

## **Legeros Fire Blog Archives - 2013 Postings Compiled, Part 1**

**July 2021**

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Three Sticks on the Home Page

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Some shameless self-promotion. See the current firehouse.com home page for a [photo story of mine](#), from last week's fire at the Hibernian. Same photos, plus incident summary. Guess the weather gets a chunk of credit for the photogenic atmospherics...



Latest News

Posted: January 1, 2013

Mich. Firefighters Wed at Station Christmas Morning

The volunteer firefighters in Antrim and Charlevoix counties married on Christmas morning, in full fire gear, in a surprise ceremony at the East Jordan Fire Hall.

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Course Helps Morrisville Firefighters Handle Stress

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The Cary News is reporting this week about [Fire Chaplain 101](#), a Morrisville-based non-profit organization founded in 2010 to provide training for fire department chaplains. They've extended their training to firefighters and in November they launched a day-long seminar. Topics included suicide awareness, stress management, cultural diversity, and living wills. Morrisville was one of the group's pilot locations, notes the story. The seminar is available to fire departments across the state. [Read the entire story.](#)



Aliana Ramos/News & Observer photo

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Mike's Blog Tips

01/02/13 476 W - + 5 - 5

Taking a cue from a discussion on [this thread about last week's fire](#), here a handful of tips on how to be a better blog participant. These also apply to any online forum, as well as Facebook. Use 'em when composing status updates or responses to status updates.

Tip #1 - Compose yourself elsewhere. Open a text editor program, or Microsoft Word. Use that program to create your comment, then copy and paste into the blog window, or web form, or what have you. You'll get the benefit of any built-in spell checker. You'll have a bigger canvas for writing, e.g. a larger screen. That larger screen-- bigger window-- will help you with, say, carriage returns. You'll recognize if you've written any long or unwieldy blocks of text. (And if the blog screen times out, or something doesn't "take" when click SUBMIT, you've still got a copy of your original words.)

Tip #2 - If you change your mind, act accordingly. It's doggone easy to click, type, post and within the space of a few seconds. Blink and you've added two cents on blog or board or Facebook. But if you have second thoughts-- minutes or hours or days later-- there's no shame (in my opinion) of altering your course. If it's your board-- or you're on Facebook-- you can delete your comment or original posting. (If it's received a lot of traffic or responses, it might be a glaring "undo." But you do what you have to do.) If you've posted a comment on this blog, and you have second thoughts, you have a couple options. First, you can mail me and say "hey, thinking about it more, can you delete my comment?" Or post a second time, with a clarification, a retraction, an apology, an explanation, etc.

Tip #3 - Take it seriously, but not too seriously. Maybe that should be reversed, since a sense of humor-- and/or a sense of perspective-- is paramount to effective communication and relation with other humans. But at the same time, treat your words and what you say as an extension of yourself and your thinking. And without you as a physical participant-- without body language or facial expressions or voice tone-- the words are all we'll have to go on. And if you're anonymous, the burden of clarity is even greater. The reader won't have a "person" in their mind, to add context or experience to the words you've written.

Tip #4 - When talking with firefighters online, expect them to talk like, well, firefighters. For better or worse, blogs and boards and Facebook conversations can resemble a virtual day room. Just be cautious if there are "women or children" virtually passing by, for a station tour or what have you.

What tips would you add?

If you don't feel like following #1 by composing in a separate program, AT LEAST use a modern web browser that includes a built-in spell-check feature. It won't catch grammatical errors, but it will keep you from discussing "cheifs", "nozles", etc.

Lt. Lemon ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 01/02/13 - 09:19

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## Chris Perry Named as New Zebulon Fire Chief

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Great news to report. Zebulon Town Manager Rick Hardin has selected Christopher C. Perry to be the next Zebulon Fire Chief. He will assume his duties on March 1, 2013. Chief Sidney Perry, absolute relation, will be retiring February 28, 2013. Chris Perry has been a member of Zebulon FD since 1986, when he joined as a volunteer. He was hired the town's first full-time firefighter in 1990. He was promoted to Captain in 1992 and to Assistant Chief in 1998. He has held that rank since that date.

Chief Perry worked for Wake County Fire Services from 1992 to 2008. He was one of the original three members assigned to WC1, and later supervised the program. His last position was Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, responsible for WC1 and fire department assistance. In 2008, he moved to Johnston County and was hired as Fire Marshal. In 2010, he was promoted to Asst. Director of Emergency Services. The position still included his role as Fire Marshal.

He's also currently serving as the Second Vice President on the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association, and has served on the board of the Wake County Firefighters Association for three terms. Congratulations, my friend!



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Congrats to Chief Perry! Welcome back to Wake County full time!

**Russell** - 01/02/13 - 17:37

Congrats Chief Perry!

**A.C. Rich** - 01/02/13 - 20:27

Congrats Chief Perry!

**Russell Stanley** - 01/02/13 - 23:42

Well it's about time! Congrats and best of luck! Your friends and supporters are always just a phone call away.

**J.Boggs** ([Email](#)) - 01/02/13 - 23:47

Congrats again, well deserved! Let me know if I can assist in your endeavors to take ZFD to the next level, good luck and enjoy the ride!

16 on scene - 01/03/13 - 08:59

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - News & Observer« Chris Perry Named as ... » Surveys and Research ... Index, 1926-1992

### News & Observer Index, 1926-1992

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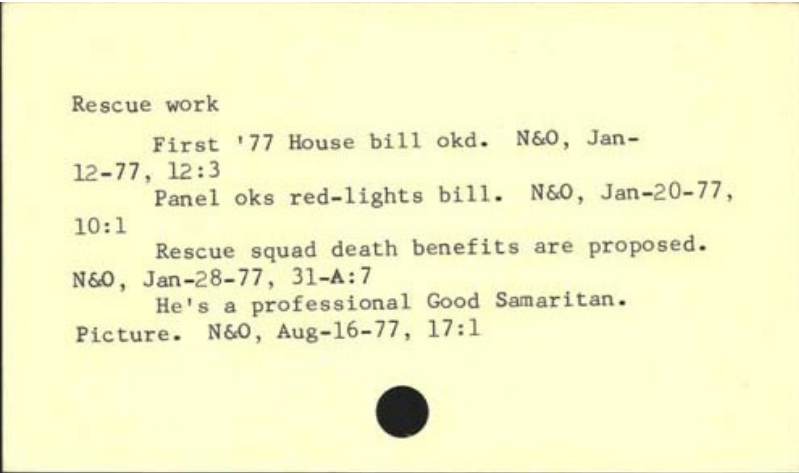
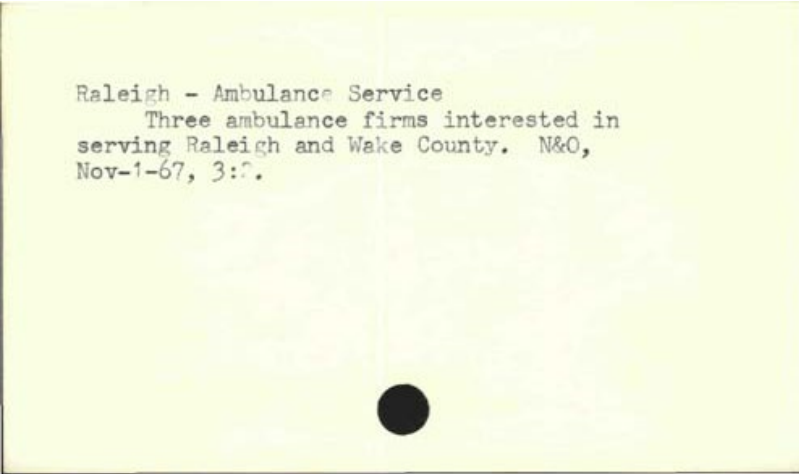
Heard about this one yet? The [State Library of North Carolina](#) has scanned and mechanically transcribed the typed index cards used by librarians to index *News & Observer* articles from 1926 to 1977. They've then added the records that were directly entered into a database after 1977. The whole thing's on the web, and easily searched. The disclaimer is that it's **not** a database or articles, nor can individual articles or dates be searched. Instead, you're searching index cards. From there, proceed to a library with N&O archives, and you can retrieve the stories. In Raleigh, those locations include the NCSU library, the Cameron Village library, and Olivia Raney Local History Library. [View the News & Observer index.](#)

#### Firemen.

Salisbury chief to head N. C. Fire  
Chiefs Association. Aug. 11-48: 3.  
Fire chiefs from three States attend  
Greensboro event. Jan. 20-49: 3.  
Nine firemen join Raleigh force.  
Feb. 1-49: 6.  
Firemen hold Kinston meet. Feb. 6-49: 7.  
Firemen pick new officers. Aug. 18-49: 2.

#### Raleigh. Fire Department.

Fires cost Raleigh \$11,713 during May.  
Je.10-41:2.  
City firemen answer outside call gratis.  
Je.14-41:5. 41:3.  
Chief King asks man's dismissal. Je.28-  
Serious situation (ed.) Jl.9-41:4. 16.  
Powell is firm in backing King. Jl.9-41:  
Powell breaks deadlock by appointing new  
chief. Jl.10-41:1. Ed. p.4.



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Surveys and Research Reports on Charlotte Fire Stations

01/03/13 98 W - + 6 - 2

From a reader, here are some nifty web-based architectural surveys and research reports about historic Charlotte fire stations. They're from the [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission](#). Thanks for sharing, Jeff!

- [Fire Station 2](#) (Old)
- [Fire Station 4](#) (Old)
- [Fire Station 5](#)
- [Fire Station 6](#)
- [Fire Station 7](#)

And [here's Mr. Blogger's histories](#) of those and other historic Charlotte fire stations. Written for the web a few years ago. [See also these photos](#) from 2005 and 2008.

And for an interactive map of Charlotte's current fire station locations, see this [FDmaps.com page](#). That's a big damn fire department.

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But Where's Mater?

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Found on Facebook, apparently originating on the P\_ss.Myself.Laughing page. That's pretty funny right there.



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Year in the Life of a* < *But Where's Mater?* » *Session Laws of North...* *Highland Park Helmet Cam*

### Year in the Life of a Highland Park Helmet Cam

01/04/13 152 W - + 7 - 3

Found via [Statter911](#) via [Huffington Post](#), here's a Friday morning video treat. This is an eight-minute compilation of helmet cam clips from Highland Park (MI) firefighter Scott Ziegler (who posts his clips to YouTube as [HPZ1542](#)). They show the dramatic reality of a year in the life in their shots. Highland Park is located within the city limits of Detroit. It's a three-square mile city with a population of about 12,000 people. In recent years (decades?) it's experienced severe economic difficulties, as well as growing fire problem. The city's fire department has also been impacted by budget cuts over the years. Among the fires seen in the video is the burning of their former headquarters fire station. See that structure and other [historic Highland Park fire stations](#) in photos of mine. (Here's a tour of [Detroit's historic firehouses](#).) Enjoy the virtual ride-along.

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Warning to Safety Officers: you may sh\*t yourself after seeing this video. Advice to probies- watch this with a seasoned member. Mute Eminem and listen to that seasoned member's advice it will probably save your life. I know the Detroit brothers and sisters are going through some tough times, and God bless'em; but Holy Complacency Batman!

**J.Boggs** ([Email](#)) - 01/07/13 - 23:14

I'm not sure I really see the issue the Mr J Boggs. There was no overly aggressive interior fire attack. It appears most everything was defensive. Risk a lot to save a lot risk a little to save a little. Abandoned structures, no victims, looked pretty straight forward, defensive and safe? At what point should I be Sh\*itting myself? And as Mr Legeros said, haven't heard of any LODD's out of these parts and they see more fire in a day then we do in a year.

**J Brantley** - 01/08/13 - 23:27

We should look at the LODD and injury perspective from a forecasting perspective rather than an immediate effect. One example; repeated mild/moderate SCBA use = serious long term health issues. As we all mature in the fire service, we should "look ahead" more often.

**A.C. Rich** - 01/09/13 - 08:39

For starters, as A.C. points out, the lack of SCBA use in many of their fires. Are we allowed to call ourselves experienced professionals if we are apathetic to our training, and what long term effects we may endure from lack of SCBA use? Go ahead, tell me its a small fire, and I'll ask you if you know exactly whats burning and what you're sniffing. Your "occupational exposure" begins the moment you enter that house with light smoke showing, and continues as you pass through rooms 1 and 2, then down the hall, and when you reach the source of the light smoke and find something "SCBA" worthy- well sir it's to late by then.

Secondly, go back and count how many times the firefighters exited the rig while it was STILL MOVING- which means they werent wearing seat belts. I know a few locally who can attest to the importance of seat belt use, dont believe me, ask them. This video provides a view of only a few minutes of what they are so proud of doing all year. Yes, thank God they didnt have any LODDs, but other departments across this



nation DID, and their firefighters are sitting at the station, watching this video and many others like it on You Tube. The message they are getting is "this is how the bad ass big city guys do it", and they emulate that behavior. I'm not criticizing their tactics, yall can do that. I'm criticizing their lack of simple safe behaviors that DO make a difference. Still dont see the issue? Culture change people.

**J.Boggs** - 01/09/13 - 17:25

There are several issues that should be discussed regarding this video. Beyond you hurting yourself by not wearing your SCBA, dangerous driving habits affect others. In the first 45 seconds of this video, the responding apparatus blows a stop sign and red light. The video goes on to pause the music so people can cuss about things. I am not saying that saying a few bad words is a problem (for those that know me). Putting a video of the cussing and dangerous driving on YouTube is absolutely a poor choice. In an area of the country that has already experienced extreme fire service cuts, do you want to be providing negative PR for your department? Bad driving not only endangers the people that we are supposed to protect, but is one of the most visible parts of what we do. While responding, we are making lots of noise and calling attention to ourselves; all eyes are on you. Do you want to be perceived as dangerous or as being mindful of the public's safety? Most of our public will never directly benefit from our services; all they see is us responding to a call or walking around the grocery store. Make your impression a positive one.

This should have been stopped at the company level. The person in the front right seat should have control over the driving; if you ignore it, then you have condoned it. The video recording of calls and pictures being taken is nothing new. As with any press release (because that is what you have done), it should be released with department approval.

I agree that these guys run more fires than anyone who is going to comment on this post from our area. Volume, however, is not a reason for complacency or dangerous acts.

**Bob P.** - 01/10/13 - 10:59

I think that the rush is always there, especially in those departments where fires are a rarity. The rush must be tempered with restraint, and I feel that is acquired over the years. Hence, the officer must restrain his/ her people from making mistakes due to being in too much of a hurry in respect to driving.

In respect to fireground operations, your movements should be with haste; not hurried, but purposeful haste. I can't stand watching videos of companies that lollygag around while work needs to be done. This haste also needs to be tempered; you can't let the rush overtake your need for a walk-around size-up.

In respect to whether it becomes safer the more you drive to fires, I will answer a resounding "no." You should always practice safe driving habits. Try to plan for the vehicles in front of you to be not paying attention due sensory distraction. Anticipate that those vehicles will not only not see you until the last moment, but that they will then do the least intelligent thing a human could ever conceive. Always have an "out" and don't plow through traffic with nowhere to go but through that minivan full of kids in case traffic doesn't comply with your request to advance. If you hit someone in an intersection, you do a lot less damage after accelerating from a stop than if you blow it at 20 mph. I would rather answer (in court) that we came to a complete stop and that we ensured the way was clear before we entered an intersection against a red signal. Due regard means stop, not "I looked" and we breezed through it.

I personally have been in an apparatus accident. We were complying with all traffic laws and were on our side of the double yellow. We were actually going 10 mph below the posted speed limit due to traffic conditions. The other guy hit us. We pushed him 50 feet down the road while I watched him bounce around the cab of his truck with no seatbelt to restrain him. I thought he had been killed. The man survived, thankfully for my Engineer's sake. Even though it wasn't our fault, I don't think you want that "on you" for life.

Mike, other than helping people, the rush is the main reason why we are all here.

**Bob P.** - 01/10/13 - 13:19

Research data is already present regarding the long term effects of smoke and particulate exposure. Most of the data is only recently coming to light (over the past 5-10 years), mainly resulting from the FDNY 9/11 responder illnesses and the prevalence of specific cancers in "modern firefighters." To answer your initial question, as with any dose/route/duration/response relationship, the effects of exposure on firefighters will vary from individual to individual; and from fire to fire. ...AND it will occur over a career.

We simply need to wear our SCBA when there is smoke or particulates present and wash all of our gear after a fire. It's just that simple. Here is a link to some inclusive information from the IAFF: <http://www.iaff.org/hs/Respiratory/Respi..>

**A.C. Rich** - 01/11/13 - 00:33



## Session Laws of North Carolina

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Ready for another research aid? Try this one, from the [State Library of North Carolina](#), from their [Online Collections](#) shown on that page, from their [Digital Collections](#) site, from their [North Carolina State Government Publications Collection](#). With me so far?

Let's look at the [Session Laws](#), which are available from 1817 to 2009. These are texts of the laws passed in the state. They were originally bound in book volumes. They've been digitally scanned and indexed.

Why in the world would you want to search the state's session laws, you ask? Good question, my friend.

Well, let's say you've found a historical reference to an old fire company. Some crazyguy's web site—he wears Hawaiian shirts even in the winter!—says something like "Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company receives charter from General Assembly. February 24, 1870." And you'd curious what that legislation looked like.

Visit the aforementioned [Session Laws site](#) and open the 1869-1870 Private laws. (The laws are divided during some years into Private/Public and Local/Public.) After a few seconds of churning, a bound version of the laws is displayed. And the thing is searchable! Enter "rescue" and click Search. The matched word is first located on Page 14, and shows the "An act to incorporate the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company, number one, city of Raleigh" on "Page 59." Find the page and enjoy the text. (If the interface has a learning curve, go slow. Or get your ten year-old son/daughter to help you.) Take screen captures, or save the page(s) as PDF, or even the entire book (!) as a PDF document.

How cool is that?! Here's the Rescue Company charter, by the way. Click to slightly enlarge:

	<div>CHAPTER XXXII.</div> <div>AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RESCUE STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NUMBER ONE, CITY OF RALEIGH.</div> <div>SECTION 1. <i>The General Assembly of North Carolina do</i> <small>corporators.</small> <i>enact</i>, That J. C. Brewster, W. C. Stronach, John C. Gorman, Douglas Bell, Samuel Merrill, A. Moses, William Price, Thomas G. Jenkins, and C. D. Heartt and other persons who shall be associated with them for the object</div>
60	<div>1869-'70.—CHAPTER 32.</div> <div>intended and those successors duly elected and chosen according to the by-laws of the company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company number one, of the city of Raleigh, the purpose of more united and efficient action in the extinguishment of fires in the city of Raleigh, and by said name and style shall have power to acquire a steam fire engine or engines and other necessary apparatus as may be necessary and such real estate as may be needful for their proper care and custody, the value of which shall at no time exceed the sum of fifteen (15) thousand dollars.</div> <div>Privileges.<div>SEC. 2. That said company shall by the name and style aforesaid have succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure and make all by-laws and rules necessary for the proper government of the company and the management of its funds and property not inconsistent with the laws of the state and in all matters to do and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the objects of the association.</div></div> <div>Exemptions, &amp;c.<div>SEC. 3. That members in the actual service of the company performing duties when required, shall be exempted during the continuance of said service from jury and militia duty, and after the faithful performance of the required duties in the company for the term of seven years, a certificate thereof from the secretary of the company, approved by the foreman and under the seal of the company, shall exempt for life the holder from jury and militia duty.</div><div>SEC. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.</div><div>Ratified the 24th day of February, A. D. 1870.</div></div>

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## Multi-Generational Firefighting Families?

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Inspired by participants in the [Hibernian pub posting](#) comments, how many multi-generational firefighting families do we have in Raleigh and Wake County? From my research in Raleigh, five (!) three generations have served in the Raleigh Fire Department since 1912:

### Taylor

- Henderson Taylor (1930-1941)
- Capt. Henderson B. Taylor Jr., retired (1953-1981)
- Firefighter Timothy B. Taylor (1986-1990)

And to which Tim's son Tyson is presently a career firefighter with Fuquay-Varina FD. Four generations!

### Ray

- Driver Joseph L. Ray, retired (1955-1976)
- Capt. J. Stan Ray, retired (1971-1996)
- Capt. Kenneth C. Ray (1997-present)

### Hodges

- Capt. Jerry K. Hodges, retired (1966-1995)  
Capt. Craig C. Hodges (1983-present)  
Firefighter Christopher C. Hodges (2010-present)

### Ellis

- Firefighter/Mechanic James C. Ellis (1950-1976)
- Capt. J. Wayne Ellis (1973-1996)
- Lt. Josh J. Ellis (2000-present)

### Brown

- Capt. Titus L. Brown (1971-2005)
- Capt. Donnie L. Brown (1990-present)
- Firefighter Donnie L. Brown II (2012-present)

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Pretty cool Mike! Thanks for researching that. Still trying to hunt down some photos for you. I'll be making a trip down to the farm this upcoming week and I hope i'll find some stuff there for you.

**TTaylor** - 01/05/13 - 14:55

Awesome topic Mike: Bay Leaf FD

Fred Stephenson (1968-2010)  
Bill Stephenson (1985-present )  
William Stephenson Jr. ( 2007-present )  
Thomas Stephenson ( 2012-present )

To date this is the only third generation family to serve Bay Leaf FD .

William and Thomas’s other grandfather proudly served the City of Raleigh from (1969-1994 )

Thanks again for sharing ! Mike  
**Bill Stephenson** ([Email](#)) - 01/05/13 - 18:12

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1991 Chevy/Frontline Rescue as Police Unit

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Here's something you don't see every day, a former Raleigh rescue truck as a special police unit. This [1991 Chevy/Frontline rescue truck](#) was disposed to the police department in 2000, after it was replaced by one of two 1999 Freightliner/MedicMaster "heavy ambulances." It originally served as Rescue 7, Rescue 21, and Rescue 19. Was used by the SEU, if memory serves. For those keeping score at home, it's the second ex-rescue to serve as such. First was a [1975 Chevy/Murphy ambulance](#) and, coincidentally, also a former Rescue 7.

Photo by myself, taken along with other RPD special units when they were parked at the old ball field (e.g. Public Works facility) on West Street. (Now they're all indoors, inside a big building near Wake Forest Road and Six Forks Road.) That was probably around 2002. We've been overdue for a better scan of this print, and here it is. Click to enlarge:



Probably one of the only police units in the state with a Q.

GFD - 01/05/13 - 23:18

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## Raleigh Police Special Vehicles

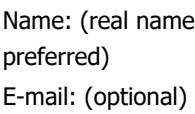
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Expanding on [this thread from yesterday](#), a quick search around my fire photos (and their archives) finds the current fleet of Raleigh Police Department special vehicles. Or at least, those encountered by photo boy. Top to bottom, left to right: 200\_ Thomas Mobile Command Center; 200\_ Thomas Field Operations Command Unit; 200\_ Chevrolet/Hackney [support vehicle](#); 200\_ Chevrolet Silverado [hazardous devices unit and bomb disposal trailer](#); 200\_ Ford/Matthews Specialty Vehicles [box truck for the bomb squad](#); armored response vehicle of unknown make and model (Lenco?); and a [Navy surplus tractor](#) used for towing a trailer with barricades. Next question, what are some of the notable former vehicles that have served? Blog 101 recalls a pair of former RFD rescue units over the years. There was also an old armored car, painted very dark blue. Also a dark blue school bus, maybe three-quarters length. What others? Click to enlarge:



01/06/13 236 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

The next question is the obvious one. What do these look like? Google finds a number of sites with stories or postings on the subject. Here's one from [www.good.is](http://www.good.is), about an art project in New York City. The creators are hoping to mount an exhibit of heroin stamp photos. They're hoping to "raise awareness and tell the complex stories of heroin markets in New York City, through larger-than-life images." Pretty wild. You can donate to the artists on this [microdonor site](#).



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## Old Engine 1 > Station 28

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On Saturday, January 5, 2013, the Raleigh Fire Museum relocated its 1961 American LaFrance 900 Series pumper. The old beauty was moved from Station 9 on Six Forks Road to Station 28 on Forestville Road. Old Engine 1 now proudly resides with the city's fleet of antique apparatus: one steam engine (1905 ALF), three pumpers (1926 ALF, 1950 Mack, 1982 Mack), and two rescue boats and a trailer (1953). Talk about a place that provides instant happiness!

The 1961 pumper was purchased earlier this year with donations from active, retired, and former members. (A plaque is planned for the rig, to display the [names of the donors](#).) The museum continues to raise money for maintenance, repairs, and, maybe, restoration. To contribute to the cause, [visit this donation page](#).

[The engine served the city](#) from 1961 until 1982, and was sold to the Stem Fire Department in Granville County in what we believe was 1986. It was later sold to a private owner. [See photos of the engine's journey](#) from Jan Chamblee and others, as well as [photos from Lee Wilson](#).

To see this absolutely cool [collection of antiques](#), swing by Fire Station 28 at 3000 Forestville Road. Or [use this contact form](#) to inquire about scheduling a station tour.



*Lee Wilson photo*





Legeros Fire Photos - Year in Review

01/06/13 66 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Here's a recap of last year's photo activity. Incidents, events, and activities of the Raleigh Fire Department, Wake County EMS, and a mess of other departments and entities. Thanks yet again for the pleasure and privilege of playing paparazzi. Can't think of a more rewarding gig. [See the photos by Mike Legeros.](#)



Nice Shots Mike keep them coming Bob B  
**Bob Bartosz** - 01/07/13 - 21:41

Lots of great shots of a great bunch of people and the things that we all do. I hope everyone has a great year in 2013. Mike, thanks for helping us keep in touch with what's going on in other parts of the Capital City and County.  
**D.Cates** - 01/08/13 - 13:38

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We're just about done writing the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book. Here's a [peek at a few of the pages](#) (PDF) completed so far. This will be a good-looking book, with 260 full-color pages, and over 2,000 photos including portraits of all active members and of every retiree. The deadline for orders is January 15, 2013. Don't wait until the last-minute. This won't be available in stores, and won't be available once all orders are placed. Follow the project at <http://www.facebook.com/rfd100book>.

If you've already ordered—recently or back in the spring—you're good to go. See this [ordering information](#). Next question, when will the books be here?! Fulfillment is currently planned for March. But remember, we're still writing. There's still a month-plus of production before it'll be ready to go to press. As more specific information is provided, more specific information will be provided. Click below to see the preview pages:



Metal by Metal

01/07/13 70 W - + 5 - 5

The band is called [Compressorhead](#). They are robots. This their instrumental cover of Motorhead's "Ace of Spades." Observe the four-armed drummer, so it's not an exactly one-to-one robot to human mapping. What will technology do next...? [Here's a version](#) with Lemmy's vocals added. And [here's the original](#). (For more about Lemmy, recommend watching/buying [Lemmy the movie](#). Good stuff.) End of musical interlude.

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New Wheels for Battalion 2

01/08/13 47 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Another new chief's buggy is about in service. 2012 Chevy Tahoe and four-wheel drive (right?), no less. Will replace a 2004 Chevy Tahoe. Battalion 2 is housed at Station 12. Battalion 1 received one a couple months ago, [as we noted](#).



Damn fine radio install by CoR CEMS shop, too.

**Chuk Gleason** - 01/08/13 - 08:45

Yes, they're four-wheel drive and it's replacing the Ford Expedition the 2nd Battalion drives. Battalion 3 is currently being outfitted as well, but not as ready as the above. The Expedition will be driven by the 5th Battalion in February, until they get an upgrade.

**Silver** - 01/08/13 - 12:37

Fine work Chuk!!!

**A.C. Rich** - 01/09/13 - 08:44

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**Fire Truck Cab Found**

01/08/13 34 W, 2 I - + 6 - 3

This former Deep River FD truck was found in Fuquay-Varina, behind a home business on North Main Street that's across the street from Applebee's. Thanks Tyson! [Click to enlarge:](#)



Campus Police Cruiser with Chevrons

01/08/13 37 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

From a reader, check out this Dodge Charger used by the North Carolina State University Police Department. And with a strip of chevrons on the rear... Thanks, Matt. Click to enlarge:



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**UPDATED: History Books of the Raleigh Fire Department**

04/12/13 191 W, 2 I - + 12 - 8

April 12

Here's another graphic for you, a web poster of sorts, comparing the covers of the four commemorative books produced by the Raleigh Fire Department since 1984. Click to enlarge:



January 10

Made this graphic today for the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book. We're in the home stretch of production. Shown are the three prior history books, also called commemorative books, also called yearbooks. The first two were published in 1984 and 2002 by Taylor Publishing. They're long out of print. (But have appeared on eBay once or twice.) The text section from the 1984 book is [available online](#). Written by Capt. B.T. Fowler, with annotations by Yours Truly.

The third book was published in 2007 by M.T. Publishing. That one's [still available from the publisher](#). The three are shown to scale. Curiously, the 1984 book was larger sized than the 2002 one. They were a bugger to photograph. Damn foil reflects everything. As for the 2012 book, that one's being published by Strawbridge Studios and they're right here in Durham.

Order deadline is next week! [Get yours](#) if you haven't.



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I would love a copy of the 1984 book...will have to keep an eye on eBay!

**AP** - 01/10/13 - 15:47

Awesome work for all involved!!!

**C. Smith** - 04/14/13 - 23:48

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Two Alarms in Greensboro

01/11/13 144 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Here's your evening hot shot from *News & Record* photographer H. Scott Hoffman, from this afternoon's two-alarm warehouse fire in Greensboro. See larger version and a second photo on [the newspaper's web site](#). Speaking of farther away fires, it still burns my biscuits that I missed the R. J. Reynolds Plant #256 fire (see article in this [OFM journal](#)) in Winston-Salem on August 27, 1998. Learned of that one from a friend there. Thirteen engines and five ladders battled that blaze. Took nine hours to control. Would've taken the afternoon off, except for the unfortunate coincidence of a scheduled cat adoption after work. Arrgggh. That would've been a blaze to behold. The cat's still around, and he made my later wife happy, so all was good. I guess. (She probably married me for the thing...)



H. Scott Hoffmann/News & Record photo

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open Today, Saturday, January 12

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If you're headed into downtown Raleigh today for the inauguration parade, poke your head into the nearby [Raleigh Fire Museum](#). It's located 105 Keeter Center Drive and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hundreds of artifacts and photographs are displayed. Newest is this handsome 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. Both the museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) and 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.

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Numeric Radio Codes?

01/12/13 76 W - + 5 - 4

Though the Raleigh Fire Department switched to plain-text radio language years ago, some numeric codes occasionally appear. These are older police and maybe EMS codes, such as:

- Code 7 - Deceased person
- 68 (pronounced six eight) - Suicide
- 101 (pronounced one oh one) - Someone shooting
- 102 (pronounced one oh two) - Someone shot

This [outdated scanner page](#) of mine has more. What other numeric codes (non ten codes) are used around the area, or the state?

I still use 10-46 for a stranded motorist if I'm calling it in, I also use 10-56 or 10-55 for a drunk pedestrian/drunk driver. I've had to use 10-16 (domestic),10-10 (fight) and a 45 (distrubance) before when calling for PD in front of the people I'm talking about.

Mike - 01/12/13 - 10:43

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**Sport Utility Vehicle Versus Sports Bar in Wilmington**

01/12/13 72 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

That's a place on South College Road in Wilmington, where a sport-utility vehicle made a dramatic entrance last night. The vehicle entered the structure intentionally, after the driver had a dispute with a patron. He's been charged with numerous counts of various charges. Two people were transported to the hospital, one with serious injuries and one with minor injuries. [Read WECT story.](#)



WECT photo

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**Mobile Home Fatal Fire Video, Winston-Salem**

01/12/13 57 W - + 6 - 3

Found on YouTube, here's a compilation of three video clips of a fatal mobile home fire in Winston-Salem on December 12. Posted by user TheRJSJR. Two people died in the blaze on Kirk Road. [Here's a news story about fire](#). See individual clips (and without captions) on the [user's YouTube channel](#).

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Engine 24 at Car Fire

01/13/13 44 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Action sequence from traffic camera, of Engine 24 yesterday afternoon at Interstate 540 at or near Lumley Road. Image created the old fashioned way, with sequential screen captures and subsequent pasting into a graphics editor. Click **once or twice** to enlarge:



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Before They Wore Helmets

01/14/13 174 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

On June 30, 1950, budget money was approved for Raleigh firefighters to receive their first helmets. Before then, dress caps were worn while fighting fires, as shown in this photo from November 22, 1948, when city firemen assisted Angier, Apex, Dunn, Fuquay Springs, and Fort Bragg fire departments at a warehouse fire in Varina. Now that's old school mutual aid there! [Here's a prior posting](#) about the evolution of the Raleigh fire helmet. [And here's another posting](#) on that subject.

It's worth noting that the Raleigh Fire Department during that decade, and particularly during the war, was considerably understaffed. Documents from that period talk about the customary practice of relying on citizens to help move or man hose lines at major fires in downtown Raleigh. Crazy? Smart? Sounds like there were always dozens of people offering help, or climbing in and helping, at major fires in the city. City officials would certainly come to expect such help and probably (under)allocate resources accordingly. Quite the trap. [Click to enlarge:](#)



News & Observer photo

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 17

01/15/13 170 W - + 7 - 3

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, January 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 November 15th, 2012, Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - Fire Commission Chair Election
  - Fire Commission Vice Chair Election
  - Future of Fire Service in the Fire Tax District
  - Consider Appointment of Facilities Committee Chair
  - Consider Appointment of Staffing Committee Chair
  - Consider Appointment of Contract Committee to review and update Fire Protection Agreement
- Information Agenda
  - Fire Training Center Pump Update
  - Post Incident Review Program Update
  - Fire Tax Financial Report
  - Single Fire Tax District Budget Update
  - Fire Service Response Boundary 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 March 21st, 2013.

[Documents](#)

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**This Morning's House Fire in Garner**

01/15/13 120 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Here's a [picture from WTVD](#) of the house fire on Trekwood Garner that's been working for the last hour or two. Tons of tankers, with two water points. Units on scene have included Garner E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E9, R1, B1, C1, C2; Fuquay-Varina E3, mutual aid from Cleveland (E3 nursing, E4 shuttle), 50-210 (two pumper-tankers in shuttle) and Elevation (E1, manpower) fire departments in Johnston County, and tankers from Eastern Wake (T3), New Hope (T12), Wendell (E117), Zebulon (T98), Rolesville (T157), and Hopkins (T227). Ladies and gentlemen, presenting your Wake County tanker task force! Plus assorted move-ups, such as Clayton E4 to Cleveland and Fuquay E2 at Garner Station 2.



*WTVD photo*

From WRAL



**Legeros** - 01/15/13 - 09:14

Fairview TA7, R1, C20, and C2 also on scene.

**FF8** - 01/15/13 - 12:54

What was happening that caused such a huge response? Water requirements or heavy fire load?

**2redline** - 01/15/13 - 22:14

Lack of hydrants, heavy fire load and distance to water points,,,,heck of a job guys!!!!

**JDH** - 01/15/13 - 23:04

Large residence, heavy fire and a non hydrated area if I had to guess

**Mike** - 01/15/13 - 23:22

Good stop fellas'...

**Silver** - 01/16/13 - 09:17

I forgot to add that the wind assisted in the fire spread. I wasn't there and I don't know what the gusts were yesterday morning, but the comment was made by many onscene that the wind was definitely pushing the fire back toward the house. Also you can't tell from the photo but the house is L shaped with the long side of the house being the D side.

**Mike** - 01/16/13 - 10:30

The construction features (almost a detached garage) seemed to help limit the fire spread into the main body of the house(?).

**A.C. Rich** - 01/16/13 - 16:49

Many different factors. Think of worst case scenario and thats about what happened. Heavy fire on arrival in the bonus room above the garage. Wind was blowing from the North(from the garage to the house) and the bonus room had two large windows that were already busted out upon arrival.

Building Construction: The garage appears to be detached, but it was not. there was a small storage space that connect bonus room to rest of the house. On top of that, this residence had 3 different attic spaces with void areas throughout. Interesting fact, it was a newer neighborhood,

but it was not lightweight truss.

Water Supply: This is an area with no hydrants within about 4 or 5 miles. Water points were at Cleveland station 2 and somewhere back towards the Benson Road/Rand Road area.

This fire had a decent head start, the family across the street called it in. No telling how long it was burning. All factors considered, everyone on scene did a heck of a job to stop it where it was.

**On Scene** - 01/16/13 - 18:04

Thanks on scene person. No question on the stop and it was a good job! It brings a question to mind for all... what makes a response a “good job?” Possible answers: no injuries/deaths; quick stop; teamwork; cooperation; a sense of pride and accomplishment? I will assume all readers would answer an overwhelming “yes” to all, but I ask you to reflect on what you individually feel constitutes a “good job.”

I can conjure a few quick ones: good risk assessment, good decisions, effective accountability, how about appropriate behaviors towards member safety, etc. Finally, consider and identify what one does before the incident to make it a “good job?” We often say “Stay safe,” but more importantly, we should “Behave safe!”

**A.C. Rich** - 01/16/13 - 22:21

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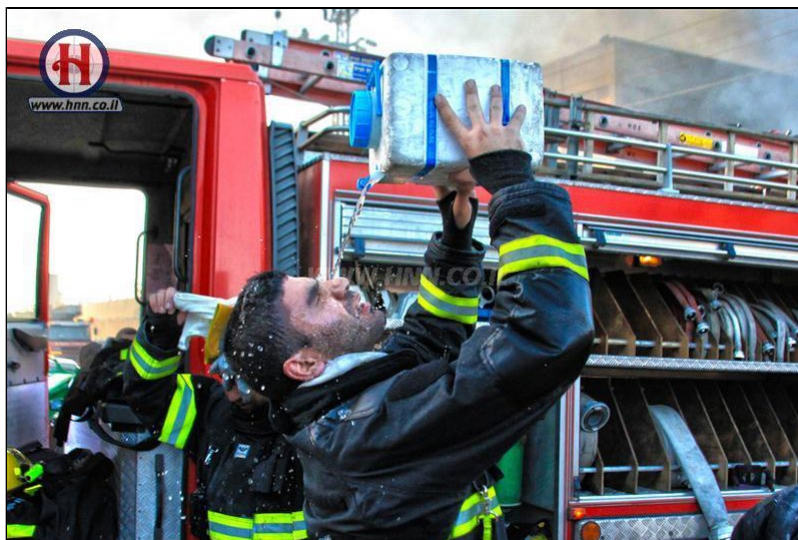
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## Fire Photographers are the Same Everywhere

01/15/13 72 W, 3 I - + 7 - 3

From a reader, here's a great gallery of shots out of Israel. Looks like a commercial facility, with foam operations. Lots of personnel and candid photos. Excellent all-around footage. No idea the photographer's name, nor even the web site's name. Beyond HNN, which probably means Hebrew News Network. Wonder if the photog's wearing a tropical shirt? Thanks Joseph.







www.hnn.co.il photos

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Greenville Fire Department License Plate Sign

01/15/13 32 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Found for sale on eBay, a license plate sign for the Greenville (NC) Fire Department. Seller says its circa 1950s. Opening bid is a mere \$99.95.



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The Prickly Perils of Public Speech

01/16/13 340 W - + 7 - 2

If you're a public employee, you can get fired or disciplined for stuff you say on Facebook. We've seen those headlines for a while now, or at least if you're paying attention. (Now sure how well the younger generations are tuned into the issue of speech, social media, and employment consequences. But that's another discussion...) But what about when you're off-duty? But what if your Facebook profile doesn't identify you as a public employee? But what if you're (a.) and (b.) and (c.) your Facebook profile is private? Only a couple hundred of your "friends" are reading those words, so the situation should be safe, right?

[Fire Law blogger Curt Varone takes a terrific look](#) at a situation in Florida, where arbitration is beginning for a Miami Dade Fire Department Captain. Last spring, he posted comments on his Facebook page that drew outrage from community members in the wake of the Trevor Martin shooting. He was demoted to Firefighter, amid calls for his termination. Some interesting facts were revealed in the first hearing on Monday: (a.) he was off-duty, (b.) using his home computer, (c.) using a Facebook account that didn't identify him as a firefighter, (d.) using words that (e.) while offensively (f.) weren't as specific or targeted as presumed, (g.) were posted to a private profile that, (h.) were subsequently released to the world at large by a second fire department member who, (i.) took a screen shot and started the fire. Got that?

What do all those points (and letters) mean? Curt walks through some of the First Amendment issues involved in this case, and in a clean and easily understood manner. [Read his posting](#) which is ultimately a bit downbeat. He acknowledges that things are still clear as mud, with regard to social media issues and public speech. What, you say? You mean, you really can get fired or disciplined for off-duty offensive speech and even if it's posted to just a relative few people? Yes, you can.

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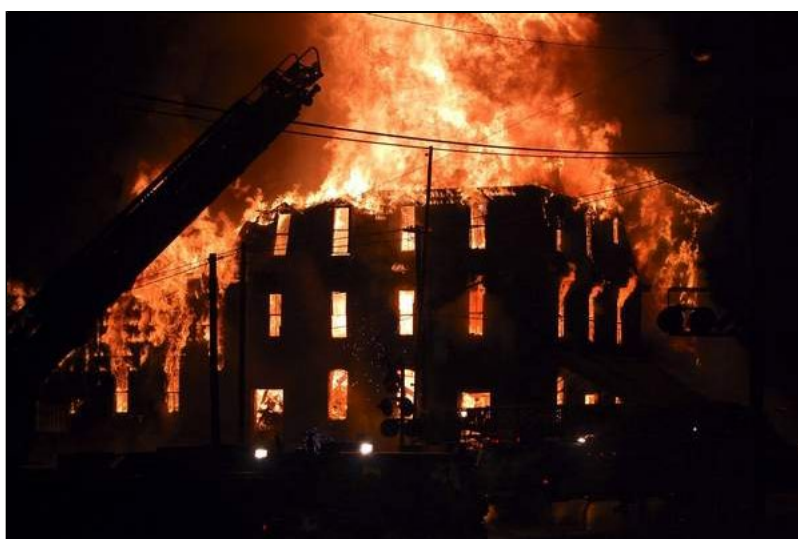
## Five Alarms in Salisbury Last Night

01/17/13 158 W, 2 I - + 8 - 8

[FireNews](#) has [details](#) about the 1896 building at 600 North Church Street in downtown Salisbury, that was reported alame at 9:44 pa.m. [The Salisbury Post](#) has [more details](#). The historic Grimes Mill Museum was already engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. Defensive operations were used, with six aerial streams operating at one point.

Departments on scene included Salisbury FD, South Salisbury FD, Spencer FD, Rockwell FD, Granite FD, Locke FD, Cleveland FD, and Kannapolis FD. Maybe our readers will share a run card. See the *Post* story for a [slideshow of strong images](#) by Hugh Fisher.

See other media sources accordingly, [such as WSCO-TV](#). Here's a photo of the [building in 2009](#), from that year's fall mountain trip. Next question, when was the list "old mill" building that burned in our area? And/or, what notable mill files have occured in Raleigh/Wake County or the Triangle?



*Hugh Fisher photos*

I recall the Selma Cotton Mill Fire at the intersection of Lizzie and Tower Streets. It was on Saturday April 1, 2006. I found a newbrief on WRAL but the video wasn't supported anymore. As I recall, I was at Wal-Mart when it was paged out and came out to see a thick, black column of smoke around 6 in the evening. Several departments responded including Selma (primary with L10), Smithfield (L1, E1?), Wilson's Mills with a Tanker and Engine?, Kenly, Micro and I'm sure there were others that I can't recall. The mode of attack was defensive from the beginning with some crews going just inside the walls to try to hit the seed of the fire toward the center of the structure. I have some photos but I will have to search for them.

**BW** - 01/17/13 - 08:15

Nice photos! I had forgotten that Garner came that night. And it looks like it was E2 from Smithfield.

**BW** - 01/17/13 - 10:05

How many alarms would you consider the Hay master fire of 2005 in Fuquay was?

**Bam Bam** - 01/18/13 - 20:39

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**Ice Ice Baby**

01/18/13 111 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Yup, just as they forecast, a tricky commute this morning. Receiving reports of wrecks everywhere. Couple on the Beltline, around Wake Forest Road. Engine 9 attending one, reported a second, now two accidents with injuries working. Personal observations on Millbrook Road (at Shelley Lake) and Lynn Road (at the bottom of that hill, east of North Hills Drive) confirm icy bridges. Like walking on an ice rink! Drive slow, even on those seemingly safe secondary roads. Wear your vests, but watch the cars. Situational awareness is absolutely imperative. Even if you're a guy with a couple cameras standing off to the side...



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## Careless 911 Misdials Continue to Plague Raleigh/Wake Emergency Communications Center

01/18/13 177 W - + 7 - 2

Press release. The Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications center has released its analysis from 2012 that illustrates ten-digit dialing continues to cause significant problems. For 2012, the number of calls to 911 rose 18 percent with the number of outgoing calls increasing more than 36 percent. It is abundantly clear that 9-1-1 hang-up calls and misdials continue at an alarming pace. Instead of dialing the area code 919, callers are mistakenly dialing 9-1-1 and hanging up.

Misdials and hang-up calls divert resources away from actual emergencies since dispatchers must call back on hang-ups to assure that an emergency is not taking place. If no response is received from the call-back, dispatchers send a police officer to the source of the call to make certain that no assistance is needed.

Ten-digit dialing became mandatory in the area in late March. Hang-up calls requiring police dispatch have almost tripled from 2011 to 2012. In 2011, there were close to 17,500 hang-up calls. In 2012 that number soared to 52,160, which required more than 30,000 police officers dispatch calls.

[Read entire press release.](#)

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I'm of the opinion that it will never end or get better. Either the emergency number will have to change or the area code will have to change (which, of course, neither can happen). It's kind of like seat belt usage. No matter how much "outreach" you do, you're not going to reach a certain percentage of people who think it can't happen to them, until it does. And unlike seat belts, this is something you can accidentally do even if you ARE careful.

**rfburns** - 01/18/13 - 22:40

I think the city needs to put in place fines for the repeat offenders. I have been to the same businesses and residences on my beat and in my district over the course of the year. Just like with 44 alarms, there needs to be a fine put in place. Give the first or second in a 6 month window as freebies but charge after that. Start at \$100 for the following offense then double from there on out (200, 400, 800, 1600, etc). That will get everyone's attention fast while recouping the cost of gas and manpower going to the repeat offender. Just my 2 cents though...

**RPD** - 01/19/13 - 08:35

This is the new normal, get used to it. It doesn't surprise me it's happening, it does surprise me that you think you can re-educate the population of Wake county on 10-digit dialing in less than a year.

**Paul** - 01/19/13 - 12:06

Unfortunate that the problem was not foreseen and the 919 area code changed prior to 10-digit dialing. Could the Utilities Commission force a change of 919 to another number? The sequence could be the introduction of a replacement for 919 with a transition time with both 919 and the substitute working for 6 or 12 months, then drop 919. As a prior post points out, this problem will never go away completely. Possibly local emergency services along with local elected officials could start a campaign to get the 919 number changed. Remember the little engine that could :-)

**Ed** - 01/19/13 - 12:07

Nah, changing 919 to something else would never happen. Even though the hangups are costing us some money, it wouldn't even begin to compare against the cost of everybody changing area codes on all their advertising, print material, etc. Like Paul said, this is the new normal. It's not changing.

**rfburns** - 01/19/13 - 13:20

**Warren County Junior Firefighter Competition 2013**

01/19/13 73 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Here's a flyer for the Third Annual Warren County Junior Firefighter Competition on April 26-27, 2013. The two-day event will include a Friday evening social, six field events, knowledge-based events, trophies for first, second, and third place for each event, vendors, and more. Proceeds benefit Warrenton Fire Explorer Post 672, to support its educational efforts and community outreach programs. [Read the flyer](#) (pdf).



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**Fairgrounds Fire Department Articles of Incorporation**

01/19/13 160 W - + 6 - 3

For your historical enjoyments, here's a scan of a photocopy of the articles incorporation of the Fairgrounds Fire Department, which operated from 1961 to 1998. The scan is from a photocopy requested from the Secretary of State in August 1992. The articles were signed February 23, 1961. What's interesting is that articles name the department Fairgrounds, plural, but their trucks bore the name Fairground, singular, for years. [Read the FFD history](#), or read the [articles of incorporation](#) (PDF). The incorporators were:

- James H. Walker
- F. D. Graham
- H. G. Finch
- J. Wilbur Doyle
- Kidd Brewer

The first board of directors were:

- J. E. Tyson
- Ira O. Schaub Jr.
- B. J. Abbott
- James H. Walker
- J. M. Adams
- F. D. Graham
- H. G. Finch
- J. Wilbur Doyle
- Wade E. Griffin
- Kidd Brewer
- V. A. Mason
- N. R. Morgan

Many or maybe all of these were members of the Western Boulevard Fire Department, which operated from 1957 to 1960. [Read the WBFD history](#).

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**Before Squad 51, There Was Rescue 8**

01/19/13 86 W - + 9 - 3

From a reader, here's an interesting YouTube video showing the opening credits of "Rescue 8." Same was a syndicated television in the late 1950s that chronicled the exploits of two LAFD firefighters assigned to the rescue unit. They're weren't paramedics, of course, but they did perform first aid. The main character was played by Jim Davis, likely better known as Jock Ewing from some other show called "Dallas." Search YouTube to find other snippets. Thanks Barry!

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Raleigh Fire Department Radio Records, Circa 1957

01/19/13 59 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Found these in a log book some time back. Radio records for the Raleigh Fire Department. Dating this to circa 1957, based on the notation and that Engine 7 isn't listed. That station didn't open until two years later. Quite a few cars and support vehicles! Some are certainly reserve units. Click to enlarge:

Frequency Check Station KII313, Operating frequency 154.37 m.c.			
Serial No.	Unit No.	Frequency	Deviation
YD 5328	Base	0 K. C.	12 K.C.
Input to final amplifier of transmitter = Plate Voltage x Cathode Current			
E = 250volts x .2 amps. = 130 watts			
Serial No.	Unit No.	Frequency	Deviation
08245	Car #1	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
1E4526	Car #2	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
05081	Car #3	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AC1965	Engine #1	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AC1968	Engine #2	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
Y15276	Engine #3	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
Y15256	Engine #4	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
Y28089	Engine #5	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3863	Engine #6	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
Y28087	Engine #9	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3889	Aerial #1	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3968	Service Truck	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3861	Alarm Truck	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
1N6065	Rescue #1	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3427	Car #100	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3966	Car #101	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB4808	Truck #111	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
YH4022	Car #205	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB3690	Truck #208	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
YH4913	Car #300	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB7128	Truck #401	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB7127	Truck #402	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
XJ4446	Truck #403	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
XJ4411	Truck #513	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
YB4898	Car #600	0 K.C.	12 K. C.
AB3866	Car #608	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
Y28082	Truck #634	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
YB4870	Truck #657	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB4207	Car #830	0 K.C.	12 K.C.
AB5138	Car #831	0 K.C.	12 K.C.

Jan. 11, 1957 Clarence H. Moore, Radiotelephone Second Class  
P2-5-859

Very cool find, Mike! Deviation; 12 K.C. – kilocycles; now known as KHz. 12 KC; wow, that’s REALLY wideband. Now we’re running 2.5 KHz deviation, still on KII313, 154.3700 MHz.

Any other records of radio equipment & system?

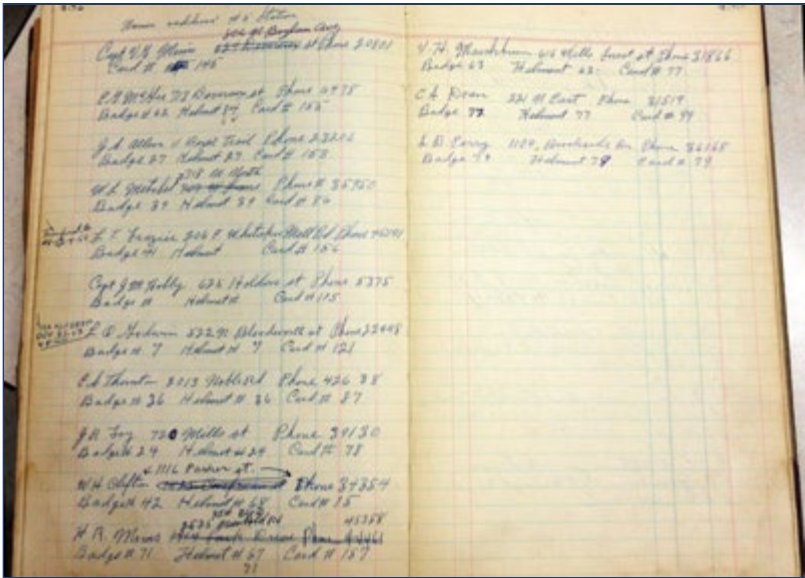
With your permission, I want to print this out & hang it in the Radio Shop across the street from KTC.

Sincerely,  
Charles Gleason  
FCC GROL PGGB001587  
Amateur Advanced KB4MDZ  
Chuk Gleason (Email) - 01/19/13 - 12:21

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One of the most common-est questions we're asked at the fire museum is do we have a list of badge numbers? That is, numbers corresponding to the people who wore them on their shirts, coats, caps, and helmets. The answer is, alas, no. Ten years of searching hasn't yielded one yet. But occasional pieces of information are found, such as list of addresses and more in a station log book from the 1950s. Maybe someday we'll find a full list. Complicating factors include that the numbers were transferred to newer firefighters, some times. We've also heard that helmet numbers and badge numbers may have been different for some folks, or maybe in later years. As always, still researching this one. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Raleigh Fire Department Data Management Forms, 198801/20/13 181 W, 1 I - + 10 - 2

For your Sunday historical enjoyment, here's a collection of Raleigh Fire Department data management forms from 1988. These were provided in a binder at each fire station. What's so interesting about a bunch of forms from a quarter century ago, you ask? Beyond the obvious then and now enjoyment-- and historical perspectives therein-- they also show the many moving parts required to "run a fire department." Particularly one serving serving the size of Raleigh at that time.<sup>1</sup> The forms also represent the limitations of technology at that time. Paper forms for paper recording, or later data entry.<sup>2</sup> Today, some of this information is entered only once and in one place, but is output in various forms and formats. You've come a long way, baby.

[View the collection of forms](#) (PDF).



<sup>1</sup>There were certainly additional forms used by the Fire Marshal's office, the training staff, and such.

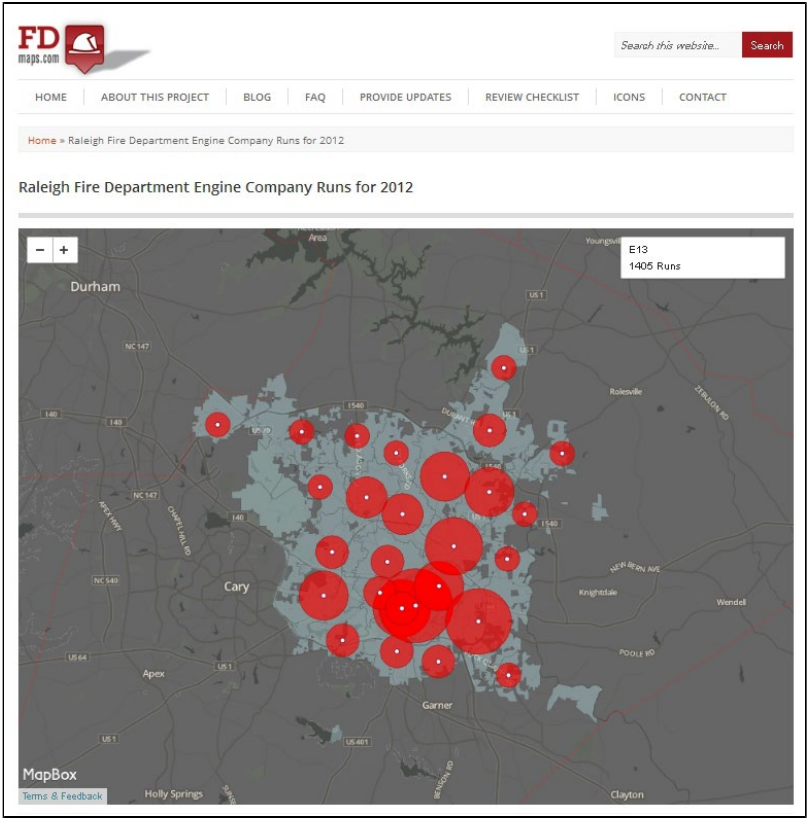
<sup>2</sup>This was just about the time the first station computers were being installed, and the first fire reporting software.

A vast majority of these forms were still in use in the mid-late '90s! ...with carbon paper!

A.C. Rich - 01/20/13 - 11:15

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FDmaps.com has created another of their neat enhanced maps, this one showing (and comparing) call volumes for [Raleigh engine company runs in 2012](#). Some of their other enhanced maps include [Charlotte engine company runs in 2012](#) and [Charlotte battalions](#). Neato.



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UPDATED: Run Numbers For 2012

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Wake County Fire Departments

Apex	2,386	Also 3,388 runs.
Bay Leaf	906	*
Cary		
Durham Highway	704	
Eastern Wake	1,445	*
Fairview	1,331	
Falls	143	Merged with Wake Forest during year.
Fuquay-Varina	3,438	
Garner	4,847	
Hopkins	424	*
Holly Springs	1,444	
Knightdale	1,139	*
Morrisville	1,761	*
New Hope	1,690	
Raleigh	36,582	Also 53,607 runs. More below.
Raleigh-Durham Airport	1,464	
Rolesville	716	*
Stony Hill	460	*
Swift Creek	630	*
Wake Forest	2,536	
Wendell	1,726	*
Western Wake	672	*
Zebulon	1,471	*

\* Source is Wake County Fire Services.

Wake County EMS

- 84,867 runs, with 62,428 transports.

Raleigh Fire Department Busiest Units

Busiest Engines	Busiest Ladders	Busiest Rescue
E3 - 2,547	L4 - 2,347	R2 - 788
E12 - 2,433	L2 - 1,726	
E1 - 2,151	L3 - 957	
E11 - 2,096		
E15 - 1,967		

1690

New Hope Fire - 01/21/13 - 10:20

I'd like to see how many times county departments like New Hope, Western Wake, etc. went into the city and were cancelled. I hope the new

Fire Services Director for Wake can straighten the mess going on around here and overhaul the entire county service. Still running like it is 1988. Stations need to be moved to better fit their districts and offer better service to THEIR DISTRICT. Plenty of annexations have taken place to justify it. Not trying to hurt feelings but it needs to be done.

**AutoAid** - 01/21/13 - 12:00

Wake Forest Fire ran a total of 2536

**Swiman** - 01/21/13 - 12:04

Double A, you've outlined your perception of a problem. What would be your ideas for solutions? Or, if you prefer, what does the "right sized" or "right configured" system look like, that would function more optimally as you see it? Might be better to move this particular discussion over to the future of the fire service thread, from the other day.

**Legeros** - 01/21/13 - 12:51

Fuquay-Varina – 3438

**Fuquay-Varina** - 01/21/13 - 14:36

Sorry Mike, I just thought a quick reply to AutoAid was needed to help answer his or her question.

If this helps Western Wake rarely gets cancelled when responding into the city. This is because the area that we respond to is part of the closet unit dispatch and we respond into the city as the closest unit. Western Wake does not have any contract area with Raleigh and all of our calls into the city are based on a closest unit response. So I'm not sure what AutoAid is looking for in a reply since Western Wake for the most part is not cancelled on calls into the city because we are usually the first unit on scene.

I can not speak for New Hope FD since I'm not familiar with their response area, but I do believe that they also have a large closet unit response area because of their Station location inside the city limits of Raleigh.

And yes no system is perfect, but looking back at how things were 10 or 15 years ago; I would say for the most part Wake County / Raleigh dispatching issues are much improved from years past.

**WWFR** - 01/21/13 - 15:12

Durham Highway 704

**DHFD** ([Web Site](#)) - 01/21/13 - 16:00

Garner had 4847 incidents. Garner Eng 3 had 1716 runs, and if I had to guess I would say that Eng 1 had probably 1900 runs.

**Mike** - 01/22/13 - 15:06

FV station 1 ran just over 2100, station 2 just over 800, and station 3 502.

**FVFD** - 01/22/13 - 22:25

Wake County EMS had 84,867 runs. 62,428 were transported to the hospital. Thanks to all the fire agencies for there assistance on the vast majority of those runs.

**Olson** - 01/23/13 - 00:55

Would be nice to see the remainder of the "County" depts send in their run totals for 2012, also. Would provide a really accurate picture of total activity county-wide.

**Tim B** - 01/24/13 - 11:12

Fairview was around 1,320. Don't have the exact number.

**FF** - 01/24/13 - 16:01

No offense guys, but most of the "County" firemen don't visit this site anymore. I know a lot of guys that came for the pics but they have dwindled lately. With the site centered around Raleigh so much they have drifted else where. I'm surprised this many run numbers have come in.

**BTW** - 01/24/13 - 23:37

@ BTW You are correct about the lack of visits from "County Firemen", Ive asked several honest questions and they not get published, due to to unknown reasons, but it is what it is i suppose

**JDH** - 01/25/13 - 10:11

Seems to me that ever since the “questioning” of another FDs (WFFD) tactics came about, and then RFD did those same tactics, some questions were asked as to how it was ok for RFD to do it, when not so much for WFFD

**JDH** - 01/25/13 - 15:27

Not sure of exact number but Knightdale ran around 1250 for the year

**kfd** - 01/25/13 - 16:23

Mike, I think Cary’s numbers were close to 7800-7900 or so. Find out exact numbers when I return to work.

**Fire1983** - 01/26/13 - 12:16

RDU Fire-Rescue had 1464

**Russell Stanley** - 01/26/13 - 13:50

It would be interesting to see what each department cost for each call run. Meaning total budget divided by number of calls run. Then to see another one where total budget divided by total population served to see which departments are more economical for the citizens. Obviously the numbers will be skewed because of staffing models but it would be an interesting thought

**ncnjems** - 01/26/13 - 15:56

New Bern 1,068

**NBFRFF** - 01/26/13 - 17:19

Morrisville call number is a little higher. Closer to 1800, so not really all that much different. I think a better representation of efficiency is not to divide the budget by population but to divide budget by total tax value of area protected. Morrisville has a relatively small population but a high tax value including the RTP area and county land that they cover. I believe it’s forth highest in tax value, but probably eighth in population.

In addition to its own corporate limits and contracted area, Morrisville provides a LOT of automatic aid to Durham City, Durham County, Cary, RDU, and Apex. You would have to remove any calls that were duplicates except where you were providing closet station, not just finishing a run card for a certain call type.

Also, not every municipality has the same dedication to fire protection. Since Morrisville is accredited and is trying to reduce/improve its ISO rating from a 3 to a 2 or possibly a 1, they invest a lot into their fire department. But it is an interesting concept to calculate. Would be interesting if some could quantify it.

**Spanky** - 01/27/13 - 23:17

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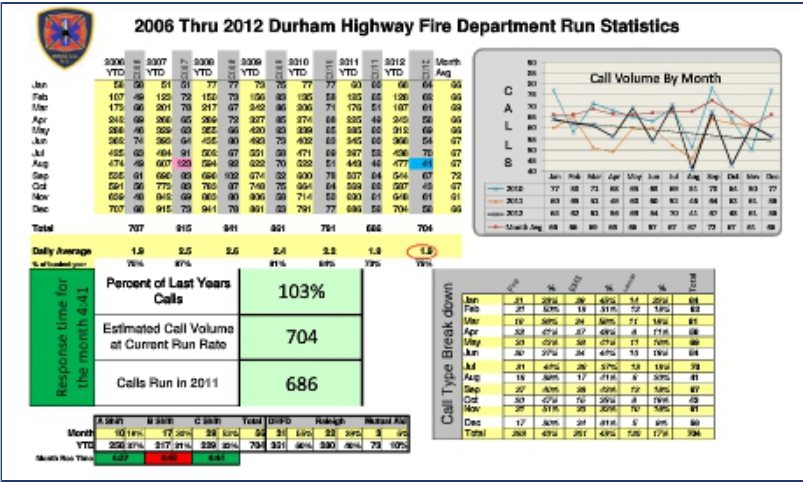
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Durham Highway Run Statistics

01/23/13 46 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Speaking of run numbers or "the runs" (yes, this a very serious blog), here's a nifty summary posted on the Durham Highway Fire Department web site. Summary of stats from both last year, and over the last seven years.



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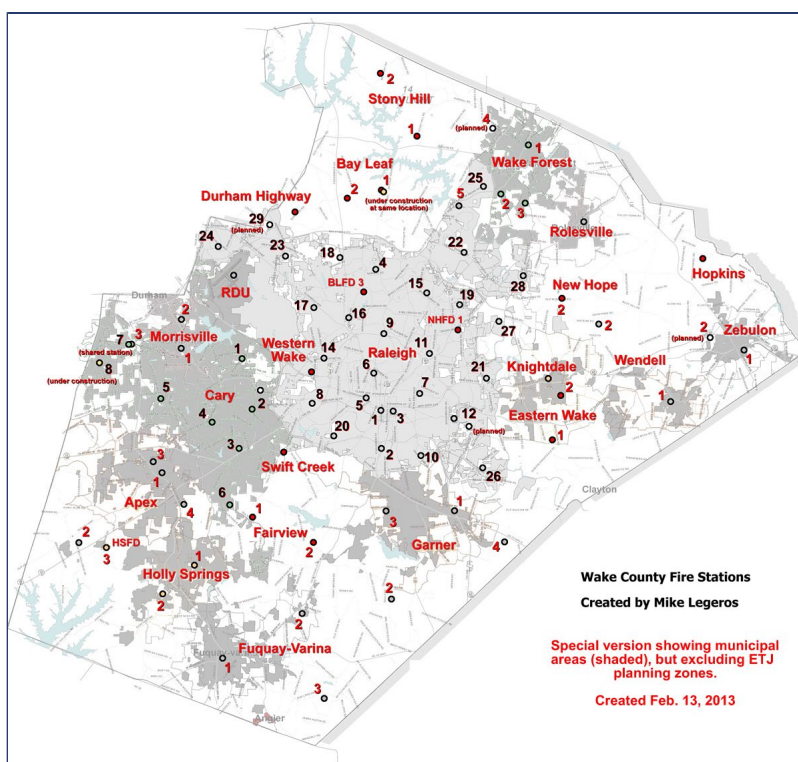
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## UPDATED: Wake County Fire Station Maps

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February 13:

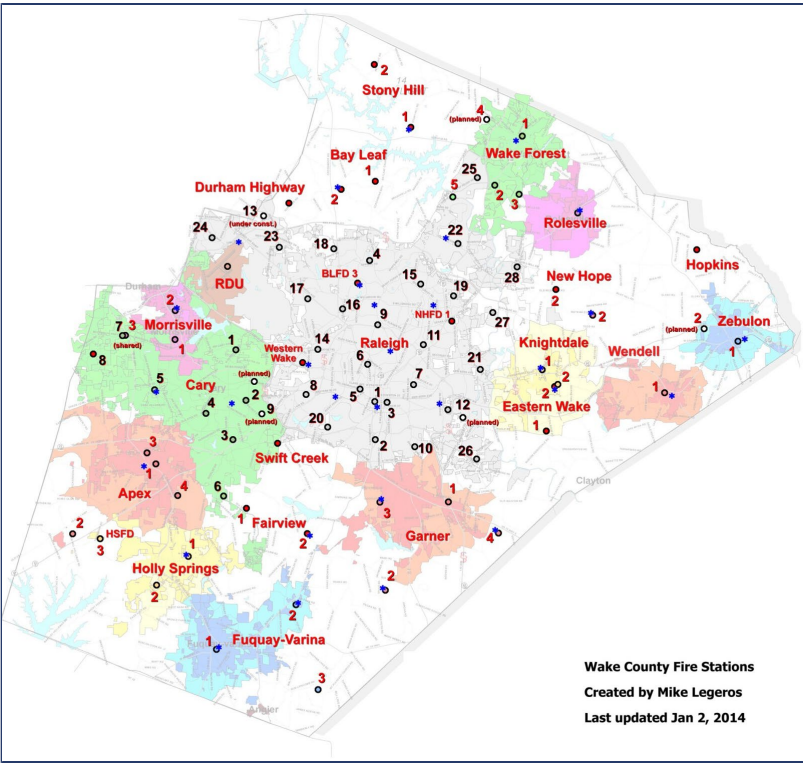
Created a special second version, showing the unincorporated areas of the county, which comprise the fire tax district, and which are served by contract public and private fire departments. It's also a good visual aid for these recent blog topics ([this posting](#) and [this posting](#)), talking about the future of the fire tax district. (Though it could be even cooler if population density, or historical/project call volumes were also present on the map.) Click once or twice to enlarge:



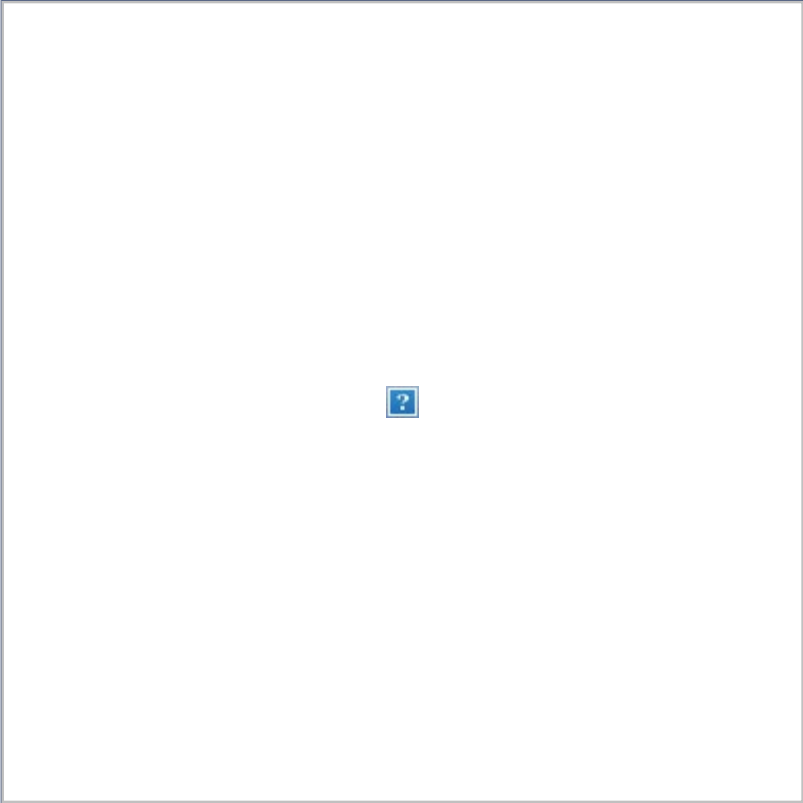
January 23:

Here's an updated fire station map, to be added to legeros.com. Station locations added over a map showing municipal town/city limits and extraterritorial jurisdictions. Click once or twice to enlarge:





It replaces one from several years ago. Here's a blast from the recent past. Created in 2003, if memory serves:



That is a very awesome map. I love how the municipal limits and ETJs are shown. (Yes, I'm kind of a map geek)

One correction, though: Garner station 4 is pretty far off...

**rfburns** - 01/23/13 - 21:01

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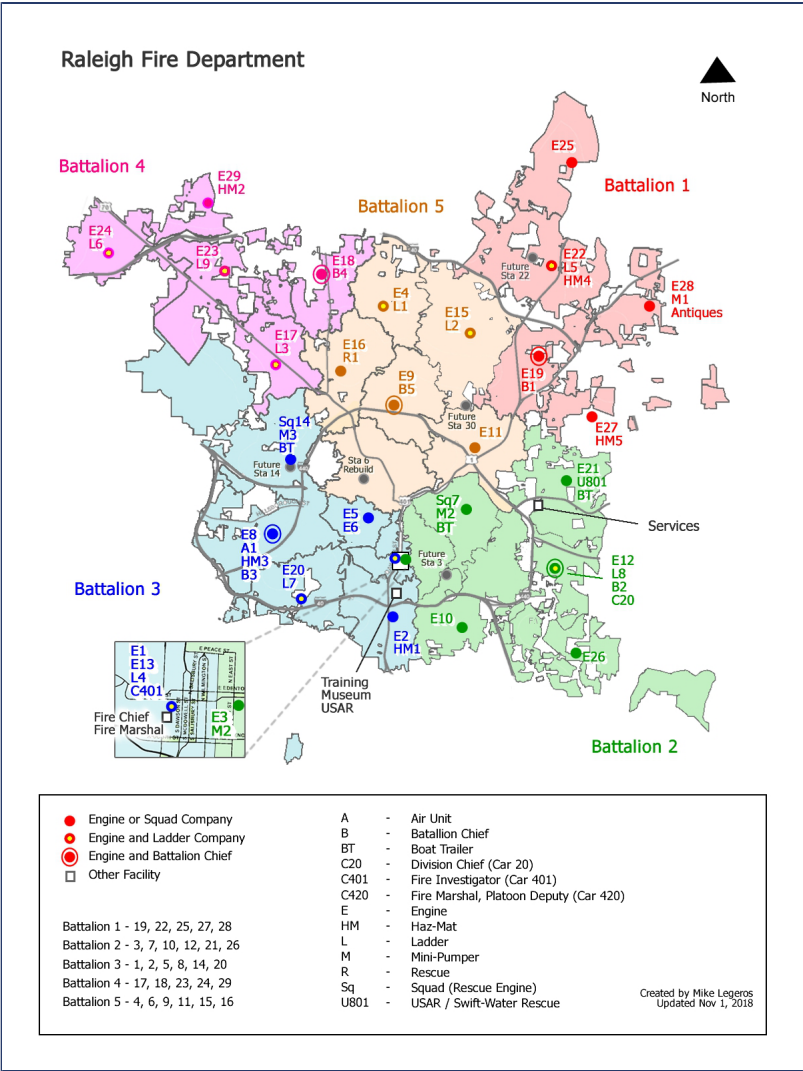
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Coming Attractions

01/24/13 102 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Since we're cartwheeling through cartography, here's another new Mike map. This one's a coming attraction of the Raleigh Fire Department's coming changes effective February 5. That's when two squads and one heavy rescue enter service, along with a fifth Battalion. Plus some new unit numbers that we'll talk about later. Note that Battalion 1 is shown at Station 15, which is a temporary location until its moved to Station 19. They'll start building space at the new station next month. [Read the latest issue](#) (PDF) of the Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter to learn more about these changes. Click once or twice to enlarge:



By reviewing the map and what is located where, it looks as if there are some other unit number identification changes as well. Car 10 to be come Car 20, Car 20 to become Car 401, and Car 40 to become Car 420? Are the any other designation changes as well?

Review - 01/27/13 - 18:21

"Review" made note of the changes that most of us will hear regularly. The plan is for each Division (Admin, Ops, Services, OFM, Training) to line up numerically. So for example, Car 2 is Ops, Car 20 falls in line next to Car 2. Car 5 is the Training Chief, and all members under his

Command will start with a "5".

**Silver** - 01/27/13 - 20:13

Air 1 was moved to Station 5 on 1/29/2013- it could not wait until 2/5/2013!!

**alan** ([Email](#)) - 01/31/13 - 11:14

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## Ice Sculpture in Chicago

01/24/13 89 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

That striking image is from Scott Olson/Getty Images, showing the aftermath of a five-alarm fire in Chicago yesterday. Was described as the city's biggest in years. That and fourteen other strong photos are posted to [this buzzfeed.com posting](#) (found via FireNews.net Twitter feed @firenews). Here's a [chicagoareafire.com posting](#) (one of several) with real-time radio recordings and more. Wonder what that run card looked like!? Talk about a different world, for both firefighters and fire photographers.



*Scott Olson/Getty Images photo*

And why do people live there?  
Seriously.

**Buckwheat** - 01/24/13 - 13:56

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## Relocating Cary Station 2

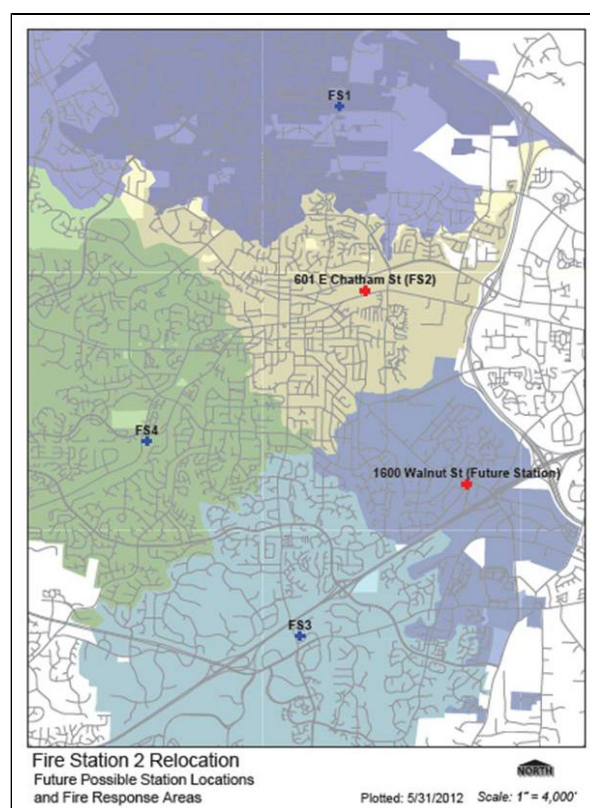
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The Cary Fire Department's web site [has a project page](#) for the new Station 2, which will be relocated to [601 E. Chatham Street](#) in the fall of 2014. That's the corner of ~~Highway 54~~ Chatham Street and Reedy Creek Road. The land was purchased in April 2012. (Time to update Mike's map!) There's a drawing of the building on the web site, which matches the drawing of Station 8, currently under construction on Mills Park Drive. Perhaps they're identical?

The current station was built in 1974, and "designed and built to accommodate one fire truck and four firefighters, one-half of the resources currently deployed from the facility. It was also designed to predominately serve a residential area generally bounded by Maynard Road and the Walnut Street corridor to Buck Jones Road. Further, the station is in disrepair and has reached the end of its useful service life."

More details, notes the site: "The building's condition shows major wall separations, floor and foundation subsidence, and an undermined and fractured apparatus floor and front ramp. The station is overcrowded by vehicles and staff. From its current location, emergency units responding from the station do not meet the Town's response-time goals in northern (downtown and easterly on Highway 54) and southern (Crossroads and through Holly Springs Road) parts of its service area."

To further improve responses in the town's southeastern service areas, an additional station is planned in the Walnut Creek and US 1 area. [Here's a map](#) (PDF) showing a possible location and response areas in the future. [Read more about the Station 2 project.](#)



Bit of trivia about Station 2. It once housed the town's sign shop. Back in the day, firefighters also maintained the town's street signs.

That could be an interesting thread. Extra or other duties that municipal firefighters have performed, over the decades, in our area...



**Legeros** - 01/25/13 - 07:56

I lived in Cary when the existing Station 1 was constructed. One of the chief reasons stated for relocating the station from Academy St. was it's proximity to the railroad tracks. Now Station 2 is being replaced and constructed next to the same railroad tracks. Has the rail traffic changed?

**stretch** - 01/25/13 - 12:48

Is this Walnut/US 1 station slated to be built next after the relocation of 2? or after the already proposed 9 and 10. and what station number would this get? Man, Cary sure is building building building. And growing on the fire side! Lastly, is 8 or any of these other 3 proposed stations going to be 2 company like the others. Sorry for all the questions but very curious as a resident! thanks all

**Resident** - 01/25/13 - 15:40

So i google imaged 1600 Walnut Street as the map says for new station and there is already a house there. Will Cary be acquiring that property or is it just a rough address at the moment? If they do its a great location with access to everywhere.

**Resident** - 01/25/13 - 16:28

Thanks Mike. Does anyone know where this Southwest area station is being looked at. I believe the O'Kelly is either 9 or 10, and West lake is visa versa. Walnut st we mentioned already. Southwest has me curious now. Thanks again for finding that mike

**Resident** - 01/25/13 - 18:03

The statement about relocating Station 1 because of the railroad tracks as I remember had to do with hazards being transported on the railroad not with the rail traffic impeding the response from the station.

**stretch** - 01/25/13 - 18:40

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**UPDATED: This Afternoon's WF and MPI**

01/25/13 244 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Here's a panoramic phone photo of this afternoon's apartment fire and multi-patient incident at 713 Centennial Parkway. Engine 8 arrived with a working fire on first floor of a three-story apartment building with 84 units and 48,192 square-feet. Built 1971. Smoke and fire showing, with fire in rear corner apartment. Engine 8 made interior attack. Engine 5 boosted pressure at hydrant, from opposite side of Centennial Drive. Engine 20 and Engine 5 (and others?) performed searches, brought people out.

Heavy smoke conditions throughout the building, and a number of residents were evaluated or treated by EMS for smoke inhalation. Six were transported, including a police officer who was one of the first on the scene, and entered the building to warn residents and help them evacuate. EMS third alarm requested, due to number of occupants and possible patients. Extended overhaul.

Twenty-one units rendered uninhabitable. Forty-three people displaced. Many moved to the Burger King across the street, for shelter. Dispatched 4:19 p.m. Working fire assigned dispatched while units were en route. Freezing rain, icy streets, and slow traffic conditions impacted response. Controlled at 4:56 p.m. Cause determined as accidental, occupant smoking in bed. Fire units on scene: E8, E20, E5, E1, L4, L7, R3, B3, B2, A1, C10, C20, C40, C2. EMS units on scene: EMS 4, EMS 35, EMS 31, EMS 18, EMS 19, EMS 6, EMS 33, EMS 11, EMS 51, EMS 5, EMS 33, EMS 55, EMS 32 (thirteen!), D9, D1, M94, MD20, Truck 1, Evac 1. [See preliminary photos from Mike Legeros](#). Click once or twice to enlarge:



It was reported an officer put on his GAS mask and entered the building to assist in evacuations. I was off today and am working to confirm this. If someone else, maybe on the fire side of things, is aware of this do you think they could approach our training staff (I'll assist) in letting officers know that this is a BAD idea? Our gas masks are not for smoke, high temperature, or oxygen deficient environments so there was a great deal of danger involved in that maneuver. I must say I am guilty myself of entering smoky environments without a mask on but I at least know not to use a gas mask. Just the fear of it melting to my face scares the crud out of me since they are pliable and flimsy rubber/plastic.

Thanks

**RPD** - 01/26/13 - 00:50

Mike, if you had to take a guess what would you say your average response time is? I live a few blocks from the WF on Boylan and walked to the scene and you somehow managed to get there only a couple of minutes after I did.

**Eric** - 01/26/13 - 13:36

Mike, you are correct when you say an open door may assist in fire spread. Just remember, if the occupant doesn't hear the fire alarm, then the CO from the fire may put the occupants in a deeper sleep. The only way to wake the occupant up is to force the door. Yes, it is always best for the fire department to evacuate the building. It's a judgment call for the police officer. When we signed up for the job(police and fire), we knew we were not always going to go to a cake cutting on every call :).That officer did a fine job!!!

**C.Smith** - 01/27/13 - 07:24

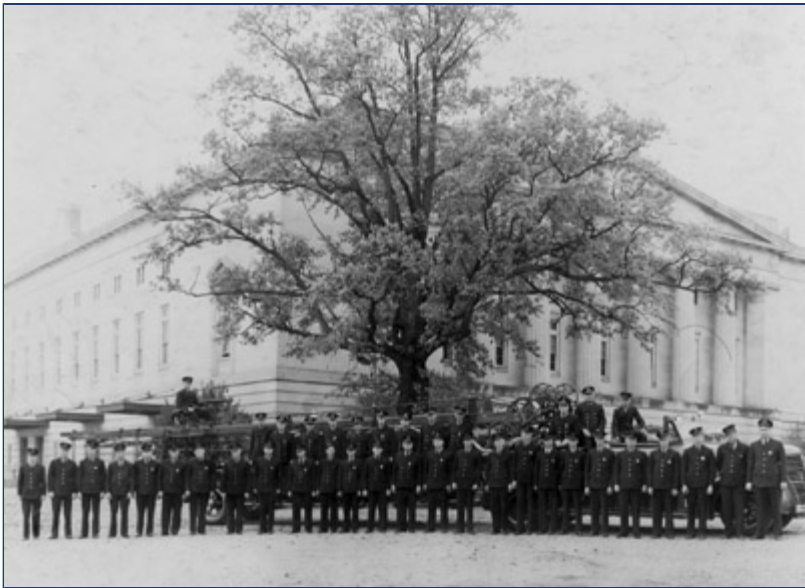
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Raleigh Fire Department, Circa 1939

01/26/13 70 W, 1 I - + 12 - 3

Here's a new old photo that was recently received by the Raleigh Fire Museum, by way of clippings and other materials from the late retired Captain Joe Hobby. That's the 1939/1917 American LaFrance aerial ladder in front of Memorial Auditorium, and presumably with the entire fire department pictured. We'll date this one circa 1939, when the tiller's new cab was delivered. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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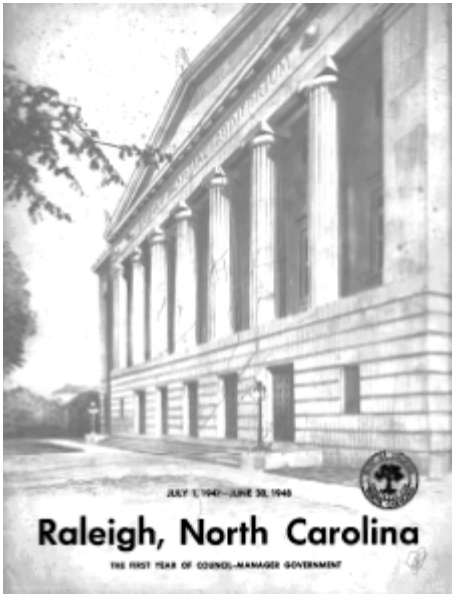
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**Raleigh Annual Report, Fiscal Year 1948**

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Here's another historical treat, the complete annual report from Fiscal Year 1948. That was the first year of the Council-Manager government. The Capital City was previously governed by Commissioners, before then Alderman, and before then Commissioners. If memory serves. This document is dated June 30, 1948. Pretty interesting. [Read the document](#) (PDF, 5.3M) or click the cover:



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Can You Date This Photo?

01/26/13 46 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Need a caption for this photo, might be last-minute filler for the centennial history book. Any ideas on the year or years this would've been taken? Guessing early 1990s, by the engine, ladder, and rescue units shown. Click to enlarge:



The buildings look like the apartments off Millbrook. If that is accurate, I would guess that is E9 and T15...not sure if that helps narrow down the date though.

JJ - 01/26/13 - 15:21

Does anyone know when RFD switched to 5" hose? That would help determine the date since this was obviously taken before that.

SD - 01/26/13 - 16:45

Very good Mike now change from a Code 2 to a Code 3. lol

Rob Mitchell - 01/26/13 - 21:00

Went to 5" in 2001.

Silver - 01/27/13 - 19:12

Appears to be the mid 1990's looking at the first engine in front. It looks to be a 92' Pierce.

Wardo - 01/29/13 - 15:08

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Restaurant Opening to Benefit Local Fire Fighters' Burned Children Fund Chapter

01/28/13 92 W, 1 I - + 6 - 8

Event notice. Bia Restaurant at 419 Glenwood Avenue is having their grand opening on Friday, February 8, 2013. They'll open with a charity dinner to benefit the Fire Fighters' Burned Children Fund - Wake County Chapter. Notes the flyer, many of the staff of the Raleigh Hibernian Pub relocated to Bia Restaurant after the fire on December 26. To honor the Raleigh Fire Department, the restaurant will donate ten percent of the night's proceeds to the local chapter of the FFBCF. Click to read:



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## This Morning's Apartment Fire in Chapel Hill

01/28/13 108 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

WTVD has a [slideshow of aerial photos](#) (low-definition, alas) of this morning's multi-residential structure fire in Chapel Hill. Six apartments were destroyed and three were damaged at University Gardens near downtown Chapel Hill. They're either apartments or condos, depending upon if you're reading [WTVD](#), [WRAL](#), or the [Chapel Hill News](#). Attic on southern end of building heavily involved with smoke and fire on arrival. Aerial operations utilized. Dispatched about 10:00 a.m. Took about an hour to control. Fifteen residents displaced. The blue trucks cleared the scene about 2:00 p.m. It's fire season around town(s), that's for sure.



*WTVD photo*

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I have to ask, not Monday morning quarterbacking, was there not a aerial on the run? I never saw one set up in any of the pictures or videos from any of the media outlets yesterday. Chapel Hill has a couple I thought? Maybe they were tied up or out of service.

**CaptainChaos** - 01/29/13 - 08:19

Okay, I see it now. I also never saw a pic of it up and flowing but I do see in the last pic that the outriggers are out. The media probably left before they started utilizing it. By the media pics/video, it looks like they had a pretty good stop on a stubborn fire.

**CaptainChaos** - 01/29/13 - 08:49

We set it up just in case, but didn't need it. The vented with ground ladders. 95% was interior ops. We had a supply line burst and had to use the Tower's supply line anyway! Stubborn is an understatement.

**Sasser** ([Email](#)) - 01/29/13 - 10:56

@Sasser – Wait a second, you mean to tell me that you actually CAN go inside and put out fire WITHOUT the need to withdraw everyone within 5 minutes to setup master streams? Holy crap. I remember actually being aggressive at one point but I guess those days are long gone here in Raleigh. Wait, oh that's right, we only save lives now. It's not our property so who cares if it burns down. Way to go, Chapel Hill!  
[/rant/vent]

**Rescue Ranger** - 01/29/13 - 13:12

Good stop Dave...good thing you had that secondary water supply established (wink,wink).

**Silver** - 01/29/13 - 14:30

Good job Chapel Hill. Thats fire fighting right there.@ Rescue Ranger, I know somethings are out of your hands but always remember its easier to ask for forgiveness than permission. Secondary water supply is what Im screaming on all working fires. Again good job Chapel Hill.

**BamBam** - 01/29/13 - 17:10

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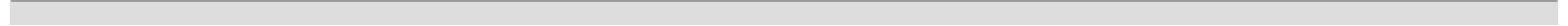
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The Legeros Building in Minneapolis

01/29/13 80 W, 1 I - + 8 - 7

Google e-mail notification (searching each day for the keyword "Legeros") finds [this interesting posting](#), with a historic photo of the Legeros Building at 2914 Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis, MN. Named for my father's father's brother Harry, if geneology is correct. Just down the block from the [Rainbow Building](#) at Hennepin and Lake, where my dad and his brothers and their father ran the [Rainbow Cafe](#) for a number of decades.



OutUptown.com photo

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Morning Reading « The Legeros Building ... » Rescue 2 and Rescue 3... - January 30, 2013

### Morning Reading - January 30, 2013

01/30/13 490 W - + 10 - 9

Good morning Raleigh. Some reading material for your Wednesday morning, including some older news from Apex. They're the county's third largest municipal fire department, with four stations and eight-three employees. Next question, when/where is their fifth fire station planned?

- [South Carolina study may change way firefighters do business](#) - Firehouse.com story about live burns being conducted this week by researchers from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). They're in Spartanburg, SC, studying the effects of various types of fire attacks. Crews are attacking house fires using interior, exterior, or a combination of techniques.

The researchers are conducting the experiments to demonstrate "firefighting methods—individually and in combinations—for strategically ventilating and isolating fires to prevent—or at least delay—flashover, the extremely perilous phenomenon that occurs when heat builds up in a burning structure's contents and components to the point that they burst into flames simultaneously."

Lots of debate on this one, if you read blogs and firefighter forums. Can you push fire, should you squirt from the outside first, etc. This research should help everyone be better (and safer) firefighters. (Of course, even this concept is being debated in the comments of this story. Notes one reader "I just don't see how tactically we [can] do a better job" given so many changes already in firefighting tactics. Your thoughts?)

- [Wake Forest FD clears hurdle for Station 4](#) - *Wake Forest Gazette* story from earlier in the month, about the approved extension of sewer service to the station site on Jenkins Road. (The site has also generated some opposition from nearby residents. [See that story.](#)) The long-needed west-side station was envisioned for the planned Wake Union Place shopping center. When the developer backed out of that project, a replacement site was sought. Also notes the story, construction of the station is two to three years away.
- [Zebulon Fire Chief Sidney Perry to retire](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story about Chief Perry's retirement on February 28. He's been a town employee for forty-six years, since being hired in 1966 as a member of the public works crew. He became the town's first full-time fire department employee, when hired as the first full-time fire chief in 1992. He was also named Fire Chief of the rural fire department (if reading the story correctly). His son Chris, currently volunteer Asst. Chief and Fire Marshal (one "I" in that title) in Johnston County, takes over on March 1.
- [Apex hires first assistant fire chief](#) - Short *Southwest Wake News* story from November. The town hired its first Assistant Fire Chief near the end of last year. Jeffrey Maynard was sworn in on November 20. He had twenty years of service, both as a volunteer and paid firefighter for Apex. He joined AFD full-time in 2005 as a Captain.

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Does Apex list their vollys as vollys or as part timers like Clayton does?

**Mike** - 01/30/13 - 09:33

Congrats to Wake Forest.

I wonder if Wake EMS will consider staffing a truck if the opportunity is offered at this new station or do they have a station that is already closer?

Isn't there an EMS truck and Stony Hill # 1 and Wake Forest # 1 or am I wrong?

Seems like theres never enough EMS units with the call volume what it is.

lol sometime you got Cary at Six Forks, Eastern Wake in Cary, Apex on 440, I mean it never slows down.

**Tex** - 01/30/13 - 11:08

We list our vollies as vollies. Chief Maynard was a long time volly an FT police officer. He decided to come to paid side and was hired as Engineer in 2005.

**Apex Batt Chief** - 01/30/13 - 15:21

Thanks Apex Batt Chief. What is your staffing on eng’s and ladders per shift?

**Mike** - 01/30/13 - 15:25

Our staffing is as follows for our shift personnel:

E1: Lt./Engineer/ FF (Part-time FF 8-5 M-F)

E2: Lt./Engineer/ FF (Part-time FF 8-5 M-F)

L3: Lt./Engineer/ FF

E4: Capt./ Engineer/ FF

L4: Engineer/ 3 FF’s

Battalion 1

We also augment our staffing with volunteers that pull 12 or 24 hour shifts whenever they can. The volunteers are assigned wherever the Battalion Chief feels he needs the staffing. We also have college interns that ride as a fourth person, or as a third person when they become certified. The crew of L4 cross-staffs R4. The rescue calls for the other half of town are handled by E1 as it has a full complement of hydraulic tools. E1 also qualifies as a medium duty rescue.

**Bob P.** - 01/30/13 - 16:55

Tex, Wake County EMS 12 is housed at Stony Hill #1. The EMS station down the road from Wake Forest #1 houses EMS 10 and 33. The reason you see varing agencies all over the place is due to where that particular unit transports to and with AVL, as they clear they may be the closest unit avail.

**Swiman** - 01/30/13 - 17:00

Swiman: Yeah good point.

Thanks

**Tex** - 01/30/13 - 21:47

Congrats to Apex on their Assistant Chief and their department growth. Also congrats to Wake Forest for their station 4 future build. Man I wish my department would add another station and be able to staff a second company out of our station 1 at all times. During the day we are able but most of the time each crew at each station has to run at least three different vehicles depending on the call type. It sucks and is not safe for the citizens and most importantly us firefighters.

**BamBam** - 01/30/13 - 22:46

BamBam are you on the south side of the county?

**JDoe** - 02/01/13 - 00:23

No not at all. JK! You must know where I’m talking about!

**BamBam** - 02/01/13 - 21:11

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Rescue 2 and Rescue 3 - Out of Service01/31/13 206 W - + 10 - 5

Rescue 2 and Rescue 3 were removed from service at 8:00 a.m. this morning, January 31, in preparation for special operations reorganization that will place a five-person heavy rescue in service on Tuesday, February 5. That'll be Rescue 1. Here's a short history of those units:

Rescue 2

- Removed from service on January 31, 2012.
- Placed in service on July 7, 2009, at Station 7 at 2100 Glascock Street. Renamed from Rescue 7.
- Rescue 7 returned in service on July 17, 2001.
- Rescue 7 moved to Station 21 on October 14, 1998.
- Rescue 7 placed in service on February 1, 1982.

Note: Rescue 2 was also the second piece of the Raleigh Emergency Rescue Squad, a 1954 Reo Civil Defense rescue truck housed at Station 1. It was later housed without staffing at Station 8, Station 10, and Station 12. It was removed from service in November 1974.

Rescue 3

- Removed from service on January 31, 2012.
- Placed in service on July 7, 2009, at Station 14 at 4220 Lake Boone Trail. Renamed from Rescue 14.
- Rescue 14 returned in service on July 17, 2001.
- Rescue 14 moved to Station 6 on February 1, 1982.

Note: Rescue 3 was previously placed in service on July 28, 1976, at Station 3 at 13 S. East Street. It operated a 1975 Chevy/Murphy ambulance and was moved to Station 12 on July 24, 1978. The unit's history is summarized as R1 > R3 > R12 > R7 > R21 > R19 > R1 (at Station 19).

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Panoramic View of Vehicle Accident

01/31/13 75 W, 1 I - + 15 - 8

Panoramic view of accident with injuries on westbound Interstate 40 between Harrison Avenue and Wade Avenue. Alarm time around 4:20 p.m. Agencies on scene included Cary, Western Wake, and Raleigh fire, Cary and Wake EMS, Cary and Raleigh police, State Highway Patrol, and the Department of Transportation. Five cars with one patient. Image created with a Canon DSLR and stitched together with Photoshop Elements. Click once or twice to enlarge:



What a compliment of trucks and variety on this call. A squad a rescue pumper a heavy rescue and an engine. Great job of blocking and creating a safe work zone. Well done leaving room for the big rescue. 3 departments working well together. Love it!!  
**Teamwork** - 02/03/13 - 00:12

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Battalion 5

02/01/13 85 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Lee Wilson this week has been visiting Services and photographing the rescue-engines soon to be placed in service as Squad 14 and Squad 15. The equipment's being loaded and mounted. Same for Rescue 1, which is becoming a five-person heavy rescue. He also caught a shot of Battalion 5, an older Ford Explorer-Excursion that goes into service on February 5, at 0800 hours. That's the date and time for all the changes. [Here's a map](#), showing the five battalions and their stations. [See more photos](#).



Lee Wilson photo

Anyone have an idea of what changes were made to the squads and rescue? What was added, taken off, etc...

H2O - 02/01/13 - 09:24

Just wondering the intended role of the Squads. I suppose they will have first due engine duties?... will they have first due Heavy Rescue districts/duties? Are they equipped to NC Rescue standards at Heavy or Medium levels? At strucutal jobs, will the Squad crews have specific pre-defined duties such as Search and Rescue, FAST/RIC, or operate similar to non-squard engine companies? I find this very interesting and am very interested in how RFD is changing... all good stuff, certainly.

Bob Parnell (Email) - 02/01/13 - 11:16

Bob, you can learn a bit about the changes on page three of the RFD newsletter: <http://www.raleighfirenews.org/pdf/2013-..>

I am told that the latest episode of Fire Watch also has a good overview: <http://raleigh.granicus.com/MediaPlayer...>

Legeros - 02/01/13 - 13:11

"Ford Expedition" (third correction... LOL!)

A.C. Rich - 02/04/13 - 11:17

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## Recruit Academy 38 Starts in Raleigh

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Twenty-seven new members of the Raleigh Fire Department reported for duty at the Keeter Training Center on Thursday, January 31. The future firefighters will spend twenty-eight weeks receiving certifications as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), North Carolina Fire Fighter Level I and II, and North Carolina Hazardous Materials Operations.

They'll also receive training on technical rescue, hazardous materials operations, fireground procedures, high-rise operations, rapid intervention teams (RIT), accountability systems, safety companies, engine and ladder company operations, and firefighter safety and survival. Click to enlarge:



The first eight weeks of their instruction will consist of EMT classes. They'll also receive physical fitness training that will continue through the duration of the academy. By the end of their training, the recruits will participate in live fire training at locations including the Wake County Fire Training Center. They'll graduate in early August.

The recruits will be taught by members of the Training Division, and five members of the Operations Division who have been temporarily assigned to the training center. Captains Kevin Coppage, Wayne Motley, and Lowell Smith; Lt. Frankie Beasley, and Senior Firefighter Chris Holcomb have been assigned to the training center, to assist with the academy. That handsome crew is shown below along with Academy Coordinator Capt. Fred Noble. Click to enlarge:



Hiring for Recruit Academy 38 started in the fall. There were nearly 1,000 applicants, of which 320 completed and passed the physical agility and written testing in October. Eighty-five candidates were interviewed in December.

And when was the first recruit academy, you ask? Read that story in the [latest issue](#) (PDF) of the Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter. Congratulations to the newcomers. Welcome aboard and study hard.

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First Annual Cleveland Firefighters Association Golf Tournament - April 26, 2013

02/02/13 50 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Event announcement. The Cleveland Firefighters Association in Johnston County is sponsoring their first annual golf tournament at Reedy Creek Golf Course in Four Oaks on Friday, April 26. Please see the below the PDF poster (neat graphic!), and click to enlarge:



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January Episode of FireWatch

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The January 2013 episode of FireWatch is [available for viewing online](#). This month's episode features an interview with Asst. Chief of Operations Danny Poole, who talks about the heavy rescue/squad company implementation and the added the fifth battalion. The episode also talks about nightclub safety. 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](#).



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Bridge Gone

02/02/13 58 W, 1 I - + 4 - 4

Here's what's left of a seventy year-old bridge on Western Boulevard, at the funky intersection of Hillsborough Street and Jones Franklin Road. The intersection is being redesigned, with the curved roadway removed and Hillsborough Street to intersect Western Boulevard at a right angle. Google for more information. Photo from one week ago. Click to enlarge:



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Notes for future fire station exploration. Historic and former firehouses of Roanoke, VA:

Station	Address	Built	Opened	Closed	Notes
Station 1	13 Church Avenue SW	1906	1906	2007	Still operated by FD, for public education and tours.
Station 3	301 Sixth Street SW	1909	1909	2007	
Station 5	216 Twelfth Street NW	1911	1911	--	Active
Station 6	1015 Jamison Avenue SE	1911	1911	1979	Currently police substation and community meeting room.
Station 7	1742 Memorial Avenue SW	1922	1922	--	Active
Station 8	2328 Crystal Springs Avenue SW	1929	1929	--	Active
Station 9	514 Twenty-Fourth Street NW	1929	1929	--	Active
Station 12	Salem Turnpike	1976?	1976	1999	

Source: [Roanokefire.com firehouses page](#), [Local 1132 firehouse page](#).

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Video: Western Wake Fire Rescue 2012

02/03/13 45 W - + 8 - 4

Western Wake Firefighter Matt Cross produced and posted this exceptionally well-shot video, which incorporates some still images from a few familiar photogs. And some very artful time-lapse footage. The collection of clips and stills runs just under nine minutes.

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Centennial History Book - Proofing

02/03/13 120 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

What's happening with the Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book? Everything was turned into the printer two weeks ago. That's eight hundred-plus portraits, another thousand modern and historical photos, and some 45,000 words (or more) of written content. Physical proofs were returned and that process is ending tonight. They'll be handed back to the printer tomorrow, and the remaining changes incorporated. Printed is expected early this month, with delivery next month. We'll have more definite dates when they're established. (The printer is in Durham. The company is Strawbridge Studios.) The order deadline was also extended to Friday, February 8. [You can order yours here](#), and read about the project [on this Facebook page](#). Click to enlarge:



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## Here Come The Squads

02/03/13 261 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

Get ready for new rescue assets in Raleigh. Two engines become squads at 0800 on Tuesday, February 5. They're a pair of 2004 American LaFrance pumpers equipped as rescue engines. Squad 14 replaces Engine 14, and Squad 15 replaces Engine 15. You can read about the new units and the larger special operations reorganization in recent issues of the [fire department's newsletter](#).

In addition to the regular engine company equipment, the squads will carry a full compliment of extrication equipment (cutters, spreaders, three rams), rescue jacks, power tools (drills, reciprocating saws, grinders), a torch, K12 and vent saws (for truck work), rope rescue equipment and hardware, water rescue equipment, and an inflatable boat.

How will they respond for rescue duties? For single-family dwelling structure fires, the city's been divided into thirds. Either Rescue 1 (new five-person unit), Squad 14, or Squad 15 will be dispatched. On working fire assignments, the rescue will be added. A squad will respond along with rescue on vehicle accidents with pin-ins. Ditto for technical rescue calls like MVA bus/train and water rescue. For other technical rescue call types, such as confined space and high-level, two squads will respond with rescue.

Each squad will also staff a support unit. Squad 15 will have an 18-wheeler equipped with extra equipment, notably confined space materials. They'll take the second truck on technical rescue calls. Squad 14 will have a 2007 Pierce rescue, also at the station, for carrying extra equipment and for use as a reserve rescue unit. Unit numbers for the second vehicles TBD. Click to enlarge a couple shots of Squad 14 getting outfitted:



They've got to change that squad sticker on the front bumper. It looks terrible! Firenews.net gave some better looking examples.

**Mike** - 02/03/13 - 19:08

Exciting times ahead for the Raleigh FD....

**Jim** - 02/03/13 - 21:10

Are the squads on a longer chassis than regular engines?

**Andrew** - 02/04/13 - 22:25

Way to go Raleigh, its good to see the city try to use a program such as this! Mike or Legeros, where on the firenews.net site can I find the examples of the front bumper graphic?

**Watson** - 02/04/13 - 22:37

Squad 15's support unit will have an abundance of trench/ collapse equipment. @Jim, these are exciting times ahead in Raleigh. While met with some negativity (imagine that), I'm ecstatic that the RFD is putting the Heavy Rescue concept combined with Squad's on the map in these parts.

**Silver** - 02/04/13 - 23:15

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...And Rescue 1

02/04/13 60 W, 2 I - + 6 - 7

Now seating six people, here's Rescue 1, a 2007 Pierce Lance rescue that goes into service tomorrow morning as a five-person heavy-rescue company at Station 21. The unit is currently at Station 19, and is the last of three two-person rescue units. End of an era. More pics later.



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New Heavy Rescue For Monroe

02/05/13 54 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Found while browsing the [Pierce Flickr page](#), here's a new heavy-rescue for the [Monroe Fire Department](#) in Union County. They have five fire stations. What's that, an Arrow XT cab? Next question, how many other triple-axle rescues are serving around our state. Charlotte has a pair. Who else?



I know Cornelious-Lemley and Wesley Chapel both have triple axle Rescues and both have Pierce. This one looks like a Pierce Saber cab.

**TJ Howard** ([Email](#)) - 02/05/13 - 08:26

Didn't Parkwood pick up OC Rescue's tandem Spartan that entity went under?

**Duda** ([Email](#)) - 02/05/13 - 11:48

@ Duda, they did receive Orange Co. but its a single rear axle.

**BamBam** - 02/05/13 - 17:55

It's an Arrow XT chassis according to this new delivery spec on AES' site:

<http://www.atlanticemergency.com/new/det..>

-Trevor

**Trevor James** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/05/13 - 22:16

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## Walkaround Tour of Squad 15

02/05/13 121 W, 2 I - + 4 - 2

Photographed this afternoon, here's a walkaround tour of Squad 15. The 2004 American LaFrance pumper was placed in service this morning as a rescue engine, as part of a reconfiguration of the city's technical rescue resources. Added equipment includes full compliment of extrication gear (cutters, spreaders, three rams), rescue jacks, power tools (drills, reciprocating saws, grinders), torch, K12 and vent saws (for truck work), rope rescue equipment and hardware, water rescue equipment, inflatable boat, and stokes basket. In additional to their regular engine company responses, they're dispatched on various structure fire and rescue call types. Read more in [this prior post](#). Then, [take the tour](#).



They gonna buy rescue pumpers in the future?

**Michael Crabtree** ([Email](#)) - 02/07/13 - 18:43

Two are on order  
**Silver** - 02/07/13 - 21:39

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, February 902/06/13 216 W - + 7 - 5

The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) at 105 Keeter Center Drive is open this Saturday, February 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experience the 100-year history of the city's career fire department, and learn about the volunteer fire companies that also protected the Capital City. Hundreds of artifacts and photographs are displayed, including a newly restored nineteenth century hand hose reel. Here's a new video<sup>1</sup>, with a two-minute tour of the museum:

The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month, and is located in a modular classroom 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. Both the museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) and 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.

<sup>1</sup>Technical information about the video. Recorded using a phone. Unscripted, though the narrator has experience recording such clips at work. Edited using a couple versions of Microsoft Movie Maker, which is a free download.

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## Hot Shot From Hill Street

02/07/13 90 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

[WRAL has posted a couple photos](#) from this morning's house fire on Hill Street. Three members of Rescue 1 are pictured in this still shot. Fourteen (!) people were displaced by the 2:13 a.m. fire at 320 Hill Street. Engine 7 arrived with heavy fire coming from the basement of one-story, wood-frame, single-family dwelling. With 1,377 square-feet, built 1983. Controlled 2:39 a.m. Cause under investigation. Units on scene included E7, E3, E13, E12, L4, L2, R1, SQ15, A1, B2, B5, C20, C401, C420. Got that? Plus EMS response.



*WRAL photo*

5 engines (squad included), 2 ladders and a 5 man rescue seems like alot of equipment for a 1400ft house but I would rather there be to many people than not enough. With Minimum staffing there were roughly 29 firefighters there from working fire dispatch not including chiefs and special resources. Use to be, maybe 18 or 19 people including chiefs at the same type fire when I started with the department.

**gen3fire** - 02/07/13 - 09:15

And responses aren't adjusted for size. You're particularly well equipped for 2400 and 3400 square-foot homes.

**Legeros** - 02/07/13 - 09:21

14 people displaced? I'm going with it being a boarding house and 2 stories if it had a basement.

**Mike** - 02/07/13 - 10:08

Plenty of resources from jump-street; the harsh reality that its' been proven that it will take, what 14 members to rescue one of our own if something bad happens (see Brett Tarver incident, Phoenix). This could have been one of those fires you hear on the news; "14 Perish From Boarding House Fire", since it ended up being a boarding house of sorts.

Awesome job you guys....

**Silver** - 02/07/13 - 10:09

It's funny how some give RFD a pat on the back for putting that much manpower on the scene, but when County departments roll 7 or 8 apparatus it's criticized. Resources are what saves lives and keeps us safe, so don't knock your brothers that are out there doing the same job.



We are all on the same team. Good job guys. FTM-PTB

**ncff** - 02/07/13 - 11:52

How were the rescue and squad used on this fire?

**Mike** - 02/07/13 - 14:42

The Rescue completed searches in the 1st floor and basement. The Squad was tasked with a hot overhaul in the basement extinguishing several areas of hidden fire.

**Brandon** - 02/07/13 - 17:12

Make that 6 engines. E10 was special called for "relief".

**Rescue Ranger** - 02/07/13 - 20:22

I listened to the WF that happened this morning and it sounded like having the number of units sent on the initial dispatch was a real benefit, especially since there was a report of multiple people trapped. One honest question though, have there been any changes to fill-in policy or to smaller responses during periods of high activity? It seems like one of our Summer thunderstorms that sparks a working fire and causes a couple of accidents could really wipe out resources on an entire side of the city. Not trying to be critical, but this morning it sounded like there was a fire alarm dispatched where the first arriving engine would have had a long response time and it popped the question into my mind.

**Chris** - 02/08/13 - 10:48

the 2nd ladder and squad or rescue were sent b/c this was put into CAD that it was an apartment fire. So normally for a house fire, you won't get the amount of apparatus that was sent to this fire.

**lee** - 02/09/13 - 15:03

Lee, actually that is not correct. The run card for any building fire is 4 engines, 2 ladders, 1 squad or heavy rescue, and a BC.

**Foghorn Leghorn** - 02/09/13 - 22:19

@Legeros Correct!

If it's a working fire (single occupancy) and Rescue wasn't on the initial, it will go on the "working fire dispatch". For a single occupancy, if Rescue IS on the initial, a Squad won't be sent if it's a worker. This also ties in with ECC being able to upgrade calls to "workers" if they receive multiple calls, or further info, etc.

Commerical and multi-occupancy gets a Squad and Rescue with two BC's on the initial. Plenty of resources early....

**Silver** - 02/10/13 - 14:34

This fire was actually dispatched as a working fire assignment as the units listed at the top of this page were all on the initial dispatch.

**Rescue Ranger** - 02/10/13 - 17:28

In speaking directly with the ECC member who took the call and dispatched it, they went ahead and dispatched it as a "multi occupancy" and "working fire" due to amount of calls and facts supporting it was more than just a single occupancy.

**Silver** - 02/10/13 - 21:47

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Video: Charlotte Engine 7« Hot Shot From Hill St... » Air 1 at Station 5 Responding

Video: Charlotte Engine 7 Responding

02/07/13 163 W - + 10 - 1

Random YouTube video of Engine 7 leaving the historic Station 7 in Charlotte. That's a tight squeeze! Ten feet, two inch clearance reads the sign outside the bay door. The 1935 engine house is located at 3210 N. Davidson Street. [Here's a photo tour](#) of the Queen City's historic and former houses. Next question, raise your hand if you're running from "back in the day" quarters. How's the fit? Do you love the character of the building, or are there particular challenges that you bemoan?

(Regarding Raleigh's original-now-demolished stations, there were only a handful. West Morgan Street, condemned in its last years. Wasn't built to last. East Hargett Street, needed to be moved east. Building was more valuable as a vacant lot, after vacated. Jefferson Street, needed to be moved. Still standing. Park Drive, needed to accommodate a ladder. They decided to rebuilt it, was thirty-five years old. Memorial Auditorium, needed to be moved. Space re-purposed for auditorium use.)

Looks like they have more room than those guys over at Falls have (WF st 5 I suppose). That place is a squeeze! And they even ordered their trucks smaller from what I understand.

Interesting pattern on that light bar too

FF - 02/07/13 - 11:56

The doors at New Hope Station 1 are 10ft even, and the apron slopes down upon exit. It makes truck specs a fun conversation.....

D. McKay - 02/08/13 - 16:52

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## Air 1 at Station 5

02/08/13 211 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

[Lee Wilson photographed](#) this sunny shot of Engine 5 and Air 1 on Wednesday. The [2002 International/SVI mobile air unit](#) was moved to Station 5 from Station 8 on January 29. This is the department's second air truck. The first was a 1988 GMC/Union City extended panel van, with a cascade system/compressor and a command module. (And a nice set of halogen lights on the sides.) Previously, the Six Forks Volunteer Fire Department was requested for mobile air service in Raleigh. (The same thing was done in Wilmington, if memory serves. The Winter Park Volunteer Fire Department had an air truck that responded into the city. The department has since disbanded. What other city/county mobile air arrangements have folks seen around our state?)

Here's the history of Raleigh's units. Special Risk and Incident Command Unit 1, shortened to SR 1, was placed in service at Station 1 on August 9, 1988. Because of it's length, the unit responded without lights and sirens to working fires, major working fires, and haz-mat incidents. It was moved to Station 5 on December 14, 1991. It was renamed SR 5 ~~around April 6, 1992~~ on April 25, 1992. It was moved to Station 8 on January 1, 2007. It was renamed Air 1 on July 7, 2009. And it was moved to Station 5 on February 5, 2013. [Read more unit histories](#) (PDF).



*Lee Wilson photo*

Apex had one at one time....not sure if it's still around though.

**Silver** - 02/08/13 - 08:50

Rowan County purchased a similar air rig and houses it at Rowan County Rescue Squad; dispatched to all working fires in the county, including cities of Salisbury, Grantie Quarry, Rockwell, Spencer, etc.

Former air rig was a trailer mounted job, purchased about 1985, and was also housed at Ro. Co. RS, and similarly assigned to working fires. Excellent working relationship within City and County emergency service agencies.

**Bob Parnell** - 02/08/13 - 14:13

I know Wendell's rescue has the capability to fill bottles, not sure if the system has a compressor or just a fill station. Thanksgiving FD in JoCo has a cascade system with compressor, and Archer Lodge's new truck will have a cascade fill station.

**D. McKay** - 02/08/13 - 16:58

Here in Cumberland County we have 4 mobile air systems that are owned by the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association. These units are

staffed by the respective dept they are stationed at. The trucks here are located at Vander Sta 2 (281), Stoney Point Sta 13 (1361), Gray's Creek Sta 24 (2461) and City of Fayetteville Sta 3 (Squad 3). Our air trucks are on a rotation for and can go anywhere in the county so as to prevent one truck from getting used more than another. We used to have a zone we ran in but due to higher call volumes in different parts of the county we are on rotation now. The air systems here are owned and maintained by the Chiefs Assoc. but the vehicle itself belongs to the respective depts. There are also numerous depts with mobile cascade systems but the four listed above are ones with cascade and compressors.

**2406** - 02/08/13 - 17:47

Wilmington currently has an Air truck, Air 1, at Station 15. When Winter Park disbanded they gave the truck to the city.

**M.C.Nelson** ([Email](#)) - 02/13/13 - 10:05

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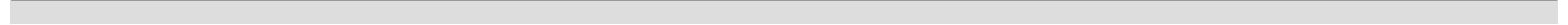
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## Morning Reading - February 10, 2013

02/10/13 223 W - + 6 - 6

Good morning Raleigh. Some sundry Sunday reading in lieu of any hot shots, historical features, or particular pontifications.

- [Wake considers consolidating fire departments](#) - *Eastern Wake News* article and phone interview with Deputy Wake County manager Joe Durham. He recaps the points recently made to the County Commissioners, and summarized [in this blog posting](#). What will happen? Nothing immediately, says me. Many steps needed to get from here to there, and wherever or whatever "there" is.
- [Durham firefighter tops time in Empire State Building climb](#) - Firehouse.com reprint of *Herald-Sun* story about Durham firefighter Touche Howard, who beat his own record in a climb to the top of New York City's famous skyscraper on Thursday. Wearing 55 pounds of gear, he ascended 86 stories in under thirty minutes, and beat his own record from last year by more than six minutes. He raised \$30,000 for charity.
- [Off-duty firefighters save Roanoke Rapids mom](#), child from burning building - WRAL.com story about a rescue by Gaston firefighters Dylan Clark, Pete King, and Lt. Eddie Porter, who were driving through Roanoke Rapids when they saw smoke coming from a house near Gray and Tenth streets. They saw through a window that a woman and child were trapped, entered through the back door, and helped the occupants escape.

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so what exactly is "consolidation"? Do these Stations become part of another county department? IE Swift Creek merges with Fairview? Or is the the response district for Raleigh/Cary expanded to cover what used to be a county response district?

**Joe** - 02/11/13 - 17:42

I think the county should get more involved and have sop's for all county responses and begin dispatching units in service rather than trucks that are not staffed. Anyone reading this comment shall do some research on PG county. Do they do everything correct heck no but at least you know you got staffed companies coming under a county guideline.

**BanBam** - 02/11/13 - 22:22

Thank you Mike. With response districts getting smaller for the county stations, tax bases decreasing and operating costs increasing, it seems like it would be difficult to keep the same level or greater level of response without making drastic changes to some stations. How does the county go about getting this information or conduction this study do determine what needs to be done? Is an audit conducted of every department? Is this information available to the general public? I am curious to see how this progresses.

**Joe** - 02/12/13 - 10:15

@BamBam...agree 100%.

I would think you would have to have a study performed by someone from the outside, who has experience with a system similar to PG or Montgomery County (MD), both who operate a combination system. You would have to see some relocation of resources/ firehouses/ personnel, and create procedures to ensure consistency.

I think it would be best for everyone to move forward and enhance the level of service provided. Do it so that NOBODY loses their job, and actually create a system in the county where career members have an opportunity to advance/ promote (Battalion Chiefs, Division Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs).

The map Mike posted a few weeks ago showing different cities and the county departments really brought to light, unfortunately, some of the firehouses which are completely surrounded by the City. I think we all know, someone who comes in from the outside, not having any ties to the area, would look at that map and ask "why are these firehouses still county owned/ manned"? The process goes deeper than that,

obviously. I'm sure the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, and a few others would be asked to take in some territory, which may require getting into tankers, pumper-tankers, etc. Who knows....but for the county to possibly move forward with this, the next Director may indeed have to be from the outside.

Mike, is it possible to post that map again, with an outline of the County, but only showing areas served by County departments, maybe just blacking out the municipalities to really show the true county territory?

Silver - 02/12/13 - 20:47

Tried to use that iMap, I need to take a training class for that one.

Silver - 02/12/13 - 22:35

Another map or maps that would be interesting to look at would be one of Heavy Reascue/Squad locations and one of Ladder truck location across the county including all cities and county.... just to see who has what and where they are grouped in the county...

Jim K - 02/13/13 - 19:29

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## Bay Leaf Station 1 Under Construction

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Here are some photos of Bay Leaf's Station 1, under construction at 11713 Six Forks Road. It's replaced a 1983 building at same location. There's a temporary fire station also operating on site, with two pumper-tankers. The remaining apparatus has been moved to Station 2 and Station 3. The boats have been moved to Durham Highway Fire Department. The new station has been planned for years. It was designed by Stewart-Cooper-Newell, and will be two stories with four bays, six sleeping rooms, and an outdoor deck that will also serve as a training platform. Search the blog for prior discussions. [See more photos.](#)





With the news article in the blog below will this be Bay Hill Highway St 1 in the near future  
**merge** - 02/10/13 - 19:22

"The future is yet to be seen..." Now that's a philosophical one isn't it?!

**A.C. Rich** - 02/10/13 - 21:09

Mike, thanks for coming out and reporting on our progress. I am very proud of this building and can't wait to get inside it. As for all this other rhetoric, we shall see what happens, but I plan to be a part of it for 15 more years or so. :)

**Marc Kinton** ([Web Site](#)) - 02/15/13 - 07:44

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## **New Haz-Mat Support Unit**

02/10/13 137 W, 4 I - + 8 - 1

That's a new haz-mat support unit parked inside Station 2 on Pecan Road. Old Rescue 2, a 2002 International/SVI, has been placed in service as SR-2 SR 1. The truck was removed from rescue service on January 31. It replaces a 1991 Simon-Duplex/E-One haz-mat truck, which has been a support unit since 2006. The new SR 1 is equipped for towing, and will pull a new foam trailer as needed. The two-axle trailer was relocated from the Keeter Training Center. It was delivered in June, and featured in [this blog post](#). The station also houses a 2006 Freightliner/Hackney tractor-drawn haz-mat truck. Haz-Mat 1 is housed in the old maintenance shop building, behind the fire station.







Will SR 1 still be equipped with Haz-Mat tools, or will it become strictly a foam truck? Will station 2 have both SR 1 and SR 2 housed there along with Haz-Mat 1 and the foam trailer?

**Watson** - 02/10/13 - 21:28

What will happen with the old SR-1 Simon duplex?

**Clay** - 02/10/13 - 22:10

Ok, confusion on my part, I thought the simon duplex was going to be towing the foam trailer. Thank you for your response. It is exciting to see the progressive changes taking place in the R.F.D, Keep up the good work and stay safe guys.

**Watson** - 02/10/13 - 23:33

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Here Come The Chiefs

02/10/13 46 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

That is, there they came. That was the view on Friday morning, from a Concord hotel hosting a conference of the state's fire chiefs. White cars a-plenty. We're told Wake County had good representation. Thanks for sending, Chris. Click to enlarge:



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**Mayday Training Pays Off for Clayton Fire Department**

02/10/13 196 W - + 6 - 2

Posted to the their [Facebook page](#) today:

On Sunday, Feb 10th, CFD was dispatched to a residential structure fire with heavy fire conditions showing throughout the roof upon arrival. Crews operated in a defensive mode with water supplied via a tanker shuttle from surrounding departments. During overhaul, a Firefighter fell through the floor and immediately declared a MAYDAY and activated his Personal Alert Safety System (PASS). The other crew members with the firefighter attempted to lift him out of the hole in the floor but were unable to due to the floor conditions. A RIT deployed to the area, quickly utilized a ground ladder that was already nearby for previous set-up for access/egress, and RIT was able to pull the downed firefighter to safety via an external window. The Firefighter was checked out by EMS on scene and sustained only minor injuries to his arm. Total time from the declaration of the MAYDAY to the clearing of the MAYDAY was 4 minutes. The past realistic training drills of “downed firefighters” allowed the management of this RIT Deployment/MAYDAY to go very smoothly. Great job to all!

Train like you play. Good job guys! Glad everyone is ok  
**Andrew** - 02/11/13 - 10:01

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Hammer Time or Think* « Mayday Training Pays ... » The Buggy Report Before You Break Down That Door

### Hammer Time or Think Before You Break Down That Door

02/10/13 79 W - + 4 - 6

Found in [this posting on Statter911](#). Garage/workshop burning on one end. Police officers hammer door on the other end (and off camera). Fire conditions [appear to] immediately change. Good visual lesson on the perils of opening or breaking or smashing doors (or windows). The officers were certainly trying to be helpful. Optional additional discussion topic, what does this video demonstrate in general about ventilation at fires?

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There are some who will no doubt be critical of the action the Police took. However, given that there might be a life hazard, did the Officer have much of a choice. Then again, I believe that it is a simple matter of education. If we educate others in the Emergency Services biz what to do and what not to do, this might have had a different outcome. Police should ride with Firefighters, Firefighters should ride with Police and EMS should ride with both as well. Make sure Dispatchers get in there, and we would all have a greater understanding of what we all do. Does that sound like sitting around a campfire singing Kumbaya? Maybe. But then again, understanding can lead to cooperation. And that hurts no one. Just sayin'.

**Jonny** - 02/10/13 - 23:46

I'll hate on that officer. All he did was create a flow path. Yes that fire was going good, but would it have made that walk across that top floor with that angry pushing smoke as quickly I don't think so. Yes that cop was going to end up as 1 of 2 things when he decided to force that door. If he saves a life he's a hero but if all he did was help spread the fire then he was a zero.

**Mike** - 02/11/13 - 21:38

I'm not gonna hate on the officer at all. He was trying to help and it could have been a neighbor doing the same exact thing. They have a job to do as well as us. More than likely nobody would have been alive on that second floor due to heat and smoke conditions. Did help matters for the responding engine company..... no but at least they had lines flowing quickly unlike a lot of videos we watch.

**BamBam** - 02/11/13 - 22:15

As was stated in the blog plog about the RPD officer that kicked in the doors over off Western Blvd. there needs to be some education of our police officers even if just a 4 hr upgrade that covers an overview of fireground operations but more importantly if you encounter a situation what should you do. Ok so he wanted to be like his heroes I mean he wanted to be a fireman, then be a smart fireman. Just like when we VES

a room, he should have closed the door he just forced the best he could have. That would have reduced or potentially reduced the fire spread by controlling the ventilation opening.

**Mike** - 02/12/13 - 20:26

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The Buggy Report

02/12/13 72 W, 4 I - + 5 - 5

Battalion 1 through Battalion 4 have received or will receive 2012 Chevy Tahoes. They've been rolled out over the last couple months. And for the first time ever, the chief's cars will be entirely white! Presently, Battalion 3 and Battalion 4 are marooned with a darker shade of red. The new Battalion 5, meanwhile, is operating an older Ford Excursion. They're buggies, not surreys, and certainly without fringe on their tops. Click to enlarge:



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## NBFU Pump Test Form

02/14/13 44 W, 2 I - + 8 - 2

Here's a vintage pump testing form from the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The form is dated 1960. The test was performed on a 1960 American LaFrance Century pumper. They probably meant one of the city's two 1961 models. Click to enlarge:

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

PUMPER No. 12 MAKE ALE YEAR 66  
 CAPACITY 1000 TEST BY DEH  
 SUCTION SIZE 6 LENGTH 20 LIFT 7  
 SPEED TAKEN ON 1.4 GPM RATIO  
 VIBRATION OF APPARATUS 100 HOSE 1000  
 PUMP PACKING OK ALL RESERVE POWER 100  
 TIME TO OBTAIN SUCTION 20 SEC.  
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## My First Engine

02/15/13 599 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Twenty-four years ago today, Yours Truly reported for duty at the Keeter Training Center. Fourteen weeks later, the nineteen members of later-named Recruit Academy 13 began being assigned on shift. My first tour of duty lasted six months on "B" shift at Station 19. That was a year-old station in a shiny new section of town called Mini City. The call volume was nil, however. Three calls in a cycle would be considered busy. (New Hope was way busier, as there was plenty of county land around. The station itself wasn't inside the city!) Now it's one of the busiest houses, and protects a considerably demographically different/diverse area!

With a crew of Driver (and Acting Captain) Paul Averette, First Class FF Billy Neal Perry, and private James Reeves, we answered what calls we had on a [1968 American LaFrance pumper](#). Not quite open-cab. Had a prefab roof but no windows for the driver and officer. They'd affix a pair of clear-plastic panes in rain or cold weather. Held in place with Velcro, as memory services. I rode in the back. No safety bar. No SCBA. The air packs were kept in boxes. Hand lines came off the back. Speedlays just getting introduced. Booster reel on the tailboard was hand-cranked.

Didn't answer a single working fire during that six-month period. (Was floating at Station 9 before next permanent assignment, before I had my first fire.) We tried to respond to a working fire once. The engine didn't crank. We listened in dismay as Engine 11 and Engine 15 and others answered the call that was but a half-mile away. That same cycle as the no-crank incident, we also experienced (b.) the battery charger inadvertently flattened by our truck tires and (c.) the engine compartment catching fire while responding to a call. (We came to a stop on Spring Forest Road just east of Capital Boulevard, and grabbed the extinguishers.)

No "Q" on that one. No air horn. We'd cross Capital Boulevard-- a busy roadway even back then-- utilizing a triple threat: the siren-light on the nose wailing as best it could, the weak horn beeping, and the officer ringing the hell out of the bumper bell. Daresay the bell was the loudest warning device on that truck. (The lightbar was installed while I was there, if memory serves. Had but a single beacon before!)

With nary any calls, station life was slow. This was pre-computer, pre-Internet. The available learning materials and media consisted of these things called books, and good ol' Channel 59. The latter was a cable-access channel used for broadcasting training programs to fire stations. It also served as an electronic bulletin board. (For a while, it even featured one-paragraph movies reviews of mine, sent to "Tramp" Dunn, to post. That's back when I was a movie nut. Now I am just a nut.) The channel was used well into the 1990s. It was first distance-learned technology in the Raleigh Fire Department.

Good times.

Was transferred to Station 15, then Station 5 on "A" shift. Then left the department for greener pastures in 1991. (Short stint at the ECC, then out of public safety altogether.) Returned a decade later with an interest in the department's past, and with a camera in tow. Civilian enthusiast. The rest is, as the say, is history. The department in 1989 answered 9,409 calls and protected 201,000 residents in 87 square miles. Nineteen fire stations, twenty engines, four ladders, one service ladder, two rescues, and three district chiefs. Sherman Pickard was the Chief, and oversaw 355 authorized positions. The budget was \$11.6M. [Click to enlarge](#):



Man... you're OLD!!

**A.C. Rich** - 02/15/13 - 18:11

A.C.... Those who live in glass houses should NOT throw stones!!! LOL

**Russell** - 02/17/13 - 11:31

Yes! I agree!! I resemble that!!

**A.C. Rich** - 02/17/13 - 12:03

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Watch For Falling Meteors

02/15/13 36 W - + 6 - 3

Here's a hazard that you're probably not pre-planning for. Put this in the column under ultra low-frequency events. From Russia, where the shock waves from a meteor strike injured 500+ people.

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**You Know You're a Fire Truck Mechanic...**

02/16/13 146 W, 1 I - + 4 - 3

...if this is the view from your office.

That's a stock picture taken late last year at the Raleigh Fire Department's maintenance shop. It's one of a series of stock shots created for the centennial history book. Project photographers were given the assignment to document less-photographed department activities. Such as fire inspections, shop work, and the inner workings at the Office of the Fire Chief. Some were staged, some were "live."

I'll be posting some of those shots in another day or two. Production on the book wrapped on Monday. Work has started on all the after-work, including organizing and sharing some of the stock shots. These will be particularly useful for future document or web page use. And, of course, general yuks among those pictured (and those who escaped being pictured). Click to enlarge:



I work in my department's public information office, and recently spent a day with our Fleet division, shooting it and compiling a story highlighting them. I'll be posting it on our Facebook page in the coming week (I'm the department's photographer). We (as an office) feel it's important to recognize as many aspects of our department as possible – the FD's more than just engines, trucks and ambulances, and we should show that!

**Doug** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/16/13 - 19:39

I agree with Doug... The RFD Services Division and Fleet Maintenance are truly some of the "go-to-guys" for RFD! They work very hard to keep us "running" and do a great job!!

**A.C. Rich** - 02/19/13 - 12:35

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## Raleigh Fire Department Recognizes Promotions

02/17/13 229 W, 2 I - + 8 - 2

On Friday night in a ceremony at the City Council Chambers, the Raleigh Fire Department honored twenty-seven recently promoted members. They recognized the achievements of individuals who obtained appointment or promotion through a competitive process over the last six months. The event, which was originally scheduled in January but delayed due to weather, opened with a presentation of colors by the Raleigh Fire Department Honor Guard and remarks by Fire Chief John McGrath.

Recognized were Asst. Chief Garry Spain; Division Chief Ronny Mizell; Battalion Chiefs Duffy Deyo, Rob Mitchell, Brian Sherrill, Ian Toms; Captains Ben Averette, Doug Campbell, Daniel Gardner, Preston Gaster, Phil Morgan, Nick Murray, Patrick Overton, John Rehbock, Randall Scott, Terrent Wiggins, Alan Wortham; and Lieutenants Michael Barnes, Clinton Earp, Leonard Epps, Adam Ferguson, Maria Peterson, Mark Mitro, John Rasor, Justin Rose, Matthew Taylor, and Brian Winn.

Note a couple second-generation firefighters in there: Murray, son of retired Capt. Mike Murray; Wortham, son of retired Lt. Wayne Wortham. Plus some other familiar names from the fire department's family. A reception was held at Fire Station 1 afterward. A Wake & District Public Safety Pipes and Drums piper led a procession from City Hall. [See more photos](#) from Mike Legeros. Congratulations to all. You are the future. Treat it well.



## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *It Was a Dark and Snowy*« Raleigh Fire Departme... » Mystery Station Night

### It Was a Dark and Snowy Night

02/17/13 129 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Engine 9 and Haz-Mat 2 are pictured at about 11:00 p.m. last night, toward the conclusion of a haz-mat call at 4433 Lead Mine Road. Occupant in a room at Candlewood Suites reportedly overcome by fumes. Upgraded from EMS call upon arrival of Engine 16. The hotel was evacuated while crews investigated, and tested the air quality. The occupant was transported, along with three firefighters. Units on scene included E16, E9, E6, L3, B5, B3, A1, HM2, C2, C4, a number of EMS units, D4, and T1. Command was terminated about 11:30 p.m. As for the photo, that's using a Canon 50D in Program AE mode. ISO 2500, f/4 lens. Partial metering, no flash. Tv 1/50, Av 4.5. Quite dark, despite the scene lighting. Click to [enlarge](#):



Any word on what the fumes were?

**Andrew** - 02/17/13 - 14:26

Interesting ..... No squad or Rescue on the assignment...

**Jim** - 02/18/13 - 18:36

Looking at the balance of units, If I had to guess, the "box" was probably filled to reflect an "odor investigation in a building"; Squads and the Rescue are not on this response in the City.

**Silver** - 02/18/13 - 21:01

Possibly a "KN" response type added to the initial engine with the Hazmat BC and others adding to the incident individually. A "KB" response would have landed two HM units, E8, and L5. CADlish!! Haha!!

**A.C. Rich** - 02/19/13 - 12:31

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Mystery Station

02/17/13 22 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Or maybe it's better titled as Mystery Apparatus. What are we seeing here?



Durham highway st. 2 (Raleigh 23) DH tanker 7

**Chris** - 02/17/13 - 22:14

Just out of curiosity is this station still considered DH #2? Does DH actually run calls out of Raleigh #23 or is it a mere storage building?

**Rescue Ranger** - 02/18/13 - 22:50

How about RFD #23/DH Fire Musuem?

**Beetle** - 02/19/13 - 01:05

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Komatsu D155 W Amphibious Bulldozer

02/18/13 81 W - + 6 - 5

Here's an interesting piece of specialized heavy equipment. YouTube video of two amphibious bulldozers in Japan. Notes [this news article](#), the remote-control machines were developed by Komatsu in 1971. They could operate in water up to seven meters deep. Production ended in 1993, due to limited demand. Only a handful are still operating today. Pretty interesting. There's even a scale die-cast model of the thing that exists. You find that on eBay from time to time.

I'm still not sure I understand how you know what it's doing when you can't see it, even when it is remotely controlled :)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pZknjduF..>

And I'd hate to be the one driving it and get it stuck in the mud ....  
**Paul** - 02/19/13 - 17:44

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**Truck Versus Bridge in Durham**

02/20/13 96 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

As [WTVD reports](#), this transfer truck got stuck on Roxboro Street at Pettigrew Street. Took several hours for the thing to be unloaded, before it was moved.



*WTVD photo*

That's not the same bridge that we've blogged about before, however. The Gregson Street Guillotine is watched with a camera operated by Jurgen Henn, and featured on his web site [11foot8.com](#). Here's one of his compilation of clips:

Yup, slow news day. At least the injured State Trooper is [reportedly doing well](#), and his assailant's been apprehended.

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**Raleigh Firefighter Rescues Injured Bald Eagle**

02/20/13 154 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Props to Justic Bolduc, who rescued this bald eagle on Highway 264 between Wilson and Farmville last week. (Old news, so sue me. Still a good story.) [As this WRAL story recounted](#), the Raleigh firefighter put a shirt of the bird's head to protect its wings, and used gloves to place it in the back seat of his car. He transported Fly Boy to a wildlife rehab center in Grifton, where the bird was treated for eye injuries. The bird, believed younger than three years of age, is expected to make a full recovery. The story is also notable for the citation of the rescuer's profession and employee. When good (and, more often, bad things) happen to public safety servants, they're often identified as same in news reports. Like or it or not, you're a Firefighter with a capital "F" even when you're off-duty.



*WRAL photo*

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1956 Seagrave Pumper For Sale in Clayton

02/20/13 74 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

[Found for sale on eBay](#), here's a sweet-looking ride for sale in Clayton. One 1956 Seagrave 70th Annivesary Series pumper. Served a fire department in Alabama. Engine replaced in 1970s with a 1972 Ford V8. Five-speed manual transmission. Carb and radiator rebuilt, plus new clutch in 2012. New batteries. Fully outfitted. Seats twenty-four standing people in the back, for parades. Used for parades, shows, marketing. You know you want it!



Oh if I had a garage!  
**Silver** - 02/20/13 - 20:40

Great to own if you want your own firetruck and know how to work on it but if it made money it wouldn't be for sale.  
**Rescue Ranger** - 02/20/13 - 21:42

There's also an older (maybe not old enough to be called an antique) engine parked behind a business on Hillsborough st, a couple of blocks east of station 5. Any idea what its' deal is?  
**Chris** - 02/21/13 - 09:35

This one?  
<http://goo.gl/maps/0Kv3r>  
**Rescue Ranger** - 02/21/13 - 10:49

Yes, that's it.  
**Chris** - 02/21/13 - 12:26

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Paging Dr. Flowers

02/21/13 76 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Found via random Google search is this blog from Doctor HP Flowers, subtitled "Backroads Photography from the Blue Ridge Mountains, with Musings and Meditation." Among his findings are old fire trucks around Kentucky and Tennessee. Maybe even North Carolina. [Check it out.](#) Next question, what other "old fire truck sites" have you found, showing similar shots from around our state and region?

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Backroads Photography from the Blue Ridge Mountains, with Musings and Meditations



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The Fire Truck Salesman



"Mmmmm," my palate trembles. Chocolate fudge oozes from the spoon. At Dee's Drive-In overlooking the Tug Fork Big Sandy River here in Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Only a silver dollar's throw across the River from Fort Gay, Wayne County, West Virginia. I'm so glad to be on the road, pleased to be right here, and delighted to have been a Fire Truck Salesman, if only for 15 minutes. That's Andy Warhol type fame.

It was this morning. A micro story of mistaken identity climaxed with a three mile truck chase. Beginning (Act 1) at the Turkey Creek water wagon. Finishing (Act 2) at Jarrell Community Church. Local cast: an on-stage volunteer fireman who, like many, chuckled at the

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**This Morning's House Fire on Old Milburnie Road**

02/21/13 61 W, 2 I - + 8 - 6

WRAL has posted a half-dozen aerial photos of this morning's house fire in the 1200 block of Old Milburnie Road, with Eastern Wake and other, er, eastern Wake fire departments. Nice colors in the dawn light! Poor resolution of pictures, however. How 'bout some high def, man? [See the story](#).



*WRAL photos*



**Durham Police Mobile Recruitment Unit**

02/22/13 38 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Seen parked at police headquarters in Durham. Neat concept, wonder how many fire department something similar? Here's a pair of FDNY graphic-wrapped education vans photographed in 2010: [photo 1](#) and [photo 2](#). Click to enlarge:



I have actually worked on the radio in the DPD vehicle pictured above :)  
**Marshall Sherard KE4ZNR** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/25/13 - 13:34

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## Caring For Caelon

02/22/13 153 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Rolesville Lieutenant (and New Hope Battalion Chief and Wake County Firefighters Association President) Lee Price passes along this note:

Caelon, is Tony Arthur's son. Tony is my firefighter here at Rolesville on B shift. Tony spent twenty years in the Army as Infantry/Ranger, and during that time spent most of it deployed overseas. Tony retired from the military with five purple hearts and wanted to become a firefighter. He volunteered with us here at Rolesville for a while, and then was hired to full-time status. Caelon has had six strokes since he was born. This last one was pretty significant. He has left side paralysis in his face at this point. You can get updates on the Caring for Caelon Facebook page. Any help either through prayer or donations to Caelons site will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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## Caring for Caelon

Organized by [Jason Jordan](#)  
Jason Jordan  
This fundraiser is on April 1st, 2015  
Beneficiary: Caelon Arthur

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*The friends and family of Caelon Arthur are uniting to raise money to help cover his mounting medical expenses. Thank you for your support.*

There is a young man that brings joy to all whom he meets and his name is Caelon. He is happy as any four year old could ever be but Caelon has a condition that since his birth has been baffling the top Medical Researchers in the country and abroad. Caelon's condition at the moment is Undiagnosed Mitochondrial Disorder with Stroke like symptoms. In other words they are not sure.

Caelon has suffered five strokes since his birth with his latest episode being the most threatening one thus far and he has miraculously made recovery from each of his previous attacks and the recovery from his latest has taken the most toll on his body and his family.

Caelon's family is doing every conceivable thing to get Caelon the best care possible and going down every avenue possible to discover the cause this baffling phenomenon.

Caelon is undergoing every test and treatment available and has been deprived of his childhood. He has taken more toll than any child should ever have to endure and has many more to go through.

The cost of the treatment and testing of this unidentified

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*"Caelon brave little man our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Love from the Ryles and the Townleys...Have a lovely Christmas and you will be in our thoughts and prayers for 2015"*

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The Science of Shame

02/23/13 119 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Let's get all warm and fuzzy for our Saturday morning with this [TED Talk](#) from 2010, with research professor Brene Brown taped in Houston talking about the power of vulnerability. That's the title of her talk, though we're using "shame" in this posting title. Little more attention-getting. (There is a scientific method at work, here, however.) What's this have to do with anything we usually talk about here? Maybe nothing, maybe everything. (In-service training for your interpersona needs? Gasp, what a concept.) Watch in private in necessary. Scoff, deride, dismiss if preferred. [Watch video](#). (Never heard of these talks? Tour the site. Great food for the brain.) Now back to our regular programming...



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## Dawson and Lane Streets - What is This Building?

02/23/13 204 W, 3 I - + 6 - 2

Question from a reader:

I really enjoy your [website on hidden Raleigh](#) and was just curious if you knew anything about an abandoned building I constantly drive by. It's an old large brick building in which the bricks are painted white. It's located North Dawson Street near the corner of West Lane. It has a few a/c in the boarded up windows and seems to be very, very old. If you go onto Google street view on Dawson near Lane you can't miss it. Thank you!

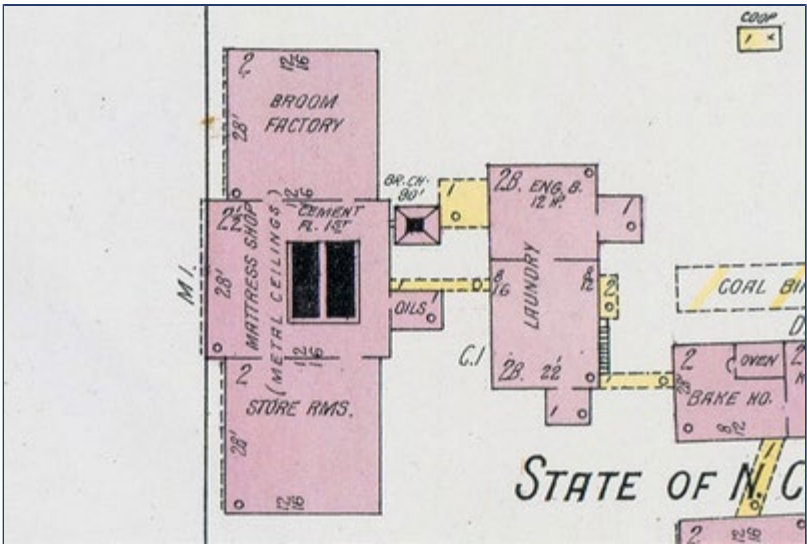
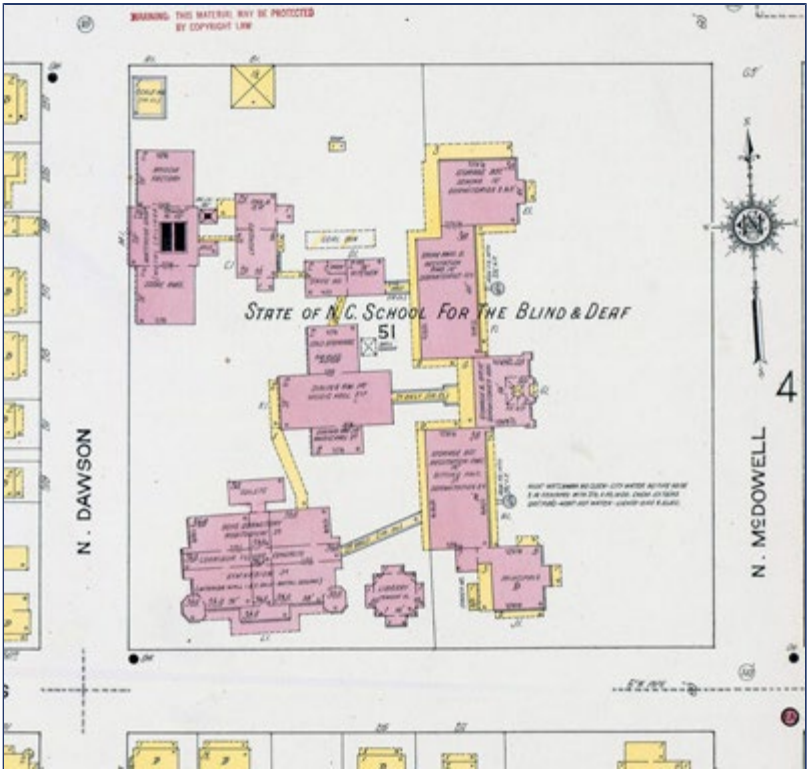
Answer:

Consulting the [North Carolina Maps site](#), and the [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#), and the [1914 map of Raleigh](#), it appears that the structure is a factory building on the former site of the state school for the blind.

Below are three images, from Bing Maps aerial view and said Sanborn Maps. Click to enlarge the bottom two images.

Here's a historical post about the campus, called [Raleigh's Last Remaining Castle](#) from the excellen Goodnight Raleigh site. But wait, the blogger states the castle-like building at the corner of Dawson and Jones street is the only structure still standing from the school. Guess we'll need to investigate further!





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Chief Keeter and Rescue Squad, February 1961

02/24/13 89 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

Here's a *News & Observer* photo from fifty-two years ago, showing Fire Chief Jack Keeter and Rescue 1 at Station 1. The [1954 GMC panel van](#) was one of two units operated by the Raleigh Emergency Rescue Squad. This one's neat as it shows the relative size of the vehicle. How tall was Chief Keeter? Need to ask one of the old-timers some time. We'll presume he was another six-or-so footer, like so many others of that time. Click to enlarge:



News & Observer photo

Note the civil defense truck parked in the station that you recently blogged about.

Waldo - 02/24/13 - 09:29

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## Before Capital Boulevard

02/24/13 54 W, 2 I - + 5 - 5

And even before North Boulevard, as the roadway was originally named. [Nifty web page](#) showing historical photos of the Capital Boulevard corridor before it was there. Observe the basefield field and railroad roundhouse, among may other fascinating details. Photos from the *News & Observer*.



*News & Observer photos*



**City of Charlotte Seeks Artifacts From 1800s Black Firefighters**

02/24/13 140 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

[Here's a \*Charlotte Observer\* story](#) about the fire department's search for memorabilia related to the city's black firefighters of yore. They included the members of the Neptune Fire Company, that served the city from 1887 to 1905. Their old engine was [recently returned to the Queen City](#). The 1866 Jeffers hand engine made an appearance and performed a demonstration in Raleigh last summer, at the fire expo. [See those photos](#).

The Charlotte Fire Department is looking for badges, fire buckets, speaking trumpets, uniforms, helmets, caps, or photographs from that period. The contact person is Battalion Chief Tom Link. See the story for his phone number and e-mail address. [Read the story](#).

For a broader historical perspective on the state's black firefighters, [see this web document](#) that was researched and created by Chuck Milligan.



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Collapse Rescue Unit at Station 15

02/24/13 55 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

Here's the collapse rescue unit that's parked behind Station 15. It carries additional collapse rescue equipment, and is staffed by Squad 15. The cab is a 1998 Sterling tractor that previous served as USAR 1 and USAR 7, as part of the Task Force 8 fleet. Ergo the lettering on the cab. Click to enlarge:



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This Afternoon's House Fire - Shenandoah Road

02/25/13 107 W, 1 I - + 9 - 7

[Here's an aftermath photo](#) from NBC17 of this afternoon's house fire at 2120 Shenandoah Road. Ladder 7 was first on scene at a one-story, single-family dwelling. Heavy fire and smoke showing from the front windows and roof. Structure was approximately fifty-percent involved on arrival, noted subsequent media release. Dispatched 12:50 p.m. Controlled 1:16 p.m. Five people displaced. Cause determined as arson. Suspect was arrested by Raleigh police and charged with second-degree arson. Units on scene included E2, E1, E13, E10, L7, L4, S14, R1, B3, B2, A1, C20, C420, C401, EMS 4, EMS 54, EMS 11, D1, T1.



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**Durham Names New Fire Chief**

02/25/13 197 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

Press release. City Manager Tom Bonfield today announced the appointment of Daniel Curia as the new chief of the Durham Fire Department. Curia has served as the interim fire chief since December 2012. Curia joined the Durham Fire Department in 1990 and served as a firefighter until 1997. From then until 1999, he served as a Fire Technician, achieving the rank of Fire Captain in 1999. He was promoted in 2003 to Battalion Chief. In 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief of Operations. As Deputy Chief, Chief Curia has provided direct oversight for the Fire Administration, Operations, Prevention, and Training divisions.

Curia holds an associate degree in Fire Protection Technology, a bachelor's degree in Public Administration, and a master's degree in Leadership with an Emphasis in Disaster Preparedness and Executive Fire Leadership. Additionally, Curia is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, holds Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, and is a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers. Congratulations, Chief! [Read entire press release](#) or this [Herald-Sun story](#).



Congrats Chief Curia, you've definitely earned the position. We all look forward to seeing what you have in mind for the Bull City.  
**Silver** - 02/25/13 - 20:45

Having worked extensively with Chief Curia regarding FD Communications over the last few months I can say he is the right person for the job. He cares about his firefighters and FD and will continue to do a good job leading the city. Congrats Chief!  
**Marshall Sherard KE4ZNR** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 02/26/13 - 08:50

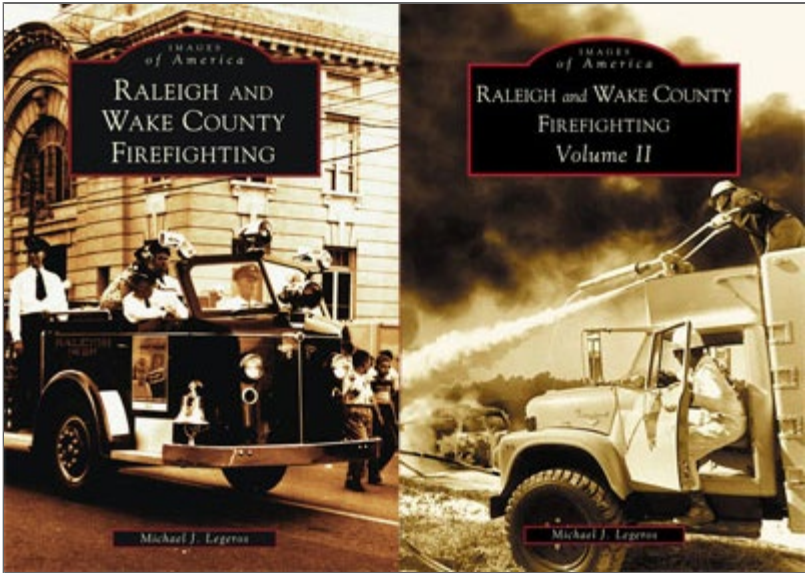
Does Durham Fire allow members who are veterans to wear their ribbons or do they use US military ribbons to reflect departmental awards?  
**Chet** - 03/01/13 - 18:25

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Buy My Books

02/25/13 94 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Don't own a copy of *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* or *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting, Volume II*? These are smaller, softcover books, 128 pages each, with over 200 historical photos each. They were published in 2003 and 2004, respectively. Real easy to order online. [Visit this Arcadia Publishing page](#) of firefighting books. Place your order online. There's a current special, 20% off all titles. No coupon needed. Get both and you'll qualify for free shipping, for orders totaling \$25 or more. (They're all also available at local bookstores, and other online outlets.) Autographs are free.



Well, then, I guess I need to get you to autograph my copies.

DJ - 02/25/13 - 22:33

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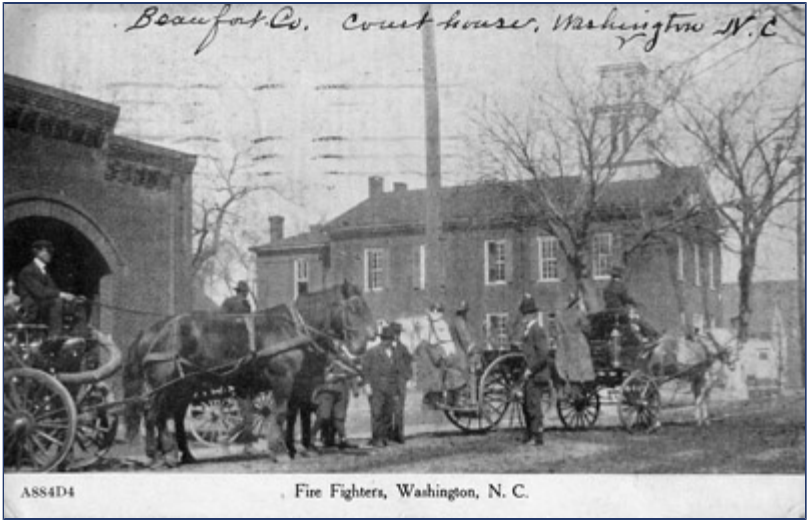
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Washington Fire Department Circa 1910

02/26/13 37 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

Vintage postcard found for sale on eBay showing the Washington Fire Department in Beaufort County circa 1910. [See related prior posting.](#) And here's what their old steamer [looks like today](#). Click to enlarge:



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Mystery Vehicle

02/26/13 12 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

From a reader. Seen in Fuquay-Varina. Click to enlarge:



That truck was formerly one of NC Canine Emergency Response Team’s trucks. It was sold to a private citizen, the stripes were supposed to have been removed.

PJ - 02/26/13 - 22:19

Isn’t that Fuquay Car 20? (kidding)

BB - 02/26/13 - 22:39

Whoever owns it works at Walmart in Holly Springs. I see it parked there almost every time I (ugh) have to go there.

Duda (Email) - 03/04/13 - 10:05

Now Forsale in the owners front yard on Broad St. Angier. Its right across the street from Angier Fire Department. Seen it this morning. Asking \$2,000. Still has the lettering just like the picture above.

FVFD3 - 08/31/13 - 23:33

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Former New Hanover County Fire Vehicle

02/26/13 48 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

Lee Wilson this week found this former New Hanover County Fire Services vehicle sitting behind the Shiloh Columbia Fire Department in Pender County. What's the history of this thing? [See larger versions](#), and other pics from his explorations.



Lee Wilson photo

Only help I can suggest is from the paint job it resembles the colors of Castle Hayne F.D.

**Watson** - 02/27/13 - 11:55

That is incorrect it mirrors the county paint scheme. Castle hayne is yellow with white stripes. This unit was before my time with the NHCFR but it appears to be a county owned piece due to the paint scheme. My guess would be old Rescue 51, the station names have changed now and I do not know what the new numbering system is.

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

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## IAFC Report: Taking Responsibility for a Positive Public Perception

02/28/13 665 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Fire service marketing. Reputation management. Damage control. Sitting around and playing checkers. You understand the last two, don't you?

Thanks to social and regular media, the activities, conduct, and composition of the fire service is perhaps more publicly visible than its ever been. Cameras, comments, opinions, and news coverage are actually or potentially everywhere. And all of which affect the public perception of the fire service. And the success of fire and rescue departments, in turn, depends upon positive public perception.

That's the issue that an International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) task force has addressed in a new report [Taking Responsibility for a Positive Public Perception](#) (PDF). Reports firehouse.com [in a story this week](#), "The positive image of the fire service is something we can't take for granted anymore," IAFC Hank Clemmensen said in a prepared statement. "The truth is, the only ones who can ensure we continue to enjoy a positive public perception is us."

But so what, you say? They'll still be calling 911 when there's a fire or emergency. Correct, but the services you provide are often governed and entirely funded by people other than yourselves. Key quote from the report:

"The increasing public scrutiny of our budgets, operations and behavior has led to growing number of negative perceptions that is slowly tarnishing our image. The good news is we have the ability to turn the tide before it's too late.

"If we are to be successful in maintaining a positive public image—which enables us to secure the public's trust—we must reflect honestly, talk openly, work collaboratively, act professionally and take responsibility."

That's the intention of the forty-one page report, both presenting a study of image issues in the fire service and offering suggestions on addressing them. There's gobs of great material here. The ten appendixes in particular include:

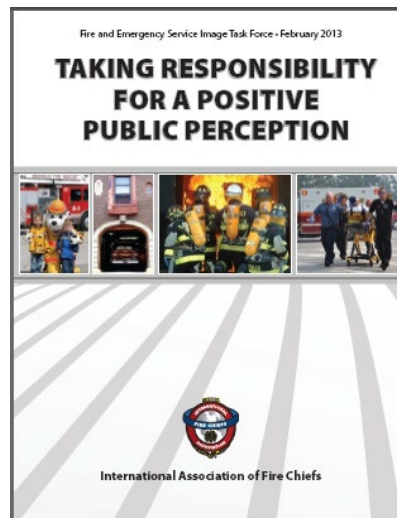
- Primary Fire and Emergency Service Image Stakeholders
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- Benefits to Fire Departments of Researching Community Attitudes and Opinions
- Community Meeting Do's and Don'ts
- Five Ways to Improve Our Image
- Sample Questions to Help Educate Your Community
- Subscription Service Considerations

The sample questions are particularly nifty. How informatively and with positive attitude and attention can you answer such questions as:

- Why does the fire engine respond when a request is made for an ambulance for a person with a medical condition?
- Why does the fire department bring the fire engine or ambulance for just a simple inspection?
- When there is a small fire, why do so many fire engines respond?
- Why do you do grocery shopping while on duty? Why do you take the trucks?
- How often do I need to change the battery in my smoke detector?
- How expensive are residential sprinklers? Don't they ruin everything if they go off?
- Why do I have to dial 9-1-1? If I call the fire station directly, would it save time?
- Why do fire trucks and ambulances stop at stoplights? Why don't they just go through them? If they stop, why can't I go?

[Read the report](#) (PDF).

Digest, discuss, and develop yourself and your department to the needs of the day.



Related errata, to be updated as things occur to me:

- [FireCritic.com posting about perception versus reality in social media](#) - There's a reason you don't see terribly many smiling faces in my incident photos, and in contrast to the actuality of what happens on scene. Responders take great pride in their work, and derive great enjoyment from successfully applying their hard-earned skills. Though my photos are intended for responders, they can be viewed by anyone. Thus the editorial process of choosing which photos to post. Now a question, is this a wise practice, or would greater education happen with proverbial warts and all? (Feb. 28.)

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## Wake Forest Engine 5

02/28/13 44 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

Here's a photo by Lee Wilson of Wake Forest Engine 5, with new lettering. The 2007 Pierce Contender was formerly Falls 212. The two departments merged last year, and the Falls fire station became Wake Forest Station 5. [See more photos.](#)



*Lee Wilson photo*

How does the county recognize the squad? As a special service(truck co.) or as a Engine?

**PGtruckie** - 03/02/13 - 09:30

E, can't speak on the county, but the City Squad criteria is a dual-role company, with a full extrication compliment, saws for truck work, technical rescue gear (tripod, ropes, hardware) and our also have an inflatable boat with water rescue gear.

They're dispatched on a fire as either a 1st or 2nd due Engine Company, or they will operate as a Squad Company (dual role company, used by the IC as he/she sees fit to mitigate the incident).

From what I've seen in the county, there's no criteria, and it's just a "word". I've seen everything from a pick-up with a jump bag called a "squad", to a rescue truck called a "squad". This is where a standard county-wide dispatch protocol would prove essential (dead horse).

**Silver** - 03/02/13 - 11:26

It has water and a pump on it, but the pump is broken. So it just has tools with which to respond to structure fires for extra equipment and manpower. No extrication or specialty rescue capabilities.

**WF** - 03/02/13 - 19:55

Which brings up the question regarding Wake Forest's squad. What makes it different than the engine which sits next to it other than the terminology?

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/02/13 - 19:56

@Rescue Ranger, the function of the pump would be the difference..... As "WF" stated, the pump doesn't function as it should, thus it is a service truck for structural response. It falls in with the Ladder Company on structure fires if it is staffed.

**RR5** - 03/02/13 - 21:54



This may be a dumb question, but why not just get the pump fixed??

**Joe** - 03/03/13 - 08:31

\$\$\$ \$\$. Good enough answer? Plus there is ISO credit for service trucks.

**Dollars and Cents** - 03/03/13 - 09:32

@RR5 – Notice the time stamp. I was typing as WF was posting so I didn’t see that post until now. Just an FYI.

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/03/13 - 18:25

@Rescue Ranger, didn’t notice the time. My appologies.

**RR5** - 03/03/13 - 21:29

I’m sorry, that is not a good enough answer Mr. Dollars and Cents. Obviously repairing a pump is expensive, but WF should have the means to come up with the dough. A bigger concern over funds is, isn’t that truck fairly new? I’m a bit surprised such a catastrophic failure even occurred in the first place. Either way, I hope WF finds a way to repair the truck soon, even if they have to wait until July. Seems to be quite a waste for it to serve as an equipment truck. And yes, ISO gives credit for that, but far less than what you lose from an inoperable Engine.

**Joe** - 03/04/13 - 00:12

Just to clarify, the Pierce in this pic is WF Engine 5. It is the first out unit from WF Station 5, and is staffed 24/7 with part timers and volunteers. There is also a 1994 E One stationed at WF Station 5 (see pics if you click on photos link). It is designated as Squad 5 and would roll as a support unit when dispatched. It is serving the departments and communities needs right now as a support unit, much like the Ladder (which is staffed 24/7) and the Rescue (which is staffed by volunteers). WF has 4 First Out Engines staffed, as well as a Reserve Engine that is ready to go should any first out unit need repair. They will also be receiving a County Spec Tanker shortly. I hope this clears things up.

**Clarification** - 03/04/13 - 09:43

Clarification answered it. 1994 is not fairly new Joe.

**Dollars and Cents** - 03/04/13 - 17:36

So does that mean it is getting replaced next year? Given the 20 year replacement plan? Will it be replaced with something with a pump more like E5 or some other squad-esque type vehicle?

And a side note: I saw the station the other day only says “Fire Department” is that getting re-lettered along with all of the trucks or just staying generic?

**Curious** - 03/04/13 - 18:37

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Good evening Raleigh. Have set aside a few stories of late. Stuff from near and far that's caught my attention over the last week or so. Looks like the discussion of [Wake County fire department fiscal data](#) has run its course. Or maybe it's waiting to get really deep. That's a complex equation, the various funding sources and governing bodies that comprise our local fire protection. At least there's some data on the table, to get people thinking.

- [Knightdale fire helps save infant's life, boosts safety seat awareness](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story about the success of their child safety seat program, and a Knightdale family whose infant son survived an accident in November, after the father received instruction on proper safety seat instruction earlier in the year. There have been a number of interesting *EWN* stories of late...
- [Apex to get help for Service Memorial](#) - *Cary News* update on the planned memorial to emergency workers, military veterans, and victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Construction starts in May.
- [February 2013 edition of Fire Watch](#) - The latest episode has been posted to the Raleigh Television Network site. This edition features the promotional ceremony, recently held on February 15 at the City Council Chambers.
- [Raleigh's Capital Boulevard going green](#) - *Midtown Raleigh News* reporting that the city will accept grant money, that will allow the purchase and demolition of the flood-prone Milner Inn (and adjoining Foxy Lady). No more water rescues after Crabtree Creek overflows.
- [Winston-Salem firefighters pioneered racial integration](#) - *Winston-Salem Journal* story about Engine 4, the city's (and the state's) first racially integrated fire company. The eight black firefighters were hired in 1951. They were recognized in a program last week. That's also a topic that's in Mr. Blogger's queue, to share his research on Raleigh's first black firefighters.
- [NYPD officers face punishing for radio play](#) - That's my headline for an interesting *New York Times* story, about the traditional practice of "keying the microphone" and how the department has lately tried to combat the behavior.

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**"Burn" Coming to Raleigh on April 10-11, 2013 < CORRECTED**

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The documentary feature film *Burn: One Year on the Front Lines of the Battle to Save Detroit* is coming to Raleigh. It's screening at the Six Forks Cinema in Raleigh on April 10 and 11. [Buy tickets online](#), and see a list of all coming screening locations. The running time is 86 minutes. Got my tickets, get yours! [Here's a review](#) of the film from *Variety*. Here's the official theatrical trailer:

And a longer, earlier feature:

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Class A versus "Classy"

03/02/13 123 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

The unusual tropical creature on the right (*photographer eccentricus*) was recently spotted in Zebulon. Displaying unusually bright plumage, the camera-wielding character was photographed by renowned nature photographer Lee Wilson. (He also sometimes takes pictures of trains.) The creature's bright colors (which double as a safety vest in traffic!) were sighted at the town's community center on Wednesday night, where retiring Zebulon Fire Chief Sidney Perry was honored. (Now there's a dedication to service, with 44+ years as a ZFD member, and Fire Chief since 1980!) His son and Asst. Chief Chris Perry took charge of the department on March 1. Congratulations both. [See more photos](#) (and watch for still more photos from Mike Legeros, later).



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## New Rescue Pumper For Archer Lodge

03/03/13 97 W, 2 I - + 8 - 8

Lee Wilson photographed last week Archer Lodge's new rescue pumper, delivered on Thursday. This one's an interesting truck, a 2013 Ferrara Inferno MVP. The pump panel's located in an compartment. There are number of rescue body features: electric awning, oil dry hopper, ladder to roof compartments. Plus light tower, cascade system, and more. It's equipped with a 1500 GPM pump, a 750 gallon water tank, and a 30 gallon foam cell. To be placed in service as Engine 1. Better living through rescue pumpers. [See more photos](#) and read the specs.



*Lee Wilson photos*

Nice apparatus and I bet it does a great job for Archers Lodge. It must be wonderful to be able to purchase what your district needs to serve your citizens. JoCo FD's don't let those who know nothing about the Fire Service take control of your resources like Wake Co did.

**ncff** - 03/03/13 - 23:16

Also please use correct grammar as allow us to understand what you are saying.

**Fireman** - 03/04/13 - 13:25

If it was so bad that Wake Co. took control then how come so many other depts. in JOCO piggy backed the wake co. spec trucks? I am part of two depts. in JOCO and wish we would follow the lead of Wake co.

**JocoFireman** - 03/05/13 - 07:38

I would like to see the county give each department the choice of using the county spec or receive the amount of money the county spec truck costs. That way each individual department that chose to take the money instead of a county spec truck could use the money to spec a truck custom built for each individual and unique district. I am not well versed in the politics of the fire service so my question is this, would this even be a legal option that the county/departments could use? Also to those who have decision making ability's within your department, do you find that the county spec truck fits all your needs, is the ability to change the truck available (different hose bed heights, cab seating/compartment configuration..) Finally who draws up the county spec (is input taken from all regions of the county)?

**Watson** - 03/05/13 - 18:12

ficoFireman- JoCo FDs piggybacked off the WaCo specs because it saved them money, and for the most part the specs we good.

Mike- in JoCo there are no county specs for apparatus. Each department specs and purchases what they need/want, and the decision is influenced by call volume and type as well as ISO recommendations to obtain the best ISO rating, and most importantly what the department can afford.

Personally, I like our ability to spec and buy the truck that best suits US instead of what the county suggests.

**D.McKay** - 03/05/13 - 19:22

That should say JocoFireman, not ficoFireman. Autocorrected on my phone.....

**D. McKay** - 03/06/13 - 01:09

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Vehicles and Apparatus Sold at City Auction - Mid 1990s03/03/13 128 W - + 4 - 5

Found in some Services records. Recorded here for future purposes.

- Car 198 - Investigator vehicle - 1983 Ford Crown Victoria, former police unit 322. Was to be sold at city auction in the late summer/early fall of 1994.
- Car 197 - Secondary investigator vehicle? - 1986 Crown Vic, former police unit 457. Ditto.
- Car 1 - 1986 Crown Vic. Ditto.
- Car 4 - 1984 Chevy Impala. Ditto.
- Car 12 - Data Management Officer/Safety Officer (correct?) - 1985 Crown Vic. Ditto.
- Old Truck 5/16/8 - 1961 Amerian LaFrance 100-foot mid-mount. To be sold at city auction in October 1995.
- Old Engine 5/10 - 1973 Mack CF pumper. Serial number #1594. To be sold at city auction on September 20, 1997.
- Old Engine ?/7 - 1971 Mack CF pumper. Serial number #1255. Ditto.
- Old Engine 15/13/14 - 1970 Mack CF pumper. Serial number #1168. Ditto.

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**Sky-5 in Action - Video From 1982**

03/03/13 88 W - + 8 - 3

From a reader, here's a nifty fifteen-minute short feature about WRAL's news helicopter Sky 5. Of particular interest are the first few minutes, which include footage of the Watson's fire on April 30, 1982. [As this prior blog posting noted](#), that was the first of four major fires at the Rock Quarry Road location between 1982 and 1992. Good stuff and a good reminder to contact the station and their archivist. There's probably quite a bit of great old footage waiting to be shared. Thanks Brian!

awesome!  
**Jason Lane** - 03/05/13 - 17:51

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UPDATED: Knotts Island Fire Chief Dies in Line of Duty

03/05/13 159 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

March 5

Funeral arrangements have been announced, along with a press release from Knotts Island Fire Department about Chief Morrison's passing, and the memorial account that's been created for his family. The family will receive visitors on Saturday evening, March 9. The memorial service will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, March 10. [See this FireNews article](#) for more information.

March 3

[As reported in this Fire Critic posting](#), Knotts Island Fire Chief Scott Morrison died today. He was responding to fighting a brush in the 500 block of Knotts Island Road when he suffered an apparent heart attack. The fire was reported at 3:18 p.m. Chief Morrison, 44, collapsed into respiratory and cardiac arrest while helping to extinguish the blaze. He was treated on scene and while being transported to a hospital. He was pronounced dead at approximately 5:30 p.m. He's survived by a wife and two children.



Prayers sent his family!

**BamBam** - 03/04/13 - 18:01

RIP brother! Prayers sent to his family!

**Jason Lane** - 03/05/13 - 17:45

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## **This Morning's Commercial Structure Fire on Old Poole Road**

03/04/13 90 W, 2 I - + 6 - 1

[WTVD](#) has [posted a couple photos](#) of this morning's commercial structure fire on Old Poole Road. The abandoned one-story structure at 4720 Old Poole Road was reported ablaze about 4:15 ~~p.m.~~ a.m. Eastern Wake, New Hope, and Raleigh units (among others) were on scene. Included Ladder 8, probably special called. Fire was controlled in about an hour. Road was closed for a few hours, and reopened around 6:45 ~~p.m.~~ a.m. See also short [WRAL story](#).



*WTVD photos*

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What was the run card for units on scene

**run card** - 03/05/13 - 20:22

were there hydrants or was the ladder run off tankers

**run card** - 03/06/13 - 21:08

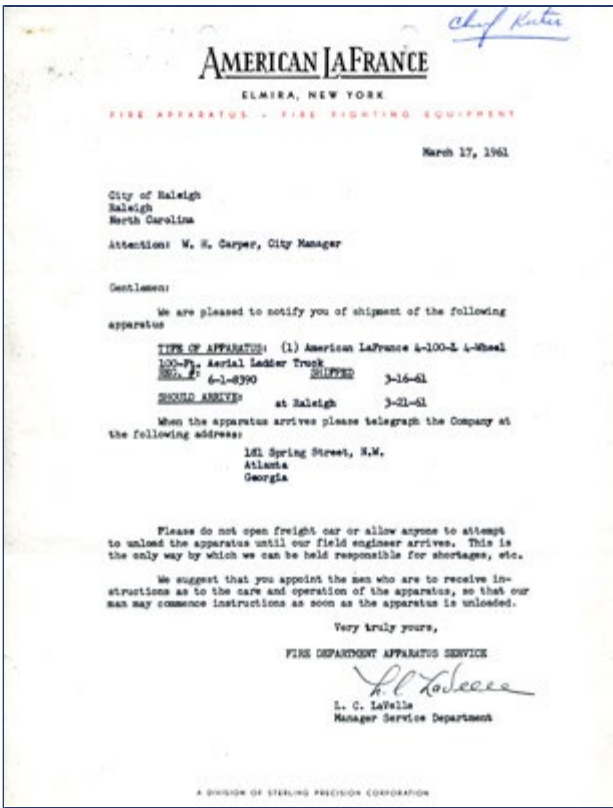
There was a hydrant caught, EW P1 laid about 2 or 300ft of 5in to RFD E12. Some tankers were returned to service, others stayed and their manpower was used. There was another batt chief out there briefly, batt 5 I think, as well as EW Car 1.

**D.McKay** - 03/06/13 - 22:52

American LaFrance Apparatus Shipment, March 1961

03/05/13 50 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

One American LaFrance 4-100-L four-wheel, 100-foot aerial ladder truck, shipped to the City of Raleigh on March 16, 1961. Back in the day when apparatus was delivered by rail car. Here's the letter from the company to the city. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Morning Reading -« UPDATED: Knotts Islan... » Forestry Fire Planes ... March 6, 2013

### Morning Reading - March 6, 2013

03/06/13 600 W - + 5 - 2

Good morning Raleigh. Here's a set of stories that each could compel their own blog post and discussion. Don't have time at present, so we'll compile for now. Local to national, fire science to behavioral science. We cover everything on this blog, except the stuff we don't.

- [Potential fire merger may help Knightdale](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story that continues coverage of the county's vision of consolidations as a financial aid for the future of the fire tax service district. The story reports that the Deputy County Manager met with representatives from several county municipalities in February, to assess their interest in merging with "county-run" fire departments.

The town of Knightdale, after their meeting, formed a committee to examine the pros and cons of a merger with Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue. That's the department that protects unincorporated areas outside of the town. Mergers of private-into-municipal have been done a number of times in Wake County, including Apex Rural FD > Apex FD, Fuquay-Varina Rural FD > Fuquay-Varina FD, Holly Springs Rural FD into Holly Springs PS, and Zebulon Rural FD > Zebulon FD.

Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue was originally named Knightdale Fire Department. They organized with town support in 1954. The town ceased contracted fire protection in 2002, and created their own municipal fire department. KFD was reorganized as EWFD on April 14, 2003. Here's Mike's list of [former fire departments in North Carolina](#). Believe you'll find similar examples of departments that have changed, morphed, or reformed over the years and decades.

- [This story stinks](#) - Maybe this blog, too! *New York Times* opinion piece from their *Sunday Review* about the effects of nasty comments when reading and interpreting news on the web. Study finds that rude comments from readers influence your interpretation of the original (non-reader comment) content. No surprise there, right? Key quote: "Uncivil comments not only polarized readers, but they often changed a participant's interpretation of the news story itself." Lots of implications here, or at least some "a ha" moments for readers, who wonder why news sites or blogs so heavily moderate their comments.

There's also a second part to this story. A related piece, if you will. How to read what you read. All news isn't created equal. Bloggers aren't necessarily journalists. Don't believe everything you read. (Including here!) Maybe we'll talk about that some time, or perhaps provide some links to materials along the lines of "how to tell if what you're reading is objective or subjective" or even, simply, "how to get better at reading stuff on the web."

- [Contradictions in Atlanta](#) and [Helmet-cam video from Fresno](#) - Backstep Firefighter and Statter911 blog postings that represent the ying and yang of interior versus exterior fire attacks. In the former, the bloggers challenge assumptions after structure fire in Atlanta. In the latter, reader comments demonstrate a range of interpretations (and opinions therein) of an exterior-then-interior fire attack in Fresno.
- [Ohio fire department tagged for \\$1.7M in sex discrimination suit](#) - Fire Law blogger Curt Varone recaps the results of a jury award to a former female firefighter, for their finding of sex discrimination leading to her termination while as a probationary firefighter. Respectful behavior in the workplace is mandatory to the success of an organization. Period. End of story. You don't even need to address the ethical imperative therein. The story includes details of a workplace culture problem, which should get any fire service manager thinking. Split-screen viewing of NASCAR during harassment training. Not good!

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In reference to the Atlanta story; this RE-ENFORCES the fact that the building isn't clear until WE SAY IT IS. The fact that "the house is abandoned" or "all subjects are reported out" is great to know and to be stored in the memory bank, but it shouldn't be taken as fact.

**Silver** - 03/06/13 - 21:31

The Knightdale/Eastern Wake article is interesting. It doesn't get the perspective of Eastern Wake at all though. I would like to see a good,

balanced view of the merger situation over there.

**FF** - 03/06/13 - 22:23

Using the term “merger” versus “consolidation”. Pros and cons? Maybe this is a topic for it’s own discussion.

**Food for thought** - 03/07/13 - 14:28

Seems like a good thing. More stations should they choose not to close any would mean a greater chance for promotions for employees and better benefits for Eastern Wake members as they will get to become part of the state pension fund.

**Mike** - 03/07/13 - 18:27

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Forestry Fire Planes at Work

03/06/13 37 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

From a reader, here's four fabulous minutes of forestry fire planes at work. Spanish Air Force in action. Quite compelling, with some nifty camera angles. Love the pedal cam. Thanks Bob!



That is one of the Best Fire Video’s ever I would love to take a ride with them someday.

**Bob Bartosz** - 03/06/13 - 23:48

Top Gun of Forestry Planes. Dang this is cool

**Rob Mitchell** - 03/07/13 - 09:20

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Cabin in the Woods « Forestry Fire Planes ... » Chapel Hill Fire Depa... - This Morning's Working Fire

### Cabin in the Woods - This Morning's Working Fire

03/07/13 269 W, 3 I - + 5 - 4

Aerial operations on Leesville Road, you say? That's Ladder 3 and Ladder 6 operating early this morning on Leesville Road, south of Strickland Road. They and other Raleigh units were dispatched to a house fire as reported from nearby Treymore Lane. Engine 23 arrived with a fully-involved structure in the woods at the southwest corner of Leesville and Strickland roads. The property at 9605 Old Leesville Road was a two-story (tax records say one-story) single-family dwelling with a partial basement, with 2,078 square-feet and built in 1982. The house, abandoned for four years we later learned, was located in the county. No (apparent) driveway, nor easy vehicle access. Crews schelped their lines over guard rails and around trees.

Defensive operations were utilized, with two ladders along with deluge gun(s), portable monitor(s), and hand lines. Three hydrants were caught, with very long lays including Leesville Road east (!) of Westgate Road. Durham Highway Fire Department was requested as mutual aid, protect exposures on east side of structure from possible extension into woods. Leesville and Strickland roads were closed during operations. Collapse hazards were present as the structured burned. The fire was controlled in, say, an hour. Units on scene included E23, E24, E17, E18, L6, L3, SQ14, R1, B4 (command), B5, C20, C420, DHFD P1, DHFD B6, E16 special called, Mini 2 requested but returned to service, EMS 22, EMS 3, EMS 1, D4, T1. [See more photos](#) (though it was dark!) and read a few more details from Mike Legeros.





should be ladder 3 and ladder 6....

6 truck - 03/07/13 - 23:39

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Apparatus Accident in Guilford County

03/07/13 90 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

An Alamance Fire Department firefighter suffered minor injuries today, when what looks a pumper-tanker overturned in the 2300 block of Alamance Church Road. The unit was responding to a call when it overturned. The driver-operator was the only one aboard. His right side tires reportedly ran off the road, notes [this News & Record story](#). He overcorrected and overturned on the left side of the road. The accident occurred about 12:55 p.m. See more photos in [this Digitriad story](#) and [this MyFox8 story](#).



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**Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, March 9**

03/07/13 171 W - + 4 - 2

The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) is open this Saturday, March 9. That's our regular second-Saturday-of-the-month opening. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Parking and restrooms available. Hopefully you'll see some new "we're open" signs as well. Your host on Saturday is department historian Mike Legeros, AKA Another Joker with a Blog. Swing by and talk shop! Here's a two-minute tour of the place:

The museum is located in a modular classroom 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. Both the museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) and 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.

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## Old Four No More

03/08/13 88 W, 3 I - + 5 - 3

The demolition has started of [old Station 4](#) on Wake Forest Road. The 1963 structure will be replaced by a mattress firm. Here are a couple prior postings on the topic from [October](#) and [December](#). Next question, how many other former fourth stations are still standing in our state? Old Asheville Station 4 (1927), Old Durham Station 4 (1958), Old Winston-Salem Station 4 (1923), Old Gastonia Station 4 (19??), Old Greensboro Station 4 (1905), Old High Point Station 4 (1925), Old Charlotte Station 4 (1925), Old Rocky Mount Station 4 (1955), and Old Raleigh Station 4 (1926).

[See more photos.](#) Click to enlarge:







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Tractor Trailer Versus Convenience Store

03/08/13 35 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

Location Lucama. Here's the [WRAL story](#). Last week was the vehicle into a business in downtown Durham. Or was that this week? The days do blur together...



WRAL photo

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## **This Morning's Structure Fire - New Bern Avenue**

03/09/13 141 W, 3 I - + 5 - 2

Photos from a few hours later. One-story, block construction convenience store and gas station. With 1,928 square-feet, built 1984. Only three sides accessible, building located above below-grade shopping center (Longview). Heavy fire conditions inside, with roof operations for ventilation. Crews withdrawn from roof, and then from inside building. Ladder 4 and Ladder 2 (both, correct?) flowing into building, along with a portable monitor used. New Bern Avenue closed for supply line from opposite side of street. Dispatched about 10:15 a.m. Units on scene included: E7, E3 (first engine on scene, returning from grocery store), E12, E1, L4, L2, SQ15, R1, A1, B2, B5, C20, C420, C401, special call E13 and E11, EMS 7, EMS 1, EMS 2, D1. Where was Camera Boy, you ask? He was staffing the fire museum today and listening on the radio. Click to enlarge:





The exterior damage doesnt look too bad, can someone on scene advise what the inside conditions were like. Was it bad enough to warrant 2 aerial streams or was that done simply due to deteriorating structural conditions.

**outside** - 03/09/13 - 16:31

Interior units were evacuated due to a sagging lightweight steel-bar truss roof that had significant heat damage and wasn't far from collapse. Great call by B2.

**At scene** - 03/09/13 - 17:19

Good deal. I agree with you at scene, great call. Thank you for the first hand information. Great job today

**outside** - 03/09/13 - 18:32

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Mystery Fire - Asheville, 1922

03/09/13 36 W, 2 I - + 7 - 1

[Found for sale on eBay](#), here are two views of a fire at a train station in Asheville on November 14, 1922. Or perhaps a train crash of some sort? Click to enlarge:



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Holy Smoke!

03/10/13 139 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

The next time you grouse about "additional duties as required," consider these Vatican firefighters last week installing a chimney onto the roof of the Sistine Chapel. It'll serve as a transmitter for news of the new Pope. Getty News image. See this [Italian news story](#) for more details. Google Images has more. [Here's a neat info-graphic](#) titled "Inside the Conclave." Regarding the Vatican fire department--Vigili Del Fuoco Stato Citta Del Vaticano--they're part of the Corps of Gendarmerie of Vatican City State. Or so this [Wikipedia page informs](#). Bet they rely on mutual aid, though! [Here's a Flickr photo](#) by Kenneth Lu showing some of their trucks. While [here's a Flickr photo](#) by Kelly Lenfest showing more of the fleet. Maybe readers can post a run card for the Chapel, ha.



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Bunn's New Engine

03/10/13 118 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

Another new delivery as photographed by Lee Wilson, a 2013 Rosenbauer Commander pumper-tanker delivered to Bunn Fire Department in Franklin County on Friday. How many of those Rosenbauers have been delivered around here? Believe they're Europe's biggest manufacturer. [See more photos](#). Next question, is Bunn near Bunn Level? We know Bunn's not near Dunn. Is there a Dunn Level? Oh, to be a blogger in Harnett County. Think of the puns, man. Caption after structure fire: Well Done Dunn. Headline for feature story: Day is Dunn. Title after a rekindle: Dunn Come And Gone. (Add "Tramp" Dunn in there and it just goes bonkers.) Yup, slow morning at Blog Central...



Lee Wilson photo

Bunn is in Franklin county and Bunnlevel is in Harnett County south of Lillington  
**Tbyrd406** - 03/11/13 - 12:37

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**Car Versus House in Garner > Working Fire**

03/10/13 80 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

As reported by WTVD, a car struck a house in the 1300 block of Elkhorn Road in Garner just after 4:00 a.m. this morning. The vehicle struck a natural gas line and erupted in flames, which extended into and extensively damaged the structure. The homeowner and two dogs escaped without injury. The driver was presumed still in the vehicle (and thus deceased). Once the fire was extinguished, the car was found empty.



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Video: Know Your Smoke

03/11/13 119 W - + 4 - 2

Here's your Monday morning educational video, a ten-minute video from the [Fire Smoke Coalition](#) from last year, discussing and demonstrating the effects of the "toxic twins," Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN). Starting around the 4:30 mark, a member of the Columbia Fire Department talks about their haz-mat team's research. They compiled data from about forty fires and found alarming HCN readings with even pot-on-stove calls, where the fires were extinguished by the homeowner prior to their arrival. They noted readings of 75 ppm in these "very light smoke conditions," which surprised and shocked them. (IDLH for HCN is defined as 50 ppm.) Simply, know your smoke. It can save your life.

...it's what I have been preaching for a year now. All firefighters should take a look at this video and strongly consider the aspects of not wearing their SCBA in certain situations – overhaul and defensive fires in particular.

Air is free, so wear your SCBA! Let's break down the "traditional habits" we carry with us regarding exterior fires and overhaul. In addition to HCN and CO acute exposure effects, the prevalence of firefighter cancer is on the rise and is directly attributed to toxin exposure over the years. Reduce your respiratory exposure and succeed!!

A.C. Rich - 03/11/13 - 10:26

And from the title I saw in my RSS reader here I was expecting something about the black/white smoke we're looking for in Rome these days ... :-)

Paul - 03/11/13 - 11:54

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - UPDATE #2: « Re-Uncovering Hidden ... » UPDATED: 1944 Diamond... Wake County Eyes Upgrades to 911, Radio Systems

### UPDATE #2: Wake County Eyes Upgrades to 911, Radio Systems

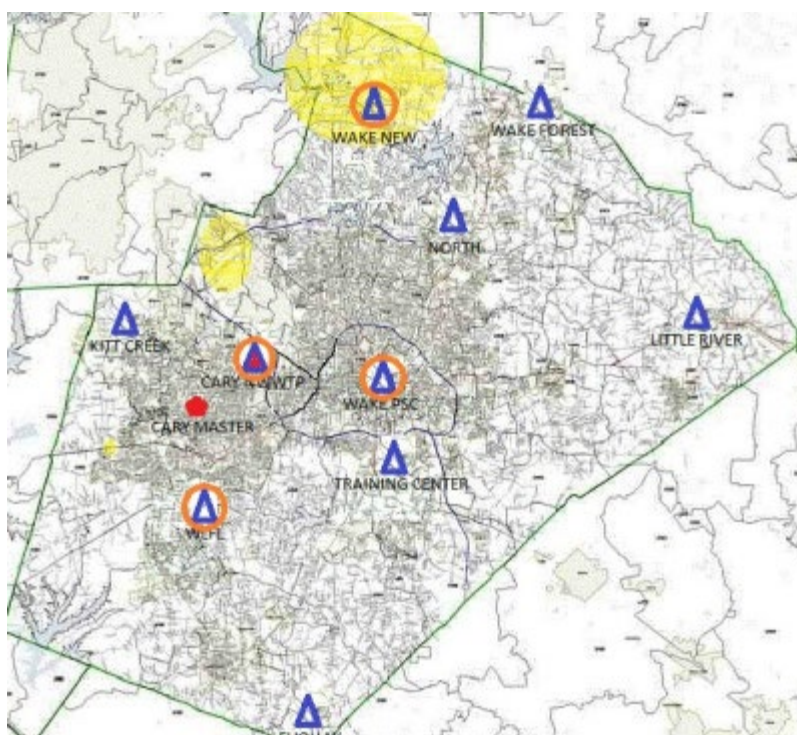
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September 21

The Wake County Fire Commission this week received an update on this project. To recap, the current 800mhz radio system that's used by public safety agencies will no longer be supported by Motorola beginning in 2016. This was announced by them in 2008. The county thus created a master plan that year, identifying planning needs. The county engaged consultants in 2011 to assist in evaluating replacement options. The report was received in early 2012.

Three options for a next step were determined: (a.) continue radio system partnership with State Highway Patrol, (b.) form a radio system partnership with town of Cary, or (c.) create independent radio system for Wake County. The project's steering committee subsequently eliminated the Wake-only option. They presented their findings to the Board of Commissions on September 9. Their recommendation was a partnership with the town of Cary.

Meaning, all agencies that use the county radio system (which includes the city of Raleigh) would use the same radio system as the town of Cary. As was explained on Thursday night, operational benefits would included the ability to share (correct?) talkgroups. Presume that Cary and Raleigh/Wake County would continue to operate separate communications facilities. [See those slides](#) (PDF), which include some nifty maps.



March 18

[Here are the slides](#) (PDF) that were presented to the board last week.\

March 11

Here's a [WRAL story today](#) about the Board of Commissioners consider an overhaul to its emergency communications systems. The current Motorola (dispatch center? all radio gear?) hardware is no longer manufactured, they report. Upgrades, such as added tower sites or dispatch consoles, are no longer available. Technical support ends on December 31, 2005. The need for an overhaul was identified as early as 2008, when a comprehensive review of its radio system was completed. Today, four possible plans were presented to the commissioners:

- Continued partnership with North Carolina Highway Patrol (\$31 million)
- Combining resources with town of Cary (\$30.9 million)
- Completely independent system (\$32.2 million)

- Creating independent system to coincide with open of new public works operation center in North Raleigh.

We'll see what information we can find on the web. Maybe details from the commissioner's meeting today.

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Their should be one dispatch center for police, fire, and EMS across the county. Have a total of 101 dispatch centers in the state with one for highway patrol and any other state police agency. Consolidation will improve services for the customer and cut down on duplicate costs at each dispatch center

**ncnjems** - 03/11/13 - 23:53

"Technical support ends on December 31, 2005" Typo? Don't you mean 2015?

**Paul** - 03/12/13 - 09:12

Technical support ends 2015, but technical relevance ended in 2005. :)

But seriously, folks... So, to continue with NCSHP and the existing towers costs \$31 million, but to join Cary (and, I assume, install additional towers to cover the county) would only cost \$30 million? If this is true, what are the costs over a 5, 10, or 15 year period. If the initial investment in joining Cary is lower, would the long range cost be significantly lower?

Whoever can keep the current coverage but fix the massive dead spots around Brier Creek and Battle Bridge has my vote.

**rfburns** - 03/13/13 - 20:07

Back in 2004, Wake County put a 35 million dollar emergency communications system online, only to see it go obsolete only a year later? And now, they want to spend another 30+ million dollars? Am I missing something here?

**Jonny** - 03/14/13 - 21:47

Yes, you're missing something. The typo. Motorola will no longer support this version of the radio system after 2015.

The number of users present or potentially present on this system today is beyond anybody's wildest expectations. Please don't forget that on the day that the tornadoes blew threw the county, the people at the scenes couldn't communicate. The system was "busied out" for quite a bit of the day. Much of that had to do with out-of-county traffic being monitored by state officials in and around Wake County – each of which took up system space.

The public safety personnel and citizens of Wake County deserve a system that has adequate capacity and can not be "taken down" by non-county uers.

**Skip K.** ([Email](#)) - 03/24/13 - 10:51

Thanks Skip. Those pesky typos.

The added slides offer some perspective on those non-county users. Meaning, the challenges of our shared radio system.

For the laymen who are reading, our radio system is shared with SHP. When they have heavy radio usage—such as during a disaster—there's less of their radio system available for the Wake County users.

Local transmitting units, for example, can get busy signals (!) because there are no more "channels" available.

There are also system-based limitations, such as the number of unique radio IDs can be issued locally. That is, physical radios issued to unique individuals or units. We're given a portion, and we're approaching that upper limit.

Did I get that all right?

[ Note, these were edited/rewritten at 12:32 p.m. today. ]

**Legeros** - 03/24/13 - 10:57

It is not only shared with SHP but ALL of NCEM, which is based here in Raleigh, thus taking up channels during times of disasters as well while they are communicating with their agencies statewide. Will be interesting to see if the recommendation is pursued as I've been hearing these rumors for quite a while now.

**sharing** - 09/22/13 - 01:01

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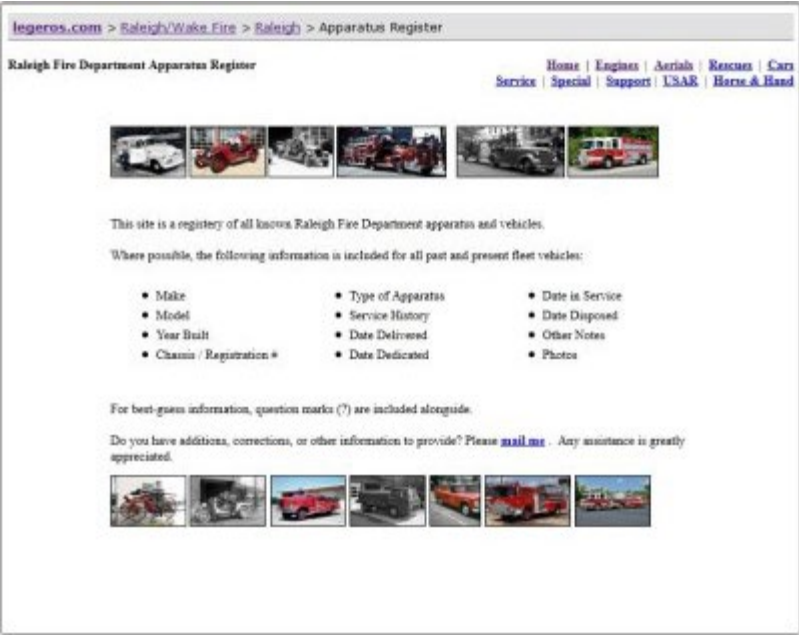
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Raleigh Fire Department Apparatus Register Updated

03/11/13 46 W, 1 I - + 4 - 2

Site update. [Raleigh Fire Department Apparatus Register](#). Added new formatting for dates and numbers. Added a couple dozen additional photo, both past and present. Reviewed and updated assorted entries and formatting.



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## Twin Cities Firefighters Buck Tradition with Euro-Style Helmets

03/12/13 155 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Here's an [interesting Firehouse.com story](#), reprinting a [Minneapolis Star Tribune story](#), about the European-style helmets being used by at least ten fire departments in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. They're finding benefits in better protection, lower profiles for rescue situations, and base comfort from its lighter weight. The downsides? Some users report that they can't hear as well (an obvious trade-off that the hearing protection affords). There's also the back of the neck, which requires protection from a fire-retardant cloth shield. Here's a side-by-side comparison photo:



*Bruce Bisping/Star Tribune photo*

[Here are some photos](#) of the helmets at work, via the Twin Cities Fire Wire web site. (Itself an interesting idea. Maybe someone around here will start a Raleigh-Wake Fire Wire web site, where everyone can submit and share photos and news.) Look for photos from Eagan FD, such as [this house fire](#).

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Our project manager for turnout gear at Cary FD several years ago got one of these helmets for us to try. He liked it (and wore it on some calls) but like the story says a lot of guys laughed at them. The negative response and cost played a role in us not getting them am sure. Thanks

**fire1983** - 03/12/13 - 11:28

I think they'd be a better choice. Better functionality all around, it seems. I'd gladly wear one if RFD made them an option. The article commented on the military not using WWI helmets. A good point. CW Williams sells them, I tried one on and it did feel really comfortable.

**Bob** - 03/12/13 - 12:28

So, what if traditions were departed from in the name of better/safer methods...? Is change truly appropriate if it is for the betterment of any activity, even if it clashes with tradition or "the way we have always done things?" Are we as a modern fire service actually able or willing to do so? Is it image or service that really matters? Search deep inside.... If we were to place our money where our mouths are, we would all be wearing these helmets, budgets for fire prevention would supersede operations, appropriate service levels would be easily established ("standards of cover"), and the list goes on and on... almost a European approach...

**A.C. Rich** - 03/12/13 - 18:49

We had these at one time (well something pretty close)...it was called the 660. Replace the face-shield with the Defender system, add removable ESS goggles and there you have it; cheaper too.

**Silver** - 03/13/13 - 10:11

So out of curiosity A.C. as the chief of a department why are you guys not doing those things? Of all people I would think that the chief, and one as respected as you, would be able to do those things that are 'truly appropriate'

**FF** - 03/13/13 - 15:41

I too struggle terribly with traditions and culture... everyday. That's why I ask the previous questions; even in a rhetorical tone. To me, there is a very fine balance between effectiveness/capability, cost, and compliance. I'll have to think on this one for a while.

**A.C. Rich** - 03/13/13 - 16:04

I remember back in the late 90's when my department wore nothing but Cairn's 660 and 360 helmets. I was the first one to break loose and buy my own personal Cairn's 1010 (from the legend himself, Mike Bordeaux) , then came a Houston. Some of the guys would pick on my leather front saying it looked like a huge billboard or how heavy the helmet was. 15 years later my whole department is issued 1010 helmets. I honestly hope I can finish my career with my 1010 and my New Yorker. It may not be this Euro-style helmet, it may be some futuristic looking american made helmet but it's coming sooner or later I think. Safety overrides tradition nowadays.

**Jerry** - 03/14/13 - 12:17

I do remember when a vendor sent one to RFD; the helmet was used by one of our training instructors. If memory serves me right I don't think it lasted long during the live fire training! But maybe AC can help on that note?

**Jason Lane** - 03/18/13 - 15:21

Had a similar issue one time with helmets for EMS folks (in another state and another time). Provided them with high-quality USAR-type helmets with lights, face shields, etc., that were better for working inside tight quarters (like car extrications). Nobody liked 'em – wanted fire style helmets to look like everybody else.

It is challenging for chief officers to do what they believe is right, in the face of employee "wants." Do you do the right thing every day, and have the employees dislike you for it, or do you "give" on some things that might or might not really matter? In a perfect world, you would be rewarded for doing the right thing, but in today's political world, if the employees don't "like" a chief's decision, that chief's job is at risk.

**Skip K.** ([Email](#)) - 03/24/13 - 11:00

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## Old Engine Off Hillsborough Street

03/12/13 39 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

This former Guilford County engine (Gibsonville, then Fire District 13) is sitting behind a business at the corner of Hillsborough and Hawthorne streets. That's a 1978 Ford/Pierce pumper or perhaps pumper-tanker. Click to enlarge:



There is one sitting on Falls of Neuse at a construction site for a dentists office. It is from Prospect Fire Dept. I think that you may have seen that on before.

Marcus - 03/12/13 - 14:00

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Poster For "Burn" - « Twin Cities Firefight... » Wilmington Firefighte... April 10-11, 2013

### Poster For "Burn" - April 10-11, 2013

03/12/13 58 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

Here's a downloadable poster for *Burn: One Year on the Front Lines of the Battle to Save Detroit*, showing in Raleigh on April 10 and 11. [See prior posting](#) for event information. And the Deep Purple song of the same name is now playing through my head (RIP Jon Lord). Click to enlarge:



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## Wilmington Firefighters Use Billboards to Campaign For Pay Raises

03/12/13 71 W, 1 I - + 4 - 3

From a reader, here's an interesting *Star News* story out of Wilmington, where electronic billboards are displaying messages from the Wilmington Professional Firefighters Association. Three locations will feature the messages for two weeks each. They follow a March 1 letter that the organization sent to the City Council with concerns about pay and benefits. [Read the entire story.](#)



*Julian March/Star-News photo*

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**UPDATED: Former and Historic Firehouses of Atlanta**

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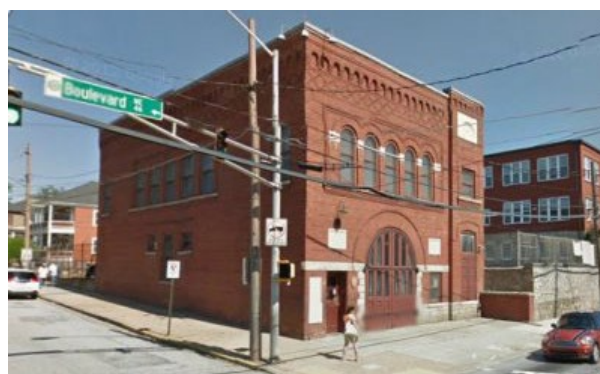
My research document is complete (for now) and has been [posted on my history site](#). The PDF document lists all engine houses, past and present. Plus apparatus rosters. Other facilities to be added, shop, training, etc. And when's the trip to take pictures? Probably next year.

March 13

Here's my newest research project: historic and former firehouses of Atlanta. Found a half-dozen former houses so far. Might be another one or two still standing. (And perhaps a mess of former Fulton County fire stations.) Plus a couple active stations from the 1920s, and a bunch from the 1950s and early 1960s. Looks like that was an expansion period for the city. (My definition of historic is fifty years or older.)

Sources are a trio of Atlanta Fire Department history books that should arrive any day, plus a station history provided by a retired member of the department. Thanks, Chief! This is an idle pursuit. Might finish this year. Might finish next year. Alas, there's still plenty on my historical plate at present. But it's fun to chase butterflies some times.

Top to bottom are Old Station 4 at 124 Ellis Street (1959 to 2001), old Station 6 at 39 Boulevard NE (1894 to 1991), old Station 7 at 535 West Whitehall Street SW (1910 to ?), Old Station 13 at 447 Flat Shoals Avenue SE (1921 to 2010), old Station 16 at 824 Marietta Street (1915 to 1963), and old Station 17 at 1384 Gordon Street (1921 to 1976). Photos from Google Maps.





Mike, Check out "Engine 11 Tavern" in Atlanta. It's a really cool spot that has kept a lot of the traditional decorations of the old firehouse. I can only assume that it is former firehouse #11 but I have no documents to prove that. I am attaching a google map picture of it. I'm sure you haven't overlooked this one but I didn't see that you had it yet. It's address is 30 North Ave NE, Atlanta, GA. Enjoy.

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Ben Davis - 03/13/13 - 09:49

Yes Ben the Engine 11 Tavern is a good restaurant, it was formerly "The Spotted Dog" which served some good food also... The owner took us all thru it, from basement to attic... History all over that building... Its a shame that Atlanta condemned it prior to the 96" Olympics..

Jim - 05/29/13 - 18:36

hey Lee, You got some good info there... Having done and continuing my own research of the History of the Atlanta Fire Dept. it is pain staking and involves many man hrs and quite a few gals of gas... I have info and photos of every sta. past and present as well as photos of location and approx. locations of past stations gathered with the help of History books, Sanborn maps, Atlanta History Center, talking to friends in the AFD. If there is anything I can help you with please feel free to contact me...

Jim Kay - 05/30/13 - 14:30

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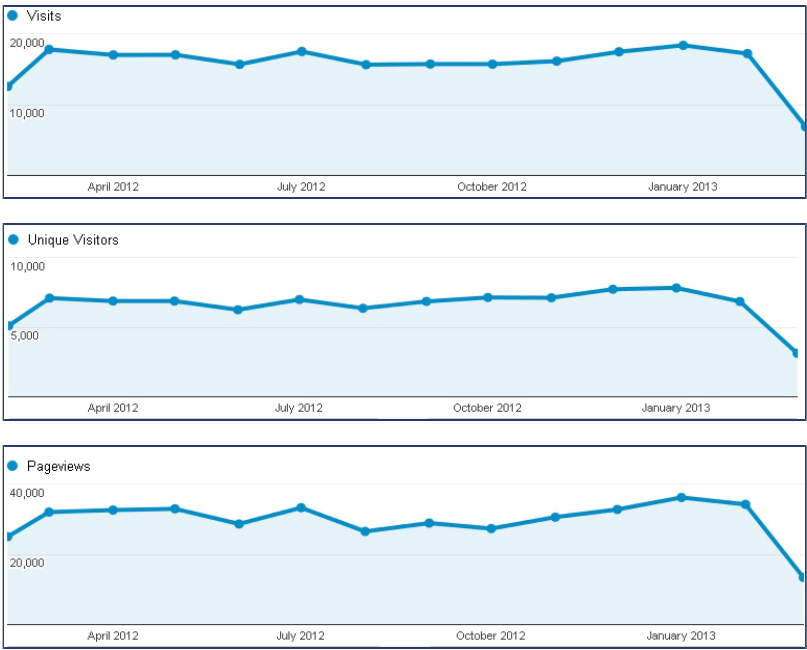
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How Busy is this Blog?

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Here's a year's worth of statistics via Google Analytics. Total visitors 220,689. Total unique visitors 79,851. Total pageviews 414,137. Average pages per visit 1.88. Average visit duration one minute and 28 seconds. For those who are curious. Still not interested in advertising or sponsorship. Readers are free to send copious amount of money, however. Will donate some to the fire museum. Click to enlarge:



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## Wilson's Squad 5

03/14/13 153 W, 2 I - + 6 - 3

Here's what a squad (or at least one of them) looks like in Wilson. This is Squad 5 at the Airport Boulevard fire station, what looks like a dry-chemical slash foam transport unit. Photographer Lee Wilson was poking around town this week. Station 5 is one of a couple equipped with slides, which we've talked about before. He also photographed their old Station 1 on Douglas Street, which he reports is being turned into a fire museum. Google doesn't find any news on that one, do any readers have updates? That's one of the few (if memory serves) classic Central Fire Stations still surviving in our state. (Extra credit if you can list those still standing and without consulting my web site.) [See more photos from Lee](#), including his archive apparatus photos of Wilson rigs. That's right, Wilson on Wilson. A cat so cool they named a town after him.



*Lee Wilson photo*

The Douglas St. station served as "Hope Station", a men's shelter and support facility from the late 80's to a few years ago when they moved a block or so over into newer and more functional space. No other agencies were interested in the facility so it reverted back to the city. Wilson Fire/Rescue Services has always hoped to get it back and now the fire museum will become a reality. The department has some great items to display and this will be a wonderful place when it is done.

D.Cates - 03/14/13 - 11:03

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Strip Mall Burns in Gaston County

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Here's your hot shot of the week, as [posted by FireNews.net](#). Crowder's Mountain FD PIO Chris Stowe provides an incident report, with photos provided by CMFD (below) and Jeff Phelps. The two-alarm structure fire was dispatched at 4:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The location was 4024 Old York Road in Gaston County. The initial departments dispatched were Crowder's Mountain and Union Road.

They were soon joined by Gastonia, Agriculture Center, Ranlo, New Hope, Bethany-Santiago, Clover, and Bethel fire departments. Total of fourteen pieces of apparatus and about sixty-five firefighters. [Read the entire incident summary](#).

Sundry details from [this WBTV story](#): about 80,000 gallons of water were flowed, which flooded two nearby homes. (How common is that? Water damage to nearby buildings from a major fire?) A carpet store and hair salon were located inside the one-story mall. Google for other news coverage.



Crowder's Mountain Fire Department photo

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## **Mystery Air Force Apparatus**

03/15/13 203 W, 2 I - + 7 - 7

Found these two images in my files. They were scanned from a scrapbook at the Morrisville Fire Department approximately ten years. There's no dates nor identifying information in my records. Conversed with military apparatus historian Peter Brock, and here are his observations:

*The rig is not a standard issue USAF fire apparatus, it's homemade. It would not have been at RDU, because that is the Army National Guard (ANG) and this is clearly this a USAF rig. It wasn't photographed in Charlotte, either, because ANG bases did not have homemade apparatus at any point in their history. The only other options for North Carolina would be Pope or Seymour Johnson.*

*The rig looks like a homemade foaming unit, the tanks would hold the concentrate and the pump on the back did all the work. Not sure where the water would come from, perhaps an accompanying F6 or F7, but these units had their own pumps/tanks. It is an interesting rig that I have never seen before, maybe one-of-a kind?*

Does anyone recognize the thing? Presumably a local photograph, perhaps a vehicle that was passing through the area, or loaned for particular purposes? Click to enlarge:





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Once upon a time, around 1970 or so, my Dad and I stopped by the Morrisville fire station. There were four trucks inside- the Chevy/Darley pumper, a small military surplus type brush truck, and two military surplus trucks of the 2.5 ton type. One had this style of front end, the other the older style (which was in fact Morrisville's first fire truck).

**DJ** - 03/15/13 - 23:25

As I recall, there was a guy (I wish I could remember his name) who was a Chief officer in Morrisville (he was also a volunteer with Zebulon) who was in the Air Force reserves. I also recall that he did a lot of traveling around the world with the reserves. These may be pictures of his.

**Chuck** - 03/16/13 - 09:37

The name is Mike Chambers I believe. I would bet these are his.

**Chuck** - 03/16/13 - 09:49

OK...that may not have been a Morrisville truck in the picture, but Morrisville DID have one in their station with the same type of cab, like Yrac and Knightdale had at the time. The military nomenclature for that truck was M35. The original Morrisville truck was on a CCKW chassis.

**DJ** - 03/16/13 - 11:42

The truck pictured in all of three of those is a GMC CCKW. The other one I saw at M-ville was an M35 derivative. I never saw what sort of body was on it, but I would venture that it was probably a tank body of some sort, like the one that Yrac had. The one had M-ville even had 'Morrisville' on the door.

**DJ** - 03/16/13 - 13:18

The truck at the top I believe is a USAF 5 ton water tanker. The other three pictures show International Harvester 2 1/2 ton trucks. The International 2 1/2s were the Navy's and Marine's version of the GMC CCKW (the third type of 2 1/2 ton WW2 truck was made by Studebaker). For more USAF fire truck info check out <http://www.firetrucks-atwar.com/af.html>

**Steve** - 04/19/13 - 02:13

The truck appears to be an Air Force Water Distributor, Model 73. It carried 1000 gals of water and a 500 gpm pump. They were used to supply water to crash trucks. Many were modified with foam tanks, as seen in the photo. With foam tanks and a rear mounted spreader bar (nozzles) they were used for runway foaming operations. Reo, 2 1/2 ton 6x6 chassis with tank/pump by Gibson. This link provides a view of one at the Memphis AFB, USAF 52L1467. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/photo.php?fbid=10200721449030839&set=p.10200721449030839&type=1&theater>

**Ted** - 10/29/13 - 19:04

The red water tanker is marked on the front and back for Seymour Johnson AFB.

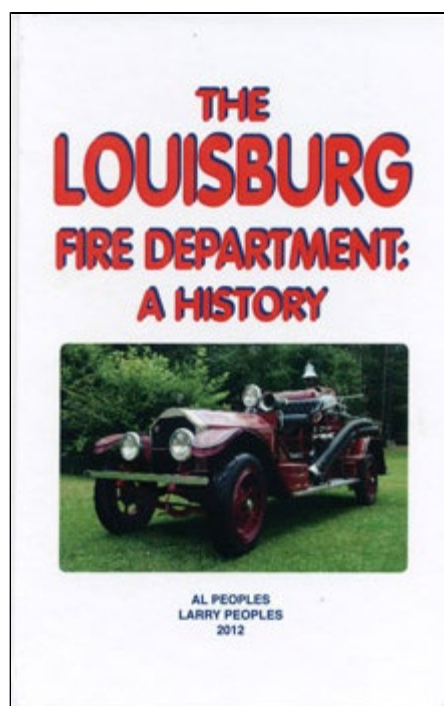
## Louisburg Fire Department History Book

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Retired firefighters Al Peoples and Larry Peoples have written a book about their department's history: *The Louisburg Fire Department: A History*. The hardcover book has 232 pages and measures 6 x 9 inches. The printer is SGA Publishing in Oxford. The book is primarily text, with a few dozen photos. The content includes both factual and personal histories of the Louisburg Fire Department, which celebrated its 106th anniversary last year.

The first half of the book is a historical timeline that begins with the first factual data as recorded in the town's minutes in 1906. There's also narratives on other subjects, including the town's colored fire company, longtime engineer Joe Perry, the old American LaFrance engine Maude. There's hefty information about the Fire Chiefs, the personnel, the apparatus, and the firefighting families. There's even a full list of references, which is appreciated by historians like myself. The authors have done their homework.

The book was printed with a limited number of copies. The authors have a good supply on hand, but don't dawdle if you want one! The cost is \$35.00 shipped and signed. Proceeds benefit Maude, the aforementioned 1921 American LaFrance engine and which was recently reacquired by the department. Contact Al People ([alpeoples1@nc.rr.com](mailto:alpeoples1@nc.rr.com)) or Larry Peoples ([lpeoples155@gmail.com](mailto:lpeoples155@gmail.com)) to get yours.



Thanks for your interest and the publicity for our book Mike. One comment, my brother Larry retired from the department as the Chief Engineer several years ago; however, he continues to be a volunteer. The reason I mention this is because he is into his 41st year as a volunteer, the longest of any volunteer to serve in the history of the department (I only had about 27). We really enjoyed working on the book, as you would understand more than most. Come up to Louisburg and see our '21 La France sometime....

**AI** - 03/16/13 - 22:06

## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *UPDATED: Wake* « Convenience Store Fir... » Gas Can + Flames = Fl... *County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, March 21*

### UPDATED: Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, March 21

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March 23

Here some short notes from Thursday's meeting. Consult the minutes, when they're released ahead of the May meeting. The Wake County Fire Services staff does a superb job of recording detail meetings for each meeting. Here's some of my notes. Please correct me as needed.

- Tax fire district-funded departments are finishing the budget process. They've submitted theirs for county staff review. For the first time this year, line-item reviews are being performed. County staff is performing some adjustments, which resulted in discussions, questions, and formal statements from some departments. These were regarding cuts in some line items, and questions about the process used or standards applied to evaluate the trims.
- Response boundaries (correct phrase?) are being recalculated. This is a process where the county GIS office re-computes the driving times from all fire stations to all property locations. This process was desired to take place every three years, but hadn't been performed in five years. Thus it's underway, and some questions were asked about same.
- The he first round of interviews are being scheduled for the Fire-Rescue Director position. There are three candidates at present. They expected the new Director to be named soon.
- Discussions are underway about mergers, both involving him/county staff and municipalities, as well as among the tax district-funded fire departments. Eastern Wake and Knightdale are engaged in discussions and studies. Bay Leaf, Durham Highway, and Stony Hill are also having discussions, it was reported.
- The county is considering a partnership with the city, which is designing a new Emergency Operations Center. A joint city-county EOC would benefit the county in a number ways, which were noted.
- A Financial Sustainability Committee has been created within the Fire Commission. This is a separate entity than the Budget Committee. Their purpose is to brainstorm on ways to, well, save money. Presumably starting with higher-level goals and ideas, before trickling down to strategic steps.
- Retiring Wendell Fire Chief Tom Vaughn was recognized for his decades of service. His replacement is Brian Staples, current Acting Fire Chief. Congratulations to both.
- A motion was also made to recognize other recently retired Fire Chiefs. A letter of appreciation from the commission is planned, and will be sent to other fire chiefs in Wake County who have recently retired.

March 16

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, March 21, 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 Carya Drive](#).

#### Agenda

- Call meeting to order
  - Invocation
  - Roll of Members Present
  - Approval of Agenda
- Minutes
  - Adoption of Minutes for January 17, 2013, Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - No items requiring Fire Commission action
- Information Agenda

- Fire Training Center Pump Update
- Fire Training Center RFP Update
- Fire Tax Financial Report
- Single Fire Tax District Budget Update
- Fire Service Response Boundary 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 May 16, 2013.

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Engine 3 - Circa 1925 or 1926

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Here's a recently re-acquired photo from the North Carolina State Archives. You've probably seen this one before. They did a scan of the original copied negative. I've sharpened the image, and corrected some (but not all) of the blotches. This is one of the few photos showing an animal at a Raleigh fire station. Left to right are L. R. Wilkins, Bruce D. Holloway, and Pat Marshman. That's either a 1922 or a 1926 American LaFrance triple combination. They're at Station 3 on East Hargett Street. The call number of the photo from the Albert Barden Collection is N.53.16.3961. Click to enlarge:



Is that a different truck from what you guys have in your antique fleet?

Speedy - 03/16/13 - 23:39

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**Company Patches of Atlanta - 1983**

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This was included in a recent auction win of Atlanta Fire Department history books, the August 1983 issue of *The International Fire Chief*. The organization's annual convention was held in Atlanta that month. The cover depicts a number of company patches. What do some of the company patches look like, from around North Carolina? [Check out this patch gallery](#) on the FireNews.net legacy site. They were compiled a couple years ago. Sort the list by Fire Department. Next question, where else on the web can you view company patches for near or far? (Here in the Capitol City, there are some custom company logos on rigs. Don't believe any cloth patches have been created, however.) Click once or twice to enlarge:



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## Morning Reading - March 17, 2013

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Good morning, Raleigh. There was quite a bit of green being worn in downtown Raleigh yesterday. Watch this space (well, [my photo site](#)) for parade photos, notably featuring a contingent of Capital Area FOOLS. There are also more incident photos in general of late. The days are getting longer, and that's more time for photos. Might even undertake a ride-along or two, one of these weekends. Get back into the full swing of playing Photo Guy.

- [Wendell Fire Chief is retiring](#) - *Eastern Wake News* story about the coming retirement of longtime Wendell Fire Chief Tom Vaughn. He'll leave office on March 31, at age sixty-five. He's spent four decades with the fire department, starting in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter. He was named Chief of Department in 1985. Notes the story, WFD ran 190 calls and operated with a budget of about \$1,000 then. Today, or, rather, last year, the department answered 1,880 calls and operated with a budget of \$1.3 million. His first budget, he recalls, was scribbled on a piece of notebook paper. His office was a windowless closet in the back of the Wendell Boulevard station, which was completed the year before. Vaughn is also one of the county's longest-serving chiefs, as we [cited in this posting last year](#). What are his plans post-retirement? "Nothing," he smiles as he told the reporter. Congratulations, Chief!
- [Familiar face becomes Zebulon's new fire chief](#) - Another *Eastern Wake News* story, this one about incoming Zebulon Fire Chief Chris Perry. His first day on the job was March 1, taking over from his father Sydney Perry, who retired on March 28. Chief Chris has held several positions at ZFD over the past twenty-six years, including Assistant Chief. His day job was Assistant Director of Emergency Services in Johnston County prior to his move to his hometown.

And kudos to the *Eastern Wake News* for near-weekly coverage these days of local fire departments and their happenings. Wish the other papers would follow suit. Such as the [Stony Hill junior firefighter competition](#) yesterday. Hope at least one news outlet made the trip. We'll publish the results and any other details, of course, as submitted by SHFD.

- [Monroe company demonstrates their drones](#) - WCNC story found via the [Carolinas Fire Page mailing list](#) about Condor Aerial Optics that provides unmanned aerial vehicles (what the world presently calls "drones") to law enforcement agencies around the country. These are battery-powered, rapid-response devices that are operated by a remote control or through a laptop. They have limited flight times of 45 to 90 minutes, and a camera system that works to about 100 to 200 feet. Wonder how soon we'll see these tried by fire departments? They're not with controversy, the story notes. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has joined twenty-two states in requesting public information from law enforcement agencies in a number of states, about their equipment.
- [Scanner listeners help get the news out](#) - Also found via said Yahoo group is this *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* story about Rhode Island scanner buffs who use Twitter to broadcast notifications of fires. One person, a retired Woonsocket firefighter who tweets as @ProvFireVideos has sent over 21,000 messages about "fires in Central Massachusetts and beyond, crimes such as a murder in Worcester, and information on the lighter side." Looking locally, who are the power users on Twitter for North Carolina fire news? @firenews, of course. Others?
- [Who has the oldest firehouse?](#) - Firegeezzer posting from yesterday, about the Manistee Fire Department in Michigan. Their station was built in 1888 and has been operating continuously since that time. They're certain theirs is the oldest in the state of Michigan. What's the oldest continuously (key point) operating engine house in the nation? Based on reader comments so far, the answer might be Madison, IN, and a fire station operating since 1848. What's the oldest in our state? Believe that's Henderson Station 2, built in 1909.

Manistee Fire Department Pics

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/katysilbs/s..>

**2redline** - 03/17/13 - 16:13

Mike, I believe the Wake Weekly was in Stony Hill. Some of those from the area could confirm...

**Chris** - 03/17/13 - 19:28

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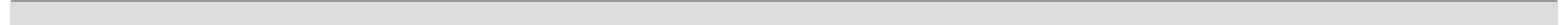
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Big Red - 1956 Mack Wrecker

03/17/13 71 W, 1 I - + 9 - 7

Finally found a citation of the exact model year for Raleigh's wrecker, that they operated in the 1970s and 1980s. Same was a 1956 Mack, notes an equipment report dated July 1982. Look for a less specific reference in the centennial history book, when it's delivered. Believe it's cited as mid-1950s Mack wrecker. The shop-built wrecker was placed in service in the mid-1970s.



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**Battalion 1 > Station 19**

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And a move to report, Battalion 1 to Station 19. The Battalion Chief was relocated from Station 15 on February 27. They occupied a newly constructed office and living quarters, located on the front side of the station's dormitory. They're driving one of [four 2012 Chevy Tahoes](#) that the department purchased last year. Battalion 4 just received theirs. Maybe Battalion 3 as well. Need to check on that.



It should help offset the price budget for this truck at least. They will be in the district of most of the working fires now. Or at least so it seems. If you ride engine 19 as a firefighter you can pretty much go ahead and mask up when you hit the pavement cause it seems that they don't run any bu\*\*#^t out there.

**Fire Runner1842** - 03/19/13 - 01:08



The number of runs has nothing to do with offsetting costs, it actually increases costs. However, increased run totals do support justification of resources.

**Bean Counter** - 03/19/13 - 15:58

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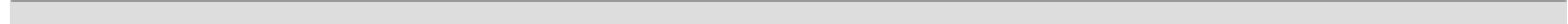
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Fully Involved in Calabash

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This was the scene this morning in Calabash in Brunswick County. That's a one-story strip mall that's fully involved and then some. Four businesses on Carter Drive were destroyed. Calabash firefighters were joined by Sunset Beach and Grissettown crews. [See this FireNews story for more](#). There have been a number of big fires around the state lately, such as [this four-bagger in Greensboro](#) on Thursday night. See that linked FireNews.net story. Then there are the weekend conflagrations in Horry County, SC, and Pigeon Forge, TN. The latter with some twenty-eight departments fighting that fire. Might have more details on those later. Google easily finds news coverage on those.



Calabash Fire Department photo

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**Firehouse and Fire Museum Photos**

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Holy crap, when did [my Flickr site](#) amass such a collection of firehouse and fire museum photos!? Might be a book or two in there, sometime. Digital publish is easier than ever. Just have to find the time...

**Historic and Former Firehouses**

**Fire Museums**

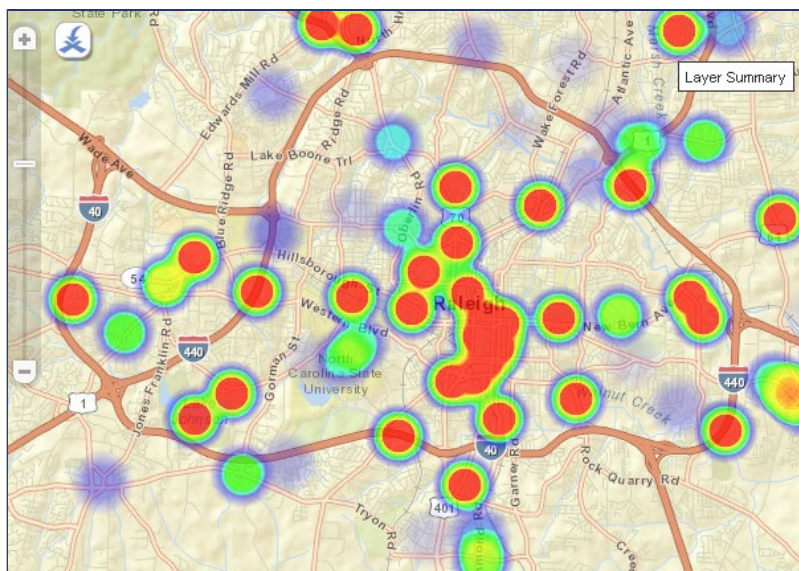
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- [Raleigh Antiques at Station 28](#)
- [Rocky Mount Fire Museum](#)
- [Rowan County \(NC\) Museum](#)
- [St. Louis Fire Museums](#)
- [Washington \(NC\) Station 1](#)

## Heat Map of Raleigh Fire Incidents in 2012

03/19/13 70 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

The city of Raleigh has a new [Open Data Portal](#). The site contains an [interactive heat map](#) showing fire incidents for 2012. That's a graphical representation of [fire incidents data for 2012](#), that's also available on the site. There are 13,640 records available, which probably translates to all non-EMS incidents answered last year. Here's a [Midtown Raleigh News story](#) about the city's open data initiative.



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**Save The Dates - Charity Events in April**

03/21/13 76 W - + 6 - 2

Couple fire department-sponsored charity events in April to announce. Put these on your calendar. We'll announce again as needed, closer to the event dates:

- **Garner Fire Department - Third Annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament**  
Pine Hollow Golf Club, Clayton  
April 20, 2013  
[Information on web site](#)
  
- **Rolesville Fire Department - Caring for Caelon**  
South Main Street and Redford Place  
April 27, 2013  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
[Information on Facebook](#)

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**Morning Reading, Morning Pondering**

03/21/13 221 W - + 7 - 2

FireCritic Rhett Fleitz this week offered a candid perspective on his blog titled: [Shocker... Firefighter Screws It Up for the Rest of Us. This Time It Cost Me](#). He recounts the free memberships offered to firefighters at a local gym (he's in Roanoke, VA). Things worked well for several years, until someone recently screwed it up. Quoth the Fire Critic "apparently a firefighter took advantage of the free membership." This tale isn't a new one. Everyone has a story of someone ruining a good thing.

The corollary is the ability of firefighters to break anything. What's the adage? Give them a hammer and a bowling ball and put them in a locked room. When you return, the bowling ball will be broken and the hammer will be lost.) On this blog, Rhett invites readers to share experiences of withdrawn incentives. (And which has morphed, a little, into a general discussion of the propriety of discounts and freebies. This [Statter911 posting](#) from a time ago also covered that ground.)

My question is a higher-level one, also added as comment on Rhett's blog: "I've long pondered why firefighters 'take things too far.'" Is it in the very wiring? The same circuits that compel limit-pushing where lives and property must be saved?" Your thoughts...

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I think part of it might be that a sense of entitlement develops and the courtesy gets taken for granted. But, I guess a gesture like a discount or free gym membership, etc. will just attract the freeloaders. It's a question of "when" will a good thing get screwed up, not "if." I typically get a discounted price on a cup of joe on the way to the firehouse since I'm in uniform. I don't always get it, it depends on who's working the counter. No biggie. I've been charged the discounted price out of uniform when the workers recognize me. I asked them to charge me full price in those circumstances, and I thank them for the courtesy when I am in uniform. I've also been told that some consider it rude to decline the courtesy they want to extend in appreciation for the risks we take. There are just lots of selfish people out there....

**Bob** - 03/21/13 - 21:32

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Between increasingly powerful phone cameras and the profileration of high-powered "real cameras," fire photos are night are getting captured better than ever. Just look at the current [FireNews.net](#) home page as an example. Calabash, Greensboro, and Gaston County shown. Readers, what are your experiences of late, using the latest cameras or camera phones on scene?


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Fire Destroys Calabash Strip Shopping Center (Video)

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CALABASH – A fire destroyed a Calabash strip mall early Monday, according to authorities.



Multiple Alarm Fire Rips Building Near UNC-Greensboro (Video)

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GREENSBORO – A four-alarm fire broke out Thursday night at an apartment building on West Lee Street near UNC-Greensboro.



Gaston County Firefighters Battle Two-Alarm Fire at Strip Shopping Mall

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GASTON COUNTY – Firefighters from nine departments battled a two-alarm structure fire early Thursday morning in Gaston County.

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## Convenience Store Fire on Glenwood Avenue

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The second recent worker at a convenience store (after [this March 9 blaze](#) on New Bern Avenue) closed the 6700 block of Glenwood Avenue yesterday just before rush hour. Equally convenient was the fire station location, about a block away. Engine 17 arrived with heavy fire and smoke showing from the roof of a one-story, brick and frame convenience store with 2,160 square-feet. Built 1961. Operations included portable monitor into front of building and aerial stream using Ladder 1 and Ladder 3. From aerial photos, one of the hydrants they used was across Glenwood Avenue. Second one perhaps on the access road between Glenwood and Pleasant Valley? (Mr. Blogger was away from the city for the day, so relying on photos, the press release, and the CFP pages.)

Dispatched at 3:57 p.m., the fire was controlled 4:39 p.m. The cause was determined as accidental, reportedly started in outbuilding and which spread to attic of the main structure. Units on scene included E17, E16, E18, E9, L3, L3, Squad 14, R1, B4, B5, A1, C20, C420, C401, C14, EMS 2, EMS 5, D\_, T1. "C" platoon. Guest photos have been posted, courtesy of Stan Heath, a retired Raleigh Captain. Don't miss the excellent aerial footage as well from [WRAL](#) and [WTVD](#). They were also there early. Now if we just get that guy Legeros on scene, if there's a third one like this. [See incident photos](#).



*Stan Heath photo*





WTVD photos

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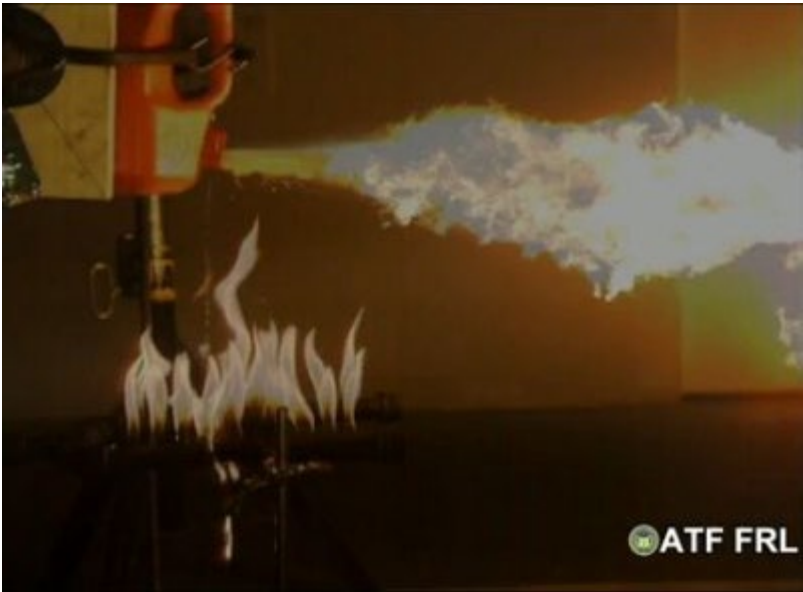
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Gas Can + Flames = Flame Jetting

03/24/13 153 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

From a reader, here's an [ABC2 news story](#) about the investigation of a fire phenomenon that burned a teenager in Baltimore County, Maryland. When gasoline was poured onto a fire pit in December 2011, flames shot several feet and struck a teenage girl. She received serious burns on thirty percent of her body, and has undergone nineteen surgeries, skin grafting, and intense physical therapy. (She has been speaking at fire safety at various event.) Her mother works at the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and her father is a volunteer firefighter. Neither understood how a gas can could turn into a blowtorch. The ATF subsequently recreated the event for a criminal case in Michigan. They tested and documented the phenomenon. Bottom line, a burning gas can (including a mostly empty one) can spray flames several feet. [Read the story](#). Thanks Bob!



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Then and Now - « Gas Can + Flames = Fl... » Cary EMS Citizens Aca... Station 3

### Then and Now - Station 3

03/24/13 100 W, 2 I - + 6 - 1

Here's a fun re-creation of a historic photo of Station 3. The original dates to the early 1950s. The bottom was taken in 2008. That's Nick Rhodes on left and Justin Bolduc on right. What other then and now re-creations have you seen? Here's one from a few years ago of [moving day at Station 24](#). Better yet, stage and send your own. Find a historic photo of [Raleigh](#) or [Cary](#) or [Wake County](#) fire stations, and re-create the thing. Send and we'll share.





Two Skinny guys, then and now

**Rauer** ([Email](#)) - 03/25/13 - 18:20

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Cary EMS Citizens Academy in April

03/24/13 83 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Here's a [Cary Citizen story](#) about the upcoming Cary EMS Citizen's Academy. The free four-week program will be held on Thursday nights in April from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Instructors, all professional staff members with Cary Area EMS, will teach practical sessions about EMS and what function EMS plays in today's society. Participants will experience hands-on classes, learn CPR, and tour an emergency room and a 911 communication center. [Read more.](#)



Cary Citizen photo

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Sunset Beach VFD Patch

03/24/13 72 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

Found for sale on eBay, here's a neat patch from the now-defunct Sunset Beach Volunteer Fire Department. The Brunswick County fire department operated from 1972 to 1997, or at least that's what the legal documents record. They were dissolved in the summer of 1997, and their assets transferred to the town, for the municipal fire department. [See Mike's database](#) of former NC fire departments.



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Salisbury Fire Company Rules, 1910

03/25/13 39 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

From our friends at the Salisbury Fire Department, here's a town minutes excerpt from November 3, 1910. Few things are more fun than reading municipal minutes from a century earlier. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Chestnut Hill Fire Company Organized, 1905

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Also from Salisbury is documentation of the organization date of the Chestnut Hill Fire Company, which protected the unincorporated community of Chestnut Hill located outside Salisbury. The fire company was named Southside, and competed and won in state fireman's tournaments as early as 1907 and as late as 1912. The Southside Reel Team appears in North Carolina State Fireman's Association convention proceedings from 1914, and is listed with the Salisbury Fire Department in proceedings from 1915. The Fire Chief and Asst. Chief in 1911 were G. C. Kluttz and Asst. Chief as J. G. Reeves. Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell passes along this research by Betty Dan Spencer. Memo to self, updated my [former fire department database](#) accordingly. Click to enlarge:



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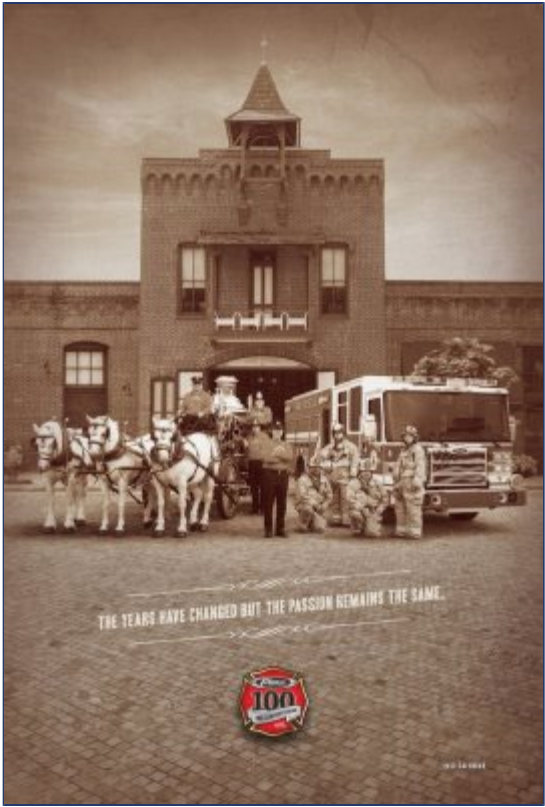
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Pierce 100th Anniversary - Neat Picture

03/25/13 48 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Pierce Manufacturing is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. This nifty vintage-style image was passed along from a reader. The image is the cover of this year's calendar Visit [this anniversary web site](#) for more information. Thanks Jan! Click to enlarge:



Wonder if that's a Lafrance steamer?

Tim - 03/28/13 - 23:36

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**Building The Support Services Center - February 2004**

03/25/13 61 W, 1 I - + 5 - 7

Found in my files, early construction on the Raleigh Fire Department's Support Services Center at the city's heavy equipment depot on New Bern Avenue. That facility was so long-overdue it wasn't funny. They'd been looking for larger space, and particularly a larger shop, for over ten years. Click once or twice to enlarge:



So up until moving into the new shop did R.F.D fleet services operate out of the shop behind station 2?

**Watson** - 03/25/13 - 20:50

Thanks for the answer Mike. It is hard to believe that a City the size of Raleigh managed to operate it's maintenance and services in such tight quarters. Keep up the good work RFD, its amazing to see the great changes happening in our capital city!

**Watson** - 03/26/13 - 13:14

Sad part is, they are already busting at the seams again and are in desperate need of upgrading again. I suppose that is the price of progress, but a good problem to have. Kudos to the guys at the shop keeping those rigs rolling!

**RFDdriver** - 03/27/13 - 01:11

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Raleigh's former reserve rescue has been re-purposed as a mobile EMS simulation lab. The 2000 Freightliner/American LaFrance MedicMaster was placed in service as Car 521 on March 6, 2013. It previous served as Rescue 19 from 2000 to 2007, and as reserve Rescue 113 from 2007 to January 31, 2013. The mobile lab is used by the EMS Training Division, which is located at the Keeter Training center. (The division handles the training of all Emergency Medical Technicians in the Raleigh Fire Department. Since 1998, the fire department has been certified by the state to conduct its own EMT certification and certification classes.) [See a couple more photos](#) (scroll down the page) of the unit from Lee Wilson. [Or read this posting](#) from last year about a mobile simulator used by Wake County EMS. [Here's a picture](#) of that truck.



Lee Wilson photo

I think the heartbeat down the side is a nice touch!

Dr No - 03/27/13 - 01:08

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Radio Flyer... Car

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For your mid-week diversion. Thanks, Bob!

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Fayetteville is Hiring

03/27/13 35 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

The city of Fayetteville is accepting applications for firefighters starting April 1. [Visit their web site](#) (love that domain name, bravethefire) for more details. This advertisement was posted to their [Facebook page](#):



**City of Fayetteville**  
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**Do YOU have what it takes to BRAVE THE FIRE?**

**BENEFITS**

The following benefits are available in addition to the regular paid salary:

- medical, dental and vision insurance
- life insurance
- paid training
- accrued paid vacation and holidays
- unlimited sick leave accumulation
- employee assistance program
- retirement plan
- optional NC401K
- civil & military leave
- worker's compensation
- short-term disability leave
- NC Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program
- Advancement/Promotion potential through a career development plan
- uniform service

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be 18 years of age at the time of application
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a lawfully authorized to work in the United States
- Must present original birth certificate (or notarized copy)
- Must be a High School graduate and present original (or notarized copy) diploma or GED certificate meeting minimum state standards
- Veterans provide proof of military service (DD214) member copy #4; if you are currently in the military, you must have an official letter from the military indicating your ETS date
- Possess a valid North Carolina driver's license appropriate for vehicle operating within 30 days of employment
- Must have been licensed to drive for a minimum of one year, with no loss of license within the past year and an acceptable driving record in accordance with the City of Fayetteville Driving Standard.
- Must have no felony and limited misdemeanor convictions
- Must be in good physical condition as required by the essential job functions and willing to submit to a pre-employment drug screening and physical examination upon conditional offer of employment.
- Must be able to meet standards for NC EMT certification within one year of employment.



**Starting Pay \$30,243**

Applications for the position of firefighter are only accepted during open recruitment and must be completed and submitted online.

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Stony Creek's Old Mack

03/29/13 161 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Lee Wilson yesterday photographed Stony Creek's old Mack in Rocky Mount. That's a 1958 Mack and what looks like a Model B. The engine served the agency when it operated as a fire department from 1956 to 1994. That's when they ceased firefighting due to the growth of the city. They continued operating an ambulance service and rescue squad until 2006, when Nash County consolidated all EMS operations under its authority. Today, they provide rescue services in eastern Nash County (including the city), and provide back-up EMS services at the Intermediate level. They're also the primary dive team for the county. Read more on their [web site's history page](#). Question, how many other [former fire departments](#) in our state converted to rescue operations only in their history? Derita in Mecklenburg County comes to mind, though they operated Derita Rescue for only a couple years. See more photos from Lee of this [old beauty and their other apparatus](#).



Lee Wilson photo

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When Scavengers Attack?

03/29/13 65 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Seen last night behind/beside the old Dillon warehouses downtown. Some of the old tracks leading to the [old Union Station](#) have been seemingly recently removed. Wonder if that's from illegal scavengers? Google would probably answer my question either locally or as a national trend, but it's certainly more fun to first ask the crowd!



at 100 pounds or so per foot; I'd be really impressed with the scavenger(s).

**scott** - 03/29/13 - 20:58

No! Between 40 and 100 lbs per yard not foot.

**stretch** - 03/30/13 - 10:30

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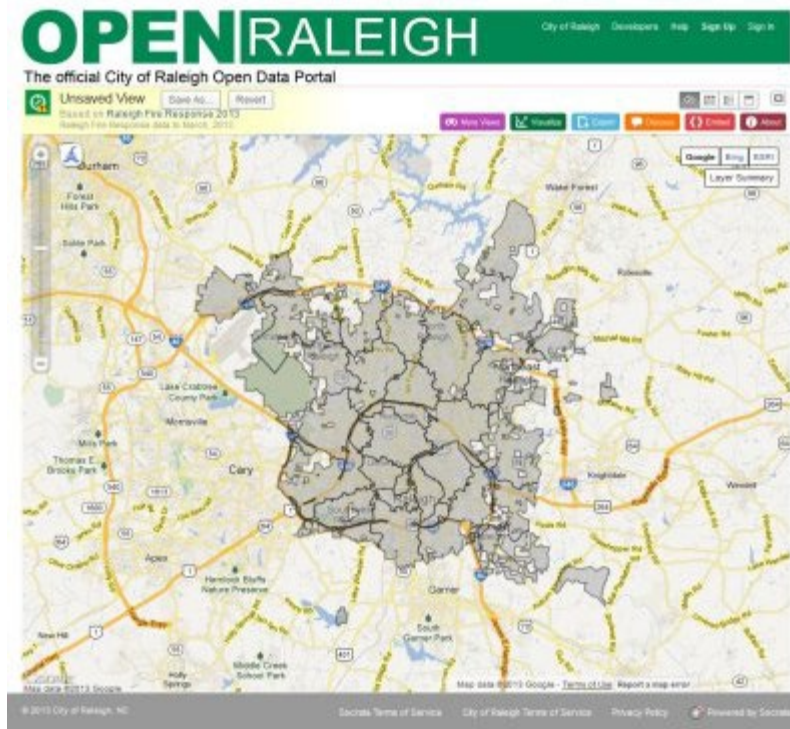
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## Interactive Map of Raleigh Fire Department Response Areas

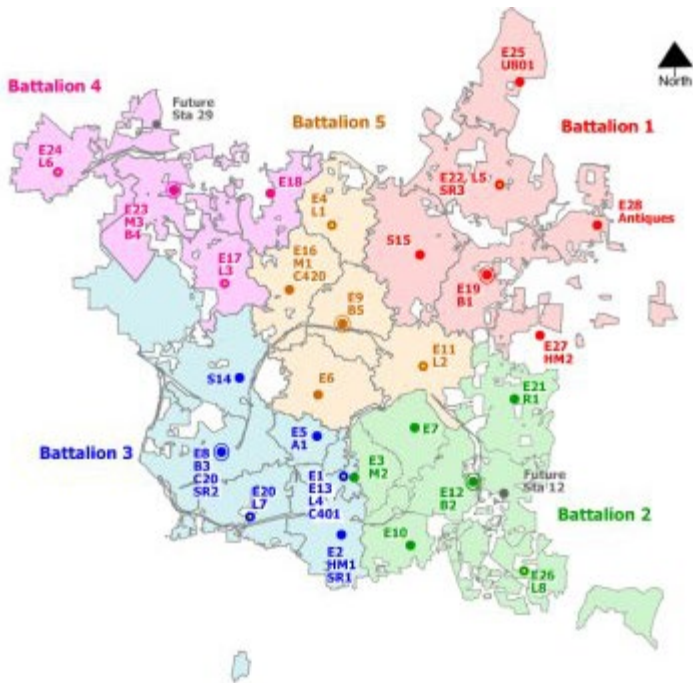
03/30/13 141 W, 2 I - + 12 - 7

Another new map and data set has been added to the city's Open Raleigh portal, this one interactively mapping the [fire department's response areas](#). That is, the engine company first-due territories. Click and zoom and see exactly where each engine goes or doesn't go! Now, will they add maps for the ladder companies, or others?! Among the map's functions controls that allow switching between three different mapping programs, and controlling the percentages of the layers displayed. See [this prior posting](#) on this subject.



From here, we can enhance my [fire department map](#) with the response areas. Created by using screen captures, then adding as a layer over the existing map. Click to enlarge:





I just have to ask because I haven't seen it explained anywhere. Why is there not a Station 13?

**Billy Lee** ([Email](#)) - 03/30/13 - 21:05

I figured it was because engine 13 is quartered downtown with engine 1 if I remember correctly. Although here in fayetteville there is not a station 13 in the city, county station 13 is considered engine 13 in the city CAD due to a city contract. There also is not a city station 16 here as it is quartered downtown with engine 1,

**2406** - 03/31/13 - 01:31

Mike, what is the lower speck of Raleigh that is part of Engine 2 or Engine 20 response area?

**stretch** - 03/31/13 - 16:05

In Fayetteville station 16 is on the books, they just keep pushing it back.

**Mike** - 03/31/13 - 18:57

Fun fact about the speck that is Lake Wheeler: It's the only area that is not in the city limits, but Raleigh FD/PD still respond to. It's odd to me, because Raleigh owns plenty of land outside the city limits, but is not the primary responders to those other properties. I don't know why they treat Lake Wheeler differently.

**rfburns** - 04/07/13 - 10:04

Burns, what's the story on the Explorers that RPD is receiving!? How will they be equipped? Standard markings!?

**Legeros** - 04/07/13 - 10:08

Yes, they'll have standard markings and a rear seat cage, as well as all the standard police car equipment. We already have one, and it is assigned to a district. We'll also be getting some Dodge Chargers. We have one or two Chargers already, but they're unmarked. So, I'm curious to see what an RPD Charger looks like marked up.

**rfburns** - 04/07/13 - 14:26

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Panoramic View of Woods Fire

03/30/13 81 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

Here's one of the numerous outside fires that the warmer and dryer weather has brought of late. This one this afternoon was on Trailwood Drive just south of Avent Ferry Road, and just up the road from Station 20. On scene were Engine 20, Engine 5, Ladder 3, Battalion 3, Car 20, plus a Swift Creek brush truck and tanker. This panoramic image was created with a mobile phone, with slight adjustments via image editor. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Collapse Zones Work

03/30/13 88 W - + 8 - 4

YouTube video from maw8908, capturing the collapse of an abandoned commercial structure that brought three alarms in Birmingham, AL, yesterday. Here's some fire blog coverage from [Statter911](#) and [Firegeezzer](#). Been ages since we burned one that big 'n' dangerous in Raleigh. But our urban center isn't really densely commercial, at least any more. Looks like Birmingham's somewhat comparable to size to Raleigh. They have thirty fire stations, including an airport station. Check out that Bronto Sky-Lift in the video, with its unique articulating ladder.

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## Morning Reading - March 31, 2013

03/31/13 641 W - + 6 - 7

Good morning Raleigh. Here are some dribs and drabs for your Easter Sunday reading. Tomorrow is April Fools Day. Will the pranks be erupting, to see who's paying attention to the calendar? Maybe we'll see some fun national news headlines that successfull spoof us. Speaking of calendars, we're getting into the season of events. [Garner FD golf tournament](#), April 20. [Rolesville FD charity event](#) on April 27. [Youngsville's Fireman's Day](#) on Saturday, April 13. The [North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#) memorial weekend during the first weekend in May, which this year includes the first annual Red Helmet Ride on Saturday, May 4.

- [Hoke County volunteer firefighter dies in car crash](#) - WRAL story about the passing of Pinehill Fire Department member Sarah Stonesifer, who was killed Friday night when she ran off the road. Visitation is Monday, and her funeral is Tuesday in Southern Pines.
- [Car strikes stopped limo on Interstate 40 east](#) - WRAL story about an unusual MVA early this morning. Nine people transported after a stopped limo on I-40 near Jones Sausage Road was struck. Haven't heard of any/many limo accidents in my time. Stories?
- [The Onion spoofs line-of-duty death](#) - FireCritic blog posting about an Onion fake news story about a firefighter who died in the line of duty. Rhett asks if it's funny or disrespectful. Certainly ready made for outrage, for those who think the latter. Doesn't look like the Big O has a comments section on their site, or individual stories. That's interesting.
- [Chief Ellerbe and the hearings in DC](#) - Dave Statter's been providing continuous coverage of recent issues facing the DCFD and particularly their Fire Chief Kenneth Ellerbe. There's a lot of reader passion in the comments, and has been for years regarding DCFD and their leader. (Reminds me of the Watch Desk bashing of years ago, of the Baltimore FD leadership.) My question, posted (but not answered) somewhere in one of the Statter stories, is a contextual one:

*How often does this happen? Big-city or capital city fire chiefs facing official scrutiny and/or gross system deficiencies that persist for months/years? Yeah, yeah, the comeback answer is "how many other Statter headlines do you recall?" More curious in the broader picture. What other departments/chiefs face/have faced similar trials?*

- [Miami-Dade firefighter/photographer confrontation](#) - The fire blogs and forums ran wild a week ago with this YouTube video of a confrontation between a Miami-Dade fire captain and a photographer, as the latter was filming from the perimeter of a landing zone. Here's are some of the dozens/hundreds of comments and reactions, via Statter 911 ([post #1](#) and [post #2](#)), [Fire Law](#), and [Firehouse Zen](#) (which also offers excellent meta-commentary about conflict in conversations). Here's also a posting from [Photography is not a Crime](#).

What's my expert take? Responders should expect cameras at each and every (outdoor?) scene, and that they'll be filmed both in the performance of their jobs and, if they confront the photographer, over the course of any confrontations. It's in the obvious best interest of responders to act professionally and not illegally. Photographers at emergency scenes should expect that some fire, police, or EMS people may react or respond to their presence. They may request or order the photographer to move or stop taping or something else entirely. For folks with cameras, they need to weigh the laws, ethics, and professional or personal consequences of their actions. How important is the shot, the clip, or the ground they're not willing to move from?

(Disclaimer: This blogger is a fire photographer and with extensive official and personal connections to local agencies. My preference is making responders look good and preserving my relationships, while getting as many good shots and creating as much great art as is possible.)

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Mike, regarding the limo crash, a limo stopped in traffic due to road construction on I-40 in Greensboro was struck from behind by a drunk

driver maybe 10 or 12 years ago killing several of the limo passengers. The limo’s gas tank erupted on impact. The passengers were related to one of the NASCAR drivers or crew chiefs if my memory serves me right, but being old and feeble minded I may have the time frame off a bit.

**Galax, Va** - 03/31/13 - 11:18

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - New Collection of « Morning Reading - Mar... » Fairview's Old Tanker... Wake County Fire Department Historical Photos

### New Collection of Wake County Fire Department Historical Photos

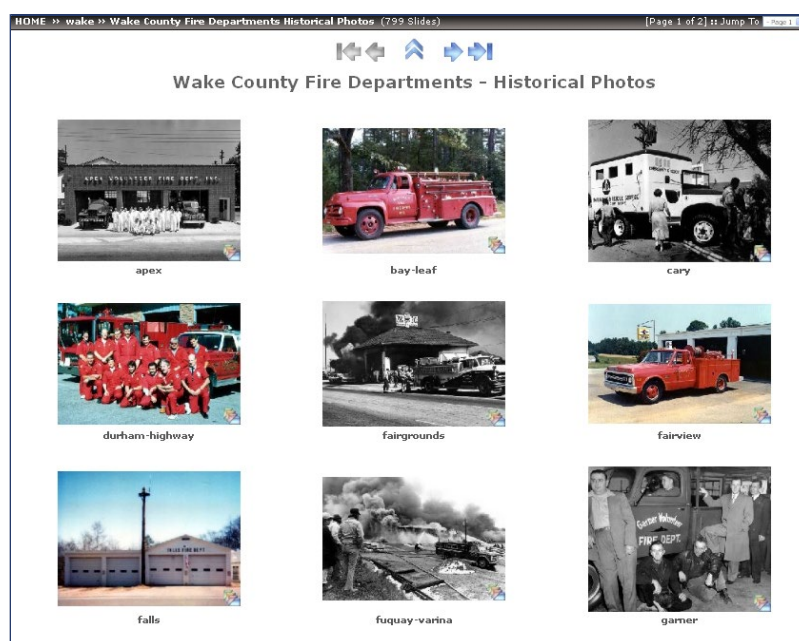
03/31/13 404 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

The Raleigh Fire Museum has a posted a new collection of photos on its web site, some nine hundred images depicting [history of Wake County fire departments](#). From Apex to Zebulon, from small town to bigger town, from airport to forest service, and from the suburbs of Raleigh to the rural farmlands of Wake County. The sources for the images include the *News & Observer* and *Raleigh Times*, the North Carolina State Archives, the individual fire departments, fire photographers such as Lee Wilson, and a number of other photographers and agencies.

Most of these were compiled in 2002 and 2003, when Yours Truly was collecting content for his *Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting* books. This was before the blog, and before the serious pursuit of fire photography. The Hawaiian Shirt guy criss-crossed the county, schlepping his laptop and flatbed scanner from fire department to fire department. Plus quite a few personal meetings at homes or libraries. And a lot of early mornings or late afternoons at the State Archives, looking through drawers and drawers of newspaper negatives.

Digital copies of these images were made and mailed to each fire department in late 2005. And then the files commenced sitting idle, which has nagged at me for years. History is meant to be shared, and not just squirreled away for the sole enjoyment of individual archivists. A plan for sharing began to form after the creation of the museum's web site. The bandwidth became available earlier this year, with the conclusion of last year's centennial projects. Merely nearly a decade later, they're finally getting posted.<sup>1</sup> Hope you enjoy them.

[See the photo collection.](#)



<sup>1</sup> Some notes on these photos. (a.) The collection excludes Raleigh FD photos. They're displayed in their own galleries on the museum site. (b.) All or nearly all of these appear in *Raleigh & Wake County Firefighting* and *Raleigh & Wake County Firefighting, Volume II*, published by Arcadia Publishing. (c) The photos have captions and credits, though far less text than appeared in the books. (d.) The captions will likely get updated over time, just to add a bit more information in places. (e.) Photos may be added as well, in dribs or drabs. No major expansion or additions are planned. (f.) Some pictures were intentionally excluded. Apparatus accidents are downplayed in particular. (g.) Corrections, comments, and other observations are welcome. This is your history.



Great collection glad you posted.....Hope to see more these were some great shots....

**CKing** - 04/01/13 - 15:40

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Fairview's Old Tanker For Sale

04/02/13 64 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

From a reader, Fairview's old 1972 International Loadstar tanker is [for sale on Craigslist](#). The seller notes the truck is equipped with a new engine, an operational pump, and has front spray bar installed. It's located in Apex. See a couple more photos in the aforementioned link. [Here's a picture of the truck](#) back in the day. Thanks, Tim!



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Another Old International Fire Truck

04/02/13 59 W, 1 I - + 7 - 8

Lee Wilson last week found this 1969 International 1700 Loadstar pumper-tanker (500/1000) in Nash County, formerly of the Coopers Fire Department. It's privately owned by the son of a charter member, and located off Old Bailey Highway. [See more photos](#) of this truck and other Nash County rigs that Lee's been photographing lately.



Lee Wilson photo

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *History Book Has* « Another Old Internati... » KME's New AerialCat L... Arrived!

### History Book Has Arrived!

04/02/13 315 W, 1 I - + 4 - 1

The Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book arrived from the printer on Monday, April 1. The hardcover, full-cover book contains 264 pages with over 2,100 photos including over 950 portraits of active and retired personnel. All divisions and functions of the fire department featured, along with the history of the fire department depicted in visual timelines and text narratives.

Books ordered by personnel are being distributed to fire stations and fire department facilities. Orders placed by members at Administration and the Fire Marshal's office will be delivered to those offices on Tuesday, April 1. Orders placed by personnel at fire stations will be delivered beginning the week of April 8. The books can also be picked up at the training center on weekdays, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Books ordered by retirees can also be picked up at the training center, and will be available for pick up at the annual chicken 'n' rice retiree luncheon at the training center on Wednesday, May 1. Books ordered by mail are being fulfilled by the printer, Strawbridge Studios. They've started mailing them this week.

**What if you didn't order one of these great books?** Watch these sites for more information regarding the availability of additional copies:

- [www.raleighfiremuseum.org/book](http://www.raleighfiremuseum.org/book)
- [www.facebook.com/rfd100book](http://www.facebook.com/rfd100book)

Copies of the book will be available for reading at the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) beginning on Saturday, April 13. The museum is open monthly, on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Production started in February 2012, and the first portraits were taken by Strawbridge Studios in April. Crew photos of all stations were submitted in the fall, and the winter months were spent finishing the writing and design.

Three earlier commemorative books were published by in 1984, 2002, and 2007. Though the first two are out of print, the 2007 book is still available from the publisher, at [www.mtpublishing.com](http://www.mtpublishing.com).



got mine the other day! awesome book, thanks to you guys who busted your butts making!

Jason Lane - 04/03/13 - 22:52

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - KME's New AerialCat « History Book Has Arri... » Looks a Little Like "...  
Ludus

KME's New AerialCat Ludus04/03/13 69 W, 1 I - + 12 - 2

This combination 255-foot wildland/aerial/rescue/tanker was announced by KME Fire Apparatus on Monday, April 1. The unit carries 5,000 gallons of water, two miles of LDH, and fourteen sets of rescue tools. Impressive looking, but needs more cowbell. Alas, it was available for that day only, due to the obviously popularity of the truck. From their [Facebook page](#).



2 MILES of LDH?! Egads! "This is engine Humongous, laying in wet....from dooown tooown!"

**Bob** - 04/06/13 - 01:13

April fools

**Gaylord** - 04/02/15 - 08:45

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Looks a Little Like "Emergency!"

04/03/13 86 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Lee Wilson this week snapped this photo that recalls the rigs of a certain classic television series. That's former Stony Creek Rescue 45 and former Nashville Engine 142, a 1971 Ward LaFrance. They're used for training at Nash Community College. [See more photos](#), part of a larger set of past and present Nash County fire and rescue apparatus. Now for our daily question, how many departments ran Ward LaFrance rigs from era? Let's see... Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, who else?



Lee Wilson photo

High point, Winston-Salem, Lexington, Brevard, and Conover ran Ward LaFrance Ambassadors as well at one time or another.

**BFD1151** - 04/03/13 - 22:24

Bahama

**lee** - 04/04/13 - 04:26

Squad 45 is a 1987 Ford.

**lee** - 04/04/13 - 17:31

Believe it or not we still have 2 at Asheboro Fire Dept. We have a 1966 Ward LaFrance 85' snorkle and a 1976 Ward LaFrance engine. Both trucks are reserves but still fully operational.

**Matthew** - 04/10/13 - 15:06

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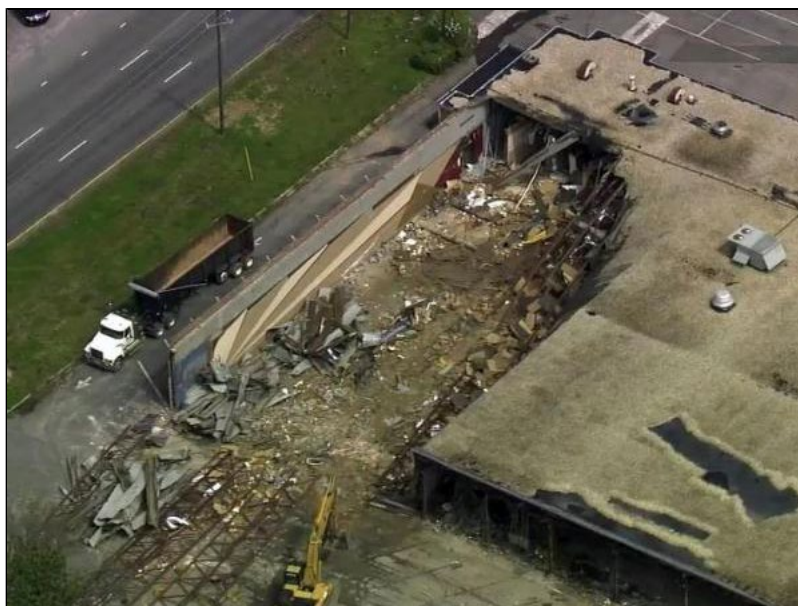
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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Rebuilding Capital* « Looks a Little Like "... » **UPDATED: Bethesda Fire...** *Boulevard Corridor Begins*

### Rebuilding Capital Boulevard Corridor Begins

04/03/13 128 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

[As this WRAL story reports](#), the rebuilding of the Capital Boulevard corridor has begun with the demolition of the AMF bowling alley. It was purchased last year by the city, and will be part of a project to create a park around the nearby Pigeon House Creek. Look for the Milner Inn and the infamous Foxy Lady to also fall to the wrecking ball. (No more pink neon as you exit the city. How times change.) Once the flood-prone area is beautified, city leaders anticipate commercial interest in the area. And hopefully the transformation of what's presently an appealing mix of old and empty buildings. Here's a city [press release](#) on the subject, and a [study document](#) (PDF) from March 2012.



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Speaking of stuff that we find on local government web sites, Sunshine Review in February awarded the Wake County web site a grade of "A-". They're a national non-profit that advocates for governmental transparency. The county's web site has the highest score in the state, noted the [County Manager in a memo](#) (PDF) on February 20. And the county was the only one in the state to receive an "A". Here's the [Sunshine Review page](#) about the Wake County site.

Searching for their site information on other local government web site yields such results as:

- [City of Raleigh](#) - Grade "A-" (Feb. 2013)
- [City of Durham](#) - Grade "B" (Dec. 2012)
- [Durham County](#) - Grade "B-" (not dated)
- [Johnston County](#) - Grade "C" (not dated)

Pretty interesting.

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Zombie Response Vehicle

04/06/13 70 W, 4 I - + 15 - 8

Seen on Industrial Drive at Six Forks Road. Love the rear-facing air horn. Forgot to look inside, however. (Probably not as a cool as the inside of the unmarked Blog Response Vehicle, which is often sighted around town.) The ZRV is apparently unrelated to the Triangle Wiki [Zombie Attack Response Guide for Raleigh](#). Good thing these things are covered! You never know when unreality might strike...



I think this dude lives in Rolesville. This ZRV found there quite frequently. Have seen this vehicle turning onto a residential street off W Young as well.

**Tim B** - 04/07/13 - 17:48

It is out fitted with green strobes and all kinds of neat things. Loud Train horn as well! a really neat truck!

**Dale G.** - 04/08/13 - 22:28

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**UPDATED: Cary Adds Engine 8**

04/10/13 222 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

April 10

Lee Wilson photographed the new engine company this week. It's shown beside Station 8. See a [few more photos](#) from his explorations around town that day.

April 7

The Cary Fire Department tomorrow places Engine 8 in service at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8. The company will be quartered at Station 7, and relocate during daytime hours to the territory of Station 8, which is nearing completion at 408 Mills Park Drive. It will operate a 2002 Pierce Dash pumper, the former Engine 1, shown below in a photo by Lee Wilson from 2008. The ranks of line personnel were recently expanded with the graduation of a recruit academy about a week ago.

Let's see, the last time a Station 8 was opened in our area was on April 1, 1960. The Raleigh Fire Department rented a house on Kent Road (now Method Road) at Western Boulevard. The second engine at Station 1 was relocated to the building, and the crews promptly erected a concrete addition to house the engine and one of two new tankers that had entered service. The city was 33.7 square miles, with 93,931 residents. Forty-eight years had passed since their full-time fire department was placed in service. The town of Cary has 43.5 square miles (Wikipaida) and 143,728 residents (town web site). Thirty-one years have passed since the fire department became a fully full-time department.



*Lee Wilson photo*

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So during the daytime hours does the crew from Engine 8 stage at the construction site of the new firehouse, or do they have a temporary daytime station?

**Watson** - 04/10/13 - 15:38

They were out riding around in their district but I had them meet me at station 8 for the picture.

**lee** - 04/11/13 - 13:17

Thank you so much for your response to my inquiry. I have been in Cary for 25 yrs and never heard of Eng. 8 or knew where it is. (Still don't know where that street is.....

**Jerry Darrow** ([Email](#)) - 06/14/13 - 22:16



## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - March Episode « UPDATED: Digital Sanb... » Haywood County Firefi... of FireWatch - Raleigh Fire Department Hydrant Project

### March Episode of FireWatch - Raleigh Fire Department Hydrant Project

04/08/13 90 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

The March 2013 episode of FireWatch is [available for viewing online](#). This month's episode is a look at the Raleigh Fire Department's hydrant maintenance program. During the month of April and in conjunction with Public Utilities, firefighters will flow and help maintain all of the city's 20,000 fire hydrants.

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.](#)



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Haywood County Firefighter Dies at Home in House Fire

04/08/13 73 W, 1 I - + 11 - 2

*The Mountaineer* of Haywood County has posted a story about Saturday night's house fire in Canton, that killed one resident, who was a firefighter. North Canton Fire Department firefighter Brandon Burgess, 28, was found inside and unconscious. He was transported to MedWest Haywood and pronounced dead on arrival. Burgess had been a volunteer firefighter since 2005. [Read entire story.](#)



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High Visibility Innovations Learning Module

04/08/13 127 W, 1 I - + 13 - 3

The [Responder Safety Learning Network](#) has released a new learning module: [High Visibility Innovations](#). The two-part module beings with a review of apparatus marking standard requirements, and follows with examples of the latest technology and design innovations used to improve the visibility of roadway responders and their vehicles. (Including that [Grand Rapids FD dump truck](#) conversion we've blogged about before.) Good stuff, and particularly notable for a number of familiar fire, police, and EMS agencies to our readers. Glad to see that my local incident photos are also useable as national learning aids. (Will shoot fire trucks and ambulances for food.) Join the network (for free), watch the modules, and improve your safety on scene.



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New Apex Brush Truck

04/08/13 40 W, 1 I - + 10 - 2

Awaiting red paint, red lights, and other accoutrements. Consider this the "before" photo. Can't wait for a ride on the thing. Photo from our friends at the Apex Fire Department. Click to enlarge:



I like it's current colors.

**Robert** - 04/08/13 - 22:51

Wake New Hope also has one.

**Marcus** ([Email](#)) - 04/09/13 - 00:25

@ Marcus, did they ever finish the one at WNH? would love to see it someday

**old fart** - 04/09/13 - 14:09

@old fart, I do not know if they have finished it yet. Have not been by there in a while.

**Marcus** - 04/09/13 - 17:24

Makes more sense than what the standard County brush truck has been. Plumb some front nozzles and a safe locatoin for a FF to ride and spray, and it's spot on.

**Realist** - 04/12/13 - 00:54

Love the 5-ton trucks. Rode one with NCNG members while I was a police officer in Washington, NC during Hurricanes Fran, Dennis, and Bertha. It's a bit trying to get a man confined to a wheelchair into the bed, but not impossible. Congrats on your acquisition, AFD. Can't wait to see it upon completion.

**Duda** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/13 - 10:57

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**Upcoming Events - Mid-April 2013**

04/08/13 158 W - + 10 - 1

Here are some of the fire department and fire service events coming soon in Raleigh, Wake County, and surrounding areas. Drop a line if you'd yours added.

- **Raleigh Fire Museum - Regular Monthly Opening**  
105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh  
Saturday, April 13, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
*Come see the new Centennial History Book!*
- **Youngsville Fire Department - Fireman's Day**  
Hill Ridge Farms, 703 Tarboro Road, Youngsville  
Saturday, April 13 - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Rolesville Fire Department - Caring for Caelon**  
South Main Street and Redford Place  
Saturday, April 27 - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Warren County Junior Firefighters Competition**  
Warren County Recreation Complex, 840 US 158 Bypass, Warrenton  
Saturday, April 27 - Opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m., field compention 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**  
Nash Square, Raleigh  
Friday, May 3 - Candlelight service at 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 4 - Parade at 10:00 a.m., Memorial service at 1:00 p.m.

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Mushroom Cloud in Fuquay

04/08/13 70 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Relax, just an interesting burst of smoke at a live burn in Fuquay-Varina on Saturday. Photographer Lee Wilson captured this dramatic image at an old radio station building they burned on Broad Street (Highway 55) near Old Powell Road. Those who were there can advise if it was accompanied by a boom, a ka-boom, or a ker-boom. [See the entire series of photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

Or a “bazinga!”.  
**Duda** ([Email](#)) - 04/15/13 - 10:54

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SR 2 > Haz-Mat 3

04/10/13 153 W, 1 I - + 11 - 3

Effective at 8:00 p.m. today, April 10, the haz-mat support unit SR 2 will be renamed Haz-Mat 3. Previously utilized as a recon/air-monitoring unit, it enters service today as a primary haz-mat resource. The 2010 Ford F-350/Knapheide light truck is staffed by Engine 8 and joins Haz-Mat 1 at Station 2 and Haz-Mat 2 at Station 27. Those are tractor-drawn rigs, which will now run fewer calls on gas leaks as the city has been divided into thirds for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential buildings. They'll also be added on full haz-mat responses with Haz-Mat 1, Haz-Mat 2, the decon unit SR 3 (staffed by Ladder 5), the haz-mat Battalion Chief, plus the first due engine, the air truck, one Battalion Chief, and the Division Chief. Got that? Any errors? Anyway, that's the gist of why you'll hear Haz-Mat 3 on the radio starting today. Mr. Blogger will work on updating his web pages and maps.



Hey Mr. Blogger..... Maybe FIRST Hazmat 3 response on April 16, 2013 at 0436 hours to Crestgate Terrace, for an odor of gas in the bedroom ??????? One for the next history book.....  
**Chris Gibbons** - 04/16/13 - 05:58

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## Morning Reading - April 10, 2013

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Good morning Raleigh. The yellow haze is here and so is the heat. Get those rehab supplies (further) stocked. Two local stories for your Tuesday enjoyment. The *Eastern Wake News* continues its coverage of local fire departments, which articles appearing every couple weeks or so. Guess the east side's been "newsy" lately.

- [Fire merger sparks worry](#) - Update on the possible merger of Eastern Wake and Knightdale fire departments. The EWFD board invited the public to a meeting on April 4, to talk with town and county representatives. About two-dozen people attended. Among the opinions expressed were concerns about EWFD employees, and how positions would be mapped and jobs would be applied for. Talks about a merger are still in their infancy, it was noted. The town is researching the financial benefits, and a report is due at the end of the month, it was also noted.
- [Zebulon to get surplus fire truck from county](#) - The effects of another merger, Falls > Wake Forest from last year, will provide the town of Zebulon with a replacement pumper-tanker at no direct cost. A 2009 Pierce pumper-tanker (from Falls?) will replace a 1997 Freightliner pumper-tanker. The latter has proven particularly costly for upkeep and repairs. The new apparatus will help the town department with serving its county-contracted rural district. There are a couple conditions to the deal, such as when the new truck reaches the end of its service life. Proceeds from its sale must be returned to the county.

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So Wake Forest is getting an elliptical tanker presumably to replace the falls tanker that is going to Zebulon (yes, it is a pumper-tanker, but falls called it a tanker). Where are the savings coming from if another piece of equipment is being purchased anyhow?

**Curious** - 04/10/13 - 13:01

This County is growing leaps and bounds so adding units to a fleet is very understandable.

**BamBam** - 04/10/13 - 14:55

To an extent I agree; my main point is that it cannot be touted as a cost savings measure when it clearly is not.

**Curious** - 04/10/13 - 22:01

If the County looked at what is really being utilized, and not just occupying space in a bay, I think that we'd see more moving around of trucks and less buying of trucks. The system is flawed.

**Realist** - 04/12/13 - 00:52

@ curious,

This is how I view the county saving money by reallocating the Wake Forest pumper. If I am reading all this right Wake Forest is purchasing a elliptical tanker, Zebulon needs a pumper and after the tanker is purchased Wake Forest will be left with an extra pumper. So by moving the Wake Forest pumper to Zebulon, the county does not need to purchase a new one for them. So that is where the cost savings would occur buying one new truck instead of two. I think I now may be confused from just typing that!

**Watson** - 04/12/13 - 13:04

I agree no need. ISO says they need it, but in reality they don't. However, in order to not screw the taxpayers with super high insurance rates they have to have them all. Now if the county went to a countywide ISO rating, and not individual ones by department then you could absolutely start eliminating vehicles.

**FD** - 04/12/13 - 20:09

The ISO rating is not completely measured by the number of trucks... BUT it does affect a larger portion of the rating (FSRS elements of "Fire Department" and "Water Supply"). For comparison, the minimum requirements (9S/9E) from OSFM requires 1 pumper and 1 tanker (and

equipment) per station; and All departments MUST meet the 9S minimum to be a FD in NC. [http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Ratings\\_and\\_In..](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Ratings_and_In..) Wake Co. is scheduled for their 9S inspections in May-June.

For ISO ratings greater than 9 (overview): <http://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/2000/pp..>

**A.C. Rich** - 04/13/13 - 09:35

I think a lot of the departments just do not understand ISO and go by hearsay and assumptions. Not completely their fault as it is confusing. Perhaps all of the chiefs etc need to have an ISO class to get the actual facts to make determinants about what they need/don't need and what they need to do/don't need to do.

**FD** - 04/13/13 - 14:48

With regard to the trucks (and stations and people), any of our county (or city, even) fire departments fall into one of three categories: they have sufficient resources (are right-sized), they have too few resources, or they have too many resources.

I'm guessing that it's the rare fire service leader that willingly admits to (or acts upon a) surplus of resources. (Except in emergency circumstances, gross surplus, etc.) Rather, they'll probably underplay any overstock, and as a hedge against future, leaner times. (Because the supply and demand does change. Revenues rise and fall, as do call volumes. And when capital assets are removed, they can be darned difficult to reacquire.)

What's required then to turn a too-large fire department into a right-sized organization? That's the magic question, isn't it?

(And those very labels are subject to subjectivity. I'm using "too large" and "right size" loosely here. Someone smarter than me can validate or disqualify the previously expressed opinions. Heck, a room full of people might disagree on what "right-size" should really be...)

**Legeros** - 04/13/13 - 15:11

Every department I work at all I hear is DOI this ISO that. Lady's and Gentlemen DOI and ISO dont put fires out. I wish these chiefs would quit worrying about that and get out from behind a desk and get on the engine. DO WORK!!!!

**BamBam** - 04/15/13 - 17:10

BamBam, I also would like some insight on how run a department and quit worrying about ISO. I agree that DOI/ISO does not put out a fire. ISO does tell me what I need to be considered a fire department in NC. I have a boss that wants a lower rating to help draw in new business. The new business will help bring in tax dollars that help keep the FD able to operate at an expected service level. Next time you feel like us chiefs need to get out from behind a desk and "DO WORK" walk across the street and look at your fire station and the work the chiefs have done for you. I'm confident no genies or magic lanterns were used to get you what you need to do your work.

**Chief Officer** - 04/16/13 - 00:49

Also see this thread, for a concurrently developing discussion on the county fire service system, <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog..>

**Legeros** - 04/16/13 - 09:35

Don't forget, we are an insurance based industry. ISO is the current standard of capability in that industry, so that's what we have to follow as the measure. It is what is is...

**A.C. Rich** - 04/16/13 - 20:24

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, April 13

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Mark your calendar for this Saturday, April 13. The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) is open for its regular second-Saturday-of-the-month opening. We'll have one or more copies of the new [centennial history book](#) for your perusal. Swing by and talk shop! Here's a two-minute tour of the place:

The museum is located in a modular classroom 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. Both the museum's [1961 American LaFrance pumper](#) and 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.

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Burn, Detroit, « Raleigh Fire Museum O... » NIST Releases Landmar... and Thoughts Therein

### Burn, Detroit, and Thoughts Therein

04/10/13 280 W - + 12 - 2

Saw *Burn: One Year on the Front Lines of the Battle to Save Detroit* tonight, the first of two local showings at the Six Forks Station Cinemas. Er, the first of four showings, the film was played tonight on two screens. Presuming the same applies tomorrow. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Here's the online [point of purchase](#).

Good movie! Certainly highly recommended for anyone in emergency services or ties therein. Probably quite gripping for lay viewers. It's a surprising lean film, with a running time of only 86 minutes. It's also character driven, notably through a trio of department members: a retiring FEO, a retired disabled firefighter, and the newly Fire Commission. (Though the city itself is arguably also a character here.)

[Here's a review](#) from the *Hollywood Reporter*. [Here's a review](#) from *Variety*. [Here's a review](#) from the *New York Times*. (And an [aggregated collection of reviews](#) from RT.) Two questions for readers. First, what did you think of the film? Second, how does the film affect your perception of your own firefighting careers (and departments and cities you serve)?

The film also provides a great visual tour of the Motor City. My first and so far only visit was a couple years ago, as part of an extended Midwestern vacation. Here are some of those highlights, for whomever is interested:

#### Photos

- [Detroit - Buildings and Scenery](#)
- [Detroit - Former and Historic Firehouses](#) (incomplete, mostly pre-1900)
- [Highland Park - Former and Historic Firehouses](#)
- [Ypsilanti - Michigan Firehouse Museum](#)

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A lot of the depts around Detroit see that much work on a daily basis like Flint. Gary, Camden, parts of Baltimore, and both the south side and west side of Chicago as see it. My understanding is that DFD doesn't run EMS calls unless requested by the EMS unit. They just run fire related calls.

**Mike** - 04/11/13 - 09:52

During the film last night I felt like they primarily run fire calls. When they were showing the building collapse in which Doogie was injured, I do not believe a ambulance was even on scene. Hence, them loading injured firefighters into the squad and running over 3 inch hose to get to them to the medical center.

I thought the movie was very good! Well worth it!

**Trey Cash** ([Email](#)) - 04/11/13 - 11:21

They only get EMS on fires if it is a multi alarm, if it is reported that someone is trapped inside or has been injured.

**Mike** - 04/11/13 - 13:05

Great movie, from my perspective I just wanted to see a slide or two with the year in review. How many runs; increases in staff, equipment, OSHA 300 log, etc.; the chief's thoughts, and any politic figure opinions. Just thought it would finish it off nicely.

**TimH** - 04/15/13 - 13:00

Just run EMS when requested by the unit on scene, not a first responder program like we have here.

Silver - 04/18/13 - 23:42

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That's the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The study evaluated effectiveness of crew sizes and elevator use, for fires in buildings that are seven or more stories in height. The study was conducted with thirteen DC-area fire departments. The results were presented yesterday at a fire chiefs conference in Phoenix.

They analyzed fourteen tasks deemed critical, undertaken when potential risks are highest both for building occupants and firefighters. They found, not surprisingly, that six-member crews completed all tasks faster than five-person crews and far faster than four- and three-person crews. So what, you say? Just send more units with three- and four-person crews. Except they found that larger crews have tactical advantages. They can complete those tasks in parallel instead of in a series. That saves time, which can save lives and prevent injuries and damage. (Because the fires don't grow as large.)

What about elevator use, for getting people and equipment to the staging floor? The study concluded that most tasks were started two to four minutes faster, when crews used elevators instead of stairs.

That's my summation. Readers are welcome to comment, correct, expand, or explain.

[Read the press release.](#)

This study was well run, my company participating in the study and we were placed on heart monitors and had all sort of observers timing us doing the various tasks. Hopefully some good comes from this study.

**Participant** - 04/11/13 - 15:58

Science is good stuff, though the fire service is traditionally a trade resistant to change. At least the young bucks are game for trying new things. Slowly, steadily, it'll get there.

**Legeros** - 04/11/13 - 18:17

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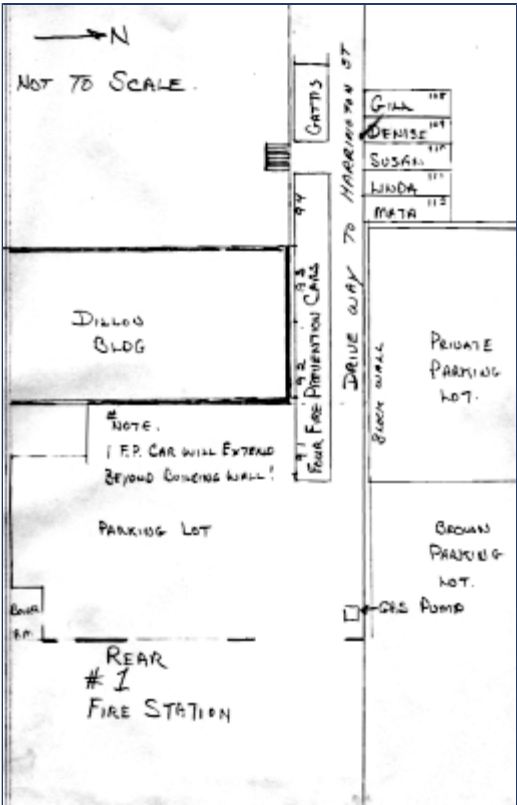
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Station 1 Parking Diagram - 1983

04/13/13 131 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

For your Saturday hysterical historical enjoyment, here's a vintage diagram of parking spaces behind Station 1. It's from 1983, and shows the parking spots for Administrative and Fire Prevention personnel. The Office of the Fire Chief and the Office of the Fire Marshal were considerably smaller. The Fire Chief was Tom Kuster, and his office was at the Keeter Training Center. One or more the administrative assistants were likely located there, and probably also had a parking spot at Station 1. The Municipal Building was still under construction. It opened in 1984, and the Fire Chief and later his Assistant Chiefs moved there, before everyone relocated to the Professional Building in 1991. Here's a [prior posting](#) on that topic. This was also when Station 1 had a gas pump. Click to enlarge:



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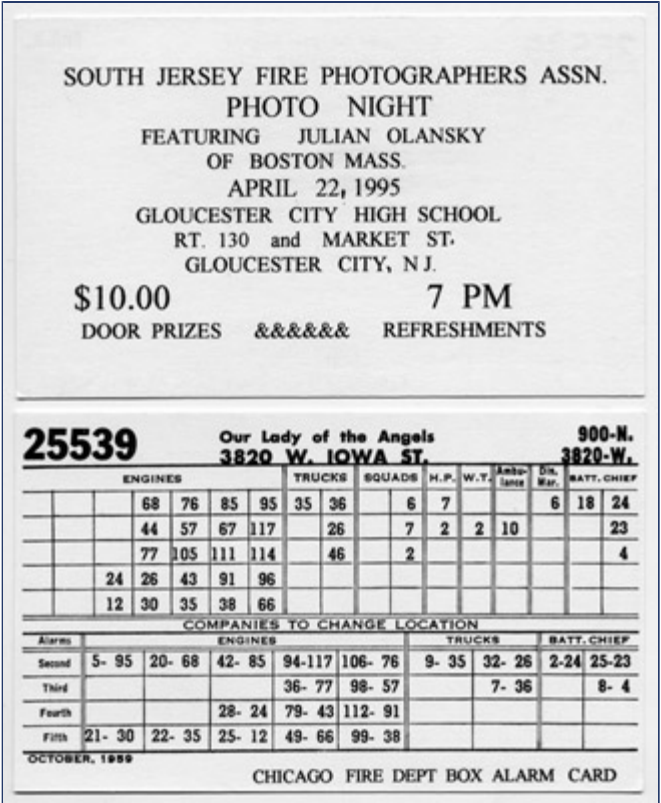
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Our Lady of the Angels Run Card / SJFPA

04/14/13 142 W, 1 I - + 10 - 7

Here's an interesting artifact from the Land of Buffs (basically the whole of the northeastern United States). One side is an advertisement for a photo night sponsored by the [South Jersey Fire Photographers Association](#). (Greater urban density = more fires and more fire photographers!) The other side is reproduction of a Chicago Fire Department box alarm card for Our Lady of the Angels elementary school at 3820 W. Iowa Street. Ninety-two children and three nuns were killed when the school burned on December 1, 1958. [Says this Wikipedia page](#), it's the nation's third most deadly school disaster. [Here's a site](#) dedicated on remembering the fire, which includes this [list of the companies](#) that responded to the fire. This comes courtesy of veteran (and now relocated to Nash County) Camden/Philly-area fire photographer Bob Bartosz. Click to enlarge:



Great pic. This bit of history will be finding it's way to my fire alarm class, if you don't mind sir?  
Don Johnson (Email) - 04/21/13 - 19:55

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## Old Beauties in Edgecombe County

04/15/13 121 W, 3 I - + 10 - 4

Photographer Lee Wilson has lately been riding around to neighboring and nearby counties, and photographing fire apparatus and other interesting sights. He's been finding a considerable number of vintage rigs that are privately owned and sitting outdoors. Keep an eye on his Flickr site photostream for the latest. Top to bottom are an [old American LaFrance pumper](#) (with construction scaffolding!) in Edgecombe County from Robersonville [photographed on April 13](#), an [old American LaFrance ladder truck](#) in Edgecombe County from Suffolk, VA, [photographed on April 11](#), and an [old equipment truck](#) in Tarboro from Contoe FD [photographed on April 13](#). We need to get him to publish a big, fat book of these shots.





Lee Wilson photos

Cuh-knee-tah!

Duda (Email) - 04/15/13 - 10:44

OK guys you are killing me. I want to take them all home and put them under a roof. I guess, I cant save them all. If I did, you would all send me to the Dr. Phil Show and judge me like the crazy cat lady down the street.

TimH - 04/15/13 - 12:56

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## History Book Afterwork

04/17/13 1098 W - + 7 - 2

What's next for the writer and researcher (among other roles) of the Raleigh Fire Department [centennial history book](#) that was recently delivered from the printer? First and foremost is the "afterwork." These are self-imposed, content-related tasks, of which we'll list below. These are notes for myself, or anyone curious enough to be curious.

- Source files - The project wrapped with some 13,100+ production files. Total size over 40 GB. That includes everything from meeting minutes, to planning outlines, to the digital images imported by the book designer. These will be sorted and shuffled and parsed so only the most valuable files remain. Notably, the final versions of all text content, the images used in the book, and key planning or production files. The folders will be cleaned up, and rearranged as needed. They'll be transformed into something that Mike can figure out in short order, and without having to recall "oh, this file was here" or "that folder contain those things." Because sooner or later, both text and images will be re-purposed. I will have a need for a bit of text from page X, or someone will want a reprint of a photo from page Y.
- Production notes - I'll also be jotting some notes on how the book was created. These will be similar [to this essay](#), created after our 2007 book. The audience for such notes are future book authors and project participants, both locally and nationally. Since the prior book, a handful of fire departments have reached out, with questions about creating fire department history books. (They've found the page via Google, or have been referred by that book's printer.) [Here's a blog posting](#) that started the narrative for the 2012 book. I am thinking of a list- or section-based document as the final product. With notations and recollections in list or bullet-form, beside a description of each book section. (This is really just the same thing as an after-action report. When you find yourself in the same situation years later, it's exceptionally helpful to have help inventing new wheels.)
- Corrections and annotations - Though much proofreading was done--numerous people, including Mrs. Blogger, poured over the book's 100,000 words--we will find mistakes. Errors happen. Ka ka occurs. I am thus compiling a list of corrections, as well as annotations, for the benefit of those who come later, and may rely on this book's text for absolute accuracy. (Didn't do this for the 2007 book, however. It didn't contain nearly the bulk of historical content.) The format will be along the lines of my Arcadia book corrections for [Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#). Yeah, yeah, lots of mistakes in those books. So sue me. Annotations will also add a few additional notes or facts or whatnot. Just idle bits that come to mind, such as the [exact model year of the wrecker](#) once operated by Services. The book cites mid-1950s. Or maybe the fact that current Battalion Chief Randy Bagwell is distantly related to first Fire Chief Sherwood Brockwell. That fabulous factoid slipped my memory for inclusion. (We'll blog that one later.)
- Photo credits - This one's for the staff at the State Archives. I will also create a list of credits and page numbers for the historical photos in the book. This will help them with finding any images in their files. (That is, those images that they have copies of.) Unlike my Arcadia books, the images in the 2012 book only contain partial credits. News & Observer images are all credited, as are some from the photographers such as Lee Wilson, Jeff Harkey, and Mike Legeros. This was a conscious decisions, made for a couple reasons. But an online index will be comprehensive.
- Digital archives - This project was a brutal reminder that my digital house needs to be put in order. Specifically, the some 23,000 files (totaling 77 GB) of historical material. Most of those are image files, of prints or slides or film negatives that have been scanned over the last ten years. They're stored on a local hard drive, along with back-up copies at a couple locations. They're filed in folders labeled by contributor. Pictures scanned, say, at the Keeter Training Center, are filed in a folder with that name. Worked great in the early years. Now there are so many files, that Mikey's mind can't quite remember every single image and who contributed same. (Kids, don't stare a computer screen for eighteen hours a day. It messes with your mind!) Thus a naming and indexing project needs to be done. Every image will have a call number pre-pended to the file name. Then a master index created, so any image can easily located, and without the need of consulting a certain someone's increasingly fragile brain.
- Physical photos - Boxes and boxes of photos and photo albums presented themselves during the project. They ranged from individual prints, to envelopes of a dozen or two, to entire albums. Many will be (or have been) returned to their contributors. Others will be returned to their cubbyholes, such as the catalog room of the Raleigh Fire Museum. A number of these are on my list to be scanned,

added to my digital archives. Waiting on delivery of a new computer for that step. (Get this, during the height of the project, my computer began running out of memory! Production tasks--such as image work using PhotogShop or Canon Digital Photo Processing--had to be halted, and the computer restarted, to "refresh things." Talk about a pain!)

- Collecting kudos - Last but certainly not least is the human component. And, really, the first and foremost piece of this project. The people made this happen: the project team, the contributors, and the organization, that created and lived this history. I will compiling the odd notes of appreciation and congratulation, and forward to the project team members. The designing and printer team will also receive a copy. It's important, in my opinion, to augment a self-evidently successful outcome (book in hand, looks great) with expressions and communication of a job well done. (Along these lines, I have also greatly enjoyed the chance to experience people seeing the book for the first time. I have enjoyed observing first impressions of readers, as they page through the book, and verbally comment on particular images, pages, or sections. Same thing as user feedback, in the computer world. It helps reinforce a job well done, and to help learn and understand what readers see and look for, in printed content such as this.)

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I for one am quite impressed with the book, it's detail, accuracy, and tribute to not only the current personnel, but those that served before us. Thanks to you and the rest of the committee who worked an insane number of hours to produce such a quality item for our history and something to make every RFD member proud. You have definitely set the bar high for any future history books!

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## Ethics of Disaster Photography

04/18/13 756 W - + 7 - 3

That's the abridged headline of this [Flavorwire blog posting](#) by Tom Hawking, one of a number of stories and essays on the web (and probably on Facebook, now the ultimate crowd-comment platform) that have started examining the photography, news media, and social media issues that presented themselves during and after the bombings in Boston this week. Let's click through some stories, and form some reactions or even some deep thoughts.

We'll start with this [New York Times story](#), from their web front page, about news media weighing the use of photos of carnage. They note a couple particular things that happened in the wake of the tragedy. First, the *Daily News* of New York digitally covered a wound on a victim's leg for a front page photo. Doctoring news photos are a traditional no-no. Maybe even a firing offense. (The National Press Photographers Association, notes the story, doesn't allow altered images. You can crop, or not publish.)

Second, the *Atlantic* posted (with a warning) a very, very, very graphic image (victim in wheelchair with amputation wounds), which brought complaints. (Most news agencies cropped the photo above the injuries.) Shortly thereafter, the *Atlantic* blurred the victim's face, which returns the conversation to doctoring while also adding a privacy component. (Can't readily recall face-blurring in news photos, but maybe it's more common than realized.)

The *Times* story compelled a Google search on the keywords "Boston bombing photo ethics," which led me to this PetaPixel posting titled [A Blurry Double Standard?](#) The photography blog cites another blogger's comment, regarding victim privacy in contrast to what's shown from overseas. From the Facebook page of [Melissa Golden](#), she writes and they quote: "Since when do legitimate print journalism outfits modify photos like this? Run it or don't, but don't enact a double standard for Americans when we're totally cool running unadulterated photos of bombing victims from foreign lands."

Let's ease away from political conversation, however. The PetaPixel bloggers walk through their initial support of "face blurring," and then confront their second thoughts. Quote them, "When it comes to newsworthy items, we should not allow ourselves to censor the flow of information." Yes, children should be shielded from horrific images. But in cases where dozens if not hundreds of people witness an event--and see the victim and their gruesome injuries--issues of privacy (or, say, jeopardizing prosecution) aren't present. (They argue.)

My next click takes me to the [Hawkins posting](#) referenced at the start of this posting. He makes a number of notable points, such as the changing model of distribution. In the past, such images reached the masses solely through news agencies or those republishing their photos. The events of September 11, 2001, he notes, "represented a real change on this front." Thought it took place before we were fully YouTube- and Twitter-ized, it "corresponded with the growing ubiquity of digital photography and widespread internet connections."

Hawkins cites a [Vanity Fair essay](#) that argues 9/11 was the most-photographed breaking news event in human history. Even as such he notes, there were huge debates at the time over where to whether to publish certain photos. Note a couple key concepts, editorial decision making and a process for publishing. But what happened in Boston? As Hawkins notes, images and footage started appearing online within seconds of the explosions. Graphic footage began reaching the masses immediately. And which raises all sorts of great questions, from how will we (as the masses) be affected by such real-time awful images to the importance of multiple "subjective visual perspectives" to understanding history.

How's that for some heavy morning reading? But what about ourselves, from the responders who find themselves in the thick of unfolding tragedies while cameras click away, to the non-news photographers drawn to such events, and with their own means of distribution (blogs, web sites, Facebook, etc.)? Great question. Answer forthcoming. Or perhaps our readers will expand the discussion.

### Footnotes

- There are numerous news sites showing the many strong images from the Boston explosions. There was great photojournalism done that day, and in the face of great tragedy. Such as this [boston.com collection](#), which contains some graphic images. Be careful where you click, of course. You can't un-see something you've seen.
- The [Petapixel posting](#) opens with a humbling acknowledgement that their thoughts are insignificant in comparison to both the tragedy of the event, and the powerful perspectives have been shared by others. Agreed.

Ocracoke Fire Apparatus on Postcard

04/19/13 43 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, here's a postcard view of Ocracoke Island fire apparatus. Guessing it's dated ten or maybe twenty years ago? See the [OVFD web site](#) for their current and retired rigs. Click to enlarge:



I remember when they bought the Ford on the right. Mid-80s.

DJ - 04/19/13 - 09:47

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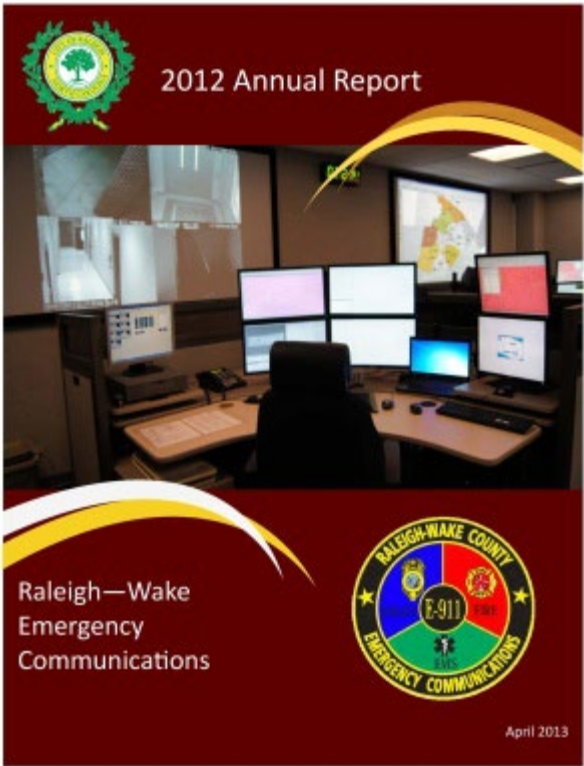
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The Raleigh/Wake County Emergency Communications Center has released their annual report for 2012. [Read the document](#) (PDF). This week is also National Telecommunicators Week. Mayor Nancy McFarlane this week presented an award to Jennifer Butler for being the ECC's Employee of the Year, and also recognized Duana Dailey as Rookie of the Year. [Read press release](#).



Way to be Duana. Looks like someone trained her well.

**Marcus** - 04/20/13 - 01:16

This is a very sharp report! Congratulations to Jennifer and Duana. I have known Jennifer for many years and have also worked with her. She is an outstanding telecommunicator and great person who takes pride in the quality of her work. Great job!!

**Jason Thompson** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 04/20/13 - 10:04

Is it me, or was the photo on page 8 flipped? The text on the hi-vis vests reads backwards.

**Paul** - 04/21/13 - 21:00

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Mystery Vehicle

04/20/13 45 W, 2 I - + 7 - 5

Found a model of this on the web. Here's the real thing and a slightly smaller image of the die-cast version. Will reveal brand and scale after a correct guess.



It is the Polish version of the Pope Mobile used by John Paul on his visit to Poland. It was made by Star a brand of trucks made in Poland.  
**stretch** - 04/20/13 - 13:18

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Construction Photo of Bay Leaf Station 1

04/20/13 34 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

Under construction at 11713 Six Forks Road. Should be operational around September 1. Grand opening expected some time in October. Search the blog for prior postings. Click to enlarge:



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Wake Forest's New Chief Buggy

04/21/13 49 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

Photographed by Lee Wilson this week at the annual Wake Forest Fire Department Fish Fry. [See those photos](#). These wheels are a rarity in our land of sport-utility vehicles. How many other fire chiefs are driving sedans or sportier cars?



Lee Wilson photo

Cary FD Command Staff drive sedans, mostly Chevrolet Impalas. The only exception being the Training Chief operates a pickup.  
**CFD** - 04/21/13 - 15:41

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Raleigh Fire Explorers Pull Plane For Charity

04/21/13 115 W, 2 I - + 6 - 3

On Saturday morning at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, five members of [Raleigh Fire Explorer Post 108](#) hit the tarmac to help raise money for the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina. They competed with other teams to see who pull a 30,000-pound regional jet the fastest. The explorers raised \$1,180 and pulled the plane in 14.83 seconds. Photographer Lee Wilson was present, and captured the team action. He also got some good posed shots of the airport's fire apparatus. Learn more [about the event](#). See more [photos from Lee](#). And remember kids, don't try to pull an airplane by yourself. It takes teamwork.



Lee Wilson photos

Mystery View

04/21/13 21 W, 1 I - + 6 - 1

What are we looking at here? Assorted obfuscations include tilting the composition.



Looks to me like the mats under some piece of exercise equipment.

Duda (Email) - 04/23/13 - 09:30

Inside of a compartment, possibly a Pierce?

Watson - 04/24/13 - 15:27

An asphalt roadway against a railroad??

Beach (Email) - 04/24/13 - 16:10

That is a black and white exposure of the drop tank storage compartment on Bay Leaf pumper 366.

Rescue Ranger - 04/24/13 - 22:37

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Vintage Rescue Squad and EMS Vehicles of Wake County

04/22/13 132 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Courtesy of a new Facebook page [History of EMS in Wake County](#). This is a newly created community page for chronicling the history of ambulance services, rescue squads, and EMS organizations in Wake County. The site was placed in production on Sunday. The content is exclusively photos at present, but an incomplete set of albums. Needed are photos from a number of agencies, from Apex EMS to Zebulon rescue squad. Have digital photos to share? Just upload them. Have prints for scanning? Send a message to the page administrators. How to find these and other neat photos? Click on **Photos** to open the photo page. Click on **Albums** to see the photo albums. Click on the desired album. Enjoy. Click to enlarge:



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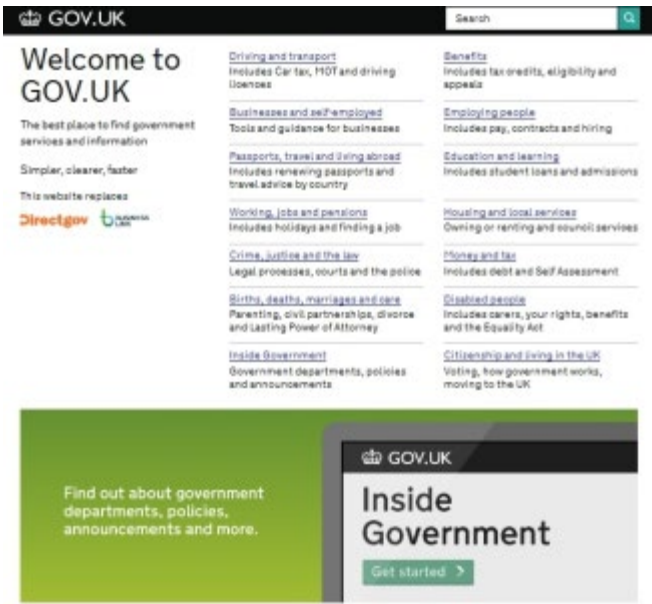
"Ugly" Web Site Wins Design Award

04/22/13 163 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

For the web heads reading, here's a [neat Gerry McGovern column](#) about the [www.gov.uk](#) web site and the [design award it won](#). How does a web site with such little seeming visual appeal win a design award, you ask? Especially with nothing that razzles or dazzles the senses??

Here's a key quote from McGovern that says everything: "Design is not just how it looks. Design must also be concerned with how it works. For things to work on the Web they must be findable. That requires a focus on search and navigation. When these are found the customer must be able to do something with them; complete a task."

Ask yourself this about your web site(s): are your customers (the visitors) able to "do" what came there to do? Or does the thing exist more to make you happy, than someone else?



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Clayton Firefighters Paddling Neuse River For Fallen Heroes

04/23/13 100 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

[Here's a neat story from WRAL](#), about Clayton Fire Department firefighters Paul Zias and Allen Williford. They've taken a kayak to the neuse River, and are attempting to paddle nearly 200 miles from Raleigh to New Bern. Their raising money and awareness for fallen and wounded firefighters and soliders. Today they were on their second of an expected five-and-a-half days. Firefighters are meeting them at points along the way, to resupply their stores with food and water. Read more about their mission at [Paddling for Pennies](#).



Safe travels!  
**T. Taylor** - 04/24/13 - 21:09

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Johnston County's « Clayton Firefighters ... » Dramatic Photo of Dra... New Foam Unit

### Johnston County's New Foam Unit

04/24/13 131 W, 5 I - + 9 - 4

Photographed by Lee Wilson this week, it's a 2007 Hino (!) carrying 1,500 gallons of foam containers on two pallets, plus a 2,000 GPM foam monitor. Still be equipped with more gear, such as a light bar, that's pending. The unit was delivered on March 14. It's housed at the Selma Fire Department, and is for protection of the commercial tank farm in town. Click to see larger versions:



Lee Wilson photo

It replaces a Chevy Kodiak truck of similar size. Model year? Click to see larger versions:



*Lee Wilson photo*

Older readers may recall one of the county's earliest foam units, a tractor-drawn rig, also shown below. Perhaps readers can cite the make and model or other details. Click to enlarge:



*Jeff Harkey photo*

Dramatic Photo of Dramatic Rescue in Havelock

04/25/13 263 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

[FireNews](#) has [posted photos and a story](#) that originated in [this Havelock News story](#), about a house fire on Tuesday that resulted in rescue of a two-year old child. Arriving units found the front of the single-story home fully involved. Though one child had been rescued by his father, a second was still inside the structure. Firefighter Charlie Winter entered through a side window, assisted by police officers, an action also captured on film. The story details the rescue, the incident itself (HFD, CPFD, NFD), and the last condition of the boy (fair condition Tuesday night).

Drew C. Wilson of the Havelock News/Halifax Media Group took the stunning photo, along with another dramatic close-up image. They're about as powerful and probably-to-be-iconic as they come. Re-postings of the FireNews links are already making their rounds on Facebook. The image stands a great chance at going viral, on social media platforms and probably fire service blogs and web sites.

Just as "making a grab" can be a rare event for a firefighter, so is capturing the moment on film. Should such a moment pass before my lens, the posted results will likely be different. Since I usually blur or obscure or compose-out the faces of victims in my scene photos (an action that results from my partnership with Wake County EMS), you'd probably see a shot from the side or the rear. The posted one(s) at least. Anyway, great shots and a great rescue.



Drew C. Wilson/Havelock News/Halifax Media Group image

Great image here....  
Boy's down east just doing what they do.  
Let's not forget the Police jumping in here too.  
You all deserve the attention you'll be getting.  
**Buckwheat** - 04/25/13 - 10:55

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## Wake County Fire Department News - Spring 2013

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We've gone some months since our last county-wide news round-up. Here's what's happened or happening lately, courtesy of official queries, passed along info., and assorted "hey, have you heards." Please drop a line with any corrections. Ditto for additions, for news that was missed.

### Raleigh

- Four pieces of Pierce apparatus to be delivered this year. Engine and ladder are same/about same specs as earlier rigs. Rescue engine is a new design, with special modifications for squad companies. They'll be assigned to Squad 14 and Squad 15.
  - Pumper.
  - Rear-mount aerial platform with pump.
  - Rescue engines (two).
- Station 3 to be replaced. Location TBD, east of the current site. Funding for land purchase in FY13.
- Station 12 to be replaced. Location 4300 block of Poole Road. Land has been purchased. Designer Stewart Cooper Newell. Funded in FY13 and FY14.
- Station 14 to be replaced. Location TBD in Blue Ridge Road and Lake Boone Trail area. Designer Stewart Cooper Newell. Funded in FY13-FY15.
- Station 29 to be built at 12117 Leesville Road. Land has been purchased. Design work completed. Construction bid process underway. Groundbreaking possibly July.

### Cary

- Engine 4 replacement in purchasing process. Will be equipped with low hose bed.
- Engine 5 damaged in vehicle accident on April 19. Will be out of service for several weeks.
- Station 2 replacement at East Chatham and Reedy Creek Road in progress. Land purchased. Design contract awarded. Remaining funding in FY14.
- Station 8 construction nearing completed. Opening on/around June 1.
- Walnut Street/southern fire station planned. Funded in FY14 and FY15.

### Apex

- Military surplus 6x6 vehicle recently acquired, for conversion to brush truck.
- Station 5 in planning process. Location is north/northwestern section of town.

### Bay Leaf

- Soon receiving a 2012 KME tanker, two-axle, same standard spec (with options) as prior years. One of four to be delivered in Wake County.
- Station 1 reconstruction still in progress at 11713 Six Forks Road. Operational around September 1. Grand opening in October, after temporary station on site removed and all exterior work completed.

### Eastern Wake

- Evaluating a merger with Knightdale Fire Department.
- Accepting applications for Fire Chief.

### Garner

- New Public Safety and Firefighter Program started at Garner Magnet High School. This is a partnership with GFD, GMHS, the Wake County school system, and the state Office of the Fire Marshal. It's a first for Wake County, and one of only four in the state. The program allows high school students to take four years of public safety and firefighter courses, and graduate with most of their

credentials to become a firefighter in North Carolina. The new program has thirty-three students. The instructor is former Cary firefighter and former Raleigh Deputy Fire Marshal John Pinder. More information later. We'll building a dedicated blog post about this neat new program.

#### Holly Springs

- Ladder truck relocated on March 11 to Station 2, completed last fall at 1140 Avent Ferry Road. Same is a 1999 American LaFrance/LTI midmount aerial platform, 93-foot, 2000 GPM, that previously served Pattonville, MO. It was purchased in 2007.
- Rescue 1 recently sold to a department in Duplin County. The 1996 Ford/Salisbury left town on April 19. More specifically, the truck was a 1996 Ford L800 cab and chassis with a 1972 Salisbury box. It was remounted from a 1972 Ford 800 chassis, that Holly Springs operated early in the department's history, in the 1990s.
- Specs being finished for a rescue engine, to replace the rescue truck and a reserve engine.

#### Knightdale

- Expecting their aerial ladder to be returned soon from extended repairs. The 1997 Pierce Quantum 105-foot rear-mount 1500/300/25 was purchased in 2009. It previously served Madison, WI.
- Changing to a fire department organization effective July 1. After that date, newly hired police officers will not be cross-trained as firefighters. Existing police officers/public safety officers will continue serving the fire department.
- Evaluating a merger with Eastern Wake Fire Rescue.

#### Morrisville

- Quint concept is underway, with multi-year plan to place in service a ladder truck and a rescue unit at each of the town's three fire stations..
- Medium-duty rescue truck to be delivered in June. It replaces a 1989 Simon-Duplex/KME/Saulsbury rescue truck, which will be sold.
- Three firefighters hired, part of the quint staffing.
- Timetable going forward:
  - July 2013 - Purchase second quint
  - July 2014 - Hire three firefighters for second quint
  - July 2014 - Purchase third quint
  - July 2015 - Hire three firefighters for third quint.

#### New Hope

- Soon receiving a 2012 KME tanker, two-axle, same standard spec (with options) as prior years. One of four to be delivered in Wake County.
- Received new Chevy Tahoe for Fire Chief.

#### Raleigh-Durham International Airport

- New Airport Manager recently hired. New Fire Chief should be hired/named sometime soon.

#### Wake Forest

- Soon receiving a 2012 KME tanker, two-axle, same standard spec (with options) as prior years. One of four to be delivered in Wake County.
- Received new Dodge Charger for Fire Chief.
- Engine ordered to replace Engine 4, a 1996 E-One Cyclone.
- Rescue 3 to be placed in service this year, with a service truck.
- Pumper-tanker recently sold to Zebulon, formerly a Falls FD unit.
- Station 4 in planning process. Location is 1509 Jenkins Road. Funding in FY14 budget.

#### Wendell

- Soon receiving a 2012 KME tanker, two-axle, same standard spec (with options) as prior years. One of four to be delivered in Wake County.
- New Fire Chief recently named.

Zebulon

- Soon receiving 2009 Pierce pumper-tanker from Wake Forest FD, formerly Falls FD unit, Tanker 217.
- Station 2 in planning process. Location is Green Pace Road. Land purchased years ago. Funding in future budget year.
- New Fire Chief recently hired.

What about new chief for Eastern Wake Fire? Are they waiting to see what will happen the the merger with KPS?

**Cking** ([Email](#)) - 04/25/13 - 23:13

Any news on what the city of raleigh has decided to do about their dispatch center. I believe a merger with Cary would make the most sense. It be nice to see one true unified dispatch center for the county as well as EOC

**ncnjems** - 04/26/13 - 23:40

ECC moving to the Westinghouse facility is a done deal. When it’s built, they’ll be moving there. They just have to make do on Hargett until that time. I think the rest of the Westinghouse facility is still up for discussion, though. A police district? EOC? Other city departments?

**rfburns** - 04/27/13 - 19:52

Oh, and a dispatch merger with Cary? Raleigh will merge with Durham before that happens. :)

**rfburns** - 04/27/13 - 19:54

The police district is out. The City data center and EOC are in. The County EOC is awaiting a decision by Wake County.

**Furey** - 04/28/13 - 09:25

I find it hard to believe groundbreaking will occur around July since the city hasn’t even awarded the bid yet.  
[raleighnc.gov/content/FinPurchasing/Documents/AD-FireStation29.pdf](http://raleighnc.gov/content/FinPurchasing/Documents/AD-FireStation29.pdf)

**Rescue Ranger** - 04/28/13 - 15:09

RR, why is that so hard to believe? The bid award is the last step prior to start of construction.

**Bob the Builder** - 04/28/13 - 16:57

@Mike – more positive than negative. Yes, we’ll have to drive “downtown” to meetings, and we’ll no longer be right next to the telephone building, but we’ll be out of the basement with adequate space to work for years to come and our employees will have access to free parking. While the telephone companies will continue to be in play, Next Generation 9-1-1 will rely on more data type circuits that can be routed anywhere. The City will also gain a real EOC, and the County will upgrade theirs if they move.

**Furey** - 04/28/13 - 19:12

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**Oxygen Delivery at EMS Station 1**

04/26/13 29 W, 1 I - + 5 - 7

Random Friday morning photo. No activity is too mundane for the wandering (stalking?) emergency services photographer. Tanks for the memories. Click to enlarge:



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Fire Apparatus Leaving Station 1 (Video)

04/26/13 74 W - + 8 - 1

How about some video footage to start our weekend, as well? Here's a collection of clips of apparatus leaving Station 1. There's Ladder 4, both as tiller as reserve platform, along with Engine 1 and Engine 13. Ah, the glorious sounds of a mechanical siren. For the (big) kids in all of us.

**Just wait a bit to click play.** The thing's uploading at present, and I am headed to work...

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## Adventures in Fireground Flash Photography (and RAW Post-Processing)

04/28/13 324 W, 7 I - + 6 - 2

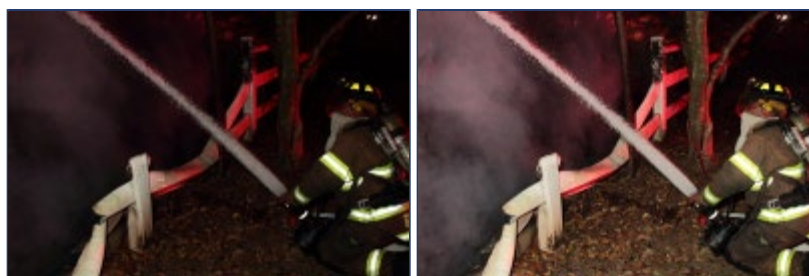
Let's look at some shots from Saturday morning on Gradate Lane. Very dark scene on three sides, plus the usual white and red lights in the front. Required a high ISO, and some flash in spots.

Camera is a Canon 7D, shooting in medium-quality RAW, with an EF 17-40mm f/4L lens. External Canon Speedlight 580 EXII flash. Post-processing using Canon Digital Photo Professional. Auto white balance, Faithful picture style, +2 contrast, +2 color saturation, +10 (max) saturation.

Example #1 - No flash, ISO 2500, Shutter-Priority AE Mode, 1/40 shutter, 4.0 aperture. On right, same shot with +2 brightness/exposure compensation in RAW post-processing. Click to enlarge:



Example #2 - Flash with -1 2/3 flash exposure compensation (dialing it down). On right, same shot with +1.33 brightness/exposure compensation in RAW post-processing, and -5 highlight adjustment, to improve the clarity of the reflective strips (which district anyway, but what can you do?). Click to enlarge:



Example #3 - Flash with +1 1/3 flash exposure compensation (dialing it up). Plus that -5 highlight adjustment. On right, same shot with -.67 brightness/exposure compensation in RAW post-processing. Still don't like the reflective strips, on the gear of on the ladder truck. So be it. Click to enlarge:



Example #4 - Flash with -1 2/3 flash exposure compensation, plus +.5 brightness boost in post-processing This time, though, we're shooting into light, and there are fewer reflective surfaces in the shot. Just the helmet patches. The balance of light and glare and wash works well. Could tweak further, but it's good for now. [Click to enlarge:](#)



[See the full series of photos](#) by Mike Legeros (in progress, that is. Finishing them this today). Next question, what did the scene look like to the human observers, who didn't possess either flash lighting or exposure compensation for their eyeballs? It was pretty dark, except where it wasn't. Commence discussion of art versus reality, values and ethics of post-processing, etc.

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Who is that tall guy with the red helmet and glorious mustache?

**Kermit** - 04/28/13 - 18:14

Some fireman...

**Legeros** - 04/28/13 - 18:16

## Charlotte Firefighter Roof Incident in Video and Headlines

04/28/13 264 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

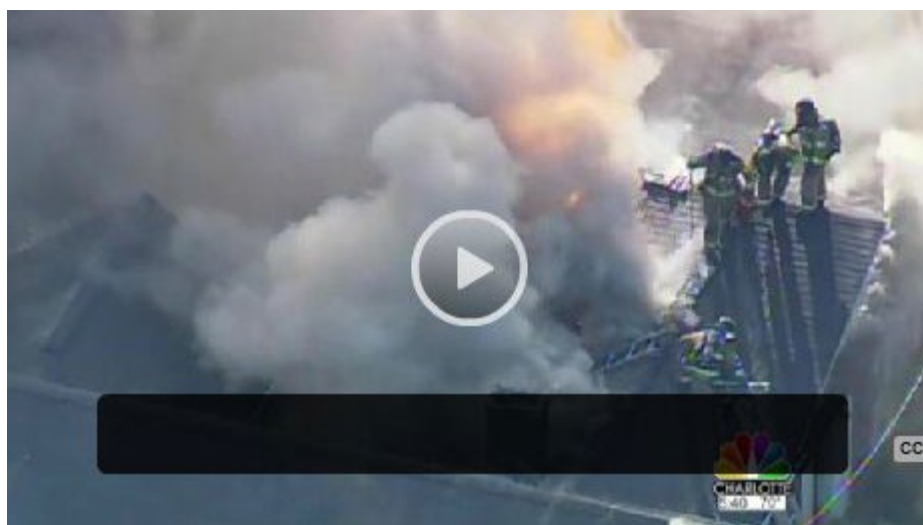
At a house fire in Charlotte on Thursday, did a firefighter fall into the roof as [this Statter911 story recounts](#), or did he slip on the roof as [this FireNews story recounts](#)? Which verb is most accurate, and does the particular word even matter?

There's a video of what happened, and readers can (and perhaps already have) commence merrily second-guessing the story writers. Of course, this isn't really apples to apples. The Statter story was posted earlier, and draws from nnews reports. The FireNews story came later, and includes information from the CFD PIO.

But this begs a larger question. How important is word choice, in communication about unusual (or significant) events on the fireground? It depends on the purpose of the communication, as well as the outcome.

Choosing your words carefully can downplay or overplay an event. You can minimize or maximize a reaction, by the amount of words (the detail) and you provide. This applies to anything from a quick e-mail note, to a fireground incident report, to a formal press release, to, ahem, a blog post about a fire.

Readers, what have you liked or not like about particular words when they're used in stories about fires? Just be alert of the impressions formed within you. As you rise in the ranks, so will the opportunities for wider and more impacting "wordsmithing." Anyway, [here's the video](#). House fire on Eastway Drive. Member of Engine 3 was quickly rescued by crew. No injuries. Good to hear.



Well it looks like he did fall, but also that he was walking down the roof in a nonchalant sort of way. Can't think of a better way to put it. He did a little teeter on one leg as he took the step right before falling. Not sure if he wasn't paying as much attention as he should have been or what, but, as they used to say in the army, he wasn't moving with a sense of purpose. Don't know what he was thinking about before he fell, but I can guess what he was thinking of after. There was a lot of active fire beneath him, there are good reasons why using roof ladders are best practice and why you keep the numbers of people on the roof to a minimum. It's hard to tell if that's a self-vented fire or if there was a vent hole cut but the hole he fell in looks pretty big. Did they really need to be there? Glad he's okay.

**Bob** - 04/29/13 - 00:35

That's what you get when you send an Engine to the roof!

**O.V. says** - 04/29/13 - 09:04

If you look at the video closely, and freeze frame it, it appears there is a ladder there that extends down the roof right beside where the fire has vented all the way to the ground behind the house..If you look at the firefighters moves just before he went down, it appears he was turning sideways as if he was preparing to step onto the ladder and possible climb down. It appears that he may have just slipped before he could get hiis footing on the ladder. If this what happened, then this whole incident seems to have been exaggerated by the media. Either way it could have been serious, thankfully it wasn't.

**Galax, Va** - 04/29/13 - 10:26

Really O.V. That was uncalled for! Hope you really don't feel like that.

**Rob Mitchell** - 04/29/13 - 17:45

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - David Pogue's Ten« Charlotte Firefighter... » Funeral Arrangements ...  
Top Time-Saving Technology Tips

David Pogue's Ten Top Time-Saving Technology Tips04/28/13 74 W - + 7 - 1

For your Sunday enjoyment, here's a fabulous five-minute (and change) [TED talk video](#) by *New York Times* personal technology columnist David Pogue, with his top time-saving tips for web browsers, cell phones, digital cameras, and more. Guarantee you'll learning something. Such as triple-clicking to highlight an entire paragraph (didn't know that) or pressing "B" in PowerPoint to "black out" the screen. Giddy-yup.

I have personally found that the BEST time saving tip for a smart phone is NOT USING ONE!...LOL!! (p.s. I can't live without it though!). It was bad enough when I had my "Nextelectomy" a few years ago!

**A.C. Rich** - 04/29/13 - 21:47

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Funeral Arrangements For Burke County Paramedic/Firefighter Joey Autrey

04/29/13 179 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

[As reported last week](#) by FireNews.net, Burke County paramedic and firefighter Joseph W. "Joey" Autrey, 38, passed away at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center on Friday, April 26. He had been hospitalized on April 4, after experiencing chest pains while operating an ambulance during a call. He suffered an aortic aneurism, which resulted in severe heart damage. On Saturday, firefighters, police, and paramedics paid their respects as his body was brought home by a procession of emergency vehicles.

Autrey was a paramedic with Burke County Emergency Services. He was also a Lieutenant with Lovelady Fire and Rescue, and a member of Icard Fire and Rescue and Salem Fire and Rescue. He had been involved with emergency services for twenty-two years. [Read his obituary.](#)

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Burkemont Baptist Church, 4668 Burkemont Rd., Morganton. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the church.



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Car Versus Apartment Building in Fayetteville

04/29/13 69 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

The *Fayetteville Observer* [filed this report](#) of a Chrysler 300 that crashed into the Cambridge Arms Apartments on Barcelona Drive this morning. The driver was also a wanted man, as police discovered. He was arrested on a prior arrest order. The building sustained enough damage to require an engineering assessment. Eight units were affected, and the residents evacuated.



Cindy Burnham/Fayetteville Observer photo

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First Annual NCFFF Red Helmet Ride, Saturday, May 404/30/13 158 W - + 6 - 2

This weekend is the annual North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Raleigh. Motorcycle riders are invited to join a procession to the Saturday ceremony that will start at the K-Mart in Garner, 4300 Fayetteville Road. The line-up time is 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There's a 10:00 a.m. briefing, and kick stands are up at 10:30 a.m. Riders arriving at the memorial site at 11:00 a.m. [Here's a flyer](#) (PDF) from this [NCFFF web page](#).

The eighth annual memorial service starts at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Nash Square in Raleigh. Its preceded by a processsion of fire apparatus that starts at 10:00 a.m. The parade starts at Hillsborough and St. Mary's streets, proceeds east on Hillsborough Street, turns right on Dawson Street, and concludes at Nash Square, which is located across the street from Station 1. [See photos from past years](#).

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *UPDATED: Raleigh* « **Mystery Forestry Rig** » *Raleigh/Wake County F...* *Fire Department Retiree Luncheon*

### UPDATED: Raleigh Fire Department Retiree Luncheon

05/05/13 265 W, 1 I - + 3 - 4

May 5

Here are photos of the event, from [Lee Wilson](#) and [Mike Legeros](#). Here's a [News & Observer story](#) about the event. It was attended by over 145 retirees, plus some 45 guests, and 30 recruits. Eleven volunteers prepared and served food, and performed other tasks.



And just how much food was provided by the Raleigh Professional Fire Fighters Association, who sponsored the event? Check out these quantities:

- 25 pounds of rice
- 40 whole chickens
- 32 cans cream celery soup
- 32 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 box chicken bouillon cubes
- 20 gallons of tea
- 20 pounds sugar
- 2 large family boxes tea
- 250 plates
- 250 packages of silverware, napkin, salt and pepper
- 250 bowls for dessert
- 5 1/2 sheet cakes
- 8 large bottles Texas Pete sauce
- 8 large containers peanut butter
- 20 loaves of bread.

April 30

Press release. City of Raleigh firefighters will honor retired members of the fire department at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, at the Keeter Training Center, 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh. The annual event is sponsored by the Raleigh Professional Fire Fighters Association, and hosted by the City of Raleigh Fire Department.

Association members will prepare and serve the “home cooked” meal to some 100 retired personnel. The Association will pay for the food and the members will donate their time. The luncheon was started nine years ago by the Raleigh Professional Fire Firefighters Association and its member firefighters, as a way to pay tribute to their retired members. The event is held annually in April or May.

Members of the media are invited to this event. [Read entire press release](#), posted on FireNews.net.

enjoyed the event look forward to it every year thanks to all who prepare it mikey u are the man with history

**louieb** - 05/05/13 - 09:23

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## 05/15/13 221 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

Update. Added another dozen-plus death certificates, from 1978 and 1979. And redacted social security numbers where present in the documents. Also updated [the database](#) with fallen firefighters from 2011 and 2012. Also added as data and narrative details throughout the database. Notable are added burial dates and locations. Also added a PDF version of the database, for alternate/easier format for reading. (Might alter the web page version of the database in the future. It's a little slow to load.) Watch this space for some stats about the data therein.

Specifically, digital scans of death certificates newly uploaded, of our state's fallen firefighters from 1911 to 1977. Eighty-seven of the things, copied from microfilm or online databases at Olivia Raney Local History Library in Raleigh. They were compiled beginning some eight years ago, to assist the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation with their historical records. The documents offer a surprising wealth of information, including vital statistics, family information, and burial location. Occupations are noted, as are causes of death. The latter vary in their levels of detail. Some are simple medical notes, others describe the accident or situation that caused the death. They've been stored in a [single web folder](#), and are linked from my [fallen firefighters history page](#).

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Kenly's 1944 Ford/Oren

05/01/13 174 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

For your Friday enjoyment, here's an old beauty out of Johnson County. This 1944 Ford/Oren pumper was the second fire engine operated in the town of Kenly.<sup>1</sup> The truck later served the Brookville (?) Fire Department, was later privately owned in Iowa, and was returned home in November of last year. Restoration is planned. Lee Wilson photographed the rig while attending the department's pork chop fundraiser on Sunday. Our favorite apparatus photographer has been making the fundraiser rounds. It's that time of year. [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

<sup>1</sup>Presuming purchased new. Looking at the state corporation records, Kenly Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated on February 10, 1956. Since the town was incorporated in 1887, odds favor a fire department or at least fire apparatus in place before that time. Probably correlates to installation of the first water system and fire hydrants. First apparatus might've been a true triple-combination from a couple decades prior, or maybe just a small truck that hauled hose and other equipment closer to the 1940s. Readers perhaps will inform.

I sold the truck to Kenly Fire in 2012. The paperwork I had showed Kenly had bought the truck new in 1944. Have copy of Government certificate to allow them to buy truck during WW2. I received copies of paperwork from Kenly Fire from when truck was purchased new.  
**Brian O'Loughlin** - 05/30/13 - 19:09

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Vehicle Fire in Wal-Mart Parking Lot (Video)

05/01/13 77 W - + 4 - 2

Found via random YouTube searching, here's an "other side of the fence" video of a vehicle fire in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart of Wilmington on February 7, 2013. High winds as winds, which you can see and hear. Plus citizen commentary/reactions. Credit to Chris Heath. (Can't find much in the way of YouTube-posted fire video from around our state. Guess we take what can get.)

Pretty funny comments from camera guy about why the chief was there. "He aint got no water". Sadly most people don't realize the very important role he/she played at this incident.

**Buckwheat** - 05/01/13 - 11:04

Just for reference, units on scene are Wilmington Battalion 2 and what should be (hard to tell in the clip) Engine 3.

**MCNELSON92** - 05/02/13 - 08:10

Thanks, MC.

Saw that traffic preemption might be in the works in Wilmington, per this week's news.

Also, have you guys placed a heavy rescue in service down there, consolidating the squads? Heard something about that.

**Legeros** - 05/02/13 - 08:31

Rescue has been ordered. Traffic preemption would be nice. Been mulling it over for a few years.

Engine 8 covers the walmart now. Engine 3 was there additionally however.

**Ryan** - 05/04/13 - 17:57

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UPDATED: Rocky Mount Fire Department History Book Available For Ordering

08/11/13 215 W - + 6 - 1

August 12

The following ordering information has been posted on the Rocky Mount Fire Department [Facebook page](#). Scroll down to the July 25 posting to also watch a page-through of the book:

The book is on sale through September 1, 2013. Delivery date of book is November 1, 2013. The price is \$90.68 including sales tax. We will accept cash, check or money order made out to the "City of Rocky Mount." Orders can be received at: Fire Station number one at 375 East Raleigh Blvd or by contacting Ms Vickie Price 252-972-1498 or via email [vickie.price@rockymountnc.gov](mailto:vickie.price@rockymountnc.gov)

Orders can also be made by contacting: Garry E. Hodges, owner of Sunset Studios LLC, 2013 Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award Recipient, 233 Dover Road Rocky Mount NC 27804, 252-937-8211, [www.sunset-studios.com](http://www.sunset-studios.com)

May 1

Here's the latest edition of the Rocky Mount Fire Department *Hot Topics* video magazine, featuring Fire Chief Trey Mayo talking with department historian Fire Engineer Todd Joyner about a new commemorative book that's in production. The hardcover book will have 206 full-color pages and feature over 1,000 photos. For information on ordering, send an e-mail to [fire@rockymountnc.gov](mailto:fire@rockymountnc.gov). Looking forward to getting a copy.

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**Sculptor of North Carolina Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Passes Away**

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The *News & Observer* yesteday reported on the passing of Carl Regutti, 77, the local sculptor whose work in bronze included the North Carolina Fallen Firefighter's Memorial at Nash Square. Among his other best-known work was a nine-foot tall sculpture of the horse Aristides, winner of the first Kentucky Derby. Regutti died Tuesday after a lengthy battle with cancer. He's survived by his wife Grace, four children, and twelve grandchildren. [Read the entire story](#), or [see this FireNews story](#) for funeral arrangements.



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**UPDATED: Brevard Line of Duty Death, August 25, 1909**

05/02/13 707 W, 2 I - + 15 - 2

### May 2 - Afternoon

Lo and behold, a little digital sluthing finds the *Sylvan Valley News* from August 27, 1909, via the [DigitalNC](#) web site. (They don't even have a complete run for that month. What are the odds?) [Here's the page](#) (PDF) about the accident. It occurred on a Wednesday morning, about 7:00 a.m. The chemical engine was "rushing down the hill" north of the courthouse, to a fire at "Jim Axum's house." Just as the hose was being put into play, an explosion occurred, which instantly killed Aiken.

He was behind the apparatus, unwinding the hose, when the end of the engine's cylinder blew off. He was thrown ten or twenty feet. He was found dead, with a broken neck and other injuries. Others were injured, including Chief Galloway, who was knocked down and run over by the apparatus. The cause was suspected as the tank became pressurized or over-pressurized by gas, as it descended the hill to the fire.

Good lesson on the accuracy of recorded history. Even the most seeming accurate accounts should be second-sourced, to confirm what might've been misremembered or misinterpreted by others. Next question, were chemical engine accidents common? Rare? Exceptionally rare? To be investigated.

### May 2 - Morning

One of the legacy names being added to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Saturday's annual ceremony in Raleigh is a member of the Brevard Fire Department who died on duty on August 25, 1909.

James P. "Jim" Aiken was the town's only black fireman, and was serving as Acting Fire Chief when he was killed while responding to a fire. He was forty-eight years old.



[This web page biography](#) of Jim Aiken describes the incident as follows:

"Jim was driving the town's two wheeled steam fire wagon to the fire, when it turned over going too fast around a curve. It exploded killing Aiken instantly. Jim Aiken was so popular that none of the Black churches were big enough for his funeral. The white First Baptist Church of Brevard offered its building for Aiken's funeral. So many people of all races attended that the crowd overflowed the church and filled the nearby streets. All the stores and government buildings in Brevard closed for Jim Aiken's funeral."

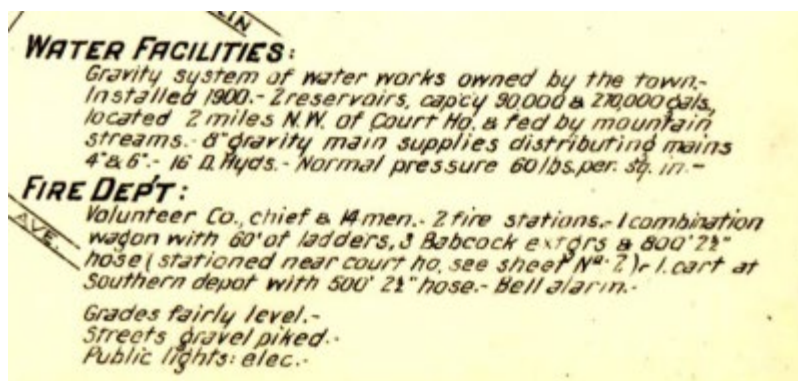
Two-wheeled "steam fire wagon" you say? That seems highly unlikely, given the sheer mass required for such an apparatus. More likely, one of two things was true: (a.) the town had a four-wheel steam engine, or (b.) they had a two-wheel wagon for hose, which were supplied by hydrants.



Since Mike's list of [steam engines in North Carolina](#) doesn't include Brevard, the second option seems more likely. But let's look into verification.

Looking at a [Sanborn Fire Insurance map](#) dated June 1911, the town's fire department is described as:

"Volunteer company, chief, and fourteen men. Two fire stations. One combination [chemical engine and hose] wagon with 60-feet of ladders, three Babcock extinguishers, and 800 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose (stationed near Courthouse), and one cart at Southern depot with 500-feet 2 1/2-inch hose. Bell alarm."



That's helpful, to a degree. Two years after the accident, the department didn't have a steam engine, but did have a pair of hose wagons. Was either of these the two-wheel wagon that Jim Aiken was driving at the time of his death? Presumably a repaired version?<sup>1</sup>

The detail about an explosion suggests perhaps one or more of the chemical extinguishers on the combination chemical engine/hose wagon exploded. However, such a vehicle seems more like a four-wheeled than two-wheeled conveyance. The second cart, a simple hose wagon, could've have easily been a two-wheeled apparatus.

Perhaps our readers to the west can shed some light, or cite other historical accounts that further expand or clarify the story. Also, memo to self, add this account to my hosted copy of [Early Black Firefighters of North Carolina](#).

<sup>1</sup>Did Brevard in fact possess a steamer, that was destroyed in 1909? That was a four-wheel version, misremembered as a two-wheel version? And references of which haven't yet been found by Mr. Historian? It could happen.

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Would a two wheeled hose wagon explode when overturned? Cause of death was the steam explosion, right?

**stretch** - 05/02/13 - 12:00

Don't know definitive cause of death, at least yet. I have failed to find his death certificate, on first pass. Haven't looked into newspapers, either. But we can at least say, it seems, that he died in an apparatus accident.

**Legeros** - 05/02/13 - 13:19

But it's not the earliest LODD in the state's history. There were three before, in Washington (1902), New Bern (1904), and Rocky Mount (1906). <http://legeros.com/history/fallen/databa..>

**Legeros** - 05/02/13 - 19:21

Probably two wheel front-drive steam fire wagon

**Mark Barnett** - 05/24/15 - 12:03

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## North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, Saturday, May 4

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Press release. The North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation will hold the Eighth Annual Memorial Service Saturday, May 4, 2013. The service will honor thirteen firefighters from across North Carolina who died in the line of duty in 2012 and previous years.

The day will begin with a parade at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Raleigh. The parade will feature apparatus from only those departments who have lost a firefighter in the line of duty. The parade will include pipe and drum bands and honor guards from across the state. Following the parade, the First Annual NCCFF Red Helmet Ride will be held. The motorcycle rally will begin at the Kmart in Garner and ride to the memorial location.

Starting at 1:00 p.m., the memorial service will be held for the North Carolina fire service families that have experienced an line of duty death. The service will be held at the site of the North Carolina Fallen Firefighter Memorial located in historic Nash Square, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC.

James Aiken	Brevard FD	8/25/1909
Burleigh Scotton	Wilmington FD	9/24/1972
Tommy Wright	Blowing Rock FD	3/21/2010
Samuel Butler	Evans Crossroad VFD	1/8/2012
Donald L. Suggs	Summerville Fire and Rescue	6/11/2012
Ryan S. David	NC Air National Guard	7/1/2012
Joseph M. McCormick	NC Air National Guard	7/1/2012
Paul K. Mikeal	NC Air National Guard	7/1/2012
Robert S. Cannon	NC Air National Guard	7/1/2012
Caleb Benfield	Bethlehem Fire & Rescue	10/10/2012
David M. Tatum	White Oak FD	11/5/2012
Walter M. Summerville III	Kernersville Fire and Rescue	11/6/2012
John M. Hall	Clarkton VFD	11/7/2012



Dedicated May 6, 2006, the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial totals fifty feet in diameter. The central sculpture "Heroism & Sacrifice" is comprised of four life-size bronze firefighters in a realistic action collapsed building fatal fire scene, uniquely the first time such has been

created in a large prestigious memorial. One firefighter is dying, having been crushed by a fallen steel beam; a comrade is holding the fallen firefighter's head and calling for help; another firefighter is struggling to lift off the heavy beam; and the fourth firefighter is using an attack hose to keep the fire away from the rest of the team. Their realistic facial expressions add to the intense drama and impact of this unique memorial. Designed for 360-degree viewing, a face of at least one firefighter is always visible wherever a visitor stands. The sculpture is also lighting engineered for night-time fire effects.

Surrounding this central masterpiece sculpture is a brick wall with granite slabs on which are engraved the names of all North Carolina's fallen firefighters: past, present, and in future decades. Thus, the it is a "living memorial." The memorial was team-developed by numerous people, companies, and organizations. It was approved unanimously by the prestigious State Historic Commission and has already been recognized nationwide.

Served by the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation are all firefighters in the state who are members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and North Carolina Forestry Service, as well as federal and state firefighters and members of fire brigades. The addition of this year's thirteen names brings the total 47 firefighters named on the memorial.

Also this week, Carl Regutti passed away. He was a fire service friend and colleague with a vision of capturing the true essence of North Carolina's fire service and preserving it in life-sized bronze. Carl was the sculptor of the North Carolina Fallen Firefighter Memorial. He passed away Tuesday morning after a lengthy battle with cancer.

All media outlets are invited to attend.

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Morning Reading - May 4, 2013

05/04/13 391 W - + 5 - 2

Good morning Raleigh. Back after an overnight on the road, after an assignment to shoot apparatus in Brunswick County. Good learning experience for this seasoned fire photographer but budding contract photographer. (Though wat too busy for even regular gigs. And, no, don't do weddings.) Lengthy inbox was waiting, along with photo site updates. Just returned from the fallen firefighters parade. Hope to attend the ceremony this afternoon.

- [Garner fire budget gets help](#) - *Garner-Cleveland Record* story about budget work in Garner, as the fire department and town approach a budget agreement. They're working to fill the gaps left by the county's offering for the coming fiscal year. [See also earlier GCR story](#).
- [Garner high school fires up pilot program](#) - Another *GCR* story, this one about a pilot program at Garner High School to prepare students for careers in public safety, and particularly provide all but one of the certifications required to be a firefighter. We'll have more about this neat new program, and the Garner Fire Department's participation therein, in a future post.
- [Apex telecommunications earn recognition](#) - *Apex Herald* story about inaugural Telecommunications Awards Ceremony held by the Apex Police Department. The event coincided with National Telecommunicators Week. Now, exactly how many emergency communications centers are there in Wake County? Raleigh, Cary, Apex, RDU airport, where else?
- [Latest photos from Lee Wilson](#) - That's the archive view of Lee Wilson's Flickr site. Spring has arrived and Lee is staying busy shooting apparatus and events in Wake and surrounding counties. Bookmark the archive view, if you're not a daily visitor. You'll see each day's uploading.
- [Hawaiian Shirt Guy on Firegeezer](#) - That's my handle on Firegeezer this week, as Mr. Blogger contributes some guest postings. Mostly re-purposed or re-posted content. Might sneak some new stuff on there. The tale of the Brevard LODD is particularly compelling.
- [LODD Radio Traffic, Outrage, Analysis](#) - Dave Statter this week analyzes a controversy in Owego, NY, where the local newspaper has posted the radio traffic from a firefighter fatality. The incident occurred in May, the news story appeared one day before the belated funeral. The fire department and the newspaper's readers are outraged. Dave is reflective, and asks some good (and tough) questions for collective consideration. Highly recommended reading for any student of media relations.

Holly Springs has its own dispatch center.

dan - 05/05/13 - 08:50

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**Mystery Forestry Rig**

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What's this rig? Was seen in today's fallen firefighter's parade in downtown Raleigh. Wildland engine, simple as that? Never seen it before...



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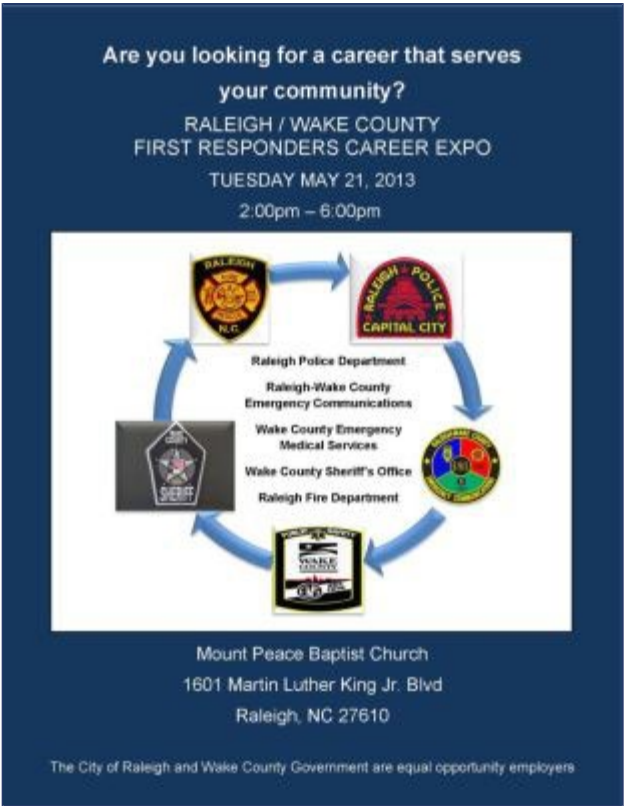
Raleigh/Wake County First Responders Career Expo

05/05/13 33 W, 1 I - + 4 - 4

Event information:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Mount Peace Baptist Church  
1601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Raleigh, NC 27610

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## First Responders < The Words

05/05/13 289 W - + 7 - 1

What do you think about the words "First Responders" as a label for the people who work in emergency services? Our prior posting about a local "First Responder Career Expo" has me thinking about this.

For an event description such as a career fair, the words "First Responder Career Expo" are entirely fine. We might argue that "Emergency Services Career Expo" is a bit more descriptive to the lay person. Even more self-explanatory would be a like "Fire - EMS - Law Enforcement - Emergency Communications Career Expo."

That title's totally descriptive, but really too long for a poster. Ditto for branding, and the necessary short or easy label for identifying the event. (Shorter labels always work better in branding and communication. That's just the way it is.)

So what's the best catch-call here? What's the best label for firefighters, medics, law officers, and telecommunicators? "First responders" is adequate, sure. "Emergency workers" might be a bit better, though it gets me thinking of emergency room workers as well. (Don't even try to get me to correctly identify every type of person that works in an ER.) "

"Emergency crews" is plural and usually means a larger quantity. "Emergency crew member" doesn't really work. What other labels might be good? (How about "safety personnel" as [Dave Statter once observed](#) and railed against!)

Where noses can get bent is in news reports. Such as when headlines or story text says things like "first responders brought the fire under control." Readers, your thoughts? What's your favorite label for these people, for usage in various contexts?

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I think the term Public Safety has fairly widespread understanding. Of course it used to mean cross trained FF/police, but it really doesn't mean that anymore.

More importantly to me, however, you've got me started on the word "medic" now. I'm on a one-man war against the term medic.

Why? First, it does mean something else. It's a military term for people who do a similar but different job.

But more importantly, the term "paramedic" has gained universal understanding and very powerful branding to describe exactly who and what we are. EVERYONE knows what a paramedic is and what their work environment is. We've got an uphill battle with identity in EMS as it is. We should hang on to things that are proven identifiers.

But what do we do? We throw that universally recognizable branding in the trash can out of sheer laziness by reducing it by two syllables. I don't think it's worth the savings.

The words medic and paramedic have a very different look and feel. More importantly, they have different word recognition qualities, which matters since we read by word recognition and not by assembling letters.

Ranting, I know, but I think it's pertinent.

**Jeff** - 05/05/13 - 12:07

It's amazing that we seem so hung up on what we are called, and I can count myself among those folks in the past, but fortunately, I have gotten past that. I know my firefighting and law enforcing brethren can be a little sensitive to it at times, but it is what it is. For EMS it seems to be more pervasive. Still, we have bigger problems and issues other than what people call us.

The term 'first responder', which hit the scene a few decades ago when the 'first responder' classes were introduced, has gained a certain bit of

‘acceptance’ amongst the media, since they can condense us all into a single term- we ARE the ones they call first. The public seems to understand it, since I have been ‘praised’ by members of the general public for my work as a ‘first responder’.

Many in EMS bristle at the term ‘ambulance driver’ when that term is used, but I think that is more because many still, after 40 years, understand what it is we do. Plus, when you get down to it, we DO drive ambulances. But still, it is a hard pill to swallow sometimes after attending school for more than a little bit to do what it is we do.

As to ‘medic’ vs. ‘paramedic’? Me personally, I prefer to use the term ‘medics’ to include everyone on the ambulance- EMT, EMT-I, and EMT-P. Sure, some people use the term ‘paramedics’, but I have found that a lot of our fellow ‘first responders’ use the term ‘medic’ more- “call the medics” or “get the medics over here” or “I need the medics!”.

Plus, having been a ‘medic’ in the Army, the name is a term of endearment, and for me, it is the highest form of complement I can provide to my fellow medics. Anyone can be an EMT, and EMT-I, or an EMT-P, but to be a ‘medic’, well, you have to earn that. To me it embodies the idea of taking care of people- patients and co-workers and co-first responders. Anyone who has ever heard the term “MEDIC UP!”, “MEDIC! MEDIC!”, or heard the way fellow soldiers speak the term medic will understand. It’s the same way that Marines refer to their ‘corpsman’.

DJ - 05/05/13 - 22:10

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Upcoming Events - June

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Some upcoming events to mark on your calendar.

- June 1 - Saturday  
[Parkwood Fire Department - Annual Chicken BBQ](#)
- June 8 - Saturday  
[Raleigh Fire Museum - Monthly Opening](#)
- June 15 - Saturday  
[Third Annual Garner Fire-Rescue Softball Bash](#)
- June 22 - Saturday  
[Feed the Firefighters Benefit Jam - Capital Area FOOLS](#)
- June 27 - Thursday  
[RAPS Race - Rush Hour Karting in Garner](#)
- June 29 - Saturday  
[Raleigh's Finest 5K](#)

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, May 9

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The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, May 9, 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](#).

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
  - Invocation
  - Roll of Members Present
  - Approval of Agenda
- Minutes
  - Adoption of Minutes for March 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - Fire Tax Budget Committee
    - Staff Recommended FY 2014 Fire Tax Budget
- Information Agenda
  - Fire Tax Financial Report
  - 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 July 18, 2013.

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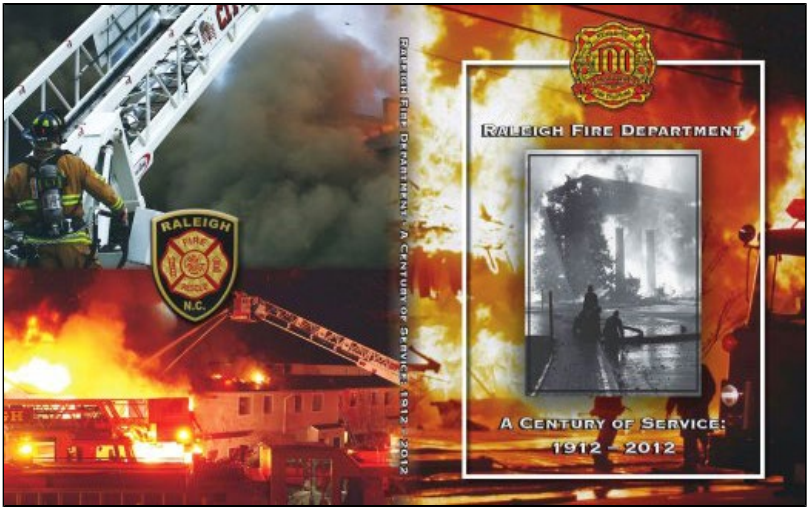
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**Raleigh Fire Department Centennial History Book - Available at Fire Museum on Saturday, May 11** 05/06/13 147 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

Copies of the recently published [Raleigh Fire Department centennial history book](#) will be available at the Raleigh Fire Museum on Saturday, May 11, 2013, during the museum's regular hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The price is \$60.00, tax included. Payment by cash or check. After that date, [information will be posted](#) regarding further availability.

The hardcover, full-cover book contains 264 pages with over 2,100 photos including over 950 portraits of active and retired personnel. All divisions and functions of the fire department featured, along with the history of the fire department depicted in visual timelines and text narratives.

The Raleigh Fire Museum is located in a modular classroom at 105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh. The museum is open monthly, on the second Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Learn more about the museum.](#)



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**UPDATED: Winston-Salem Steamer History, Centennial Activities This Weekend**

05/11/13 248 W, 2 I - + 4 - 2

May 11

After this weekend, the steam engine will be displayed for a number of weeks at the Old Salem visitors center, which is located on Salem Avenue. The steamer will be displayed indoors, in the main hall. Have heard it's in pristine condition. The towns of Winston and Salem operated a number of steam engines in their day. [Read more about the history](#) of the state's steamers, which numbered over forty:

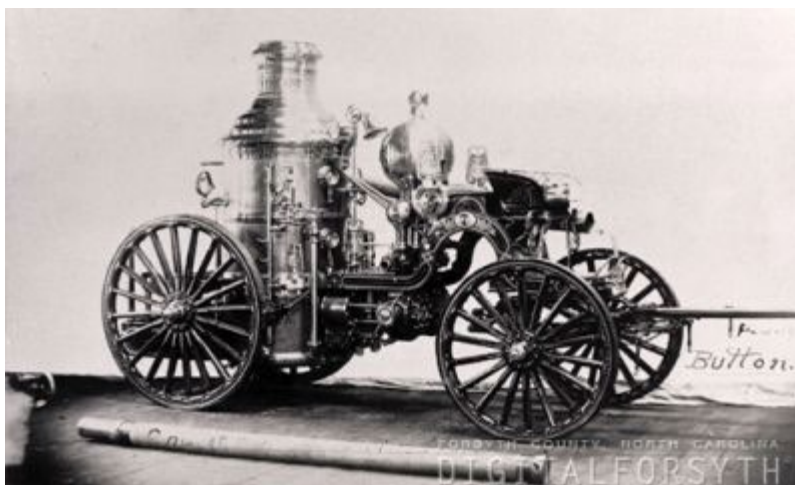
Winston

- 1882 LaFrance (#39), fourth-size
- 1893 LaFrance (#252), third-size
- 1903 LaFrance (#487), third-size, also operated by Winston-Salem Fire Department, after towns merged in 1913. Still in service in 1917.

Salem

- 1886 Button (#190), fifth-size. Was a reserve unit by 1907. Still on roster in 1912.
- 1905 LaFrance (#512), fourth-size. Still on the roster in 1912.

Here are a couple photos from [Digital Forsyth](#), top showing Salem's Button steamer:





May 8

For those in the central Piedmont this weekend (or inclined to travel in that direction), the city of Winston-Salem has a number of centennial events planned this week. The fire department will have some displays and participation, including:

Friday, May 10

Fire department display  
619 Trade Street, Winston-Salem  
Fire department display, with artifacts and their 1924 American LaFrance pumper  
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

[Winston-Salem Centennial Parade](#)

Fire department will participate with ~~1901~~ 1905 American LaFrance steamer, 1924 American LaFrance pumper, and two brand new pieces.  
Route is Old Salem to Trade Street to Old Salem.  
Parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

[More centennial celebration information.](#)

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**Feed the Firefighters Foundation is Back and Ready to Reach New Heights**

05/08/13 256 W - + 7 - 0

Press release. Support your local heroes and the Feed The Firefighters Foundation at the first annual Feed the Firefighters Benefit Jam on Saturday, June 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at The Corner Tavern and Grill at Beaver Creek Commons Shopping Center, 2016 Creekside Landing Drive, Apex.

Local firefighters from all surrounding stations will be invited to attend. An entry fee of \$10 is required. The Corner Tavern and Grill will provide Barbecue meals for \$10 each, with all proceeds going to the Feed the Firefighters Foundation.

Special appearances by the Ricky Young Band and Crush will highlight the afternoon's festivities, which will take place under an outdoor tent and will take place rain or shine.

The event is sponsored by Feed the Firefighters Foundation, an organization that supports firefighters and other emergency personnel who serve the community through their heroic work by supplying food and other nourishment during emergencies of extended duration. Participating restaurants include Barry's Cafe in Raleigh, Assiago's Italian In Fuqua-Varina, and The Corner Tavern Bar and Grill in Apex and Cary.

The mission of the Feed the Firefighters Foundation is to provide hot, fresh and free food to local first responders and all emergency personnel including firemen, police and EMT's at a moment's notice, and to support these firefighters and their families in times of crisis.

For more information on the Feed the Firefighters Foundation visit [www.Feedthefirefighters.com](http://www.Feedthefirefighters.com). For more information on the Feed The Firefighters Benefit Jam visit [www.gositinthecorner.com](http://www.gositinthecorner.com).

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**City of Raleigh Disaster Preparedness Survey**

05/08/13 291 W - + 4 - 1

The City of Raleigh is working with North Carolina State University on a diaster prepardness survey for Raleigh-area residents. Below is the communication that has been distributed to a number of residents. Readers are invited to participate, and assist the project members with collecting data.

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Dear Raleigh Resident,

This email is regarding a community survey about disaster preparedness for Raleigh and surrounding areas. The link to the survey is included below. Clicking on the link will take you to a consent form, and after clicking on "Agree" on the consent form, you will then be able to view and respond to the survey.

This is part of a doctoral research project by a student at North Carolina State University and is made possible by funding from the Society for Community for Research and Action and by cooperation from the city of Raleigh.

As mentioned above, this is a questionnaire about how people prepare for natural disasters. Your response is crucial in forming an accurate picture of how Raleigh residents perceive hazard risks and gather information about disasters.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. None of the information you provide will be shared except for on an aggregate/group level (you will not be asked to share your name or contact information). Final results will be shared in summary form with Emergency Management Officials for the City of Raleigh and the broader social science research community.

[Survey in English:](#)

[Survey in En Español:](#)

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey!

The principal investigator on this research project is Sarah E. DeYoung and you may contact her with any questions at sedeyoun "at" ncsu.edu

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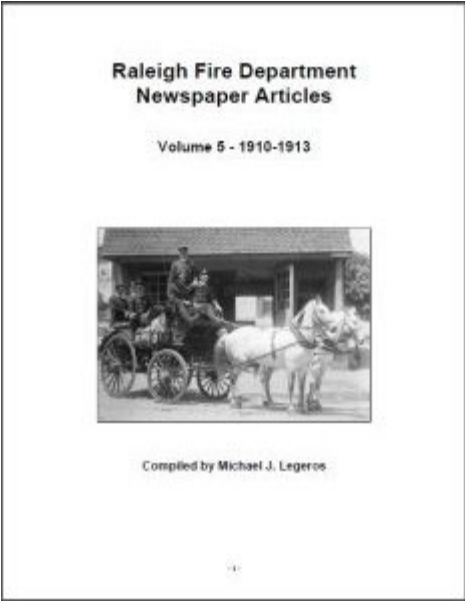
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Free e-Book - Raleigh Fire Department Newspaper Articles: 1910-1913

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Here's the long-awaited (ha) fifth and final volume of historical newspaper articles about the Raleigh Fire Department. The e-book collects *News & Observer* and *Raleigh Times* stories from 1910 to 1913. That's the period that the career fire department was formed. (Did the research years ago, just forgot to compile the things.) The e-book is PDF format, 138 pages long, and, get this, **65 megs in size**. Sorry about that giant file size. [Download the e-book \(very large PDF\)](#). [More information about these e-books](#). There are five volumes, each covering a decade or slightly more of the fire department's history. A collected version of all five volumes is coming soon, to be available for sale as a hardcover, on-demand book. What is niche audience?



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## Vintage Knightdale Tanker Found

05/09/13 121 W, 2 I - + 5 - 2

Photographer and renowned rural explorer Lee Wilson last week tracked down this vintage Knightdale tanker. Named Rural Unit 2, the converted military "deuce and a half" was built by fire department members most likely in the late 1960s. The truck was listed on a department roster in 1970.

The location is off Robertson Street before it becomes Knightdale-Eagle Rock Road. The thing's been sitting there some twenty or thirty years. Thanks to Billy Neal, for the notification that we passed along to Mr. Wilson. And see [these recent photos](#) by Legeros of Knightdale's first pumper, now sitting in a field in Henderson. Looks like we forgot to blog about that. Click to enlarge:



*Lee Wilson photos*

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Heart breaking. Another one that needed a home!

**Tim H** - 05/13/13 - 11:48

**Mystery Structure**

05/09/13 24 W, 1 I - + 5 - 2

Seen somewhere in Raleigh. Shouldn't take but a second for someone to identify it.



St Marys st at old Rex.

lee - 05/09/13 - 18:51

bus stop, old Rex Hospital on Saint Mary's Street, in the 1300 block, west side of the street

Bill Ott ([Email](#)) - 05/09/13 - 20:42

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Charlotte Fire Department Recruit Class 90 (Video)

05/10/13 60 W - + 5 - 1

Found via random YouTube searching. Collection of footage and stills from their twenty-six week fire academy. Guess that's something probably done in recruit academies in most places these days, choosing one or more recruits for photography and videography duties. Cameras are ubiquitous and video editing (and public posting) is easier than ever.

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Raleigh Fire Museum Poster Concept

05/10/13 58 W, 1 I - + 3 - 4

New poster concept, for directing visitors to both the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) and the [antiques at Station 28](#). What do you think? The museum is open tomorrow, Saturday, by the way. We'll have a limited number of history books for sale as well. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh Fire Apparatus - Where Are They Now? (Book Page)

05/10/13 97 W, 1 I - + 4 - 3

One of my favorite pages in the Raleigh Fire Department centennial history book is this one, showing former city apparatus serving or sitting elsewhere. The page follows a six-page apparatus photo gallery. How many can you identify? No peeking!

[More information about the book](#), which turned out exceptionally well. Or [read the production notes](#). (My role was writer, researcher, photographer, and content manager.) Wish I was a millionaire, and I'd drop copies from a plane for everyone. Time to play the lottery again. Click to enlarge:



The tiller on the bottom left was purchased by Civietown Fire Dept in Supply NC from Wendall. It was later sold to a billboard company

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