03/12 - 16:08

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Internal Report Released on Asheville LODD

08/29/12 186 W, 1 I - + 8 - 11

The Asheville Fire Department yesterday released a 552-page internal report that took the life of Rescue 3 member Capt. Jeff Bowen at a commercial structure on Biltmore Avenue on July 28, 2011. A scanned version of the report in black-and-white has been made available in PDF format, and it's a monster in size. Here are tips and links for viewing.

Step 1 - Start with this [FireNews.net posting](#). They've created a helpful table of contents for the report. The document includes an Asheville FD overview, an executive summary, incident operations details, the post-incident analysis team findings, and the plans for improvements.

Step 2 - Choose your download link at the bottom of [that page](#). Full report (127 MB) or partial report (34 MB). Those are Dropbox links, versus direct file links. Click through to download.

Step 3 - Read the report.

Step 4 - Read related stories and postings as desired. Those include this [Asheville Citizen-Times story](#) and [Statter 911 posting](#). And here's [our prior posting](#) with the NIOSH report (full color, versus the version included in the above doc).



We could also have an engaging meta-discussion on the best or most appropriate or most respectful posting title, here or else. Variations could include:

Internal Report Released on Asheville LODD (Legeros fire blog)

Internal Report Released on Asheville Line of Duty Death

Asheville FD Releases Report on LODD

Asheville FD Releases Internal Report on LODD

Asheville FD Releases Report on Death of Capt. Jeff Bowen

Asheville FD Releases Internal Report on Death of Capt. Jeff Bowen

Etcetera, and compared with, say:

Asheville Fire Department Releases Internal Report on LODD Fire (FireNews.net)

Final Report: Asheville FD Investigation into the Death of Captain Jeff Bowen (Statter911)

Legeros - 08/29/12 - 07:50

I have just finished skimming all 500+ pages and reading selected parts. This assembly of information is a must read for fire service members. My hat's off to Asheville FD for demonstrating the leadership to be open with their findings and recommendations!

A.C. Rich - 08/29/12 - 16:24

The radio traffic analysis and recommendations are worth the price of admission alone, A.C. They amply demonstrate the challenges and potential perils of scalability (right word?), when an incident escalates both in size and scope. (Or so thinks this veteran fireground radio listener.)

Legeros - 08/30/12 - 07:53

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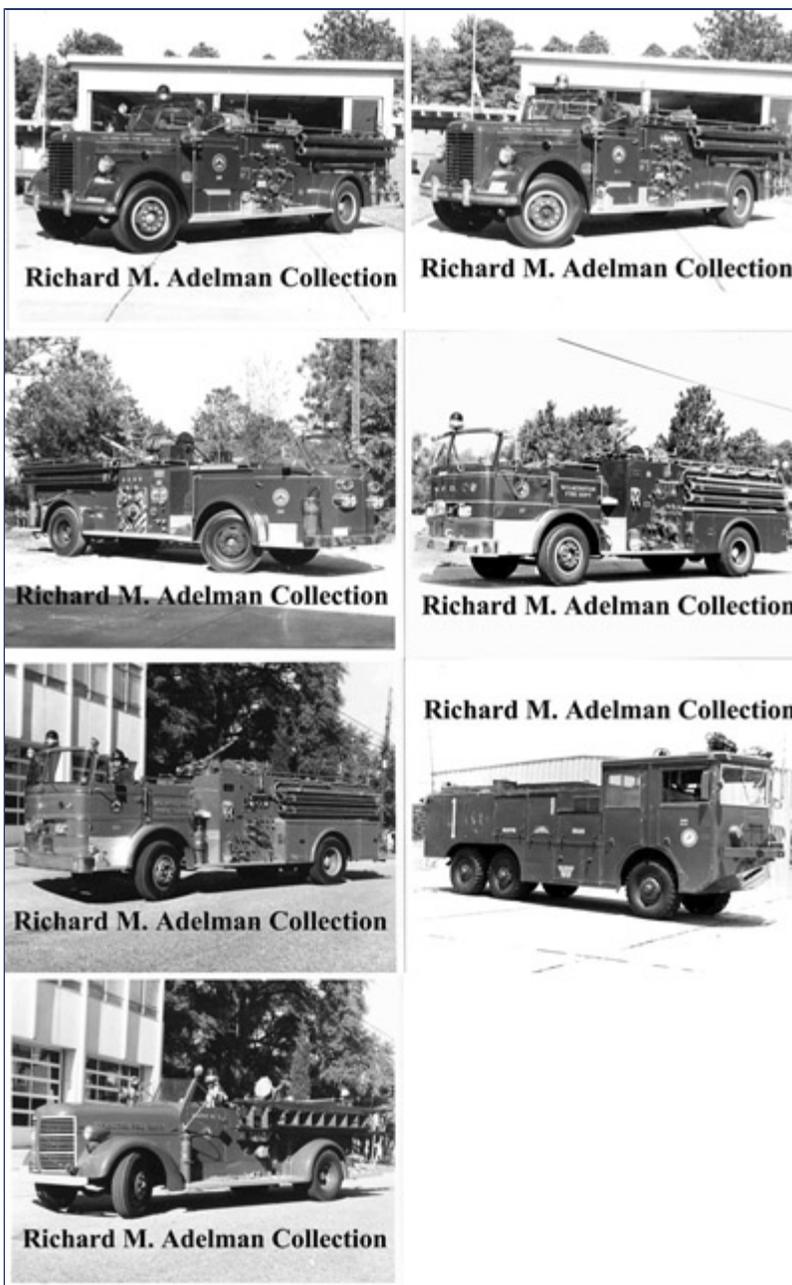
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UPDATED: Vintage Wilmington Rigs

08/30/12 134 W, 1 I - + 7 - 13

Evening:
Missed one. Added to the bottom is a 1942 American LaFrance engine. Sharp-looking and probably built without any chrome, as was common to rigs constructed during World War II. Refresh this page/this post, if the updated montage doesn't display.

Morning:
The latest items for sale on eBay from the [Richard M. Adelman Collection](#) include these six beauties that served in Wilmington. Five are from the city fire department, and one from the airport. Left to right, top to bottom are two 1952 Oren engines, a 1952 American LaFrance engine, a 1965 Duplex/Howe engine, a 1967 Duplex/Howe engine, and a 1954 American LaFrance crash truck. They're all 8x10 images, hand printed from the original negatives. Get 'em while you can! [See prior posting](#) about the seller and the collection. Click to enlarge:



Back in 1978 I went to the NC Fire College that was held in Wilmington. Saw one of the Howe/Duplexes at the downtown station. The ALF pumper was used as the pumping source for the burn exercise. You don't see many early ALFs with the quad headlights. For a while the ALF 800 series had them, and I have seen one other 700 series with the same quad headlights and they had been retrofitted.

DJ - 08/30/12 - 21:54

Updated with one more image that I missed this morning. Refresh this page/the posting to see.

Legeros - 08/30/12 - 22:04

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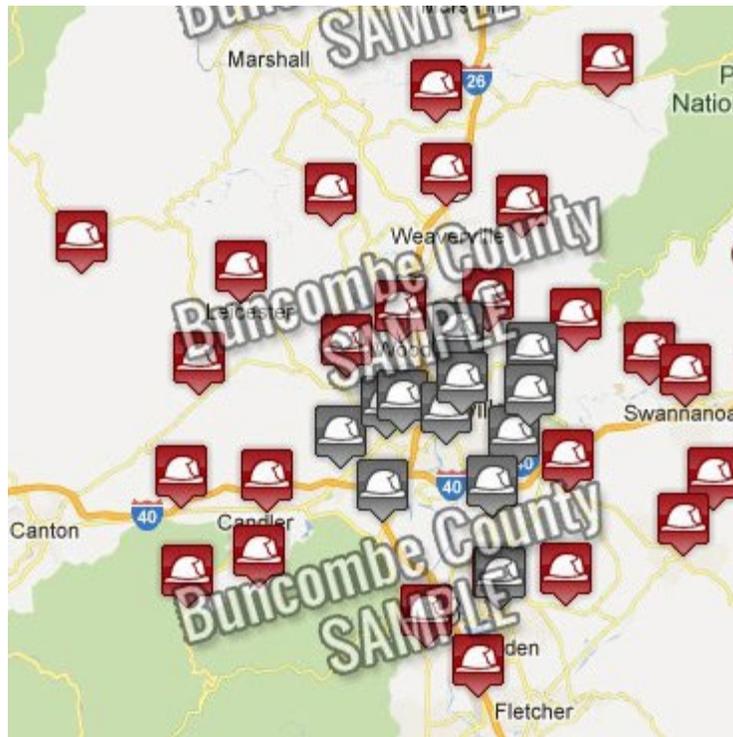
North Carolina Fire Station Mapping Project

08/30/12 157 W, 1 I - + 11 - 12

[Carolinas Fire Page](#) is again updating their exceptionally useful master list of North Carolina fire stations. The list is maintained in two locations: [on this site](#) and [on this site](#). They've recorded 1,940 fire stations in our state, representing about 1,400 fire departments. They have confirmed addresses for 88% of them. They need help with just 228 others. Can you assist?

Once that's done (or close), they'll start their next project: geo-coding all of North Carolina fire stations. These will appear on a new web site displaying each county and municipal fire department as its own interactive map. This'll take the current text-based list, and present the information in a new, graphical format. See sample image below. Exciting, no?

If you can help with fire station addresses and information for the above lists, contact Jeff Harkey at cfp700@carolinasfirepage.com. You'll be glad you did.



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Camp Celebrate Fundraiser / Cornhole Tournament - September 8, 2012

08/31/12 112 W, 1 I - + 16 - 9

The NC12 chapter of the [North Carolina Red Knights](#) motorcycle club is conducting a cornhole tournament on Saturday, September 8, 2012, as a fundraiser for the NC Jaycee Burn Center's Camp Celebrate. The event time is 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event location is Hill Ridge Farms, 703 Tarboro Road, Youngsville. The entry fee is \$30.00. The sign-up time is 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the tournament starting at 12:00 p.m. [View this flyer](#) (PDF). The group is requesting that fire departments post this information, and consider sending one truck to the event, to be displayed at a 9/11 memorial. Contact Quarter Master Daryl Cash (919-868-3677).



You may ask... what is Camp Celebrate?? See this link: http://www.med.unc.edu/burn/aftercare-pr_. Camp Celebrate occurs in May each year at Camp Kanata in northern Wake County. Join us in 2013!! Also, the Red Knights is a local motorcycle club consisting of of fire and other emergency responders.. a great group and they are always looking for members. If interested: <http://nc12redknights.com/>

A.C. Rich - 08/31/12 - 09:43

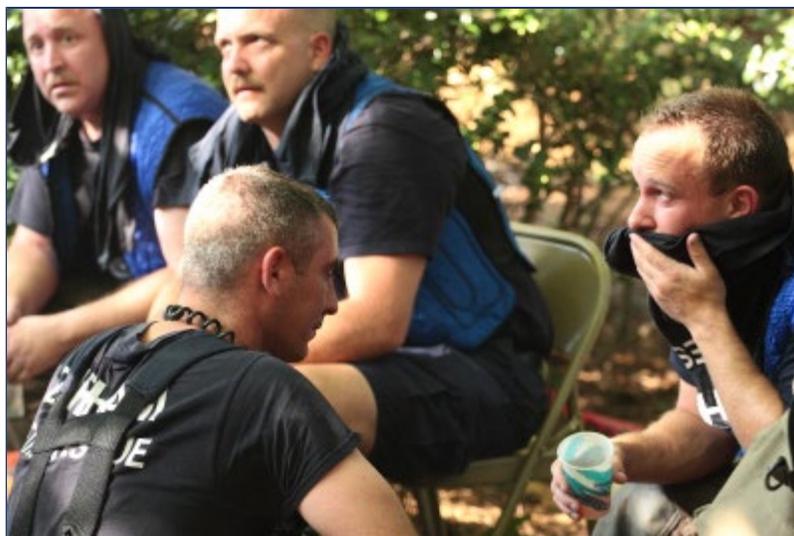
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Two Alarms in Durham Today

08/31/12 109 W, 3 I - + 18 - 8

Took a drive to Durham after work, and shot the aftermath of today's two alarm fire at 4600 University Drive. Heavy fire through the roof of the three-story apartment building. Units on scene included E16, E6, E11, E5, E4, E12, L4, L2, L12, L11, R1, R_, B1, B2, B3, MS1, Safety Officer, other chief officers, plus Durham EMS and Parkwood EMS. Readers can clarify. Alarm time about 3:30 p.m. Some 30 people displaced. Photos forthcoming, though largely from "behind the tape." Thank goodness for zoom lenses. See [WRAL](#) and [WTVB](#) stories, with photos and footage from earlier in the incident. Click to enlarge:





Pictures of the University Drive fire on Durham Fire Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/DurhamFireDept..>

stretch - 09/01/12 - 16:29

Here is the box assignment for that call:

1ST- BC3, BC1, E6, E5, E11, L6, L12, SQ1, MS1, SAF-1, Durham Co. EMS
2ND- BC2, E4, E16, E1, L2, L3, SQ4, SQ7, FD2, FD3

Swiman - 09/01/12 - 16:33

When did durham put ladder 3 and ladder 6 in service? I thought it was 4 ladders consisting of numbers 1,2,11,and12. And engines 7 and 16 being quints. Can someone answer that for me?

jpg - 09/01/12 - 16:40

Here are my pics: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2012-0..>

Observe the UPS truck trapped by the five-inch. That was probably a long afternoon for that driver!

Legeros - 09/01/12 - 16:56

According to the (Un)official Durham Fire Dept page <http://www.angelfire.com/nc3/dfd/home/ho..> under Reassignments Lad 1 became Lad 3 and Lad 11 became Lad 6. Eng 11 was assigned a Quint (Ladder not Aerial Tower). Station 1 is now Engine, Squad, Support and Battalion Chief.

stretch - 09/01/12 - 17:25

My question answered. Thanks

jpg - 09/02/12 - 13:27

in legeros photos of the durham fire, Engine 11 is operating a 1998 e- one that had been E4 until E4 received it's 2012 sutphen. so the unofficial site is not current or the 2006 sutphen quint is out of service.

charlie - 09/02/12 - 14:26

E11 is being serviced so they are riding the reserve. The aerial is now at station 6.. I do believe the website needs to be updated from all the apparatus relocations

Swiman - 09/02/12 - 22:38

thanks for the clarification

jpg - 09/03/12 - 11:47

Former Firehouses in New York City

09/01/12 499 W, 2 I - + 7 - 4

Ever wondered about former firehouses in New York City. Here's an [nycfire.net discussion board thread](#) about that topic, with pages of interesting information and photos. Don't expect a personal tour any time soon, however. [Toured Philly this summer](#), which was an adventure (both on the ground and beforehand with research) and a return visit is required for a couple more station buildings since identified. Sources for that started with acquiring a copy of the PFD history book *Hike Out!* Then scanning the company history in the appendix. Then converting to text. Then correcting. Then appending with information found via the 'net and Google Maps street view.



Toured Chicago in a prior year, and those were exclusively structures built before 1900. Both active and retired. [See those photos](#). Believe it was a comprehensive excursion, as but a handful of those had survived. They were found using the first of the four *History of Chicago Fire Houses* volumes, by Ken Little and John McNalis. That made the research super-easy. Just flipping pages and writing a list by hand. Then using Google Maps street view to confirm that the buildings were still standing. (Acquiring the four volumes, which are out of print, was the harder piece!)



But New York City?

That's a considerable larger and more complicated kettle of fish. First, there's finding the building information. That is, an easily accessed list of past and present stations and their current dispositions. Then there's the sheer physical challenge of (a.) getting to the Big Apple and (b.)

traversing all five boroughs to shoot said buildings. Probably won't be anytime this decade. But there's some easy arm chair explorations available. Google Maps street view coupled with this [list of fire company locations](#) (PDF) compiled by Mike Boucher BXCO. Start entering addresses and see what you find!

Looking for the volunteer houses of New York City? Try these listings, also by Boucher:

- http://www.nyfd.com/history/bronx_vol.pdf
- http://www.nyfd.com/history/brooklyn_wd_vol.pdf
- http://www.nyfd.com/history/queens_vol.pdf
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- http://www.nyfd.com/history/si_vol.pdf
- <http://www.nyfd.com/history/manvolfd.pdf>

For even easier armchair view (of active stations of an age), find a copy of Brian R. McCaffrey's full-color book *FHNY - Fire House New York - A Pictorial History of Firehouse Architecture in the City of New York*. There's a page for each active firehouses, and many that are historic or very historic. Good stuff. And wonder how many months that took, getting those photos? [Here's the Amazon page](#) on same. Maybe someone else has published a book of photos of the former firehouses.

As for Mikey? Such research and explorations are relaxing, so maybe that's a future vacation. Or series of vacations. Nothing so clears the mind and invigorates the soul as searching for fire stations...

[See more](#) and [read more](#).

Great post Mike! Too many fire stations, too little time is my motto. Thanks for mentioning the McCaffrey FHNY book – I haven't heard of that one and it looks to be quite good. Added to the wish-list. I agree that New York is a bit daunting when it comes to fire-buffing and fire station visiting. I recently spent about 8+ hours in Philadelphia and visited 8 stations, and like you had quite the adventure. Having lived in Philly in the 90s I knew my way around and had a good memory/recall of where most of the stations on my list reside ... but I did do some google maps research before (street views are so helpful) and brought a long a short list of the stations I wanted to photograph. Weather cooperated as well and that helped.

I've posted a selection of the 400+ photos I shot to my Picasa account from my day trip. These include: Squirt 43/Ladder 9; Engine 1/Ladder 5; Haz-Mat 1/Foam 60 (with appearance by Squad 47); Snorkel 2; Engine 20/Ladder 23; and Rescue 1/Engine 29. I also visited 2 stations in Roxborough/Manayunk. So getting about 8 stations in day is doable leaving about 15+ min at each station for conversation, meeting the crew, etc. Philly has an awesome department and the crews were all super nice and welcoming. The city is amazingly compact and easy to get around from Center City to South Philly, back up to North Philly, and a quick jaunt over to the west. These are all current and active stations. Here's my photo set over at Picasa:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/106037500289871076898/albums/5783654712243985537>

Thanks again for your inspiring and interesting post – I agree that Google Maps street view is a must tool (for historic and current stations) ... and those New York City volunteer PDFs are pretty amazing. Good stuff. Keep up the firehouse photography and research!

Best-

Trevor

Trevor James ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 09/02/12 - 16:37

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Raleigh Fire Department is Hiring

09/02/12 213 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Hiring has started for Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy 38. The application period closes October 5. The 26-week academy starts on January 31. Here's the [job posting](#) on the city's employment site, and the fire department [recruitment web site](#). Position number 200-12, starting salary \$32,673. Minimum requirements include age 21 by beginning of academy.

Applications will be accepted at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Training Drive, Raleigh, from September 4 to October 5. They can be submitted in person or by mail. The application period closes on October 5. You can [download the employment application](#), or get one at locations including any [Raleigh fire station](#), the Keeter Training Center, or the city personnel office (222 W. Hargett Street).

Fire station open houses will be held on Saturday, September 16, and Saturday, September 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both dates. Applicants are encouraged to visit the stations to learn more about the job, and pick up applications.

Recruitment is being conducted using a variety of channels, including a trio of billboards that should be appearing this weekend. That's Hammell Drive, three alarms on September 21, 2008, as shot by Mike Legeros. Locations for same will Highway 64 at the Neuse River, Interstate 440 westbound at Wilmington Street, and Highway 70 at Yeagan Road in Garner. Good luck to all applicants!


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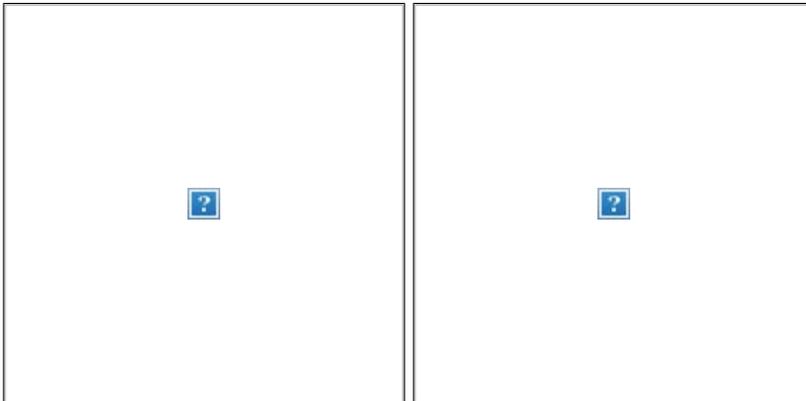
Morning Reading - September 2, 2012

09/02/12 438 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

Behind on blog postings. Raleigh Fire Department is hiring, as prior posting notes. Cary and Rocky Mount also. Durham just closed their application period. Good luck to everyone. Follow the instructions to the letter. Practice, prepare, and get everywhere early. Nothing eases the mind like being within walking distance of your destination 15 or 30 minutes early. (Just circle the block. Or park up the street. Get your mind straight and nerves calm.) And it's now September, which means the season for fireman's days and public safety days has started. We'll see a bunch for the next six or seven weeks. Want yours listed on the blog? We'll compile and post an events schedule. Just [mail me!](#)

Local

- [Wendell fire code inspections costs \\$15,000](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story this week, with some interesting inside baseball about fire inspections, contracted billing, and bills due.
- [Knightdale FD sets record for calls in one month](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story from mid-month, about the summer storms that made July their busiest ever.
- [New Holly Springs fire chief takes oath](#) - *Cary News* story about Thursday's ceremony for LeRoy Smith IV. He's been on the job for two months, and was sworn in this week.



Cary News photos

National

- [Firefighter vanity plates](#) - The Fire Critic is compiling photos as submitted from firefighters and others. There's one poser on there with the tag FIREFOTO. Wonder who the hell he is?
- Fire videos as training tools - Dave Statter's posted a pair of videos good for talking about do's and don't's. [Gasoline tanker](#) in Tioga County, PA, and [ambulance fire](#) in Newark, NJ.
- [Boots filled water and opinions therein](#) - That's my title for this week's Statter911 posting about an incident in Richmond, Maine. Firefighter finds boots filled with water. Outcome included a town investigation. Readers react. Legeros analyzes. Here's what he (me) posted:

So the lessons learned from a couple days of reader comments here are, I guess...

1. Messing with PPE isn't cool (or worse).
2. Water in boots is no big deal (though directly contradicts #1).
3. Complaining up the chain about #2 is a bigger issue, and a symptom of someone maybe not part of the team (which #2 was actually

intended to promote).

4. Bringing the matter to the attention of people outside the department is an even bigger deal, particularly because "unwanted physical play" is regarded as a form of harassment through the eyes of, say, Human Resources officers.

Legeros Fire Photos

- August 31 - [Aftermath of apartment fire in Durham.](#)
- August 21 - [Motor-vehicle accident in Cary](#)
- August 20 - [Gas leak in Raleigh](#)

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New Buggy for Raleigh Battalion 1

09/02/12 35 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Seen today at a reported structure fire on Six Forks Road. That's, what, a 2012 Chevy Tahoe? Replaces a 2005 Ford Expedition. Battalion 1 is housed at Station 15. Click to enlarge:



They are 4WD this time too!

A.C. Rich - 09/02/12 - 22:38

@A.C. what are you driving now?

JJL - 09/08/12 - 13:26

I saw a fly try to land on the hood and he slid all the way across and fell off. lol

Rob Mitchell - 09/08/12 - 18:52

I am driving a new Hemi-powered Charger! ...no, actually a Crown Vic. that was the Chief of Training's car! (who is JJL?)

A.C. Rich - 09/08/12 - 23:15

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...and a Picture of District 9

09/02/12 89 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

While we're sporting our utility vehicles, here's a picture of District 9. That's the unit that's been discussed in [this older thread](#). District 9 is the Advanced Practice Paramedic supervisor of the Wake County EMS System. They work 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, and their office is at the Crisis & Assessment Services (CAS) center on the WakeBrook campus on Sunnybrook Road. They don't have a geographic district, and are currently not recommended for dispatch on any call types. Click to enlarge:



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Charlotte Fire Prevention Bureau Guidelines for DNC

09/03/12 131 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Google finds some interesting things related to fire prevention guidelines from the Charlotte Fire Department, for occupancies and outdoor events during the Democratic National Convention. Probably nothing new for the inspectors and fire marshals reading here, but it's a nice contrast to all the apparatus and operations stuff that we usually feature here. (The fire that isn't started is one less that requires a response.)

Here's a [page of fire department guidelines](#), with four documents in PDF format. And [Here's a city/county planning guide](#) (PDF) format. Start reading on page 8 for EMS, fire and life safety, and public safety planning requirements. Interesting chart on page 10, showing the tiers of requirements for expected numbers of participants:

Expected # of Participants (largest # at any one time)	49 - 299	300 - 999	1,000 – 9,999	10,000 – 19,999
Provisions and responsibility for accessing 911	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
First Aid Station(s) # To Be Determined by CFD	Yes, Staffed by Lay persons providing Basic First Aid	Yes, Staffed by EMTs or Paramedics	Yes, Staffed by EMTs or Paramedics	Yes, Staffed by EMT or Paramedics
EMS Bike Team(s)/Foot Patrol(s), (# To Be Determined on a case-by-case basis)	At discretion of CFD	At discretion of CFD	Yes (2 or more teams)	Yes (2 or more teams)
Ambulance(s) / Advanced Life Support	At discretion	At discretion	Identify Access locations for	Identify Access location

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And Sometimes The Cat Door is Closed

09/03/12 65 W - + 6 - 4

Off-topic amusement for your holiday enjoyment. People's Choice Award winner of the first [Cat Video Film Festival](#) held this week at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, the old home town. Starring [Henri the Existential Cat](#). He suffers the world and, like the rest of us, is surrounded by morons. Thanks to Mrs. Blogger for this one.

Awesome!

Spanky - 09/03/12 - 22:55

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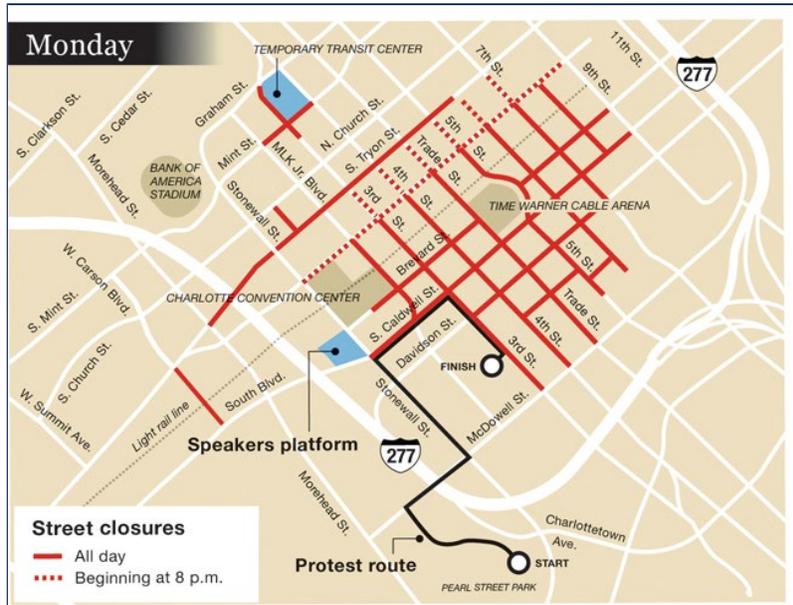
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Charlotte Street Closures for DNC

09/04/12 165 W, 2 I - + 6 - 5

The *Charlotte Observer* has posted a couple of interesting maps on their web site, showing vehicle and pedestrian restrictions during this week's Democratic National Convention. Haven't found details (yet) on how fire and EMS personnel will be responding in those areas. Probably a mess of "gators" and/or bike teams. Maybe we'll see a news story about same. Click to enlarge:



More than 1,000 police officers-- from around the state, and including Chicago-- are patrolling on foot, horseback, and motorcycles. [As this article notes](#), more than 50 groups have teamed to provide security, both local and national, such as the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, the White House Military Office, the U.S. Capitol Police, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Wonder what the full list looks like? Maybe we'll do some Googling later.

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Histories of IAFF Locals in North Carolina

09/04/12 246 W - + 6 - 7

[The Professional Fire Firefighters and Paramedics of North Carolina](#) (PFFPNC) has a nifty collection of historical resources on their web site, many taken from *Hose and Nozzle* and *The North Carolina Federationist* articles. They note their research was conducted at Wilson Library at UNC, which we can personally recommend as a great place for research. (Love those bound volumes of *Hose* back issues.) Browse their history pages and you'll learn such things as:

- 1918 - Wilmington Local 129 chartered. First IAFF local formed in North Carolina.
- 1932 - Asheville Local 332 chartered. They're reformed in 1946 as Asheville Local 865.
- 1938 - Raleigh Local 548 chartered.
- 1940 - Charlotte Local 660 chartered.
- 1940 - High Point Local 673 chartered.
- 1940 - North Carolina Fire Fighters Association created.
 - Five locals are charter members, Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Durham, High Point.
 - Group is later renamed North Carolina Professional Fire Fighters.
 - Group is later renamed Professional Fire Firefighters and Paramedics of North Carolina.
- 1941 - Winston-Salem Local 682 chartered.
- 1947 - Greensboro Local 947 chartered.
- 1959 - General Assembly outlaws the right of firefighters and police officers to belong to unions, part of larger bill about public employees and unions.
- 1968 - The statute is ruled unconstitutional by a federal court, as challenged by IAFF and Charlotte local.
 - However, collective bargaining remains prohibited.
 - IAFF locals re-activate or re-charter. Other new locals are organized.
- 1969 - Greenville Local 1867 chartered.
- 1970 - Burlington Local 1915 chartered.
- 1970 - Goldsboro Local 1871 chartered.
- 1970 - Kinston Local 1847 chartered.
- 1970 - Wilson Local 1932 chartered.
- 1975 - Gastonia Local 2469 chartered.
- 1978 - Hickory Local 2653 chartered.

Chapel Hill firefirghters assc. Local 2580

CHFD ([Web Site](#)) - 09/10/12 - 10:46

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Facebook Page

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A Facebook page has been created for the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book project. The purpose of the site is two-fold. First, to generate more sales. We need 600 pre-orders for the project to complete. [Order yours today.](#) Second, we need your help. Those requests are being posted to the site, such as a search for retiree portraits. The book will feature some 330 retirees, but we're missing a couple dozen more. See if you can. Watch the site for more requests, as well as more postings. As station crew photos are submitted, for example, we'll post them. Visit www.facebook.com/rfd100book.

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 Available for pre-order, \$60 through December 1. Content deadline is January 15. Place your order at <http://rfd100.com/rfdcentennial-history-book>. Click PHOTOS to see more >>>

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Saturday

These are some of the documents and small artifacts we're collecting, and which we'll use to enhance the many history photos in the book.

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Saturday

The history book will feature portraits or head shots of all personnel who have died off-duty. But we're missing some.

Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Saturday

Stations - Building Photos (3 photos)

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Saturday

Here's a sample of what's been shot for the station building photos. Thanks to Lee Wilson for the big assist! Saturday at 12:50pm · Edited · Like

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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Saturday

Portraits - Retired (3 photos)

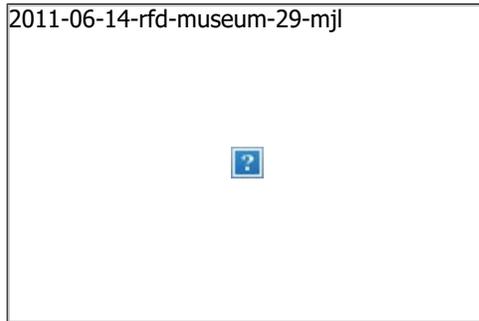
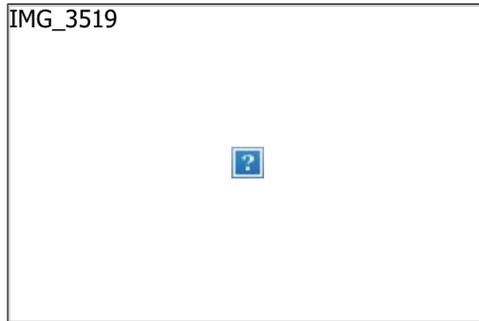
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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, September 8

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Looking for a weekend activity? The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) is open this Saturday, September 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tour the 100-year history of the city's career fire department, and learn about the volunteer fire companies that also protected the Capitol City. Hundreds of artifacts and photographs are displayed.

The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](#). Parking and restrooms are available. Admission is free. Learn more about the museum, and the group that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.



Please note that the Raleigh Fire Museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) is located at Fire Station 9 at [4465 Six Forks Road](#). The engine was recently returned to Raleigh after decades of private ownership. Also note that the Raleigh Fire Department's [collection of antique fire apparatus](#) is housed at a separate location, at Fire Station 28 at [3500 Forestville Road](#) in northeast Raleigh. The collection includes a 1905 steamer, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, and a 1982 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome at both locations.

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Harnett County Emergency Services Monument

09/05/12 84 W, 1 I - + 8 - 7

Asst. Chief Justin Riewestahl at Buies Creek Fire Department share this photo of the newly completed Harnett County Emergency Services Monument. The location is the 300 block W. Cornelius Harnett Boulevard, between the Court House and the social services building. Money for the memorial was raised through a number of fundraisers, including gun raffles and helmet raffles. Readers are welcome to add additional information. We'll get and post a better photo. Plan to pay a visit. Click to enlarge:



Sadly, even on a monument as new as this one, with such a short list of names, there is in fact, a friend of mine already on the wall. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this memorial a reality.

Lloyd J - 09/07/12 - 21:19

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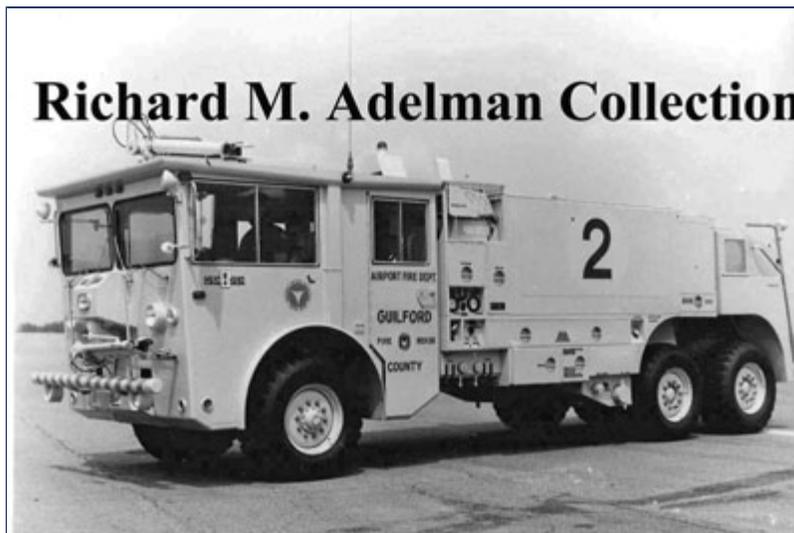
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Vintage Guilford County Crash Truck

09/05/12 72 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, here's Crash 2 of the Guilford County Fire Department, a 1975 Oshkosh M1500. From the collection of the late Richard M. Adelman of Memphis, TN. See prior postings about him (use the search box to your right), and his son's sales on eBay. [And see this posting](#), about one of these trucks that itself was recently for sale on eBay. Click to enlarge:



Richard M. Adelman Collection

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Firefighters Crossing The Street

09/06/12 78 W, 1 I - + 11 - 4

In his "tips for living in a world with social media" (see comments in [yesterday's posting](#)), fire blooger-turned-communication guru (self-proclaimed) Mike Legeros offered the observation "cameras are everywhere." Here are personnel from Engine 2 crossing South Saunders Street. Observe good technique in bag-carrying, and correct use of safety vests. Maybe also observe that the photographer might need to get a life. FIREFOTO not WALKFOTO.



Is that the newest Raleigh SOP for Safety First. Turn Out gear, Vest and Radio, I notice one is looking left, and two looking right, You can never be to careful

Just a guy - 09/06/12 - 08:58

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UPDATE #3: Upcoming Events

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Drop a line, or add a comment to expand this list.

Saturday, October 6

- [Garner Fireman's Day](#)
Garner Fire Station 1
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Knightdale Fire Department Open House
Knightdale Fire Station
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- [Morrisville Fire Safety Day](#)
Park West Village Target
Bristol Creek Drive
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- [Pilot Fire Department BBQ](#) (Franklin County)
Pilot Fire Station
8028 NC 39 Highway South, Zebulon
6:00 a.m. (eek!) to 2:00 p.m. (or so)



Sunday, October 7

- Raleigh Fire Department Open House
All fire stations
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 9

- Raleigh Fire Department Event at Chick-Fil-A
Capital Crossing Shopping Center
4621 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 12

- Raleigh Fire Department display at Crabtree Valley Mall

Saturday, October 13

- Fuquay-Varina Fire Department Open House
- Creedmoor Fireman's Day
- Raleigh Fire Department display at Crabtree Valley Mall
- Raleigh Fire Museum Open
Includes history program at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 14

- Raleigh Fire Department display at Crabtree Valley Mall

Past events are below the fold.

Saturday - September 8

- [Wake Forest Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Community Walk](#)
Wake Forest Fire Department Station 1
420 East Elm Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587
8:00 a.m.
- [Jaycee Burn Center Benefit / Cornhole Tournament](#)
Hill Ridge Farms
703 Tarboro Road, Youngsville, North Carolina 27525
11:00 a.m. sign-up
12:00 p.m. tournament start
- [Raleigh Fire Museum](#)
105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh
Regular second Saturday monthly opening
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- [50-210 Fire Department Fireman's Day](#)
50 Greenleaf Road, Angier
10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

- [Durham Highway Public Safety Day](#)
Leesville Road High School
8409 Leesville Road, Raleigh
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

- [Warren County Firemen's Day](#)
Warrenton Fire Station / Fairgrounds
All Day

Saturday, September 29

- [Hopkins Fire Department 35th Anniversary](#)
Hopkins Fire Station
8933 Fowler Road, Zebulon
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

- [Stony Hill Open House](#)
Stony Hill Station 1
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fuquays open house is Oct. 13

911 - 09/20/12 - 11:49

Antioch FD in Johnson County is having their BBQ chicken Friday (today) from 11 to 7.

Angry Pigs - 09/21/12 - 10:11

Mike: Thanks, as always for helping to promote the great things fire departments around Wake County and our region are doing for Fire Prevention Week. We know a lot of people read your blog and this form of marketing is invaluable! Your service is always appreciated! Since Bay Leaf is constructing a new headquarters station, we will not be holding our Open House this year. However, we will be holding our first annual Bay Leaf Community Flu Clinic, as we partner with CVS to help our citizens ward off the flu. The event will be held at the Bay Leaf Volunteer Fire Department Station Two at 13116 Norwood Road, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. All are welcome to help keep the flu away!

Jonny ([Web Site](#)) - 09/21/12 - 15:51

The Creedmoor Fireman's Day parade is Saturday, October 13th, 2012 at 3:30 pm on Main Street. Immediately following the parade at South Granville High School on Hwy 56 is a Brunswick Stew and BBQ supper from 4pm to 7pm.

Legeros - 09/22/12 - 07:29

Hopkins event added for this Saturday.

Legeros - 09/25/12 - 19:44

Friday is the 12th, sat 13th, sunday 14th

BW - 10/05/12 - 16:15

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Bay Leaf's Big Fire

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Major house fire in north Raleigh tonight. Bay Leaf Fire Department arriving at 1601 Kirkby Lane, at a three-story, brick, single-family dwelling with 4,916 square-feet. Built 2004. Located at end of dead-end street, no hydrants in subdivision. Heavy fire on second and third floors, and in attic, with defensive operations soon starting. Crews withdrawn from rear of structure, due to collapse hazard. Aerial operations started, after water supply established.

Water shuttle used, with drop tank and relay pumping from Kirkby Lane and Caistor Lane. That's about 1,000 feet, says Google. One water point at Mt. Vernon Church Road and Norwood Road. That's about 1.1 miles, says Google. Dispatched about 5:20 p.m. First photo (top) taken about 5:55 p.m. Operations ongoing as of 9:55 p.m.

Units on scene included Bay Leaf P252, P366, P251, P122, P258, P121, L25, A12, C1 and others; Durham Highway P1, P4, Wake Forest E5, Stony Hill P395, tanker 268; Rolesville tankers 157, 158; Creedmoor engine and two tankers; Wake County EMS 22, EMS 12, EMS 34, EMS 15, EMS 7, EMS 6, D3, M93, M95, T1. [See preliminary photos by Legeros](#), who tried his best while also holding an umbrella. More later. Bed time.





Holy Cow....Looks like the North side boys had all anyone could handle.

Mike's right, that's a bunch of 5".

Talk about a long overhaul!

Buckwheat - 09/07/12 - 12:54

Thats one heck of a load of fire.... It either went un-noticed for a period of time or an arson job, glad no brothers were hurt during this incident...

Jim - 09/07/12 - 15:22

It was a lightning strike, and unfortunately the family is out of the country. Gotta be a terrible phone call to get especially being so far away trying to enjoy a nice vacation.

EMS 12 was reassigned to a wreck immediately after dispatch and was not there.

Weenie Roast - 09/07/12 - 17:14

This fire is an excellent example where the presence of residential sprinklers may have provided a totally different outcome. At a minimum, if no sprinkler system is installed, at least have a fire alarm system for early detection capability! This fire had a big head-start due to no detection or existing automatic protection.

A.C. Rich - 09/08/12 - 23:20

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Save the Date:* « **Mini Pumper Gets Make...** » **Is Clicking Like Real...**
Stony Hill Inaugural Junior Firefighter Challenge, March 16, 2013

Save the Date: Stony Hill Inaugural Junior Firefighter Challenge, March 16, 2013

09/09/12 206 W - + 5 - 3

Here's extended advance notice on junior firefighter challenge that the Stony Hill Fire Department is starting:

Stony Hill Inaugural "March Into Spring" Junior Firefighter Challenge

Saturday March 16, 2013

Stony Hill Fire Department Station 1

7045 Stony Hill Road

Wake Forest, NC 27587

Put winter behind you and warm up to spring by joining us as Junior Firefighters and Fire Explorers compete in the Stony Hill Inaugural "March Into Spring" Junior Firefighter Challenge in Wake Forest North Carolina! We will start the day with written and hands on knowledge tests then move into the field for the events of the day. The Stony Hill Auxiliary and members will have refreshments available throughout the day. Lunch options will be available for a nominal charge.

Registration deadline February 15, 2013!

Meet & Greet

All participating teams are invited to join us on Friday night March 15th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for fellowship, food, drinks, games and fun! The food and drinks will be provided and we are planning on having a DJ to spin some tunes for everyone.

Contacts

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Brian Rimmer (919) 455-8120

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Is Clicking Like Really Saying Anything, Asks The Lawyer

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That's lawyer and fire blogger Curt Varone's headline to this [informative posting from his Fire Law blog](#). He teases a number of answers from this reader question: Is clicking "Like" to a Facebook post making a public statement sufficient to get someone in trouble? Read the reader comments as well, as the discussion has continued. See our previous posting related to this, titled [Click Like, Get Suspended](#). The below graphic has nothing to do with this posting.



That graphic makes me very, very angry...

Duda ([Email](#)) - 09/10/12 - 09:06

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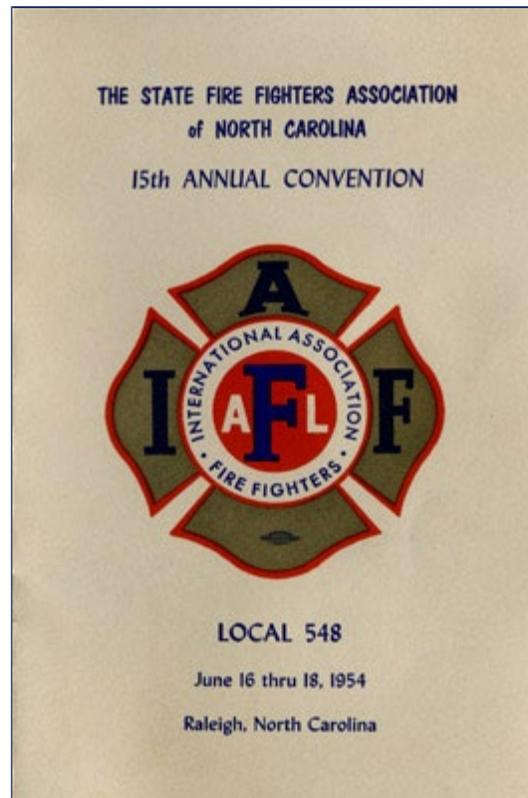
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State Fire Fighters Association of North Carolina Convention, 1954

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On June 16, 1954, the State Fire Fighters Association of North Carolina opened their 15th annual convention at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh. This was the state organization affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters created in 1940. See [related prior posting](#). They were hosted by Local 548 that represented Raleigh firefighters. Here's the convention program, as found in a scrapbook of the Raleigh Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. [Read program](#) (PDF).



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Today is a day to remember.



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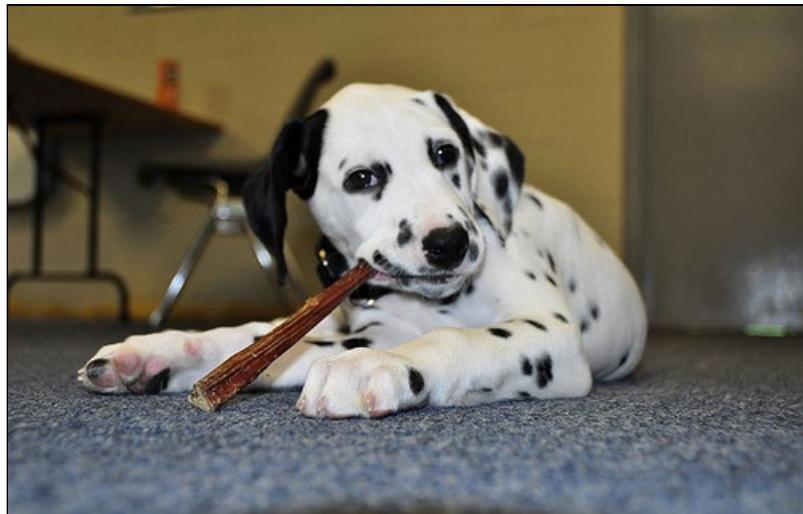
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Durham Highway's New Dalmatian

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Photographer Lee Wilson spent some time this week with the newest member of Durham Highway Fire Department. [See his photos](#). Maybe you'll be able to meet him as well, this Saturday, at Leesville Road High School, for Durham Highway's annual Public Safety Day. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Read more on the department's [Puppy Page](#), which includes some historical information about dalmatians in firehouses. Short version that I've always heard: dogs were common companions to horses, back in the day. And this breed proved the most companionable. Woof.



Lee Wilson photo

The puppy's also due to be named. Wonder if anyone suggested Barn?

Legeros - 09/12/12 - 07:04

or Pierce?

Bucky - 09/12/12 - 11:35

How about "Hugh" or "Hal" after Chief Hugh Halligan....

Silver - 09/12/12 - 16:26

There are a list of names already suggested on DHFDs puppy page that you can use to vote for the name or submit your own idea

Name me! - 09/12/12 - 16:52

I know a fireman frm southern wake county who named his dalmation Pierce last year.

911 - 09/12/12 - 20:18

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Zebulon Seeks Fire Chief

09/12/12 257 W - + 8 - 2

[This posting has appeared](#) on the town Zebulon's web site in eastern Wake County. Applications must be received by October 24. And this posting can mean only one thing, that longtime Fire Chief Sidney Perry is retiring. Congratulations, my friend. [Read a profile of Chief Perry](#) that we posted in February, when he was named Career Fire Chief of the Year at the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference.

Fire Chief – Town of Zebulon, pop. 4,464. Performs highly responsible managerial, administrative and supervisory work in directing the activities and personnel of the town’s fire department. ISO Class 3/9. Responsibilities include management of 14 f/t positions and 16 volunteers with an annual budget of \$1.1M. Department has medical responder responsibilities. Position requires ability to prepare budget projections, possession of strong oral and written communication skills, ability to deal tactfully with the public, and ability to develop positive working relationships with staff, other town employees, elected officials, and related local, county, state and federal agency representatives. Requires a degree in fire science or related field and/or completion of advanced courses and seminars in fire administration and fire science. Requires a standard level III Fire inspection and Firefighter Level II certification as well as 10 years fire service experience with a paid department and five of those years serving in an officer or supervisory role. Extensive experience of an increasingly responsible nature in all phases of municipal fire suppression and fire prevention, including; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. [...] Salary Range \$58,697-\$88,043. [...] Applications must be received by October 24, 2012.

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Trooper Gene DeMuth Laid to Rest in Rocky Mount

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The *News & Observer* has posted this striking photo by Takaaki Iwabu of a horse-drawn caisson carrying the casket of North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper Bobby Gene DeMuth Jr. to his funeral yesterday at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. He was killed in Nash County on Saturday while attempting to stop a fleeing suspect in a vehicle chase that originated in Raleigh. Hundreds of law officers attended the funeral, reports the story, with highway patrol units attending from as far as Alaska, Idaho, and Texas. Two Marines attended the ceremony to play taps, and the Wake & District Public Safety Pipes and Drums played *Amazing Grace*. During the graveside ceremony, the patrol's aviation wing participated to also honor DeMuth. [Read the entire story](#). See additional coverage from the [Rocky Mount Telegram](#), [WRAL](#), and [WTVD](#).



Takaaki Iwabu/News & Observer photo

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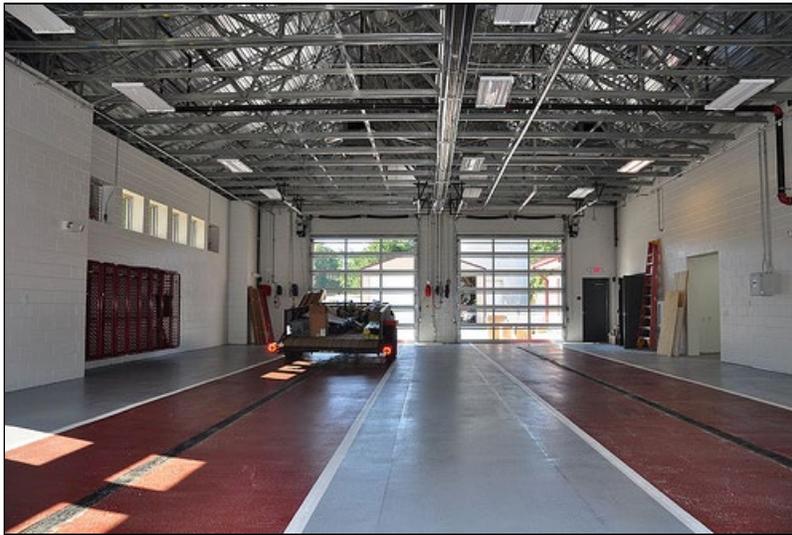
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Holly Springs Station 2 Opening Soon

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Here's a tour from photographer Lee Wilson, who visited the soon-to-open fire station at 1140 Avent Ferry Road in Holly Springs. The earlier building at that location-- the first fire station that protected the town, built in 1972-- was damaged by the tornado last year. The department has been operating a temporary station on the site. [See more photos from Lee](#). Search the blog for prior postings. And watch those porticos!





Lee Wilson photos

Nice station guys. Whens the grand opening????

MikeRFD - 09/14/12 - 14:42

Oct 24 or 25th, or sometime right around there.

lee - 09/16/12 - 00:43

Great looking station. Well deserved. Ready to start station 3 next???

JasonCFD - 09/17/12 - 16:59

Open House will be on Saturday, November 10th from 10a-2p.

LeBeau - 11/03/12 - 20:24

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Moncure's New Ladder

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The Moncure Fire Department in Chatham County recently placed this 2012 Ferrara/HME/Smeal 1750/500/77-foot ladder truck in service. The truck is designated Ladder 8. [See more photos from Lee Wilson.](#)



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Fire Commission Meeting Cancelled - September 20, 2012

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Next week's regular scheduled meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission on Thursday, September 20, has been cancelled. There were no action items for consideration of the Fire Commission. The next scheduled regular meeting is November 15. See you in the fall, unless you're really jonesing for a fire service meeting. For a nominal fee, Mr. Blogger will sit at the head of a large room and read aloud minutes from prior meetings. You supply the room.



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\$500,000 City Bond Issue Approved, January 1942

09/16/12 233 W - + 4 - 9

Found an interesting *News & Observer* story dated January 21, 1942. The Local Government Commission the day before approved the city's issuance of a \$500,000 bond, contingent on approval by voters. The bond issue included items related to the fire department, though most (or maybe all) were not implemented for years or even a decade. (Need to read further, to find out if the bond issue didn't happen, or if war-time restrictions prevented station construction and vehicle acquisition.) They included:

- Construction of new Station 1, on Dawson Street lot already purchased. Current station was housed in Old Station 2, built in 1914. The new Station 1 was completed in 1953.
- Construction of Station 6, later determined as Budleigh area. Opened in rented building in 1943. The new Station 6 was completed in 1949.
- Purchase of aerial ladder. This didn't happen until 1958, when a 1958 American LaFrance tiller replaced the 1939/1916 American LaFrance tiller.
- Purchase of a pumper. A used 1919 pumper was purchased in 1943. The next new pumper was purchased in November 1949, a 1950 FWD that Yours Truly often cites as a 1949 model. This was followed quickly by a 1950 Mack, purchased in January 1950.
- Purchase of a service truck. This took nearly two decades to complete, when the body of the 1922 American LaFrance service truck was added to a 1963 Ford truck chassis.
- Expansion of the fire alarm system. These were presumably additional fire alarm boxes for some newly annexed areas.
- Total for above items, \$162,000.

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New Chapel Hill Fire Department Facebook Page

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The Chapel Hill Fire Department has a [new Facebook page](#). The page contains current department information, as well as a number of photo albums with current and historical images. The site's a work in progress and the site operator plans to post working fire information, similiar in style to the Durham Fire Department Facebook page. There's nothing wrong with a blue fire truck, says this State grad.



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Raleigh Fire Apparatus, 1992

09/17/12 117 W, 13 I - + 9 - 8

We're in the thick of history book research these days. Let's hope in our time machine and travel back two decades, when later FireNews Editor Jeff Harkey took these posed photos in April 1992. If memory serves, the occasion was a feature in *Fire Apparatus Journal*. These images are scanned from prints. Enhanced to improve shadows, but not much color correcting. No time today for negative scans. Maybe later. Top to bottom, left to right: 1979 Mack/1958 American LaFrance, 1981 Mack, 1985 Pirsch, 1986 EEI/Pemfab, 1986 E-One, 1986 Seagrave, 1988 GMC/Union City, 1988 Pierce engine, 1988 Pierce snorkel, 1990 Pierce/1986 EEI, 1990 Pierce, 1990 Spartan, and one of two crazy-huge 1991 Chevy/FrontLine rescue trucks. Who else operated rescue rigs like those? [Read apparatus histories.](#)



Mike, looking at the apparatus histories page, are the decimal points correct on the prices of the apparatus? Looks like ladder 4 only cost \$98 thousand .

Galax,va - 09/18/12 - 11:00

Thanks, some of those trucks were obviously bought cheap-cheap!

Legeros - 09/18/12 - 19:14

Fully Involved on Oak Island

09/19/12 70 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

[FireNews.net has posted some dramatic photos](#) from Mike Boswell via WECT, from a house fire on Oak Island on Tuesday. The vacation home was well-involved on arrival. There was nobody home. One firefighter was transported for smoke inhalation. [See additional photos](#) in the WECT story. The photog did a good 360 walk around. Looks like it was a windy one.



Mike Boswell/WECT photo

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Raleigh Fire Explorers in Action, 1991-1993

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Here are some vintage shots of the [Raleigh Fire Department Explorer Post 108](#) in action, from 1991 to 1993. They're some of the content being collected for the [Centennial History Book](#) that's in production. That's a limited edition thing, folks. Won't be in bookstores. Don't snooze and lose if you want one. Photos by Jeff Harkey. Numerous Explorers have pursued successful careers in Raleigh since the post's formation in 1985. See anyone you recognize? Click to enlarge:



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Stony Hill Fire Department Open House, Sunday, Sept. 30

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Good times planned at Stony Hill Fire Station 1 on Sunday, September 30. Click to enlarge the below flier.



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Knightsdale Fire Department Open House, Saturday, Oct. 6

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Here's another thing happening during the increasingly crammed Fire Prevention Week weekends. Knightsdale Public Safety is celebrating their 10 year anniversary with a fire department open house on Saturday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Click to read this PDF flier:



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On What Date Did That Happen?

09/22/12 94 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

The question is often encountered during historical research. Such as a *Raleigh Times* story on Wednesday, May 28, 1986: "The law went into effect Sunday, but Capt. Bryant Woodall of the Raleigh Fire Department said hazardous chemical reports have been coming in for the past six weeks." Which date was Sunday? You can count backwards, of course. But what if you don't know the day of the week that May 28 fell upon. Visit the web site timeanddate.com for their calendar generator. Works like a charm.

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Calendar for year 1986 (United States)

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Water Supply Then and Now

09/22/12 42 W, 2 I - + 7 - 5

Raleigh Fire Department hydrant connections then and now. Top photo is undated, probably early or mid 1990s. Bottom photo is Illeagnes Street on December 8, 2011. You've come a long way, baby. Click to enlarge:



Lee Wilson photos

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Residential Sprinkler « Water Supply Then and... » Caption This Photo System Demonstration in Wake Forest, Friday, Sep. 28

Residential Sprinkler System Demonstration in Wake Forest, Friday, Sep. 28

09/23/12 238 W - + 6 - 6

Press release. A demonstration of residential sprinkler systems will be conducted on Friday, September 28, at 9:00 a.m., at 6305 Mountain Oaks Way, Wake Forest, NC. This Raleigh Fire Department and the Stony Hill Fire Department have partnered to conduct this media event. This is a private dwelling with a sprinkler system installed. The purpose of the event is to educate the public on the benefits of residential sprinkler systems.

Residential sprinkler systems have been proven to reduce fire damage and save lives. Prince Georges County, Maryland conducted a 15 year study on residential sprinkler systems. In the report the total fire damage in sprinklered buildings was \$9,983 per incident compared to \$49,503 per incident in non-sprinklered buildings. It is also worth noting that 101 fire deaths occurred during the 15 year study, none of which occurred in sprinklered buildings. [Read their report.](#)

The United States Fire Administration also endorses residential fire sprinklers. Their statistical analysis shows that dying in a fire is reduced by 69% when sprinklers are installed and when used in conjunction with smoke detectors that reduction increases to 82%. To learn about additional benefits including a reduction in homeowner's insurance premium for sprinkler systems, [visit this web site.](#)

District Chief Tony Bailey(Stony Hill) and Asst. Chief and Fire Marshal Peter Brock (Raleigh) will be available for media interviews at this event. [See this document](#) for contact information for Chief Brock.

There are two newer residential houses in Fuquay- Varina that have sprinkler systems. Seeing more and more now.

911 - 09/23/12 - 19:52

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Caption This Photo

09/23/12 42 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

This curious character was captured in action in June 2006, while Lee Wilson was photographing fire department activity downtown. (Members of NC USAR Task Force 8 repelling down the side of the Wachovia building.)



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Old Beauties in Sampson, Johnston Counties

09/24/12 72 W, 3 I - + 9 - 4

Photographer Lee Wilson captured these old beauties last week, while riding around Sampson and Johnston counties. Top to bottom is a former Knightdale engine, a 1979 Ford/Grumman serving the Garland Fire Department in Sampson County; former Angier-Black River engine, a 1974 Chevrolet/Howe serving Blackman's Crossroads in Johnston County; a 1965 Chevrolet/Howe, the first new engine purchased by Blackman's Crossroads. [See more photos.](#)





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Forest Fire Tower For Sale

09/24/12 129 W, 1 I - + 8 - 8

From a reader as found on eBay. Get your very own 100-foot MC-39 Aeromotor Forest Service Fire Observation Tower from the early 1950s. Merely \$28,000 via Buy It Now. Currently disassembled and stored in northern New York State. Ready to load and ship on or around end of January. Made of heavily galvanized and nearly rust free steel. Observation cabin at top measures seven by seven feet, and is made from galvanized sheet metal. Think of the possibilities! Airborne man cave! Sky-high deer stand! Neighborhood zip line! Just ignore that little voice inside your head that says "my wife would kill me." She'll be thrilled. [Here's the listing](#). Go for it. Thanks for passing along, Bob.



Just don't put it up near the airport without telling the FAA...
And I think NCFS's firetowers are one the surplus list.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 09/24/12 - 10:37

I'm very sure Duda is right; the pix look a lot like the ones I took once at Green Cross Fire Tower, in Bertie County.

So why are they talking about it being in New York State? Sooo confused!

?Que es?

Chuk ([Email](#)) - 09/24/12 - 16:57

According to the listing:

SHIPPING AND HANDLING – The disassembled Fire Tower structure may be shipped partially assembled in that the Observers Cabin may be whole but the 90 foot section of Fire Tower below the Observers Cabin will be totally dismantled. Total weight for trucking estimates is 24,000 pounds(twenty four thousand pounds) Within 1000 miles of its current location in North Carolina you can expect shipping to cost to be \$2,500 to \$3,000.00 or more. I have a trucker I use exclusively that I can connect you up with for his price. He is very reliable and takes care of each load. WE WILL SHIP AND ASSEMBLE INTERNATIONALLY.

So it's here in NC. I wonder which county? We have taken all but one or two (that I'm aware) of our repeaters off NCFS towers because we

were told that they were being sold. Matter of fact, whoever disassembled the old tower (sans cabin) from Mt. Jefferson did a great job making the land look as if it had never been there.

@Chuk – It seems like the company that has this listing is in NY.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 10/01/12 - 11:48

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Yesterday's Apartment Fire in Clayton

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The *Clayton News Star* has [posted a pair of photos](#) from yesterday's apartment fire at 500 West Main Street. Four families were displaced by the 1:45 p.m. blaze. Clayton, Garner, and Archer Lodge fire departments responded. That looks like Garner's ladder in the bottom photo. They're located at 503 West Main Street, just in another county. Run time says Google is 13 minutes, with 9.8 miles between the addresses. See also [WTVD](#) and [News 14](#) stories.

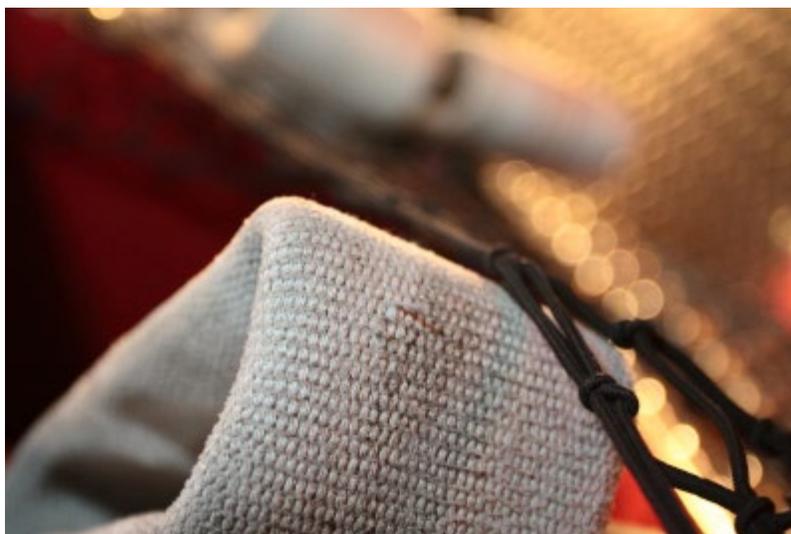


Rebecca Putterman/Clayton News-Star photos

Close Hose and Sparkling Water

09/25/12 139 W, 2 I - + 6 - 8

In the absence of flames or smoke, there are still many other interesting things to photograph on the fireground. This is a very close view of Engine 11 at a reported apartment fire on Sunbow Falls Lane last night. Working fire assignment dispatched due to multiple callers, including reported flames from one unit and people possibly still inside. Arriving unit found smoke showing, and burning material on a balcony. Quickly extinguished. Most units returned to service. [See more photos](#) by Mike Legeros. Was very dark, so external flash was paramount. Resulted in some interesting images, including the sparkling water in the second shot. Top photo gets me thinking about macro photography. Wonder what some of this stuff would like like *really* close?



While looking through the pictures I saw a computer in the back of one of the trucks, why is this? Also is there one up front for the officer?

Watson - 09/25/12 - 13:26

I believe a monitor sits in the front, while a monitor with keyboard sits in the back (mirror each other). Cramped quarters in the front allow for

ease of use by a member in the back with the full keyboard.

Silver - 09/25/12 - 19:59

There is actually a keyboard in the front and the back. Larger screen in the back though.

A.C. Rich - 09/25/12 - 23:21

Thanks for correcting Chief, couldn't remember if there was one up front or not!

Silver - 09/26/12 - 00:18

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Everybody Loves a Parade, October 5, 1954

09/25/12 61 W, 4 I - + 5 - 2

Photo research continues for the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#). Here are some *News & Observer* images of Fire Prevention Week parade on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh on October 5, 1954, with a 1950 Mack (Raleigh), 1936 American LaFrance (Raleigh), 1939/1916 American LaFrance (Raleigh), and 1954 International with shop-built trailer (Cary). Click to slightly enlarge:





News & Observer photos

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Traffic Cam Captures Car Fire on 40

09/25/12 53 W, 1 I - + 4 - 4

Department of Transportation traffic cameras (or camea, singular) captured this vehicle fire this afternoon on Interstate 40 just east of Interstate 540. Durham Fire Department arriving, with Morrisville Fire Department blocking. There's probably a solid six minutes between first and last frame. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Fatal Ambulance Accident in Monroe

09/26/12 146 W, 3 I - + 9 - 8

Sandhills Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Technician Belinda Gale Rivers, 43, was killed Tuesday morning, when her ambulance was struck by a tractor-trailer truck in front of Carolinas Medical Center-Union on U.S. 74 in Monroe. The truck was traveling westbound on the highway when it collided with the ambulance, which had pulled into the roadway. The medical unit was based in Cheraw, South Carolina.

Rivers was riding in the passenger seat of the ambulance. She was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the ambulance, Jonathan Brown, was injured and was listed in stable condition at Carolinas Medical Center-Charlotte. No patient was being transported. The truck driver was not injured. See these [FireNews](#) and [Firegeezee](#) stories, which include other media links such as [WBTV](#) and [WCNC](#). There are numerous ground and aerial images from the scene.

*WCNC-TV photo*



WIST-TV photos

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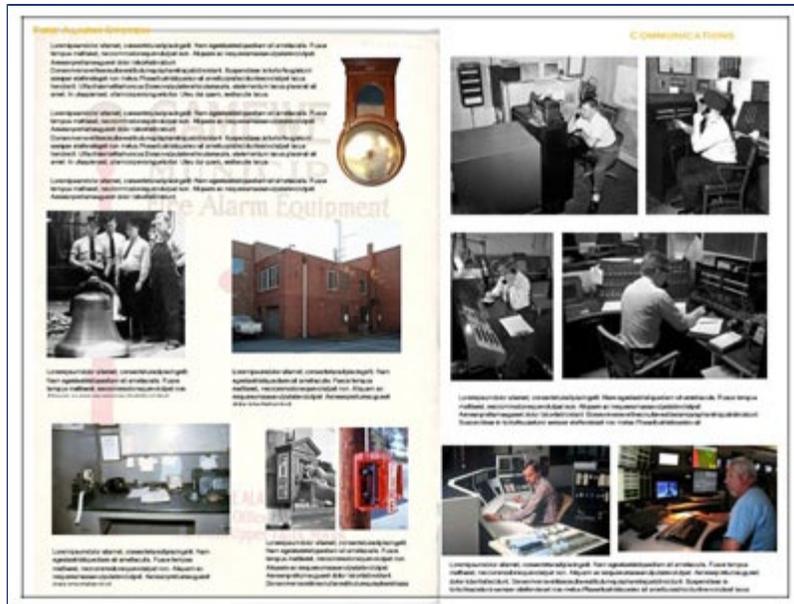
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History Book - Specialty Pages

09/26/12 172 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Mr. Blogger's big project is presently the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#). We have monthly deadlines through the end of the year, at which point which we'll submit the remaining content for publishing. This month, the station personnel are finishing crew photos of themselves. Those'll appear on the station pages. While at History Central, the specialty pages are being built. Picking photos, obtaining high-res versions, writing captions for the photos, and writing introductory text for the page. Plus designing a conceptual layout that the designer can take and run with.

What are specialty pages, you ask? Those are both the disciplines-- USAR, haz-mat, EMT, rescue, etc.-- and the groups, such as Local 548, the Explorers, the old Ladies Auxiliary, etc. Even, cough cough, the Photo Unit. Plus a couple one-off histories, such as the fire alarm system and early communications. Here's a preview of what we'll send to the designer. Final product may be different. Your mileage may vary. Void where prohibited. Click to enlarge:



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History Book - Retiree Pages

09/26/12 281 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

More about this project (see [prior posting](#)). One of the neater features of [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#) are the retiree portrait pages. For the first time ever, we're including portraits of every retiree-- living or deceased-- since the beginning of the city retirement system in 1949. That's about 350 portraits, plus a few more as we find them. (Plus those not pictured, maybe 15 or 20.)

Couple things have made this possible. Digital publishing tools, for starters. We're able to scan the older commemorative books and produce reasonable quality images, where photographic original don't exist. Ditto for other lower-quality sources. Next is the extensive digging by Yours Truly-- conducted both during this project and in prior years-- that has yielded both pictures and picture data.

(The latter is the [Centennial Roll Call](#), which Historian Mike Legeros has been building for years. Official records were incomplete, so he constructed his own master list. Didn't happen in a vacuum, mind you. Lots of data verification from paper sources. Lots of interviews and oral histories as secondary sources, to check and double-check and triple-check the data. Was such an effort that he's left sometimes talking in third person...)

We're still working on these pages and the portraits. Active and retired personnel are reviewing the captions, to ensure the right person is pictured and the right data is displayed. We're still trying to find a few more photos, and trying to get portraits or head shots if at all possible. Versus cropped snapshots, which don't look nearly as good. We'll also have separate pages for those who died off-duty (Gone to Soon) and on-duty (Fallen Firefighters). Click to enlarge this sample:



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Q&A: Glenwood Towers

09/26/12 490 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

Question from a reader, regarding 509 Glenwood Avenue. That's Glenwood Towers, the city housing authority's high-rise for seniors. Built in 1971, the 12-story (?) building has 297 units. Or say tax records.

Q: I live downtown, off of Glenwood Avenue. After not having a scanner since my teens, I recently started listening to the Raleigh FD feed on the Radio Reference site. Listening has brought back one childhood memory: hearing the fire department dispatched to Glenwood Towers multiple times a day. Just in the last two hours I've heard three runs dispatched, and I'm sure that 509 Glenwood is the reason that I hear so many sirens when I'm at home.

My questions are: 1) Has there ever been a significant fire there? and 2) Has anyone ever looked to see how many times RFD is dispatched there every year? It seems like this has to be the most responded to address in the city, and Engine 13 might as well just move into an apartment.

A: You are correct, the fire department does respond to 509 Glenwood Avenue on a very frequent basis. (Though with less frequency as I recall when I rode Engine 5 in the early 1990s, when they were first due. During my few years as a firefighter.) And there other popular addresses that you'll hear, for calls ranging from EMS to fire alarms. Near my house, Engine 16 responds with regularity to a couple nursing homes. That is, they respond frequently. I cannot advise if the crew consumes a lot of fiber.

Regarding call counts, I am not in the loop with regard to "most responded" addresses in the current or a given calendar year. Maybe our friends at the ECC can cite some data. (And the percentage of fire versus EMS.)

Has there been a significant fire at Glenwood Towers? There was a two-alarm fire on December 27, 1990. Heater/air-conditioner on fire in a room on the seventh floor. One resident transported to the hospital. The second alarm companies were not utilized, and returned to service. As memory serves, that's happened a number of times over the years and decades. The response starts big or bigger, but is reduced as the severity of the situation drops.

Two alarms were struck on May 18, 1992. Engine 5 arrived, and Car 52 upgraded the call. Heavy smoke on the second floor, with fire found in an air-conditioning unit. I don't have any notes if the second-alarm companies were returned to service. They very likely assisted with smoke removal, other overhaul, and evacuation/re-entry of residents.

If memory (but nothing handy to cite) serves, there has been at least one fatal apartment fire at Glenwood Towers. But neither multi-fatality, nor multi-unit fires. If memory serves. Nothing like, say, the Wilmington high-rise fire on February 15, 1983. That one killed three elderly residents and displaced more than 160. [Read about that in a prior posting.](#)

Anyway, here's a photo from May 18, 1992. Click to slightly enlarge:



News & Observer photo

There have been 302 incidents at 509 Glenwood since Jan 1, 2012.

RFD - 09/27/12 - 09:45

I am surprised given the location, poor layout for an old persons home, and PRIME real estate of 509 Glenwood that Raleigh hasn't just sold that property/building for the exorbitant amount of money it would bring in and built something/acquired something more feasible/responsible for its purpose. I'm sure it is not fun for the residents either having to live 20 stories up knowing how far they have to go to go anywhere or for help to reach them.

Rob - 09/27/12 - 10:57

Thanks for answering my posting my question Mike, and for the stat, RFD.

Eric - 09/27/12 - 15:38

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Junker

09/28/12 28 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

Lee Wilson photographed this old International pumper this week, located on Highway 421 near the town of Harrells in Sampson County. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

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Bay Leaf's New Temporary Fire Station

09/28/12 128 W, 2 I - + 9 - 5

This temporary fire station is under construction behind Bay Leaf Fire Station 1 at 11713 Six Forks Road. Two bays for two engines, and a trailer for living quarters. The current station building, opened in 1983, is being replaced.

The temporary quarters should be completed and occupied by mid-October. Two engines will stay there. The station's other apparatus has been moved to Station 2 and Station 3. And their boats were moved to Durham Highway's fire station, believe they said.

The replacement facility has been planned for years. Designed by Stewart-Cooper-Newell, it'll be a two-story fire station with four bays, six sleeping rooms, and an outdoor deck that doubles as a training platform. [Read this earlier posting](#) from October 2011.

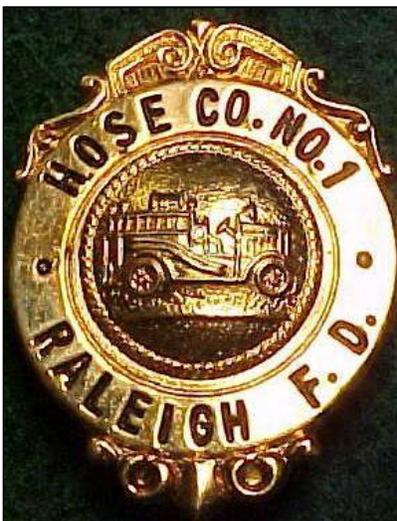


Raleigh Fire Department Hose Company Badge

09/28/12 157 W, 1 I - + 8 - 9

Bought this on eBay last week. Gold cap badge about two inches high. Reads "Hose Co. No. 1" and "Raleigh F.D." Should date to between 1913 and 1926. The former's the year the first motor apparatus was delivered. By the latter year, the city's hose companies were called engine companies. Who would've worn such a badge? Good question. Given the gold color, presumably a company officer?

Now for a harder question. Is it authentic? That one's a good question. Haven't seen on of these before, though this being a cap badge, it would've been harder to notice in photos. Could be a one-off, maybe a badge that an individual member had made for themselves? Or maybe it's from a different Raleigh Fire Department? The seller was located in PA. How many other towns or cities are named Raleigh? Maybe readers know. Meanwhile, it makes for a good mystery.



Looks like we are the winner! Our friend Mr.Google finds no other cities or towns in the entire U.S. named "Raleigh". Makes one wonder how many other city/town names are "one of ... "

Tim B ([Email](#)) - 10/01/12 - 12:26

There is a Raleigh County West Virginia, a Raleigh Georgia, a Raleigh Illinois, a Raleigh Indiana, a Raleigh Iowa, a Raleigh Kentucky, a Raleigh mississippi, a Raleigh North Dakota, and a Raleigh Texas according to Microsoft Map Point.

Russell - 10/01/12 - 15:23

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September Episode of FireWatch

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The September episode of FireWatch is [available for viewing online](#). This month's episode celebrates the tenth anniversary of the show. Original host, retired Fire Educator Jan Parker, returns to talk about her time on the show. They take a trip back to September 2002 for a few highlights, watch an old segment with Bonnie Woodruff, and talk about the future of the show. FireWatch airs on the RTN-11 cable television channel on Monday (12:30 p.m.) Friday (11:00 a.m.), Saturday (11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (2:30 p.m., 8:30 a.m.). [Or view archived episodes of FireWatch](#). (Also [check this page](#), and scroll down about halfway, for links to all past episodes.)



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Responders, Photographers (!) Honored at Appreciation Breakfast

09/28/12 667 W, 2 I - + 13 - 5

At the Angus Barn this morning, Raleigh and Wake County first responders were honored at the fifth annual [First Responder Appreciation Breakfast](#). Hosted by the Greater Raleigh Chamber and sponsored by a number of businesses, the event recognized and honored the efforts of fire, law enforcement, emergency medical, and emergency communication agencies, including Wake County EMS, the Wake County Sheriff's Office, the Raleigh-Wake County Emergency Communications Center, the Raleigh Fire Department, the Raleigh Police Department, and Troop C, District III of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. Click to enlarge:



Raleigh/Wake County Emergency Communications Center Director Barry Furey (shown above) provided the keynote speech, and spoke eloquently (and humorously) about the men and women who do the work of emergency services. Hero of the Year nominees were introduced from the above agencies, and moving stories were told of their dedicated work. Such as the State Trooper who stopped a wrong-way vehicle on the Beltline, and who subsequently named Hero of the Year. (An earlier version of this posting incorrectly identified the winner as Raleigh/Wake ECC nominee Call Taker Heather Corbett. She was a nominee, and the state's 911 employee of the year, as [this WRAL story noted](#).)

Also receiving an award, were citizen photographers (and more) Mike Legeros and Lee Wilson. (And with Yours Truly seated at a VIP table down front. Yikes.) They received this year's Friends of First Responder award, as presented by Marty Clayton of Progress Energy. He read a short statement about the pair, which is included below. [Read that, then come back here.] Thank you as always, my friends, for the pleasure and privilege of serving those who serve. You're a good family to be part of. Click to enlarge:



Here are Mr. Clayton's remarks:

Lee Wilson and Mike Legeros are local fixtures of emergency services in Raleigh and Wake County. They are citizen enthusiasts who have official roles in recording and documenting the activities of fire, police, and emergency medical services. They're official roles include Raleigh Fire Department incident and event photographers, and exclusive members of the Wake County EMS photo unit.

With over 2,000 first responders in Wake County and a growing population near a million, emergency services stay busy, and Mike and Lee stay busy as they tell the stories of firefighters, law officers, and paramedics. Their photos are made available to responders, and can be viewed online by the general public. They serve as valuable training tools, provide shared experiences for the responder community, and help educate the public about responders and what they do.

Mike Legeros is a lifelong fire buff, and has been a scene photographer for over ten years. Much of his work captures firefighters and paramedics in Raleigh, as he chases calls at night or on weekends. (By day, he works at a software company in Cary, on a web team.)

In addition to his photography, Mike is the official historian of the Raleigh Fire Department, and president of the Raleigh Fire Museum, a relatively new charitable organization. (He's also a former Raleigh firefighter, and worked for the department for a few years out of college, twenty years ago.)

Mike has a popular web site and also a blog that's a source for news and information about local emergency services. He's also the author of two photo histories of Raleigh and Wake County fire departments, and has researched and documented fire history statewide.

Lee Wilson has been taking pictures as emergency scenes for nearly twenty years. He's attended nearly every major fire in the Capital City, and is well-known around Wake County. On any given week or weekend, Lee might be at a live burn with Stony Hill, an open house in Garner, or taking pictures of fire apparatus in Fuquay-Varina.

Lee is also a friend to firefighters throughout the Triangle, and is known in many fire departments throughout North Carolina.

Mike

Are you going to post the pictures from this event?

Thanks

ncnjems - 09/30/12 - 09:29

And I will say once again — Well deserved for you both!

Tim B - 10/01/12 - 12:20

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History Book - Some Photos

09/29/12 149 W, 1 I - + 11 - 4

For your Saturday morning enjoyment, here are some historical photos lately compiled for the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book, currently in production. There are part of the specialty pages [we've previously posted about](#). Exciting stuff, and great fun for Yours Truly. This is my fourth book project, and they become pretty fun after the initial heavy lifting. (And in curious five-year cycles. The Arcadia books starting in 2002, the 95th anniversary book in 2007, and now now.) Learn more at www.facebook.com/rfd100book.

Left to right, top to bottom: call box, circa 1977; CSR team trains, 1993; original SAED from 1993; station gong, circa 1925; USAR 801 at Station 25; RPFPA's 1948 Mack at Ted Calvert's funeral, 1990; auxiliary firefighters demonstration, 1942; Ladies Auxiliary gets chartered, 1957; cutting the rug at the Fireman's Club, circa 1979; Photo Unit's annual report cover, 1992; Honor Guard at naturalization ceremony, 2009. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Wake & District Fall Fling - Saturday, November 3

10/01/12 135 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Celebrate the seventh anniversary of [Wake & District Public Safety Pipes and Drums](#) in November at their annual fundraiser slash party. Their Fall Fling is Saturday, November 3, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Downtown Raleigh Sheraton Hotel, 421 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh. The evening will feature the skirl of the pipes and drums along with the Inis Cairde Irish Dancers. (Google is your friend with regard to "skirl". Hint, it isn't a varmint.) Tickets are only \$10.00, plus \$0.50 postage. Pint glasses will be sold at the event for \$20 and will include free refills. Food items will be limited, however. Take your date to dinner before the party! (Will recommend restaurants for food.) [Buy your tickets](#). See you there.



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Crashes and Car Fires on Interstate 40 Yesterday

10/02/12 155 W, 3 I - + 11 - 2

There was a big ol' mess on the interstate yesterday in Durham, when a chain-reaction crash started two vehicle fires in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 40 near Barbee Road. The five-vehicle collision occurred shortly after 11:30 a.m. Two of the five vehicles caught fire. Other motorists stopped to assist, including a guy in a van transporting... fire extinguishers. That was Mike Stewart, [notes this WRAL story](#). He services the things, and started handing out extinguishers to others! He and others battled the flames until fire units arrived. Nobody was trapped in the vehicles, and several were transported to Duke with non-life threatening injuries. (Presumably the vehicle occupants versus the crowd-sourced firefighters...) See also [this WTVD story](#), that posted traffic cam and aerial shots. Readers can post a run card and other details, if they have them. One is confirmed, FE1 (Fire Extinguisher 1).



WRAL photo





WTVD/DOT photos

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Another Accident on I-40

10/02/12 81 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Then there's this photo as posted by News 14. That's a vehicle accident on Interstate 40 in Garner, or maybe that's Raleigh, at Jones Sausage Road. Guessing that's Engine 26 and Garner Rescue 1? Or maybe it's Garner all the way. Guessing our readers will correct this lazy blogger in two shakes of a lambs tail. Two people were transported. That said, driving on a highway is still statistically safer than, say, walking outdoors in a lightning storm.



News 14 photo

That stretch of I-40 is "in the county", even though it's just by mere feet. Jones Sausage on one side of the interstate is Garner, the other side is Raleigh.

rfburns - 10/02/12 - 09:03

That's Garner Eng 1&R-1. Garner has all the way to I40&440. 99% of the time if a call is dispatched between Jones Sausage and I40 Garner will call for a Raleigh eng most often eng 10 to come from the other way incase the direction of travel is wrong.

Mike - 10/02/12 - 22:55

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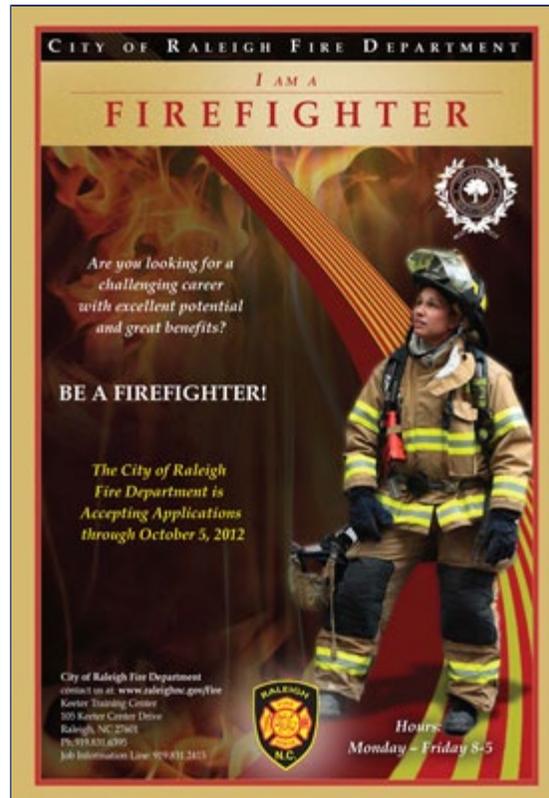
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Be a Firefighter - Raleigh Fire Department Hiring Ends Friday

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The City of Raleigh Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Firefighter **through Friday, October 5**. Click to enlarge this striking recruitment poster:



Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum age 21 by the first day of the Fire Academy
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Must pass aptitude test
- Vision corrected to 20/30 each eye
- Must be physically fit
- Must pass Physical Agility Test
- Must have valid driver's license

Entry level firefighters work as first responders, which require technical knowledge of firefighting and emergency medical services including use of rescue and emergency medical equipment and procedures.

Employees are expected to act quickly and proficiently in potentially life-threatening emergencies and under extreme adverse conditions such as heat, smoke, fire, toxic fumes, exposure to contagious diseases, cramped surroundings, and strenuous physical exertion.

Benefits:

- Advancement Opportunities
- Competitive Salary
- Medical and Dental Coverage
- Generous Retirement and supplemental retirement plans
- Vacation / Petty / Sick Leave

- Tuition Assistance
- Starting Salary of \$32,673 annually
- Rewarding career opportunity to qualified persons seeking employment in public service

If you are interested in a rewarding career, employment applications are available at the following locations:

- Online - RFD Employee Application: www.raleighnc.gov/fire
- Personnel Department - 222 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, 27602
- Any Raleigh Fire Station
- Keeter Training Center - 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh, NC 27601

Employment applications must be postmarked by the closing date. Incomplete applications, and applications postmarked after the closing date will not be considered. *Closing date for applications is Friday October 5, 2012.*

Employment applications must be submitted in person or by mail (no faxes or e-mails) to:

Keeter Training Center
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105 Keeter Center Drive
Raleigh, NC 27601
(919) 831-6395

For more information check our website at: www.raleighnc.gov/fire">www.raleighnc.gov/fire

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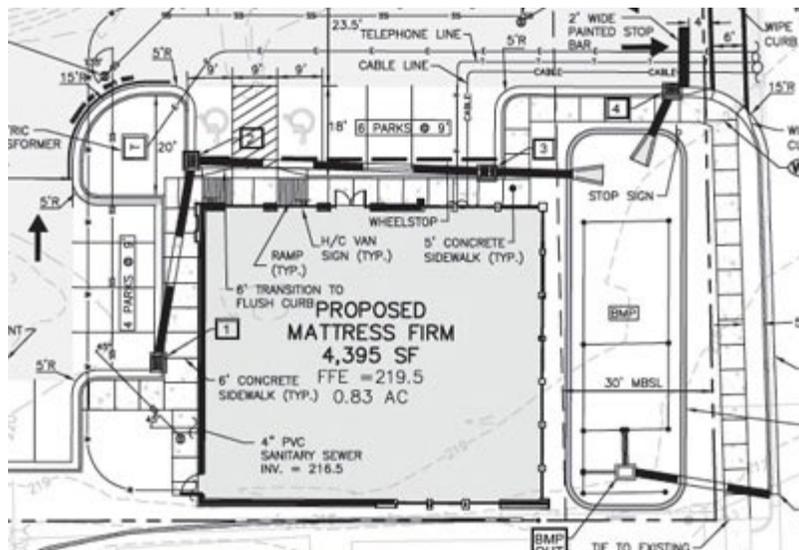
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Old Station 4 > New Mattress Firm

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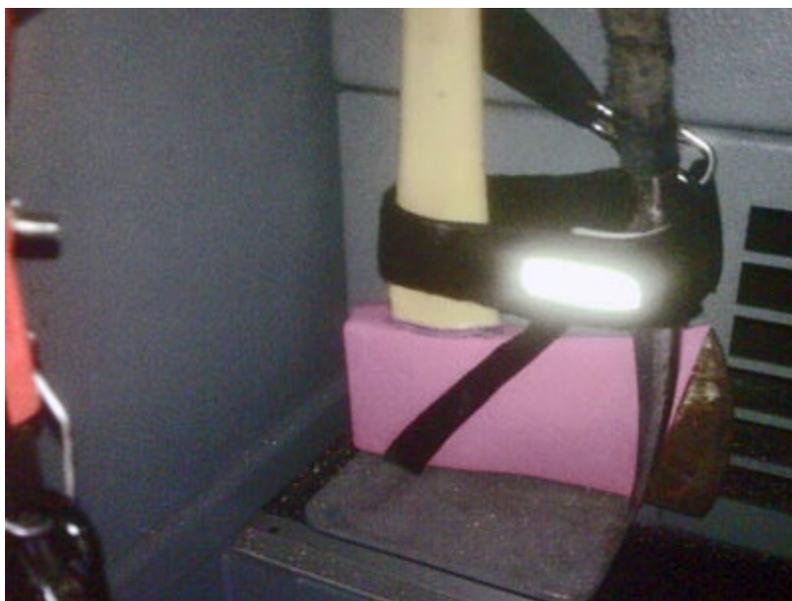
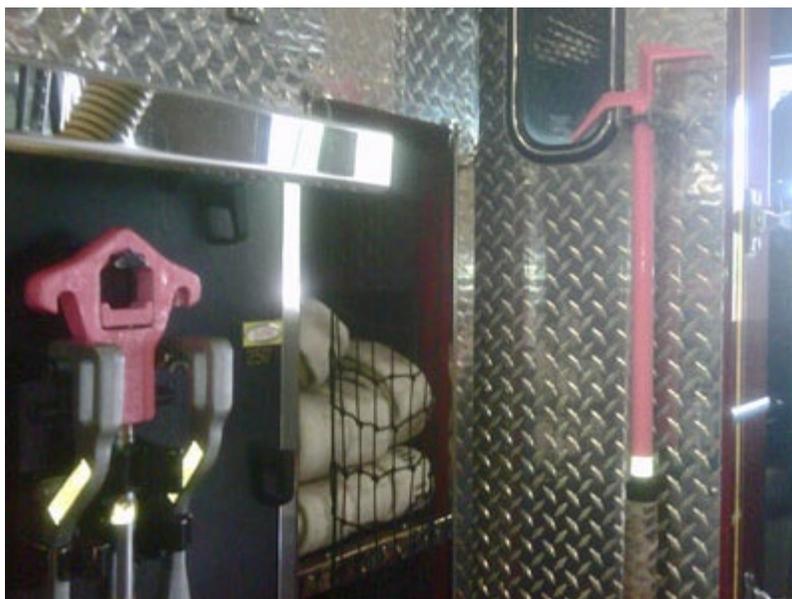
Looks like Old Station 4 on Wake Forest Road is destined for demolition. A reader passes along this [city planning development document](#) (PDF), which shows a mattress firm planned for the location. Based on the site plan, it appears that a new, 4,395 square-foot building is planned. (Can't be a rebuild, can it?) The existing structure was occupied on April 12, 1963. The two-bay fire station cost \$63,000 to build. Engine 4 was relocated from 505 Jefferson Street. The station also housed a tanker and a Battalion Chief (then called District Chief) during its years. It was relocated to 121 Northway Court in 1993. The building served as office space for the city, and was sold after closing on April 1, 1997. [Read more history](#). Or see [photos of the building](#). Thanks John!



Pink Tools

10/02/12 75 W, 3 I - + 8 - 3

Our friends at Wake New Hope Fire Department Station 1 on "C" shift share these photos of tools they painted pink, showing their support this month for cancer awareness. Neato. They didn't specify if their accompanying outer, inner, or under wear is also colored as such. We'll leave such ponderings to reader imagination...





I can bet the Engine 1 drivers under wear, socks, and probably contacts are pink knowing him.

911 - 10/02/12 - 22:53

I dont wear contacts 911,, but if it brings awareness,, you bet i would!!!

300C - 10/02/12 - 23:26

Thats right 300c save the Kahunas. And Legeros fyi im wearing black socks and just so happens im wearing pink plad boxers! By the way I like the tools and are you all going to keep them like that or repaint come November?

911 - 10/03/12 - 00:54

My department assigns each station/company a color, and pink is one of the assigned colors (in this case, our fleet/logistics personnel).

Doug ([Email](#)) - 10/03/12 - 08:16

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How to Become a Firefighter (in New York) - Then and Now

10/03/12 240 W - + 10 - 3

From a reader, [here's an amusing posting](#) from a credit union foundation out of New York City, comparing the requirements for becoming a firefighter in 1887 and in 2001. Excerpts are below. Thanks, David!

1887 - To become a fireman a person must be twenty-one years of age and of good moral character. He goes first to the secretary, and procures from him a blank, which he fills out, and get four reliable men to sign, certifying that they have known him never to have been indicted or convicted of any crime; that they have known him for a certain number of years. The candidate then returns it to the secretary. He is then sent before the Medical Board and examined as to his physical condition. He is measured, weighed, and the circumference of his chest taken.

2001 - All applicants must pass written, physical fitness, medical, and psychological examinations. A thorough character, employment, and background investigation will be conducted including fingerprinting. [They must] be a resident of the City of New York or of Nassau, Westchester, Suffolk, Orange, Rockland or Putnam Counties. Candidates must be able to understand and be understood in English. [They] must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City of New York. United States citizenship is required at the time of appointment.

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Keep Back or Drown

10/03/12 86 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

From a reader, funny statement seen on the back of a fire department tanker. From a "funny signs seen around the country" feature on a local news web site. Don't know the department. There's a McDonald's in their town, which should help narrow the choices. Might have to call the thing a tender, if they're more NIMS oriented in their apparatus phraseology. Nice big water level lights on the back. Thanks David!



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Police Dispatcher, Not Fire Dispatcher, 1960

10/03/12 157 W, 1 I - + 12 - 6

Here's a historical image that will be *excluded* from the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#), that's currently in production. Thought this pictured a fire department dispatcher in the watch room of Station 1. Instead, it's Officer Charles Schweikert at the police department switchboard. (And which explained why the consoles weren't matching other images of fire department dispatchers. Now need to check and see if it appears anywhere as fire department historical image.)

The picture is dated March 30, 1960, and appeared in a *Raleigh Times* story of the same date. Some 14,000 residents were about to be annexed into the city, and the article featured a few tips. Such as dialing Temple 3-1611 for service. That was the number of the city's central switchboard. For police, call TE 4-5261. In case of fire, dial TE-2-7733. And to reach the fire department for general information, call TE-2-7735. Click to enlarge:



Raleigh Times photo

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Reader Mail - October 2012

10/03/12 824 W - + 9 - 5

The gas bag opens the mail bag. These have come through the mails and via Facebook. All answer and advice dispensed free of charge. No warranty, however!

Q: Someone the other day asked me why Dalmatians are used in fire stations. Can you answer this question?

A: Here's a web page with an answer: <http://www.kearneyfire.org/History-of-the-Dalmation-in-the-Fire-Service.asp>. The short version I've always heard is: (a.) horses used to pull fire engines, (b.) dogs lived at the fire stations (c.) and were helpful with the horses and (d.) Dalmatians ended being the best breed for being around horses. Let me know if it matches what's written on that web page.

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Q: Mike, have you heard that Mt. Airy has a museum displaying the history of their city fire department? I just heard of it today, and hear they have their first engine, a 1916 American LaFrance, a 1926 American LaFrance, and a 1946 American LaFrance. And a bunch of vintage firefighting equipment.

A: I have heard of the Mt. Airy museum, but haven't (yet) visited. I blogged about it a few years ago, [in this posting](#). Couple readers sent a couple pics.

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Q: I am in the market for my first DSLR camera, and need some help. I'm currently looking at some Nikon bodies, but the choices are overwhelming. The main thing that I am looking to photograph are fires, like yourself. I'm also interested in cameras with HD video capabilities. Do you have any tips or recommendations?

A: Yes, no, and maybe. Here's standard response to camera questions, [an earlier blog posting](#). Alas, the posting's outdated, and my equipment's since upgraded. Still Canon, but newer bodies. Nothing equipped with video... yet. Any current DSLR should be fine for fire photography, at least from Canon and Nikon (which Lee uses). Even shooting at night should be okay, with the higher ISO sensitivities these days. How's that for a concise non-answer?

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Q: I am an amateur photographer, but am expected to be a professional photographer when documenting fire scenes. I'm challenged at scenes with low light. Not those scenes that are full dark, but neither are during daylight. Such as first thing in the morning, or right after sunset. My choice of camera and flash settings-- mostly Auto, Auto, and more Auto-- result in an image that's overlit with flash, but still very dark. I've learned to leave the flash turned off, but then the camera switches modes and takes another picture with a longer shutter time. Those look a bit better, but that can't be the best way to take a picture, can it?

A: Try this for starters.

1. Turn your camera's program mode to P.
2. You are now in manual control of your ISO, or exposure sensitivity.
3. For late-day light, raise the ISO to 800, 1250, 1600, 3200, etc. Try progressively higher settings.
4. Keep flash off.
5. Hold camera VERY steady. Press it against your face, with arm cocked. That will help with any longer shutter times.
6. That's lesson #1.
7. See also [these slides with some tips](#).

Lesson #2 involves playing with your flash exposure compensation. You can raise or lower the power of your flash, to over- or

under-saturate a shot with lighting.

Lesson #3 involves buying or trying an external flash, repeating the exposure compensation, but also trying to "bounce" the light, but rotating or angling the flash in the direction of a wall, or ceiling. Adding a diffuser to the flash is a good thing to try, as well.

Lesson #4, the final lesson for today. Experiment with existing light. There are seriously powerful lights on those big red trucks. Deploy scene lights or portable lights. You'll be amazed at how much better the shots will be.

Lesson #5, bonus. Take five or ten times as many photos as you normally do. Just shoot like crazy. You'll get better, faster.

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Q: Do you have a copy of any guidelines or standard operating procedures for fire photography?

A: Here's the closest thing that I have at present, [slides with some tips for firefighters](#) from a few years ago. Plus [my slides from this summer](#), which don't even answer your question. How's that for minimally helpful?

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Q: Do you do weddings, and how much do you charge?

A: Negative, I am not a wedding photographer. But thanks for thinking of me.

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Q: Can you send me a print of a picture that you took of me, and how much do you charge?

A: Negative, I don't do prints. But I will happily send you a high-resolution version, and you can have the thing printed for yourself. Never any charge.

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Q: Can we use your photo(s) on our fire department or rescue squad or EMS web site?

A: Yes, yes, of course.

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Q: Bet you make some good money taking all these photos!

A: You wouldn't believe the number of zeros in my salary...

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Category I Ambulance Inspection Checklist, 1991

10/04/12 104 W, 1 I - + 12 - 16

Here's a blast from rescue's past, a state inspection sheet for a Category I ambulance from September 25, 1991. (Guess that's EMT-capable category?) Raleigh's Rescue 6 was inspected by NC OEMS. Obviously, these were just the state-mandated items aboard, and not a complete inventory of the unit's equipment. (That would be a neat document to add, if I can find a copy of a vintage checklist.) Rescue 6 was still operating a 1974 Chevy/Murphy ambulance at the time, and would be replaced in a few months by a 1991 Chevy/Frontline ambulance-body rescue truck. [Read those histories](#). Click to view the PDF document:

CATEGORY I AMBULANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST	
PROVIDER NAME <i>Raleigh Rescue</i>	PROVIDER # <i>09245351</i>
SERIAL # _____	YEAR _____ MAKE _____
VEHICLE # <i>06</i>	INSPECTION DATE <i>09/25/91</i>
1001 (A) MEDICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	
1 1 PORTABLE RESPIRATOR, SINGLE BOTTLE	17 6 TRIANGULAR BANDAGES
2 3 EACH BAGGED BATHING INSTRUMENTS	18 2 PADS OF 5 1/2" BANDAGE
3 BAG-MASK-ADULT W/ OILY SILICA, GAUGE SENSOR	19 DRESSING
4 2 EACH STIFFLY TUBES	20 2 STERILE BURN SHEETS
5 6 EACH ATRAKY-BANDS FROM 55mm TO 115mm	21 40" x 72" MINIMUM
6 SITE STICK	22 2000cc BUREAU SYRINGE
7 2 EACH OXYGEN CYLINDERS (D SIZE OR LARGER)	23 IRRIGATION SOLUTION
8 WITH FLOW & CONTENT GAUGE, 3 EACH	24 STERILE BASIN
9 ADULT & CHILD, DISPOSABLE, TRANSPARENT	25 OR KIT WITH APPROPRIATE
10 GONIOR MARKS WITH DELIVER TUBES AND HEADBAND	26 GLOVES
11 ONE SMALL, ONE MEDIUM, ONE LARGE ADULT	27 POISON ANTIDOTE KIT
12 AND ONE PEDIATRIC SIZE EXTRICATION COLLAR	28 (OR EACH SMALL, REGULAR
13 ONE NECK FRONT BACKBOARD OR STABILIZATION	29 AND LARGE SIZE ASSEMBLED
14 DEVICE WITH TWO STRAPS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES	30 BY CHILD AND ADULT AND
15 ONE NECK LONG BACKBOARD WITH TWO STRAPS	31 PEDIATRIC STETHOSCOPE -
16 AND ACCESSORIES	32 COMBINATION ADULT/
17 TWO SETS OF RIGID PACHED BOARD BELTENDS	33 PEDIATRIC STETHOSCOPE IS
18 (3" x 15", 36" x 50") OTHER KITS OF	34 ACCEPTABLE
19 INSULATABLE LAMINATE, OR EDGE DENSITY	35 NUMBER OR HEAVY PLASTIC
20 POLYURETHANE FOAM WITH AT LEAST TWO FULL LEG	36 SHEET (36" x 72") OR
21 AND TWO FULL ARM SPLICERS	37 BULKY BAG
22 ONE CHILD AND ONE ADULT SIZE LOWER EXTREMITY	38 FOUR HANDELS, ELEVATING
23 TRACTION BELT WITH APPROPRIATE ATTACHMENTS	39 GUT WITH PAD, STRAPS, AND
24 TWO BANDRAGE (2" x 4" x 12") OR	40 CRASH STABLE FASTENER
25 HEAD IMMEDIATELY	41 ADDITIONAL STRETCHER WITH
26 12 EACH 4" x 4" INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED	42 STRAPS
27 STERILE GAZES PADS	43 TWO SETS ONE LINEN
28 6 STERILE 5" x 9" INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED	44 TWO NONWOVEN FELLOWS
29 ABSORBENT DRESSINGS	45 TWO WASHABLE ELASTIC
30 12 ROLLS OF ROLLER GAUZE	46 CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICE
31 4 ROLLS OF ADHESIVE TAPE	47 TO SAFELY TRANSPORT
32 4 EACH STERILE NONADHERING, NONPOUROUS	48 PEDIATRIC PATIENT OR
33 DRESSINGS, 3" x 8" MINIMUM	49 PATIENT COMPARTMENT
1002 EXTRICATION AND ACCESS EQUIPMENT	
1 10 INCH ADJUSTABLE OPEN END WRENCH	5 6" CROWBAR WITH FENCE
2 SCREWDRIVER WITH FLAT HEAD	6 TWO PAIR HEAVY DUTY WORK
3 SCREWDRIVER WITH PHILLIPS HEAD	7 GLOVES
4 BUCKLEAW WITH MINIMUM OF SIX BLADES	8 TWO PAIR OSHA APPROVED
5 4 POINTED HAMMER WITH 15" HANDLE	9 SAFETY GLASSES
6 10" VISE GRIP PLIERS	10 TWO OSHA APPROVED
7 24" JACKING BAR	11 SAFETY BELTS
1003 OTHER EQUIPMENT	
1 OPERATIONAL FLASHLIGHT	1 "NO SMOKING" SIGNS IN CAB
2 2 3/2 POUND FIRE EXTINGUISHER	2 AND PATIENT COMPARTMENT
3 IN QUICK RELEASE BRACKET	3 ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR
	4 PATIENT COMPARTMENT
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PROVIDER SIGNATURE <i>Jason Thompson</i>	DATE _____
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One of the big changes from then to now is that the "tool box" has been removed. Now ambulances don't have to carry basic tools. Those really used to come in handy. I've used that 48" pry bar on many calls, as well as the screwdriver, wrench, etc. when we had a kid stuck in something and needed to get them out (bannister, fence, etc.). Now EMS relies on FD to do that type of thing. Note that Tom Collie with OEMS performed the inspection. He was a great guy, very personable and if you took him to lunch somewhere good, you generally passed!

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 10/04/12 - 10:59

If you look at the list provided by the state, that was everything you had to have to pass as an emergency ambulance. All of the 'soft' goods could be placed in a single case (gauze, tape, scissors, BVM, etc.) in a single carrier. There was a large plastic one available back then that was available in blue, orange, and green (from Dyna-Med or Physio Systems (later Southeastern Emergency)) with a detachable bottom compartment that was popular. Although not officially the reason, there were still a lot of hearse/ambulance combination cars and home-made vans in service as ambulances when this list was devised. Many of these vehicles did not have much in the way of cabinet space, so having it all in a box or bag or two helped out. TV tube caddies were immensely popular for this.

Even when this list was used, many c-collars were 're-usable' foam collars made of a stockinette material over foam rubber (you just simply put some more stockinette over the blood stains). The same applied to the padded board splints, only they were just pieces of 1/4" or 3/8" plywood cut into 3"-3 1/3" wide pieces, wrapped in bandage roll material. Also, only one strap was required for the stretcher, as opposed to many stretchers that have the four-point shoulder harness plus two more straps.

DJ - 10/05/12 - 12:10

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Volunteers Wanted for NCFFF at State Fair

10/04/12 92 W - + 7 - 7

The [North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#) is looking for volunteers to assist with their booth at the [North Carolina State Fair](#). This is a big fundraiser for the foundation, and helps them with their budget through the year. The booth is also a great way to meet and greet other firefighters from around the state, as they visit the State Fair. The dates for the fair is October 11 through October 21. To offer your assistance, [please visit this sign-up site](#). Thanks for your help and support.

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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

10/05/12 308 W, 6 I - + 9 - 3

This weekend is the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, which will culminate on Sunday, October 7, with the 31st National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Eighty firefighters who died in 2011 and five who died in prior years will be honored. ([See this year's Roll of Honor](#) in PDF format.)

Bronze plaques bearing their names will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial located on the academy's campus. More than 3,600 firefighters are listed on the plaques, which surround the memorial, which was established in 1981. (For firefighters before 1981, an expansion is planned in conjunction with their [Project Roll Call](#). See below for a recap of Wake County.)

For more information about the memorial and the weekend, [start with this news release](#). It'll get you oriented. For live viewing of the weekend's events, [visit this web site](#). For social media sharing resources, notably icons and wall paper, [see this web page](#). For the big blast of memorial weekend information, visit the weekend.firehero.org.



Remembering those who gave their lives in Wake County, eight firefighters from five departments from five departments have died in the line of duty since 1956. They ranged in ranks from Firefighter to Asst. Chief, and from causes ranging from motor-vehicle accidents to heart attacks. They were young and old, they were volunteer and career. [Learn more about them](#).

Herman S. Jones

Raleigh Fire Department
January 22, 2008


Larry W. Fanning

Garner Fire Department
August 2, 2006


Todd A. Blanchard

Eastern Wake Fire Department
July 14, 2005


Norwood C. Massengill

Fairgrounds Fire Department
February 10, 1971

Paul. A. Mimms

Raleigh Fire Department
April 20, 1965


Vernon L. Thompson

Cary Fire Department
June 16, 1960

Patrick J. Daughtery
Garner Fire Department
April 7, 1993



Vernon J. Smith
Raleigh Fire Department
March 10, 1956



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Fire Prevention Week in Raleigh

10/05/12 364 W - + 6 - 5

In preparation for Fire Prevention Week, which starts on Sunday, October 7, the Raleigh Fire Department today announced the following public events. This year's theme is "Have Two Ways Out" and focuses on educating the public on always having two ways to exit a building in case of emergency, and regardless if it's a house, apartment, office, store, or other type of building.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated across the country during the week of October 9. That's the date of the Great Chicago Fire on October 9, 1871, that killed 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed 17,000 structures. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first national Fire Prevention Week.

The Raleigh Fire Department's flagship event for the week is the public fire education display at Crabtree Valley Mall on October 11, 12, and 13. The complete list of events is below:

Sunday, October 7

Fire station open house and tours from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. All Raleigh fire stations will be open to the public. Residents are encouraged to stop by their neighborhood fire station and speak with firefighters about fire safety.

Tuesday, October 9

- Public fire education event at Chick-Fil-A at Capital Crossing Shopping Center, 4621 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A smoke detector battery exchange will be offered.

Thursday, October 11

- Public Fire Education Display at Crabtree Valley Mall, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m..

Friday, October 12:

- Public Fire Education Display at Crabtree Valley Mall, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m..

Saturday, October 13

- Public Fire Education Display at Crabtree Valley Mall, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m..
- History of the Raleigh Fire Department presentation at the Raleigh Fire Museum, 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Raleigh Fire Museum will also be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The museum is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh, off Wilmington Street just south of downtown. Please note that the department's collection of antique fire apparatus is located at Fire Station 28, at 3500 Forestville Road, in northeast Raleigh. For more information about the museum, [visit this web site](#).

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Sunday Open Houses at Raleigh Fire Stations

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[As noted yesterday](#), all city fire stations will be open for open houses on Sunday. They're planning for public visits and tours from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Here's a web page](#) with station photos and addresses. Here's my [unofficial station page](#), with equipment listed. But which station(s) should you visit? Here's Mike's suggested itinerary...

Begin - Station 9

Let's start just outside the Beltline, at 4465 Six Forks Road. Right beside North Hills shopping center. Easy to find, though parking's a bit limited. See Engine 9, one of the city's newer engines. And see Old Engine 1, an open-cab 1961 American LaFrance pumper that was recently returned to the city by the Raleigh Fire Museum. It won't be there long, however, as a Battalion Chief's being added to the station in January or so. (More on that news later.)

Next - Station 1

Head downtown to the big house at 220 S. Dawson Street. There are two engines and ladder there, plus the fire investigation unit. Big, ol', early 1950s central fire station. Has a pole. Has the tiller truck, a 2010 Pierce tractor-drawn aerial ladder. They don't have a large apron, however, the ladder truck will probably stay parked inside. It's still fun to see, even if it's indoors. Station 1 is the third-oldest active station in the city, after Station 6 and Station 3. The old alarm house out back is even older, erected in 1942.

Next - Station 3

Speaking of same, cruise about a mile east to 13 S. East Street. That's another two-story station, and also with fire poles. They've got a mini-pumper there, the only newer one on the roster. It's a 2005 Ford/Reading/Slagle that's pretty neat. Really low profile. Great for parking decks, or generally cruising in style. The station itself is also a compact affair.

Next - Station 27

Now let's head north, far north and east. Take Raleigh Boulevard out of town. Headed to Station 27, one of the city's newest at 5916 Buffalo Road. Nifty contrast in station design, space, and such, compared to Station 3 and even Station 1. See one of the city's two haz-mat units. (Station 2 houses the other.) The apron's nice and long, and the bay's are big and airy. Good viewing and even if the haz-mat truck's kept inside during your visit.

Next - Station 19

Continue from "rural eastern Raleigh" to "suburban Mini City," to 4209 Spring Forest Road. See Rescue 1, one of the three rescue units, and the truck itself, one of the newer ones. The 2007 Pierce is chock full of interesting stuff, including chocks. There's a boat trailer (with boats) there, so you can learn about the department's water rescue capabilities. They'll also tell about the rescue changes planned for early next year. (Again, more on that later.)

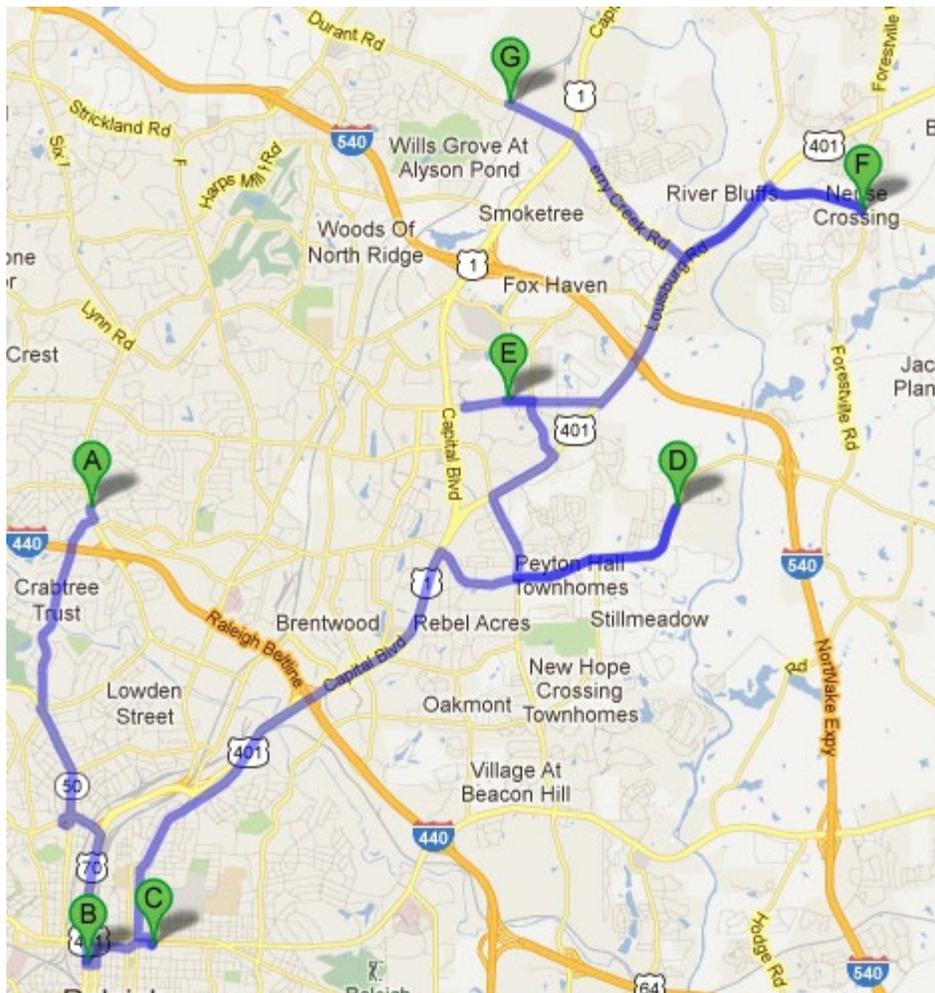
Next - Station 28

Let's go see the antiques. Drive way out to the northeastern edge of the city, to 3500 Forestville Road. That's where the department's antique apparatus is stored: 1905 steamer, 1926 pumper, 1950 pumper, 1982 pumper, and 1953 rescue boats and trailer. (Plus the 2004 American LaFrance engine.) Doesn't get much cooler than that. It's a bit of a haul, however. Plan accordingly, if you're actually attempting this itinerary. It's easy to lose track of time, when communing with Big Red Trucks.

End - Station 22

Our final destination is 9350 Durant Road. Newer fire station, with a giant apron, and plenty of room to park the trucks and enjoy them outside. There's a 2009 Pierce aerial platform at the station, a monster of a ladder truck. Plus an engine. Plus a haz-mat decontamination trailer and towing unit. So you'll get some special unit action. And it's close a mall and other things on the north side, so you can continue your Sunday fun elsewhere.

Here's the map. Let's hear what variations or alternate destinations that readers suggest...



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Bail Bonds Response Unit

10/06/12 54 W, 1 I - + 8 - 9

Seen in south Raleigh this afternoon, and apparently out of service, here's a mobile service to rival Raleigh's food trucks, mobile locksmiths, and windshield repairmen. Do you suppose it cruises certain neighborhoods and/or plays music when looking for business?! Click to enlarge:



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Bright Blue Hearse For Sale

10/08/12 69 W, 3 I - + 11 - 5

Saw this 1983 Cadillac turning into Crabtree on Saturday. Found the thing parked near the food court. Looks like a sweet ride, though some may object to the choice of window curtains. Good luck on your purchase, and just advise the amount of my finder's fee.





Nice! Though I already have a '68 and I doubt the significant other would let me have 2 :-(-

Paul - 10/08/12 - 08:49

Just worked on this thing the other day at part time job in Angier. It's got a bench seat inside behind the curtains & is not set up to carry the deceased. Would make a great party wagon!!!

HC_truck8 ([Email](#)) - 10/08/12 - 12:49

But it sounds suitable for transporting the dead tired b

Legeros - 10/08/12 - 12:57

I really want that hearse

elizabeth singletary ([Web Site](#)) - 03/13/15 - 22:05

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Smithfield Opens Second Fire Station

10/08/12 78 W, 3 I - + 9 - 7

That is, a temporary Station 2. The Market Street bridge at the Neuse River on the west side side of downtown, so the Smithfield Fire Department has relocated Engine 2 and Engine 3 to a temporary location on Highway 70 Business West to cover that side of town. Don't know (yet) the exact street address. And how about that industrial-looking apparatus building! Former tobacco warehouse? [See more photos from Lee Wilson.](#)





Lee Wilson photos

The tobacco warehouses are on the east side of town and they are much bigger buildings. There are several along US301 in town. This was an industrial/commercial site, but I can't remember what it was exactly. JoCo EMS also relocated an ambulance to the west side of the river, but it is located at Wilson's Mills VFD #2, on Cleveland Road, call sign EMS12. EMS91 and EMS92 remain in downtown Smithfield.

DJ - 10/08/12 - 10:20

Definitely not a tobacco warehouse. Mike you need a return visit to Wilson for some BBQ and a quick tour of downtown (yes a couple are a few blocks off main) and the 301 corridor for tobacco warehouses. They have torn several down in Wilson with much of the heavy timber being reclaimed (detectable by the remaining concrete pads often the size of a small city block). Many are in a poor state of decay but often undetectable from the exterior due to sizes. A few have had partial roof collapses. As for BBQ you know you can't go wrong at Parker's but Bill Ellis' buffet is tough to beat with both chopped and pull your own from the pig.

D.Cates - 10/08/12 - 12:14

Its at the old Wallace Welding company.

lee - 10/08/12 - 14:02

This was the former shop for Wallace Welders (no kin to myself). There were several welding stations located throughout the building that is housing our engines. The welding shop in front is still in operation, just at a very low capacity.

BW - 10/08/12 - 14:11

The address is 403 W Market St. (the link to the pic's doesn't link to the pic's)

lee - 10/08/12 - 14:46

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Raleigh Fire Department College Fair, October 10-11

10/09/12 97 W - + 8 - 2

The Raleigh Fire Department is hosting a college fair on Wednesday, October 11, and Thursday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh. Representatives from several schools will have information available about their schools and various certificate and degree programs. For city employees, a representative from the tuition reimbursement program will be present. The colleges attending are:

- Coastal Carolina Community College
- Columbia Southern University
- Durham Technical Community College
- Fayetteville State University
- Nash Technical Community College
- Wake Technical Community College
- Wilson Technical Community College

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open, Plus History Talk, Saturday, October 13

10/09/12 191 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

The Raleigh Fire Museum is open this Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Historian Mike Legeros will also give an an hour-long presentation at noon on the history of the Raleigh Fire Department. He'll talk about the history of firefighting in the Capitol City, from before the volunteer era through the modern career department.

The museum is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](#). Parking and restrooms are available. Admission is free. The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is Learn more about the museum, and the group that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.



Please note antique Raleigh fire apparatus are stored elsewhere. The museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) is located at Fire Station 9 at [4465 Six Forks Road](#). The city's [collection of antique fire apparatus](#) is housed at Fire Station 28 at [3500 Forestville Road](#). The collection includes a 1905 steamer, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, and a 1982 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome at both locations.

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House Fire in Cary on Christmas Morning - View From The Neighbor's Yard

10/10/12 64 W - + 8 - 5

Found via random Google searching, here's a four-minute video of a house fire on Castalia Drive in Cary, on December 25, 2011. Shows second-due and later units arriving, supply and hose lines being stretched, and such. Plus one inflatable Santa that occasionally obscures the view. There are 75 days until Christmas 2012.

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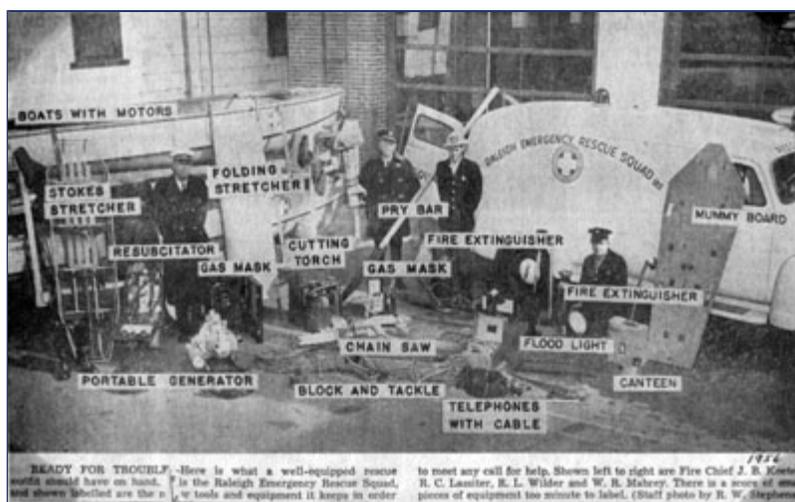
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Equipment of the Raleigh Rescue Squad, 1956

10/11/12 158 W, 1 I - + 10 - 5

Here's a neat newspaper clipping showing and labeling the equipment of the Raleigh Rescue Squad as displayed behind Station 1 in 1956. Did they really carry everything in that little [1954 GMC panel van](#)? Probably not, as the squad also had a [1954 Reo Civil Defense heavy rescue truck](#). Both were stored at Station 1. There was a single rescue officer assigned to Rescue 1. They drove the desired unit, and pulled an additional person from the Station 1 personnel as needed.

The wooden boats-- fourteen feet long-- took four to six people to deploy. And if they were needed in a remote area, as many as ten people to carry. The boats were used primarily for body recovery, and both in the city and county. (And even outside the county, for mutual aid.) The squad added diving equipment by 1962. There's at least one photo of squad members diving to help recover a submerged vehicle. Click to enlarge:



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World's Fastest Pram

10/11/12 37 W - + 6 - 8

What the hell is a pram? Appears to be a baby stroller with a different name as spoken in a different accent. Kids, don't try this at home. Found at [Weird Universe](#).

Hey, it's not that much of a different accent! At least we don't muck around with words for no good reason (colour, honour, aluminium etc) :-)
Anyway, getting back to the subject, 'pram' is a shortened version of 'perambulator' which is what the Victorians called the thing you wheeled your baby around in when you went perambulating (aka walking).

I had one like this when I was a kid in the 70's -> http://classicalbabyprams.weebly.com/lon_.

Since there were no supercenters back then and you typically walked to the grocery store the general consensus (as I understand it) was that the pram should be big enough to hold the baby and a weeks worth of groceries.

Paul - 10/11/12 - 10:07

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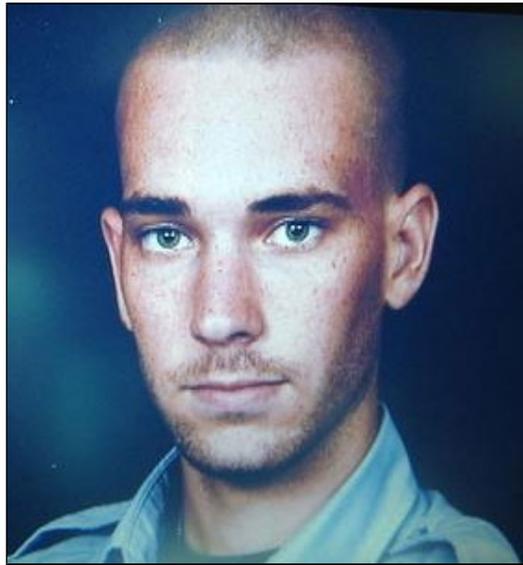
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Alexander County Firefighter Killed in Vehicle Accident

10/11/12 148 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Bethlehem Community Fire Rescue Firefighter Caleb Benfield, 18, died Wednesday evening from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident earlier in the day. He was returning to the fire station from home, where had lunch after a morning performing fire prevention activities. He was driving his motorcycle on Highway 127 when he lost control of his vehicle about 150 yards from the fire station. The accident occurred just after 1:00 p.m. He was transported to Frye Regional Medical Center, and airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center. He died that night, following surgery. A visitation is planned at Tri-City Baptist Church in Conovor on Sunday. Firefighters will led a procession to the burial in Wilkes County. Benfield joined the department in 2001 as a junior member. He had participated in his first fire just a few weeks ago. More details: [FireNews.net](#), [Hickory Daily Record](#), [WCNC-TV](#), [WSCO-TV](#).



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Ambulance Crashes Into Gas Tanker, but NOT While Transporting Meth Lab Explosion Patient

10/12/12 112 W - + 6 - 6

Afternoon:

[NBC17 reports](#) that they incorrectly reported that the ambulance in the patient was burned in a math lab explosion. Indeed, the headline was too strange to be true.

Morning:

That stranger-than-fiction headline comes from Selma yesterday afternoon, where an ambulance collided with an empty gas tanker at Buffalo Road and ~~White~~-Oak Street. The medical unit was transporting a burn patient to a waiting medical helicopter. Presumably the patient was transported via secondary unit. News reports are a little scarce. [WTVB reports](#) that six people suffered minor injuries. No other incident information or any images located via Google.

The meth lab part was incorrectly reported. NBC17 has put a correction on their website.

Chris - 10/12/12 - 17:07

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Rocky Mount and Nash County Firefighters - Hometown Heroes

10/12/12 110 W, 1 I - + 5 - 7

From a reader, the *Rocky Mount Telegram* has posted a gallery of a couple hundred photos of Rocky Mount and Nash County firefighters to commemorate Fire Prevention Week. The photos by Bob Bartosz, the legendary Camden, NJ, fire photographer who relocated to eastern North Carolina in 2010. He was an official photographer for both Camden city and Camden County fire departments for six (!) decades. That man has shot some fires, including plenty over the river in Philly as well. He's currently the official photog for the Rocky Mount Fire Department. [View the gallery](#). Thanks, Scott!

The screenshot shows the Rocky Mount Telegram website. At the top is the newspaper's logo and navigation menu. Below that is a weather forecast for 43 degrees and a Hobby Lobby advertisement for 40% off. The main content area is titled 'Hometown Heroes' and features a gallery of photos. The first photo shows three firefighters in uniform. A 'BUY THIS PHOTO' button is visible below the photo. To the right of the photo gallery are several sidebar advertisements, including one for 'Every Wednesday beginning September 26th' with a \$500 prize and another for the 'Electronic Edition' of the newspaper.

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Glib Comments on Facebook

10/12/12 542 W - + 8 - 6

Pop-quiz about social media. What should you think—and what action might you perform—if you saw comments such as these posted to Facebook? Either directly as a Facebook friend, or via forwarded text or screen capture?

Wear a couple different hats while you're answering. React as (a.) yourself, regular responder, (b.) your supervisor or chief officer, (c.) member of a body of elected officials who govern your organization, (d.) news reporter or news editor, and (e.) local citizen.

JOE SMITH

I could've slapped that patient we had today.

JANE J. JOHNS

Another day protecting the idiots.

B. B. JONES

The patient is lucky I was in a good mood today.

M. SMITH

Another crack house, should've let it burn.

(Fake entries above, duh.)

This quiz too easy? Guilty of leading the witnesses, your honor? Perhaps. The inspiration for this topic—and possible discussion—is [this Fire Law posting](#) about the termination of a Texas flight medic that was upheld. Let's thus ponder the possible consequences of glib comments on Facebook.

Recall the original rules of e-mail etiquette. Don't send anything you wouldn't want broadcast on the evening news, written on a sign in your front yard, or shown or told to friends, family, priest, magistrate, etc. Those were and remain sound rules.

But then came social media and texting and Facebook. And remarks sent as text messages, or posted as Facebook comments, have invariably involved less formality and less forethought.

We toss them off, and easily because the audience is usually limited. It's just one other person who's texting with you, or it's a restricted group of Facebook friends. (Perhaps many hundreds of such friends, mind you.) But here's the problem. Whatever you wrote thus appears on a screen, and that screen can be captured and shown to other people that you weren't thinking about.

Commence paranoia? Maybe, or just a measure of healthy caution. The long tradition of blunt speaking (and black humor) at fire/EMS station doesn't necessarily translate to the virtual day room. (Just as such verbal comments are kept out of view of, say, visiting citizens. Friends and family get a stronger ear full.)

Facebook in particular is problematic on a couple fronts. First, your identity is not concealed. This is a good thing in keeping conversations out of the toxic zone, but a liability for acute cases of "foot in mouth" diseases. (Been there, apologized for that and too many times to count.) Second, your Facebook identity is probably a combination of peers, friends, and family. You might be the rare person who is only talking to absolutely like-minded souls. Betting otherwise, however.

What's the solution? Maybe that's one self-evident. Be aware of your conversational surroundings and adjust your behaviors accordingly.

What say you?

Postscript #1: Public versus private employees. The aforementioned [FireLaw posting](#) is about a private employer. What about public employees and protected speech therein? Good question, but consider this: the person might keep their job, but at the cost of how much undue attention for all parties involved?

Postscript #2: Glib comments on blogs. Who wants to tackle that one?!

History Talk at Raleigh Fire Museum Tomorrow

10/12/12 156 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

Don't miss Mike's magnificent words 'n' pictures history of the Raleigh Fire Department, starting at noon on Saturday, October 13. The location for the hour-long talk is the Raleigh Fire Museum, 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh. The museum is also open that day, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and learn about the history of firefighting in the Capitol City, from before the volunteer era through the modern career department.

Parking and restrooms are available. Admission is free. The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is Learn more about the museum, and the group that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org. Please note antique Raleigh fire apparatus are stored elsewhere. Read this prior posting for those details. See you tomorrow.

PS, want a preview of the presentation slides? [Here you go](#) (PDF), read ahead as desired



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Vintage images of Atlanta airport fire department

10/14/12 142 W, 4 I - + 11 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, for your Sunday enjoyment, here are four vintage images of the Atlanta airport fire department. The apparatus looks as shot in the 1960s or 1970s, or maybe even early 1980s? The station photo looks like the 1980s. (How big was the airport fire department at that time? Two stations? Three?) That's a lot of Oshkosh, with four of the civilian version of the Air Force's great P-16 P-15. Once listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most powerful fire engine. (Previously held by the FDNY super pumper, when it was operational.) Photographer unknown, search eBay for "Atlanta airport fire." Would *love* to see more images and learn more of their history. Any resources out there? Commemorative books ever produced? Click to enlarge:





From a reader, here are the differences between the military P-15 and the civilian M4000. Thanks Pete!

P15 vs M4000

P15: Two roof turrets, front and rear, M4000 one in the front

P15: 6100 gallons water, M4000, 4000 gallons

No P15 was ever authorized for civilian use.

Legeros - 10/15/12 - 13:25

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Rockingham County Firefighter Stabbed to Death Saturday

10/16/12 104 W - + 11 - 5

FireNews.net via [their Facebook page](#) shares this [WGHP-TV story](#) out of Rockingham County, where Stoneville Fire Department firefighter Mark Chandler, 23, was stabbed to death early Saturday morning. He and a friend were stabbed at about 3:30 a.m., after a fight started at a birthday party hosted by Chandler for his fiance. He was transported to Morehead Hospital, and pronounced dead. His friend Cody Collins, also stabbed, was transported and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The incident remains under investigation, with one person behind bars and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and voluntary manslaughter.

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Another Vintage Crash Truck... From Dallas

10/16/12 103 W, 2 I - + 14 - 6

Our local (and soon to be retiring) airport fire chief, Jimmy Thompson, shares these images of a monster crash truck he photographed at Love Field in Dallas in 1998. Since Mr. Blogger's on vacation, it'll be a couple days before we can cite some make and model information. That information is sitting inside some books. Unless, of course, our interpid readers add the backstory ahead of time. Meanwhile, big hand for Chief Thompson, who retires October 31 after thirty-five years leading the Raleigh-Durham International Airport fire department Click to enlarge



Jimmy Thompson photos

That looks like a Caterpillar Model 631 (1970's era) scraper matched w a Klein mfg water wagon. I saw a similar one in a book, I believe at an airport in NY.

Clay Simmons - 10/16/12 - 10:53

Guess that truck serves as your big daddy foam supply. Can't be a rapid response truck, unless it moves a lot faster than you would think. Arrives a minute or two or three after the first rigs. Probably great for off road.

Legeros - 10/16/12 - 12:01

Apparatus Seen in Western North Carolina

10/16/12 49 W, 3 I - + 10 - 8

Reporting from the road. Here are a few trucks seen on the western side of the state. Top to bottom: Morganton Public Safety's Sutphen aerial platform, Saluda's new E-One pumper/tanker, and a nice-looking Seagrave pumper-tanker in downtown Brevard. Click to enlarge:



That Brevard engine is one good looking truck.
Wonder what the specs are for it....

Buckwheat - 10/17/12 - 10:26

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Legeros - 10/17/12 - 10:56

Be nice to see more seagraves around in this area.

pgtruckie - 10/18/12 - 08:31

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UPDATED: Salisbury Fire Department Parade - Then and Now

11/04/12 254 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

November 4

Photographer Paul A. Brown graciously provided a couple dozen photos from the October 13 parade of fire apparatus in Salisbury. Here's a video slideshow, showing many of the trucks as staged before the event. Plus a couple through-the-town shots. Nice looking trucks, both those antiques and the modern Rowan County rigs.

October 17

On Saturday, October 13, the Salisbury Fire Department hosted a Fire Prevention Week parade in downtown Salisbury. The parade featured (or at least was planned to feature) three-dozen rigs, from Salisbury and neighbor departments including East Spencer, Gold Hill, Granite Quarry, South Salisbury, and Spencer. Four privately owned antiques were also scheduled to appear. See this Salisbury Post article, [which listed the line-up](#).

The parade was an annual event in Salisbury from the mid-1950s through the early 1980s. The parade was held this year in conjunction with the "Where's the Fire" exhibit currently on display at the Rowan Museum. (Watch this space for a museum report, as we're planning a visit on our return trip from the mountains today.) Still searching for photos from last week's parade. Readers, can you assist?

Meanwhile, here's a vintage parade photo that Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell passed along. Probably from the 1920s. The parade appears organized in chronological order of apparatus, with the reel company preceding the steamer company preceding the motor companies. Learn more Salisbury FD history [on their web site](#). Thanks, Bob! Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Black Mountain Fire Department Museum

10/17/12 87 W, 2 I - + 11 - 4

This nifty little museum is located in Black Mountain, just outside Asheville. It occupies the last bay of the fire station at 106 Montreat Road. These photos are from October 2007, and have been added to my [Flickr collection of fire museum photos](#). (They were gathering dust in a digital folder.) We peeked through the windows this week and the museum appears about the same as depicted below. [See more photos](#).



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Ok, Greenville F/R was obviously a GMC. Pretty sure it was a CD truck. I remember it being painted all white in the 1980s.

Steven ([Email](#)) - 10/22/12 - 18:20

Vance County Rescue Squad had a Civil Defense, 1965 GMC Panel truck that sounds like it was equipped very similar to what the REO that Raleigh had, they got rid of theirs in the 1980's and not sure where it ended up, and it had been painted solid white prior to them getting rid of it.

rnln ([Email](#)) - 10/22/12 - 19:16

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Smokin' Steak House in Gastonia

10/19/12 88 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

Here's your morning hot shot, one of four posted in the Firehouse.com posting of a *Charlotte Observer* story about a Tuesday morning restaurant fire in Gastonia. The Longhorn Steakhouse on Cox Road was reported afire after 4:30 a.m. Flames and smoke were showing on arrival. One firefighter suffered a minor injury. [Read and see more](#). See also this story [from the Gaston Gazette](#) and the story [from the Charlotte Observer](#). Both have short slideshows of images.



Gaston FD/Firehouse.com photo

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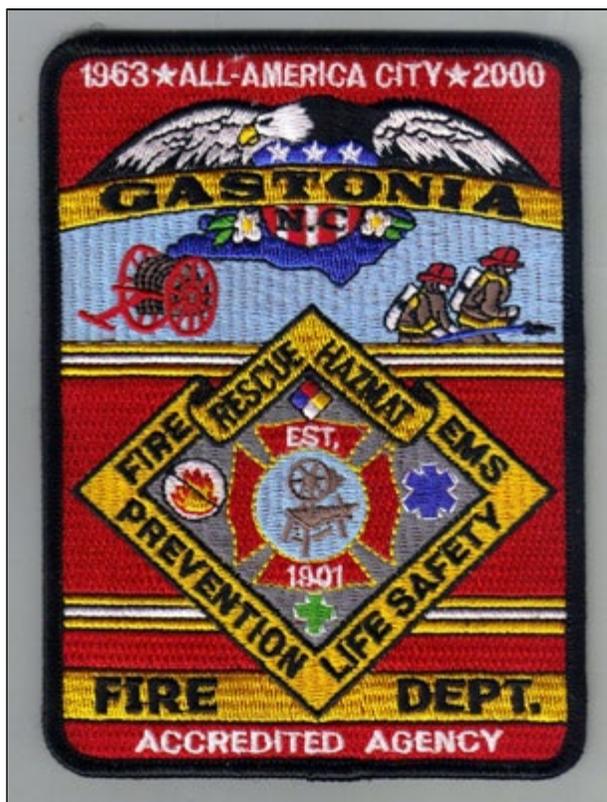
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A Most Colorful Patch

10/19/12 60 W, 1 I - + 9 - 0

Speaking of Gastonia, check out the fire department's current (?) patch, as seen for sale on eBay. Now that's a colorful emblem, and with numerous nifty elements. (Found for sale because Mr. Blogger checks eBay every day or two for the keywords "NC fire".) What are some of your favorite "cornucopia" patches?



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Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter - Fall 2012

10/19/12 96 W, 2 I - + 11 - 3

The fall 2012 edition of the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* has been posted to to the web site raleighfirenews.org. This issue's includes information about special operations changes, the history book, a fire investigation task force, new respiratory protection and atmospheric monitoring policies, and three upcoming events. Plus the usual recap of recent promotions, appointments, and retirements. Edited by department historian Mike Legeros, the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* is a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. [Read the issue](#) , or click to access:



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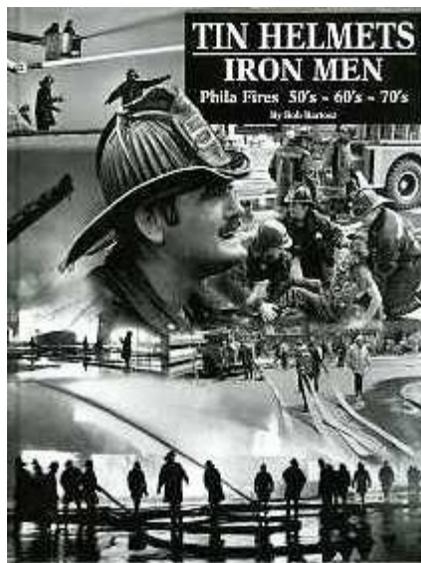
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Tin Helmets - Iron Men by Bob Bartosz

10/20/12 204 W, 1 I - + 8 - 7

Holiday gift alert. How about *Tin Helmts - Iron Men* by Bob Bartosz for your favorite firefighter or fire buff? The limited-edition hardcover is a treasure trove of Philadelphia fireground photos from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. The page count is 216, the photos are black and white. Those were days of the multi-hour, multi-alarm fires, and Bartosz with a film camera and a few rolls of film. Nothing like the all-color, shoot-as-many-as-you-like digital days of today.



You'll also see vintage and unusual Philly rigs, such as their 125-foot articulating platform and the famous giant deluge SS 99. Plus plenty of marine units. Now what's the connection to North Carolina, you ask? That one's easy. After fifty years of fire photography-- including as official city and county fire photog in Camden, New Jersey-- Bartosz and wife relocated to our neck of the woods. They live in Nash County.

Bob's still has copies of available of his book. They're only \$28.95, including shipping. [Here's more information about the book](#), including contact information. Above is a video, showing a quick page-through of the thing. Grab a copy. You'll love it.

I bought a copy from Bob a few months ago and have thoroughly enjoyed it. It is an excellent read with some of the best photography I've ever seen. I highly recommend it!

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 10/21/12 - 20:17

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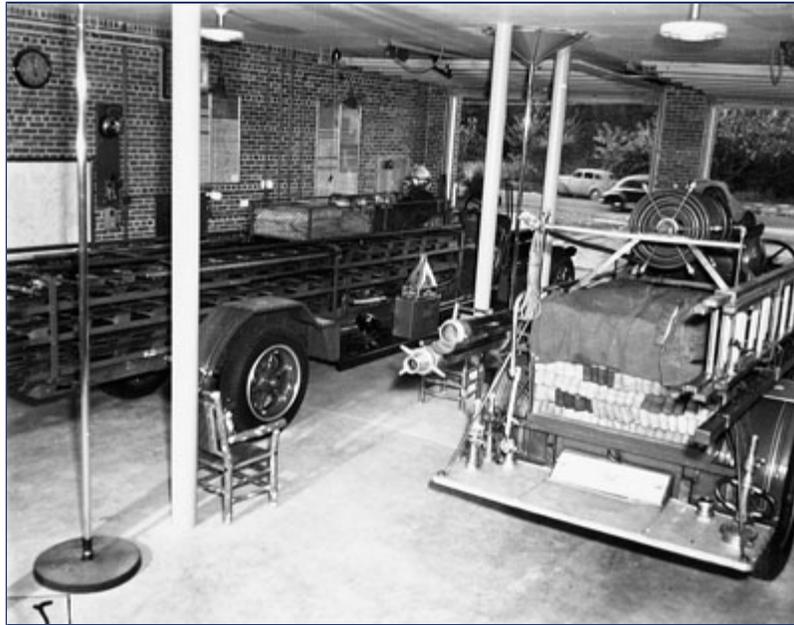
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Inside Station 6, 1949

10/21/12 38 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

For your Sunday morning enjoyment, here's a look inside Station 6 in the year it opened, 1949. What are some of the things that you notice?
Click once or twice to enlarge:



North Carolina State Archives photo

2 sections of hard suction on the engine.

Rob Mitchell - 10/21/12 - 20:41

Notice the foam powder hopper. We have one of the old accompanying powder mixers in the fire museum. ALF-Foamite brand.

Legeros - 10/21/12 - 20:46

I notice a pull chain for the automatic door closer. A lot of Raleigh's stations still have the mechanism mounted on the bay ceiling next to the end of the door tracks but the chains have been removed.

RescueRanger - 10/21/12 - 21:28

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Cary's Civil Defense Rescue Truck

10/21/12 117 W, 3 I - + 10 - 6

How many other blue and white Civil Defense rescue rigs were operated around Raleigh and Wake County and surrounding counties? The volunteer Cary Fire Department operated this rescue truck beginning in the mid-1950s, which they built from a military mobile machine shop in 1955. It carried \$8,000 worth of equipment including 5,000-watt portable generator, 2,500-watt generator, two-way radio, \$600 resuscitator, block and tackle, ropes, a portable oxygen acetylene cutting torch, in all "196 different pieces of equipment, all new." At the time, it was purportedly the only Civil Defense rescue truck operated by a volunteer fire department in the state. Photos from the archives of the Cary Fire Department. Click to enlarge:





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Old Station 8 - Five Years Later

10/22/12 56 W, 1 I - + 11 - 3

Photographed this weekend for the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#), and compared with the same shot of five years ago. That was for the 95th anniversary commemorative book. Located at 1008 Method Road, the former residence served as a fire station from 1960 to 1963.



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More Civil Defense Rescue Units

10/23/12 98 W, 6 I - + 8 - 9

Being in photo-research mode this week for the centennial history book makes these kinds of posting *really* easy to knock out. Let's look around and see what other blue-and-white (or just white) emergency equipment we can find in our state's past. And for those interested in North Carolina Civil Defense history, visit [this great blog](#) by Frank Blazich. See also prior postings about [Raleigh](#) and [Cary](#) rigs.



Garner Fire Department



Greenville Fire Department, originally/earlier painted all white ([more](#), see comments)



Clayton Rescue Squad ([more](#))



Johnston County ([more](#))



Lee County ([more](#))

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Centennial History Book Pricing, Ordering Deadlines

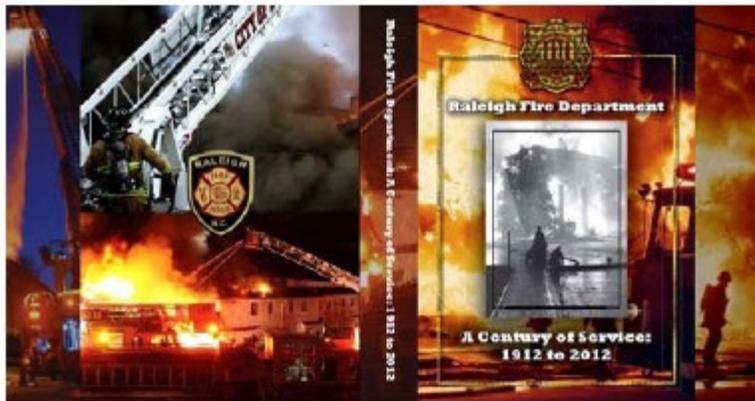
10/23/12 167 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

In the latest issue of the Raleigh Fire Department newsletter ([see prior posting](#)), pricing and ordering deadlines were announced for the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book. Here's the skinny:

- Price is \$60.00 until December 1.
- Price is \$70.00 starting December 2.
- Ordering closes on January 15, 2013.

This is a limited edition, folks. There won't be any copies available in bookstores. The thing is available exclusively through pre-ordering. Here's where to order your copy, if you haven't already. (Orders have been taken for months now.) Visit <http://rfd100.com/centennial-history-book>. You'll see both a PDF flyer, and a link to online ordering.

What's the book about, what's inside? Visit <http://www.facebook.com/rfd100book> for some of that. Sample photos, sneak peeks at content. Updates on the project's progress. Hardcover book and a big one, 9 by 12 inches. Two-hundred and sixty pages. Text and photos and personnel and portraits of every retiree since the beginning (!). Don't miss out.



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UPDATED: Old Raleigh Engine at Scrap Yard

11/03/12 147 W, 4 I - + 12 - 4

October 27

The apparatus is [old Engine 3](#), a 1951 American LaFrance 700 Series, serial number L-4433. It was saved from the scrapyard in 2007 by Tim Henshaw, a member of the department and a local apparatus owner. (He and his rig were profiled in the [2008 issue of the RFD newsletter](#).) The rig had been stored for years, but was not destined for restoration. It was "parted out" a few weeks ago before being put to pasture. Click to enlarge these photos from November 2007:





October 23

As reported by a reader in a comment on [this prior posting](#), another Raleigh rig was awaiting recycling at TT&E on Garner Road two weeks ago. It was photographed by another reader. This one's an American LaFrance 700 Series. One of four that the city had. Looks largely stripped. Thanks Patrick! Click to slightly enlarge:



Is this a mate to the one at Stn. 9?

Chuk Gleason - 10/25/12 - 08:55

Negative. Old Engine 1 is a 1961 ALF 900, one of two delivered that year.

The four ALF 700s were of model years 1951 (2) and 1953 (2).

Legeros - 10/25/12 - 09:04

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Wednesday Morning

10/24/12 24 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

All readers be advised, we have nothing to report at this time. You can clear from this posting. That includes EMS.



Wow...already got your tree up, or is that a historical photo?

Pete - 10/24/12 - 13:32

It isn't even Halloween why is the Christmas tree up already?? lol

stretch - 10/24/12 - 13:38

Thank you for including EMS. lol

Joffre ([Email](#)) - 10/24/12 - 19:39

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Two Times Two Plus One School Bus Accidents Today

10/24/12 217 W, 2 I - + 11 - 6

Five (!) school buses collided today in two separate accidents in western and central North Carolina. The first collision occurred at 9:55 a.m. in Marshall in Madison County. A chain-reaction accident involving three county activity buses and a pick-up truck happened on U.S. 25-70 near the Madison campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical College.

One of the buses left the roadway, traveled down a hill (!), and crashed into the side of the school building (!!). Forty-eight middle-school students and one adult were injured. They were transported to two hospitals. [Read the Citizen Times story](#). Anyone have a run down on the run card for that one!?

The second accident occurred in Youngsville just after 3:00 p.m. Two buses transporting elementary school students crashed at the intersection of Bert Winston and Hicks roads. The head-on collision injured both drivers and ten (or more) students. [Read the WRAL story](#). Or [the WTVD story](#), which cites fifteen patients transported to Franklin Regional Hospital and WakeMed North.

(Brings to mind the activity bus accident in Cary on Highway 64 on December 10, 2010. Three buses with about 133 occupants. Thirty-six patients transported with minor injuries. Four fire companies, fifteen ambulances, four EMS supervisors, and more. [See photos from that incident](#) by Mike Legeros.)



WLOS photo



WRAL photo

There was a bad accident involving a school bus and a motorcycle yesterday in Johnston County as well. It was in the 50-210 area, but didn't see it anywhere on the news.

Scannerman - 10/25/12 - 08:13

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Caption This Photo

10/24/12 42 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Here's one from the archives. Bonus question, when and where was the picture taken? First correct answer gets a free subscription to this blog. Offer not valid in all states of mind.



I ain,t got no clue as to when or where this was taken but it appears he is cutting down the Christmas tree that's in the previous picture of your house.

Galax, Va - 10/24/12 - 22:23

I think this was a haz mat call on Second Street in Raleigh E15's district. Started out as a FA and was upgraded to a haz mat alarm. Telephone building that had a large amount of batteries that were required to be kept at a certain temperature. The batteries overheated and began to off gas. I say this because I'm pretty sure that's me. Note spare accountability tags on velcro of coat near neck, between radio and flashlight. I've never seen anyone else do that. Also, that is Globe turnout gear, which is what was issued at the time, not the Morning Pride we have now. I remember having to cut a bush away from the hydrant that day. Probably circa 2007 or 8, right? (Yes, I realize I am not wearing my gloves or eye pro. My bad.)

PBM - 10/25/12 - 01:51

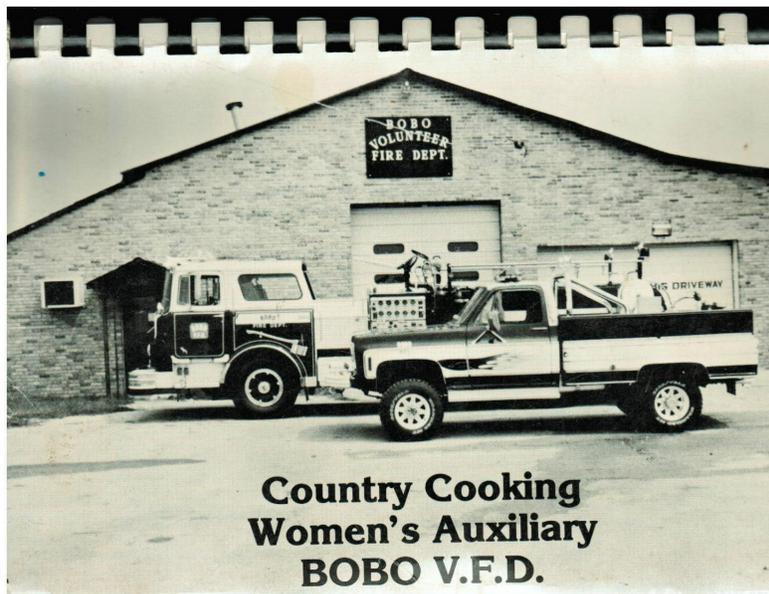
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Pearce - 10/25/12 - 15:31

Honkin' on Bobo

10/25/12 40 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Funny fire department name as seen on eBay, in a photo of a women's auxiliary cookbook. ([Recalls this posting](#) from 2010.) Funny posting title, taken from the [Aerosmith album of the same name](#). Collection of blues covers.



Bobo is in Madison County, Alabama, north of Huntsville. They were one of our mutual aid companies when I was Deputy Chief of Harvest VFD.

Furey - 10/25/12 - 21:47

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Unusual New Deliveries From Pierce

10/25/12 47 W, 4 I - + 11 - 7

Found these while clicking through the [Pierce Flickr site](#). Monster pumper-tanker for BP Exploration Operation in Iraq. Scary snozzle on a rescue pumper for Eagan, MN. And a pair of FBI vehicles, one black, one blue. Wonder what they're used for?





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High Point's New Ladder

10/25/12 14 W, 1 I - + 11 - 6

Found on the Pierce Flickr site. [See larger versions.](#)



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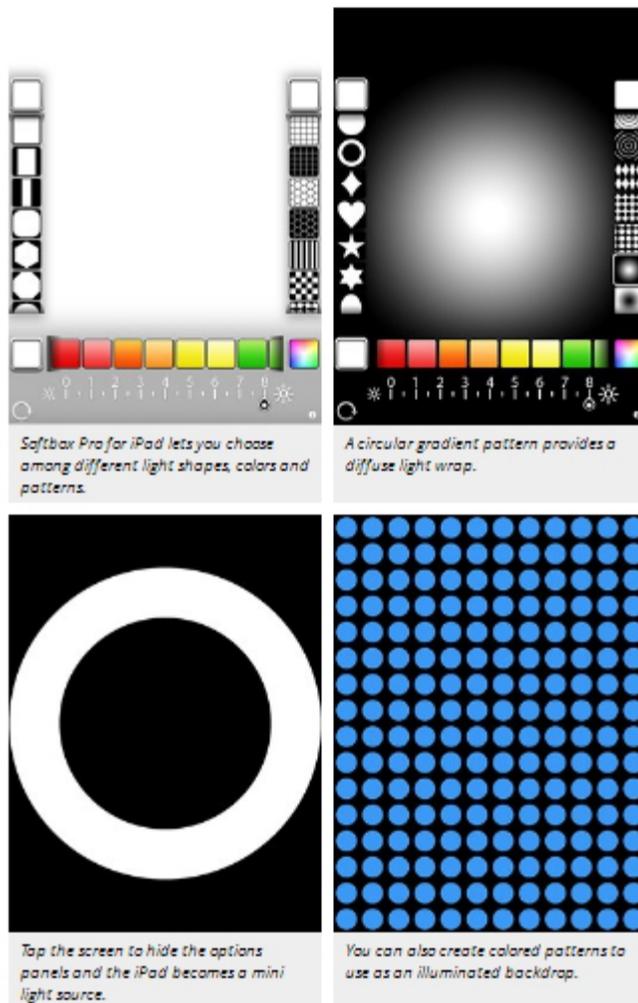
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Using Your Tablet as a Photo Light Source

10/25/12 44 W, 1 I - + 9 - 8

[Neat article from Digital Photography Review](#) (itself a great go-to site) about usinig your tablet computer as a photo light source. Notably featured is the iPad app Softbox Pro.



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Seasonal Decorations

10/26/12 42 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Engine 14 and Rescue 3 have decorated their station on Lake Boone Trail. Who else has seasonal displays around here? Send photos and maybe we'll post. And raise your hand if you get trick or treaters on Halloween. Click to enlarge:



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Video of Second Annual Charlotte Memorial Stair Climb

10/26/12 109 W - + 8 - 6

Found in [this FireCritic posting](#), here's a recently posted video of the second annual Charlotte Memorial Stair Climb on Saturday, October 13. It was held at the Duke Energy Center Building in Uptown Charlotte. The event honored the 418 firefighters, police officers, and medics that died on September 11, 2001. Planned were a total of 700 climbers, including 343 firefighters, 60 law officers, and 10 EMS personnel. They climbed a total of 110 floors, equal to the number of the height of each Twin Tower. Here's a [News 14 story](#) and a [photo gallery](#) from the *Charlotte Observer*. Here's the event's [Facebook page](#) and their [official photos](#) on Flickr.

This was an excellent, respectful, and well-organized event. The Tunnel to Towers Run was a great addition. Everyone in NC should check it out next year, or perhaps Raleigh/Wake County could organize their own event for those on the eastern side of the state.

Lt. Lemon ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 10/26/12 - 09:58

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Dash Cam: House Fire in Durham

10/27/12 49 W - + 6 - 6

As [featured on Statter911](#), here's a three-minute clip of Thursday's house fire at 1217 Lincoln Street as shot by Squad 1. Arriving companies quickly knocked the fire down. The "C" shift companies: E1, E4, E3, L3, L2, S1, B1, B3, MS1, SO1.

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Staging For Sandy - New Jersey EMSTF

10/27/12 112 W, 1 I - + 9 - 13

Found on their [Facebook page](#), here's a neat photo of medical emergency buses staged somewhere in New Jersey. They're part of the state's EMS Task Force. They'll be available to assist EMS agencies and healthcare facilities with evacuations and transportation needs as needed. (See other news sites about this storm thing.) Each can carry 30 patients on legs, 20 on wheels, or a hybrid of both. (We have one of these in Wake County, operated by EMS. And several in the state, in various cities/counties. And they're used both locally and collectively, if/when a "big one" comes along. [See this prior posting.](#))



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Charlotte Assistant Chief Dies of Heart Attack, 1955

10/27/12 45 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Found in my files, while researching the histories of Raleigh fire chiefs. Charlotte Fire Department Assistant Chief James M. "Mack" Munday, who died March 8, 1955. From the April 1955 issue of *Hose & Nozzle*. Click to enlarge:

Chief Mack Munday Dies of Heart Attack

Assistant Chief James McGee (Mack) Munday, a member of the Charlotte Fire Department for 30 years, died Tuesday night, March 8, apparently of a heart attack. He was 50 years old.

Chief Munday's body was found at 11:37 p.m. in his department car in the 800 block of E. Trade Street.

The account of the tragedy, as given by Charlotte firemen, was that Chief Munday drove his departmental car home to supper at his usual time, and with constant radio communication available it was not unusual for him to attend to departmental duties that would prolong his absence. He left his home to return to department headquarters about 8:30, but no radio contact was had until some two hours later, when it was recognized that his prolonged absence, without contact, was unusual.

It was thought by some members of the department that perhaps the absence might be explained by the work Chief Munday was doing on the Fire Department Pension Plan, on which he had spent many harrowing hours of effort. When it became apparent that something was definitely wrong, a search was made and a Charlotte Police unit found Chief Munday's body slumped on the seat of his car, brake-up, lights and radio on.

The conclusion was that the attack came so suddenly that Munday had time only to pull to the curb and stop the car.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Crayton; a daughter, Mrs. George M. McMartin of Cayce, S. C.; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. C. W. Burke of Charlotte.

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Oxygen Masks For Pets?

10/28/12 99 W - + 5 - 10

Question from a reader, who recently read about firefighters in Arlington, TX, reviving a dog at a structure fire. He learned that AFD carries three sizes of pet oxygen masks on each Battalion Chief vehicle and ladder truck. This provides the masks at each working fire in the city. Question, are such masks carried by fire departments in Raleigh and Wake County? How about in the general Triangle and Central Piedmont area? Readers, please respond and regardless if you are cat or dog people. Share stories as desired as well. Thanks for your question, James.

Raleigh has them on every engine, ladder, and rescue.

PBM - 10/28/12 - 10:27

We carry them in Archer Lodge on our engines.

DAM - 10/28/12 - 10:44

We had them in Garner

Mike - 10/28/12 - 11:32

We also carry them in Wake Forest

Ben - 10/28/12 - 11:49

Durham Highway has them as well... Chris Young from the Bayleaf FD was donating a mask to Emergency Services...

Cyoung@sleepingdogsale.com

DHFD - 10/28/12 - 11:51

All of the Squad companies in Durham carry the masks.

WATSON - 10/28/12 - 14:02

We have them in Zebulon.

ZFD - 10/28/12 - 15:22

I put them on the rig at work. The other driver took them off and tossed them; "We don't need that stupid crap on the truck. That's not our job." We previously had them on all rigs, but it wasn't a required item, so they have disappeared on many companies. Sad.

Pet Friendly - 10/28/12 - 15:26

I resuscitated a white mix breed that had been dropped in the bay when their owner tripped in sand while self extricating from a Cessna crash. The humans were all fine presenting with a minor case of exposure and one lacerated finger The canine on the other hand had just been crushed by their owner and dunked in salt water. I am no vet, but my essential EMT training of air-goes-in-and-out guided me to suction and get some oxygen into him. We transported the human victims to the hospital, I am convinced they would have beaten me senseless if I gave up on their dog to take vital signs and fill out a report. The local K9 officer knew the number for a 24hour emergency vet clinic who intercepted us at the hospital and carted that dog off. There was an outpouring of positive press and some donations following that incident.

A pet mask would have been nice, but a human supplies and copious amounts of medical tape can work wonders... it also helped that it was a lap dog and not a Great Dane.

PW - 10/28/12 - 16:57

Morrisville has them on all first out trucks.

Spanky - 10/28/12 - 17:14

A big Thank you to My Brothers at Durham Highway. If any one wants more info, like how use them or wants a set, just e-mail me

Chris ([Email](#)) - 10/29/12 - 11:53

We got them on the engines in Fuquay.

HH - 10/29/12 - 15:19

Just an quick update. The day after the fire the dog passed away.

Good to hear the positives here and Mike's right about the general public.

Can't let one persons opinion change the tide though.

Pet Friendly, guess some people will never change...how sad!

James - 10/29/12 - 16:34

HH why do you have them on the Engines? You guys still run the squads right? Seems kinda pointless

Silver [Not Silver, see below comment] - 10/30/12 - 00:50

We put these in place on our rides in Fuquay a couple of years back. We have used these on a couple of fires already and have shown families of these pets just how much we care about preserving life and saving property. When we put these in place, I made phone calls to vet offices at each corner of our district and asked if they would be willing to be on an "on call" emergency list if their business was not operating on a 24 hour schedule. Every one i spoke with was amazed at what we were doing for our citizens and agreed 100 %. NBC 17 had gotten wind of what was going on and came down to FVFD station 1 to do a story.

Tyson - 10/30/12 - 11:22

Silver, to answer that question...our squads which are now Car 10,20,30 are stationed at each one of our stations and are the primary unit responsible for running EMS calls. The cars do not run fire responses unless the guys are already on a call and clear to respond either back to the station or to the scene. Our staffing at station 2 and 3 is only 3 people each day and the cars respond with 2 of the 3 which i already can hear the argument coming from that but, it has worked well for the past several years and that comes from hire powers than myself. We placed these on the engines because we knew that an engine or 3 would be at every working job we have.

Hope that cleared it up for ya

Tyson - 10/30/12 - 11:36

Hey Mike, wasn't me on 10/30/12 at 00:50.

Sorry Fuquay guys, was an imposter stirring the pot. Typical of a coward/punk...

The One and Only Silver - 10/30/12 - 13:21

How come my post didnt make it. What was wrong. Im not mad

hh - 10/30/12 - 17:29

Tyson explained perfect, great clarification.

hh - 10/30/12 - 22:36

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Live Web Cams From Outer Banks

10/28/12 73 W, 4 I - + 12 - 6

Here's a [web cam from Kill Devil Hills](#), showing current conditions from Hurricane Sandy, which is however many of hundreds of miles offshore. There are probably a bunch of these web cams. Google for others. What's neat is this one is that it includes a still shot taken during normal weather. Click **Next Webcam** to continue to Virginia.



And here's a [web cam from Corolla](#):





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Mystery Road

10/28/12 23 W, 1 I - + 10 - 8

Or is it an alley? Or is it a driveway? Hint: it's paved.



Its right there at Crabtree Valley Mall

Rob Mitchell - 10/28/12 - 13:52

Didn't we already do this one?

(<http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog/pivot/entry.php?id=4472>)

rfburns - 10/28/12 - 20:13

One way street from Arrow Dr to Crabtree View Pl (granted it's fun to go up it too)

RPD - 10/28/12 - 20:15

It, ah... looks different with leaves. :)

rfburns - 10/28/12 - 21:51

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UPDATED Before The Days of Civil Service Protection

01/01/13 835 W, 1 I - + 8 - 9

January 1, 2012

[Here's the state law](#) (PDF) enacted on March 1, 1935. The passage of the bill ended the practice of patronage hiring for city firemen and policemen. The bill was titled "An Act to Create a Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department and Police Department of the City of Raleigh and to Provide the Necessary Machinery and Rules for the Organization and Operation of Said Civil Service Commission and [Fire and Police] Departments." Among the provisions were:

- Creation of a five-member Civil Service Commission.
- Commission granted full charge of hiring and dismissing members of the fire department.
- Competitive examinations were now required for employment.
- Promotions would be made by the Fire Chief, with approval of the commission.
- Appointments to Fire Chief would be made by the Public Safety Commissioner, also with approval of the commission.
- Dismissals required cause, and included the opportunity for an open hearing to defend the charges.
- Political activity other than exercising the right to vote was prohibited.

October 29, 2012

On Saturday, one of my history book activities was researching the biographies of Raleigh's fire chiefs. A couple newspaper articles about Jack Keeter, chief from 1955 to 1973, provide a peek into the hiring and firing practices before the days of civil service protection. ('Tis a timely topic, as the Raleigh Fire Department has been conducting testing of firefighter applicants in recent days and weeks.) Said protection was implemented in 1935, after a bill was introduced into State Senate on April 6, 1933, by Wake County Senator John W. Hinsdale.

Upon ratification of the legislation, Raleigh firefighters would be hired or fired not on the basis of political patronage, but instead by a (proposed) three-member Civil Service Board. For hiring, competitive exams would be open to all eligible people. (That is, all white persons. The exact language: "all white persons possessing the rights of suffrage and meeting requirements prescribed by the board.) Notices of examinations would be posted two weeks prior. And on the other side, firefighters "liable to dismissal" had the opportunity of a public hearing before the board at least ten days after notice of such charges.

No longer were firefighters subject to being hired or fired, based on the outcomes of elections. Keeter's biography provides some examples. He was worked for auto dealer Carl L. Williamson, after moving to Raleigh in 1928. (Keeter came from Rutherford County to see the State Fair and never left.) When Williamson ran for Public Safety Commissioner (in 1931?), Keeter worked for the campaign. (The Commissioner was one of three who ran the city.) When Williams was elected, he rewarded Keeter with a job in the fire department.

But such political patronage cut both ways. Retired Captain Jack Crabtree-- speaking at the time of Keeter's death in 1978-- recalled in 1933, when Jim Brown defeated former police chief Wynder Bryan for Public Safety Commissioner, eighteen firemen lost their jobs because they supported Bryan. Two of the "lucky ones" were Crabtree and Keeter. The latter was rewarded with a promotion to Lieutenant. (Did every firefighter have to support someone in these races? Was it optional, and you rolled the dice? If your guy one, you'd maybe get favors??)

Two years later, state legislators gave firemen across the state civil service protection. [Correct year? Did state protection come in a later year?] Keeter was one of the people instrumental in helping the legislation pass. Raleigh firefighters (and police officers) were hired and fired by the Raleigh Civil Service Commission, a group of five citizens. (Versus the three-person board cited in the original legislation noted above. Need to find a copy of that legislation. Maybe it's available online.)

John Boswell "Jack" Keeter was a member of the department for 41.9 (!) years. That's not the record, mind you. Believe that one goes to Asst. Chief James Burnette with 43.3 years, followed Captain James White with 42.2 years. (There are under dozen members who retired with forty or more years.) He was Fire Chief for eighteen years. That's the longest tenure for any chief of department here. His retirement was mandatory at age 65. [Insert paragraph(s) about his accomplishments as Fire Chief. We'll cover that another time. Could also have an interesting discussion about the development of testing and promotional processes.]

He became Mayor Pro Tem and a councilman at large. He served two and a half terms. He died of cancer on December 2, 1978. He was 71. For a month during his hospital stay, firefighters volunteered their time to stay at the hospital overnight, in twelve-hour shifts. His memorial service at Mitchell Funeral Home was standing room only, attended by friends, relatives, current and former city officials, Masons, and a

hundred uniformed firefighters from Raleigh and other cities. Doors to the municipal were closed from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and flags at the city's fourteen fire stations flew at half mast. He was buried at Montlawn. Four years later, the new training center building was named in his honor. The Keeter Training Center.



Forgot to include a couple other details. During the days of political patronage, firefighters would campaign for candidates. It would participate in duties related to the campaign. Perhaps/probably on-duty? Don't know if this was mandatory or not. Maybe it was highly recommended. If you involve yourself politically, you stood to reap rewards, if your candidate was elected. The civil-service legislation proposed in 1933 Included language about firemen no longer permitted to be engaged in political activities. Beyond voting. Presumably referring to active campaigning, or active campaigning while on duty.

Legeros - 10/29/12 - 09:16

And another detail. This is the reason that a number of firemen from the 20s and 30s have gaps in their employment. They were employed for a couple years, then rehired a couple years later, then retired a couple years after that.

Thinking more about patronage, that probably was the only route to get promoted. If the Public Safety Commissioner was the one who promoted people, you were in good shape if you had supported their campaign.

Legeros - 10/29/12 - 09:20

Mike, do we see this in some respects in Sheriff's departments? Capt. This supports the incumbent Sheriff while Lt. That supports a challenger. Election results may improve or hurt their individual chances of future promotion (or continued employment). Was is similar in FD then?

Deputy Dawg - 01/01/13 - 10:50

News & Observer story today about county sheriff's and their ability to fire deputies based on political patronage:

[http://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/..](http://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/)

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Video: Task Force 8 Departs For Maryland

10/29/12 94 W - + 8 - 7

North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force 8 members departed early this evening from the Keeter Training Center, deployed to Frederick, Maryland, to assist with water rescue operations. They're one of the many areas being impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The eight members represent Raleigh, Durham, Cary, and Chapel Hill fire departments, and Wake County EMS. Here's a short video showing the team heading out. That's Car 72 and USAR 801. The footage is, okay, a little tame, but dig that crane shot at the end!

Mike is there any updates on Task Force 8's status?

JGrimes - 10/30/12 - 22:42

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External Flash + Flash Exposure Compensation

10/31/12 148 W, 2 I - + 15 - 6

Question heard from time to time: how to take better fire scene photos in low light or no light? Here's an example using (a.) DSLR with high ISO setting (2500), (b.) external flash versus the lower-powered internal flash, and (c.) flash exposure compensation used. What's that last one? On your camera, you can raise or lower the power of the flash. Both internal and external. Dial it up or dial it down. The first photo shows a mere -1/3 compensation. The second shows a +2. Observe the drastic difference. For documentation or investigation, be careful with too much flash. You might saturate and thus obscure burn patterns or other evidence of evidence. Both shots are from last night's apartment (or were they townhomes?) fire on Forest Lawn Court. [See more photos](#). Readers, what tips would you offer in these areas? Click to enlarge:



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Lives and Times of Raleigh's Fire Chiefs

10/31/12 650 W, 16 I - + 14 - 9

For your mid-week enjoyment, some bits and pieces and places and dates about those who served as chiefs of the Raleigh Fire Department. From recent research for the [Centennial History Book](#).

#	Name	Served	Notes	Photograph
1	Sherwood Battle Brockwell	1912-1914	<p>Born October 12, 1885, in Raleigh. Joined first volunteer fire company as special member at age 16 in 1902. Appointed June 7, 1912. First chief of fully-paid fire department. Resigned by August 1, 1914, to become deputy insurance commissioner and first state Fire Marshal. Died June 2, 1953, in Raleigh, age 67. Buried June 3, 1953, in Raleigh.</p>	
2	Charles David Farmer	1914-1919	<p>Born November 13, 1883, in Raleigh. Joined first volunteer fire company in 1904. Hired by December 31, 1912. First Assistant Chief of career fire department. Appointed August 1, 1914. Resigned July 31, 1919, to organize equipment division of state highway division. Portrait from later career as first Major of North Carolina Highway Patrol. Died April 1, 1949, in Raleigh, age 65. Buried April 2, 1949, in Raleigh.</p>	
3	Hubert H. Horton	1919-1923	<p>Born 1895. Hired by December 31, 1912. Original member of career fire department. Appointed Acting Chief August 1, 1919. Appointed Chief October 1, 1921. Succeeded June 1, 1923. Died July 18, 1950, in Raleigh, age 55.</p>	
4	Lewis Fleming Hicks	1923-1926	<p>Born May 29, 1888, in Granville County. Hired June 16, 1913. Military leave from 1917 to 1922. Worked for state Highway Commission from 1922 to 1923. Appointed June 1, 1923. Died August 21, 1926, in Raleigh, age 38. Died off-duty of heart ailment. Buried August 22, 1926, in Raleigh.</p>	
5	William Ernest "Ernest" Holland	1926-1939	<p>Born June 13, 1890, in Wake County. Hired February 14, 1913. Appointed September 1, 1926. Succeeded May 4 or May 11, 1939. Also President of North Carolina Fireman's Association in 1936.</p>	

			Died May 17, 1963, in Raleigh, age 72. Buried May 20, 1963, in Raleigh.	
6	Ellis D. King	1939-1941	Born March 27, 1890, in Wake County. Hired November 1, 1921. Appointed May 4 or May 11, 1939. Succeeded July 14, 1941. Died June 18, 1948, in Raleigh, age 58. Buried June 20, 1948, in Raleigh.	
7	William Ralph "Ralph" Butts	1941-1947	Born May 5, 1906, in Wake County. Hired December 20, 1926. Appointed July 14, 1941. Resigned June 20, 1947. Was partner in Apex Funeral Home for forty years. Also founder and first president of Apex Shrine Club. Died August 4, 1966, in Apex, age 60. Buried August 6, 1966, in Raleigh.	
8	Alvin Brown Lloyd	1947-1955	Born 1892 in Granville County. Hired July 16, 1919. Appointed Acting Chief after June 20, 1947. Appointed Chief April 1, 1950. Died February 25, 1955, in Raleigh, age 63. Died off-duty of heart ailment. Buried February 27, 1955, in Raleigh.	
9	John Boswell "Jack" Keeter	1955-1973	Born February 17, 1907, in Rutherford County. Hired July 1, 1931. Appointed February 25, 1955. Retired June 1, 1973. Also President of North Carolina Firefighters Association in 1944 and 1945 (and other years?). President of North Carolina State Fireman's Association in 1958. Also Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilman after retirement. Died December 2, 1978, in Raleigh, age 71. Buried December 4, 1978.	
10	Clarence Rudolph Puryear	1973-1974	Born February 9, 1919, in Virginia. Hired February 15, 1941. Military leave, 1942 to 1946. Appointed June 1, 1973. Died November 10, 1974, in Raleigh, age 55. Died off-duty of heart attack. Buried November 12, 1974, in Raleigh.	
11	Rufus Edwin Keith	1974-1982	Born April 5, 1930, in Franklin County. Hired July 16, 1951. Appointed December 12, 1974. Retired November 30, 1982. Died August 2, 1990, in Wake Forest, age 60.	
			Born October 30, 1936.	

12	Thomas T. Kuster	1983-1986	<p>Appointed February 1, 1983. Resigned January 2, 1986. First Fire Chief hired outside of department (Fire Protection Administrator, Jefferson County, NY). Retired Fire Chief of Louisville, KY - Served 20 years in department. Resigned to become Public Health and Safety Director in Louisville . Died September 6, 2006, age 70.</p>	
13	Sherman A. Pickard	1986-1995	<p>Appointed March 3, 1986. Retired July 1, 1995. Second Fire Chief hired outside of department (Director of Service, League of Municipalities). Started career in Burlington Fire Department, left as Director of Training Director of fire and rescue service training for NCDOT, for eleven years. Director of Service, LoM, nineteen years.</p>	
14	Jonny B. Sandy	1995-1999	<p>Hired December 28, 1964 . Military leave from 1966 to 1968. Asst. Chief of Operations from 1991 to 1995. Appointed July 1, 1995. Retired July 1, 1999.</p>	
15	Earl F. Fowler	1999-2005	<p>Hired December 8, 1971. Asst. Chief and Fire Marshal from 1990 to 1999. Appointed August 2, 1999. Retired December 31, 2005.</p>	
16	John T. McGrath	2006-present	<p>Appointed February 1, 2006. Third Fire Chief hired outside of department (Deputy Commissioner, Philadelphia Fire Department). Thirty-two year veteran of Philadelphia FD.</p>	

Photo Credits: Brockwell, Keeter - Courtesy North Carolina State Archives; King, Butts, Hicks, Keith- *News & Observer* photograph; Lloyd, Kuster - Courtesy Raleigh Fire Department; Fowler, McGrath - Lee Wilson Photograph

This information has been belatedly updated to my web site, <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/histo...> (File was queued for uploading months ago, but slipped through the cracks.)

Legeros - 07/26/13 - 08:20

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Meanwhile...

11/01/12 494 W - + 5 - 4

With a calamity of catastrophic proportions to the north affecting the nation and its responders, we don't have much to add to the national conversation or local reactions. Here are a few sites and stories that we've been reading. (We being me.) There's a world of better reporting and perspectives about Hurricane Sandy than you'll find here...

- [The Daily Times](#) - Newspaper in Salisbury, MD, and covering the town of Crisfield, which was severely damaged by flooding. That's also where eight members from Task Force 8 were deployed. (Didn't find any references or images of them in stories on the site, however.) The water rescue team left Raleigh on Monday, [see prior posting](#). They returned to town last night.
- [FDNY Incidents](#) - Facebook page that provides notifications and information about incidents in New York City. They provided numerous postings with textual information-- and some photos-- about the intense activity and extreme conditions encountered by the fire department on storm night. (Mr. Blogger didn't follow Twitter. Just kept an eye on this site, and my own Facebook wall, to see re-postings from other people.) Also saw some interesting reader discussions, such as the meaning of clicking LIKE. As many noted, the Facebook feature allows users to "subscribe" to comments about particular postings and photos.
- [Sandy, social media, and the fire service](#) - That's my title for a Statter911 posting, where Dave Statter offers some perspectives and opinions about social media and its use during Hurricane Sandy. He cites some of the Twitter sources he followed in the Washington, DC, area. He also talks about the FDNY feed, and a Yahoo! News story about the department's social media manager Emily Rahimi. She's the one-woman response team of the FDNY, and who worked through the night transmitting over 100 tweets. Bonus: See the comments for a bit of tangential sarcasm by Yours Truly.
- [Sandy again shows the best and worst of social media](#) - Gerald Bacon's Crisis Comm blog, which is linked from the above Statter911 posting. He opens with the statement "The emergency management world is quite divided over social media." And continues that Hurricane Sandy has helped and hurt the issue, by providing plenty of ammunition on both sides of the camp. For example, he talks about the many phony photos that were spread. (Some were more insidious, like the soldiers standing over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That shot was from September. [See this story](#).) He also addresses the intentionally phony tweets and blogs that fooled or alarmed folks.

Just a handful of sites and stories to mention. Maybe readers have additional input. What were some of the sites or stories that you found useful, compelling, or moving? Or, if you prefer, discuss your online experience during the storm. What did you observe or conclude, about the Internet and social media and channels of information about both (a.) the storm and (b.) responder activities therein?

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Emergency Distractions

11/01/12 35 W - + 7 - 2

NBC17 story from last night, about distracted drivers not noticing emergency vehicles in Raleigh and Wake County. The news crew takes a ride with District Chief Jeff Hammerstein of Wake County EMS.

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Garner's Old Engine 2

11/02/12 134 W, 1 I - + 7 - 1

Lee Wilson this week photographed Garner's old Engine 2. The 1958 Ford F-600/American LaFrance pumper is parked at Ken's Corn Maze on Highway 50, south of town. Don't get lost trying to find it!

Equipped with a 500 GPM pump and a 300 gallon tank, the truck was purchased by the town for \$10,627.32. It was one of the many "town trucks" that local private fire departments operated. Such trucks were typically first-out (or even restricted) to town-only calls.

In the case of Garner Fire Department, for years they had two departments within the department. One for calls in town, and the other for calls outside of town. (Readers can share memories and other examples of town versus rural arrangements, from "back in the day.") [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

Many departments in my area that were in towns had a town pumper and a rural pumper. The town pumper usually had less miles on it because we didn't have a lot of calls in town, so when it was sold it only had about 17,000 miles on it and the rural pumper had about 30,000.

car3550 - 11/02/12 - 23:50

I think years ago, the town had to "own" a fire truck by law. At least that is what the older guys told me when I joined a VFD a while back. The truck was the town's property, but they allowed the VFD to use it. I was told it was "against the law" for the truck to respond to an emergency or even training outside of town. Also, men listed on the "town" roster were the only ones who were able to pay into the retirement pension. I don't know how much of these stories are for real, only relying on what the older firefighters told me when I joined. Maybe someone else will be able to elaborate....

PBM - 11/03/12 - 00:05

I remember when this one was in service. The red was a lot deeper, then. It had the inscription "MUNICIPALLY OWNED" on the door just under the department name. Knightdale also had dual trucks. There was one that said "TOWN TRUCK 1" on the door (believe this was a mid 60s Chevy/Darley) and another that said "RURAL TRUCK 1" on it (late 50s Ford/LaFrance).

DJ - 11/04/12 - 10:14

Shoes

11/02/12 21 W, 1 I - + 5 - 9

From tonight's two-alarm fire on Lake Hill Drive. [See more photos](#). More later.



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Old Raleigh, Cary Engines Found in Shelby

11/03/12 210 W, 2 I - + 6 - 2

Western North Carolina reader and photographer Benjy Grice ([see his Picasa site](#) including a [page of relics](#)) found a pair of familiar engines in Shelby this week. Here's one of Raleigh's old 1973 Mack CF pumpers, model number CF685F10, serial number 1594. That's old Engine 5, later old Engine 10. One of four 1973 Mack CF pumpers delivered that year. (Another four 1975 Mack CF pumpers were delivered two years later.) Delivered October 1973. Placed in service as Engine 5 on July 22, 1974. Served as Engine 10 from 1986 to 1997. Cost \$43,033. [Here's the truck's page](#) on Mike's apparatus registry site. Click to enlarge:



Benjy Grice photo

Here's one of Cary's old engines, a 1970 (?) American LaFrance 1000 Series, serial number 12-1-2263. Looking at my outdated [Cary Fire Department timeline](#), it was delivered in 1971. Capacity 1000 GPM. At the same time, the department refurbished one of its older engines. Probably the 1965 American LaFrance 900 series. Looking at my page of historical [CFD apparatus photos](#), my citation is a model year of 1971. Looks like it was the first Cary engine with a roof as well. See Lee Wilson's site for two more photos: [as reserve at Station 3](#) and as [reserve at Station 2](#). He also cites a model year of 1971. Click to enlarge:



Benjy Grice photo

Foam Truck at Station 12

11/04/12 217 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Here's one of the last foam carriers operated by the Raleigh Fire Department. This 1973 Mack CF pumper, formerly originally Engine 4, served as Foam 12 from around 2002 until January 10, 2004, when it was moved to Station 26. It replaced a 1968 American LaFrance 900 series pumper. (Were other former engines also used?) Foam 12 was placed in service on September 1, 1988. Station 12 was chosen for its proximity to the Beltline, if memory serves. All engine companies also carried four five-gallon buckets of foam and application equipment. This was one of the first actions of the department's haz-mat response team, when they were organized earlier in that decade.

Foam 26 was removed from service on June 8, 2005. At that time, if memory serves, the foam was moved to Station 2, to be transported as needed on the haz-mat units. The fire department also operated a pair of high-expansion foam units, from 1965 to 1990. Those were stored at Station 1 and Station 5. See this [company/unit history document](#) (PDF) for dates. See this [Special Apparatus](#) page of Mike's apparatus registry for more information including pics. [See this posting](#) from June, about Raleigh's foam trailer and class B foam supply, placed in service this summer.

What other foam apparatus have departments and cities operated in our state? Click to enlarge this scanned photographic print from the early 2000s:



In Cumberland County, Vander FD had/has a foam trailer. Greensboro runs a foam task force (trailers and trucks located around the city)

Swiman - 11/04/12 - 08:33

Here in Cumberland county the foam trailer that was at Vander was owned by the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association. We have 3 stationed around the county. At one time there was one at Vander, Cumberland Rd and Spring Lake. The last I remember though they were all at Lake Upchurch for refurbishing and replacement of AFFF foam to AR-AFFF foam. I think they have been redistributed and are now at Vander, Spring Lake and Fayetteville Station 12.

2407 - 11/04/12 - 14:07

Charlotte operates Foam-1 out of station 25 with a nearby tank farm and terminal. I believe it gets dispatched for alarms at the terminal.



Andrew - 11/07/12 - 08:16

Holly Springs Station 2 Open House, Saturday, Nov. 10

11/04/12 99 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

The public is invited to visit the recently completed Fire Station 2 at 1140 Aventy Ferry Road in Holly Springs, on Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tours, refereshments, and a bounce house for children will be provided. Search the blog for prior postings about the new building, which replaced an older station on the same location that was damaged by the 2011 tornado. [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#), who toured the facility a few weeks before it opened last month. Search the blog for prior postings.



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Town Trucks

11/05/12 130 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

As discussed [in this thread](#) from the other day. Top is Garner's 1958 Ford/American LaFrance pumper. Note "municipally owned" on the door. This was Garner's "town truck" at the time. Bottom is Knightdale's 1963 (?) Chevy/Darley pumper. Says "Town Truck 1" on the door. Cropped from a larger photo and thus the blur. Looking through my archives, didn't see such labels on trucks from Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Wake Forest, Wendell, or Zebulon. Probably because each had a municipal fire department that pre-dated the rural department. (Those trucks just read, say, "Town of Apex" or "Apex Fire Department" instead of "Apex Rural Fire Department.") Versus Garner and Knightdale, which were private corporations that provided municipal fire protection. Click to enlarge:



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Ladder Pipe Liability

11/06/12 75 W, 1 I - + 4 - 6

[Firehouse.com](#) columnist [John J. Salka Jr.](#) calls the practice of putting a person on a tip "stupid and extremely dangerous" and with "little if any positive results." We haven't a hearty tactical discussion in a while. Readers, what's your take on this age-old practice? Second question, isn't technology ready to replace this practice, either with video or thermal imaging cameras?



The screenshot shows the Firehouse.com website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Subscribe', 'Login', and 'Register', along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and LinkedIn. The main navigation menu includes 'Topics', 'News', 'Shop', 'Buyer's Guide', 'Expos & Events', 'Magazine', 'Jobs', 'Forums', and 'Blog'. Below the navigation, there are more specific categories like 'Videos', 'Webcasts', 'Podcasts', 'Training Drills', 'Monthly Quiz', 'Apparatus Showcase', and 'In Quarters'. The article title is 'Salka: Ladder Pipe Liability' by John J. Salka, Jr., created on November 5, 2012. The article content includes a photo of a firefighter on a tip and text stating: 'I've written before about this subject and I've even had some good and interesting conversations about this activity but, I still see it often in the pages of fire service magazines and in newspaper coverage of fires. It's the image of a firefighter, atop an extended aerial ladder, working with a ladder pipe. Let me get this right out there up front. This is a stupid'.

Like a hot dog on the end of a stick; too many risks for a building that's been written off (thermal column shift, fall, ladder failure, operator error). If the fire isn't darkening down, move the stream. The technology is here, it's a remote nozzle. Just my opinion.....

Silver - 11/06/12 - 14:09

Having been assigned to a stick I have to disagree (not attacking, simply disagreeing). While I agree that the practice is dumb when it's a "surround and drown" situation not all aerial stream attacks are "defensive". I have been on the tip at several fires which I would consider an "offensive" attack. (I used quotations around defensive and offensive because I believe the terms to be misnomers but they are familiar in the fire service.) I also have been on the turntable operating the nozzle from the pedestal and found I simply couldn't be as aggressive due to lack of line of sight as I could if I had a man on the tip. The times I was on the tip I was able to be aggressive outside next to the gable end and roof to really knock down the fire so the inside crews could reenter to finish the job. It takes coordination with the pump operator and focused training of the ladder crew to be effective and not absolutely destroy the house by flowing 20,000 gallons inside it which would also prevent any further interior fire attack due to collapse potential. In fact, two of the fires of which I was on the tip were town homes and both were able to be repaired instead of bulldozed and rebuilt.

Besides, there are controls at the tip. If you're burning up like a hot dog on a stick move the ladder. If there is that much fire you are correct that there really shouldn't be anyone on the tip since the building will most likely be a total loss. Also, isn't the phrase "hot dog on a stick" pushing it a bit? LOL. I've been part of an interior crew when we were the marshmallow that fell off the stick! What's next? Not go in at all? I believe that to be in our near future. It's not our house and we didn't start the fire, right? Life for a life. Let's just go back to the mid 1800's and use fire bombs. Knock out a window and throw it in. Aren't our brothers in Japan resorting back to these tactics? I mean, if the homeowner says everyone's out why should we go in? Because the ONLY structure of which we know is vacant is one that has been searched.

Sorry, end of rant.

Rescue Ranger - 11/06/12 - 18:15

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Day in the Life of a Fire Lookout

11/06/12 75 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

America the beautiful. From a friend on Facebook, exceptional video by Marin County Fire Department volunteer Gary Yost, who has been a lookout on Mount Tamalpias in Oregon for about two years. Next and obvious questions, are any towers still manned on our side of this great country? Guess I need to consult [this prior posting](#) on the topic.



Mike, I sent this story to a old time friend Bob Shapleigh (now in his late 80's) who was a Fire Chief back in the 1950-60s era in the Haddonfield Fire Co in NJ. When he retired, he moved up to Maine, and came back to NJ in the late 90's, where he now lives. He sent me this story I would like to pass it onto you. Bob Bartosz

A Day in the Life of a Fire Lookout.

Bob, Geez, this brought back many pleasant memories. When in Maine there was a chain of towers stretched from the NH borders all the way North. The one by us was the "Sanford Tower" on a mountain range behind the town of Sanford (which was adjacent to the Shapleigh Village).

The tower was manned by a lady who lived in a cottage about 100 yards from the tower. She wasn't a youngster and I don't know how she made that climb every day.

I used to climb up once in a while and visit with her. She was happy with company (she was employed by a State forestry section). Once in a while, if my wife made some homemade veggie soup or a casserole, I would take some along.

A couple times she spotted a wisp of smoke and would triangulate with the Waterboro Tower. She explained so much and taught me many things.

Then one day she was notified that they were unmanning all the towers in an effort to save money. The State Police would fly a light plane on patrol. Fortunately Mrs. Griffen was pension eligible.

Now, the various fire companies along the route raised hell. The state wouldn't budge, so the various firemen manned the towers on a volunteer basis.

When I moved I lost all contact, I do not know what the situation is now.

Bob Shapleigh

Bob Bartosz - 11/06/12 - 18:11

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Bladen County Firefighter Dies After Vehicle Fire

11/07/12 83 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

[FireNews.net](#) [reputed on Monday](#) about the death of White Oak Fire Department Captain Lt. David Mitchell Tatum, 55, who died at a hospital on November 5, after collapsing at home, after feeling ill at a vehicle fire on November 4 and returning home. No additional information about his passing, or arrangements, has been made available. Goggle neither finds news stories nor obituaries, as of this morning. Watch this space. We'll update as needed.



Mike here are the arrangements for White Oak Captain and Tar Heel Rescue Squad Member David Tatum as they are posted on Tar Heel Rescue Squads Facebook Page.

<http://www.facebook.com/tarheelrescue.sq..>

Funeral arrangements for David Tatum Sr. of White Oak Fire Department and Tar Heel Rescue Squad are as followed.....

Visitation will be Friday Nov. 9th from 6:00 til 8:00

Service will be Saturday Nov. 10th at 1:00

The visitation and service will both be held at White Oak Baptist Church located at 9724, NC 53 Hwy west, White Oak NC

2407 - 11/07/12 - 16:24

sad day for White oak. my thoughts go out to the family.

charlie - 11/07/12 - 18:54

To all readers there has been a change in visitation for David Tatum Sr due to size of venue. they are as follws:

****Change in visitation for David Tatum Sr.****

Funeral arrangements for David Tatum Sr. of White Oak Fire Department and Tar Heel Rescue Squad are as follows.....

Visitation will be Friday Nov. 9th from 6:00 til 8:00

at Bladen Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown

2407 - 11/07/12 - 22:18

Here's a WECT story about Capt. Tatum's passing, <http://www.wect.com/story/20029391/frien..>

Legeros - 11/08/12 - 16:11

Mike, there is another story attached to the link you posted regarding a Bladen County Deputy Fire Marshall that has also passed away. He became Sick responding to a house fire over the weekend died yesterday.

Galax,Va - 11/08/12 - 21:52

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Yesterday's Fatal Fire at Durham Regional Hospital

11/07/12 168 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

One patient was killed and three staff members were injured at Durham Regional Hospital early Tuesday morning, by a fire that was initially reported as an explosion about 2:15 a.m. [This WRAL story](#) reports one 911 caller reported a "fire oxygen explosion." Investigators have said it may have started during a "defibrillation procedure." The sprinkler system activated, and it sounds like the fire in the sixth-floor, acute-care room was promptly extinguished. Thus the run card only looks like a single alarm response: 3643 North Roxboro Road, BC2, BC1, E7, E2, E9, E3, E13, L2, L3, SQ7, HM13, SO1, MS1, FD1, FD3, FD6, FD38. That's from the [Durham FD Facebook page](#). More media links: [WTVD](#), [News 14](#), [Herald-Sun](#), [News & Observer](#). Plus any number of national transmissions of the story. Just Google. Firegeezzer also [blogged about it](#). (What's the historical context here? Can't readily recall any fatal hospital fires in Raleigh, and darn few notable fires period.)



WRAL photo

there was a fatal fire at DDH, in the hospital, in the 1990's (mid to late maybe ?). Patient burnt to death in his room. Maybe in the McBride building – ??

lee - 11/09/12 - 13:40

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Memorial Auditorium as Drill Tower?

11/07/12 120 W, 2 I - + 9 - 3

Did you know that Memorial Auditorium was designed as a drill tower? The performing arts center, which opened in 1932, was constructed with a two-bay fire station beneath the stage in the rear of the building. The exterior of the building above the fire station was designed as a drill tower. The fire department's existing drill tower at Station 1 on West Morgan Street might have been unusable by that time. It was condemned in the 1930s and demolished in 1938. The dedicated training tower on South Wilmington Street wasn't built until 1954. Here are a couple photos from 1954, showing training at Memorial Auditorium. These were scanned from prints in the files of Public Affairs. Click to slightly enlarge:





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Speaking of the Old Drill Tower...

11/07/12 37 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Here's a great view of the 1954 drill tower and the 1958 American LaFrance tiller parked beside. Photo is dated early 1970s. Both are long gone. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Bladen County Deputy Fire Marshal Dies

11/08/12 127 W, 1 I - + 7 - 1

[FireNews.net has reported](#) on the death of Bladen County Emergency Services Deputy Fire Marshal John McClelland Hall, 48, who died last night from heart complications. He became ill on Saturday, while responding to a house fire in the Carvers Creek Community. He'd been on bed rest since Saturday, and was taken to the hospital on Wednesday. Hall was also Deputy Fire Chief of the Clarkton Fire Department, and a firefighter with the Bladenboro Fire Department. This is the second firefighter death in Bladen County, since White Oak Fire Department Lt. David Tatum died on Tuesday after feeling ill at a vehicle fire the day before. [See prior posting](#). See also this [WECT-TV story](#).



Services are as follows:

Visitation will be Monday, November 12, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Galeed Baptist Church, 571 Galeed Church Road Bladenboro, NC 28320.

Funeral Service will follow at the church.

Any apparatus or personnel planning to attend, or anyone with questions may call Ronnie Hayes with NCFFF at 910-367-2388.

Legeros - 11/09/12 - 17:20

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Kernersville Fire Chief Dies

11/08/12 166 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

[FireNews.net is also reporting](#) on the death of Kernersville Fire Chief Walter M. Summerville III, 55, who died on Wednesday evening. He suffered a heart attack at home, shortly after leaving work. The twenty-five year veteran entered the department on January 13, 1987. He served as Battalion Chief for fifteen years, before becoming Assistant Chief and finally Fire Chief on February 18, 2008.

Chief Summerville had responded to a reported triple shooting late in the afternoon on Tuesday, and didnt feel well afterward. On Wednesday afternoon, he was not feeling well and left early from a town-wide charity event. He was found at home in cardiac arrest.

Funreral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, at First Christian Church at 1130 N. Main Street in Kernersville. The visitation will be held immediately after the service. Read Chief Summerville's obituary in the [Watagua Democrat](#). He is survived by a wife and two daughters. See also [this WXII story](#).



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Speaking of Ladder Pipes...

11/09/12 100 W, 2 I - + 6 - 7

And speaking of the old tiller, here are a couple historical photos of ladder pipe training in Raleigh, circa 1971 to 1974. These were scanned from 35mm negatives in a collection at Public Affairs. Here's a [ground-level picture](#) of the tiller, from a prior posting. Here's a [recent blog discussion](#) about ladder pipes. Believe that's either Henry Gosnell or Jerome Powell on the tip. That's an old-school ladder pipe, requiring mounting and a hose line before deploying. [See more old photos](#). (What was Raleigh's first aerial with a mounted pipe and water supply, anyway?) Click to enlarge:



The 1977 Aerialscope was the as the first aerial device with a "piped" waterway: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/appar...> The first aerial ladder that had a mounted pipe and pump was the 1990 LTI: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/appar...> The first one with aerial device, pump, and "booster" tank ("quint") was the 1999 ALF: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/appar..>

A.C. Rich - 11/10/12 - 10:32

Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, Nov. 10

11/09/12 80 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

The Raleigh Fire Museum is open this Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The museum is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](http://www.raleighfiremuseum.org). Parking and restrooms are available. Admission is free. The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is Learn more about the museum, and the group that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.



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Chapel Hill Receives First Pierce

11/09/12 102 W, 2 I - + 5 - 5

The Chapel Hill Fire Department on Thursday took delivery of their first Pierce, a 2012 Pierce Arrow XT, 1500/500. ([Here's a nice presentation](#) of Chapel Hill's apparatus to date. American LaFrance, Ford/Howe, Mack, E-One, etc.) Lee Wilson was promptly on scene to photograph the future Engine 3. Lettering and graphics are pending. [See more photos](#). Crazy color for a fire truck, you say? 'Taint the first light blue truck seen in our state. Soul City FD has them, as have a couple others. Heck, we've probably blogged about the subject at some point.

*Lee Wilson photos*Name: (real name
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Greenight 1:18 Scale 1974 Ford Grand Torino, Red/White

11/10/12 87 W, 2 I - + 11 - 6

As seen in the television series *Starsky & Hutch*. You know you want one. Google to find retailers. Recently released by Greenlight Collectibles. Television and movie vehicles in this scale are popular. There's an *A-Team* van that's been produced by Hot Wheels. They also recently released a *Ghostbusters* car. Not to mention any number of 1:18 scale Batman movie vehicles... Why grow up?



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Morning Mystery Fire Photo

11/11/12 22 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

What's happening here!? Photo by Lee Wilson. Recount incident as desired. Click to enlarge:



Lee Wilson photo

Roofing material during construction at Triangle Town Mall

Marcus - 11/11/12 - 11:44

Too easy... now for another one. Which two "aerial" trucks are set up (there "then" titles)? ...and which Engine is depicted in the lower left of the frame? (another easy one probably!).

A.C. Rich - 11/11/12 - 12:29

AC the Trucks are 1988 Pierce Snorkel Truck 22, 1990 Spartan Monarch / Simon-LTI Truck 11 and the Engine is Engine 22 1985 Pirsch.

stretch - 11/11/12 - 13:11

Judging by the effect T-11 is having on the fire explains why someone needs to be on the tip.

Rescue Ranger - 11/11/12 - 20:02

Now boys...Man up.... due to water problems at this fire... What COUNTY tankers responded.....

The Man - 11/11/12 - 20:07

Ha!! ...I smell some CHEATERS!! I figured some would read Mike's historical incident data and apparatus bios as only a few would remember which trucks they are (were)! As for tankers... I will cheat too: Let's see... Cut-n-pasted: E15, E19, E22, T22, R19, C51, E11, E9, E21, T11, R7,

C53, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C10, C71, SR5, T16, SR20, special call E18 relief, Six Forks 126, Wake Forest E63, Falls E211, Rolesville tanker 157, 158, New Hope E1, tanker 10, tanker 11, tanker 12, Hopkins tanker 227. ..or look at: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/histo..> Also, RFD Car-72 was there too (me).

A.C. Rich - 11/11/12 - 21:50

AC "cheaters"? I knew the Snorkel had been at 1, 15 and 22. Truck 11 stood out like a sore thumb! The engine at the left was difficult but it wasn't a Pierce and it was a two door cab with jump seats. That narrowed it down to a Mack. Pemfab or the Peter Pirsch. It doesn't look like a Mack or a Pemfab so Pirsch was all that was left. The biggest question I had was Truck 15 or Truck 22! I did use Mike's Raleigh Apparatus guide for the exact names of trucks. But that was all! So I made the right guesses.

Stretch - 11/12/12 - 00:54

Ha, ha!... yeah... good game guys! (Butt pats all around!)

A.C. Rich - 11/12/12 - 09:10

If I'm not mistaken, this took place in 1998 because we were listening to it while I was in the Academy. So the trucks were Truck 1 and Truck 11. Truck 15 at the time was the Seagrave, and it had a gray ladder. As for the Rescue, I think it was Rescue 7, prior to their move to 21.

Pearce - 11/13/12 - 16:59

Cuz its always good to put water on smoke right RR?

Smokey - 11/13/12 - 22:50

I stand corrected. I see the white Expedition that Car 51 had and the Frieghtliner Rescues. So it was sometime after 2000?

Pearce - 11/14/12 - 07:54

@Smokey – It's called hydraulic ventilation!

Rescue Ranger - 11/14/12 - 10:07

I knew I was listening to it while I was at KTC. I was in First Class School at the time, not the Academy.

Pearce - 11/14/12 - 17:45

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Another Morning Mystery Fire Photo

11/11/12 26 W, 1 I - + 4 - 3

Okay smart guys, let's try a tougher one. When, where, what is this? Hint, it's a building. Click to enlarge:



Oh! It is a building, huh? lol My guess is North Carolina.

stretch - 11/11/12 - 14:15

Bloodworth & Edenton – August? '01

Rescue Ranger - 11/11/12 - 19:59

Hard to forget that one. It was 98 degrees at 2pm when this boarding house was set ablaze. I was backup on the first line in the door.

RescueRanger - 11/12/12 - 11:33

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, Nov. 15

11/11/12 255 W - + 7 - 5

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Wake County EMS Training Facility, in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building, [4011 Cary Drive](#). See below agenda and [related documents](#).

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
 - Approval of Agenda
- Minutes
 - Adoption of Minutes for July 19th, 2012, Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - Bus on Shoulder System (BOSS) – Triangle area pilot project
 - Future of Fire Service in the Fire Tax District
 - Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2013 Meeting Dates
 - Consider Approval of Facilities Committee Recommendation
 - Consider Appointment of Facilities Committee Chair
 - Consider Appointment of Staffing Committee Chair
- Information Agenda
 - Funding Request - FEMA AFG Grant (5% share) for the Stony Hill Fire Department
 - Fire Training Center Pump Update
 - Apparatus Replacement Update
 - Wendell Fire Department Noncompliance Notice
 - Fire Tax Financial Report
 - FY 2014 Fire Tax Budget Kickoff
 - Chair Report
 - Fire and Emergency Management Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments
 - 30 minutes maximum time allotted, Maximum 3 minutes per person
- Adjournment – January 17, 2013

Documents

- Agenda
- Draft minutes - July 19, 2012
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Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book Nears Completion

11/11/12 568 W, 2 I - + 4 - 5

Production is nearly complete on a commemorative book chronicling the history of the Raleigh Fire Department. The project has been one of several this year celebrating the department's 100th anniversary as a career fire department.

A group of active, retired, and former firefighters has been working on the book since February. They've been soliciting pre-orders, collecting historical materials, and designing page content. Their deadline is mid-January, and publication is planned for March.



The book won't be available in stores, however. It's a limited-edition volume that's available exclusively for pre-ordering. The 260-page, full-color, hardcover book is priced at \$60.00 until December 1. The price rises to \$70.00 on December 2. The deadline for all orders is January 15, 2013. Ordering information is available at www.rfd100.com.

Among the book's special features are pictures of all active and retired personnel. "We're including portraits of every retiree since the start of the city retirement system in 1949," notes department historian Mike Legeros. "We've compiled over 350 portraits, and with many unearthed through detective work."



Other sections of the book include:

- Decade-by-decade historical photos.
- Written history of the fire department.
- Station histories, photos, and crews.
- Division histories and photos.
- Portraits of all personnel.
- Special disciplines (EMT, rescue, haz-mat, USAR, etc.)
- Special groups (Local 548, the Explorers, the Fireman's Club, etc.)
- Apparatus photos through the decades
- Candid photos from across the years.

Plus plenty of modern action shots. "The project team's reviewed hundreds of incident photos taken by the fire department photographers in recent years," notes Legeros. "We'll have a special section called Firefighters in Action, showcasing those shots."

Learn more about the book, and follow its progress, on the project's Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/rfd100book>.

For ordering information, visit www.rfd100.com.

Questions and Answers

Q: Is this book a "history book" or a "yearbook" or both?

A: The Centennial History Book is also a yearbook of sorts. It presents a complete portrait of the Raleigh Fire Department during its 100th anniversary year. It will contain portraits of all members, pictures of all fire stations, pictures of all station crews, and photos of recent incidents. Plus one hundred years of historical content.

Q: How many books has the fire department produced to date? Are they still available?

A: The first commemorative book was published in 1984 by Taylor Publishing Company. Another was published by the same company in 2002. Both are out of print. The fire department's 95th anniversary was celebrated with a book in 2007. [It is still available](#) from M.T. Publishing.

Q: Who is writing the Centennial History Book?

A: The book is being produced by a committee of active, retired, and former firefighters. The text history is being written by Historian Mike Legeros, who will combine, update, and expand the texts from the 1984 and 2002 commemorative books. Those histories were written by Capt. B. T. Fowler and Capt. Peter Brock, respectively.

Q: Where will the book be sold? How can we purchase copies?

A: The Centennial History Book is available for advance order only. It will not be sold in stores, nor available after publication from the publisher. The price is \$60 until December 1, and \$70 starting December 2. The deadline for ordering is January 15, 2013. For ordering information, visit www.rfd100.com.

This news release is also available at <http://raleighfiremuseum.org/news/2012-11-12.html>.

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Moonshine is Poison

11/12/12 101 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

For your Monday morning amusement, came across these on eBay. Created as a public information channel by the state, it appears Internal Revenue Service. No idea what decade these are from. Nor any idea of how severe of a public health problem this was (or still is?). But it did inspire a heck of a popular auto racing sport! Cue banjo music... (And if memory serves, my archives have some stories about 'shine raids in Stony Hill in the 1920s or abouts. Maybe also involving fires or arson. Need to dig those out again.) Click to enlarge:



While attending Charles R Bugg Elem School in Raleigh a few weeks ago, one of my classmates had a bunch of 12" rulers that had the logo "MOONSHINE KILLS" that is on the fan on the left (the apparently deceased body).

DJ - 11/12/12 - 09:35

Forgot... late 60s when I was at Bugg.

DJ - 11/12/12 - 10:58

Pleading the 5th. ...and you saw nothing... you just need to look on up the road a ways. There is nothing here for you to see and nothing associated with my family or the area I reside (known as the Harricanes) – yes the spelling is correct. Keep on moving fella.

A.C. Rich - 11/12/12 - 18:09

I got one of these at the state fair in the early 70's. There was an exhibit in Dorton arena with a still on display. More than likely taken from the Rich farm!!

Troy G. - 11/13/12 - 07:24

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Night Riders in New Light, 1923

11/13/12 58 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Second part of this week's exclusive Moonshine Series. Read [part one](#). From the *Raleigh Times*, March 12, 1921. Found while doing other research as memory serves. More later, as time permits some transcriptions of the stories. Just try to find such compelling and cutting-edge content other fire blogs...Click once or twice to enlarge:



...you found it. "Secret" heritage of Stony Hill.

A.C. Rich - 11/15/12 - 00:27

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Holly Springs Hot Shot

11/13/12 49 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

FireNews.net has [posted this hot shot](#) from Thomas Babb of Sunday night's structure fire in the 100 block of Bass Lake Road in Holly Springs. Mutual aid from Apex, Fairview, and Fuquay-Varina fire departments. Readers can post a run card and incident details as desired.



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HOLLY SPRINGS – Multiple southern Wake County departments responded to a large frame building used for storage Sunday evening.

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More Video: Car Fire on 40 + Ecstasy of Gold

11/13/12 65 W - + 6 - 2

Here's another find via Google. This time it's a car fire on Interstate 40 either somewhere in North Carolina, or perhaps closer to home. Are those Sutphens from Durham and Durham County? Black gear, which is... Bethesda? Music by Ennio Morricone, of all things. Footage is also slightly sped up. Traffic cam apparently. Uploaded last week.

I 40 and the RR bridge that crosses the highway just past Davis Dr. Bethesda first on a reserve Engine followed by a rig from Durham City.

Bethesda - 11/13/12 - 19:30

Morrisville Ladder 2 I believe was blocking up the road a little bit.

Spanky - 11/13/12 - 22:00

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Unusual Firehouses of the World

11/13/12 37 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

From a reader, here's a neat [compilation of photos of unusual firehouses](#), as posted to the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company web site. Take a look...



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Unusual Fire Houses of the World

[Web](#) (page 2, added October, 2010)

Ok, this is something I've wanted to do for quite a while. I love to travel, and when I do, my eyes are always open for anything fire service related. Throughout the world, there are thousands and thousands of fire stations. Once in a while, you find one that is just a bit unusual, not your typical municipal or community building, but one with a little character. These are the buildings I'm looking for! Send me pictures of the most unusual fire station you've ever seen. Include as much information about it as you can, and I'll post pictures of the best ones as I can. And don't forget to identify the photographer!!

To start this off, I'm posting the picture below. I took this while on vacation in my favorite state, Colorado. The Drake Fire Station is on Route 34 between Estes Park and Loveland. This road is a lot of fun to drive. It follows the Big Thompson River down from Estes Park, through a canyon with walls towering above you until it opens up onto the plateau at the eastern edge of the Rockies. Not sure what's inside the "station", but I'm guessing it's "home response" only!

Summer is almost over, so get the dust off the digital camera and start snapping pictures! Send them to me [here](#).



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New Look For Durham County EMS

11/13/12 37 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

Found on Facebook, here's a new look for Durham County EMS ambulances. It was unveiled last month. Quite striking! Thanks for the heads-up, Marshall.



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Fire Engine Called Out - Video From Japan

11/13/12 90 W - + 6 - 4

Been a while since we blogged photos or footage from Japan. It's always a treat to see how things are done on the opposite side of the world. This video is dated July 2009, and was featured in this [morning's update from Firegeezzer](#). Shamelessly stealing here, but with attribution! Dig the flagger that runs into the roadway, to stop traffic. Does your station have one? Or just some guy in a loud shirt who walks into the street with a camera?

At what point were they actually dispatched? They're rushing around in the beginning on the video like they're gearing up for a call, but it takes them 3 full minutes to get out of the station? One of our engines would be on scene before they ever left the station!

rfburns - 11/14/12 - 11:29

So much for response times! Here they would go around the flagger or run over him! Looks like a nice station tho..

fire1983 - 11/14/12 - 14:33

It seems like they took forever to get out of the station. it seems that around here, from dispatch to enroute is about a minute or less.

charlie - 11/14/12 - 18:08

Gattis taught us to hustle on the fireground. Don't run, but don't walk. The same thing applies surely to getting to the engines. (Ran once in socks on a freshly waxed floor at Station 17. After the call, a sore bum reported a sore bum. And smarmy accident report included something about "treading more carefully when clad in socks.")

They seem to hustle, but in circles. Wonder how fast fires spread in Japan? How's the building codes, and do room and contents fires stay contained longer than here, or the opposite? (Ergo, is there any logic in their longer time getting out of the station? Can't imagine, though...)

Next question for consideration. Are they equally less... go-go-go when they arrive on the fireground? That's in turn translate to less aggressive suppression? Hmmmmmm.

Legeros - 11/14/12 - 18:32

Im glad we have the trucks we have here in America. I wouldnt be caught riding on one of those things for nothing. Where is their hose and

pumps and compartment space on them "things". Goes to show how well we have it here.

Red - 11/16/12 - 22:38

@Red – re: compartment space.which brings up an interesting topic. How much space do we need? I would guesstimate over half of the junk carried on Raleigh's engines could be removed. Take the hose clamp for example. Why do we need to carry one on the rig except for it to meet "criteria". Blah.

Rescue Ranger - 11/16/12 - 22:44

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Pierce Rescue Tiller (!)

11/16/12 127 W, 1 I - + 12 - 6

Here's one of the coolest concepts to come down the pike in some time, a tillered heavy rescue from Pierce for Portland, Oregon. That's a retractable crane behind the cab, a bit concealed in the photo. (Rescue rigs in European often have such cranes, at least in photos seen by me over the years.) Probably has a light tower or tower, maybe on the cab and on the body? Would love to see the specs on this baby. Probably thirty or fifty percent more storage space than even the biggest traditional rescue. [See more photos](#). We've seen at least one tillered rescue before, this Seagrave that serves Orange County, CA. Was this one the first one? Google for photos. Here's a [short video](#).



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Yesterday's Confined Space Rescue in Fuquay

11/16/12 112 W, 8 I - + 5 - 7

WRAL had a splendid aerial view of yesterday morning's confined space rescue in southern Wake County. The location was a water treatment plant at 5812 Hilltop Road. Subject with leg trapped in machinery in a location fifteen feet underground. Fuquay-Varina Fire Department incident commander requested USAR resources from Raleigh. They responded with USAR 1, USAR 2, and other units. Perhaps readers can provide a run card. The accident occurred about 9:30 a.m., reports [this WRAL story](#). The subject was extricated and lifted to ground level about 10:45 a.m. Below are some screen captures from the live feed, with some more after the jump.





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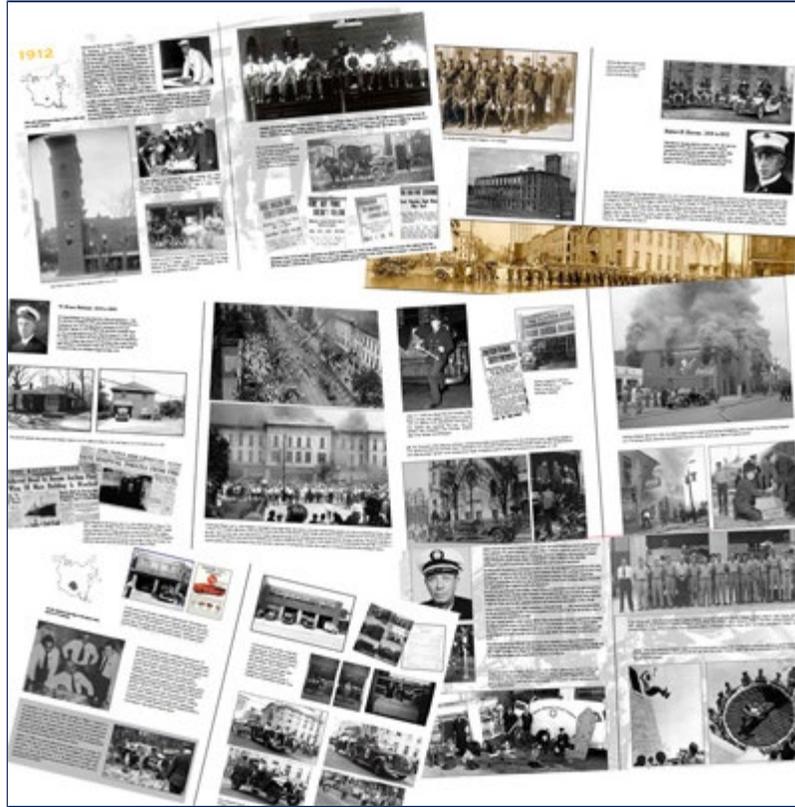
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History Book - Page Previews, Early Decades

11/17/12 64 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

The [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#) will feature a section of historical photos, divided by decade. From the 1910s to the 2010s. Plus four pages of photos from the volunteer era. Here's a preview of what we're designing. Haven't [ordered yours](#) yet? Price goes up on December 2, and orders closed on January 15. [Click to enlarge](#):



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The Lean

11/18/12 37 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

And some times the gods of composition smile upon you. [See the entire series](#) from this afternoon's vehicle-versus-building on Lunceton Way off Grove Barton Road in west Raleigh.



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Last Night's House Fire on Old Deer Trail

11/19/12 146 W, 4 I - + 9 - 3

[See these preliminary photos](#) by Mike Legeros of last night's house fire at 7908 Old Deer Trail. Engine 4 arrived at a two-story, wood-frame, single-family dwelling with 2,978 square-feet. Built 1989. Fire showing on the first floor and through the roof. Crews withdrawn from structure about twenty-five minutes into the incident. Defense operations started with Ladder 1 flowing, along with one (just one?) portable monitor previously deployed. Second hydrant caught by Engine 9, an additional company special called. Fire reported by neighbor. Dispatched 11:13 p.m. Controlled 11:59 p.m. Cause determined as accident. No injuries reported. Units on scene included: E4, E15, E18, E16, E9 (special called), L1, R1, B1, B4, A1, C10, C20, C2, ~~Safety 1~~ Car 14, EMS 3, EMS 15, D1.





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New Duke Life Flight Helicopters

11/19/12 100 W, 1 I - + 14 - 4

Here's a [recent WRAL story](#) about Duke Life Flight's newest helicopters, notable for its larger cabin. They can load a full-sized stretcher, and nurses have full head-to-toe access from seated, belted positions. Google finds a bit more information, such as this posting (or posted press release) from [Alec Buck's EMS Helicopters](#) web site. The helicopters are operated (and also owned?) by Metro Aviation in Shreveport, Louisiana. There's an area we could learn about. Maybe one of our readers can give us a tour of the air ambulance business. Click to enlarge:



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Wake Forest Fire Station 4

11/20/12 234 W - + 7 - 4

[On the agenda](#) (PDF) for today's Raleigh City Council meeting is a request from the Wake Forest Fire Department, for extension of public utilities into the Falls Lake Watershed and for subsequent connections to their new fire station location at [1509 Jenkins Road](#). The department entered into a \$145,000 contract in June with a property owner for 2.05 acres on the site, reported [this Wake Forest Gazette story](#) in September. The station will have three bays and ten bedrooms, which will provide enough sleeping space for two companies, along with some room for volunteers. The story also has some information about the site's sewer connections, as well as an update on expansion of the fire department board that month.

The story also references the nice-looking and entirely informative [Wake Forest Fire Department Annual Report](#) (PDF), which was published on September 25. The twenty-five page document includes an organizational chart and organizational background, district, station, and apparatus information, milestones of the past year, future plans, and their budget. Among the contents: the department's ISO rating was updated this year, from Class 5 (municipal) and Class 6 (rural) to Class 4 (municipal) and Class 5/9 (rural). Engine 4 has been ordered, to replace a 1996 E-One. Rescue 3 will be placed next year with a service truck. They're also getting a new tanker soon, which was noted in the *Wake Forest Gazette* story.

What other departments around here have published annual reports recently?

Did the station get approved for water from the city of Raleigh?

ncnjems - 12/09/12 - 00:57

Would this new station take over some of Stony Hill's territory?

RescueRanger - 12/09/12 - 14:43

Yes. The response areas will be adjusted for closest station as with any other area of the county. ISO or NCCRS areas will be re-evaluated as needed to optimize the benefits. The area between SH and WF is large and densely populated, therefore the new station will be a welcome addition to the service delivery!

A.C. Rich - 12/09/12 - 14:56

Will the design of the new firehouse fit in with the neighborhood surrounding and natural environment that surrounds this property? Has consideration been made for the safety of the families living in single family housing surrounding the firehouse? What will be done to ensure safety on Jenkins road as it is very narrow and getting fire trucks in and off this road will pose a hazard to other vehicles given the topography?

Shannon - 01/15/13 - 20:29

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UPDATED: Raleigh Fire Museum Debuts Restored Hand Hose Reel

11/20/12 576 W, 5 I - + 12 - 18

November 21

Added three photos of the antique while stored at Station 26, and awaiting equipment and later transport to the ball.

November 20

A newly restored piece of antique fire apparatus was presented this weekend by the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#). On Saturday evening, a nineteenth century hand hose reel made its debut appearance at the Raleigh Fireman's Ball at the Raleigh Convention Center. The private event capped a year of celebrations for the Raleigh Fire Department, which celebrated its 100th anniversary as a career fire department this year. Some 580 people attended the ball, including active personnel, retired members, city officials, special guests, and friends and family of the fire department. Click to enlarge:



The hose reel was stored in the basement of Station 8 on Western Boulevard for a number of decades. It was disassembled during storage, and the frame and wheels were suspended from the ceiling. They were later moved to a storage building behind the station. Early this year, the Raleigh Fire Museum sent the wheels to Lancaster County, PA, to be rebuilt by Amish craftsmen. The museum paid for the repairs. Upon its return, the hose reel was restored by Captain T. N. Duke, Captain N. L. Murray, Senior Firefighter P. M. Rogers, First Class Firefighter C. W. Langston, and Junior Allen. They donated their time and materials. Click to enlarge:



The hose reel is presently displayed inside the Raleigh Fire Museum, which is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Center Drive. The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. [Learn more about the museum](#). Click to enlarge, and read more history of the reel below:



Nineteenth Century Hose Reel

This hand-pulled hose reel dates to the nineteenth century, when the Raleigh Fire Department was comprised of volunteer fire companies. Hose for both hand lines and supply lines was carried to fires using two-wheeled, hand-drawn "reels." The Rescue Company Steam Fire Engine company, for example, had a hand reel along with its 1870 Gould steamer. The steamer carried its own suction hose. The reel was pulled behind the horse-drawn apparatus, either by hand or towed by the engine.

In 1887, the first fire hydrants were installed in Raleigh. The volunteer firemen could connect their hose lines directly to the hydrants. No pumping engines were required. New fire companies formed, with apparatus consisting solely of a hand-drawn hose reel. These companies included the Capital Hose Company and the Independent Hose Company.

Hose reels were developed for metal-riveted leather hose, which was difficult to roll or fold. It required a lot of maintenance, including the application of oils. Cotton-jacketed rubber hose, developed in the late eighties, was more flexible and could be packed on a flat plane. It would develop mildew and rot when wound on traditional hose reels.

In the 1890s, hose wagons began replacing hose reels in the Raleigh Fire Department. The bed was ventilated, with wooden slats on the bottom and sides. Water could easily drain, and air could easily enter. The hose wagons were horse-drawn, and used until replaced by motor apparatus after the organization of the career fire department in 1912.

Hand hose reels were also used in the nineteenth century in Raleigh by institutions and private fire departments, including at Dorothea Dix Hospital, North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, and Saint Augustine's College.

We have two Wilcox hose reels in my firehouse, we are looking to make 1 good hose carts. Does anyone know a name of someone who would restore these.

John - 09/26/13 - 14:32

About 40 years ago I bought a pair of wheels that they said were off a antique fire apperatus. Most of the spokes are gone, but there is enough left for a pattern. The wheels are about 5' in diameter and have brass hubs. I just dug them out of storage. If you know of anyone that is restoring an apparatus, please let them know that they are available

John McDonald ([Email](#)) - 06/19/17 - 22:33

A Brief History of Artificial Respiration

11/21/12 32 W, 1 I - + 11 - 3

As found at and [linked to Weird Universe](#), which they found in Boys' Life magazine, April 1964. Click to access:

The screenshot shows a webpage with a header for 'Weird Universe' and a navigation menu (HOME, CONTACT, Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter, RSS). The main content is a grid of nine panels titled 'A BRIEF HISTORY OF ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION', credited to Boys' Life, April 1964. The panels illustrate various methods of artificial respiration from ancient times to modern medical techniques. To the right of the grid are several advertisements, including a MasterCard 'Click and Be Generous' ad, a 'Shop online with your MasterCard card and Stand Up To Cancer' ad, and a 'GET MY PRIZE BY EMAIL' sign-up form. At the bottom right, there are cartoon illustrations of a police officer and a chef.

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Yesterday's Trench Collapse in Raleigh

11/21/12 207 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

This is a mobile phone panoramic photo of yesterday's trench collapse on Main Campus Drive, as shot from the media viewing area. News cameras was staged at the opposite end of an athletic field. The incident was also bordered by Main Campus Drive, above an embankment. [See closer photos](#) from Mike Legeros. (Closer, conventional photos. Need to take more of those panoramic ones.) See aerial photos in these [WRAL](#) and [WTVD](#) stories. Click once or twice to enlarge:



Here's my incident description: Trench collapse at construction site on Main Campus Drive near Achievement Drive. One fatality, male subject in a four-foot trench who was covered by about three feet of dirt. Dispatched about 12:30 p.m. Worker reported trapped under dirt. Additional companies and special equipment soon responded. Cary Fire Department trench rescue truck requested as mutual aid. Public Works compressor truck and two vacuum trucks special called. Crews used a backhoe and then suction equipment to move soil away from the trench. Body was recovered about 2:18 p.m. Units on scene included E20, E14, L7, L4, R3, B2, B3, HM1, SR2, C10, C71, C72, C2, USAR 7; Cary R4, B1, USAR 803, TRS1; EMS 2, M95, M93, D1, D9, T1, Chief 200, WC1.

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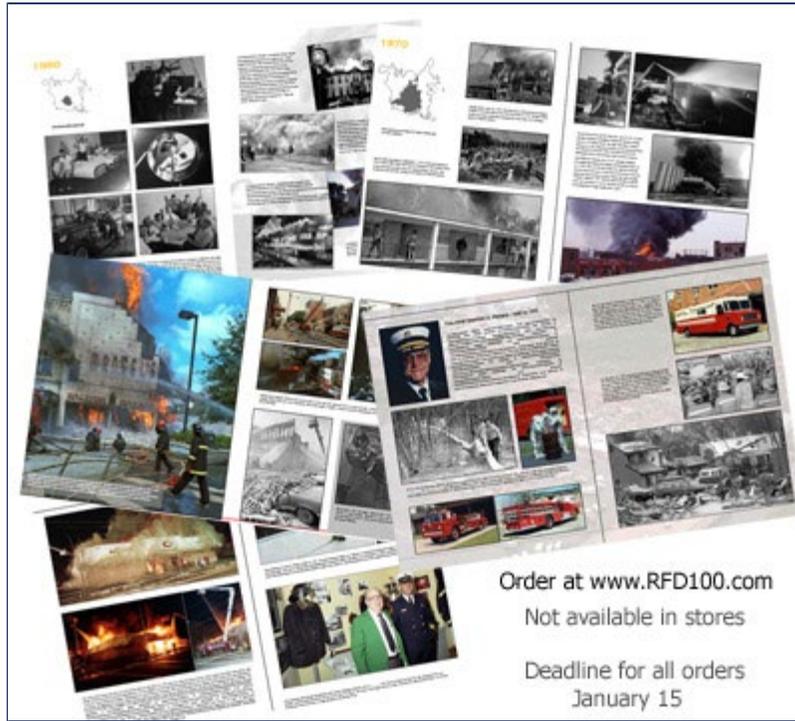
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History Book - Page Previews, Part 2

11/21/12 77 W, 1 I - + 7 - 8

On vacation this morning, working on the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#). As noted in [this prior posting](#), it will feature a section of historical photos, divided by decade. From the 1910s to the 2010s. Plus four pages of photos from the volunteer era. Here's a second preview of what we're designing. Haven't [ordered yours](#) yet? Price goes up on December 2, and orders closed on January 15. Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh's Old Aerialscope in Action

11/22/12 60 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Our friends in Barnwell, South Carolina, have passed along this picture of Raleigh's old Aerialscope in action at a house fire on Monday. [Here's a news story](#) with an early arrival photo. The town purchased the 1977 Mack/Baker aerial platform in 2007. [See this prior posting](#) and [this prior posting](#). Thanks Tony! Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh Mack to Fairdale Fire Department in Kentucky?

11/22/12 190 W, 3 I - + 5 - 6

Here's an interesting story as posted to the timeline of the [Raleigh Fire Museum's Facebook page](#), from Donald Bailey. This Mack CF pumper was ordered by Raleigh in 1978 or 1979. The city didn't take delivery of same, and it was sold to Fairdale Fire Department in Louisville, Kentucky.

It served as a first-due apparatus, and then as a reserve truck. It was refurbished in 1992, and sold in 2003 to the Breeding Fire Department in Adair County, KY. See the [Facebook page](#) for more details and more photos.



Next question, does here know this story? And reasons why Raleigh didn't accept the truck? Bailey says he contacted the Mack Museum, which confirmed that the truck was ordered by Raleigh. Recall also that a similar story has been told about a Burlington Mack, which we recounted in [this posting in 2011](#).

What other rigs were once bound for Raleigh in prior decades, but didn't get here? For example, Chicago has or had a Pirsch ladder that was intended to compliment the 1986 Pirsch pumper that the city purchased. Here's a [posting from 2006](#) about that story.



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *What Do You See* « Last Night's Major Ho... » Calling KICs and KSOs... in This Old Photo of Station 6?

What Do You See in This Old Photo of Station 6?

11/22/12 49 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

There are some interesting things in this photo of Station 6 in July 1961. There is one particularly interesting thing and is a bit concealed. What is it, and why is it interesting? Click to enlarge:



News & Observer photo

Left top window has a large fan. Gas pump outside

Rob Mitchell - 11/22/12 - 11:13

The truck behind the left truck? The antenna going up from the door on right? The weird angle of the shadows from the trucks not looking the same?

2redline - 11/22/12 - 14:13

Interesting because E4 was assigned both of the FWD trucks purchased by Raleigh? Interesting because old E4 as a reserve is sitting directly behind new E4? Or maybe because the trucks are in consecutive order? E4, E5, E6?

Rescue Ranger - 11/22/12 - 20:18

Look closer at what's parked behind Engine 4...

Legeros - 11/22/12 - 20:55

1939 American LaFrance 500 Series / 1919 American LaFrance Type 17 Aerial Ladder

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Jason Lane - 11/23/12 - 00:44

hard sleeves on passenger side and it looks like pump panel controls on the passenger side on engine 5

bradley - 11/23/12 - 02:29

Stations 1,2,6,16 and of course Warrens @ Station 12 lol

Rob Mitchell - 11/23/12 - 13:13

Are the bays long enough to accommodate the '39 ALF tiller? Or does the tip of the aerial extend out the rear window?

stretch - 11/24/12 - 02:30

Calling KICs and KSOs - North Valley Apartments, 1970

11/23/12 132 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

This is my favorite picture on display at the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#), a vintage *News & Observer* image, depicting a fire at the North Valley Apartments at 4343 Lassiter Mill Road on September 6, 1970. Superb image by Frank Urben, absolutely superb. Even the narrative is great. Woman was taking shower, looked up, and saw her ceiling on fire. Happened around noon. Engine 9 was first due, back when it was riding an open-cab 1950s American LaFrance. Three units were extensively damaged. For your Black Friday discussion, how many things do you see done different then than now? Go nuts and play KIC (Keyboard Incident Commander, coined by Dave Statter) or KSO (Keyboard Safety Officer, coined by me). Click to enlarge:



Frank Urben/News & Observer image

What do these people expect to accomplish? 1) There can't be an Incident Command system in place 2) Looks like two booster lines are laid in, hardly an effective fire flow for this volume of fire 3) Turnout gear must be optional, but it looks like at least one has a helmet on his head and a coat on his back. The cop's participation in this photo has not changed and may be found at fires today.

Jim Guy ([Email](#)) - 11/23/12 - 11:13

At least some salvage is going on but I do not know if that should be the priority effort with the staffing on scene at the moment.

Charles Chapman - 11/23/12 - 13:05

One thing about these guys is a person can learn a lot from them that no book could ever teach you.

Rescue Ranger - 11/23/12 - 21:52

That said, Double R, how different is today's firefighting, based on the building materials and burning materials that are encountered? Is it still wet stuff on red stuff, 40 years later? That's simple, that straightforward?

Legeros - 11/23/12 - 22:09

Yikes!

Silver - 11/23/12 - 23:18

Clueless is the first word that comes to mind. That feeling of "impending doom" should not be reserved just for heart attack victims as these folks should be experiencing that sensation full throttle about now.

Immediate concerns should include evacuation, accountability, roof construction, cutting the fire off at the exposure and throwing ladders for

emergency egress once that overhang starts to drop.

Tiger Schmittendorf ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 11/24/12 - 00:23

Let's see. 1970. Staffing was alot worse then today. Most fire fighters lived close to the city back then and probably came to do anything to help. Different mentality than today, most were veterans and had a stonger "sacrifice mentality" than people do today. Didn't have to worry about cutting a hole in the roof, looks like it vented very well. No smoke coming from the apartments. Non truss roof construction, and i would venture to say that the ashalt shingles and thick plywood (solid boards, not OSB) under them is providing most of the fuel load. Different era, if you ever saw the turnout gear and plastic helmets from that day you would realize it wasn't much better than the clothes they have on now. Probably only had 1 SCBA on the rig. They evidently went as far and did as much as they were comfortable with at the time, put wet stuff on the red stuff and the fire went out and the building did not burn down. Point is this; you cannot compare strategies and tactics of that time with today. Advancements in firefighting equipment with the addition of crappy roof construction, hydrocarbon based furniture has drastically changed fuel loads and amount of time you have to get the fire under control. I'm not going to question their decisions from that time period, but I would not expect to see that done today.

gen3fire - 11/24/12 - 10:42

The interesting thing about historical staffing comparisons, are the five and six person companies that Raleigh ran back in the day. I am thinking 1950s, for that. With smaller companies in the "suburbs. "

In 1970, there wasn't even a third shift yet! Er, platoon.

Legeros - 11/24/12 - 11:23

2 Engines, 2 Truck companies and 1 rescue fought the fire. Then 1 relief Engine later on. Think about what kind of response would happen for the same building today.

gen3fire - 11/24/12 - 14:14

Found the logs for the engines. E9 had four: Carter, Stell, Peacock, Warren. E4 had five: Mabrey, Burchette, Hicks, Hunnicutt, Maidon.

Legeros - 11/30/12 - 22:30

Love seeing my photo from way back then; appreciate the compliment.

I'm sorry to inform you that it is a copyrighted photo.

In order to avoid litigation, you'll need to invite me to a firehouse meal, AND let me ride along on a respond-to-fire (or at least a routine inspection of fire hydrants)!

Frank Urben ([Email](#)) - 01/11/18 - 13:39

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Another New Raleigh Police Cruiser

11/23/12 21 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

Seen on Millbrook Road this afternoon. [See previous discussion](#) on this topic. Click to enlarge:



The new Ford Interceptor, based on the Taurus body. The biggest complaint I've heard of both cars (Ford and Chevy) is that the rear window is so high that it's very difficult to back up. You can't tell how close you are to an object behind you.

rfburns - 11/23/12 - 20:58

I know that Fuquay-Varina PD has gone to this as primary. I have also seen a Holly Springs PD Ford Interceptor on the roads

shevais - 11/24/12 - 09:08

Concord PD has over 30 of the Ford Interceptors and haven't heard any complaints about them. The one I drove handled very well. I think it also was equipped with a rear camera.

Curtis Teague ([Email](#)) - 11/24/12 - 11:02

It is a better looking car than the Caprice! The twin-turbo feature is awesome!

A.C. Rich - 11/24/12 - 12:34

Praying for the RPD officer injured in the line of duty yesterday!

njncems ([Email](#)) - 11/24/12 - 12:52

Amen!

A.C. Rich - 11/24/12 - 14:04

Charlotte Fire Department Showcases 125 Years of History

11/23/12 65 W, 1 I - + 4 - 6

[Here's a short WSCO-TV story](#) about the Charlotte Fire Department's participation in the annual Thanksgiving parade. They celebrated 125 years of service with antiques dating from 1866 (Jeffers hand engine) to 1971 (Seagrave pumper). [Here's another WSCO-TV story](#) about the parade, that includes a shot of a 1920s service truck that appears privately owned. What's the story on that one!?!



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Another Fuel Pump at a Old Station

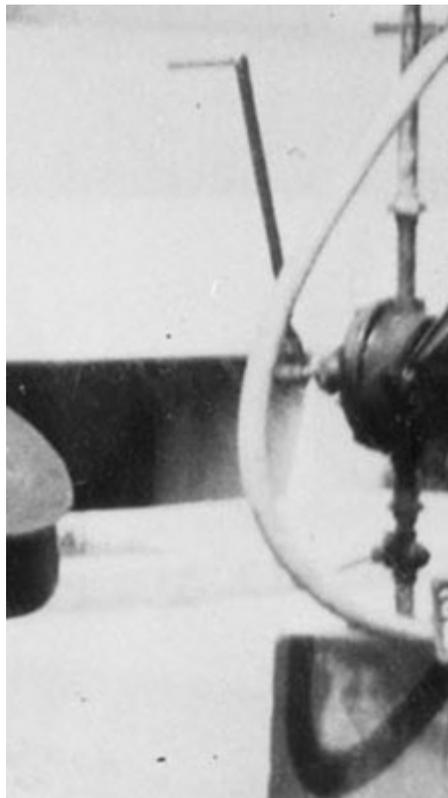
11/25/12 191 W, 2 I - + 5 - 8

Noticed this this morning, a hand-cranked fuel pump at old Station 1 on West Morgan Street. Add that to the list of Raleigh fire stations that had fuel pumps. When was the photo taken? That's a good question. The North Carolina State Archives records the date as July 1928, and the source as Bill Uzzle. Description recorded as fire engine in front of fire station. Call number N.97.9.129.

But notice the white building to the right. That's the Revenue Building, which was expanded beginning in 1938. The fire station's tower was demolished in March 1938, and an extension of the Revenue Building occupied the space left by the tower *and* an alley that existed between the two. [See this posting](#) with a photo showing the tower and the alley. No alley is visible in the photo, which suggests this picture was made in 1938 or later.

Maybe the date citation was incorrectly recorded, and meant July 1938. (Would that section of the Revenue Building have been built from scratch in just four months?)





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Major Fires at Montecito?

11/25/12 42 W - + 8 - 3

Verifying the major fires at Montecito and Montecito West apartments over the years. This look right to you?

- July 7, 1991 (three alarms)
- August 27, 1991 (three alarms)
- April 30, 1994 (two alarms)
- November 22, 2004 (two alarms).

Was there a two-alarmer in recent years?

having both lived there for a time and working close enough where I can see the complex I knew there was another fire during working hours that brought a pretty good response.

WRAL says that fire was about 3/18/2010.

you have another in the archives 1/5/12 of this year

not sure if either of those meets the criteria you are looking for.

(there was also another business day fire in that general area but I cant find if it was Montecito west or behind it)

RaleighRes - 11/25/12 - 19:53

The one 03/18/2010 was only single response because the first in engine did a killer job knocking it down! ;)

hey mike - 11/30/12 - 22:12

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Just in Time for Thanksgiving...

11/25/12 63 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

That is, post-Thanksgiving. Found for sale on eBay, what looks like a vintage license plate from the Turkey Fire Department in Onslow Sampson County. There's something wonderful about a small sign that reads "turkey," at least for those of us who might resemble that remark. You can call me that. It won't make me fowl.



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Old Holly Springs Apparatus Serving in Kentucky

11/26/12 111 W, 2 I - + 8 - 5

Reader Benjy Grice has found a pair of ex-Holly Springs apparatus now serving in Kentucky, and photos therein posted on the 'net. The town's old 1985 Kenworth/FMC engine and 1986 Pemfab/Broadworth telesquirt are serving the Stanton Fire Department, which is the county seat of Powell County. They've been ably photographed and posted on the excellent kentuckyfiretrucks.com. Man oh man, somebody get a North Carolina Fire Trucks site started! (Or maybe [Mr. Grice's Picasa site](#) qualifies as same?) Click to visit the site and see larger versions of the photos:



Would You Believe a Bucket Truck?

11/26/12 106 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Speaking of old Holly Springs apparatus, one of the more interesting rigs to serve in our county was this 1986 GMC utility truck that Carolina Power & Light donated to the Holly Springs Department of Public Safety in 1996. Firefighters added a piped waterway and converted the hydraulic auger assembly into a remote-operated master stream. They also added generators and floodlights and modified the air compressor to work with rescue tools. The apparatus was sold two years later to Swepsonville. Can't find my larger version of this picture, alas. No click to enlarge. [See other photos](#) of former Holly Springs rigs.



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Ladder 2 in Action

11/26/12 31 W, 1 I - + 10 - 7

Mobile phone photo with Photoshop Elements "smart fix." Ladder 2 operating at an apartment fire on Brockton Drive just a bit ago. Click to enlarge:"



When did Raleigh switch out E15's 2006 Pierce Enforcer with one of the 2004 American La France engines. (noticed this in one of the photos.) and Why?

charlie - 11/27/12 - 05:03

sounds like the coming changes will help the fire department better serve the citizens of Raleigh.

charlie - 11/27/12 - 20:05

With the new rescue engine specs i wonder if Raleigh will get away from Pierce and switch over to a new manufacture I can see Salisbury being a player.

Buckwheat - 11/29/12 - 00:49

@Buckwheat I wouldn't bet on that one...

Silver - 11/29/12 - 14:50

Silver...yeah you probably right. Be interesting to see what the spec for these rescues. Not that there's anything wrong with Pirece.

Buckwheat - 11/29/12 - 15:15

Saulsbury was purchased by Federal Signal in 2000 or 2001, they also own E-One. In 2004 the Tully NY based Saulsbury Fire Apparatus was closed by Federal Signal. The Saulsbury family now makes fiberglass bodies for fire trucks through Plastisol Composites North America.

stretch - 11/29/12 - 17:37

Saw the specs for the new Squad pumpers and they're beautiful....Services did a great job.

Silver - 11/29/12 - 18:23

Shadows and Light

11/27/12 73 W, 2 I - + 11 - 9

That's Engine 11 and Ladder 2 at an outside fire on Stony Brook Road on Friday. The sunlight combines with the trees and the burned areas to produce some interesting lighting and contrast. (That's about 9:30 a.m., the sun lower in the sky.) Can't decide if the shot works better slightly tilted or not. Which one do you like?





I prefer the straight version. Rarely do I accept tilt as a good thing in a photo composition. I think it's from my photojournalism background.

John Collins - 11/29/12 - 23:25

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Something Old, Something New

11/29/12 91 W, 3 I - + 7 - 5

As photographed by Lee Wilson this week, this 1989 Pierce Lance was delivered to Lillington Fire Department in Harnett County on Tuesday. It served Midway Fire Department in Frederick County, MD. Former Engine 91. It will be placed in service as Engine 721. And here's Vance County Fire Department Station 7 on Satterwhite Point Road. Formerly the Kerr Lake Fire Department, which formed in 2007 and merged with VCFD in 2010. They operate this 1987 Pierce Arrow telesquirt, formerly Squad 5 at Camp Lejeune Fire Department. [See more photos by Lee.](#)





Lee Wilson photos

Another MD rig headed your way:

<http://www.ucvfd.org/news/fullstory/news..->

George Crosby - 11/29/12 - 13:15

Previous link was incorrect:

<http://www.ucvfd.org/news/fullstory/news..->

George Crosby - 11/29/12 - 15:15

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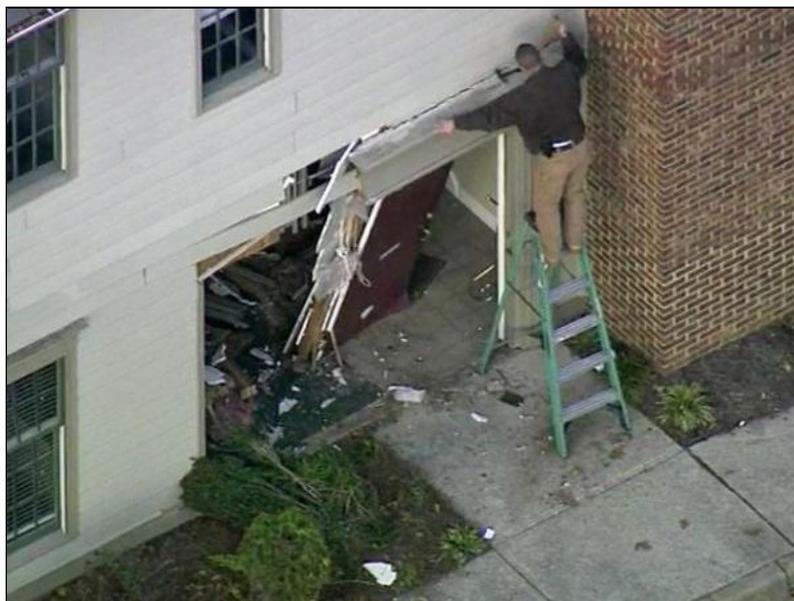
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Car Versus Condo on Wednesday

11/29/12 35 W, 1 I - + 5 - 7

[WRAL posted this photo](#) of a car versus condominium on West Millbrook Road on Wednesday. No injuries. Minor damage. Don't know if they blew the horn first.



WRAL photo

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First Responders Talent Show - Sunday, Feb. 10

12/01/12 60 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Here's something fun that's coming, as sponsored by the Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation. Auditions on Sunday, January 27, at 4:00 p.m. Location: Ravenscroft, 7409 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh. Competition on Sunday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. Location: Tir Na Nog, 218 S. Blount Street, Raleigh. Participation limited to Wake County first responders. Click to enlarge:



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Fire Chief John McGrath and Raleigh Fire Department Honored By NFFF

12/01/12 328 W, 2 I - + 6 - 7

Press release. In recognition of exemplary commitment to the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) presented the Seal of Excellence to the Raleigh Fire Department in North Carolina.

The NFFF's Seal of Excellence Award is presented annually to an individual, group, or entire fire/rescue/EMS department demonstrating commitment to the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives, commitment to firefighter health and safety, and for contributing to reducing the number of firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

Following the 2009 crash of a ladder truck, the department developed an extensive apparatus training program for all drivers. They also produced a video about safe driving which included personal accounts from those who had been involved in the crash.

Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, executive director of the NFFF, presented the award during the department's 100th Anniversary Ball on Saturday, November 17. Chief Siarnicki also presented a replica of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial to Chief John McGrath for his service to the Foundation.

Chief McGrath serves as the Memorial Weekend Incident Commander, is a Taking Care of Our Own® Instructor and a Chief to Chief Participant. Siarnicki noted that from the early planning stages through the final moments of each year's Memorial Weekend, McGrath's focus is on meeting the needs of the survivors and expects the same from all who volunteer during the weekend.



"Chief McGrath's dedication to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the survivors, and the fire service as a whole is unparalleled" said Siarnicki. "He is respected and admired by all. On behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, it is my pleasure to honor him and the Raleigh Fire Department tonight." Click to enlarge:



Mike Legeros photos

For more information about Everyone Goes Home® and the Seal of Excellence Award, go to www.everyonegoeshome.com.

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Overhaul and Protective Garb, 1947

12/03/12 157 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Here's your morning historical photo, Raleigh firemen performing overhaul on February 13, 1947. What they're wearing is what they fought fire with. Turnout coats were used in the department as early as the 1930s, though not apparently always or by everyone. Scene photos from that decade show some people wearing dress coats and dress pants while fighting fire. (Admittedly, the number of photos from the 1930s is so small that its really not a good sample size.)

Same for turnout pants, which are also shown in some fire photos from the 1930s and 1940s. Again, not always or by everyone. Maybe there were limited sets? Maybe they had to be personally purchased? Helmets were added later, around 1950. Dress caps were worn while fighting fires and they're shown in scene photos going back to the 1920s. (There were some tin helmets in the departments past. [We blogged about that](#) in the past.) Click to enlarge:



Reader question, when was the first SCBA used and of what brand? Film footage from 1950 shows SCBA used. The tanks are yellow. Presume Scott.

That said, the museum has a mask/breathing air device from that era, that's military surplus or maybe military issued. Unsure of brand.

Also, beginning in 1939, the department had pump-fed smoke masks. Might've been American LaFrance-Foamite brand, recalling a photo that I've seen from the Ammon's Clothing Store fire of that year.

Legeros - 12/03/12 - 09:19

How to Be a Pain in the Neck

12/03/12 88 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Want some neck pain to go with your scene photos? Lean into the camera, instead of keeping your neck straight. You won't notice in the moment, but you'll have a surprise waiting the next day. That's Legeros in action on Hammell Drive on September 21, 2008. Warehouse fire on a Sunday afternoon. Three alarms. See photos from [Mike Legeros](#) and [Lee Wilson](#). Richer colors in the second set. Must be a Nikon versus Canon thing. Click to enlarge:



Lee Wilson photo

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Efland's New Engine

12/04/12 42 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Lee Wilson photographed Efland's new engine. They're in Orange County. The white-over-yellow rig is a 2012 Ferrara Intruder II Maxx/HME rescue pumper, 1500/1000. It will be placed in service at Station 2 as Engine 134. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

having grown up in that area, it is nice to see Efland upgrade their apparatus fleet.

charlie - 12/04/12 - 16:04

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Apex to Keep Apex EMS

12/04/12 143 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

[Here's an interesting story](#) from the *Cary News* the other day, about the town of Apex's decision to maintain control of their EMS department. The county has been interested in absorbing the nine-member department into Wake County EMS. It currently collects EMS revenue on behalf of the town, and has declined to fund the chief and administrative assistant positions. (That's my word, "declines." The news story uses the word "refuses" which strikes me as editorially biased. Yours thoughts?) The positions aren't cost-effective, says the County Manager. The town has agreed to fund the positions while it continues negotiations with the county. [See related story](#) about the pending retirement of EMS Chief Nicky Winstead, and more on these fund issues. Next question, how old or current is this patch, that's still on my site?



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Car 40 to Station 16

12/04/12 78 W, 1 I - + 5 - 6

On November 29, the platoon Deputy Fire Marshal was moved from Station 21 to Station 16. That's Car 40, and what might be the first tone you hear for a working fire dispatch. (Do my ears have that correct?) The move was made as Rescue 1 will relocate to Station 21, when placed in service as a five-man (er, person) company in early 2013. That'll happen along with Rescue 2 and Rescue 3 removed from service, and some other stuff. Click to enlarge:



seems like rescue 1 should be at station 1. More centrally located.

Michael - 12/04/12 - 18:28

Actually sta 9 is roughly the center of the city, hence the nickname "eye of the storm"

Mike - 12/04/12 - 18:33

This past March/ April several members of the Special Operations Command Committee took trips to the following departments; Fairfax County, Prince Georges County (MD), Washington DC, Baltimore, Philly, Camden, Jersey City, North Hudson (NJ), and FDNY. Each one of these departments has a Heavy Rescue (some more than one), with the exception of Camden which was disbanded recently due to budget constraints.

One piece of advice remained the same from members of the Rescue from these departments; if you have one Rescue Company in your City, make sure it is in the middle of your main fire area(s), close to your high rise area, and in your area of higher concentrations of people. With that in mind for the City of Raleigh, #7 was originally chosen to be the home of the Heavy Rescue. Due to some last minute, mitigating circumstances, 21's was deemed to be the location for now.

Engine 9 is center city/ mid-town but it simply can't accomodate a five member crew. At shift change you'd have 16-18 people jockeying for parking and it would be nuts. While #1 is in the southern part of the City, it IS in the middle and there are several arteries which make runs to other parts of the City fairly easy as compared to some other firehouses.

I'm excited to see this here and pumped to be the first Fire Department in the area to implement a true Squad Company concept. I can recall conversations 10 years ago along the lines of "you'll never see a Captain on Rescue"; well, around 2/2 or 2/3 it IS going to happen.

Stay Combat Ready!

Silver - 12/05/12 - 01:26

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Mystery Fire

12/04/12 13 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

See if you can place this one. Click to enlarge:



Hillsborough St across from the Vet School?

Silver - 12/05/12 - 01:58

Baker Roofing on Martin st. Jan. 03, 1977.

Rescue Ranger - 12/11/12 - 23:35

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Critical Public Safety Center Moves Forward

12/05/12 161 W - + 7 - 4

Press release. The Raleigh City Council, on Dec. 4, approved moving ahead with the proposed Critical Public Safety Facility and authorized solicitation and of the Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) for future approval for the project. The City of Raleigh commissioned Pearce Brinkley Cease and Lee (PBC+L) /AECOM in July to program and design the City of Raleigh Critical Public Safety Facility, that would house the Emergency Communications Center, Emergency Operations Center and the City's Primary Data Center.

This initial Phase One design services included the evaluation and updating of the departmental programming, site evaluation, master planning, and initial conceptual building design efforts. In addition, the City Council authorized conducting a security and threat assessment as a component of the Critical Public Safety Facility's development. The City contracted with Burns and McDonnell for Phase One threat and security analysis services associated with the initial development of a new facility.

[Read entire press release.](#)

I heard the site was going to be located on Westinghouse Blvd @ Raleigh Blvd. There are talks of a proposal which includes a fire station at the location. It would replace existing #11 to accommodate a new aerial truck since Pierce can no longer build one that would meet the height restrictions of existing #11.

RescueRanger - 12/05/12 - 17:01

I would guess you wont see this finished product until late 2015 or early 2016
They got a LONG way to go. Red tape is thicker than Santa's beard.

Buckwheat - 12/06/12 - 11:14

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Class of 1989 - Now with More Bugles!

12/05/12 105 W, 2 I - + 6 - 5

Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy 13 has produced another Battalion Chief. Congratulations to Donald L. "Duffy" Deyo, promoted on December 1. [The class of 1989](#) has now produced five of those bad boys. Plus another seven Captains and four Lieutenants, if my math is right. And, ahem, one photographer/historian. (Member of department from 1989 to 1991.) Two versions for your evening enjoyment, one with Legeros included. Pretty easy to find Waldo in the second shot. Left to right are Battalion Chiefs Barry Spain, A.C. Rich (also Safety Officer), Greg Bridges, Rob Johnson, and Duffy Deyo. Click to enlarge:



Mike

By chance has any of the other class of 1989 members retired from RFD ?

rln - 12/06/12 - 09:39

Doug Melville retired on disability about 7-8 years ago.

Morning Reading - Ethics of Detachment

12/06/12 352 W - + 6 - 2

When do you put down the camera and help? Should you put down the camera and help? Outcry over this week's subway death story (or stories) in New York City notwithstanding, this is an oft-discuss among photojournalists. Or so it seems from a bit of morning reading. Below are some interesting and thought-provoking links on the subject, found via sundry Google searching. The issue of detachment certainly plays through my head at times, in the course of my documenting local emergencies and responders. Don't know if I'd call myself a photojournalist, however. Have to think on that one. This posting's title comes from [this blog post](#) by Ian Lind in Kaaawa, Hawaii. He's links to two of the stories below...

- [New York Post's Subway Death Photo: Was It Ethical Photojournalism?](#) (Forbes)
 - Opinion from veteran NPPA photographer: "Your job as a human being, so to speak, outweighs your job as a photojournalist," he adds.
- [Should photojournalists intervene, or observe in life threatening situations?](#) (David Hume)
 - Summary quote: "To analyse this dilemma four issues must be addressed: the nature of the social contract that exists between journalists and the public; the operational dangers experienced by a journalist working in a conflict zone; the need to tell a story and record history; and finally can a journalist be more effective in saving of one life or many."
- [To Be Human Or Journalist: America Needs To Decide What They Want](#) (Global Grind)
 - Photographs of war, pain, and death are staples of American journalism and culture, it notes.
- [Should this photojournalist have intervened sooner to save the life of a dying snake-handling pastor?](#) (The Blaze)
 - The story of the experience of a Washington Post photojournalist.
- [The Bystanders: photographers who didn't step in to help - in pictures](#) (The Guardian)
 - Warning, graphic images. Contains comments from each photog.
- [Off the Sidelines](#) (American Journalism Review)
 - When should reporters intervene, the article asks and answers.
- [Kevin Carter](#) (Wikipedia)
 - The story of the person who took a famous photo, and a couple accounts of the photograph.

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New Pine Level Engine

12/06/12 55 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

Another new Ferrara/HME (or is HME/Ferrara?) engine has been delivered in our area. This one's in Johnston County, at Pine Level Fire Department. Their new Engine 3 was delivered on November 19 and will be placed in service in January. 2012 Ferrara/HME top-mounted pumper, 1500/1000. [See more photos.](#)



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - FDmaps.com - « New Pine Level Engine... » Construction Photo of... NC Fire Station Mapping Project

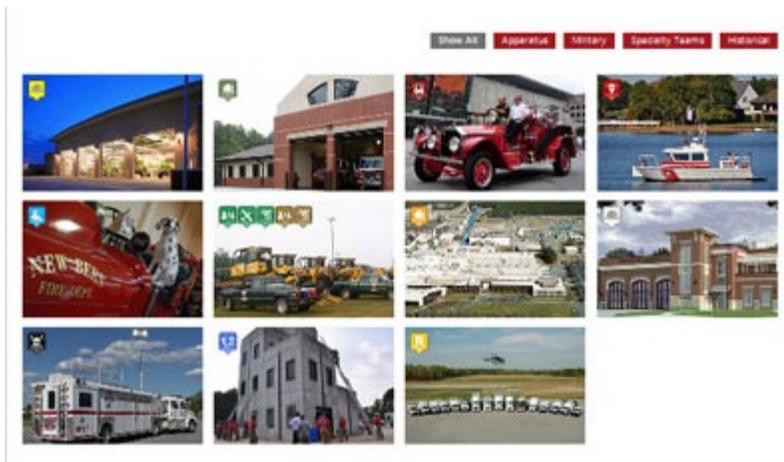
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12/07/12 448 W, 3 I - + 4 - 6

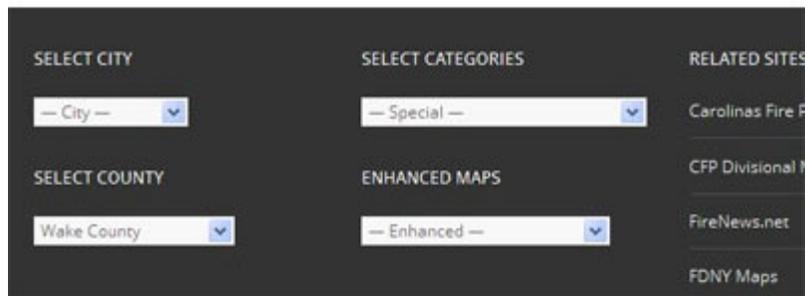
Here's something that pegs the cool meter, a web-based fire station mapping project that covers the entire state of North Carolina. The site is FDmaps.com. The creator is Jeff Harkey, Editor of FireNews.net among other things. He's (a.) tracked down the location of every fire station in the state, (b.) mapped the location via geo-coding, and (c.) created a web site to host said map(s). Totally interactive. Click, zoom, pan, etc. (The whole thing started as a CarolinasFirePage project back in 2000. [You've seen that before](#), a list of all fire stations by county. And you may have seen his FDNY maps as well.)



What's even nifty-er here is that he's included subsets of the data. Such as the location of the state's fire boats, six of which are mapped so far: Charlotte, Cornelius-Lemley, Morehead City, Station 15 - Colington, Station 35 - Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, and Wilmington. (What, there's one or missing? Such as, say, Wrightsville Beach? No problem, he invites [users to participate](#) and submit data. Yup, this one's heaven for buffs.



Here's a tip, scroll to the bottom of the site and you'll find drop-down menus to select specific cities and counties, as well as select categories and some special/enhanced maps:



Some of the other goodies waiting to be found on the site:

- Airport fire stations - Thirty-two of those (!) containing ARFF apparatus. Woof!
- Federal military fire protection agencies - Thirty-four.
- Fire stations housing antique apparatus - Nineteen mapped so far. That one will probably expand.
- Fire museums - Seventeen of those, wow!
- Forestry facilities - Total 141, which includes NCFS, NC Parks, and USFS.
- Etcetera.

He's also tracked down the private fire brigades serving in the state. Eighteen of those mapped so far. Now dying to know about them. Apparatus, equipment!?

- Capstone Paper Company
- Clariant Corporation
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- DSM Pharmaceuticals
- Du Pont Teijin Films
- Duke Energy McGuire Nuclear Station
- DuPont - Fayetteville Works
- GE Nuclear Energy
- Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant
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- Sta 36 - Progress Energy Brunswick
- Weyerhaeuser Company

Plenty to explore on this super-cool web site, and plenty of participation for anyone with even a passing interest in the subject. Commence interacting with site. Meanwhile, enjoy as buffs in the other forty-nine states ooze envy at the latest great work of Jeff Harkey. That name again, kids, is [FDmaps.com](http://www.fdm.com).

Better hope Jeff never gets arrested ...

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/02/27/2..>

"Investigators also found a large map of Durham on the man's bedroom wall "with locations of police, fire and emergency medical services locations clearly marked," police detective A.K. Richards stated in a search warrant application made public Wednesday."

Paul - 02/28/13 - 10:59

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Construction Photo of Cary Station 8

12/07/12 36 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Speaking of fire stations, things are looking good at [408 Mills Park Drive](#) in this reader photo. Search the blog for prior postings. Or [read more from CFD](#). Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, December 8

12/07/12 186 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Looking for something to do on Saturday? The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) at 105 Keeter Center Drive is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tour the 100-year history of the city's career fire department, and learn about the volunteer fire companies that also protected the Capitol City. Hundreds of artifacts and photographs are displayed. New this month is this hand hose reel from the nineteenth century:



The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is located in a classroom trailer at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](#). Parking and restrooms are available. Admission is free. Learn more about the museum, and the group that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.

Please note that other antique apparatus is stored elsewhere. The museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) is located at Fire Station 9 at [4465 Six Forks Road](#). The city's [collection of antique fire apparatus](#) is housed at at Fire Station 28 at [3500 Forestville Road](#). The collection includes a 1905 steamer, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, and a 1982 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome at both locations.

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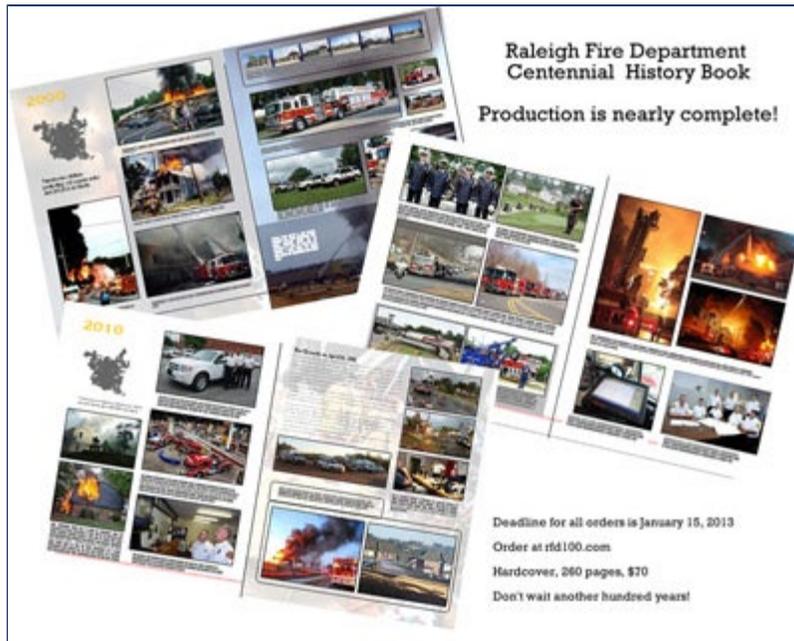
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Still More History Book Page Previews

12/08/12 75 W, 1 I - + 3 - 5

But from just one section of the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#). As noted in [this prior posting](#), it will feature a section of historical photos, divided by decade. From the 1910s to the 2010s. Plus four pages of photos from the volunteer era. Here's a third preview of what we're designing. Haven't [ordered yours](#) yet? Deadline is January 15. Don't wait another hundred years! Click to enlarge:



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Volunteer Fire Fighters Learning Basic Principles, 1965

12/08/12 452 W - + 4 - 3

From the January 27, 1965, issue of the Raleigh Times:

GARNER - Volunteer fire fighters of Garner are learning basic principles about their work during a two-week training course which began Monday night. The second week will be held Feb. 8 through 11.

Sherman Pickard, director of Fire and Resource [Rescue?] service of N.C. Department of Insurance, is directing the program.

Pickard said that a class held two weeks ago for trainees studied methods of financing a fire department, organizational structure, fire insurance program, personal protection provided for each man in case he is hurt while fighting fire, N.C. traffic law relating to fire department vehicles, history of the local department as well as a brief history of rules and regulations dealing with individual and group fire fighters.

In the classes this week and the concluding week, equipment and how to work it will take up most of the time. Identification of equipment, its use, and location will be taught. Different kinds of apparatus will be demonstrated.

Protective clothing including smoke masks will be explained and shown, and how to ride a fire truck will be taught. Details of equipment, use, different makes, and how to maintain them will be taught.

On the job training will be conducted at Raleigh's training grounds for firemen. Here they will be subjected to about 240 degrees of heat as well as undergo smoke tests.

In more advanced training, operation of water pumps, hydrolytic [sic] machinery, Garner's water system, and more advanced fire fighting tactics will be touched upon.

Standard operation procedures have been drawn up for three "codes" of fires. Pickard said that this is determined by man power, equipment, and water availability.

Code one deals with any fire within town limits requiring handled with 1 1/2 inch hose. Fire hydrants are usually close enough to be used. This code covers most dwellings. This may or may not require all three of Garner's engines.

Code two deals with any fire within town limits that requiring the use of 2 1/2 inch hose. The local schools and probably the business district are the only places in Garner where this code would generally be needed.

Code three deals with rural fires within the St. Mary's Fire District. This not only spells out the duties for engine drives but also systematically gives plans for tanker drivers.

Pickard said that Garner has one of the best rural fire fighting systems in the entire state.

These SOP duties have been brought up to date with a newly published set of duties dated this month.

The classes are being held each night through Tuesday. Fire Chief B. R. Poole expects most of his 40 m en to attend each session.

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Historic Mill Burns in Una, SC

12/09/12 79 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Twelve fire departments in Spartanburg County, SC, and some hundred firefighters are or were battling a blaze at the vacant Saxon Mill. The fire was reported about 9:50 p.m. last night. The mill was founded in 1990. The main building was built in 1906. Here's some media found via a bit of web searching. [Photos and story at GoUpstate.com](#) and [video footage and story from WSPA](#).



Tim Kimzey/GoUpstate.com photo

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Old Cary Ladder at Buis Creek

12/09/12 96 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Lee Wilson caught a couple photos of Cary's old Ladder 1, a 1988 Pierce Arrow 105-foot aerial platform that's still serving at Buis Creek Fire Department in Harnett County. They purchased the ladder from the town in 2004. That's a Christmas wreath around the Q on the grill. See more [former Cary rigs](#). There was a time that the truck was one of just a couple platforms in whole of Wake County. Raleigh, Cary, and Zebulon had them. Now everybody's got a "bucket truck." [See more photos](#).



Lee Wilson photo

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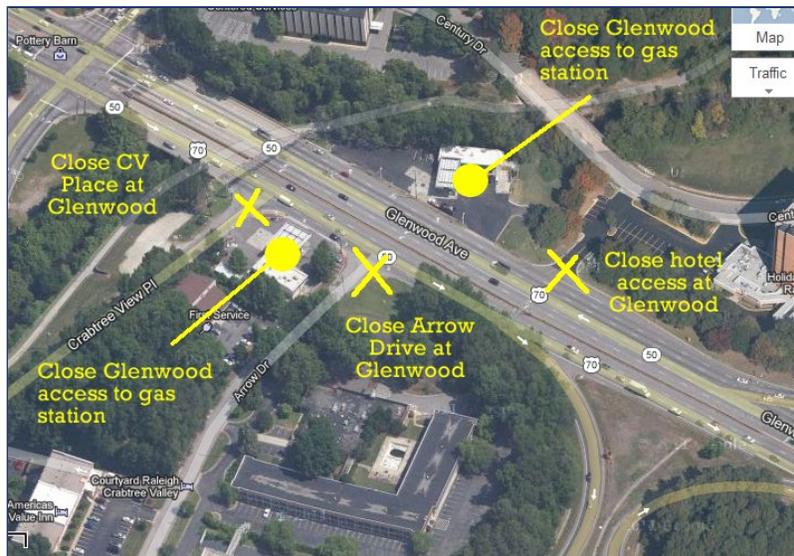
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Glenwood Avenue...

12/09/12 93 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

...between Blue Ridge Road and the Beltline sucks. Here's my idea to improve the thing. Can't possibly happen, but a fella can dream. Traffic engineers et al are welcome to explain why it wouldn't work. Because if such a seemingly simple solution did, it would have been done ages ago, right? (Seems obvious, at least if you drive through the corridor every day as we do...) And you'd probably put a couple gas stations out of business (for starters). Maybe that's one reason it's never been tried. Click to enlarge:



I dream of an elevated roadway above the current Glenwood that would extend from the Beltline to past HWY 50. The current exit ramps from the Beltline would be used to access it, new ramps would have to be built for access from HWY 50. The current Glenwood would be for local traffic and access to the mall, side streets and such. It would be a nightmare and expensive to build but would bypass all the mall traffic and stoplights.

Kevin - 12/09/12 - 12:43

I think both Glenwood and Capital Blvd should have elevated highways, to get past the heaviest congestion sections. I envision something like US 183 in Austin: <http://tinyurl.com/awtf8r4>

It's not the prettiest, but it gets people where they need to go without clogging up traffic on the "surface streets".

Was this topic thought of because of the WRAL story the other day? <http://www.wral.com/workshop-to-provide-..>

rfburns ([Email](#)) - 12/09/12 - 18:41

OK, just a coincidence that DOT is talking about that same section of road. They're stealing your thoughts!

On another topic, how come the "Textile"-format links I posted above worked in my preview, but didn't work when displayed above?

rfburns - 12/09/12 - 21:32

Wow that road in Austin is really nice!. Now imagine same road with a light rail option

njncems ([Email](#)) - 12/10/12 - 00:41

Love the elevated road idea for both Glenwood and Capital Blvd.

Silver - 12/10/12 - 14:36

They've got some elevated roadways in San Antonio, I-35 through the middle of S-A, as I recall from my Fort Sam Houston Days. Seemed to work really well.

DJ - 12/10/12 - 15:05

IH-35 (in Texas, they always call interstates "IH" and the number. Weirdos.) .. Anyway, IH-35 through Austin has elevated highways, too. They've got the "express lanes", which go up and over most of the local exits, and the local lanes, which have the regular exits to get onto the local streets. They also have frontage roads that follow the interstate, so there are lots of businesses whose address is actually ON the interstate, such as "1234 IH-35 South".

Imagine an elevated express highway on Capital Blvd that went from I-440 to I-540... I bet that would make the local streets almost not terrifying! :)

rfburns - 12/10/12 - 17:29

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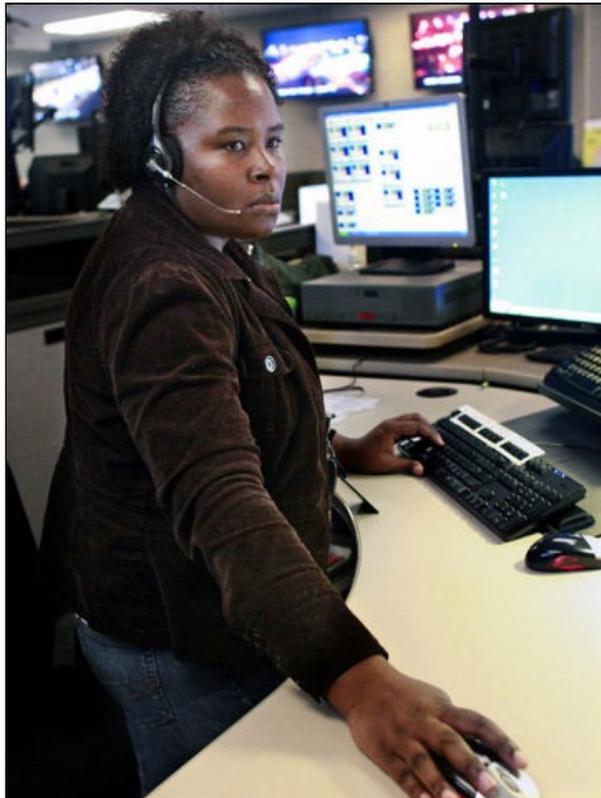
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Top 911 Call Taker Lauded for 'Superhuman Effort'

12/10/12 148 W, 1 I - + 7 - 0

That's the *News & Observer's* headline from Saturday, for a profile of [Raleigh-Wake County Emergency Communications Center](#) Call Taker Heather Whitaker. She earned the statewide honor as 911 Employee of the Year. She answered 5,269 calls in May, the highest number ever answered by anyone ever at the ECC. The communications center was hit hard on March 31, when a flood of accidental 911 calls started. Estimates the center's director, they'll have processed up to 200,000 extra calls by the end of the year. That's both the incoming oops and the extra ongoing "hello, someone called 911 from this number" outgoing calls that are returned. Whitaker grew up in Garner, graduated from NC State University, and was a supervisor at a Raleigh call center that handled custom framing orders. She's worked at the ECC for three years.

[Read the story.](#)



News & Observer photo

I am so glad to see a public safety member, especially someone from 911 communications get the honor of being Tarheel of the Week. I gave 16 years of my life to emergency communications either full-time or part-time and it does my heart good to see Ms. Whitaker achieve this honor. Way to go!

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 12/10/12 - 21:53

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Into the Pit

12/10/12 111 W, 1 I - + 10 - 2

Found this one while looking through some files. Raleigh Fire Department recruit academy at the Wake County Fire Training Center on April 9, 2009. Family day, near the end of their academy. Tramp Dunn at the controls. This one's a flame pit, with gas burners simulating an tanker fire. The shot pretty much takes itself, as long as your camera has a fast shutter. And you've got a telephoto lens. The good ol' fire pit. We've all been there before, though didn't they burn diesel fuel back in the day? As when our academy was put through the paces in 1989? See the [full series of shots](#). Click to enlarge:



Yup, diesel it was! Those "fire cyclones" were an awesome sight!

Silver - 12/10/12 - 22:33

Diesel in 1990

Rob Mitchell - 12/11/12 - 16:30

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Mystery After the Fire Photo

12/11/12 77 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Here's a historical treat. This is another vintage color image from from Robert L. Ott Sr., and courtesy of his son William Ott. His father passed away in 1993, but left a photographic legacy that his sons Lee and Bill are working to preserve. What are seeing here? Where's this, when's this, and what's happening in the photo? Many interesting things to comment upon... Click to enlarge:



Robert L. Ott Sr. photos

Salvage operations at Hayes Barton Baptist Church after a structure fire. I can't remember what year though.

David Price - 12/11/12 - 10:56

High Expansion Foam? Have no idea where....

PBM - 12/12/12 - 12:45

Would it be the church at Meredith College?

RPD - 12/18/12 - 22:08

West Raleigh Presbyterian Church education wing

Marcus - 12/20/12 - 00:11

I take back my last post. I did not do my research. After doing more research, I have decided that this is the front side of White Memorial Presbyterian on Oberlin Rd. No more than half a mile from Station 6. That is my final answer.

Marcus - 12/20/12 - 00:36

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Life in the History Lane

12/11/12 412 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Here are some facts and figures about the [Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book](#) project, which Yours Truly has been increasingly immersed in these last weeks. (Have patience if you're waiting for FIREFOTO to resume his regular action. Deadlines have required a pause in photography action. That and a very recent lull in working fires!)

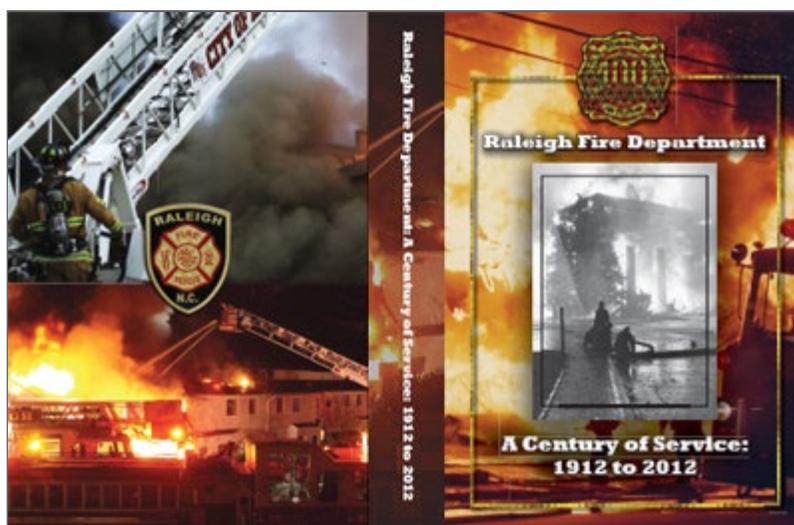
Source material? Digital assets at History Central include 65.3 GB of scanned images and documents. That's 20,964 files in the folder, which include 1,635 TIF images and 16,0003 JPEG images. There are some duplicates in there, for sure. Even some triplicates. (Included in that staggering count is 7.31 GB and 7,466 JPEG newspaper scans.¹)

The total excludes, however, digital photos by Legeros. Meaning, scene and stock shots. From 2004 to mid 2012, we'll put that total around 60,000. No idea on total size. As for photographic prints, there are at least 500 in albums as reprinted (from the State Archives. Add another 500 in albums that were borrowed from others. And another 500+ of mine, from my pre-digital days. (Plus a few hundred or several hundred 35mm slides and negatives, from various sources.)

What's the output looking like? The book's project folder contains 49,064 files that total 62.6 GB in size. That's still a ways behind the 2007 book project. which numbered 91,039 files and 100 GB. What do those numbers translate to? Content created or prepared to date includes:

- 567 portraits (so far) of active personnel
- 407 images depicting the volunteer era through 2012
- 365 portraits (so far) of retirees
- 204 images of specialty disciplines, groups, and special functions
- 116 photos of/about fire stations
- 106 candid photos
- 103 photos of/about OFC, OFM, training, services, operations
- 81 crew photos, one per station per platoon
- 40 apparatus photos, in dedicated section

Pretty good start. We'll be adding several dozen more in these final weeks of production. Firefighters in action. Centennial events. And some other goodies, which we haven't mentioned above. Over 2,000 photos in a 260-page hardcover book. Sounds like a bargain to me. And we haven't tallied the prospective word count.² [Order yours here.](#)



¹That was a project from a copy years ago. Read every day's newspaper(s) in Raleigh from the late 1860s to the early 1910s. And copied every

article about the fire department. [That project](#) took a little while.

²The book's text history will be finished over Christmas. That's my holiday project. Taking the history text from the 1984 and 2002 yearbooks, and adding everything that's happened since. Plus normalizing the whole thing, adding new facts, corrected old errors, etc. Should totals 25,000 words. Maybe 30,000.

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Vintage Mystery Chief's Car

12/12/12 51 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

Here's another mystery photo, dated July 1982. Make and model of said vehicle is probably (certainly?) older. Fire Chief's car from somewhere in North Carolina. Another vintage color image from from Robert L. Ott Sr. by way of son William Ott.



The picture was taken in the coastal regions. There are shrimp boats on the right hand side of photo.

stretch - 12/12/12 - 11:46

1960 Chevrolet Impala although rims don't appear to be original.

Eugene Beard ([Email](#)) - 12/12/12 - 15:23

Man I would love to have that. I think about a 1960 Chev Impala

Rob Mitchell - 12/12/12 - 16:51

Car was in Beaufort.

Owned by the Asst Chief at the time. He operated a small store at the Beaufort bridge. (this is were the picture was taken)

He bought the car and had it painted red and installed the red light and decals.

Forgot about this car. Don't remember what happened to it.

JC - 12/16/12 - 00:39

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The Pope Tweets

12/12/12 82 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Today is 12/12/12. Was the apocalypse supposed to happen, per the Mayan calendar? Or was that asteroid that just passed close to earth suppose to strike us? Meanwhile, over in Vatican City (been waiting a lifetime to write that phrase), the Pope sent his first tweet this morning. HHPB is online. Social media is here and even the Really Old Schoolers are joining. Maybe you can convince your chief to get on board.



Benedict XVI ✓

@Pontifex

Welcome to the official Twitter page of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

Vatican City · [news.va](#)



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Dear friends, I am pleased to get in touch with you through Twitter. Thank you for your generous response. I bless all of you from my heart.

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Oregon Mall Shooting Media

12/12/12 140 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Aerial images of yesterday's mall shoot in Portland, OR, are appearing around the 'net. You can see some of the units that were on scene, and they were staged/parked. Search via Google or just look on local news sites. Would be an interesting run card to see. Looks like three or four engine companies and at least a half-dozen ambulances were on the run card.

[Harder to find is this photo gallery](#) from Thomas Boyd at the *Oregonian*. It's the outside-the-mall perspective of bystanders and responders. Based on the twilight, looks like they were taken some hours afterward. The gunman started shooting around 3:30 p.m. The responders were probably there for hours. Maybe our readers can advise how long a store-by-store search would take in such situation. Probably an hour? Longer?



Associated Press photo

Much longer than an hour to clear a mall – they were probably at it overnight. What I learned at the Apex target shooting is that the LEOs take clearing an area like that VERY seriously, and for good reason. At Apex they didn't find more bad guys, but they found citizens hidden in all SORTS of locations – and it's a matter of professional pride not to have someone "appear" behind you. Kind of like showing up at the jail with a prisoner and having a corrections officer find a knife on somebody you said you searched. Back in the day they would post your name with a photo of what you missed, and it could stay up for a month!

The Clackamas County Fire District #1 (shown with AMR ambulances here) is a very professional outfit – and they had done active shooter training at the Town Center within the last 8 months. Not many victims to triage and treat, but they were prepared!

Skip K - 12/12/12 - 22:02

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Vehicle Versus Bank

12/13/12 60 W, 1 I - + 10 - 6

The latest collision between a moving vehicle and a stationary building happened this morning in the 3900 block of New Bern Avenue. As these [WTVD photos depict](#), a sport-utility vehicle jumped a curb and struck the side of a Wells Fargo bank. The driver fled the scene, the passenger was transported to WakeMed.



WTVD/Jim Schumacher

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New Rescues for Thanksgiving and Buis Creek

12/15/12 108 W, 2 I - + 7 - 8

Just in time for Christmas is this picture of Thanksgiving's new (used) rescue. They're in Johnston County. It's a 1997 Pierce Quantum that originally served as Richmond's Rescue 1. Delivered September 13. Get this, the thing has a 500 GPM pump (!) in addition to a cascade system. (So it's a rescue engine?!) [See more photos.](#)

Also new in the area is Rescue 881 at Buis Creek Fire Department in Harnett County. Delivered on December 11, it's a 2012 Rosenbauer Spartan-Force. Says photographer Lee Wilson, it's the first Rosenbauer rescue in our area. But we've had a couple engines delivered, no? [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photos

Mike, not in your immediate area but Cumberland county has some Rosenbauer apparatus, my station GCVFD 24 was the first in the county to

buy a Rosenbauer back in 2007 when CW Williams became the local dealer. Also Stedman VFD received a Rosenbauer Pumper/Tanker in 2009 I believe as well as 2 Rosenbauer units at GCVFD 18, one a 2008 F-550 mini pumper and a newly delivered 2012 Rosenbauer Pumper/Tanker. Here are links to a couple of the Gray's Creek units them in respective order

http://www.firenews.net/contents/ad_1216..

<http://www.cwwilliamsfire.com/?p=2656>

2406 - 12/15/12 - 11:31

Rocky Mount has several Rosenbauer's including the new Ladder 10, Battleboro has received one also, not sure of the year but its Engine 91. Also, Littleton Fire Department bought an 09 GMC/Rosenbauer Mini-Pumper.

Trey - 12/16/12 - 12:22

Buies Creek said they had to go to Va to see the closest Rosenbauer rescue. So maybe the 1st rescue in the state. ?? (check the spelling on Buies x2 Mike)

lee - 12/16/12 - 13:34

Cleveland, Smithfield, and Princetons rescue trucks have a pump and water on them also.

JG - 12/17/12 - 13:01

Buies Creek's is the first Rescue truck body built in this region of the state. There are engines and rescue engines but this is the first Rescue Squad. And yes the committee had to travel to Spotsylvania county to view the closest rescue. <http://www.cwwilliamsfire.com/?p=1366>

PGTruckie - 12/18/12 - 22:30

PGTruckie was correct. We had to travel to Spotsylvania County Frie Station 4 to see the closest Custom Cab rescue. The closest rescue was Maxton Fire Department at the time we ordered the truck, with is in Robeson County, but this was a F-750 cab.

<http://www.cwwilliamsfire.com/?p=2160> As you can see it is a nice truck, but just not what we where looking at. So Buies Creek has the only Custom Cab Rosenbauer truck, but not the first Rescue. This is the first Rosenbauer for Harnett County and Benhaven Emergency Services has ordered a custom pumper with the new Commander Cab. I believe that this is Benhaven's first custom cab truck, and it will be a Rescue-Pumper.

BuiesCreek802 ([Web Site](#)) - 12/19/12 - 15:36

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12/17/12 21 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

Got nothing this morning. Come back later. Enjoy your holiday shopping this week.



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Statesville's New Airport Crash Truck

12/18/12 104 W, 1 I - + 9 - 0

Have you check out FDmaps.com yet? New site, and [with a blog](#). And more than just postings about maps. There are station photos and the odd apparatus photo, such as this shot of Stateville's new airport crash truck. The 2003 Colet SVD K15 ATTCC previously served Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA. (Google finds that detail in Statesville city council meet minutes excerpt.) The apparatus serves Statesville Regional Airport and is presently temporarily housed at Station 1. Next question, what apparatus was the airport operating beforehand? Click to see the larger photo:

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Statesville Municipal Airport ARFF

December 17, 2012 admin Leave a Comment

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STATSVILLE - The Statesville Fire Department recently received a Colet ARFF apparatus for use at the Statesville Municipal Airport.

The apparatus is currently being housed at Statesville Fire Station 1.

SUBMIT YOUR FIREHOUSE



Henderson Fire Station 2

If you would like for us to post a photograph of your firehouse, just email to FDmaps along with a few details and we'll post it here on blog.fdmags.com.

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Vintage Cherry Point Crash Truck

12/18/12 41 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Speaking of crash trucks and found for sale on eBay, here's a postcard view of a United State Marines MB-1 crash truck. That's a Walter truck, right? Photographed June 20, 1979.



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Slow News Week...

12/20/12 135 W, 2 I - + 6 - 5

Actually it's a busy Mike week. Deadlines for the fire department history book. Mr. Blogger is busying being Mr. Copy Editor and Mr. Proofreader. Happy to have a project over the holidays. Things tend to slow down during Christmas. And we meaning me isn't good at being slow. Then there's the dreaded/wonderful day itself, when *everything* is closed. That is, except emergency services. And the movie theaters. Will be first in line for one of the new movies that day.

Again, got nothing. Guess we'll throw a couple random historical pictures here for collective enjoyment. See if you can place these. More later, longer series and proper labels later. Photographs by Robert L. Ott Sr. by way of his son William Ott. Click to enlarge:



Robert L. Ott Sr. photos

Well, 1st truck is from Salter Path (Cateret Co.), obvious from the 80s (?), is the department called Indian Beach now? Looks like a Ford C Chassis.

Bottom, is from Atlantic Beach (Carteret Co.), the Fire Stix Pumper they are currently selling. The red Pierce Arrow Pumper, I suspect is from mutual aid from Pine Knoll Shores. Think another 80s shot.

Steven ([Email](#)) - 12/20/12 - 18:49

Fire is in Emerald isle.

Sign over the Salter Path is the Bouge Inlet fishing pier.

There is still a small strip mall there today.

PKS still has the Pierce Dash. I believe Emerald Isle sold their Dash to Stella Fire Dept.

JC - 12/22/12 - 08:42

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Goodbye Denise!

12/21/12 77 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

That familiar fixture of Fire Prevention-- now named the Office of the Fire Marshal-- is retiring on January 1. That's Senior Support Staff Specialist Denise Smith, whose leaving the front office after 32.2 years of service with the city and the Raleigh Fire Department. She's shown at a lunch on Wednesday ([see photos](#)), where she was toasted and roasted to fine effect. Great party, great person. Happy trails.



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Vintage Fire Photos - White Memorial Church, August 2, 1987

12/23/12 199 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

As seen and finally identified in our [recent mystery photo](#), here are a handful of historical photos after a fire at the White Memorial Church on Oberlin Road. The incident date is August 2, 1987. The units seen look like Engine 5, Engine 6, Truck 1, Foam Unit 1 (likely being used as an industrial-strength smoke fan), and whatever the 1966 Chevy panel truck (and former rescue unit) was called at the time. Might've been Light Truck 1. The thing carried lights and later air bottles.

By that time, there was a cascade system in the alarm house at Station 1. Did the panel van also carry a generator? Still trying to determine the year the thing was placed in service. It's remember at Station 1 as early as 1981. Log books list the thing as early as 1983, at least as found so far. They list it in service until 1988, and probably when the first mobile air unit was delivered that year. [Here's a PDF document](#) with unit (and company) histories, that tells more. Anyway, [view the photos](#), which were taken by Robert L. Ott Sr. and presented courtesy of his son William E. Ott.



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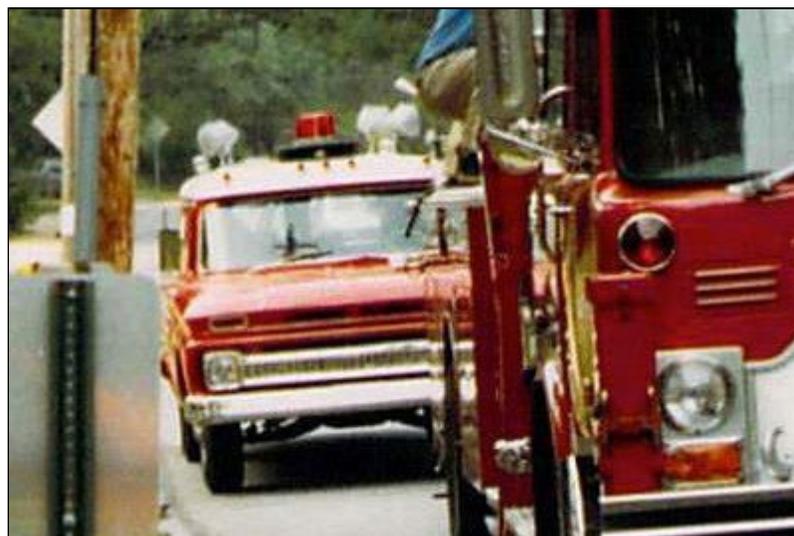
Raleigh's Old Light Truck

12/23/12 200 W, 2 I - + 10 - 5

As referenced in [this thread](#), here's a vehicle that we don't have a lot of pictures of. This is Raleigh's old Rescue 1, a [1966 Chevrolet C3605 panel truck](#). It was purchased from Sir Walter Chevrolet on August 18, 1966 for \$2,728.47. It was replaced by a 1975 Chevrolet/Murphy ambulance on December 2, 1974.

From there, my notes get a little weird. Was it placed in reserve? Did it serve as Rescue 12, Rescue 3, and Rescue 14, as the above web page indicates? That doesn't seem right, though [there are photos](#) of the thing parked at Station 12 circa 1974 to 1976. Maybe it was a combination reserve truck and, say, towing unit for boat trailers? Don't know.

Then in the eighties, the thing was converted to a light truck and air bottle transport unit. It was repainted red, and spotlights were mounted on the roof, and wooden racks for air bottles were added in the rear. Some remember an open trailer pulled behind the thing, also equipped with lights and maybe a generator? Service period was as early as June 23, 1983, and as late as July 16, 1988. By February 1989, if memory serves, it was parked at the Keeter Training Center. Click to enlarge the top photo:



Twas the Day Before Christmas

12/24/12 98 W, 2 I - + 6 - 7

Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the house,
The crews had the spirit, and no reason to grouse.

The trucks and equipment, were checked off with care,
In case of the big one, which might take them there.



The bathrooms were cleaned, the grocery list made,
With careful consideration, sweet tea or pink 'ade?

The watch room was staffed, Lt. Edwards on tap,
Wearing Donnie's fuzzy funny, a singing Christmas cap...



Happy holidays!

Merry Christmas!

RescueRanger - 12/25/12 - 10:38

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Not Pretty, But Still Standing

12/25/12 189 W, 2 I - + 7 - 7

Found via firehouse.com, here's a Fayetteville Observer story from Sunday about the city's old training tower. The fire department hasn't used the thing in about five years. The city deeded the property to the neighboring Cape Fear Botanical Gardens in July. The present problem is that the tower is more eyesore than history treasure. [As the story notes](#), the four-story structure was built in 1952 as part of Pope Park. Demolition is planned, but that will take money and fundraising is probably three years away.



Next question, was other old training towers are still standing in our state? Charlotte's (1938) and Durham's (1927-28) come to mind. The latter is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Greenville's (1943?) was still there at last check, beside old Station 2. They're shown left to right, below. Thinking about, aren't there brick towers still used in Durham (second location) and Greensboro? Is there one still standing in Winston-Salem? Raleigh's is gone, Wilmington's original tower (first in the state, no?) is gone.



Rocky Mount's was still standing about 18 months ago.

Real Firefighter - 12/25/12 - 18:35

I know Wilmington still has a old tower behind the football stadium off Carolina beach rd. Not sure if its the original but its old!

Robert - 12/25/12 - 21:32

Well if you do get down this way come on over the Whiteville Fire dept.and see us. Always welcome in our house!

Robert - 12/26/12 - 21:55

I know at Old Goldsboro St. 1 on Ash Street downtown used to have a tower connected to the building, I know you may have a picture of it Mike but the building was sold and someone has really fixed it up.

car3550 - 12/28/12 - 17:08

Charlotte's tower is still standing and the Palmer Building is still in use by Local 660.

David - 01/02/13 - 09:30

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Thumbnails From The Fire

12/28/12 65 W, 1 I - + 11 - 3

How many pictures did you take at the fire the other day? About a thousand. How many of those were keepers? Looks like 369. When will you have the rest posted? Today or tomorrow or the next day. What's taking so long? Time. Apologies to those who thought they'd be reading about finger injuries.



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Korean Remake of The Towering Inferno?

12/28/12 60 W - + 5 - 7

Just in time for the holiday season that's almost over, here's a trailer for an upcoming Korean film called *The Tower*. The director is Kim Ji-hoon. The trailer was found at [Ain't it Cool News](#). Looks like a remake of *The Towering Inferno*. Or maybe a cross between that and *Die Hard*.

The original movie "The Towering Inferno" was a cross between two stories: "The Tower" and the "Glass Inferno" and used elements from each. Unsure as to the relationship between this movie and the 1970's story of the same name.

Furey - 12/29/12 - 08:05

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Station 4 on Wake Forest Road on Saturday, Dec. 29

Open House at Old Station 4 on Wake Forest Road on Saturday, Dec. 29

12/28/12 121 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

Last-minute notice on this one. Oak City Coffee Roasters is holding an open house at old Station 4 on Wake Forest Road on Saturday, December 29. The event is from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. They've been using the building this year as a location for roasting their coffee. The public is invited, and no invitation is required.

[This Goodnight Raleigh posting](#) tells more, and has a picture of the roasting operation inside the former fire station. As we [noted in a recent posting](#), the building is apparently destined for demolition. A mattress store is planned for the location. The fire station operated from 1963 to 1993, before relocating to Northway Court.



I stopped by ~7pm and looked around one final time. The place is in amazing condition. I'm sure it was an easy upkeep as soon as the firefighters left. Really goes to show how rough we are on our stuff whether it's the station, apparatus, or equipment. And to think we take care of our stuff simply because we clean it everyday. Tsk,tsk,tsk. I am actually wanting to contact the owners of the facility to inquire about the kitchen cabinets. They seem to be in fantastic shape. I'd hate for them and a few other items to simply be demolished. Seems like a waste. The cabinets at my current station are in horrible shape and we've already been told there is no money for fixing them. I'd love to remove the cabinets from old #4 and install them in my current station.

Rescue Ranger - 12/31/12 - 22:48

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Against the Elements

12/29/12 54 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

That's what we'll title this photo from Wednesday's fire at the Hibernian Pub. Still working on processing the full series of photos. [See the initial set](#). Boy, a lazy blogger (guilty as charged) could get a week's worth of postings out of a incident like this one. Click to enlarge:



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Two Firefighters Injured in Nash County House Fire

12/29/12 68 W, 2 I - + 14 - 4

Veteran fire photographer Bob Bartosz snapped some strong shots at today's house fire on Old Highway 64 near Worth Road in Nash County. The fire was reported just before 11 a.m., [reports this WTVD story](#). Two firefighters were injured. The injuries were not life threatening. [See more photos](#) from the *Rocky Mount Telegram*.



Bob Bartosz/Rocky Mount Telegram photos

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