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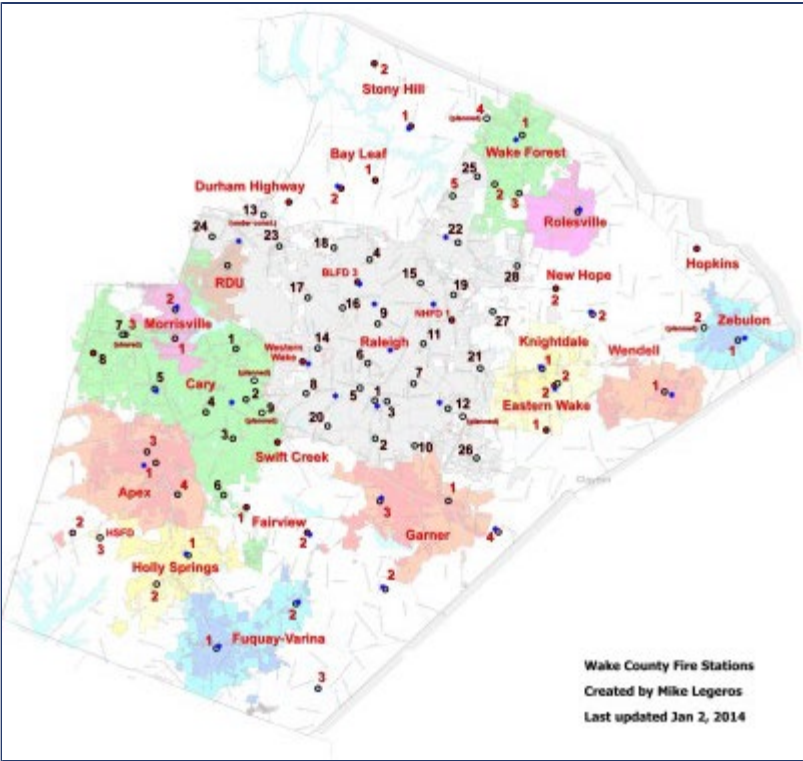
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Wake County Fire Station Map

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And let's start our new year with an updated Wake County fire station map. Now with EMS stations added! Click once or twice to enlarge:



EMS 42 is at Cary station 6. District 2 is housed at Fairview station 1. Both units are listed at the same station in CAD. The truck at Fairview station 2 is EMS 37, a new peak hour truck. Also the map needs to show EMS 32 another peak hour truck in Holly Springs.

ff8 - 01/04/14 - 11:19

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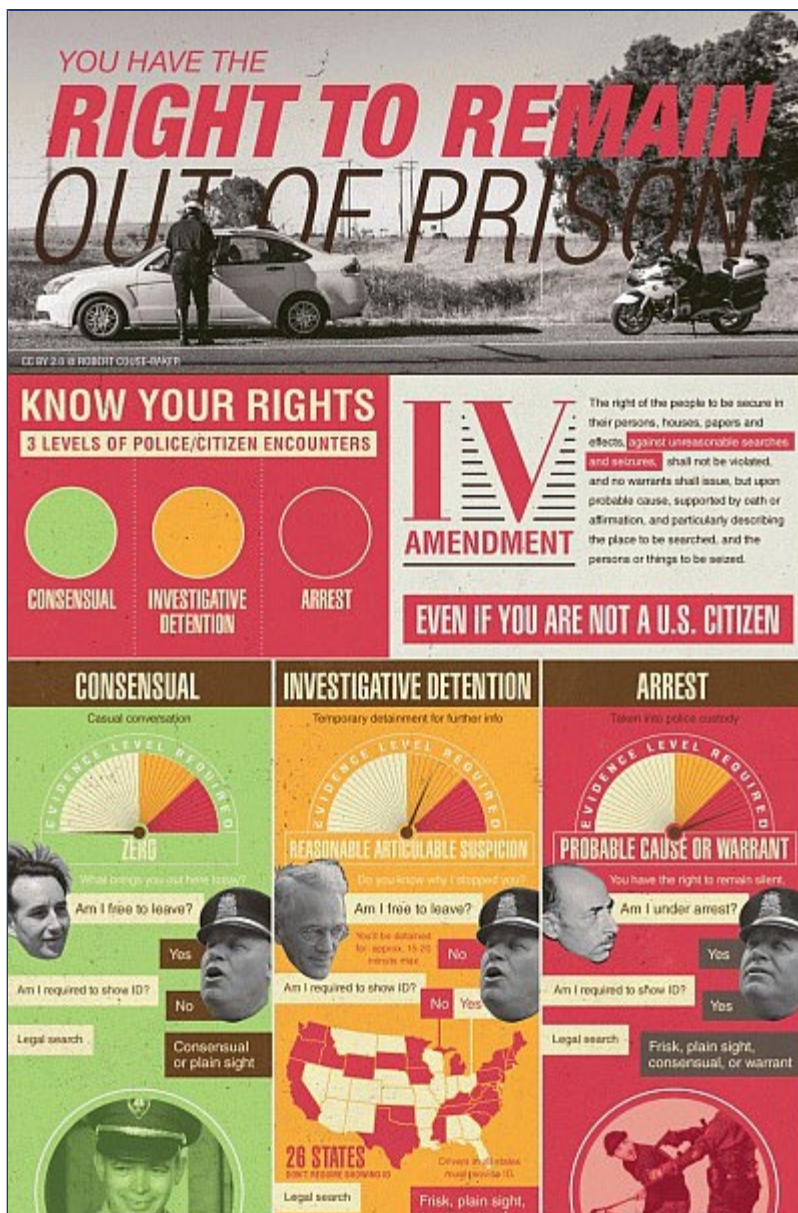
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Police Rights Infographic

01/03/14 122 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Here's something interesting, seen as posted by someone on Facebook. Infographic released by Online-Paralegal-Programs.com. Features a wealth of information about scenarios ranging from filming a police encounter to requirements for showing identification. Wonder what our law enforcement friends think of such a learning aid and legal resource? Reactions from those who wear blue/brown/grey? Found via [this Blaze story](#).

Next question, what other emergency services infographics have you found and liked? "Fire safety infographic" on Google Images yields a few things. Ditto for "EMS infographic." Maybe Mr. Blogger needs to try his hand in designing one. Maybe a fire history related infographic? To be considered! Anyway, click **once or twice** to enlarge:



Very...interesting. Most of it is factual and fine. Some of it is stupid ("warning signs cops look for: college attire"). Some of it is how to beg to be scrutinized and how to set off every red flag possible (roll your window down only a crack and repeatedly ask if you're free to leave and never answer any questions).

Roadside lawyers are always fun. They think the legal test of reasonableness is according to THEIR perspective only. They think that because THEIR nose is desensitized to their weed that there's no way a cop can smell their weed. They think they can trick cops into not arresting them for DWI because of their intense semester of criminal justice.

rfburns - 01/04/14 - 23:25

I don't think there's anything in that particular graphic that would be helpful to officers. Maybe to someone in the very beginning stages of the academy, but that's about it. Of course, the academy goes into much more detail about search and seizure than the casual reader would care to digest, and it would be difficult to accurately sum it up on an infographic (exceptions to the rules, exceptions to the exceptions, etc). For the average joe, the above graphic isn't too far off from being helpful. If it just removed some of the things like "never answer questions", it would be useful. Unfortunately, the audience for these are often people wanting to make sure their weed/alcohol consumption isn't discovered.

rfburns - 01/05/14 - 13:06

Sorry, what I meant was... what particular instructions for Joe Citizen are equally to LEOs, in the performance of their duties?

Beyond, say, Don't Break Laws.

Legeros - 01/05/14 - 13:12

Oh, I think I see what you're saying. Hmm, I would have to think about that one for a while.

I would point out that sometimes an officer's reasons to search aren't known to the person being searched, and it may put the officer at a safety disadvantage by telling the person all of their reasons to search. When possible, though, I tell the person exactly what's going on and why. "The loss prevention agent said you took something and gave your license plate out, so even if that loss prevention agent was incorrect, I have the right to search for this reported stolen property." None of us want to piss someone off unnecessarily.

If you feel your rights were violated and conversation isn't resolving the problem, cooperate and deal with it afterward. If it escalates to an argument or physical confrontation, you're not going to win on the roadside. As cops, we also want to get rid of other cops that violate rights and abuse their authority. But despite what some news articles and internet jockeys would have you believe, there are very few of that type of cop.

Here's one your fire/EMS guys can get behind: When driving past a 10-50, don't stop in the middle of the damn road to gawk.

Oh, yeah, and Don't Break Laws.

rfburns - 01/05/14 - 21:27

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The Vehicles of MD-1 and MD-2

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Coincident caught the vehicles of MD-1 and MD-2 on camera at separate scenes yesterday. The Wake County Medical Director (MD-1) responded to a multi-patient motor-vehicle accident at Edenton and Person streets early yesterday afternoon. [See those photos](#). District Chief 4, operated the Dodge Charger usually assigned to the Assistant Medical Director (MD-2), responded to a shooting at Glenwood Avenue and Pleasant Valley Road yesterday evening. [See those photos](#). The crazy/colorful/compelling checkered pattern is called Battenburg, and was originally developed in the United Kingdom in the mid-1990s. Wake County EMS vehicles began sporting the pattern in 2009.



Called Battenburg after the cake of the same name. Not that I'm ever guilty of bringing any back thru RDU on my return from seeing the family ... :)

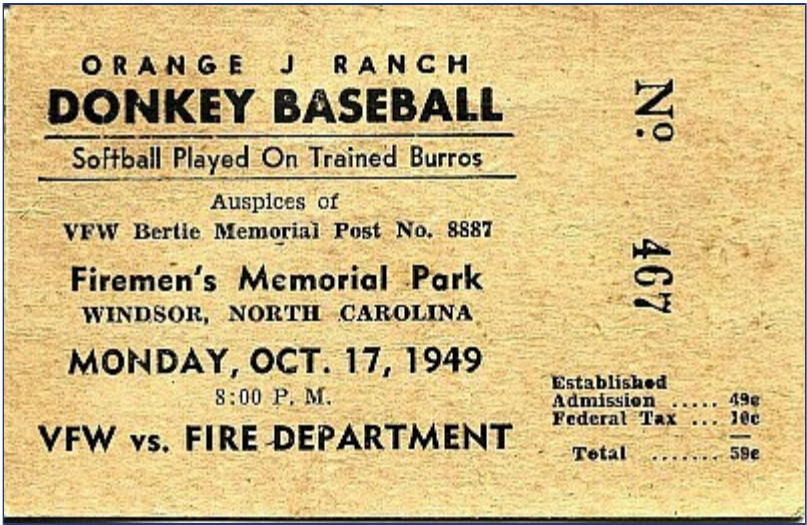
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Paul - 01/06/14 - 12:04

Windsor Fire Department Donkey Baseball Ticket, 1949

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Found on eBay, here's a ticket for a donkey baseball game in Windsor in October 1949. VFW versus fire department. Click to enlarge:



What the heck is donkey baseball? This 1935 short feature demonstrates the particulars:

Who remembers donkey games around here? The Cary Fire Department conducted one or more of the games. Here's a photo of a donkey basketball game, circa 1977, scanned from a print photograph. Click to enlarge:



Knightsdale Fire Department used to do Donkey basketball at the old Lockhart Elementary School Gym. Ive got a picture of me that was in the Gold Leaf Farmer when I was about five years old watching my dad play.

Chris M ([Email](#)) - 01/07/14 - 22:14

That's him. Not the exact pic but same time.

Chris M ([Email](#)) - 01/09/14 - 18:48

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Firehouse Forum Topic - Have You Changed Your Tactics?

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[This Firehouse.com forum thread](#) titled *Have You Changed Your Tactics?* was started on December 28 by the user **Dickey**, who asked this question:

I am wondering, doing a poll if you will, of departments who have changed their tactics or operations since the FDNY/UL Labs information came out.

How many departments have changed what they do and if you did, what did you change?

On December 29, the user **captnjak** posted this succinct summary of the FDNY/UL Labs studies:

I have also seen the information presented by UL, NIST and the FDNY personnel directly involved in the research. Several times actually. That's a good thing because there is a staggering amount of data. FDNY has changed some tactics as a result. Most of the changes involve ventilation and it's effect on flow path.

The research proved that hose lines don't "push" fire. Not from the outside to the inside and not from one inside area to another. Many a crusty old dog refuse to believe this, as it was long held fire service mantra that hoselines could push fire. IMO, this dates back to when a member would go in a window with subpar (or non-existent PPE) and begin a search opposite the line. This would be pre-flashover while the fire was still developing. He would be operating below the worst heat layer. The line would open up and the area would fill with steam from floor to ceiling. Even though the overall area was cooled, there would be steam at the lowest level. The level that the unprotected firefighter was at. The steam would burn that firefighter. He would then conclude that "they pushed the fire at me".

Heat sensors were placed throughout entire houses. They revealed that any water applied from just about anywhere cooled the immediate fire area along with all other areas of the house. So it was proven that transitional attack not only did not push fire, but it also cooled all areas of the house significantly. The heat sensors also revealed that temperatures were extremely high not only at the seat of the fire but throughout the house. Sometimes approaching 1800-2000 degrees. IMO, this is evidence that the old mantra of not opening up the line until we are at the seat of the fire is no longer a hard and fast rule.

The studies were not directed at transitional attack. The information concerning that was almost a byproduct of the research. Many of you did not need to be told that transitional attack can be quite effective. FDNY did need to be told this. Some still fight it.

The FDNY goal was to study the behavior of the fire itself and the results of ventilation on these fires. It logically followed the research that had been done on wind driven fires in high rise buildings.

We now often arrive at a fire that is ventilation limited. There is plenty of heat and fuel but available air has been used up by the fire. The heat and airborne fuel (smoke) will spread to any area that is open to the original fire area. Any opening we make will provide air to the mixture and could result in flashover conditions. A firefighter in such an area can only be saved by immediate withdrawal (seconds) or immediate application of water. PPE will not be sufficient protection.

He continues with some comments about his department's tactical changes, then concludes:

Fast water on the fire is still the best answer for any fire condition we meet. This should be the highest priority for available staffing. Ventilation prior to a charged hoseline being in place is counter-productive. Search w/o benefit of a charged line is very risky. There isn't much point in getting to victims if fire conditions subsequently prevent us from removing victims.

In the grand scheme of things, implementing some tactical changes based on this research is not a big deal and doesn't substantially change fire ground operations. We're still firefighters. We're still interior. We're still aggressive. We're just a little bit (a lot?) safer while we do it.

Your thoughts?

[Read the forum thread.](#)

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PUT A THERMOMETER ON FREEZE WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



December January February

Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 6 home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your house.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/




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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, January 1101/10/14 146 W, 1 I - + 4 - 4

Start your New Year with some fire department history and visit the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) in downtown Raleigh. We're open this Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. That's our monthly opening, on the second Saturday of the month.

The museum is located in a modular classroom at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](#). Admission is free. Parking and restrooms are available. [Here's a two-minute video tour](#). Learn more about the museum, and the non-profit organization that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.

Please note that antique fire engines are located 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](#). Visitors are welcome. Or schedule a tour at www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours. Here's more information about both destinations:

Experience the History of Firefighting in Raleigh



See antique fire engines at Fire Station 28
3500 Forestville Road, Raleigh NC
Visitors welcome



Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum
105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh NC
Open second Saturday of each month, 10 to 2
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www.raleighfiremuseum.org

Fire Station 28



Fire Station 28 is located at 3500 Forestville Road in Raleigh, NC. It houses a 1905 American LaFrance steam engine, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, two 1953 rescue boats, a 1961 American LaFrance pumper, and a 1982 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome.

Raleigh Fire Museum



The Raleigh Fire Museum is located just a few blocks south of downtown Raleigh at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. It's open on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The 900 square-foot museum includes hundreds of artifacts and photographs. Major exhibits include the city's 1870 fire alarm bell, an early 19th century hose reel, and color film footage from 1950.

Schedule tours for both locations at www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours

The Raleigh Fire Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to preserve and present the history of firefighting in North Carolina's Capital City. Learn how you can contribute. Contact our organization at contact@raleighfiremuseum.org or PO Box 31084, Raleigh, NC 27622. Our phone number is 919-964-1070.

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *UPDATED: House* « Raleigh Fire Museum O... » Today's Building Coll... *Fire and Church Fire in Bay Leaf This Morning*

UPDATED: House Fire and Church Fire in Bay Leaf This Morning

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Still piecing together details of Bay Leaf's incidents this morning. From this [WRAL story](#) and [WTVD photos](#), they responded to a pair of working fires. House fire at 801 Carrington Drive dispatched about 2:20 a.m. Single-family dwelling of conventional construction, with 3,224 square-feet. Built 1983. Defensive operations due to heavy fire, with Ladder 25 operating along with at least one deck gun. Durham Highway and Stony Hill as mutual aid. Here's a WRAL reader photo:



Shortly after the house fire was dispatched, Wake Forest, Stony Hill, Durham Highway, and Raleigh Engine 4 were dispatched at 2:38 a.m. to a structure fire at St. Luke Catholic Church at 12333 Bay Leaf Church Road. That's just down the road from the Bay Leaf fire station. One-story church with brick exterior and 5,776 square-feet. Built 1988. Arriving units found a working fire in the sanctuary, along with a sport-utility vehicle that had crashed into the structure, and the body of an adult male who was deceased from a gunshot wound. Here's a WTVD photo:



Here are some details on the dispatches and units that responded:

- House fire
 - Initial dispatch Bay Leaf Pumper 361, Tanker 366, Tanker 258, Ladder 25, Durham Highway Pumper 1, Stony Hill Pumper 261.
 - Plus Durham Highway Pumper 4.
- Church fire
 - Initial dispatch as fire alarm with Bay Leaf Pumper 251 and Wake Forest Ladder 1.
 - Upgrade to structure fire with Bay Leaf Rescue 36, Tanker 257, Tanker 127, Stony Hill Pumper 395, Wake Forest Engine 5, Battalion 1, Raleigh Engine 4.
 - Plus Durham Highway Pumper 3, Raleigh Car 401 for investigation.
 - Medical with EMS 15 as initial, and later with EMS 12 and District 3.
- Coverage
 - Bethesda Unit 421 to Durham Highway.
 - Western Wake Pumper 196 to Bay Leaf Station 2.

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Today's Building Collapse in Brier Creek

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Posted by the *News & Observer*, this clip is described as "Ed Braz, professional wildlife photographer, captured video of a building under construction collapsing in high winds when a severe storm passed through the Raleigh, NC area Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2014."

It resulted in a collapsed building dispatch, with Raleigh Fire Department units including Engine 24, Ladder 6, Squad 14, Squad 15, and Rescue 1. Plus a full box alarm for EMS, if I recall correctly. All but the engine and ladder were cleared from the scene. No injuries.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport, but a stone's throw from this area, recorded a record wind gust of 86 miles per hour during the weather event. That's Hurricane-force, man. [Read the News & Obsever story.](#)

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014

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The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, January 16, 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](#). The documents for the meeting are linked below.

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes for November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - Consider Election of Fire Commission Chair for Calendar Year 2014
 - Consider Election of Fire Commission Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2014
- Information Agenda
 - Fire Training Study Update
 - Apparatus Committee Update - FY 15/16 Apparatus Purchases
 - Apparatus Committee Update - Pumper Specifications
 - Cost Share Study Update
 - Fire Tax Financial Report/ Budget Update
 - Chair Report
 - Fire and Emergency Management Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointment by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of three minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting March 20, 2014

Documents

- [Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

Pictures

Here are a couple images from before the start of the November meeting, for those who've long wondered what these meetings look like. Click to enlarge:



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London Fire Brigades Union Education Engine

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The [London Fire Brigade](#) closed ten fire stations last week, including the oldest fire station in Europe. That's the Clerkenwell Fire Station, [says this Counterfire story](#), which served the Holborn and Clerkenwell community for over 140 years. Here's a [BBC slideshow](#) about the station. Noticed in the clips this "education engine" operated by [Fire Brigades Union London](#). Wonder what it is, does, etc? Maybe readers can help. Next quesiton, what American firefighter unions use "education rigs" for labor (versus fire safety) education? Photo credit not known, found via Google. Click to enlarge:



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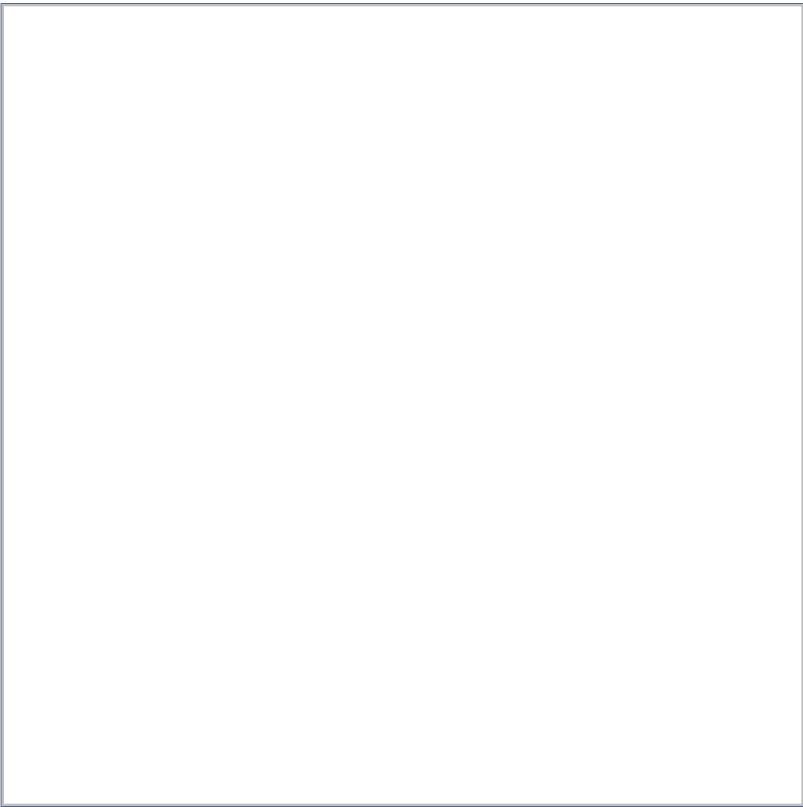
Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Video: Vintage* « London Fire Brigades ... » UPDATE #2: Tonight's ... *Philly Apparatus in Action, 1958*

Video: Vintage Philly Apparatus in Action, 1958

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Best vintage film footage ever? The great Bob Bartosz passes this one along, a nearly four-minute clip of vintage Philly apparatus in action. Get ready to lift that jaw off the floor! The tiller-cam alone is worth the price of admission. No power steering on those rigs! Check out the trolley that they breeze by! And wait'll you watch the plunge from the training tower. The footage is from a 1958 documentary film called *Windjammer*, which is the why the production quality is tops. The curved perspective, by the way, is due to the camera(s). The film was designed to shown on a special curved screen measuring 100 by 40 feet. What a treat. Thanks Bob!

What, you want to see some vintage film footage of the Raleigh Fire Department in action? [Check out these clips](#), circa 1950. They're regular video files, alas. Nothing (yet) presented via YouTube. Click and each should open in your computer's media player, after about a minute or so of downloading. Total running time is about thirty minutes.



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Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter, Winter 2014

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The Winter 2014 edition of the Raleigh Fire Department newsletter has been posted to www.raleighfirenews.org. This quarter's contents include Hiring Underway For Academy, High-Rise Fire on Thanksgiving Day, Services News, More Training News, Retirements, Deaths, Promotions, Office of the Fire Marshal News, Families Adopted For Holidays, High-Angle Rescue Training, Wilbert "Tramp" Dunn Honored, Photo Gallery, Roy Moody Turns Ninety. The newsletter is a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. The editor is Historian Mike Legeros AKA Mr. Blogger. [Read the new issue](#) (PDF).



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Chapel Hill Fire « Raleigh Fire Departme... » American LaFrance Clo... Apparatus in 1953

Chapel Hill Fire Apparatus in 1953

01/18/14 312 W, 2 I - + 6 - 4

Here's a nifty historical image from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wilson Library, [North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives](#), from the Roland Giduz Photographic Collection. [Here's the record page](#) for the image, which shows the Chapel Hill Fire Department on September 17, 1953. The location's a mystery, unless it's the rear of the old town hall and fire station at 100 W. Rosemary Street.¹ The apparatus from left to right are a 1921 American LaFrance Type 75 Triple Combination (#3600, shipped 9/24/21), a 1944 Ford/American LaFrance (#F-1994, shipped 2/25/44), and a 1953 American LaFrance 700 Series (#L-4752, shipped 4/5/53).

As described in a 1949 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, the fire department that year was volunteer with one Chief, one Assistant Chief, and nineteen men. Two were on duty "night and day" and one was paid. They had one station, with "one American-LaFrance triple combination truck equipped with 750 GPM pump, one 110 gallon booster tank, 1,200-feet 2 1/2-inch hose, 200-feet 3/4-inch hose, hook and ladders, and one Ford truck equipped with 500 GPM pump, 200 gallon booster tank, 1,000-feet 2 1/2-inch hose, 150-feet 1 1/2-inch hose, and 200-feet 3/4-inch hose."

The Gamewell fire alarm system had two boxes, with most of the town reporting fires by telephone. The alarm was sounded by an electric horn at rear of the fire station, which summoned the firemen and designated the location. The town was equipped with seventy-eight hydrants, which supplied a "domestic pressure" of 60 pounds and a "fire pressure" of 100 pounds. Click once or twice to enlarge:



*Courtesy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wilson Library,
North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives*

¹Evening update, the building indeed appears to be the old town hall on Rosemary Street. This appears to be the right side of the building, as facing from Columbia Street, which apparently had an extension added in later years or decades. Perhaps a stairwell added?

Mike, if I am not mistaken, the 1921 Type 75 LaFrance was sold at surplus and is the engine that Col. Robert L. Biggs (USAF, Ret.) owned until his untimely death in 2007. I seem to recall Bob telling me there were some hard feelings with him buying the truck, which was advertised as not in running condition, yet within a couple of hours work on the Schebler carb and the "jugs", the truck was running and if I am not mistaken, he drove it back to Raleigh. I remember this story because Bob refused after that to put Chapel Hill Fire Department on the hood, instead he put C.H.F.D. on it when it was repainted during the restoration. I believe the truck in this picture has steel wheels on it as well and Bob changed them back to the original wood wheels which he obtained from Fayetteville in an exchange for helping Lt. Jackie Lee (also retired Chief of the Wade, NC fire department) with the restoration of the City's Type 75 LaFrance. When Bob was alive, the truck was stored in a basement garage at the home of retired Raleigh Firefighter Mike Murray, although I think since Bob's passing, the truck has been owned and maintained by Raleigh Fire Captain Gary Amato. Bob, for those that knew him, was simply a master with the LaFrance's of this era. On another note, I also seem to think that Bob was one of the first members of the Raleigh Rescue Squad, discussed in the EMS related article. He was one of the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to have known and there is not a week that goes by that I don't think of him or use some knowledge that he imparted on me. He is sorely missed.

Mike Hodgson - 01/18/14 - 21:06

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MOVED - History of Durham Rescue and EMS Services

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This posting has been updated, expanded, and moved to <http://legeros.com/blog/history-of-durham-citycounty-rescue-services/>

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History of Durham City/County Rescue Services

Posted by Mike Legeros on 1 February 2018, 6:56 pm

Presenting a history of rescue and EMS services in Durham County and Durham city. This originated as a blog posting in 2014, and has been expanded here. With reader input, it may get further expanded! Click to enlarge:



Early History

Ambulance services in Durham and Durham County included private providers (including Beacon Ambulance Service, based in Raleigh), funeral homes (such as Amey's Funeral Home and Florist, Burtney Funeral Service, Clements Funeral Service, etc.), and even hospitals. Watts Hospital had at least one ambulance as shown in this image circa 1940. Same is courtesy the North Carolina Collection at Durham County Library. See more information:



Rescue 11 was still in service in the early to mid 1990's. The Frontline rescue body was remounted by Excellance Ambulances in the 1991-1992 time frame on to the 4 door International chassis shown above. (Shown in the 5 picture montage with mid-body rail and wheel well treadplate) Behind the 4 door R-11 is Mobile Air 1. Sometime later in the 90's it was renamed to Squad 1.

D. Cates - 02/04/14 - 11:23

The Black and White picture where you mention Rescue 11 being taken out of service is Captain David Jacobs, now EMS Coordinator DFD, and I'm a Retired LT. Durham PD.

Robert McLaughlin, Banzai ([Email](#)) - 02/22/16 - 21:08

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Big City Black Fire Companies in North Carolina

01/19/14 578 W - + 8 - 2

On Saturday, the Durham *Herald-Sun* [published this story](#) about the city's first career black firefighters. Eight were hired in 1958 and staffed an all-black engine company at Station 4. They were preceded by Winston-Salem's all-black Engine 4, and followed by Greensboro's all-black Engine 4 and Truck 4. In the Capitol City, Engine 2 operated with six of the city's first seven black firefighters.

Here's a chart comparing the big-city black fire companies in North Carolina. (Were there others in other cities, comprised of all- or partially all-black career firefighters in the 1950s through 1970s? Readers will have to help, as my statewide documentation is always incomplete in places.)

Note that there's a long lineage of all-black *volunteer* fire companies our state. In Raleigh, for example, they served the city from the late 1860s to the early 1910s. See this history of [Early Black Firefighters of North Carolina](#) to learn more.

City	Companies	Members	Start	Stop	Notes
Winston-Salem	Engine 4	8 black 7 white	1951	1967?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eight black firefighters hired in March 1951.• Raphel O'Hara Black, Willie James Carter, Lester Edward Ervin Jr., John Henry Ford, Robert Lindsay Grier, John Franklin Meredith Jr., George Waddell Penn, and John Roy Thomas.• Reported for duty on March 1, 1951 to Station 4 on Dunleith Avenue.• Received \$192 a month during their six weeks of training.• Company consisted of eight black firefighters and seven white officers.• Operated as integrated fire company, but with segregated living quarters.• City laws required separate sleeping quarters and kitchen. Cost \$10,000 to renovate fire station.• Company was limited to fighting fires in African-American neighborhoods until June 2, 1951, when they were called to assist at the Wood Finishing Products Company Plant #652 on Waughtown Road.• Engine 4 became an all-black company by 1957.• Entire fire department integrated by November 1967.
Durham	Engine 4	10 black	1958	1969?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eight black firefighters hired in October 1958.• George Washington King, Walter Thomas, Elgin Johnson, Velton Thompson, Robert Medlyn, John O. Lyon, Nathaniel Thompson, Sylvester Hall, Thomas Harris and Linwood Howard.• Staffed a newly built Station 4 at Fayetteville and Pekoe Streets.• Station opened October 1, 1958, and served predominately black Hayti neighborhoods.• Used "hand me down" equipment, including an older engine.• Entire department integrated by 1969, and the now ten members of Engine 4 were working at fire stations throughout Durham.
Greensboro	Engine 4 Truck 4	28 black	1961	1966?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twenty-eight black firefighters hired in 1961.• Largest academy of new firefighters in city's history.• Staffed a newly built Station 4 at 401 Gorrell Street.• Staffed a new ladder company, Truck 4.• Entire department integrated in or after 1966.

					<ul style="list-style-type: none">On April 12, 1966, the city's Human Relations Commission presented a plan to City Council to integrate all fire stations.
Raleigh	Engine 2	6 black 4 white	1963	1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seven black firefighters hired between February 1963 and March 1964.Larry Gene Williams, Welton Jones, Ervin Louis Stephens, James Leon Giles, James Greene Jr., Norwood Matthew Peacock, and Richmond Davis Jr.Six were moved to Station 2 at Memorial Auditorium between Mar. 1963 and Apr. 1964. Stephens was assigned to Station 1.They staffed Engine 2, along with a white officer and driver.Operated as integrated fire company, but with segregated living quarters.Five of six members were transferred to other stations in August 1965, thus integrating entire department.

Sources include:

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- <http://www.heraldsun.com/news/x318370087/First-black-firefighters-bonded-for-life>
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Mike my grandfather H.M.Shields was one of the white fire fighters who vol to work at E-4. He always spoke highly of those men and how they were as good as any other fire fighters.

Clay Simmons - 01/19/14 - 22:45

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Photo Tour of 1954 Reo Civil Defense Rescue Truck

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Found this one via random Google searching. Photo tour of a 1954 Reo Civil Defense rescue truck that was being auctioned in 2011, apparently in California. The montage of still shots includes the walk-in body, cab, and dashboard! What a treat. Here's one of our [more recent postings](#) about Raleigh's Reo, which we've long cited as a 1954 model, but was recently uncovered as a 1955 intead. Let the revisionism begin!

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Vintage Film: GMC Rescue Truck Bolsters Civil Defense

01/20/14 143 W - + 5 - 3

Speaking of Civil Defense rescue trucks, here's a splendid short film from General Motors, showcase a purpose-built, four-wheel drive rescue truck they manufactured in the 1950s. Believe the same model served in Durham, and was the original Rescue 1. The setting is the National Civil Defense Training Center, which opened in Olney, MD, on April 30, 1951. See that [citation](#).

The training center grounds were meant to resemble the aftermath of an "atomic attack," thus the partially demolished structures and large piles of rubble. Notes [this page](#), special corridors ran through the structure, which allowed instructors to plant "casualties" deep within the simulated debris.

As a bonus, here's a Federal Civil Defense Administration education film from the same era, with instructions on surviving an atomic bomb attack. Because we care.

Check out the Roto-Ray at 1:54 of the rescue video. All of the ones mounted today spin much faster but this was the norm for a lot of the early models.

As to the rescue truck, it is similar to the International model that Johnston County acquired around 1957, of which Mike already has a picture- <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog..>

DJ - 01/20/14 - 23:50

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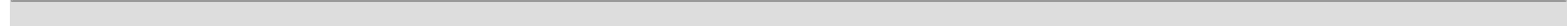
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The House on Wade Avenue

01/22/14 56 W - + 6 - 1

This one's been making the rounds, a nifty story from WUNC about the "house" at 3215 Wade Avenue. Or [read this story](#). And then discuss, what are some of the other interesting "hidden" or "hiding in plain sight" sites in the Raleigh-Durham area (or beyond)?

Had no idea. Thanks for posting.

Bug - 01/22/14 - 20:55

I have driven by this house many time and wondered why it had no driveway. Thank for this mike.

Brandon - 01/23/14 - 10:39

Only reason I know about this house is from doing PMs on the SCADA equipment at my last job. Not sure why they're making such a big deal about a piece of infrastructure, but it is an interesting story.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 01/27/14 - 09:40

The house on Windel looks like a headend unit for Time Warner Cable, if you look on Google maps you will see a Time Warner pickup in the driveway. Most likely it was an actual house that was purchased on the cheap and fitted out with electronics and backup batteries used to power signal down the copper cables of North Raleigh.

PJ - 01/28/14 - 00:03

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Five Tons of Dried Cary Poop Mysteriously Burns

01/22/14 206 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

That's this evening's *News & Observer* headline about this morning's incident, where Cary firefighters did their duty at 4900 West Lake Road. Specifically at the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility, where some tons of bio-solids (processed human waste, no sh*t!) seemingly spontaneously combusted in a silo. Recalling the radio traffic, Cary Engine 6 was first due at the doo doo, while Fairview Engine 1 was number two at number two.

They helped with an extended supply line that required relay pumping, and the closure of West Lake Road. No five-inch hose went to waste! Meanwhile, command worked with workers, who flushed the storage area with nitrogen dioxide. That's their fire suppression system, and crews stood by during the Big Snuff.

Alas, that strategy pooped-out and the still-smoldering problem was tackled with a different tactic. Five tons, count 'em tons, were shoveled by firefighters into a huge bin. There was no danger nor smell, the burned pellets will be recycled, and firefighters were left with a crappy story to end all stories. Units on scene included Cary E6, E3, L6, L3, B1, Fairview E1, and a mess of EMS units. [Read the article.](#)



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Garner Rescue Squad's Rescue Trucks

01/22/14 201 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Brief pause for hysterical historical interlude. These are the six vehicles that served as "crash trucks" for the Garner-St. Mary's Rescue Squad (as originally named). Click to enlarge:



Left to right, top to bottom are:

1. 1960s (?) step van, former bread truck from Wonder Bread company. Nicknamed "Wonder Wagon". Delivered in 1975/76.
2. 1970s (?) step van, former catering truck for Hickory House Restaurant, now Carolina BBQ. Delivered in/by 1977.
3. 1984 Dodge medium-duty rescue truck. One-ton chassis, with "crawl-in" utility body by Reading (?). Bought new, with body/fittings installed by members.
4. 1992 International/Hackney heavy-duty rescue truck. Non walk-in body. Painted yellow-green. Bought new. Currently serving Newton Grove FD in Sampson County.
5. 1991 Ford F-350 medium-duty rescue truck. With "crawl-in" utility body. Bought used in 2006/2007 from Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad in/near Ramsey, NJ. Painted yellow-green. Named 882. Later repainted white over dark blue. Served as back-up when "big green" was out of service, and also used for special events, such during speedway events.
6. 2007 Spartan/EVI heavy-duty rescue truck. Non walk-in body. Painted white over dark blue. Bought new. Current serving Pumpking Center FD in Lincoln County. [See posting](#).

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Video Tour of the Raleigh Underground

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Speaking of hidden sights around the Capital City (and a good time to plug my mostly inactive [Hidden Raleigh site](#)), here's a video story from WRAL from July, that took viewers on a tour of the old "village subway" under Cameron Village:

The story references this [Candid Slice posting](#) that spurred the retrospective. As for original 1984 story on underground's closing, [watch that clip](#). We also [blogged about this in 2008](#), after a *Goodnight, Raleigh!* [posting on the topic](#).

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Vintage Ford/Howe Pumper with Big Honkin' Hose Reel

01/23/14 59 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, color photo of a 1965 Ford F/Howe pumper with super-sized hose reel for five-inch supply line. There's 1,000 feet on that puppy. The engine was equipped with a 500 GPM pump. Served as Hose 5 at Lower Currituck County Fire Department in Grandy, NC. Click to enlarge:



This truck is sitting beside the highway just north of Grandy in Coinjock. Paint is faded quite a bit compared to the photo. The VFD I used to be on had a similar truck with 2,000' of 5" on a reel. Those trucks help immensely in non hydrant areas with plenty of options for overboard draft.

Jason - 01/24/14 - 11:31

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Car Versus Bakery in Cary

01/24/14 86 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

From [this WRAL story](#), a vehicle struck a business in Cary this afternoon. The 77 year-old driver reportedly accidentally hit the accelerator instead of the breaks. His sedan struck two parked cars and the outside of the bakery. That's the Sugar Buzz Bakery and Cafe at 1231 Kildaire Farm Road. No injuries inside or outside, reports the story. See also [this WTVD story](#) with some aerial footage. Engine 3 and Rescue 2 were among the units on scene.



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History Talk in New Bern on Feb. 8 - Historic Dryborough: A Forgotten Town

01/25/14 190 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

Received a press release about a history talk in New Bern next month. On Saturday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m., a presentation will be held in the auditorium at the New Bern-Craven County Public Library at 400 Johnson Street. The topic is the town of Dryborough, which was Craven County's second incorporated town, but which was severely impacted by the Great Fire of 1922. The aftermath of the fire is shown in the photo below from the New Bern Fireman's Museum Collection.



The program will feature:

- Dryborough historical exhibit and presentation by Mrs. Ethel Martin Staten, a retired educator and native New Bernian, who grew up in Dryborough and is the founder of the Historic Dryborough Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- Short talks by Ms. Gwendolyn M. Bryan and Miss Janet J. Latham, both native New Bernians, whose fathers, Mr. Samuel D. Bryan and Dr. Joseph R. Latham, Sr., lived through the Great Fire of 1922.
- Presentation about Dryborough Notables by Ms. Lisa A. Keesen.
- Questions and answers.
- Refresehments.

[Read the complete press release](#) (PDF).

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Durham Fire Department Apparatus List 1955

01/25/14 140 W, 1 I - + 7 - 9

There's a new Durham Fire Department Facebook page on the blog, a nifty site of expanding historical content. This was posted to the [Durham Fire Department History Page](#) this week, a list of apparatus from 1955. Looks like a National Board of Fire Underwriters (NBFU) excerpt. You can see such reports from [Raleigh's past here](#). Click to enlarge:

FIRE DEPARTMENT									
DURHAM, N. C.									
TABLE 4.—FIRE COMPANIES—LOCATION AND EQUIPMENT.									
Company	Location	Members on Duty	APPARATUS		HOSE			Ladders Carried	Booster Tank Gallons
			Make and Type	Put in Service	Size, Inches	Carried, Feet	Spare, Feet		
Eng. 1 <u>bc</u>	Headquarters: Mangum & Holloway Sts.	4	Seagrave * 1000-gpm Pumper	1934	2½ ¾	1400 300	—	1—24' 2—14' 1—12"	100
Eng. 2	9th and Knox Sts.	4	Seagrave * 1000-gpm Pumper	1934	2½ ¾	1400 300	5000 800	1—24' 2—14' 1—10'	100
Eng. 3 <u>bc</u>	Main and Elizabeth Sts.	4	Seagrave * 750-gpm Pumper	1943	2½ ¾	1600 250	—	1—24' 2—14'	100
Eng. 4	McMannen & Cobb Sts.	4	Seagrave * 750-gpm Pumper	1949	2½ ¾	1500 400	450	1—24' 2—14'	300
Eng. 6 <u>bc</u>	With Engine 1	4	Ford-Darley 600-gpm Pumper	1953	2½ ¾	1150 400	400	1—20' 1—14'	500
Eng. 7	With Engine 2	3	Ford-Darley 500-gpm Pumper	1952	2½ ¾	900 550	—	1—20' 1—14'	400
County	With Engine 1	4-5	Mack Booster Truck	1948	2½ ¾	800 400	—	1—24' 2—12"	600
Lad. 8	With Engine 3	3-4	Ahrens-Fox Service Ladder *	1928	—	—	—	10; Total Length, 222'	—
Lad. 9 <u>bc</u>	With Engine 1	5	Am.-LaFrance 100-ft. Aerial	1948	—	—	—	11; Total Length, 335'	—
Lad. 10	With Engine 2	3	Mack Service Ladder	1947	—	—	—	11; Total Length, 272'	—

* Equipped with Mounted or Portable Turret.
bc Company located in or near High Value District.

Here's the short version of the list. How many of these trucks do you remember?

- Engine 1 - 1934 Seagrave - 1000/100
- Engine 2 - 1934 Seagrave - 1000/100
- Engine 3 - 1943 Seagrave - 750/100
- Engine 4 - 1949 Seagrave - 750/300
- Engine 6 (at Station 1) - 1953 Ford/Darley - 600/500
- Engine 7 (at Station 2) - 1952 Ford/Darley - 500/400
- County Tanker Engine (at Station 1) - 1948 Mack - 600 gallons
- Ladder 8 (at Station 3) - 1928 Ahrens service truck
- Ladder 9 (at Station 1) - 1948 American LaFrance - 100-foot
- Ladder 10 (at Station 2) - 1947 Mack service truck

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What if Structure Fires were Fought Like Plane Crashes?

01/26/14 162 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

FireNews.net posted this video in their [Twitter feed](#), as a response to the question their Editor-in-Chief was recently asked "Why don't we attack structures like ARFF units attack aircraft?" Here's what that might look like, a Chicago Fire Department training exercise from 2010, which airport apparatus attacking heavy fire in an apartment building. The videographer is the great [Larry Shapiro](#). There are some 70+ comments discussing same on the [YouTube page](#).



Does get a person thinking, such as for extreme situations. Could a couple of these puppies help in, say, Detroit with "abandoned" single-family dwelling fires. Conceptually, it's really no different than, say, early rural firefighting. With no breathing gear and minimally advanced tactics, crews could at least attack a structure from the outside and prevent spread to exposures. [Watch the video](#) and listen to those diesel engines roar!

Well we could, if we wanted all engines to be 5 times bigger; my thinking here is an airport appliance is so large because it carries so much water/ARFF, and a regular engine isn't as big because it doesn't need to carry that much fluid. But if you apply this technique on a regular basis aren't you going to be using exponentially more water on every structure fire (and therefore have the pressure issues that come with it)?

Ignoring that small issue for a minute, what's the difference between this and putting something like a commercial sprinkler head (or something else that can spray water in multiple directions at once) on the end of a ladder (or other type of boom) and just poking the tip of the ladder straight through the nearest window?

Paul - 01/26/14 - 19:16

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Morning Reading/Recent Tweets - January 27, 2014

01/27/14 296 W - + 7 - 4

Good morning Raleigh. Going to cheat and reprint recent Twitter postings (tweets), which you can see anytime in the top-right section of the blog home page. My twitter handle is @Legeros.

Monday, January 27

- Wake Forest News, Youngsville Fire Department to Buy \$1.1 Million Ladder Truck, Pierce rear-mount in production, <http://tinyurl.com/pojm837>
- Raleigh Public Record, Former Councilor Calls for More Public Safety Funding, <http://tinyurl.com/m598sw4>. #CanWeGetAnAmen #RaleighFire

Sunday, January 26

- Candid Slice, Abandoned Cemetery for Emancipated Slaves Hidden in Cameron Village, more neat "hidden history", <http://tinyurl.com/oguf4zy>
- WNCN news, Raleigh home from 1795 now visible on Wake Forest Road, moving Feb. 3, <http://tinyurl.com/nkxswar> pic.twitter.com/nkPDodHy37
- Old Tarheel Club building from 1920 on Neuse River in Raleigh, Hidden Raleigh Legeros Photos, <http://tinyurl.com/omrl77w> pic.twitter.com/iGuHUzOKsG
- Conference Call in Real Life, hilarious video and should be mandatory viewing for conference callers, <http://tinyurl.com/kznmppez>
- When crisis occurs, @HCPDNews Twitter feed becomes THE gateway when all eyes turn to Howard County. Great PIO social media work.

Saturday, January 26

- Backstep Firefighter and peaked roof ventilation videos from Charlotte - Part 2 of 2, response from FF, <http://tinyurl.com/neh99oc>
- Backstep Firefighter and peaked roof ventilation videos from Charlotte - Part 1 of 2, the orig. post, <http://tinyurl.com/lxz538>
- Tiller training at bus depot with Raleigh Ladder 4, Legeros Fire Photos, +video, <http://tinyurl.com/omu99lp>. #RaleighFire pic.twitter.com/AcLtwgNVwJ
- Millbrook Road, L1, L3, E16 at reported fire last week, Legeros Fire Photos, <http://tinyurl.com/ocuy82v>. #RaleighFire pic.twitter.com/yLOKiLDXQA
- Fire Museum Network annual seminar, save the date, Nov. 4-8, 2014, at Vintage Fire Museum in Jeffersonville, IN, <http://tinyurl.com/99ayp87>

Youngsville? They are definitely planning for the future.

Does Wake County have a SPEC aerial they use like they have in place with the Pumpers throughout the county?

I'm thinking that Wake Forest aerial is a great model to follow.

Buckwheat - 01/27/14 - 11:58

Typo :) You're @Legeros, not a hash-tag!

Paul - 01/27/14 - 12:05

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How Make a Montage... Fast!

01/27/14 124 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

Here's how to quickly make one of these photo montages. Ready?

- Step one, download and install the [IrfanView image viewer](#).
- Step two, open the images to montage-ize.
- Step three, copy one of the images into your computer's by clicking **Edit > Copy**.
- Step four, choose the image to paste into and click **Edit > Paste Special**. Select **to Right**, **to Left**, **to Top**, or **Top Bottom**.

Repeat steps three and four as often as needed. Leave each image window open. Use Undo, if something doesn't work right. Make three in a row, for example. Make another row of three. Then paste the first row on the bottom of the second.

Got it? Good.

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Montages of « How Make a Montage..... » Former Ambulance, Res... Wake County EMS and Rescue Vehicles

Montages of Wake County EMS and Rescue Vehicles

01/27/14 67 W, 3 I - + 9 - 7

Made these yesterday on a whim, after collecting a mess of images of Garner, Cary, and Wake County EMS and rescue vehicles. Then to now, from the 1970s to the 2010s. Love those crash trucks and converted step vans. And of course, Big ol' Truck 1. Readers can share their favorite memories or stories as desired. Click to enlarge:



What's missing from this list?

- Apex RS - Rear of old town hall, 210 N. Salem Street.
- Beacon AS - Blount Street and New Bern Avenue.
- Fuquay-Varina RS - 128 S. Fuquay Avenue, old fire station.
- Garner RS - 110 Pearl Street, old fire station.
- Garner RS/EMS - 990 Vandora Springs Road.
- Knightdale RS/EMS - 29 S. First Avenue.
- Northern Wake RS (Rolesville) - See Rolesville RS.
- Northern Wake RS (Wake Forest) - 149 S. Holding Avenue.
- Rolesville RS - 106 S. Main Street, old fire station.
- Six Forks RS/EMS - 1431 Lynn Road, shared with fire department.
- Six Forks RS/EMS - 6901 Mt. Herman Church Road.
- Wake County EMS - Station 1 - 201 W. Martin Street.
- Wake County EMS - Station 2 - 513 E. Whitaker Mill Road, Mayview Convalescent.
- Wake County EMS - EMS 6 - National Guard Drive, just south of Aviation Parkway.
- Wake County EMS - EMS 10 - Northern Wake Hospital, 250 S. Allen Street.
- Wake Forest RS - Rear of old town hall, corner Owen and Brooks, current police station.
- Wake Forest RS in Rolesville - See Rolesville RS.
- Wendell RS/EMS - 401 E. Third Street (now EWEMS).
- Zebulon RS/EMS - 131 E. Vance Street (now EWEMS).

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How Big is Your Rig? / Adventures in Scale Modeling

02/01/14 65 W, 12 I - + 6 - 3

Adventures in scale modeling and crappy macro phone photography. Comparing the sizes of four 1:50 scale die-cast models of a Pierce Quantum pumper (Honolulu), a Seagrave tiller (Redwood City), an Oshkosh Striker (MSP Airport), and a Liebherr all-terrain crane (Berlin). Made by WSI Models (Liebherr) and the now-defunct TWH Collectibles (Pierce/Seagrave). Click to enlarge:



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UPDATE #2: Johnson County Firefighter Death

02/04/14 172 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

February 4

JoCoFire.com photographer Jason Thompson rode along yesterday with the Four Oaks Fire Department, as they escorted the Chief Lee's body from the Medical Examiner's office back to the funeral home. [Here are his photos.](#)



February 3

Former Four Oaks Fire Department Chief and current Four Oaks and Blackman's Crossroads volunteer firefighter Thomas Gerald Lee died on Saturday, February 1. He had reportedly been active the day before, responding on a call. He was sixty-seven years old and had served with Four Oaks FD continuously since 1978. Arrangements are being made with West and Dunn Funeral Homes.

Here are the arrangements:

- Visitation is Wednesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Beulah Christian Church, 1701 Keen Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524.
- Funeral is Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Beulah Christian Church.
- There will be a procession from the church to downtown Four Oaks and then back to the church cemetery where he will be buried.

Before There Were Hurst Tools

02/04/14 318 W, 6 I - + 5 - 5

Pictures of "Raleigh Rescue" practicing extrication at the Raleigh Fire Department training tower, circa 1971 to 1974. The first hydraulic-powered Hurst rescue tools appeared in Wake County in 1974. Here's that history:

The first Hurst tool was purchased by the Cary Area Rescue Squad, and was profiled in a *Raleigh Times* story on April 1, 1974.

It cost \$4,100 and was demonstrated at Crickett's Texaco by squad on Saturday, March 30, 1974. Originally developed by "Hurst automotive parts firm to rescue its test race car drivers," the tool had been tested by Raleigh's firefighters and rescue crews, and county volunteers. Civil Defense Coordinator Russell Capps said he has "tried to find some money to buy some." He had tried to line up donations from corporations to cover half the cost. Federal grants would pay for other half.

Delivery was expected of two Hurst tools soon (for Raleigh?), with the local share for a third to be placed in Wendell. One night in the fall of 1973, Cary squad members "spent almost two hours trying to extricate a body from a car that had smashed into a tree on Piney Plains Road. "They had only hand tools, a gasoline-fueled jack and two wreckers. "That was the night we decided to get the Hurst rescue tool", said H. Lee Gupton" a member of the squad. John Servis was Assistant Chief of CARS and the area representative for the local Hurst distributor.

The 67-pound tool operated with "two small slide levers." It was powered by a small gasoline motor that "runs a hydraulic line to the tool 30 feet away."

But back to the chains and pry bars that preceded it. These are courtesy of Raleigh Public Affairs and you can see more on this [Raleigh Fire Museum photo page](#). Click to enlarge:





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Raleigh Fire Museum Special Event on Saturday for Black History Month

02/05/14 314 W, 2 I - + 6 - 2

In recognition of Black History Month, the Raleigh Fire Museum is conducting a special event this Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The museum will feature multimedia displays about African American Heritage in the Raleigh Fire Department.

Through videos and photos, visitors will learn about the city's black firefighters beginning with the volunteer fire companies of the 19th Century, and continuing with the first career black firefighters hired in 1963.

Members of the United Professional Firefighters of Raleigh (UPFFR) will also be participating in the event, and assisting with operating the museum. At 1:00 p.m., the UPFFR will make the presentation of a framed photo to representatives of Raleigh's African American Cultural Complex.

The photo is a montage of portraits of retired and fallen black firefighters that served the Raleigh Fire Department from 1963 to 2013. Since the hiring of Larry Gene Williams in February 1963, over 165 African-Americans have served in sworn and civilian positions.

The Raleigh Fire Museum is located in a modular classroom at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. On Saturday, high-rise firefighting drills will be conducted. Visitors can watch firefighters and fire apparatus in action, while visiting the museum.

Admission to the Raleigh Fire Museum is free. Parking on Saturday will be on the street. Restrooms are also available. Learn more about the museum, and the non-profit organization that operates it, at www.raleighfiremuseum.org.

Please note that antique fire engines are located elsewhere. Both the museum's 1961 American LaFrance pumper and the city's collection of antique fire apparatus is housed at Fire Station 28 at 3500 Forestville Road. Visitors are welcome. Or schedule a tour at www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours.



Newspaper headlines from late 19th and early 20th century



*Larry Gene Williams, first career black firefighter hired in 1963
News & Observer photo*

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Save the Date - Stony Hill Junior Firefighters Spring Challenge - May 24, 2014

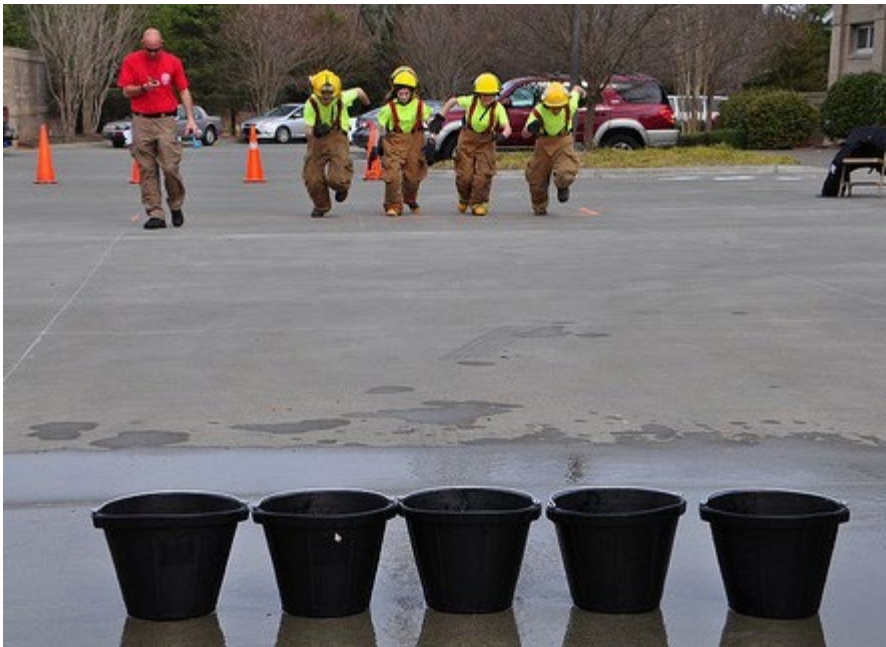
02/05/14 127 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 24, 2014. That's the date for Junior Firefighters and Fire Explorers to convene and compete at the Stony Hill Second Annual "March into Spring" Junior Firefighter Challenge.

The location will be Stony Hill Station 1 in Wake Forest. The competition will include written and hands-on knowledge tests, followed by fun field events. There's also a Friday night meet 'n' greet at the same location, on the night before.

For more information, including registration details, visit <http://juniors.stonyhillfire.org>. And for a glimpse of what you missed at the inaugural event last year, see [these photos from Lee Wilson](#).

Ready, set, go!



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Factory Photos of Raleigh's New Pierces

02/05/14 105 W, 3 I - + 9 - 1

Pierce has posted photos of Raleigh's four new rigs, a pair of 2013 Pierce Arrow XT rescue pumpers for Squad 14 and Squad 15, a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT pumper for Engine 19, and a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT aerial platform for Ladder 2, by way of Ladder 1.¹ We should see them in another week or so. See larger versions at www.flickr.com/piercemfg. Click to enlarge:





¹The truck won't fit into Station 11 until the bay expansion is complete. Work hasn't started and is probably a few months away. Until then, the word is that the truck will serve at Station 4 as Ladder 1.

Raleigh's new ladder and at least one engine was being tested at C.W. Williams Inc. on Wednesday 02/05/2014. Both were in the service lot with all emergency lights activated and the ladder was being extended and moved around to different positions.

Galax, Va - 02/06/14 - 13:07

Why would Pierce apparatus be at CW Williams?

lee - 02/10/14 - 00:58

Don't know, I was attending a funeral and the funeral home is located about 2 doors down from C.W. Williams Inc. The ladder was clearly marked Raleigh Fire Department. There was at least 1 other truck maybe 2 parked behind it also with lights activated and color coding matched the Ladder. I wanted to turn left leaving the funeral home to get a better look but since the procession was turning right and it the funeral was for a family member my wife insisted I stay in the funeral procession. My son who is a Raleigh Firefighter also the ladder and the "Raleigh" lettering.

Galax, Va - 02/10/14 - 10:07

Statesville? Rocky Mount? Other?

Which Location? - 02/10/14 - 10:12

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Vintage Apparatus Photos From Lee Wilson

02/06/14 88 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Photographer Lee Wilson has lately been scanning some film photos of apparatus he shot in the early- to mid- to late-1990s. So far, he's posted rigs from such North Carolina fire departments as Asheboro, Asheville, Butner, Concord, Durham, Guil-Rand, Havelock, High Point, Idlewild, Kannapolis, Mooresville, Morrisville, Nashville, Raleigh, Seagate, and Thomasville. There might be a Virginia truck in there or two, as well. Can't wait to see what else he finds. [See the photos.](#)



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Kill the Flashover Starts Next Week

02/07/14 311 W - + 5 - 1

There's a neat fire service research project happening on the grounds of the South Carolina Fire Academy in Columbia next week. Called [Kill the Flashover](#) (KTF), it's three days of test burns (with three burns each day) along with classroom instruction, scenario critiques, debrief discussions, and leadership round tables.

This is the fourth edition of KTF, which was co-founded by Joe Starnes and Shawn Oke. Starnes is a former fire chief and current firefighter with Oak Grove Fire Department in Cleveland County, NC. Oke is the Fire Chief of Albemarle Fire Department in Stanl County, NC.

Here's an article by Starnes on the subject, from [2011 issue of B-Shifter magazine](#) (PDF download). Start reading on page 35. Here's the [B-Shifter web site](#).

The project's goals are simple: understand fire behavior in structure fires, to help fight such fires more smartly and more safely. Most importantly, KTF doesn't advocate specific tactical measures. They're simply striving to collect and analyze data. As their tag lines notes "We test, we demo, we share, you decide."

The burn rooms, for example, contain real, actual furniture and furnishings to replicate real world conditions as close as possible, including sheetrock, carpeting, glass windows, etc. Typical NFPA training burns, by contrast, are done with wood pallets and straw.

Each burn is extensively documented using thermal-imaging cameras and other monitoring equipment. The emphasis this year is on fighting fires in decay, pre-treating surfaces, and indirect fire attacks through adjacent compartments. Past projects have included attacking ventilation limited fires, extinguishing agents, PPV, fire attack with curtains, transitional attacks.

This year's program will feature sixty participants. The dates are February 10-14, 2014. Media queries should be directed to Public Information Officer Jeff Harkey, whose contact information is contained in this [pre-event press release](#) (PDF).

Now get out there and push learning, since you can't push fire.

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North Carolina Fire Station Lists - Past 'n' Present

02/07/14 110 W - + 4 - 3

In the spirit of our 2009 request to [Post Your Rosters](#), how about some sharing of station listings? Seeking address **and** year opened. And all prior station locations, too! Can we do it?

Here's a starter list, PDF format: www.legeros.com/temp/nc-fire-stations.pdf

Need the years that current stations opened in Fayetteville.

And everything deserves a data review.

Important note!

This one-off research project (yeah right)(is entirely indebted to the Carolinas Fire Page [North Carolina fire station list](#). That's where the current station data was drawn from.

Thanks to FireNews.ne Editor-in-Chief Jeff Harkey for keeping that one current.

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Ashe County Firefighter Buried Today

02/09/14 105 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

On Tuesday, Glendale Springs Fire Department Asst. Chief Donald Ray "Donnie" Miller, 61, died after collapsing at his home. He was preparing to leave his home to attend an "emergency care class" at his department. Funeral services will be held today at 2:00 p.m. at the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church at 3044 Old Wilkesboro Road, Jefferson, NC 28640. Burial will follow in Claude Mash Cemetery. The family will receive friends before the funeral, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. [Read his obituary.](#) Other stories: [WXII](#), [WBTV](#), [Ashe Mountain Times](#).



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Smoke Showing | Yesterday's Mobile Home Fire

02/10/14 311 W, 4 I - + 6 - 1

This column of smoke was seen Sunday morning, after a trailer caught fire at Stony Brook North Mobile Home Park. That's off Trawick Road, off Brentwood Road. And one of the few (?) trailer parks in the thick of the city. (Readers can correct me on that.) First picture is while traveling north on Raleigh Boulevard. That's maybe five minutes after dispatch, but before Engine 11 had arrived. Working fire assignment had also already been dispatched, based on multiple callers.

Second picture is after entering the park, on Stonybrook Drive. (Wait, Stonybrook and Stony Brook? Which one's the correct spelling?) The mobile home, located on Branchwater Circle, was "half involved" with heavy fire. Or, if you prefer, fully involved in half the structure. Photos by Legeros coming soon to the [photo site](#). Some were also posted to Twitter and Facebook, early yesterday.

Here's the incident description:

Mobile home fire at 155 Branchwater Circle at Stony Brook North Mobile Home Park. Working fire dispatched while units were en-route due to multiple callers. Engine 11 reporting heavy column of visible from Capital Boulevard. They arrived to find a single-wide mobile home with half of the structure involved with heavy fire. Dispatched 7:55 a.m. Controlled 8:19 a.m. Cause determined as accidental. Three people displaced, and transported to hospital: one adult and two children, with minor burns (adult) and smoke inhalation (children). Units on scene included E11, E19, E21, E_, L2, L8, R1, B2, A1, C401, EMS 62, D1.

That was the morning's second working fire in Raleigh, and the second with one or more occupants injured. Read some of those news stories: [WRAL #1](#), [WRAL #2](#), [WTVD #1](#), [WTVD #2](#). (Was a suitably busy news day, with the afternoon bringing the fatal fall of a man off an overpass on I-540 at Highway 70. Google for that story.) Click to enlarge:





Schenley Square off of Garner Rd and Blackburns on Butler Blvd just off of N New Hope Rd.

Marcus - 02/10/14 - 17:25

Kingsboro Estates off New Bern Ave... Pine Stump, Pine Limb and Oak Stump Lanes off Western...

Chuck - 02/10/14 - 18:44

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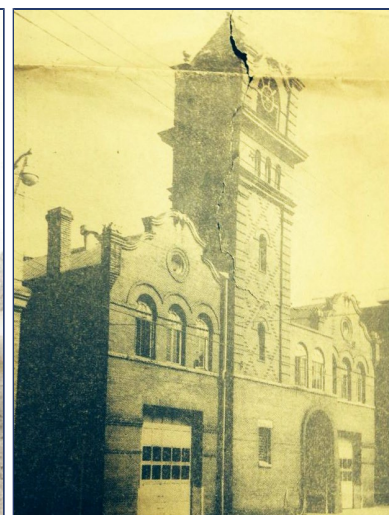
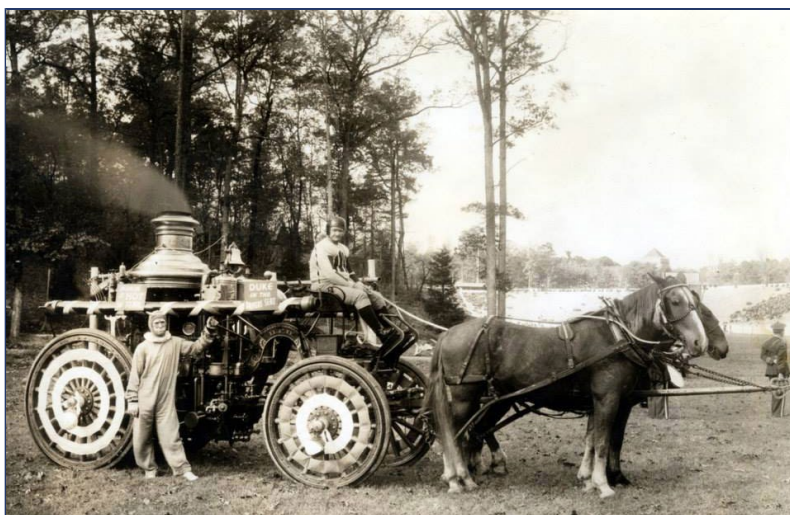
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Durham Fire Department History on Facebook

02/13/14 190 W, 4 I - + 8 - 5

Have you heard about (relatively) new [Durham Fire Department History Facebook page](#)? Splendid site that's been posting on a daily basis, old photographs and newspaper clippings and documents about the department's history. And across all era's of the department, from horse-drawn to modern. Believe the page is updated daily, maybe a couple times each day. Check it out.

Meanwhile, here are some nifty pictures they've recently posted. Search this blog, from the main page, for recent DFD history postings of our own. Such as: [Historical List of Durham Apparatus](#) and History of [Durham Rescue and EMS](#). Click to enlarge:



Top to bottom, left to right:

- Snorkel 1, a 1971 Ward LaFrance/Hi-Ranger that served the city at Station 1 and Station 11 from 1971 to 1996.
- *Durham Morning Herald* clipping at Station 3 from the early 1970s, showing a 1960s (?) Seagrave 70th Anniversary Series engine and a 1970s (?) Ford/Bean (?) engine.
- The old steamer as a float for the 1935 Duke Homecoming Parade, with firefighters dressed like football players.
- *Durham Morning Herald* photo from 1950 of Station 2 on West Main Street, now vacant and to be demolished. Click to enlarge:

UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute on Facebook

02/14/14 362 W, 2 I - + 5 - 2

Speaking of Facebook pages, the Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) created a [Facebook page](#) last month, and they've been generating some great discussions with photos asking "where does the first line go?" And, more importantly, they're also asking readers to answer "why does the first line go there?"



Who is this group and what are they doing? UL a safety consulting and certification company that dates to 1894, and with offices in forty-six countries. FSRI is a UL program that has partnered with the fire service, research departments, and other agencies. They conduct and disseminate cutting-research and training programs that focus on (a.) the changing dynamics of structure fires and (b.) the impact that has on fireground tactics and strategy.

Here's a graphic, also from their Facebook page, that nicely summarizes the changing dynamics of residential structure fires today:



What are their findings? Tool on over to that Facebook page, and read some of "where does the first line go" discussions as a primer. You'll read about such topics as "pushing fire," what exactly is a "straight" versus "solid" stream," flow paths and perils of opening doors and windows, and even pressure dynamics. Here's on excerpt from an UL FSRI comment, on a "where does the first line go" post:

The interior of the house [with fire peaked in size without additional oxygen] is now a higher pressure than the outside, so when you flow water from the outside you will not push heat into the house because the front door is the low pressure. The steam will be created in the fire room and exit out to the front door (the only low pressure). If a door or window was opened in the rear, heat and steam would move in that direction because that is also a low pressure but this can be minimized based on stream choice and placement.

Good reading, great research. Visit www.facebook.com/ULfirefightersafety.

Good stuff and the basis of our existing cultural change in the fire service. Also, don't forget the more local efforts in SC and NC (Kill the Flashover Project) <http://www.youtube.com/user/KillTheFlash..> Simply using a transitional attack instead of "rushing in" will diminish our interior firefighting risks significantly.

A.C. Rich - 02/14/14 - 10:41

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Man Rams Truck Into Raleigh Police Car After Domestic Assault

02/18/14 324 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Credit [this WRAL story](#) for that dramatic headline as well as this dramatic photo from yesterday, where three Raleigh police officers were injured after responding to a reported domestic assault on Williams Road. Officer L. N. Yesh was in the cruiser and transported to WakeMed with non-life threatening injuries. Also injured, while arresting the suspect, were Officers E. E. Tansey and R. Sirinna. They were also transported to WakeMed, with minor injuries. See also [WTVD](#) and the [News & Observer](#) stories.



Here's the information release from the [Raleigh Police Department's Facebook page](#).

Shortly after 10 a.m. today, Raleigh Police Department officers were dispatched to a domestic assault call involving a male suspect reportedly beating a female victim in the 900 block of Williams Road.

Responding officers were informed the assault suspect had driven away from the scene in a pickup truck, and the officers saw a vehicle matching the truck's description as they neared the call location. Suspecting the driver of the truck was the suspect who had been involved in the assault, the officers attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver of the truck refused to stop, and, after traveling a short distance, crossed the center line and struck a Raleigh Police Department patrol car that was stopped in the opposite lane.

The driver of the police vehicle involved in the crash, Officer L.N. Yesh, 24, was transported to WakeMed for treatment of her injuries. Officer Yesh, who was employed by the RPD in April 2012, is assigned to the department's Field Operations Division.

The driver of the pickup truck, Max Felton Mitchell (DOB 9/12/60), was taken into custody and transported to WakeMed by Raleigh Police Department personnel. Thus far, he has been charged with various traffic-related offenses. Follow-up investigations related to the crash and to the underlying domestic assault remain underway and additional charges remain pending.

Raleigh's New Squads

02/18/14 196 W, 6 I - + 9 - 1

Two 2013 Pierce Arrow XT rescue pumpers (1500/500) were delivered yesterday. These are the new Squad 14 and Squad 15, and will replace a pair of 2004 American LaFrance Eagle pumpers (shown in last photo) that have served the special engine companies since they were placed in service on February 5, 2013. They're expected to be in service by the end of the month. The units operate as engine companies, with their own territory, but are also dispatched to other call types including technical rescue calls.

Among the new features, different from "regular" Raleigh engines, include a higher hose bed, ladder to ascending to said hose bed, "coffin" compartments on the top, rear camera with monitor in the cab, bumper mounted compartment equipped for both a hydraulic rescue tool and reel, and a hose line, and the absence of either a booster reel or a pre-piped deck gun.

Two more new trucks are due this week, a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT pumper (for Engine 19) and a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT rear-mount aerial platform (for Ladder 1 until Station 11 is expanded, then for Ladder 2). Legeros took these photos yesterday, [see others by Lee Wilson](#). Click to enlarge.



What does Raleigh plan to do with the current squads?

ff - 02/21/14 - 15:40

History of Wake County Fire Service Governance (And More)

02/18/14 409 W - + 7 - 2

The *Garner-Cleveland Record* last week [posted this story](#) about the annual retreat of town council and staff. Among the things they're discussing moving toward making the fire department a town-run organization. This has inspired some good discussions on the Facebook side (my private page, alas), and led me compile a quick (ha) history on "how we got here."

How did Wake County arrive at the current system of fire departments and funding and governance therein? The short version goes like this:

- Beginning in the 1910s and 1920s, towns formed fire departments, funding equipment operated by citizen volunteers.
- Ditto for suburban and rural communities, though they paid for their things with donations or sponsors.
- By the 1950s, the county was contributing a monthly amount to each non-municipal fire department.
- Meanwhile, "county fire departments" were operating with town contributions (if available), donations, member subscriptions, etc.
- By the 1960s, the first fire tax districts appeared, authorized by a special election, with each household was paying for their "rural" fire protection.
- In 1963, the Wake County Fire Chief's Council was created. They served as a point of leadership and governance through the late 1990s.
- As the decades progress, some of these privately-operated fire departments merged into their municipal counterparts (if town-based).
- Others remained independent, and were formally contracted by the towns they served.
- Some "rural" departments disbanded or moved, as their suburban districts were impacted by annexation.
- By 1988, every fire department was funded by a tax district. Garner was the last to have a district created.
- In 1994, a study of the county fire service brought changes including creation on a single fire tax for all departments and creation of an advisory board (the fire commission).
- In 1998, the Wake County Fire Commission held its first meeting.
- In the 2000s, the first county-owned fire station facilities were built.
- In 2004, another study brought more changes, including county ownership of trucks, countywide specs for new trucks, and bulk purchasing of trucks and equipment.
- Plus quite a few other things.

Here's the long version (PDF):

<http://legeros.com/ralwake/wake/wake-fire-governance.pdf>

Can you help fill in the blanks? Lots of room for improvement. What's the history of paid and career members in "county" departments, for example? When did the Chief's Council begin? Does it date back to 1963? What was Wake County Fire Districts Commission, mentioned in the 1970s? Etcetera.

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Cary Hiring Certified Firefighters

02/18/14 208 W - + 5 - 2

The Cary Fire Department is hiring! They expect the positions to be filled in August, when successful candidates begin an eight-week academy. Here's part of the announcement posted on the town's web site:

FIREFIGHTER I

Closing Date/Time: Friday, March 7, 2014, at midnight
Salary: \$35,609 to \$55,203

The Town of Cary is seeking **certified** Firefighters to work 24.5 hour rotating shifts, averaging a 53-hour work week responding to fire, EMS, and rescue emergencies requiring physical exertion. Selected candidates must pass a medical exam prior to employment. The Town of Cary is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

Starting salary: \$35,609 plus excellent benefits. Upon successful completion of six month probationary period, new hires will receive a 5% pay increase and move to Firefighter II rank.

An Open House for interested persons will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, February 25th 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 26th 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, March 1st 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

These sessions will be held at Cary Fire Station #1, located at 1501 N. Harrison Avenue, Cary, NC 27513. Please feel free to attend a session of your choice.

At the time of application, you must possess a North Carolina certification as a Firefighter I & II, Technical Rescuer (with specialty) and Emergency Medical Technician.

[Read entire job posting.](#)

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Every Last Ladder Truck

02/18/14 53 W, 1 I - + 9 - 2

How many do you recognize? Here's your [cheat sheet](#). Bottom right to be delivered this week. Montage first conceived in 2004, as a [poster of all aerial apparatus](#) to date. Have acquired some better old photos since that time, and added service trucks. Click once or twice to enlarge:



Are the ladder companies going to be renumber yet again? On the picture of the newest Pierce ladder note the 12 on the leading side of the platform where one would expect the 7 to be.

stretch - 02/20/14 - 14:18

so what happens to the rig that is Ladder 1 now, and what Ladder company inherits what was ladder 2.

charlie - 02/20/14 - 21:27

I heard that current L2 will become a reserve ladder and current L1 will be turned in.

Joe - 02/21/14 - 00:52

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Interesting Rig - Graham Haz-Mat 7

02/20/14 60 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

Found for sale on eBay, scan of 35mm slide of Graham's Haz-Mat 7, a 1987 Mack R / 1982 Freuhau haz-mat unitl. Don't know the date of the photo (mid- or late-1990s), or the photographer. Interesting, rig, what's this history? Anyone know? How many other smaller towns or departments have operated tractor-drawn haz-mat rigs? Click to enlarge:



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Fire Commission Minutes - 1998 to 2013

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Here's a newly discovered treat, the minutes of the first fire commission meeting on November 24, 1998. Via this [county web page](#). The commission was created as one of the recommendations of a 1994 fire service study that recommended appointing and empowering a "fire advisory board" to serve as a the "primary source of policy direction for fire protection, and advise county commissioners on fire service needs."

The following members appeared at that first meeting:

- George Mills, North Region/Primary
- A. C. Rich, North Region/Alternate
- Tom Vaughan, East Region/Primary
- Rodney Privette, East Region/Alternate
- Ed Brinson, West Region/Primary
- Tony Chiotakis, West Region/Alternate
- Phil Mitchell, South Region/Primary
- Max Ashworth, Citizen/Consumer
- Ned Perry, Citizen/Consumer
- Chuck Sannipoli, Citizen/Consumer
- Bonnie Woodruff, Citizen/Consumer
- Blaine Parks, Citizen/Consumer (Alternate)
- Bill Stevenson, President of Firemen's Association
- Cloyce Anders, External Facilitator (Non-voting)
- Ray Echevarria, Interim Director-Fire/Rescue Division.

Absent were:

- Ken Farmer, South Region/Alternate
- Nancy Schwarm, Citizen/Consumer

Their mission, which they chose to accept, were these priorities:

- Fire Protection Contract Development
- Performance, Service and Contract Compliance Issues
- Funding Distribution/Service District Budget Development.

Then what happened?

Read the minutes!

They're available on [this web site](#). Or see this [special compiled version](#) (PDF), which collects all of them from 1998 to 2013.*

What's the larger history here, on how the county's fire service formed and has been governed (and funded)? [See this prior posting](#) on that very topic!

Among the things that you'll learn about is the Wake County Fire Chiefs Council, which operated for decades. It was superceded by the fire commission. There was also something called the Wake County Fire Districts Commission, cited in documents from the 1970s. Still researching!

Anyway, happy reading.

*Wait a minute bud, a couple of those 2012 and 2013 minutes in that digest of yours say "draft minutes." What are you trying to pull? Those are there because the county web page is missing a couple of those. Thus, the draft versions in my digest, until the county web site is updated. I've sent them a note.

Vintage Photos - Inside EMS Station 1

02/21/14 197 W, 1 I - + 8 - 1

For your Friday enjoyment, here a half-dozen vintage photos of old EMS Station 1 at 201 W. Martin Street. The former automotive garage served as both Station 1 and the administrative offices. (They had twenty-size people and three stations at the beginning.) Wake County EMS occupied the building from 1976 to 1991, at which time they moved to the Public Safety Center at 330 S. Salisbury Street. With materials from the county, the members added a number of their own improvements, including a kitchen and day room. Inside the vehicle bay were two ambulances, the supervisor's vehicle, and the director's car.

They later added a third ambulance, in 1986 or 1987. This required additional concrete and the third ambulance parked on a six-inch concrete platform. The building had a basement and a freight elevator. Supplies were stored downstairs, along with a huge boiler and old-fashioned coal chute in the alley. Read more about the building (including memories of the crews) in these [research notes of mine](#) (PDF), available on this new project site: www.legeros.com/history/ems.

And see tons of more old photos on the [History of EMS in Wake County Facebook page](#). Click to enlarge:



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Morning Reading / Recent Tweets - February 21, 2014

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Good morning Raleigh. More recent Twitter postings (tweets), which you can see anytime in the top-right section of the blog home page. My twitter handle is @Legeros.

Friday, February 21

- Retweet of Curt Varone, NFL Investigation Reveals Familiar Culture and Challenges <http://www.firelawblog.com/2014/02/21/nfl-investigation-reveals-familiar-culture-challenges>
- Bright Creek Way, Wilmington St, bit of Raleigh fire, Wake EMS action from last week, LFP, <http://t.co/wppeWGISar>

Thursday, February 20

- Southwest Wake News, Rex announces plans for Holly Springs hospital, <http://t.co/jMv2A8xGn5> #HereComesAnotherOne!
- Eastern Wake News, Knightdale employee forecast shows assistant fire chief could come in 2015, <http://t.co/QCqikxakTb>
- Wake Forest News, Listen to Wake Forest Area Police and Fire Departments, <http://tinyurl.com/q8ckr2d> #LiveScanner
- Raleigh fire haz-mat RRT team in Smithfield yesterday, pics posted by @JOCOFIRENEWS <http://tinyurl.com/pqt23nw>

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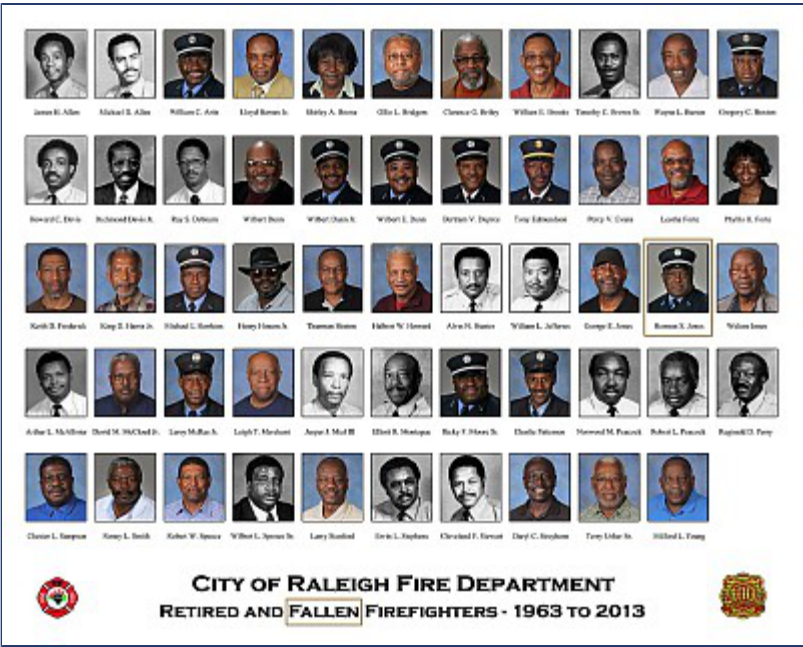
African American Heritage in the Raleigh Fire Department

02/21/14 337 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

On Saturday, February 8, the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) conducted a special event in recognition of Black History Month. Featured were multimedia displays about African Americans in the Raleigh Fire Department. The slideshows included a historical perspective, beginning in the late 1860s with the city's first company of volunteer black firefighters. Named the Victor Company a year later, they were part of the volunteer Raleigh Fire Department until the career organization was formed in 1912. A second company of black firefighters, named the Bucket & Ladder Company, also served during that era. Called "colored fire companies," they were among many such segregated fire companies that served in North Carolina both back in the day and toward present day.

[Watch Part Two](#) - [Watch Part Three](#)

The museum event also included participation by the [United Professional Firefighters of Raleigh](#) (UPFFR). Members assisted museum staff with operating the museum that day. At 1:00 p.m., the UPFFR members presented a framed photo to Dr. E. B. Palmer and his wife Juanita. They're the founders and operators of Raleigh's African American Cultural Complex. The photo, created in collaboration with the Raleigh Fire Museum, presents a montage of portraits of retired and fallen black firefighters that served the Raleigh Fire Department from 1963 to 2013. Click to enlarge:



The presentation was also taped by the Raleigh Television Network (RTN), for the February episode of FireWatch. You can [watch that episode](#) online. [And see photos](#) from the museum's special event.

To learn more about black firefighters in both Raleigh and North Carolina, here's more information:

- [African American Heritage in the Raleigh Fire Department](#) (PDF) - Research notes by Historian Mike Legeros.
- [Early Black Firefighters in North Carolina](#) - Annotated, archived version of the web site researched and created by the late Chuck Milligan.
- [North Carolina Firefighter Excursions, Conventions, Contests, 1868-1912](#) - Newspaper articles and a narrative about early firefighter activities, including the annual conventions of the North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fireman's Association.

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Raleigh Fire Museum on Facebook

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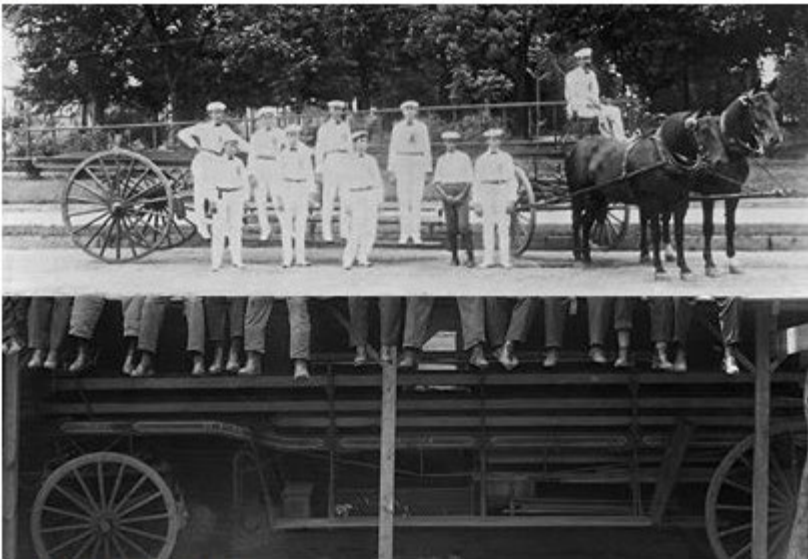
Now posting photos and historical goodies, once a day or maybe more. Visit the [Raleigh Fire Museum on Facebook](#). You don't even have to have an account. Or dive into the museum's extensive collection of [historical photos on their web site](#).



Raleigh Fire Museum

Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 8:47am

You've seen the top photo before, Raleigh's Hook & Ladder Company in 1906. But wait, did those guys fight fire wearing white suits? And with a ladder truck that's hardly carrying anything? Negative. That's the company's "racing team" that c... [See More](#)



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Video of Pin Job in Smithfield

02/24/14 84 W - + 6 - 2

Jason Thompson of JocoFire.com has posted a view of last night's serious motor-vehicle accident in Smithfield. The head-on collision closed Highway 210 for over an hour. Three people were trapped in their cars in the 500 block of Highway 210. Smithfield FD, Wilson's Mills FD, and Johnston County EMS responded to the incident. The three victims were transported to WakeMed, one by Duke Life Flight and two by Johnston County EMS. See [also these photos](#) from Jason on Flickr.

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Garner Fire Department Fourth Annual Relay For Life Golf Tournament

02/24/14 125 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

The Garner Fire Department announces the Fourth Annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament, to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at Pine Hollow Golf Club in Clayton. They'll again have their exciting putting contest and complimentary lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start following at 12:00 p.m. This year's tournament prizes are better than ever and tournament champions will take home \$1,000! Their closest to the pin and longest drive contests will also be higher than ever. Please join them and help the Garner Fire Department raise money for Relay for Life and American Cancer Society. [See this web page](#) for information on both sponsorship and playing.



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Scenes From Slagle's in South Boston

02/25/14 82 W, 3 I - + 8 - 3

Photographer Lee Wilson took a drive to South Boston, VA, yesterday, to see what's still for sale at Slagle's Fire Equipment & Supply Company. The company announced their closing in May of last year, as noted [in this prior posting](#). As their web site noted in December, they're still working on going on out of business. Here are some of the trucks they still have available. [See more from Lee](#).





Lee Wilson photos

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Raleigh Fire Department Hiring Deputy Fire Marshal

03/01/14 77 W - + 8 - 2

The City of Raleigh has posted a job opening for Deputy Fire Marshal. The position is part of the Office of the Fire Marshal, which is located in the Dillon Building at 310 W. Martin Street. Minimum requirements include two years of relevant experience, a valid state driver's license, and North Carolina Fire Inspector Level II certification. Salary range is \$45,921 to \$75,682. Closing date is March 12, 2014. [Here's the job posting](#). Good luck!

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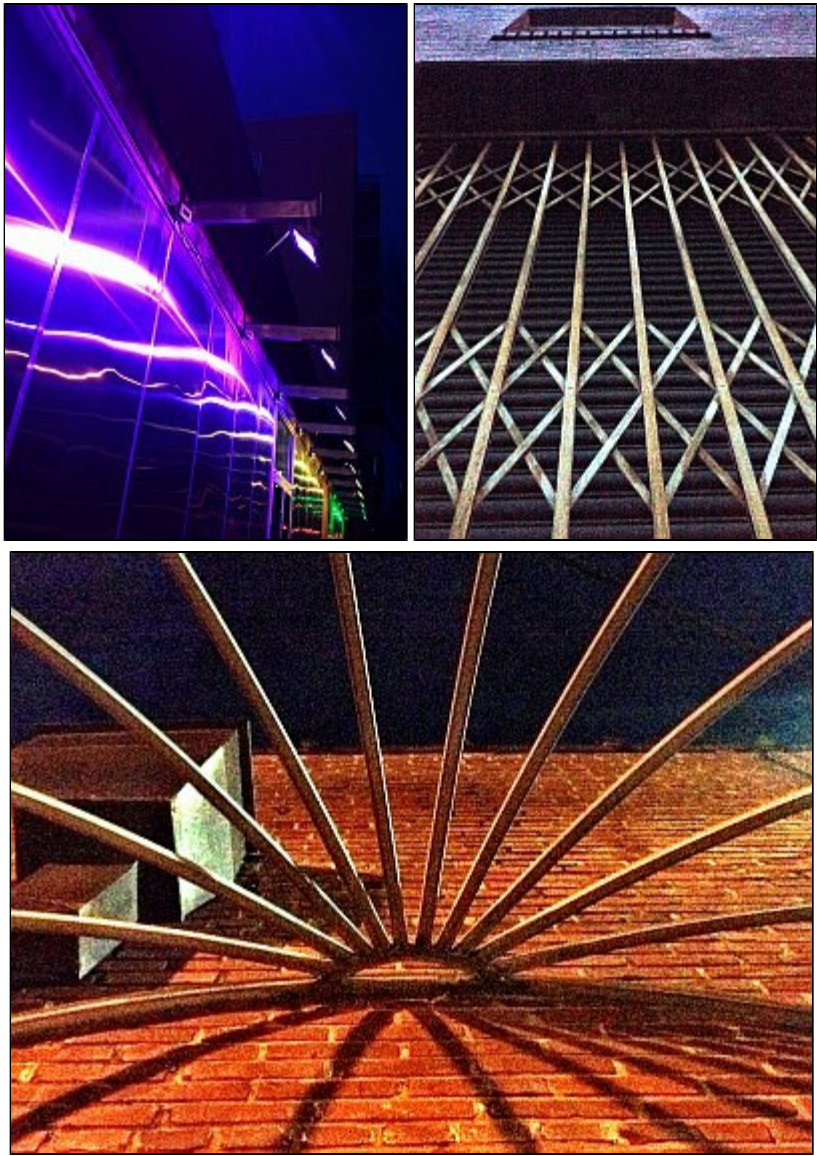
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Mystery Locations in Warehouse District

03/03/14 13 W, 6 I - + 5 - 1

How well do you know downtown Raleigh?





I’m not proud of this, but I believe the picture with neon windows might be Legends...

Mac - 03/03/14 - 12:09

Second picture on the left is Ugly Monkey “party bar”, which I would highly advise anyone with more than \$3 in their pocket to avoid. I believe the bottom picture is the building on Hargett st across from Citrix?

Eric - 03/03/14 - 12:42

The one with the bars on the windows is the Dillon Supply building near RFD admin. Is the blue glass one the new Citrix building?

Lurker - 03/17/14 - 07:45

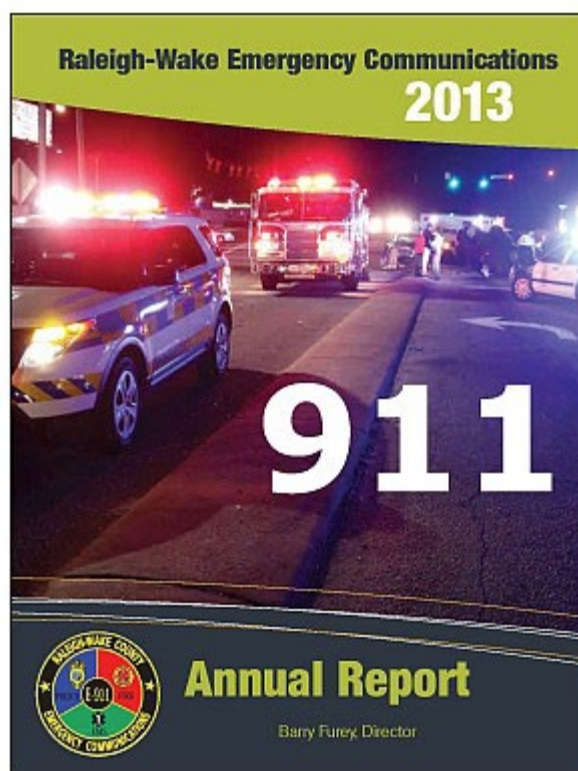
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Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Annual Report, 2013

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Just published to [their web site](#) is the 2013 annual report from the Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Center. Nice cover photo by Yours Truly, plus a couple shots on the inside. Love annual reports, how 'bout one each from Raleigh fire¹, Raleigh police, and Wake County EMS? [Read the report](#) (PDF).



¹The spring edition of the [Raleigh Fire Department newsletter](#) will contain a two-page summary of stats and more from last year. Not nearly as fun as a full-fledged document--well, get on it Legeros!--but should meet the needs of data geeks. Will be published around April 15.

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Wishing on a Web Site

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Everybody has a new site these days. New design. New look. New feel. Except this one, of course. Sorry Charlie, no platform upgrades planned for the blog or other Legeros sites. [Insert Bronx cheer.] Why are so many sites getting facelifts and functional enhancements? Blame your phone and its bigger brother, the tablet.

In days of old, when knights were bold, and the smart phones were not ubiquitous, browsing the web on a phone or table kinda sorta sucked. Then came "mobile sites," which were special, second versions. These were simpler versions, usually stripped to a minimum or near absence of graphics and other bells and whistle.

Creating and maintaining two sites--one for desktop, one for mobile--was an obvious pain. And as "alternate devices" grew in variety, availability, and popularity, this approach simply wasn't scale-able. Tow or three or four (or more) versions of a site. Enter "mobile responsive" AKA "adaptive."

Now, a single web site has the necessary magic to render on a desktop or a laptop or a tablet or a phone or an Etch-a-Sketch. One site to rule them all. Glorious for content publishers, but a pain for the user. At least, for this cranky user. (Haven't had dinner yet, maybe it's low blood sugar.)

Looking across the various web sites that I visit daily or weekly, I'm seeing a lot of nice, full, airy, and space-filled (usually) sites. Lots of content, maybe as much as ever. Lots of pictures and labeled pictures and animated slideshows. Lots of thumbnail graphics. Lots of widgets. Little bits of this and that take extra seconds to load, or longer on a slower device or connection.

These redesigned home pages look good, look fresh, but... they're just so busy. My eye just doesn't know where to start. Can't you show me a simple list of links, or headlines, or "top content." Do you have present so many categories or buckets and all at once? (And Lord help me, so much still below the fold. And even on mobile phones, requiring scrolling and scrolling and scrolling!)

Then I think about Drudge. And Craigslist. And Google. Such simplicity in presentation, and absolutely unchanged after years (or decades). Then I think about Twitter.

Twitter *rocks*. It's so ingenious, and so simple. Just... lists of text messages, with wee icons. Just... lists of headlines (and some single photos), if you follow the feeds of content providers. Nothing more, nothing less.

Why can't everything be as simply presented as Twitter? Why can't the web be more like text. Why can't the new web... be more like the old web?

</RANT>

I'm not necessarily a fan of some of the new site designs. One that comes to mind is Statter's website. I felt like it was easier to view the content on his old format.

Mike Bishop - 03/06/14 - 20:15

The new Statter911 site is cumbersome. Looks like more folks are using the "WordPress" formats nowadays.

A.C. Rich - 03/06/14 - 22:12

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, March 8

03/06/14 199 W, 1 I - + 5 - 1

Looking for a fun activity on Saturday? Visit the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#), which is located just a couple minutes south of downtown Raleigh. We're open this Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. That's our monthly opening, on the second Saturday of the month. You can even meet Mr. Blogger, who will be staffing same! (Please contain your appaluse.)

The museum is located in a modular classroom at the Keeter Training Center at [105 Keeter Center Drive](#). This Saturday, you'll also see firefighters and fire engines in action, as "high-rise drills" will be conducted throughout the day on the "drill pad."

Admission to the museum is free. Parking and restrooms are available. [Here's a two-minute video tour](#). Learn more about the museum, and the non-profit organization that operates it, at [www.raleighfiremuseum.org](#).

Please note that antique fire engines are located elsewhere. Though you'll see a hand-drawn hose reel at the museum, all antique horse- and motor-drawn apparatus is stored at at Fire Station 28 at [3500 Forestville Road](#). Visitors are welcome. Or schedule a tour at [www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours](#). Here's more information about both destinations:

Experience the History of Firefighting in Raleigh



See antique fire engines at Fire Station 28
3500 Forestville Road, Raleigh NC
Visitors welcome



Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum
105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh NC
Open second Saturday of each month, 10 to 2
Admission is free
[www.raleighfiremuseum.org](#)

Fire Station 28

Fire Station 28 is located at 3500 Forestville Road in Raleigh, NC. It houses a 1905 American LaFrance steam engine, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, two 1953 rescue boats, a 1961 American LaFrance pumper, and a 1982 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome.



Raleigh Fire Museum

The Raleigh Fire Museum is located just a few blocks south of downtown Raleigh at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. It's open on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The 900 square-foot museum includes hundreds of artifacts and photographs. Major exhibits include the city's 1870 fire alarm bell, an early 19th century hose reel, and color film footage from 1950.



Schedule tours for both locations at [www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours](#)

The Raleigh Fire Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to preserve and present the history of firefighting in North Carolina's Capital City. Learn how you can contribute. Contact our organization at [contact@raleighfiremuseum.org](#) or PO Box 31084, Raleigh, NC 27622. Our phone number is 919-964-1070.

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Rural Hall Engine 223 - 1974 International/Howe

03/06/14 99 W, 2 I - + 10 - 2

Look at this beauty. Rural Hall Fire Department Engine 223, a 1974 International/Howe, 1000 GPM. That's Forsyth County folks. Photographed by Lee Wilson on February 10, 1991. That's his father's hometown. Lee's posted another round of vintage film scans. [See that gallery](#), and look at the end for the latest.



Lee Wilson photo

For comparison, here's a factory photo of a 2010 (?) Pierce pumper found on the [company's Flickr site](#). What's different "then" versus "now" when you compare the two rigs, and two eras of apparatus?



The new 123 was put in service at the end of 2013.

Joffre - 03/08/14 - 21:53

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Did Raleigh Have« Rural Hall Engine 223... » Goldsboro Rescue Squa... Ford Model C Fire Apparatus?

Did Raleigh Have Ford Model C Fire Apparatus?

03/08/14 126 W, 2 I - + 6 - 4

Answer is yes, a pair of Ford C service trucks, on a 1963 (left) and 1980 (right) chassis. The ladder rack was from a 1922 (!) American LaFrance combination service truck. The chassis was replaced after a May 31, 1979, accident, after a collision at Raleigh Boulevard and Milburnie Road while Truck 7 and Engine 7 were answering a fire alarm. Photo credits News & Observer (black and white) and Jeff Harkey (color). Click to enlarge:



Fire apparatus using Ford C chassis were popular throughout North Carolina. Presumably due to the more economical cost versus custom fire apparatus? Some of the big city departments including Charlotte, Durham, and Greensboro. Who else? Click to enlarge:



Lee Wilson/eBay photos

The Ford C-8000 was a hugely popular cab and chassis for sure. Various manufacturers made the rear canopy and was an affordable way to get the FF's off the tailboard. It worked until NFPA 1901 required that all FF's be seated in an enclosed cab. I remember in 1990-91 when the standard was being changed. There was a huge run on these. The CAT 3208 diesel engine and Allison automatic transmission made this unit a solid workhorse that everyone could drive. Those units would now be nearing 25 years of age and probably only have a few more years of realistic service life.

D.Cates - 03/08/14 - 10:07

I saw many C series cabs built by EOne for Boston Fire travel I-95 North from Ocala. They offered a short wheelbase Boston liked due to narrow streets. I understand Ford eliminated this Series as a move to get competitive with other manufacturers who were building disposable chassis types that were primarily being used for beer and softdrink bodies and box vans. We purchased a GMC chassis in 88 with a FMC body. Lighter frame rails, springs and fiberglass nose. Not what the fire service needed but could get as an affordable truck. Very few vocational trucks are easily adapted to meet NFPA standards today perhaps International, Kenworth and Freightliner are the closest to offering factory options to meet NFPA. You would think the Fire Apparatus industry would be a market the commercial truck builders would love to have but it is just a speck on the vocational truck market. Good stuff Mike!

Thomas Dicks ([Email](#)) - 03/09/14 - 13:18

Beaufort County has seen the use of this chassis heavily since fire departments started to spring up around the county. Bunyan VFD (my first dept.) retired E7310 ('78-ish FMC, 500gal/1000gpm) five years or so ago. It was replaced by a Pierce Enforcer. City of Washington had at least two, and may still have one as a reserve. There are still many in service in that county.

WWFR had one (T198) until 2006(?) when we received our new T198. Those were good, tough trucks and very versatile.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 03/10/14 - 10:41

The better question would be who did not ever run a Ford C!! Those rigs served many towns and communities in NC and many still serve the various VFDs here as 2nd out or reserve trucks.

BFD1151 - 03/11/14 - 22:09

Yes, the easier question is "who did not run the Ford C's?". Around Wake County, I think Durham Highway, Garner, and maybe Stony Hill never used the Ford C's. As has been mentioned, Boston ran quite a few, as did Washington DC and Chicago. Some of the DC apparatus, as well as others in that area, used a regular cab and had a separate 'crew module' mounted behind the cab. Anne Arundel County (MD) also had one or more of those. Salt Lake City had a tiller unit with a Ford C cab that had a 'sleeper cab' extension (I've seen the picture of that one in one of Walt McCall's books. Oren, Howe, and John Bean built a number of quints using the Ford C, usually with a 55' or 65' mid mount ladder. Seagrave even built a 100' rear mount aerial on the Ford C during the 1980s (believe Atlantic Beach had one of those).

Ford C series - 03/12/14 - 12:46

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Ford C series - 03/12/14 - 12:47

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This Year's Web Visitors Compared with Last Year's

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Google Analytics comparing February 7 to March 9 of this year versus last year, for the blog, the photo site, and Legeros.com. Hmmmmm.

Blog - www.legeros.com/blog



Photo Site - www.legeros.com/firepics



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Durham Fire Station Under Construction

03/10/14 190 W, 3 I - + 6 - 2

Here's a mobile phone photo of Durham Fire Station 9, under construction at 1602 Camden Avenue. The single-story, three-bay building will have 8,908 square-feet, and replace a station that's, what, one third it's size? [Read more.](#)



The current Station 9 is located at 2012 E. Club Boulevard and beside the department's administrative offices and training center. The single-story, single-bay facility was built in 1977, and as a public safety station. Meaning, with two bays and minimal living quarters. Enough for an apparatus driver (and officer?), with the remaining firefighters arriving as Public Safety Officers via their patrol cars. The public safety program started in 1970 and ended in 1985.



Another public safety station is old Station 8 at 2725 Holloway Street. Built in 1980, it was closed in 1998. Engine 8 was relocated to a new Station 3 at 822 N. Miami Boulevard, then to a new Station 8 at 225 Lick Creek Drive in 2005. Read more about [Durham's former and historic firehouses](#). And watch for new photos of the buildings, to posted to [my Flickr collection](#).



Word on the street is there has been a stop work ordered by the city... The concrete in the foundation is not correct and othe major issues, hearing it may have to come down to go back up. Was suppose to be completed in December.

Friend of DFD - 03/10/14 - 22:03

Charlotte Fire Department Promotional Film - Circa 1989

03/11/14 71 W - + 5 - 1

This one's making the rounds, a nearly eight-minute promotional film of the Charlotte Fire Department from 1989 or abouts. Lots of apparatus footage, plus a montage of action clips toward the end. Couple nice views of Central Fire Station, since demolished. Look around the five-minute mark and you'll see a Seagrave 70th Anniversary pumper operating. All that and Aaron Copland on the soundtrack.

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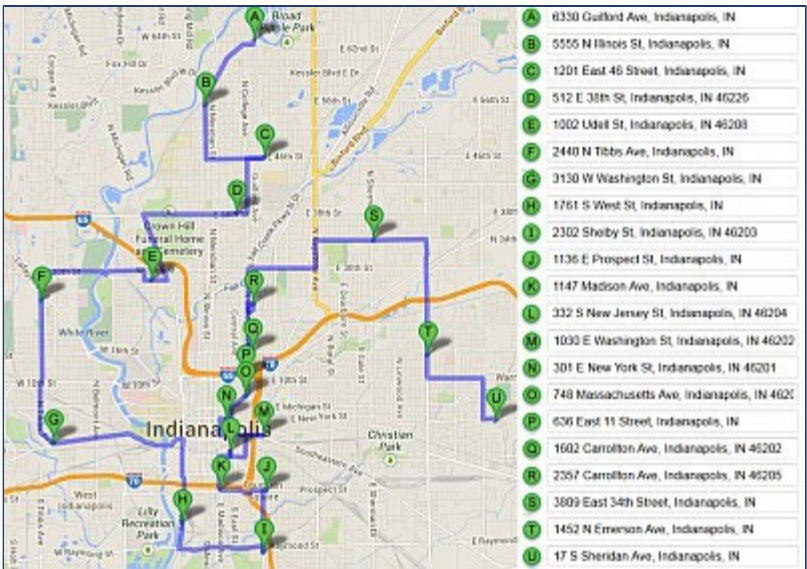
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Planning For Indy

03/12/14 62 W, 2 I - + 6 - 2

Will be visiting FDIC this year, for the first time. Among my plans are a day or two of finding and photographing historic and former firehouses of Indianapolis. Did my research two years ago, [see that list](#). Here's my map, take one. Click to enlarge:



Here's some of the houses to found, from [this prior posting](#):



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Yesterday's Haz-Mat « Planning For Indy » Wake County Fire Comm... Call on Capital Boulevard

Yesterday's Haz-Mat Call on Capital Boulevard

03/13/14 330 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

An unusual haz-mat call unfolded yesterday morning at the corner of Thornton Road and Capital Boulevard, at the Sheetz gas station addressed 4801 Thornton Road. Recalling radio traffic, small containers with possible biological hazards had been found on the gas pumps. At least one of these was subsequently moved by an employee to a dumpster. The employee called 911 out of concern at 10:21 a.m. Engine 22 responded the scene, and subsequently requested a full haz-mat assignment.

Dispatched fire units about 11:05 a.m. were Haz-Mat 1 (staffed by Engine 2), Haz-Mat 2 (staffed by Engine 27), Haz-Mat 3 (recon unit staffed by Engine 8), Squad 15, Battalion 3 (haz-mat Battalion Chief), Battalion 5, Air 1, and Car 20. The medical response included EMS 15, EMS 33, EMS 10, District 4, District 3, Medic 93, and Truck 1.

Arriving units staged at both a church beside the gas station, and on Capital Boulevard. It was quickly determined that there were no patients, so the third ambulance was returned to service. District 3 established medical branch, with EMS 15 and EMS 33 for medical monitoring and rehab. District 1, Medic 93, and Truck 1 also stayed on scene until rehab was completed.

Upon his arrival, Car 20 assumed incident command, with Battalion 3 as previously established haz-mat branch. An isolation zone had been established, including the sheltering-in-place of customers and employees (thirty to thirty-five, from news reports) who were inside the store. Crews also prepared an area for decontamination on Thornton Road.

Wake County Fire Services (WC1) and Wake County Emergency Management were among the agencies that also responded. As [this WRAL footage](#) shows, haz-mat crews entered the hot zone wearing encapsulated suits. They removed the materials and determined they were not hazardous. They were unused medical supplies. The "all clear" was given about 1:20 p.m. Readers can augment this armchair summary as needed. Media links: [WRAL](#), [WTVD](#), [News & Observer](#), [Wake Forest News](#) ("Biohazard at Sheetz. It's Not a Hot Dog"). No photos from Yours Truly, who was working.



WRAL photo



Chris Seward/News & Observer photo

Haz-Mat 4 was also on the run card. Didn't know Raleigh had a Haz-Mat 4, but it was on the card.

D. McKay - 03/13/14 - 12:41

HM-4 is the "old" SR-3 (Decon unit) from Station #22. It is part of the "full HM response" CAD response type. The numbering was changed about 6 months ago for consistency.

A.C. Rich - 03/14/14 - 00:24

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, Mar. 20, 2014

03/15/14 212 W - + 4 - 3

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, March 20, 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](#). The documents for the meeting are linked below.

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes for November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
 - Adoption of Minutes for January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - Consider Election of Fire Commission Chair for Calendar Year 2014
 - Consider Election of Fire Commission Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2014
 - Consider Approval of Revisions to the Wake County Fire Commission Rules of Procedure
- Information Agenda
 - Post Incident Review Program Update
 - Cost Share Study Update
 - Budget Committee Update
 - Fire Tax Financial Report/ Budget Update
 - Chair Report
 - Fire Services Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointment by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of three minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting May 15, 2014

Documents

- [Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Raleigh Fire Department Makes Wish Happen For Young Cancer Survivor

03/15/14 117 W, 4 I - + 6 - 1

A two-year-old cancer survivor spent the day today with the Raleigh Fire Department, his wish made reality with the help of firefighters and [Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina](#). Connor Dunn received a helmet and his own gear, and rode in the front seat of Engine 13 in the St. Patrick's Day parade. He and his family were also given a tour of Station 1, and returned after the parade for a barbecue lunch. [Here's a WNCN story](#) about the event. And here a couple pictures from myself. More to be posted later, along with parade photos which included Fire Chief John McGrath as Grand Marshal. Click to enlarge:



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One Bad A-- Old Raleigh Police Cruiser

03/16/14 36 W, 2 I - + 5 - 2

Reader Tim Henshaw saw this Saturday evening at the [Piedmont Dragway](#) in Julian, North Carolina. Love the bull horns, but needs a few lights... Click to enlarge:



Now that’s a hood ornament!

Buck - 03/16/14 - 13:41

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Scenes From Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade

03/16/14 13 W, 10 I - + 7 - 2

More later. Click to enlarge:



Big Tanker For Kenly

03/17/14 68 W, 2 I - + 7 - 2

Lee Wilson last week photographed Kenly's new tanker. The 2013 Kenworth/Spartan was delivered in December. From this [Spartan new delivery page](#), it's an elliptical tanker that carries 2,500 gallons of water. Plus a Hale pump with side panel, 1,250 GPM. The truck's ready, but not quite in service. The Kenly Fire Department is located in Johnston County. [See more photos from Lee](#).



Lee Wilson photos

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Historic and Former (and Almost Former) Firehouses of Durham

03/17/14 153 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

[New collection of firehouse photos](#), taken over the last couple weeks. Historic and former (and almost former) firehouses of Durham. Plus one training tower that's nearly ninety years old. Read about their history, [from this essay](#) written a decade earlier as a FireNews.net feature.



Top to bottom, left to right:

- Sta 1 - 139 E. Morgan Street - Built 1964
- Sta 2 - 1001 Ninth Street - Built 1951
- Sta 5 - 2212 Chapel Hill Road - Built 1960
- Sta 9 - 2012 East Club Boulevard (replacement under construction) - Built 1977
- Old Sta 1 - 212 N. Mangum Street - Built 1890
- Old Sta 3 - 103 S. Driver Street - Built 1953
- Old Sta 4 - 1801 Fayetteville Street - Built 1958
- Old Sta 8 - 2725 Holloway Street Built 1980
- Old Training Tower - 501 Washington Street - Built 1926.

[See the photos](#) on Mike's Flickr site. Or see [the full collection](#) of such galleries, from cities and towns across the state and farther.

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Big Tanker For Bailey

03/21/14 63 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

The [Bailey Fire Department](#) (see also their [Facebook page](#)) received this 2013 Freightliner/Rosenbauer 500/3000 tanker in February. It was placed in service on March 20. [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#). And a question, are "combination" tankers the norm these days? Those also equipped with pumps? How many folks still purchase "straight" tankers?



Lee Wilson photo

Would this be the largest tanker around?

Watson - 03/21/14 - 09:40

Is that a school bus?

Joker - 03/22/14 - 11:19

I think given the difficulty of financial times we will be seeing many more combination trucks in the future of the fire service. We are having to attempt to do more with less or at least no more in some cases. Also some departments have seen the advantage of multi-functional companies. Especially true in smaller departments which do not have the staffing of larger departments.

Brandon - 03/23/14 - 11:14

In Nash County, the tanker have a small pump or a true pumper/tanker is the norm. The only department in Nash County that I remember that had a tanker w/o a pump was Middlesex VFD, and it was a large 10 wheel tanker, if memory serves me correct. It may have had a small transfer pump, but I don't remember it having a "fire" pump. MVFD has since sold that truck. A commonly used tactic in Nash Co. was using a nurse line from the tanker to the engine. Also, with a VFD, you can't depend on having every unit respond. With that being said, having a small fire pump on the tanker allows an attack to take place in the event of a mechanical failure of the pumper. I have had this happen to me before as a member of a rural VFD, and it's nice to know that even with only one engine and one tanker, you still have two "fire" pumps. BTW, that would be the biggest in Nash County, the second would be Castalia with a 2700 gallon truck, and there are several 2000 gallon trucks in the area.

PBM - 03/24/14 - 16:07

New Ambulances For Wake County EMS

03/21/14 161 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Lee Wilson last week photographed six ambulances delivered to Wake County EMS. They are 2014 Chevrolet/American Emergency Vehicles Type III units, and built right here in North Carolina. (The company is located in Jefferson, NC.) See more [photos from Lee](#). We'll look to readers to advise any particulars about the trucks, and their specs.



Lee Wilson photo

Next question, how many ambulances does Wake County EMS have, total? They have some twenty-nine active units, both 24- and 12-hour trucks. Here's a list from November 2013:

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| • 1 | • 9 (GV) | • 16 (G) | • 32 (HS) |
| • 2 | • 10 (WF) | • 17 (HS) | • 33 (WF) |
| • 3 | • 11 | • 18 (G) | • 34 |
| • 4 | • 12 | • 19 (G) | • 35 |
| • 5 | • 13 | • 22 | • 36 |
| • 6 | • 14 (FV) | • 25 | • 37 (G) |
| • 7 | • 15 | • 31 | • 38 |
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How many spares, or special assignment units are in the fleet? Don't know. How big is the entire Wake EMS fleet? Add three District Chief vehicles, five Medic vehicles, Truck 1, Evac 1, chief's cars, training and logistics vehicles, etc.

[See this document](#) (PDF) for a historical perspective on the Wake County EMS fleet, from this [history project site](#).

Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Chatham County 9/11 First Responder Memorial Groundbreaking, Friday, March 28

« New Ambulances For Wa... » IAFF Media Awards Con...

Chatham County 9/11 First Responder Memorial Groundbreaking, Friday, March 28

03/21/14 268 W, 2 I - + 4 - 5

Press release. The Chatham County 9/11 First Responders Memorial Foundation Corporation is planning a groundbreaking event at the memorial site on Friday, March 28, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine).

The site is located on Highway 15/501 just south of the traffic circle in Pittsboro, near the Chatham County Justice Center and across from the Pittsboro Fire Department. Bring a shovel to be part of the event.

The memorial will use the donated steel beam from the World Trade Center tragedy as the centerpiece. It will honor all first responders who have given their lives to keep others safe.

The foundation is raising all of the funds for the project through grants and private donations from companies and individuals, who will receive recognition at the memorial site.

They greatly appreciate the design work provided by Corley Redfoot Architects. The design stands the beam on end, with a tilt 9 degrees and 11 minutes facing the direction of Ground Zero in New York City. Click to enlarge:



The foundation also thanks Foushee Grading of Pittsboro for clearing the site and removing trees. Phase one of site development will be completed in September 2014.

Challenge coins are being sold as a fundraiser for the project. They are \$15.00. To purchase a coin, or learn more about the project, visit the foundation's [Facebook page](#). Or contact foundation President Jody Allen at jody@goldstonfire.com.

Donations to the project are greatly appreciated. Send donations or money for challenge coins to

Chatham County 9/11 First Responders Memorial Foundation Corp.
PO Box 328
Pittsboro, NC 27312



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IAFF Media Awards Content Closes Soon

03/22/14 127 W, 1 I - + 10 - 2

The International Association of Fire Fighter's media awards for 2014 closes in another week. Entries must be received (or postmarked) by April 1, 2014, to be eligible for judging. [Read more information.](#)

This blog was honored with Honorable Mention in 2011. That year was a trifecta for Yours Truly, with second place for a news story, and honorable mention for news photo. [Insert own joke.] Here's what the certificate looked like that year:



Here's Mike's awards list from the IAFF:

2011

- Second Place - News story published on a web-based news site
- Honorable Mention - Fire service photo on web site
- Honorable Mention - Best blog

2008

- Honorable Mention - Fire service photo on web site

2007

- Honorable Mention - Best news story on web site.

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Vintage Raleigh* « *IAFF Media Awards Con...* » *Last Night's Apartmen...* *Training Tower Photo*

Vintage Raleigh Training Tower Photo

03/22/14 70 W, 5 I - + 6 - 6

Found this in my files of "to be scanned" historical photos. Undated, though the attire has the look of 1950s or 1960s. The tower in the photo was built in 1954, on the grounds of the current fire department training center. Back of photo reads "Tom Franklin's - Commercial Photographer - 210 W. 4th Street- Charlotte, N.C." Click to enlarge:



I remember the day that was tore down. It’s hard to believe that was almost 9 years ago.

Brad Stikeleather - 03/23/14 - 09:31

The photographer, Tom Franklin, was my father. I wonder why he was shooting in Raleigh. Tom Franklin Studios contracted to do all the news photography for The Charlotte News. Anyway, thanks for sharing these.

Scott L Franklin ([Email](#)) - 10/02/18 - 05:53

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Last Night's Apartment Fire in Raleigh

03/24/14 362 W, 2 I - + 5 - 5

Two alarms of EMS resources were requested at last night's apartment fire in Raleigh, which was dispatched shortly after 11:30 p.m. Callers reported people trapped and children being dropped from windows at 611 Peyton Street. That's a two-story with full basement, garden-style, brick-construction apartment building with 9,936 square-feet. Built 1969. (Say tax records.) Heavy fire was showing from the top-floor windows. (Was that the second floor or third floor? Debate as desired.)

Though the fire was quickly controlled, in about twenty minutes cites WRAL, the number of injured and displaced residents saw a second alarm for EMS. Medical resources included Evac 1, the medical evacuation bus, to help keep the residents warm. Red Cross was also called to the scene, to assist the displaced residents.

Eight people jumped out of windows, reports WRAL. Seven residents were transported to the WakeMed and Duke hospitals, five as "trauma" patients, reports Carolinas Fire Page. (Meaning, either traumatic injuries or traumatic mechanism of injury.) Thirteen were initially transported, cites fire photographer Jason Thompson. That number increased slightly as the incident extended into the early morning. (Seventeen were injured, cites WRAL.)

Stories told to WRAL included one woman who jumped out a window with her three-year-old, and who witnessed another woman dropping an infant to the ground. Another resident who self-evacuated retrieved a ladder and helped others escape. The male was transported to WakeMed with smoke inhalation.

There were fifty-one occupants in the building, all of whom were displaced. Half the building's twenty-four apartments were damaged (e.g., fire, smoke, and/or water). The same building suffered a fire three years ago, notes WRAL. There's no sprinkler system, notes the *News & Observer*.

The fire was dispatched at 11:38 p.m. The cause is under investigation. Fire units on scene included E12, E7, E3, E10, L4, L8, Sq 14, R1, B2, B3, A1, C20, C420, C401. EMS units included EMS 1, EMS 11, D1, M92 (first-alarm dispatch), EMS 8, EMS 5, EMS 62, T1 (working fire dispatch), and EMS 2, EMS 7, EMS 19, M91, D4, Chief 101 (second alarm). Plus EVAC 1 (special called?).

Photos: [Jason Thompson](#). Media: [WRAL](#), [WTVD](#), [WNCN](#), [News & Observer](#), [FireNews.net](#).



WRAL photo



Jason Thompson photo

Additional EMS units in the 2nd alarm included EMS 2, EMS 7, EMS 19, M91, D4, and Chief 101.

EMT, MD - 03/24/14 - 11:34

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Wake County Job Posting - Fire Training Specialist

03/25/14 65 W - + 5 - 2

Job posting. Fire Training Specialist with Wake County. Full-time position. Minimum/maximum salary: \$20.34 to \$27.52 per hour. Minimum requirement: Associate's degree in related fields, four years experience in public safety programs, state fire/haz-mat certifications, and valid driver's license. Work schedule: Monday through Friday, with some nights and weekends plus on-call rotation.

Closes April 8.

[View job posting.](#)

+ instructor 2

Preferred: 1403 Live Fire Structure Instructor Qualification; 1403 Live Fire Fixed Facility Instructor Qualification; 1403 Live Fire LP Gas Instructor Qualification; NC Fire Inspector Level I Certification; NC Fire/Arson Investigator Certification.

Kodiak - 03/25/14 - 23:38

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Vintage Raleigh* « Wake County Job Posti... » Dramatic Photo From H... *Fire Department Recruitment Video (1999)*

Vintage Raleigh Fire Department Recruitment Video (1999)

03/26/14 166 W, 1 I - + 5 - 6

For your Wednesday enjoyment, here's a vintage Raleigh Fire Department recruitment video from late 1999 or early 2000. The almost 22-minute video was converted from VHS, after being found in the archives of the Training Division. They made the digital copy available to the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#), which has posted on their [YouTube page](#).

The video is a collection of clips including an introduction from Fire Chief Earl Fowler, a historical retrospective from retired Capt. B. T. Fowler (father of Earl), testimonials from members of all ranks, action footage from the 1999 recruit academy, and a splendid dramatization of a "911" call reporting a structure fire and the subsequent dispatch of companies from Station 1. (One Ms. Boone reporting said emergency!)

See the embedded video below, or [click here](#) to watch the thing.

Credits for the production, as noted as the end:

- Producer Lt. Reggie Hocutt.
- Videographer/Editor Melissa Swanson
- Co-Editor David Wolk.



That Aerialscope still pours the smoke when you put the hammer down.

Thomas Dicks - 03/26/14 - 23:09

I remember sitting at the intersection of Gorman/Western Blvd. on the scope. A guy beside us had his window down and I was trying to tell him to roll it up. He brushed it off. When the Lt. hit the gas, his car was filled with black smoke. I tried to warn him...

Stike - 03/27/14 - 13:22

@Stike Good one Stike....

Silver - 03/27/14 - 21:42

This video has been re-posted, with corrected aspect ratio. Height and width are proportioned correctly. No more wide heads (ahem) and such. Enjoy!

Legeros - 05/10/15 - 09:56

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Dramatic Photo From Houston Rescue

03/27/14 212 W, 1 I - + 11 - 4

This has been a heady week for following major fires around the country. Yesterday, we watched in real-time as a Beacon Street fire in Boston escalated to nine alarms, with reported maydays and firefighter injuries. ([FireNews.net on Twitter](#) is a particularly good place to start for such updates.) We soon learned that Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy had been killed. Here's a [Boston Globe story](#) and a [Statter911 posting](#), to start your reading if you haven't been following.

On Tuesday, all eyes were on Houston, as a five-alarm fire was consuming a block-sized apartment building. Local news reports were quickly augmented by citizen images and video of the incident, including the holy-cow-and-then-some rescue of a construction worker from a balcony. This [FireCritic posting](#) is just one of the many fire blog and news sites showing that footage.

Dave Statter yesterday posted a [follow-up on the rescue](#), which was performed by personnel from Station 18. His posting which cites a KPRC-TV story includes this dramatic photo, with a wide aerial view of the showing the fully-extended ladder just seconds after the rescue was performed, and as the upper floors of the building were beginning to collapse. Amazing.



Three Old Photos of Wake County EMS

03/27/14 244 W, 4 I - + 10 - 11

For your Thursday enjoyment, these three old photos of Wake County EMS were added this morning to the [History of Wake County EMS Facebook page](#). (Also see my research project related to that topic: www.legeros.com/history/ems.) They were scanned by David Raynor, and show Station 1 in either 1987 or 1988, a Suburban and EMS 8 at a fire scene, and a unit arriving at Sullivan Hall at NCSU. Click to enlarge:



Wait, you say, what's that old building in the first photo? The one that looks like an ancient gas station with ambulances parked outside? That's the original EMS Station 1 at 201 W. Martin Street. Built in 1925, it served as the headquarters for Wake County EMS (both as ambulance station and administrative offices) from 1976 to 1991. Some notes, from my history documents from the above link:

- First housed EMS 1 and EMS 4, plus supervisor's vehicle (EMS 101), plus director's vehicle.
- Third ambulance added in 1986 or 1987, and parked on six-inch concrete platform, added to support the vehicle's weight.
- Contained a sleeping area with four or five beds, an office area, two bathrooms, and a living area shared with two ambulances, a hydraulic lift, a stove, a refrigerator, a dining table, a few chairs, and a cabinet.
- Basement housed supplies in a caged area accessed by a freight elevator.
- Basement also housed hospital beds from the Cancer Society, and a coal-powered boiler.

[See more photos](#) of the building today.



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Raleigh Ladder 1 > Ladder 111

03/29/14 82 W, 1 I - + 10 - 9

Apparatus update. Ladder 1 has been relettered as Ladder 111, for reserve duty. The 2001 Quality/Spartan Gladiator 1500/300/75-foot has an interesting history. It's the "quint" that's served as engine, from January 2001 to April 2004. It might be one of the most renamed pieces of equipment on the roster: E23, T24, T23, L23, L4, L1, L111. First-place probably goes to the snorkel: L210, L6, L24, L210, L110, T110, T26, T22, T15, T1. Read histories of both trucks in my [apparatus register](#).



Mike just have a question. I notice that RFD reserve ladders are numbered example (110,111) What is the reason for the spare snorkel being numbered different (210)? Just curious noticed it looking at yours and Lee's photos and this post.

Jeremy Meares ([Email](#)) - 04/25/14 - 19:07

Jeremy, at one time there were 100 and 200 series reserve apparatus. The 100 series were pretty much ready to go for a quick switch out for when your rig was down for a short time. The 200 series was when you had an extended out of service time and you would have to transfer over a bunch of equipment.

However, I think the RFD is going away from that (or has already) and all the reserves will be equipped almost all the way to make the switch outs easier.

Silver - 04/25/14 - 22:39

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Raleigh Fire Department Expands Office Space

03/30/14 114 W, 1 I - + 5 - 9

Earlier this month, the Raleigh Fire Department expanded its office space at the Dillon Building on West Martin Street. The Operations Division and part of the IT team moved into a newly renovated space on the building's mezzanine level. Relocated from the second floor offices were the Assistant of Chief of Operations, his aide, the Division Chiefs, their aides, the Payroll Specialist, and two IT team members. There's also a small kitchen, and some flexible working areas. The space can also be used as an emergency operations center. [See photos](#) from a couple weeks ago. And here's a picture from Friday.



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UPDATED: Vintage Virginia Red Car in Raleigh

04/06/14 215 W, 2 I - + 11 - 2

April 6

Reader Andrew Watters shares this photo of the department's current EMS response vehicle. There are several Hampden-Sydney College alumni that work for fire departments in Wake County, including Watters. The department is comprised almost entirely of students from the college. The average age of their membership is 20 to 21.

The department has an interesting history. On March 29, 1957, the Farmville FD was dispatched to a fire at the college. McIlwaine Hall was ablaze, a former academic building and assembly hall and now used for storage. The students had a great dislike for McIlwaine and tried their hardest to hamper the firefighter.

They repeatedly flushed toilets across campus and stood on fire hoses, to impede the water pressure. The building burned to the ground. The following day, the Fire Chief declared that their department would no longer respond to the college. The students realized the gravity of their actions, and formed their own fire brigade, which became the Hampden-Sydney FD.



March 30

From a reader, this vintage "red car" (or more likely, first-responder vehicle) was seen at a house on South Boylan Avenue last week. From Hampden Syndey, VA, it appears. Thanks, Adam!



I have seen that truck sitting there before. Probably a month ago.

Doppler - 03/31/14 - 18:14

This is the old EMS First Responder Vehicle (EMS 2-9) for Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. We now run a newer model Chevy Tahoe First responder vehicle and average between 100-200 EMS calls annually. The area we serve is mostly rural but our membership is mostly made up of students from Hampden-Sydney College. Mike if you want I can send a picture of our new one just to continue the story if you're interested.

Watters - 04/01/14 - 12:28

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Artists Invited to Submit Qualifications for Public Art at New Fire Station 12

03/31/14 250 W - + 7 - 8

Press release. The City of Raleigh is seeking qualifications from experienced artists or artist teams to provide site-specific public art for Raleigh's [new] Fire Station 12. The artists or artist teams must have primary residence in North Carolina or the neighboring states of Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee or Virginia.

The project budget for the selected public art commission is \$41,625 inclusive of all expenses including but not limited to design, fabrication, installation, travel, taxes and fees. Each finalist will receive a \$650 travel budget for second-round interviews.

Qualifications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. There is no fee to submit qualifications.

Construction of Fire Station 12 is anticipated to begin this fall at Poole Road and Bus Way, near the City's Transit Operations Facility. The existing Fire Station 12 at 3409 Poole Road is aging, landlocked and too small. The new fire station will address these issues and enhance the Fire Department's ability to meet its public safety mission. In March 2013, the architectural firm of Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects, P.A., was hired by the City Council to design Fire Station 12.

Under goals established by the City of Raleigh's Public Art and Design Board, public art for Fire Station 12 should celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Raleigh Fire Department and honor public servants who protect those who cannot protect themselves. There are multiple opportunities for public art at the site.

[Read entire press release.](#)

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Found this this morning. The Raleigh Television Network's streaming video site includes a search feature with "hard link" results. Thus, [this address](#) becomes a permanent search for all FireWatch videos. That's the half-hour monthly program created by the Public Education division of the Office of the Fire Marshal. There are seven years (!) of shows available on the site, dating back to August 2007. Each includes a DOWNLOAD button, which presents an mp4 version (instead of a streamed version), so you can download a copy. As a bonus, you can use that link as a quick way to find the *newest* episode of the show. Giddy-yup.

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Raleigh Recruit Academy 39 Starts... And Some History

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Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy 39 started last week, with thirty-four recruits reporting for duty at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24. They're starting a twenty-eight week academy that'll result in state certifications as EMT, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, NCRIT, and Haz-Mat Operation.

They'll also receive training on technical rescue, fireground procedures, high-rise operations, accountability systems, safety companies, engine and ladder company operations, and firefighter safety and survival.

Read an in-depth article about the academy and the hiring process in the [winter edition](#) (PDF) of the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter*. Below is the new crew on their first day, in the first hour of their academy. See more photos from Legeros ([Set 1](#), [Set 2](#)) and [Lee Wilson](#).



Curious about the prior recruit academies? Who graduated when? When were the "short" versus "long" academies? How long were the academies way back when? Three documents are available, including a newly posted list of [Raleigh Fire Department recruit academy graduates](#) (PDF). There's also [this page of each academy's photo](#) and some [summary data on the academies](#). Memo to self, put everything in a single place, instead of three separate places.

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UPDATED: New Raleigh Police Cruisers Are Coming

04/18/14 170 W, 3 I - + 8 - 5

April 18

Lee Wilson has [posted photos](#) from the April 2 event, that saw the unveiling of the Raleigh Police Department's new Ford, Chevy, and Dodge cruisers. [This News & Observer story](#) from after the event told me about the vehicles and the evaluation process.



Lee Wilson photo

April 2

Today's *News & Observer* has a story about Raleigh's new police cruisers. The city will unveil their new Ford Police Interceptor sport-utility vehicles at a media event today. (When? Where?) That's one of three new vehicles that'll replace the now-discontinued Ford Crown Victoria.

(The other two vehicles are officially undisclosed, but we've talked about before. We won't spoil the secrecy, at least for today!) The city purchased some 70 of the remaining Crown Victorias after production ceased in 2011. They'll be patrolled for a few more years, as their service life is five to seven years. Then they'll be at the public auctions. You can get your own Bluesmobile. [Read the story.](#)



Corey Lowenstein/News & Observer photo

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When Red Trucks Roll

04/02/14 44 W - + 6 - 2

Compilation of video clips, of Raleigh Fire Department engines, squads, and ladder trucks leaving the station or en route to calls. Why? Because it never gets old. Footage from 2013 and 2014. [Or click here](#) if the embedded video doesn't play.

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Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter

Volume 6, Issue 2



Spring 2014

New Apparatus Delivered



Four new pieces of the apparatus were delivered to the City of Raleigh Fire Department in February from Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, WI. They included a new type of rescue truck that's a first for the city.

"We updated the design of two pumps so they can also function as rescue trucks," says Assistant Chief of Rescues Gary Spive.

Squad 14 and Squad 15 will be assigned to Squad 14 and Squad 15. Those units were created in February 2012, as part of a reconfiguration of the fire department's technical rescue resources.

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Facility News



Construction started in February of Fire Station 13 at 12117 Leesville Road. Located in northwest Raleigh, it will house a single engine company.

The 12,188 square-foot building includes three apparatus bays. The architect is Willard Firm Architects PA, who also designed Fire Stations 26, 27, and 28.



In March, the administrative spaces of the Raleigh Fire Department were expanded into the mezzanine level of the Collier Building on Martin Street.

Operations Division members were moved from the second floor, relieving Assistant Chief Durrey Post and his aide, the day officer of the Division Chief and their aides, and Payroll Specialist Ann Marie Cadman.

Two members of the IT team were also moved to the new office area, which can also serve as an operations center during special events and emergencies. ■

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Wake County Conducting Study on Fire Service Funding Allocations

04/05/14 395 W - + 7 - 1

That might be old news to anyone who follows the actions of the Wake County Fire Commission, but it's received some press [in this Wake Forest Weekly story by David Leone](#), about the town's fire department's plans to build a fourth fire station. The story centers on the project's funding, and questions from the town's commissioners. The \$2.2 million facility will be located at 1509 Jenkins Road, an "edge-of-town location" that's needed due to the many calls answered in "rural Wake Forest." Like most other towns in the county, the fire department serving Wake Forest is also contracted by the county to provide protection in unincorporated areas around Wake Forest.

The fire department receives most of its \$4.4 million budget through town funding, via a 10 cents per \$100 valuation fire tax. Fire Chief Ron Early seeks an increase in that tax, to fund the firefighters who will staff the station. Can the county contribute additional funding? Good question. As the story reports, both town leaders and Fire Chiefs have "long complained that the county doesn't fairly reimburse town departments for the cost of providing service to rural areas."

As the story continues, Wake County Fire Services is conducting a study to see if the process can be made more equitable. Emergency Services Consulting is doing the study. The first draft is due this month. Fire chiefs and town managers will be asked for input. The final draft of the report will be received by "county fire service board of directors" (believe that means the county fire commission) by June. Their recommendation (toward changes in funding allocations) will be sent to the Wake County Commissioners. No changes will take effect until the next budget year, however. And even then, notes the story, "major changes may be implemented in tiers over time to lessen [any negative impact] on fire departments."

That's my rewrite of the gist of the issue, via the *Wake Forest Weekly* story. What points were missed, or under/over emphasized? You tell me! And one thing's for certain.

'Tis an exciting time to watch Wake County's fire services, with better data and documentation being sought as the engine of change is revved higher and higher.

[Read the Wake Forest Weekly story](#)

[Read earlier Wake Forest News story about Station 4](#)

The municipal cost share is (in my opinion) a "conundrum" where historical methods have resulted in a modern issue. How we have arrived at the existing percentages is a mystery to many (although I have my theories). It is also a place many "do not want to go" for fear of funding changes (by the county) to the existing participating municipal based organizations. The current share is viewed by many as disproportional and lacking equity – hence the study. I am interested to see the recommendations of the study as it may/will(?) set an updated county funding methodology for "municipal based" departments. I predict some difficult conversations on the horizon.

A.C. Rich - 04/06/14 - 11:07

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Early Video of Mobile Home Fire in Kinston

04/06/14 53 W - + 6 - 3

Dave Statter found this video posted to YouTube by [North Lenoir Fire Department](#), showing their initial attack on a mobile home fire on Ham Street in Kinston on Saturday. [Read this WNCT story](#) for more, plus [watch the Statter911 story](#) for reader commentary.

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Vintage Photo of Hickory Station, Engines

04/06/14 120 W, 2 I - + 7 - 4

Here's a treat by way of [Hickory Fire Department Station 6 on Facebook](#), a photo of Station 3 on First Avenue in the early 1980s. (Located at 1471 1st Avenue SW. Built 1948, closed 1983, still standing.) Shown is a 1936 American LaFrance 400 Series pumper. Model 412 CB PWT, serial #7743, ship date August 13, 1936. (Raleigh [also had one](#), bought for \$13,500, with a 1000 GPM pump, twelve-cylinder motor, shaft-drive, and dual rear tires.) The newer truck is a 1968 American LaFrance. Click to enlarge:



The 1936 engine is presently displayed at the [Catawba County Firefighters Museum](#) in Hickory. [See more photos](#) from my trip there in 2007. (And readers, what's new/different there these days? Might need to do another shoot.) Click to enlarge:



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This Morning's Postal Facility Fire

04/07/14 244 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Have a few details about this morning's postal facility fire at 1 Floretta Place, the main postal distribution center in Raleigh. The fire, reported after midnight, started in a package sorting area, in a package sorting cart. Witnesses said they heard a "pop" before the fire started. It was quickly extinguished, though several packages were destroyed. Officials are saying that it appears there was a chemical reaction in a package, perhaps from a battery or some type of chemical.

The incident was dispatched at 12:03 a.m. as an explosion and fire (with haz-mat assignments added later?). Engine 23 was first on scene at the one-story, concrete and steel building with 351,250 square-feet. Built 1994. They stretched a single line inside and extinguished the small fire. The building was briefly evacuated, with 155 workers inside at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported, though a number of employees were evaluated by EMS.

Fire units on scene included E23, E24, L6, B3, B4, C20, C401 (investigator), HM1 (staffed by E2), HM2 (staffed by E27), HM3 (recon unit staffed by E8), HM4 (decon unit staffed by L5), Durham Highway P1, R5. Medical units on scene included EMS 22, EMS 38, EMS 6, EMS 7, D4, D3, M91, T1. Other agencies included Raleigh PD, Wake County EM, and ATF. See a [handful of photos from Jason Thompson](#), including the one below.

Sources include:

- [WRAL](#)
- [WTVD](#)
- [JocoFire](#)
- [Carolinas Fire Page](#).



Jason Thompson photo

The Postal Inspector was also there.

The One - 04/07/14 - 20:41

Morning Reading - April 7, 2014

04/07/14 187 W - + 7 - 3

In case you missed them as tweets, shown on the upper right side of this site, or via web on [my Twitter page](#):

April 6

- News & Observer, Baseball card photog Bob Bartosz shot all the greats (and a few fires!) <http://tinyurl.com/oogxhtml>
- Firehouse.com, Raleigh Fire performs difficult extrication, Legeros photo story from Mar. 17, <http://tinyurl.com/m9pmh7m>
- Early Video of Mobile Home Fire in Kinston, found via @STATter911, Legeros Fire Blog, <http://tinyurl.com/p5h24y6>
- MVA w/injuries Person Street, Raleigh Fire, Wake EMS, photos posted, <http://tinyurl.com/pytubws>

April 5

- Raleigh Fire RIT drills at Council Building on Dix Campus, Fri. night, photos posted, <http://tinyurl.com/nwffeh8>
- Texas Observer, Hero Complex, Can dampening a culture of heroism keep firefighters safer? <http://tinyurl.com/kglyj69> RT from @FireNews
- @FireNews @TexasObserver Great story. Worth asking all around: is "duty to die" an honorable/favorable/scalable framework?
- City of Raleigh press release, Raleigh's Fallen Eight: Memorial to Their Sacrifice is April 25, <http://tinyurl.com/ospr25d>

[See more tweets.](#)

Hey Mike, I saw the pics of the snorkel in action at the training at Dix. So was thinking it has been in service for awhile now, how does it stack up to other apparatus over the years in terms of length of service?

Joey - 04/07/14 - 10:59

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Some Former Firehouses of Indianapolis

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Reporting from the road and my first visit to FDIC. Awaiting the start of the "show" tomorrow, when the exhibit floors open at noon and 1:00 p.m. (Among the attractions are the unveiling of a new Pierce chassis.) Been here since Tuesday, and been busy crisscrossing the city. Locating and photographing former and historic firehouses, as usual. Also first time in Indianapolis. What an interesting city! Ample attractions for the urban explorer, plus a very vibrant downtown. Here are a couple of the engine houses found so far. Left to right, top to bottom:

- Station 15 / Station 11 at 1030 E. Washington Street (1896 to 1971) and current corporate headquarters of Angie's List (one of over a dozen buildings they use there).
- Station 12 at 339 Sherman Drive (1915 to 1996) and currently occupied by a IFD Medic Unit.
- Station 10 at 3809 E. 34th Street (1958 to 1997) and nearly unrecognizable in its current form.
- Station 22 at 2357 N. Carrollton Avenue (1902 to 1972).
- Station 7 at 301 E. New York Street (1914 to 1979), now office space.
- Station 2 / old Station 8 (1872 to 1932), presently occupied by Local 416. Houses their offices, meeting room(s), and their fire museum. They'll have their annual "pumper pull" on Friday. [Visit their web site](#) for more details.

Many, many more photos forthcoming. [Read my research notes](#), to be updated. [See other firehouses](#) in other cities. Click to enlarge:







My dad was a lieutenant out of the old Station 12's on Sherman drive in Indy. Spent some time there myself as a little kid. My dad loved that old Firehouse. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Go9g8Tom2-w>

Randy ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/10/18 - 17:18

Technical Support Unit 1

04/10/14 127 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

The Raleigh Fire Department has placed its new rescue pumpers in service. The 2014 Pierce Arrow XT engines were activated on April 4 (Squad 15) and April 8 (Squad 14). Also, the reserve rescue at Station 14 has been designated Technical Support Unit 1.

The 2007 Pierce Enforcer, a sister to the truck operated by Rescue 1, is both a reserve unit and a second piece of equipment for Squad 14. (What does it carry? Readers, can you advise?) There's also a second unit staffed by Squad 15, a tractor-drawn trench rescue unit at Station 15.

See photos of the new squads at the station and in action at [Lee Wilson's Flickr site](#). Updates also forthcoming to [my photo site](#), which links to Lee's photos on a per-set basis.



What does it respond to? I thought I saw it go on a run on Tuesday afternoon, although at the time I assumed that it was Rescue responding from 14's quarters.

Eric - 04/10/14 - 14:05

Mike or anyone,

Have you heard anything through the grapevine as to what these units are used for?

WATSON - 04/15/14 - 22:31

Eric. Someone was driving TSU-1 around last Tues afternoon (8th), but it wasn't in service or on any calls.

lee - 04/16/14 - 00:54

Extra Alarms and Multiple Buffs in Indianapolis

04/12/14 235 W, 4 I - + 6 - 3

Was a good day for buffing in Indianapolis today. Started with the second day of exhibits at FDIC, and ended with an extra-alarm fire at 1545 Van Buren Street (previously cited as 2009 Draper Street) east of downtown. (Been nice 'n' confused about this one. Called it three-alarms on Twitter, after seeing news reported. Posted here as two-alarms, as seen on the IFD feed. Now back to three-alarms, via Tri-State Fire Alerts [FB page](#). Plus reader mail that says it went higher than three!)

Four aerial streams, three monitor nozzles, and four hand lines were used, reported [@IFD_NEWS](#) via Twitter. Plus multiple buffs and visiting firefighters. Building measured 250 by 300 feet. Defensive operations and wall collapses. One firefighter injured. First due companies were Engine 27, Engine 23, Ladder 14. Building was unburned section of extra alarm fire last fall.

Yours Truly was en route to the [2014 Firefighter Turnout](#) when he saw the plume of smoke from some ten miles out. Couldn't possibly be a major working fire with so many firefighters in town? Well, yes it was. [See more pictures from Mike Legeros](#), posted to his Flickr page and also accessible from www.legeros.com/firepics. They start about forty-five minutes into the incident.







How does the FDIC compare to the expo held in Raleigh each year?

Jerry - 04/12/14 - 10:47

Looking at floor space and number of vendors and number of conference sessions, I put a very rough estimation of seven to nine times larger???

Legeros - 04/12/14 - 10:53

That would be an interesting chart for comparison. The numbers over years and decades in Raleigh, compared to... say... the SC show, compared to the Baltimore show, compared to FDIC.

Comparing numbers is easy, of course. It would be equally interesting to compare the origins and evolutions of the shows.

Raleigh's show, for example, originates from state associations. That's different from FDIC, which is the output of a magazine/publishing company.

Legeros - 04/12/14 - 10:55

Think I am way off on the floor size estimate. Let's go with three or four size of Raleigh.

Legeros - 04/12/14 - 12:56

Love the shots of the professional onlookers. I can only imagine the fun of being there with them.

John Collins ([Web Site](#)) - 04/12/14 - 13:08

Also, as a fire PIO, I'm a bit of a sucker for photos of PIOs working on scene. Love those shots from your Flickr gallery. I've added them to my bookmarks.

John Collins ([Web Site](#)) - 04/12/14 - 13:47

Updated posting to reflect that the fire was three alarms or higher, and my confusion there in. Thanks Stretch!

Legeros - 04/13/14 - 10:45

NC at FDIC

04/12/14 38 W, 1 I - + 11 - 0

Left to right, top to bottom: American Emergency Vehicles for Stanly County EMS, Guilford County EMS, and Cherokee Tribal EMS; Hackney for Blowing Rock; Smeal for Charlotte; Ferrara for Wilson. Click to enlarge the collage:



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Vintage Image of Charlotte Snorkel

04/14/14 44 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

Found for sale on eBay, a 35mm slide scan of Charlotte's Ladder 1, a 1984 Duplex-Grumman/Snorkel articulating platform. [See our data from December](#) on all snorkels that have served in our state, including four for Charlotte. Click to enlarge:



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Wake County EMS Employees are Happy (Video)04/15/14 56 W - + 8 - 5

This one made the rounds last week, an employee appreciation video created by the Wake County EMS Community Outreach office. They're dancing and lip-synching to the Pharrell Williams song "Happy", released in November 2013 on Back Lot Music. [Or click here](#) if the embed doesn't work.

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Dash Cam Captures Near Miss at Raleigh Car Fire (Video)

04/15/14 78 W - + 9 - 3

From [this FireNews.net posting](#), here's a video from YouTube user [NC DashVids](#), of a van swerving to avoid an IMAP truck positioned ahead of two Raleigh engines on the ramp from southbound I-440 to westbound Highway 64. The vehicle swerves to the right of the truck, enters the shoulder, and returns to the roadway as it encounters the cones ahead of Engine 2. This happened on April 11.

This is crazy. Who is the person driving around dash camming everyone?

Tim - 04/15/14 - 14:30

People are naive if they don't think that there are cameras everywhere. The majority of cell phones can do better video than camcorders did 10 years ago.

John Q Public - 04/15/14 - 21:27

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Recent [Twitter](#) activity includes...

Tuesday

- Daily News from last week, NYPD institutes new procedures for cops responding to fires after officer's death, <http://tinyurl.com/oqasc6z>
- The Compass, If a nuclear bomb exploded in downtown Washington [or other major city], what should you do?, <http://tinyurl.com/ouprgoa>
- FDIC vehicles, Legeros Fire Photos posted, more Indianapolis trip pics coming, <http://tinyurl.com/mnt3hm8>
- Antioch Fire Dept tanker shuttle drill, Lee Wilson photos posted, <http://tinyurl.com/lb6zopj>

Monday

- Wake Forest News, Youngsville Fire Department Fund Raiser a Hot Event, <http://tinyurl.com/lisorowx>
- Wake Forest News, two WFFD house fire stories, <http://tinyurl.com/n6zulo2> and <http://tinyurl.com/luutplw>
- News & Observer, Cardio link eyed in race deaths at Rock 'n' Roll half marathon, <http://tinyurl.com/mxzuz3yz>

Last Week

- Rock and Roll Marathon in Raleigh, EMS units include 20, 21, 25, 53, 67, D10, D9, Medic 59, Bike Teams 1-4, Cart 1,2, + WWFR ATV19 at PNC.
- Big marathon in Raleigh today. Run card or rundown of EMS units providing coverage?
- TriState Fire Alerts, neat Facebook page with incident info. around Chicago, IL, IN, WI. <https://www.facebook.com/FireRescueChicago...>
- CBS Boston, story behind Boston Fire hose-through-car photos that everyone shared, <http://tinyurl.com/nbfwdyt>. Hard to miss one when parking.
- Indianapolis Fire history, Halloween night 1963, coliseum explosion at fairgrounds, 74 killed, nearly 400 injured. <http://tinyurl.com/npsda6j>
- Indianapolis Fire history, the Grant fire, Nov. 5, 1973, one of largest in city's history, <http://tinyurl.com/7ocrfnq>, IFD museum has display
- Indianapolis Fire Dept history, extensive doc on IFD site, including all past station locations, <http://tinyurl.com/mzqp7py>

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Last Week's Specialized Rescue in Carrboro

04/16/14 61 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

From a reader comes this photo from Carrboro, after a kid's toy was accidentally thrown to the roof of a park shelter on Friday. Firefighters came to the rescue from the station next door. The child was heard to say "This was the most exciting day ever!" Click to enlarge. Thanks, Scott!



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Photos From FDIC

04/17/14 86 W, 3 I - + 5 - 5

Have posted my photos from FDIC last week. Here are the links:

- [Landing page to my Indianapolis trip.](#)
- [FDIC - Exhibits, People](#)
- [FDIC - Vehicles](#)
- [Warehouse Fire](#)

Still in processing are pictures from the IFD museum, twenty-eight historic or former firehouses, and one of the old training facilities.

Still to be posted are a few hundred mobile phone photos, that need sorting and parsing.





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Mounted and Unmounted

04/17/14 56 W, 2 I - + 6 - 5

Seen last week in Indianapolis, a pair of Methodist Hospital vehicles. One is an ambulance with yellow lights (indicating convalescent unit only?), and one is apparanetly a former ambulance missing the body. Always wondered what a chassis looks like, once the "box" is gone. Click to enlarge these phone photos:



Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *UPDATED: Wake Forest House Fire - Fully Involved on Arrival* « DATE CHANGE - Special... » Scotts Hill Fire Stat...

UPDATED: Wake Forest House Fire - Fully Involved on Arrival

04/26/14 228 W, 3 I - + 10 - 6

April 26

Reader Matthew Bass shares a couple photos from this fire. Talk about before and after! Heck of a stop by firefighters. This [Firehouse.com photos story](#) tells more, and shows the closed door that helped halt the spread of the fire. Units on scene included Wake Forest E1, E3, E5, L1, Rolesville E153, T15, EMS 64, EMS 10, D3. Readers are welcome to add more details.





April 18

Even with the proliferation of camera phones and reader photos on news sites, it's reasonably rare that we see an arrival photo as dramatic as this image posted by FireNews.net. That's from Saturday's house fire in Wake Forest.

The photo is by Teresa Martens and appears in a story submitted by *Wake Forest News* Editor Steve Rhode. Arriving units found the front of the structure fully-involved at 417 Cottesbrook Drive. The two-story, single-family dwelling measured 2,485 square-feet and was built in 2010.

[Read more](#) about the fire from FireNews.net, including the list of Wake Forest and Rolesville units that responded. The *Wake Forest News* has also posted a trio of stories about the fire, the family's praise for the firefighters, and community effort to raise money for the family: [April 13 #1](#), [April 13 #2](#), and [April 16](#).



Photo Credit: Teresa Martens

Teresa Martins/FireNews.net photo

Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *DATE CHANGE* « [Raleigh Police Memori...](#) » **UPDATED: Wake Forest ...**
- *Special Called Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, May 1, 2014*

DATE CHANGE - Special Called Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, May 1, 2014 04/26/14 114 W - + 13 - 3

April 26
This meeting was postponed one week, as there wasn't a quote. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 1. Same Bat Time, Same Bat Channel.

April 19
The [Wake County Fire Commission](#) will have a special-called meeting on Thursday, April 24, 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](#).

The purpose of the special-called meeting is for the Fire Commission to receive and discuss the Budget Committee's recommended FY 2015 Fire Tax Budget.

[Here's the document packet](#) (PDF) for the meeting, including the agenda and budget information.

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Registration Open for South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo

04/20/14 352 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Registration is now open for the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) in Raleigh. This year's dates are earlier than last year's dates: July 23-26 for the conference, July 25-26 for the expo. (This year only. The show returns to August for 2015 and 2016.) Visit the [registration site](#).

There are two web sites: [one for attendees](#) and [one for vendors](#). The attendee site is optimized for both desktop computers and your tablets or phone. Super easy to use. Branding and an official graphic have also been released. Recognize those people shown below? Here's a clue: the number 14.

Added this year are [firefighter competitions](#) in the style of the annual tournaments held back in the day. (Held from 1889 to 1941. [Read some of that history.](#))

Also new this year is the fourth annual [Raleigh's Finest 5K](#), now scheduled the same weekend as the expo.

Social Media Workshop

Yours Truly will be co-conducting a workshop on Friday, July 25. Here are those details:

[*The World Is Watching Your Department. Who Will Tell Your Story, You or Them?*](#)

Friday, July 25

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

Social media is everywhere, and everyone is a reporter. Camera phones are taking pictures and recording videos of your actions and activities. Facebook, Twitter, and news site submissions, etc. are putting your department on display.

Fighting this trend is futile, but you can take control of your story and guide the narrative to your department's benefit. Join Wake County EMS Community Outreach Chief Jeffrey Hammerstein and Raleigh/Wake County fire blogger and photographer Mike Legeros for a discussion on how to make social media work for you and your department.

Big List of Everything

[Here's the full list](#) of events, activities, and features (see also this [Schedule at a Glance](#)), in addition to the conference (meetings, workshop, keynote, banquet, etc.) and expo (exhibitors):

- Antique fire apparatus
- BBQ Throwdown
- Brotherhood Bash
- Corn hole
- Fire truck parade
- Firefighter competitions
- Golf tournament
- Memorial Service
- NC Brotherhood Pipes and Drums
- Raleigh's Finest 5K
- Unified Honor Guard

See you there!



Who is in the picture?

Don B. - 04/20/14 - 16:58

looks like Raleigh Squad 14-C

shevais - 04/20/14 - 23:13

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Notes on Wake County's Fire Tax District Budget

04/21/14 791 W - + 8 - 6

[As this prior posting notes](#), the Wake County Fire Commission meets on Thursday, to discuss the proposed FY15 budget for the Fire Tax District.

Though I was unable to attend any of the budget committee meetings, the agenda packet provides useful insight into the issues presently facing the fire commission and county fire service.

Here's my summary and notes on what's included in the document. Since I am playing connect-the-dots, feel free to advise corrections or contextual omissions. Lots of moving pieces here.

Fire Tax

- A single-rate tax is collected and administered by Wake County, to fund fire protection for (a.) unincorporated areas of Wake County via contracts with private fire departments (Bay Leaf, Stony Hill, etc.) and municipal fire departments (Apex, Fuquay-Varina, etc.), (b.) some co-funded rural/municipal-serving departments (Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest), and (c.) the Wendell Fire Department.
- Everyone living in (a.) unincorporated areas or (b.) the town of Wendell pays that tax.

Fiscal Governance

- Wake County Commissioners approve the fire tax district allocations each budget year.
- Fire departments prepare budgets, and submit them to the Budget Committee of the Wake County Fire Commission.
- These budgets consist of operating costs, such as salaries and benefits for personnel, monthly operation expenses, fuel and utilities, etc.
- The Budget Committee works with both the fire chiefs and the county staff to create an overall Fire Tax District Budget that meets everyone's needs.
- The budget is sent to the Fire Commission, for recommendation to the County Commissioners.
- County Commissioners are empowered to approve/deny/change the budget, beyond what the Budget Committee and/or Fire Commission recommends.

Two Budgets

- There are really two budgets each fiscal year.
- Operating Budget, such as salaries and benefits, operating expenses, fuel and utilities, etc.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), such as equipment, vehicles, and facilities.

Fiscal Goals

- County Commissioners have set as priority that the annual Fire Tax District Budget be "balanced, sustainable," and reflect current priorities of the county.
- Thus, budgeted expenditures are balanced against realistic assumptions of growth (and future revenues).
- But also including the money needed for capital improvement projects (equipment, vehicles, facilities), both for payment of debts and planned expenses.
- And without changes to the fire tax rate itself. E.g., no raising of fire tax rates.

Lack of Standards

- The current fiscal process doesn't have a defined funding model.
- Missing are "standards of coverage" that can be applied to all districts, to all departments, for equalized/level decision-making.
- Thus, the budget committee and county staff are limited in their ability to make targeted decisions in cost containment.
- Thus, for this budget year, the budget committee declined to make line-item changes, and instead suggested per-department reductions in funding, with the department itself allowed to make the line-item/specific changes as needed.

The FY15 Budget Recommendations

- [See page three and four of the PDF document](#), for introductory details. Plus the supplementary documents in the PDF packet.

The FY15 Capital Projects

- [See page four of the PDF document](#), for details on what was defunded or moved.

Revenue Limitations

- In FY2015, the county will lose about \$240,000 in revenues. This is expected as one-time loss, due to vehicle property tax collection transferred to the state. This program is called "tax and tag."
- Thus, the coming budget is based on lower revenues than the prior fiscal year's budget.

What's Needed for the Future?

- The current funding model can't be sustained over coming years.
- Expenses continue to exceed revenue.
- Cost savings/cost containment is needed. (Well, that or raise taxes, which isn't an option that's willing to be considered. Or so has been repeatedly expressed.)

How to Contain Costs

Ideas for containing costs in the system of fire departments funded by the Fire Tax District:

- Identify the appropriate number of apparatus for the system, for regions, and for each department or station.
- Identify the appropriate specifications for those apparatus.
- Develop staffing standards for the system. E.g., the minimum (and maximum?) number of firefighters on each apparatus.
- Develop standards for operating expenses for the system.
- Evaluating options for pooling health insurance across multiple departments for better rates.
- Increase the buying of apparatus in bulk quantities on a competitive procurement basis.
- Perform "responsible, collaborative" planning for new fire station locations, and to minimize coverage gaps and overlap, which limits the overall expenses (capital, operating) associated with new stations.

Make Sense?

- What's missing, what's confusing, what's outright wrong?
- If nothing else, [read the original agenda packet](#) for more details, and more elaboration on what I've summarized above.

Every year they have come up with an excuse not to fund new positions. There are some departments that run with two firefighters per shift. When are they going to learn that two firefighters on a truck is not significant. We need more people. The good ole days of people jumping off the tractor or employers letting people off work to run a fire call is over. They need to fund more positions.

Fire bug - 04/21/14 - 21:57

@Fire bug, I doubt anyone will disagree with you but take it a step further. In order to fund those positions, what are you going to cut from the budget? Remember, revenues are decreasing and it's doubtful the tax will increase, so you need to cut your spending to fit the new positions in the budget. So what would you like to do without? It's easy to say we need more positions, but you'll have to give something up to get it. And then, how do you decide who gets the positions? Sure, maybe the department who makes the cuts, but is that truly the greatest area that needs the positions?

Fire fly - 04/22/14 - 01:02

Introducing the Leveraxe

04/22/14 54 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

Found via [this Discovery story](#). Might be old news. Made in Finland. [Here's the product page](#), and with a nifty diagram on the physics behind the thing. Don't tell anyone in the fire service. They might try to introduce a change!



That’s great for firewood, but show me how it works venting a roof.

Duda (Email) - 04/22/14 - 09:34

If we start turning houses into firewood I am sure someone will complain! Now this is the ultimate firewood maker
http://youtu.be/knZkc_vzGUE

stretch - 04/22/14 - 10:35

I’m kind of digging the tire around the chopping block idea...

Joffre (Email) - 04/22/14 - 11:31

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Transformer in Disguise? The Wasserwerfer 10000

04/23/14 190 W, 2 I - + 7 - 10

That's German for Water Cannon 10000, a futurist-looking police vehicle built by Rosenbauer in Austria. This [Car and Driver blog post](#) from 2009 featured the thing, but I saw this [Daily Mail story](#) today. The truck's purpose-built for riot response and is based on the Mercedes-Benz Actros 3341 all-wheel-drive truck chassis. Carries 10,000 liters of water (2,642 gallons). Weighs thirty-one tons. Powered by V6 turbo-diesel engine.

This [translated Wikipedia page](#) tells more. Climate-controlled interior, a first (?) for such units. Carries up to five people. Two forward nozzles and one rear. Can spray water up to 65 meters (213 feet) forward and 50 meters (164 feet back). Proportioning systems can add agents to the water, such as tear gas. Surveillance cameras record all sides.

Google for more images, both of this truck and numerous other European riot trucks of similar design. Such vehicles have been used for decades. (In the United States they're pretty rare, I think. Though you'll find the odd unit on the web, such as this ex-USAF Oshkosh crash truck used by NYPD. [Scroll down this page](#) to see.)





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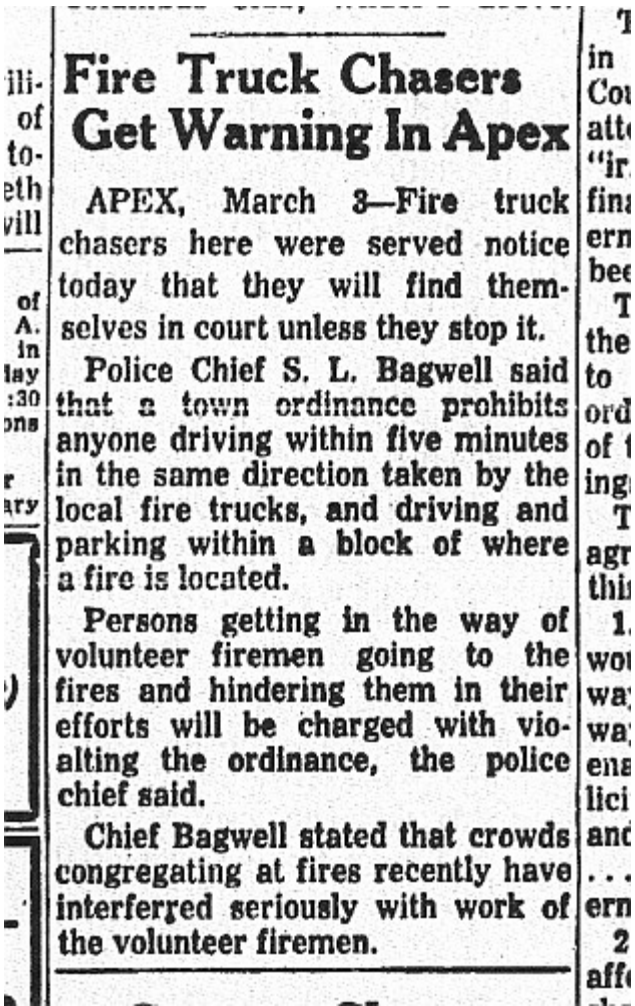
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Fire Truck Chasers Get Warning in Apex - March 4, 1953

04/23/14 41 W, 1 I - + 10 - 6

From the *News & Observer*.

And, ahem, we all know a couple people with cameras who'd be breaking that law the day it was passed...



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This Year's Additions to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial

04/23/14 642 W - + 9 - 7

Eleven firefighters who died in the line of duty will be added to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial on Saturday, May 3. The ninth annual service will be held at the memorial, which is located in Nash Square in downtown Raleigh. The ceremony starts at 1:00 p.m., and is preceded by a parade at 10:00 a.m. [Read event information](#).

This year's inductees include four legacy names from 1955 to 1970. Here are details on each of them, with information from both the [North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#) and my own research. [See my database](#), which lists 271 fallen firefighters and includes such supporting documents as death certificates through the 1970s. Reader corrections or additions are welcome.

Name, Age, Title/Rank	Death	Dept, County, Status	Cause, Narrative	R/G	Notes
James Anton (?) Kennedy Age: 32 Title: Tractor Operator	3/2/55	NCDFR	Died in a tractor accident while fighting fire on Route 1 in Cove City in Craven County. He was killed instantly. The accident occurred at 4:30 p.m.	WM	Buried 3/4/55 in Trenton. Born 11/6/22
Thomas Elijah Begley Age: 55 Title: Forest Ranger	12/21/58	NCDFR	Died of a heart attack, after complaining of feeling ill while directing crews fighting a small blaze in/near Asheville. He walked away, and sat on a bank to rest, where he suffered a heart attack.	WM	Buried 12/23/53 at West Memorial Park, Weaverville. Born 5/18/03.
John Herbert Cross Age: 52 Captain	7/24/61	Salisbury, Rowan Co. Career	Died of a heart attack. Death certificate noted the interval between onset and death was "sudden." Time of death was 10:05 p.m.	WM	Buried 7/27/61 at Chestnut Hill cemetery in Salisbury. Born 5/6/09.
Joseph Morris Hicks Age: 59 Firefighter	11/7/70	Henderson, Vance Co. Career	Died after pistol fell from his pocket and discharged at fire station, during period of civil unrest. Pronounced dead at Duke Hospital in Durham.	WM	Buried 11/9/70 at Sunset Gardens, Henderson. Born 10/28/11.
Scott A Morrison Age: 44 Fire Chief	3/3/13	Knotts Island, Dare Co.	Died after collapsing from an apparent heart attack while operating at the scene of a brush fire. He was treated by fellow responders, and was pronounced dead at the hospital.	WM	

Sarah E Stonesifer Age: 22 Firefighter	3/29/13	Pine View, Hoke Co. Volunteer	Died in a single-vehicle crash on Stubby Oaks Road south of Raeford, when her vehicle ran off the road, struck a fence post, and flipped. She was returning to the Pinehill fire station to eat dinner with the crew.	WF	Buried 4/2/13 at Bethesda Cemetery in Aberdeen. Born 9/11/90.
Tony Barker Age: 36 Rank: ?	6/13/13	Mountain View, Wilkes Co.	Died after being electrocuted, at the scene of a fire in a small structure ignited by part of a tree across a power line. He was less than three feet from the structure when he collapsed, the electricity likely conducted through the building and the unpaved ground, which was saturated with rainwater. Pronounced dead at Wilkes Regional Medical Center.	WM	Buried 6/17/13 at Dehart Baptist Church Cemetery. Born 12/14/76.
David A Heath Age: 48 Captain	10/14/13	New Hanover, New Hanover Co. Career	Died of a heart attack, after collapsing while participating in a training exercise.	WM	Born 9/14/1965.
David Brophy Age 41 Firefighter	12/15/13	Parkton, Robeson Co. Volunteer	Died at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, after becoming ill at his home, after having answered a call.	WM	Buried (?) 12/23/13.
Jon Francis Schondelmayer Age 44 Firefighter	12/18/13	Swift Creek, Wake Co. Paid	Died after being found unresponsive at his home, after feeling ill at the fire station, and going home to get some medicine with the intention of returning to the fire station.	WM	Cremated 12/23/13 at Brown Wynn Funeral Home, Raleigh. Also Career FF, Captain, Cary FD. Born 3/28/69.
Jeffrey "Jeff" Lee Fields Age 51 Asst. Chief	12/25/13	Youngsville, Franklin Co. Volunteer	Died of a heart attack, after heart surgery following a heart attack on December 12, which within twenty-four hours of responding to a fire call.	WM	Buried (?) 12/28/13. Occupation Warehouse Manager.

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Raleigh Police Memorial Events This Weekend

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From press releases.

Friday Night - Memorial Dedication

A blue hue will be cast over Downtown Friday in honor of the dedication of the Raleigh Police Memorial. The Raleigh Convention Center’s Cree Shimmer Wall and the City Plaza towers lights will be blue to honor the sacrifices of the eight officers who lost their lives serving the City of Raleigh.

The Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation Department will make good on a long-standing promise made by department veterans to honor and keep the memory sacred of the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice serving Raleigh. The promise will be fulfilled in the dedication of the Raleigh Police Memorial, 6 p.m., April 25.

The ceremony will be held at the entrance to the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex at 222 W. Hargett St., where the memorial will be unveiled.

[Read entire press release.](#)

Saturday Morning - Run For Our Heroes

Then on Saturday, April 26, the Raleigh Police Memorial Foundation’s Sixth Annual Run for Our Heroes 5K race will be held in downtown Raleigh.

The race starts at 9:00 a.m. near the Raleigh Municipal Building on Hargett Street, proceeds up Salisbury Street to Lenoir Street, down Fayetteville Street around the State Capitol, to Franklin Street up Blount Street, and then back into the Downtown area where the race finishes in front of the Police Memorial.

A ceremonial wreath-laying to honor the sacrifice and lives of the fallen officers will be held at 8:30 a.m. The 5K race/walk will follow. At 10:00 a.m., a children's 100-yard dash will be held at Nash Square. Following the race, a free social for event participants will be held at Napper Tandy's Restaurant on Glenwood Avenue.

[Read entire press release.](#)



Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Scotts Hill Fire* « **UPDATED: Wake Forest ...** » **For Those Curious Abo...**
Station Under Construction in Pender County

Scotts Hill Fire Station Under Construction in Pender County

04/27/14 179 W, 1 I - + 12 - 5

[This WECT story](#) reports that Pender EMS and Fire is building a new station in Scotts Hill. The \$800,000 facility should be completed in about four months, and will house two engines and a brush truck. The area is presently protected by New Hanover County Fire Department, a contract adopted in June 2013.

[This blog post](#) covered that and other events that led to the creation of Pender EMS and Fire. Scotts Hill was once protected by its own fire department. They incorporated in 1977 and operated until around 1992. [Read that prior posting.](#)

Residents have wanted a fire station for years, and the Hampstead Fire Department had been pursuing the project in recent years. (They were one of the departments that merged to create Pender EMS and Fire last year.)

The news story also notes that Pender EMS and Fire are planning another new station of similar size on Highway 421. The below photo is from the department's [Facebook page](#). Thanks Greg, for passing along this news!



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Here are a couple photos and some factory data about the Swab ambulances (and rescue units) that were delivered in Wake County back in the day. Includes both new and remounted bodies. The data's based on factory records compiled by Swab historian/ambulance historian Richard Litton. Notes were added by Legeros from research notes available at www.legeros.com/history/ems. As for the photos, you can see more at the [History of EMS in Wake County Facebook page](#).

Photos

Click to enlarge:



Data

[See this PDF document.](#)

Garner also had a SWAB Ambulance, not in Wake Co, but Clayton had two SWAB Units, not ambulances, Cary had SWAB Rescue Unit and Garner Fire Dept had a SWAB Air and Equipment Truck.

Bob Couick ([Email](#)) - 05/01/14 - 10:28

The Dodge chassis ambulances had a 440 cubic inch displacement (cid) engine that generated about 245 horsepower (hp). The Ford 460 cid generated about 240 hp, while the Ford 400 cid generated about 170 hp.

Motor Dude - 05/01/14 - 16:54

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Vintage Film Footage - DCFD During 1968 Riots

05/06/14 243 W - + 4 - 4

Dave Statter has found some great vintage film footage of firefighters in action in Washington, DC, during the rioting in April 1968 that followed the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [As noted in his posting](#), the clips were found on YouTube, as posted by a company called [CriticalPast](#), which specializes in selling archived stock footage. (Alas, they have exactly one clip available for Raleigh, NC. Something about a peanut farm.)

According to [this Wikipedia article](#), 110 cities around the country saw rioting after King's assassination. (That included Raleigh, where numerous fires were started and buildings burned over a number of days. **What other cities in North Carolina were impacted?**) The DC riots, along with Chicago and Baltimore, had the heaviest impact. Says [this second article](#), by the fifth day, after the city was considered "pacified," twelve people were dead (most in burning homes), 1,097 injured, and over 6,100 arrested. Around 1,200 buildings had burned, including over 900 stores. Damages approached \$27 million.

Here's an embed of a three-minute clip. Much of the footage shows street-level firefighting in a commercial building, with both deluge gun and hand lines in effect. Apparatus is Pirsch, plus what looks like a Ward LaFrance that passes the camera. (That's protective chicken wire over the open cab, something that was used in other cities.) No breathing apparatus in sight, just coats and boots and helmets and hose. [See Statter's posting](#) for more clips.

The civil unrest that followed the King shooting seems like a lifetime ago, By this posting Raleigh was evidently impacted, as far as other cities, in Eastern North Carolina if my old feeble memory serves me right, the worst unrest was in Wilmington, and it actually continued for several years there. The National Guard was sent in after firefighters. came under attack by sniper fire from a church steeple occupied by a group of protesters. Thats where the arrest and convictions of the group lead by Benjamin Chavis and the " Wilmington Ten " came from. If memory serves me Rocky Mount had little impact but I'm purdy sure the city of Wilson had some problems, in fact I had a couple of friends who were in the National Guard based out of Nashville, NC and they were activated and sent to Wilson for a week or two.

Galax, va - 05/07/14 - 08:35

Mike, was the Henderson Firefighter who shot himself accidentally considered a line of duty death?

Galax,va - 05/07/14 - 10:32

Raleigh Fire Museum Open This Saturday, May 10

05/08/14 162 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Looking for a cool diversion on a sunny spring Saturday? Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum in downtown Raleigh. We're open this Saturday, May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. That's our monthly opening, on the second Saturday of the month.

You'll see hundreds of photographs and artifacts about the two hundred-year history of firefighting in Raleigh. There are badges and nozzles and helmets and jumpsuits and even a hand-drawn hose reel. Yours Truly will be one of the staffers. Swing by and talk shop!

The museum is located in a modular classroom at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. Admission is free. Parking and restrooms are available.

Please note that antique fire engines are located 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. Learn more at www.raleighfiremuseum.org, or click to enlarge:

Experience the History of Firefighting in Raleigh



See antique fire engines at Fire Station 28
3500 Forestville Road, Raleigh NC
Visitors welcome

Fire Station 28



Fire Station 28 is located at 3500 Forestville Road in Raleigh, NC. It houses a 1905 American LaFrance steam engine, a 1926 American LaFrance pumper, a 1950 Mack pumper, two 1953 rescue boats, a 1961 American LaFrance pumper, and a 1962 Mack pumper. Visitors are welcome.



Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum
105 Keeter Center Drive, Raleigh NC
Open second Saturday of each month, 10 to 2
Admission is free
www.raleighfiremuseum.org

Raleigh Fire Museum



The Raleigh Fire Museum is located just a few blocks south of downtown Raleigh at the Keeter Training Center at 105 Keeter Center Drive. It's open on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The 900 square-foot museum includes hundreds of artifacts and photographs. Major exhibits include the city's 1870 fire alarm bell, an early 19th century hose reel, and color film footage from 1950.

Schedule tours for both locations at www.raleighfiremuseum.org/tours

The Raleigh Fire Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to preserve and present the history of firefighting in North Carolina's Capital City. Learn how you can contribute. Contact our organization at contact@raleighfiremuseum.org or PO Box 11084, Raleigh, NC 27622. Our phone number is 919-968-1070.

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Mebane's New Engines

05/12/14 64 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Lee Wilson last week photographed Mebane's new engines, a pair of 2014 Sutphen Shield pumpers, 1500/1000. Engine 36 is housed at Station 1 on the north side of town and Engine 35 is housed at Station 2 on the south side of town, in the downtown. [See more photos](#). Next question, where is or are Mebane's old fire stations? Are they still standing??



Lee Wilson photo

Vintage Wilmington Seagrave Ladder Trucks

05/12/14 53 W, 2 I - + 4 - 2

Found for sale on eBay, pair of 35mm film scans of Wilmington's reserve 1938 Seagrave quadruple combination (e.g. quad) and Ladder 2 as a 1974 Seagrave mid-mount aerial ladder. There's a topic we haven't covered on the blog. Quads in North Carolina. Will think on that. Click to enlarge:



Retired Raleigh Firefighters Talking on Camera

05/13/14 77 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Here's some video from last week's Raleigh Fire Department retiree luncheon at the Keeter Training Center. The event was sponsored by the Raleigh Professional Fire Fighters Association, and attended by 106 retired members. This video features brief interviews of some 60 members by Yours Truly. Run time is 21 minutes. See also [photos from the event](#). Or [click here if the below embed doesn't play](#).



Chapel Hill Fire Department Fleet History

05/13/14 73 W, 1 I - + 9 - 7

While we're on the subject of that college town that's colored blue, let's build a fleet history for the Chapel Hill Fire Department. Based on prior blog postings and Lee Wilson's photos and some Google searches, here's take one:

[This historical fleet listing has been moved to www.legeros.com/history/fleets]

And here's a montage of photos, nearly all from Lee Wilson. Click to enlarge:



I can try!

The 1998 E-One Cyclone is actually two 1988 E-One cyclones that we bought stock. When I got here they were Engine 31 and Engine 34. One of them had been Engine 33 at some point (I've seen the picture), but we didn't have it assigned as that unit when I started, Tower 71 was a "quint" and we had a borrowed a tanker from Parkwood Fire that was running as Attack 33. It was a two person squad company. As a side note, the numbers come from a standard numbering system, county wide (until Carrboro decided to change their scheme by them selves last year)

0 is Chapel Hill

1 is Eland

2 is Orange Rural/Hillsborough

3 is Eno

4 is New Hope

5 is Orange Grove

6 is Cedar Grove

7 is Caldwell

8 is White Cross, and

9 is Carrboro

Not sure if we had a 10, but 11 was Orange County Rescue Squad and 12 is(and still is) South Orange Rescue Squad. 15 used to be Orange

County Emergency Management (Services) but they have recently changed their scheme too.
Once the department's were identified, the second number symbolized:
0 for chiefs
1 for Captains
2 for Lieutenants
3 for Engines
4 for Tankers
5 for Brush/will and
6 for rescues
7 for ladders
8 for special (first responder vehicles)
9 depends on the agency
The last number usually symbolizes the station.

Sasser ([Email](#)) - 05/13/14 - 23:40

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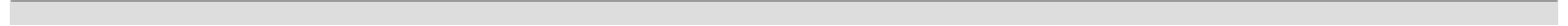
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Proposed Hiring Schedule for Raleigh Fire Academy 40

05/14/14 126 W - + 6 - 4

The Raleigh Fire Department is beginning recruitment for a new academy. The proposed hiring schedule:

Accepting Application	May 27 through June 27 at Keeter Training Center (KTC) - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Practice Agility and Aptitude Tests	June 5, 6, 7 at KTC - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Aptitude Test	July 14 at Raleigh Convention Center - 9:00 a.m.
Physical Agility Test	July 16, 17, 18 at KTC - Candidates sign up after aptitude test.
Interviews	September 8-12 at KTC
Academy Start Date	October 27

Applications, brochures, and posters are being printed for delivery to fire stations next week. Please watch the Raleigh Fire Department web site for [recruitment information](#).

The web site will be updated soon.

Applying for Raleigh fire department
Brian Trefethen - 05/19/14 - 15:16

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Historical Fleet Lists for Local Fire Departments05/14/14 105 W - + 8 - 3

What sort of historical data has been compiled for local fire department apparatus? Here’s what I’ve created:

Raleigh
[Apparatus registry site](#).

Durham
[Blog post](#) with best-attempt historical list, from earlier this year.

Cary
Contained in [Wake County historical list](#) (PDF), from 2004.
Have updates? See below.

Chapel Hill
[Blog post](#) from this week.

Wake County
Apex, Bay Leaf, Cary, Knightdale, Zebulon, airport, etc.
[Historical list from 2004](#) (PDF).
Have updates?

Here’s the [word document](#) used to create that spreadsheet. Feel free to download and add your updates, and send me the update via email.

In looking at a color picture of the Apex fire apparatus lined up, the Ford/ALF pumper is an early 60s model. How do you tell, you ask? There are no clearance lights on the cab. These did not start appearing regularly until around 1964 or 1965. Some large tractor-trailer trucks had them in the late 50s, but for the most part, the classic ‘three in the middle of the roof’ with the one on each front corner would not appear until 64-65. That would put the Ford/ALF as an early 60s, probably 61 or 62. It is listed at 70s on the roster.

DJ - 05/15/14 - 11:06

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Wake County EMS Code: Celebrate 2014 - Monday, May 19 05/15/14 198 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

The Wake County EMS System will host this year's "code celebration" ceremony on Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh. That's in the venue once known as Memorial Auditorium. This annual event celebrates survivors of cardiac arrest and the successes of the many partnerships across the county EMS system. That includes the telecommunicators, the first responding law enforcement officers or firefighters, and the EMT and paramedics of Apex EMS, Cary EMS, Eastern Wake EMS, and Wake County EMS.


Where are the action photos of these "code saves", you ask? Cough, cough, those are exceptionally difficult to capture. Most occur indoors and inside private residences, facilities, or businesses. For those that happen out of doors and in a space that's conducive to discrete close photographers of the responders, it's an exceptionally rare "right place, right time" occasion. Which is the reason that the lion's share of "EMS in action" photos in Wake County are vehicle accidents or medical calls in public spaces or medical monitoring and rehab at fire scenes. But we digress... Click to enlarge this flier:




The Wake County EMS System Cordially Invites You to

Code: Celebrate! 2014

A celebration for the entire EMS System




Dance
The Movement Connection
Performs
Élan Mètre Sustained



Song
Brian "Snap" Woodard
Sings
All of You

Drums
Enloe High School Marching Band's Drum Line



Here heart warming stories from our survivors

Code: Celebrate! 2014
Meymandi Concert Hall
2 E. South St.
Duke Energy Center for Performing Arts

7:00 pm Mon
May 19
Everyone Welcome

Actually, Meymandi is adjacent to Memorial Auditorium. It's to the west of the "main" auditorium, but shares a courtyard with it & the Fletcher Opera House as a part of the larger "Duke Energy Center for Performing Arts"

James Allen III - 05/15/14 - 10:06

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How Many Photos, Mack?

05/17/14 276 W - + 6 - 2

If you've gone searching for my older fire photos, you've noticed that my Legeros Fire Photos [archive page is missing stuff](#). There are unhelpful notations stating "this collection is incomplete." Why is that? Well, server space is limited. And rather than spend money to keep expanding, I've been deleting older collections after four or five years. Or, I've moved some of them to [my Flickr site](#), notably event series such as the fallen firefighters memorial and the Raleigh fire expo.

Were Mr. Blogger *really* smart, he'd move everything Flickr, which has an insane amount of space. And is far less costly than my server space. And doesn't require manually rebuilding each album of photos. But that's a consideration for another day. (Were he smart *and* income-minded, he'd also get into serious stock photography, have searchable indexes, and means to order commercial versions of certain pictures.)

Just how many fire photos has the Hawaiian Shirt Guy posted over the years? Here are the approximate totals, representing both incident and event photos posted to (or linked from) [www.legeros.com/firepics](#). Visit [this Flickr page](#), for "best of" albums from each year.

- 2014 - 73 so far
- 2013 - 208
- 2012 - 192
- 2011 - 250
- 2010 - 256
- 2009 - 255
- 2008 - 201
- 2007 - 188
- 2006 - 120
- 2005 - 23

What do you think? Could you correlate trends in my annual totals with trends of working fires in Raleigh, over the last decade? The number of major working fires (now called second alarm or higher) have certainly gone down. That's a puzzle to solve another day.

And maybe we can get Lee Wilson to guesstimate his totals. *That* would interesting!

See you on the fireground.

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Wake County Celebrates EMS Week

05/19/14 367 W - + 9 - 2

From [this web page](#), Wake County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems will celebrate the eighty-seven survivors of cardiac arrest in 2013 with two special events during National EMS Week, which takes place hits week: Sunday, May 18 through Saturday, May 24, 2014. No other community in the United States benefits from a higher cardiac arrest survival rate.

Adds Legeros, the Wake County EMS System is comprised of four EMS providers: Apex EMS, Cary EMS, Eastern Wake EMS, and Wake County EMS. They are augmented by EMT first responders from the fire departments that serve Wake County, along with law officers in the field, and the telecommunicators who answer 911 and provide instructors to callers to assist those in need.

In 2014-2013, the system answered 84,000 calls. They have eighty-seven cardiac survivors, and delivered thirty babies. The system also assisted 246 patients who were diverted from emergency rooms to more appropriate treatment facilities, through the Advance Practice Paramedic program.

Learn more about Wake County's EMS system:

- Apex EMS - [Facebook page](#)
- Cary EMS - [Web site](#) | [Facebook page](#)
- Eastern Wake EMS - [Web site](#)
- Wake County EMS - [Web site](#) | [Facebook page](#)
- History of EMS in Wake County - [Facebook page](#) | [Legeros research](#)

Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Code: Celebrate! 2014 Cardiac Arrest Save Ceremony

The annual celebration is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Meymandi Concert Hall, 2 E. South St., Raleigh, and will recognize cardiac arrest survivors and responders. There will also be some great entertainment:

- The Movement Connection will dance "Élan Mètre Sustained."
- Wake County EMS Paramedic Brian Woodard will sing "All of You."
- Also a very special performance by the Enloe High School Drum Line.

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wake County EMS Station 1 Open House

Stop by for a visit at EMS Station 1, on Davie Street at McDowell Street in downtown Raleigh. See an ambulance, learn about EMS, get a CPR refresher and pick up a piece of fresh fruit.

We will partner again with Wake County Human Services Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention for blood pressure checks and information on healthy living.

See photos from [last year's open house](#).

Mike, you have a typo. In 2013 we answered 84,000 calls

Thanks

Pete - 05/22/14 - 02:51

Raleigh's Proposed FY15 Budget Announced

05/22/14 514 W - + 9 - 5

The city of Raleigh's proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget was presented to City Council on Tuesday. [Read the press release](#) or [view the budget documents](#).

What's on deck for the fire department? Quite a bit! Thirty new positions for two new companies, including the first new ladder company since 2009. And new fire stations, including a rebuild of the city's oldest fire station on Oberlin Road.

Here are some of the highlights, augmented with some additional details from Yours Truly:

People:

- Thirty additional firefighter positions have been added.
 - They'll staff an additional engine company (Engine 29) and another ladder company (Ladder 9).
 - One Captain, one Lieutenant, three Firefighters per platoon, per company.
 - Hiring starts next week. [Read prior blog post](#) with the proposed schedule.
- Merit raises averaging 2.9% per employee.
 - Pay adjustments effective August 9.
- Restoring supplemental retirement program to 3% from 2%.
 - This was reduced in FY12, during the height of the recession.

Apparatus:

- New engine.
- New ladder truck.
 - The ladder will be a tiller we're told, e.g. tractor-drawn aerial ladder.
 - That would make Raleigh the first city in North or South Carolina to operate twin tillers.

Equipment:

- Hydrant replacement.
 - Ten-year plan to update hydrants to National thread standards.
 - Also includes various equipment needs in water plans and meter replacements.
 - Project cost for materials only, city staff will perform installation.

Facilities:

- Fire Station 29 opening during the coming budget year.
 - First new fire station opened since 2007.
 - Under construction at 12,117 Leesville Road.
 - Schedule to open in fall 2014.
 - Previously named Station 13.
 - [Read prior blog post](#).
- Fire Station 6 replacement.
 - \$3,717,000 (project total \$6,417,000).
 - Rebuild station at current site on Oberlin Road.
 - Approximately 16,200 square-foot facility.
 - Will be large enough to also house a ladder truck.
- Fire Station 11 expansion.
 - Funded in current budget year.
 - Design underway.
 - Expanding the apparatus bay, to accommodate larger apparatus.

- New Ladder 1 will be moved there, upon completion.
 - [Read prior blog post](#) about that rig.
- Fire Station 12 relocation.
 - No additional CIP appropriation this budget year (project total is \$5,300,000).
 - Relocate to Poole Road and Bus Way.
 - Land already acquired.
 - Design underway.
 - Designed to also house a ladder truck.
 - [Read prior blog post](#) about public art project for the facility.
 - Press release at time noted construction planned to start in fall.
- Fire Station 14 relocation
 - \$3,082,000 (project total \$7,216,000).
 - Land acquisition efforts ongoing along Blue Ridge Road.
- Fire station maintenance and repairs:
 - Lead paint and asbestos removal - \$500,000.
 - Deferred maintenance, six-year program - \$670,000 in FY15, and \$5,570,000 over all years.
 - Addresses the needs of fifteen fire stations built before 1980.
 - Includes structural repairs, mechanical system replacement, and significant revisions.
 - [Read my station histories](#), to learn about the locations and ages of these buildings.

Future Facilities:

- City will continue to explore options to replace the Keeter Training Center.
 - Could involve the acquisition of 10 or more acres of land.
 - Would involve construction of a new concrete driving course, burn building, and classroom facilities.
- City will analyze the need for a future fire station in northeast Raleigh.
 - Near intersection of Harps Mill Road and Litchford Road.
 - Would address a gap in fire service coverage and accommodate city growth.

Readers can check my work. Let me know what I missed.

Raleigh is running five firefighters per rig now? Is that the staffing throughout the city?

stretch - 05/23/14 - 05:02

Stretch, Realistically it is 4.35 persons per company. Each platoon has roughly 170 people assigned to it. Subtract 5 Battalion Chiefs, a Division Chief, A Division Chief Aide, an Investigator and a Fire Marshal. That gives you 161 "firefighters" divided over 37 companies. The city approves 5 persons per platoon per company when establishing a new company. On average a "body" is available 84% of the time when you consider vacation, sick, administrative leave and alternate assignments. Basically it is a "5 assigned equals 4 available" theory, to put it in its simplest terms.

PBM - 05/23/14 - 10:52

How does Raleigh's budget compare to others in the county?

Joe Diztel - 05/26/14 - 19:47

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When Does "Journalist" Equal Journalist?

05/24/14 292 W - + 9 - 3

Shorthand blog post.

Read this story found by Dave Statter of Statter911 and posted on his [Facebook page](#). He notes:

"In today's world how does the press office decide who is a reporter? Is anyone with a Facebook page or blog a reporter? What's the difference if the average visitor engages someone in a conversation and then reports what that person said? At least the traditional reporter will let the person know who they are and all you have to do is decline to speak. Those rules don't fit with the digital age too well." (May 22, 2014)

Report is Kicked Out of the 9/11 Museum for Asking a Question
[Blog post](#) by Jim Romenesko

Read my response on Dave's Facebook page, in response to comments in the context of citizen journalism and the digital age:

"When does "journalist" != Journalist? By my thinking, it equates to the experience and/or learning that enables the person to perform "good journalism." And what is that, you ask? Those would be such qualifiers as... factually verified or well-sourced... without opinion or editorial bias... open-minded and willing to follow the facts wherever they lead... compassion for the people that are the stories... and so on.

Dave could sketch this one better. I've only had a couple classes in college long ago in pursuit of my bachelor's degree (Math Education, what?!) and supplemental certificate (Professional Writing).

I blog, therefore I am. But what I am? Well, the same sort of person Ben Franklin was when he disseminated his opinions via published pamphlets in the years before the great United States existed. Does that make me a journalist? You decide." (May 23, 2014)

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Don't Smile - « When Does "Journalist... » Proposed FY15 Budgets... Photos, Social Media, and Reputation Management

Don't Smile - Photos, Social Media, and Reputation Management

05/26/14 141 W - + 8 - 6

Another shorthand post, this one consisting of three tweets from myself. Two links to postings from Statter911 and It's Not My Emergency. They cover the issue far better than any recap of mine. Plus a plug for my talk in July. Love me some micro-blogging. When this site's gone someday, just look for me on [Twitter](#). Read, react, discuss as desired.

May 25

Don't Smile. [@STATter911](#) holds FOX2News's feet to fire for dubious "paramedics pose" story and inadequate follow-up.
<http://tinyurl.com/mwyr5oj>

May 26

INME/[@chiefb2](#), Don't Rely on Dave Statter/[@STATter911](#), <http://wp.me/p1jmqG-cQ>, Reputation management by way of timely example, Learn!

Reputation mgmt? Telling your fire/EMS dept's story? Join [@legeros](#) and Jeff Hammerstein at [@SAFRE](#) in July in Raleigh,
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Hiring Started for Raleigh Recruit Academy 40

05/28/14 220 W - + 8 - 7

Want to become a firefighter for the city of Raleigh? Recruitment has started for Academy 40. Applications are being accepted from May 27 (yesterday) to June 27. The recruitment web sites lists the details, along with this schedule of important dates:

- May 27 - Applications period opens.
- June 5, 6, 7 - Optional orientation days at Keeter Training Center, which include practice agility and aptitude tests - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 27 - Application period closes.
- July 14 - Written aptitude test at Raleigh Convention Center.
- July 16, 17, 18 - Physical agility test at Keeter Training Center.

Here are the web pages to check:

- [Recruitment overview](#)
- [Recruitment process details](#)

[As noted in a prior posting](#), Academy 40 is proposed to start on October 27. [As noted in this posting](#) about the city's proposed budget, thirty additional firefighter positions are being added in the coming fiscal year.

Starting salary is \$32,673.73, with a three-percent raise upon graduation from the six-month academy. [Here's a web site](#) with details on working for the City of Raleigh and employee benefits.

Tips for applicants? Read the application packet thoroughly, and follow all instructions. Arrive early to all appointments, to ensure that you're not accidentally late. (Oh, and refer to the city web sites for all dates and facts. Don't rely solely on some guy's blog!) Readers can add others.

Good luck!

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Four Alarms in « UPDATED: Raleigh Stat... » New Wheels For EMS 10... Charlotte Last Night

Four Alarms in Charlotte Last Night

05/30/14 162 W, 3 I - + 9 - 8

Four alarms were struck in the Queen City last night, while the area was subjected to heavy storms. A single-story warehouse at 2320 Toomey Avenue was reported ablaze just before 8:00 p.m. Crews found heavy smoke and fire on arrival. Building had 74,741 square-feet and was built in 1971, say tax records.

Owned by Carolina Food Stores, the building contained a lot of old machinery. The contents also included cardboard stacked to the ceiling, which took a long time to extinguish. Crews were subsequently withdrawn for defensive operations. The fourth alarm was for engines only, e.g. manpower. Several firefighters were treated for exhaustion. No (other) injuries were reported.

As alerted by Carolinas Fire Page, companies on scene at 9:11 p.m. were Engines 10, 2, 4, 5, 1, 12, 17, 30, 33, 23, 29, 26, 18; Ladders 2, 4, 1, 16; Rescue 10; Battalions 1, 2, 3, 14; Cars 1, 2, 4. Numerous Medic units were on scene, including a medical ambulance bus.

Readers are welcome to add more details.

Sources:

- [Carolinas Fire Page](#) alerts
- [Charlotte Observer](#)
- [WBTV](#)
- [WNCN-TV](#)
- [WSCO-TV](#)





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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *New Wheels For* « Four Alarms in Charlo... » Rack Cards Wanted For... EMS 101

New Wheels For EMS 101

05/30/14 44 W, 1 I - + 11 - 13

This 2014 (?) Ford Expedition is the latest replacement vehicle in the Wake County EMS fleet. Assigned to the Operations Chief, it sports a slightly new look for the agency. Blue over white, but with black body panels. Click to enlarge:



Best design yet!

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 05/30/14 - 17:50

Nice ride, except for the push bar. Does an Ops chief need such a thing? What would it even be used for??

EMT - 06/02/14 - 08:00

Just remember that we live in North Carolina and with the Deer we have it is an wise idea to eqiupt vehicles with them.

T.R.Newman - 06/02/14 - 10:00

T.R. You are right, and it ain't just deer. Up here in southwest Virginia the bear population has increased so much they are now a road hazard, and let's not forget livestock. Back somewhere around 1974 or 1975 we hit a cow with a Stoney Creek ambulance in front of the old Mack's Texico in Knightdale while transferring a patient From Nash General to Duke. But there is one BIG reason to have the push bars (or Bull Bars as they're called up here) THEY LOOK COOL AS HECK ! !

Galax,Va ([Email](#)) - 06/02/14 - 11:15

Push bar... white letter tires... All it needs now is a 4" lift and a winch! Yep, I'm from Stony Hill..."Dern it Bo!" (Seriously, good design Jon!)

A.C. Rich - 06/02/14 - 18:06

I think Eastern Wake has upgraded DC6 to a new Expedition as well. I wonder if the 2015 Suburban redesign was a contributing factor for the switch to Ford.

PJ - 06/06/14 - 14:59

Chevrolet no longer offers the Suburban in a 2500 series, which was necessary for this role as the heavy duty model provided a more robust drivetrain and suspension for the workload of these vehicles. Past 1500 series Suburbans were literally driven into the ground mechanically. The Expedition EL is the current State contract SUV that provides a similar capacity for equipment and the ability to tow most of the trailers. While the Setina bar is a good defense mechanism for deer and such, it is an outstanding (and low cost) appliance for the installation of mid-level front and intersection warning lights without having to do any modification to the OEM body/grille. In addition, they accommodate the installation of siren speakers in a location without obstruction from bumpers, grilles, etc. that limit sound transmission and increase their noise in the cab.

Olson - 06/06/14 - 18:47

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Rack Cards « New Wheels For EMS 10... » North Carolina Army N... Wanted For Fire Museums (and Museums w/Apparatus)

Rack Cards Wanted For Fire Museums (and Museums w/Apparatus)

05/31/14 133 W, 1 I - + 8 - 8

Assistance requested! Can you help me collect rack cards for fire museums (or museums with old fire apparatus) in North Carolina, as well as neighboring states? South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, etc. The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) will display these at our booth at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) in Raleigh on July 25-26. We're going to promote ours and other fire museums and fire service attractions. Even just a **couple** would be great. We can add to the binder we're making, for people to browse through. And when we're done, we'll share our updated "list of places to see" with the [Fire Museum Network](#), [FDmaps.com](#), and others. [Mail me](#) if you can help!



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North Carolina Army National Guard Fire Apparatus

06/02/14 131 W, 2 I - + 9 - 0

Posted these this weekend to the [Fire Trucks at War](#) Facebook group. North Carolina Army National Guard Oshkosh/Pierce tactical fire apparatus, as photographed in parades in Raleigh.

The TFFT pumper/tanker (top) was shot in August 2009. The HEWATT water tender (bottom) was shot in June 2012. Both are based at the Armory at the airport. (And housed in a relatively new fire station building, if memory serves. Maybe readers can advise and/or get me hooked up to pay a photo visit one day.)

Two identical trucks are based in Salisbury, with the NCNG UH60 Blackhawk unit. They're operated by the 430th (Salisbury) and 677th (Morrisville) Engineering Firefighter Teams. Here's an [HPfirefighter.com story](#) about the teams and their trucks. Click to enlarge:





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Volunteers Wanted for South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo

06/03/14 144 W - + 6 - 3

The Wake County Firefighters Association is again providing volunteers to assist with the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#), which will be held in Raleigh in late July. This year's schedule is bigger and better than ever, with events and attractions including:

- Antique Fire Apparatus
- BBQ throwdown and Corn Hole Tournament
- Brotherhood Bash at Napper Tandy's
- Brotherhood Pipes and Drums
- Fire Truck Parade
- Firefighter Competitions
- Golf Tournament
- Haz-Mat Challenge
- Raleigh's Finest 5k
- Unified Color Guard.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities during these and other events. Volunteers will receive free admission to the Expo show floor on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and July 25. It's a great opportunity to meet and network with other firefighters from around the area and the state.

For more information, contact:

Lee Price, President
Wake County Firefighters Association
919-427-4757 (Cell)
leeprice@wakenewhopefire.com

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Dash-Cam Captures*« Elizabeth City's Quic... » Jacksonville's New Re... *Collision with Gaston County Ambulance*

Dash-Cam Captures Collision with Gaston County Ambulance

06/06/14 211 W, 2 I - + 9 - 2

Saw this on [Statter911 this week](#), dash-cam footage from ambulance, after the driver of a passenger car crossed the center line and struck the emergency vehicle about 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday. Local coverage includes [WSCO-TV](#), [WCNC](#), and the [Gaston Gazette](#). The head-on collision occurred in the 400 block of Stanley Spencer Mountain road in Gastonia. Five people were transported, including the two EMTs aboard the ambulance. Four were transported to CaroMont Regional Medical Center and one was airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

The ambulance was answering an emergency call and had its warning devices activated. They were wearing seat belts. There were three people in the automobile, only one of whom was wearing seat belts. The driver, not belted, has been charged with DWI. He could face more charges. The EMTs were released from the hospital that afternoon.

The stories are a bit confusing regarding the ambulance agency. The EMTs are both members of Stanley Civil Defense Rescue Squad, but also full-time Gaston County EMS employees. Sounds like the ambulance is based at the Stanley Fire Department, and is cited in one story as a SFD ambulance. We'll let readers sort this one out.



WSCO-TV photo



Mike Hensdill/Gaston Gazette photo

What happened to her seat belt?

Rescue Ranger - 06/06/14 - 22:51

Good eye Rescue. Wonder what happened?

STIKE - 06/19/14 - 21:57

The seatbelt is still there. If you view the video freeze frame by freeze frame you can see that upon impact the seat belt constricts and as she is thrust forward against it , it appears to roll up across her right shoulder tight against her neck and then tight up under her left armpit. I had to look at it several times to see it.

Galax,Va ([Email](#)) - 06/19/14 - 23:42

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Jacksonville's New Rescue

06/06/14 101 W, 2 I - + 8 - 1

Turning our attention to Onslow County, the Jacksonville Fire Department recently received a new rescue truck. Picture from factory photos is a 2014 (?) Kenworth T370/Hackney medium-duty rescue. Features included removable bumper-mounted winch, 50KW PTO generator, NightScan light tower with six 900-watt flood lamps, two additional 900-watt floods on each side, breathing air compressor, two hydraulic hose reels, rescue tool couplers in front bumper, and storage for two ladders (24-foot, 14-foot). [Read and see more](#) on the Hackney site. Next question, what did the truck replace?



The above truck that was replaced went out for auction and was purchased by Richlands Fire Department in Onslow Co.

car3550 - 06/10/14 - 21:11

Emerald Isle's New Rescue Pumper

06/09/14 97 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

As photographed by Lee Wilson last week, the Emerald Isle Fire Department recently received this 2014 Spartan Metro Star/Toyne rescue pumper. Hale pump, 1000 gallon tank. Looks the same on both sides. Pump panel is behind compartment door. Helps protect against corrosion. [See factory information](#). See more [photos from Lee](#), in his album of beach trip photos. (You know how this works. Lee takes a trip and Legeros gets a couple blog posts out of the deal.) Next question, how many other departments around the Carolinas have Toyne apparatus?



Lee Wilson photo

I know Maury Fire Department in Greene County has 2 of them 1 rescue engine and 1 tanker on Freightliner chassis.

car3550 - 06/09/14 - 10:14

Kannapolis has a Toyne 2000 gallon pumper/tanker on a Spartan chassis. It's currently assigned to E51.

jpfd17 - 06/09/14 - 14:42

Autryville Area FD in Sampson county has a Toyne pumper, good looking truck. Its red and black too and small enough to get in the tight spots rural fire apparatus encounter

2405 - 06/09/14 - 21:04

A couple of depts in Davidson county(City of Lexington, Welcome, South Lexington) and Winston Salem has 1 Engine.

Clay Simmons - 06/10/14 - 11:03

Sauratown (Stokes Co), Fire Dist 13 & Mount Hope (Guilford), several FD's in Davidson County as mentioned, & Foscoe VFD outside of Boone runs several commercial cab Toyne's. There are a few here and there but not many.

BFD1151 - 06/15/14 - 20:19

David Dillon Named American Legion's NC Firefighter of Year

06/15/14 300 W, 2 I - + 8 - 1

Apex Fire Department Deputy Fire Marshal David Dillon was honored this week by the [American Legion Department of North Carolina](#). In a ceremony in Raleigh at their annual convention on Friday, he received the 2014 North Carolina Firefighter of the Year Award.

There are over 300 American Legion posts in North Carolina, and Dillon was selected to receive the award by the Legion's Law and Order Committee. He was nominated by Post 124 of Apex.

The ceremony was attended by Dillon's family and friends, the City manager, two Council Members, and fire, police, and EMS chiefs from the town.

They spoke about his twenty-five years of service, including his current positions of Deputy Fire Marshal in Apex, Assistant Fire Chief at Durham Highway Fire Department, and Chair of the Safe Kids Coalition.

Dillon also addressed the nearly 1,000 legionnaires to thank them for the award. He's pictured below with State Commander Patricia Harris, and with his wife Jackie.



David Dillon has worked for the Apex Fire Department for eight years, as the town's first Deputy Fire Marshal. He's previous worked as a Fire Inspector in Smithfield and Cary.

He's been a member of Durham Highway Fire Department for nineteen years, first starting in 1990. He presently holds the rank of Assistant Chief.

Dillon comes from a family of coal miners and was raised in Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated from Broughton High School in Raleigh, attended North Carolina State University, and has studied at the National Fire Academy. He holds numerous certifications including Advanced North Carolina Firefighter, Level III Fire Inspector, Certified Fire Investigator and Associate Emergency Manager.

He's married to Jackie Foldes of Garner and has a young son Ashton.



Congratulations David!
Bob Edmundson - 06/16/14 - 18:49

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Morrisville's New Ladder 1

06/16/14 199 W, 2 I - + 8 - 3

The Morrisville Fire Department has received a 2014 Spartan/Smeal 105-foot aerial, 1500/500/20. Delivered on June 4, the very red truck has been making the convention circuit. It was seen at the Harrisburg Fire Expo in May and the South Carolina Fire Expo last week. The truck is expected in service in July, and will be named Ladder 1. (The sharp-looking truck is also featured on the home page of the [Smeal web site](#).)

This is the town's second aerial apparatus, after a 2008 KME Predator Aerial Cat 102-foot rear-mount platform (1500/300) that operates as Ladder 2. The new ladder is also the department's next stage in the implementation of a quint concept, which has been planned for a number of years. The multi-year plan will place a quint and a rescue unit at each of the three fire stations. [See this thread from last year](#), when Rescue 1 was delivered.

Also see [this thread from April 2010](#), where we last saw some discussion. (Four years ago! Where does the time go.) We'll also touch base our friends in Morrisville for an update on plans. Watch this space.

Lee Wilson's snapped these great shots on Sunday. [See those photos](#).





Lee Wilson photos

Good looking truck! Congrats Mo'ville. Smeal seems to be making some very good trucks as well as the Spartan cabs.

911 - 06/16/14 - 17:30

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Harnett County's New Armored Response Vehicle

06/18/14 121 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

The [Harnett County Sheriff's Department](#) posted this picture on their [Facebook page](#) yesterday, of what appears to be a military surplus [International MaxxPro MRAP](#) that's been repurposed for local law enforcement. They describe its purpose as "for high risk warrants, tactical rescue, barricade suspects, [and] hostage situations." Looks pretty sharp. Google searches find references (such as [this](#)) to the Department of Homeland Security (through the United States Army Forces Command) having recently retrofitted 2,717 such MRAP vehicles for use in the states. Wonder who else around here has received one? Memo to self, try to snap a picture for my [gallery of special police vehicles on Flickr](#).



Mike, just to answer your question who else has one of these vehicles, there are 5 in North Carolina. Brunswick County, Cherokee County, Currituck County, Halifax County and Harnett County have all been issued one. There is an article on Yahoo News today about the federal Government Issuing these vehicles to Law enforcement agencies and a break down by state who has received one.

Galax,Va ([Email](#)) - 06/24/14 - 10:50

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UPDATED: Wake County Fire Academy Graduation - Thursday, June 26

06/24/14 118 W, 1 I - + 10 - 3

Updated with class photo.

The graduation ceremony for Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 6 will be held Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building, 4011 Cary Drive, Raleigh. Everyone is invited, so please come out and support your recruits.

Graduating are:

- Lynwood D. Carroll - Fuquay-Varina FD
- James L. Davis - Garner FD
- Jonathan H. Gomez - Bay Leaf FD
- Jonathan S. Hall - Rolesville FD
- Spencer C. Hill - Wake Forest FD
- Jeffrey M. Putnam - Wake Forest FD
- Justin T. Schwenk - Stony Hill FD

They've attended/performed/completed:

- 25 weeks
- 122 days
- 976 contact hours
- 3,660 miles traveled
- 12,500 push-ups.

Congratulations to all. Click to enlarge:



Maybe Thursday JUNE 26th?

Duda (Email) - 06/23/14 - 09:05

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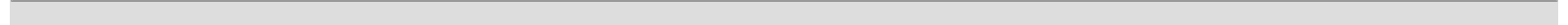
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Durham Highway Fire Department 50th Anniversary - Saturday, June 28

06/18/14 82 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

The [Durham Highway Fire Department](#) is celebrating fifty years of service to the community on Saturday, June 28, at Durham Highway Station 1, 11905 Norwood Road. The event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a program starting at 12:00 p.m. Plans for the day include children's games, a deejay and music, a pipe and drums band, local and state dignitaries, and a lunch. See you there!



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North Chatham's New Engines

06/20/14 68 W, 2 I - + 8 - 4

North Chatham Fire Department took delivery Wednesday of two new 2014 Rosenbauer Commander engines. They're expected to be in service by June 30. [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#), along with pictures of their new Station 18 and Station 19, and other vehicles and apparatus. (Readers from there are welcome to provide details on the trucks, as well as the new stations.)



Lee Wilson photos

Vintage Wilmington Engine and Rescue

06/20/14 34 W, 2 I - + 6 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, here are 35mm slide scans (complete with water marks) of a 1966 American LaFrance pumper (Engine 8) and a 1975 Chevrolet ambulance (Rescue 2). Click to enlarge:



Carolina Brotherhood Fundraiser in Wake Forest - Sunday, June 22

06/22/14 110 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

The [Carolina Brotherhood](#) is having a fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Wake Forest on Sunday, June 22. They're honoring fallen firefighters Chief Jeffrey Fields of Youngsville and Firefighter Jon Schondelmayer of Swift Creek. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with tee-shirts also for sale starting around 1:00 p.m. Ten percent of all food purchases will be donated to Carolina Brotherhood, which is an annual cycling event where firefighters and police officers from the Carolinas ride in the name of fallen brothers and sisters. This year's ride is August 5 to August 9.

*In Honor of Fallen Firefighters
Chief Jeffrey Fields of Youngsville Fire Dept. &
Firefighter Jon Schondelmayer of Swift Creek Rural Fire Dept.
& their families ...*

*We invite you to
Dine at
TEXAS ROADHOUSE
On Sunday, June 22nd 2014
From 11am-10pm*

*&
CAROLINA BROTHERHOOD
Will receive 10% of your total food purchases!*



*If you choose not to dine in, you can always get a to-go.
Be sure to put your itemized receipt in the bucket on the host
stand!*



Blowing Rock's New Rescue

06/22/14 194 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

[Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment Magazine](#) has published a nifty story by Alan M. Petrillo on Blowing Rock's new rescue truck, which you might've seen on the floor (or in photos of the floor) at FDIC in Indianapolis. This little monster is a 2014 Kenworth/Hackney walkaround rescue that was designed for the unique challenges of Blowing Rock's district. Such as steep inclines, narrow roads, and tight switchbacks. The specs are 33 feet long, ten feet, six inches high, and a 224-inch wheelbase. Has a 40,000-pound gross vehicle weight. Powered by 400 HP Cummins engine, driven with an Allison automatic transmission.

Equipped includes a 35kw PTO generator and Command light tower, plus LED scene lights (four) and LED tripod lights (two), plus electric cord reels (two). Extended front bumper has a 16,500-pound winch, with side and rear receivers for a 9,000-pound winch. Coffin compartments on the roof carry ladders. Cascade air station on board, as well. [Read the article](#), which has more photos. Next question, was this the first rescue truck for Blowing Rock? Can't readily recall what I've seen at their station(s) in the past.



Blowing Rock FD photos

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National Board of Fire Underwriters Reports

06/25/14 111 W, 2 I - + 8 - 5

Here's something neat, [reports from the National Board of Fire Underwriters](#) on a number of North Carolina cities. These are highly detailed reports that examine all aspects of a city's fire protection capability, and with detailed analysis of the fire departments. Apparatus, equipment, working hours, command structure, mutual aid, you name it. The reports also include information on the fire alarm system and water supply (though my copies largely omit the latter, sorry).

For my historian readers, **do you have a report that I don't have?** Please share!

- Durham - 1955
- Fayetteville - 1953
- Greensboro - 1951
- Raleigh - 1924, 1931
- Winston-Salem - 1959

[View the reports](#), which are PDF.

FIRE DEPARTMENT									
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.									
TABLE 3.—FIRE COMPANIES—LOCATION AND EQUIPMENT.									
Company	Location	Members on Duty	APPARATUS		HOSE			Ladders Carried	Water Tank Gallons
			Make and Type	Put in Service	Size, Inches	Carried Feet	Spare Feet		
Eng. 1 <i>hv</i>	{ Headquarters: Bow and Person Sts. }	4	{ Ford-LaFrance 500-gal. Pumper	1948	{ 2½	1300	4300	{ 1—24' }	200
			{ Studebaker * Booster Truck with 500-gal. Pump	1949	{ 1½	200	1900	{ 1—12' }	610
Eng. 2 <i>hv</i>	With Engine 1	4	{ Am.-LaFrance 750-gal. Pumper	1952	{ 2½	1700	{ 1—24' }	250
Eng. 3 at Sta. 2	{ Olive Rd., bet. Fort Bragg and Morganton Rds. }	4	{ Ford-LaFrance 500-gal. Pumper	1945	{ 2½	1100	1550	{ 1—24' }	200
					{ 1½	350	350	{ 1—12' }	
Eng. 4 at Sta. 3	{ Hillsboro and Ramsey Sts. }	4	{ Ford-LaFrance 500-gal. Pumper	1943	{ 2½	1250	1550	{ 1—24' }	150
					{ 1½	300	200	{ 1—12' }	
Lad. 1 <i>hv</i>	With Engine 1	4	{ Am.-LaFrance 100-ft. Aerial Truck	1950	11; Total Length, 330'

* Equipped with Turret Pipe.
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Eng. 2	9th and Knox Sts.	4	{ Seagrave * 1000-gpm Pumper }	1934	{ 2½ 1½ ¾ }	{ 1400 300 }	{ 5000 800 850 }	{ 1—24' 2—14' 1—10' }	100
Eng. 3 ^{hv}	{Main and Elizabeth Sts.}	4	{ Seagrave * 750-gpm Pumper }	1943	{ 2½ ¾ }	{ 1600 250 }	{ 1—24' 2—14' }	100
Eng. 4	{McMannen & Cobb Sts.}	4	{ Seagrave * 750-gpm Pumper }	1949	{ 2½ 1½ ¾ }	{ 1500 400 600 }	{ 450 }	{ 1—24' 2—14' }	300
Eng. 6 ^{hv}	With Engine 1	4	{ Ford-Darley 600-gpm Pumper }	1953	{ 2½ 1½ ¾ }	{ 1150 400 600 }	{ 400 }	{ 1—20' 1—14' }	500
Eng. 7	With Engine 2	3	{ Ford-Darley 500-gpm Pumper }	1952	{ 2½ 1½ ¾ }	{ 900 550 600 }	{ }	{ 1—20' 1—14' }	400
County	With Engine 1	4 - 5	{ Mack Booster Truck }	1948	{ 2½ 1½ ¾ }	{ 800 400 600 }	{ }	{ 1—24' 2—12' }	600
Lad. 8	With Engine 3	3 - 4	{ Ahrens-Fox Service Ladder * }	1928	10; Total Length, 222'
Lad. 9 ^{hv}	With Engine 1	5	{ Am.-LaFrance 100-ft. Aerial }	1948	11; Total Length, 335'
Lad. 10	With Engine 2	3	{ Mack Service Ladder }	1947	11; Total Length, 272'

* Equipped with Mounted or Portable Turret.

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Fire Expo is One Month Away

06/25/14 265 W - + 6 - 5

We're one month away from the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) in Raleigh. The show floor's open Friday, July 25, and Saturday, 26. Plus other conference activities and special events all week long.

Your checklist should include...

- Arranged [your accommodations](#)?
- Purchased [conference registration or day passes](#)?
- Inquired about bringing your department's [antique apparatus](#) to the show?
- Entered your cooks in the [BBQ Throwdown](#) on Thursday?
- Organized a team to play [corn hole competition](#) on Thursday?
- Registered for the [golf tournament](#) on Monday and Tuesday?
- Planning to attend the [Brotherhood Bash](#) on Friday?
- Registered for the [Raleigh's Finest 5K](#) on Saturday?
- Preparing for the [Haz-Mat Challenge](#) on Saturday?
- Planned to bring a truck to the [fire truck parade](#) on Saturday?
- Entered your team in the [firefighter competitions](#) on Saturday?
- Practicing for the [North Carolina Brotherhood Pipes and Drums](#)?
- Participating in the [Unified Honor Guard](#)?

Plus the many other activities, including the Keynote by Chief John Salka on Thursday, the Memorial and Candlelight services on Thursday, and the annual banquet on Saturday night.

And conference sessions, including Friday's workshop on [The World Is Watching Your Department. Who Will Tell Your Story, You or Them?](#) by Jeff Hammerstein and Mike Legeros. That's from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Should be highly educational, or at least highly entertaining.

And, and, the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) will have a booth on the mezzanine level, and we'll be featuring fire museums from across North Carolina, as well as neighboring states. We'll have rack cards and fliers, a digital slideshow or two, and other surprises.

See you there!

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Garner is Hiring

06/26/14 84 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

[Garner Fire Rescue](#) is hiring for full-time firefighters. Salary is \$30,400. Applicants must be 21 and possess certifications for NC Firefighter Level II, NC EMT, NIMS levels, and NC Haz-Mat Ops, plus TR and VMR completed within twelve months of employment. See the application packet for more information. Application period closes at noon on Friday, July 18. Both the job announcement and application packet are available on the [Employment page](#) of the department's web site. Good luck!



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Fayetteville Fleet Listing - « Garner is Hiring » Fayetteville Fire Dep... Help Wanted

Fayetteville Fleet Listing - Help Wanted

06/26/14 50 W - + 9 - 2

Can you help me build a list of past 'n' present Fayetteville fire apparatus? Here's what I have so far. Cooking some FFD history for the blog, and this will help.

[This historical fleet listing has been moved to www.legeros.com/history/fleets]

See what I can do for ya.

Hazmat 1 is at Station 17 2001 Spartan

RRT has a new tractor

Hazmat 6 2004 Ford Pickup

Hazmat Kubota 2005 UTV

Old E-One rescue was a 2000 year model

Brush 17 1998 Chevrolet pickup

Brush 15 1995 Chev Pickup

Brush 4 1996 Ford Pickup

Brush 7 2001 Dodge Pickup

Station 3 has both of the International Air Trucks 2008 and a 1996

USAR 1 2006 International Tractor Trailer

USAR 2 1990 Ford "beer truck"

USAR 3 2004 Pace Trailer

USAR 9 2004 Trailer

USAR 10 2004 Kubota UTV

USAR 11 2007 Ford Dually

Truck 1 2009

Truck 6 2011

Truck 7 2009

Truck 9 2013 Pierce Arrow XT

Truck 11 2000 Pierce Arrow

Reserve Ladder 218 2007 Ferrera 77 Quint

Reserve Ladder 252 1995 E-One 105'

Engine 1 2005 Pierce

Engine 2 2008 Pierce

Engine 3 2000 HME Soon to be 2014 Pierce

Engine 4 2013 Pierce

Engine 5 2011 Pierce

Engine 6 2013 Pierce

Engine 7 2000 HME

Engine 8 2005 Pierce

Engine 9 2007 Pierce

Engine 11 2002 E-One

Engine 12 2006 Pierce

Engine 14 2005 Pierce

Engine 15 2005 Pierce

Engine 16 2012 Pierce

Engine 17 2011 Pierce

Engine 19 1996 Pierce Open Cab Refurb

- Boat 1 2005 21’ SeaArk
- Boat 4 2006 Roughneck
- Boat 7 2006 Alumacraft
- Boat 11 2006 Alumacraft
- Boat 17 1988 Monark

All boats possibly about to be replaced possibly by donations.

- BC1 2012 Ford Expedition
- BC2 2007 Ford Expedition
- BC3 2012 Ford Expedition

I don’t have much on older units. This should help though.

Mike ([Email](#)) - 06/28/14 - 16:29

Thank you sir! I will merge your data with my data and post the result.

mjl
Legeros - 06/28/14 - 17:38

- New Oshkosh is a 2013
- Squad 1 2010 Ford Pickup also used for Hazmat fifth wheel hauler
- Squad 3 is the 2008 International
- Squad 5 2010 Ford w/ Rescue body
- Squad 9 2011 Ford w/ Rescue body
- Squad 17 2011 Ford w/ Rescue body

- Foam Trailer at Station 12
- Large Mobile Master Stream (fuel farm operations) at Station 9

two 1991 Spartan Engines at training
E242/E243

- 1 2005 Rehab Trailer.
 - 1 2004 Command Trailer
- Mike** - 06/29/14 - 11:09

The 1917 LaFrance is actually the 1920 you have listed. At some point in time, the City needed a date for title purposes, and someone thought it was about a 1917. It was ordered in 1919 and delivered in 1920. The 1920 and 1923 were restored by FFD LT Jackie Lee and a gentleman from the Raleigh area (my mind is drawing a blank- you probably knew him). LT Lee has the '23 at his home in Wade, NC.

Jason - 07/02/14 - 21:55

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Pictures of Older Charlotte Rigs

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There's a mess of Charlotte Fire Department apparatus slides for sale on eBay at present. Search and you'll find:

- 1973 Hendrickson/Pierce - Engine 3
- 1973 Hendrickson/Pierce - Engine 10
- 1976 Ford/Howe - Engine 23
- 1975 Mack CF telesquirt - Engine 13
- 1979 Sutphen 100-foot mid-mount platform - Ladder 2
- 1977 Seagrave/LTI 85-foot rear-mount platform - Ladder 18
- 1990 E-One - Engine 4
- 1980 Ford/Howe/Boardman 50-foot telesquirt - Engine 11
- 1989 Spartan/LTI 100-foot rear-mount platform - Ladder 24

Gets you thinking about other older CFD apparatus. Wonder if anyone has compiled a fleet listing going all the way back? Click to enlarge:



Hendricksons, Macks, and Sutphens with Federal Beacon Rays. Real fire trucks!

DJ - 07/01/14 - 09:27

I didn't see any of the red trucks on eBay nor the Seagrave tower, Mack CF tele-squirt or the Sutphen tower. Were those for sale a while back? Also, the Engine 4 E-One is most likely a 1990 model not 1980.

BFD1151 - 07/01/14 - 20:54

One you're forgetting a gem the Ward Lafrance LTI Tiller. I got to do as ride along back when it was assigned to L-4

Clay Simmons - 07/01/14 - 22:44

Thanks Mike, there were several of those shots I needed in my collection. I have a database of most CFD apparatus going back to the 1950s-1960s and some 1920s ALF's but its a rather large file to post here.

BFD1151 - 07/02/14 - 09:27

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The Asheville Fire Department and Changes Since The Death of Capt. Jeff Bowen

07/02/14 393 W - + 10 - 7

The Asheville *Citizen-Times* today published a [good story by John Boyle](#) on the changes implemented by the Asheville Fire Department since the death of Capt. Jeff Bowen at a commercial structure fire on July 28, 2011. The intentional fire also critically injured firefighter Jay Bettencourt. [Here's a blog posting](#) that compiled news stories and reports at the time.

After the death, sixty firefighters began studying sixteen areas that could pose problems at a fire. They "studied best practices from around the country," and crafted a list of 155 areas of improvement. From there, they focused on six changes they felt were the most important and "required the most innovative change."

The six areas of improvement:

- Proactive rapid intervention teams - Enacted February 1, four teams of RIT firefighters totally fifteen or sixteen members are assigned those duties. They are also tasked with "softening the building," by removing barriers to potential exits and/or placing ladders on second-story or higher windows and exits.
- Expanded incident management - Enacted fall 2012, incident commanders are now assisted by a "command technician." This person duties includes tracking the location of every firefighter inside a burning building, monitoring their air supply, and acting a "second set of ears."
- Air management changes - Enacted December 2011, with new procedures including mandatory notification of command by firefighters, when their five-minute air alarm sounds. If they haven't exited within sixty seconds, firefighters enter the structure to remove them.
- Mayday training - Enacted fall 2011, this is thorough training simulating such scenarios as wall or ceiling collapses and wire entanglements. As the story notes, upon reviewing the data they collected during this training, they found that fifteen or sixteen firefighters were required to rescue one downed member. Thus the changes to the above RIT procedures.
- Staffing [and training] - Enacted January 2012, with smaller groups of firefighters undergoing training on any exercise, to "better simulate the real event."
- Health and Wellness Changes - Enacted February 2014, the requirement that firefighters must engage in fitness activities for one hour each shift [day?]. Peer fitness trainers will be added later this year.

[Read the story.](#)

Our friends to the west are welcome to add additional points, or tell stories behind the story.

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Cary Historical Fleet Listing

07/03/14 264 W - + 8 - 4

Continuing down the roster road. See more details on this rigs in this [Wake County apparatus registry](#) (PDF) that I've lately updated.

Engines:

- 2014 Pierce Velocity pumper
- 2010 Pierce Velocity pumper
- 2009 Pierce Velocity pumper #2 of 2
- 2009 Pierce Velocity pumper #1 of 2
- 2006 Pierce Dash pumper
- 2003 Pierce Dash pumper #2 of 2
- 2003 Pierce Dash pumper #1 of 2
- 2002 Pierce Dash pumper
- 2000 KME pumper
- 1997 Pierce Lance pumper #2 of 2
- 1997 Pierce Lance pumper #1 of 2
- 1996 Pierce Lance pumper
- 1994 Seagrave pumper
- 1987 Pierce Arrow pumper
- 1987 Pierce Arrow pumper
- 1982 Ford / Pierce pumper
- 1976 Ford pumper
- 1971 ALF Series 1000 pumper
- 1965 ALF Series 900 pumper
- 1953 Seagrave pumper (now antique, built from either part of the original, or replaced with non-Cary antique)
- 1931 Chevy / Pirsch pumper
- 1926? Nash pumper
- 1923? Ford Model T / ALF chemical car

Aerial Ladders:

- 2012 Pierce Velocity aerial platform
- 2008 Pierce Velocity aerial ladder
- 2004 Pierce Dash aerial platform
- 2003 Pierce Dash aerial platform #2 of 2
- 2003 Pierce Dash aerial platform #1 of 2
- 2002 Pierce Sky Arm aerial platform (returned)
- 2001 Pierce aerial platform (loaner)
- 1999 Pierce Sky Arm aerial platform
- 1988 Pierce Arrow aerial platform

Service Ladders:

- 1995 Seagrave / Marion service truck
- 1995 Mack service truck
- 1993 Pierce Lance service truck
- 1975 GMC / Alexander service truck
- 1957 Chevy service truck

Rescues:

- 2014 Pierce Velocity heavy rescue
- 2012 Pierce Velocity heavy rescue #2 of 2
- 2012 Pierce Velocity heavy rescue #1 of 2
- 2008 Pierce Velocity heavy rescue
- 2001 Ford / KME light rescue
- 2000 Ford / KME light rescue
- 1983 International/Swab heavy rescue (added 1997, ex-Cary Rescue)
- 1955 rescue, ex-military mobile machine shop

Other:

- 2009 Volvo/Great Dane tractor-trailer collapse unit
- 2007 Ford F-550/Kanphide USAR water rescue plus boats and trailer
- 2002 Ford F-450 brush truck
- 1986 Dodge step van, haz-mat
- 1983 or 1985 Chevrolet K20 brush truck
- 1979 Dodge brush truck, ex-military conversion
- 1970 Ford pick-up, dry chemical
- 1956 tanker, ex-military
- 1954 tanker, tractor-drawn, ex-military tractor, ex-fuel truck trailer.

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Check out the emblem for Durham County Fire & Rescue, as posted to their [new Facebook page](#). Here's the agency's description from the site:

Durham County Fire & Rescue provides emergency response services, incident prevention and public education ensuring protection to life, and property in the Bethesda Community and Research Triangle Park (RTP) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Durham County Fire & Rescue provides fire protection, advanced life support at the EMT-I level, certified confined space rescue, and child passenger safety inspections. DCFR operates from two fire stations, serving a primary area of 19.41 square miles. The district serves a large portion of Research Triangle Park, 7,550 residents, and property with an estimated value of \$1.7 billion.

The department proudly holds an ISO rating of 4/9S resulting in low insurance premiums for its customers in this primary district. In addition DCFR provides mutual aid response alongside City of Durham Fire Department as well as other mutual aid partners.

Durham County Fire & Rescue is staffed by 31 full-time employees and 12 volunteers. These men and women staff two engines, a 110 foot aerial platform and other fire apparatus as necessary.

In the fiscal year of 2013 DCFR trained for over 12,750 hours and responded to 1,477 emergencies with an average response time of less than 5:45 minutes.



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In just under three weeks, Wake County Community Outreach Chief Jeff Hammerstein and local fire blogger/photographer Mike Legeros will present a workshop on Friday, July 25, at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) in Raleigh. The topic is social media and reputation management:

[*The World Is Watching Your Department. Who Will Tell Your Story, You or Them?*](#)

Friday, July 25
3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

What happens when someone observes or records your department’s actions, and then takes to the social media airwaves to discuss, dissect, debate, or denigrate? (And for that matter, how should you or your department respond or react to such activities? Both on scene and later.) Not everyone with a camera is a Legeros, who tries his best to put responders in their best light. And then, my images and/or information hasn't always worked to maximum positive effect. (With great media comes great responsibility... and on both sides of the computer.)

Come to the workshop and hear some of what I've learned over the years, through scene photography, and social media sharing via blog, Facebook, Twitter, and more. Plus a detailed look at people looking at emergency services, through the eyes (and analysis of) veteran responder and current EMS PIO Chief Hammerstein.

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Two Weeks Away

07/11/14 247 W - + 8 - 6

Won't see you in Baltimore next year. Taking my first break in a decade or more. The [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) is the following week, and Yours Truly has two things cooking in addition to his regular rounds and photo taking (see pics from [last year](#) and [prior years](#)):

- Social media workshop on Friday
- Raleigh Fire Museum booth on Friday and Saturday.

This is the first year that the museum has its own booth. The theme is "learn about other fire museums and fire attractions." We will have materials (both physical and virtual) showcasing both the [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) and others in North Carolina and nearby states. And space permitting, maybe a second slideshow with something historical. Please pay a visit and introduce yourself. Mr. Blogger will be around on both days, and staffing the booth for much of Saturday.

As for the workshop, here's a [prior posting](#) on that. It's a workshop on social media and reputation management, as presented by myself and Wake County EMS PIO Jeff Hammstein. He's a veteran responder with nearly thirty years of experience, and he'll share his perspectives through both personal experience and local and national examples. As for Legeros, he's going to talk about digital imagery (photos) and information sharing (blog, Twitter, Facebook). He'll have a lot of talk, and a handful (or more) of visuals.

More later. Maybe a sneak peek of a slide or two. Contain your enthusiasm. See you there.

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Durham County Ambulances

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Lee Wilson yesterday photographed some Durham County ambulances parked at the Fleet Services facility. They include one of the recently acquired Parkwood Fire Department ambulances. The county took over EMS services in Parkwood on July 1. (We've blogged about Parkwood developments in such postings as [this one](#).) There's also a Bahama Fire Department ambulance in the mix, another former EMS provider.

[See the photos](#), which also include other explorations of Lee's in Durham yesterday. He has pictures of the recently returned 1949 American LaFrance ladder that's parked at the fire department training center, and photos of Station 9 under construction on Midland Terrace.



Lee Wilson photos

Articles in this series: [1910s-1970s](#) | [1980s-1990s](#) | [1999-2002 ALF/GS](#) | [2000s-2010s](#) | [Airport](#)

Apparatus fans, here's our historical fleet project. Reader Micah Bodford has been compiling a roster of past 'n' present Charlotte rigs. Here's his data for the first seven decades of motor rigs, with a few inputs merged from myself. Note that the list excludes North Carolina Air National Guard rigs, for now. Ditto for chief cars and most utility vehicles. There are a couple special units listed: searchlight, high-pressure unit. Lots of room for input! Readers, can you help with the bullet-nosed Seagraves and their histories? Any and all feedback is greatly appreciated!

The Project

- Part I - 1910s to 1970s (see below)
- Part II - 1980s and 1990s (coming soon)
- Part III - 2000s and 2010s (coming soon)
- Part IV - Airport apparatus (coming soon)

The Data

[This historical fleet listing has been moved to www.legeros.com/history/fleets]

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, July 17, 2014

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The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, July 17, 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](#). The documents for the meeting are linked below.

Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Lucius Jones
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes for March 20, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - Adoption of Minutes for May 1, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - Consider Approval of Recommended Fire Commission Standing Committee Realignment
 - Consider Approval of Recommended Firefighter first response and EMS Cooperative Patient Care Policy
 - Consider Approval of Facilities Committee FY 2015 Recommendation for Planned Facility
 - Maintenance, Repairs, and Renovation Projects
 - Consider Revision to the Wake County Apparatus Committee Policies and Procedures
 - Consider Request for Replacement of DHFD Station 2 Apparatus
- Information Agenda
 - Apparatus Committee Update
 - Compensation and Staffing Committee Update (Stony Hill Fire Department Reorganization Proposal)
 - Equipment Committee Update
 - Post Incident Review Update
 - Fire Tax Budget and Financial Report
 - Cost Share Study Update
 - Chair Report
 - Fire Services Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments:
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointed by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of 3 minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting September 18, 2014

Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Would You Believe a Fire in a Rock Quarry?

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Here's something you don't see every day. That's West Edgecombe and Rocky Mount firefighters at a rock quarry, where a large drilling machine caught fire. The photos are from Bob Bartosz, who submitted same to the Rocky Mount *Telegram*. (His first rock quarry fire in sixty plus years of fire photography, he confides.) As for the incident, the machine was fully involved on arrival of WEFD. Crews requested mutual aid from RMFD, and Engine 5 was dispatched. The fire took almost an hour to control. [Read the story and see a couple more photos](#). Next question, what's the most unusual vehicle fires that **you** have fought?



Bob Bartosz/Rocky Mount Telegram photos

Had a logging tractor burn one time deep in the woods, we ended up burying it with a foresrty dozer.... i bet its still there today.

Greg - 07/14/14 - 17:54

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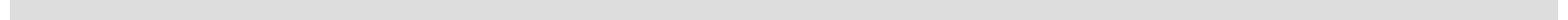
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Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter, Summer 2014

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The Summer 2014 edition of the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* has been posted to www.raleighfirenews.org. This issue's contents include a feature on the fire department's new SCBA, as well as new helmets and gear. Other stories include Haz-Mat to Clayton, Butner; Divisional News; Retirements and Promotions; and a couple photo galleries. The newsletter is produced quarterly by Editor Mike Legeros. It's a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. And in its eighth year of publication, no less! [Read the new issue](#) (PDF), which is posted to the web site www.raleighfirenews.org.



Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter

Volume 6, Issue 3



Summer 2014

New Breathing Apparatus



New self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was placed in service on July 1 and 2. They were added to every engine, ladder, squad, and rescue, along with chief officers, special units, and reserve units.

Each set included a new Scott Air-Pak 3G harness, AV 2000 (scavenger) mask, Epic 3 voice amplifier, and a 5.5 liter air bottle.

Specialized equipment was also placed in service, including larger bottles with a 75-minute capacity, for haz-mat units and rapid intervention team (RIT) packs.

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Haz-Mat to Clayton, Butner



Raleigh Fire Department hazmat units were special called to a major leak at a natural gas pipeline facility on Guy Road in eastern Wake County on June 22.

They assisted the Garner Fire Department with assessing the hazard. After the leak was contained, Raleigh firefighters performed air monitoring and used an ATV to check several sites in radius around the site.



On Thursday, June 26, Raleigh firefighters responded to Orange County as North Carolina Regional Response Team 4. They assisted Butner Public Safety at the John Unruh Hospital laundry building, where a mixture of cleaning compounds caused a chemical reaction in a 55 gallon drum.



After an inmate accidentally added sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide to a drum of hydrogen peroxide, the mixture began overheating. Temperature approached 250 degrees. The hazmat team made entry as the reaction was cooling and they secured the drum. ☼



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Show Program for South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo

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Here's the show program for next week's [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) at the convention center in downtown Raleigh. It contains the full conference and expo schedule, along with a list of exhibitors and maps to the rooms and halls. [View the document](#) (4.6MB PDF). And what a handsome crew on the cover! Love them Squad companies.



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PowerPoint is Your Friend

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Why is Mr. Blogger in Raleigh this week, you ask? Instead of making rounds round Baltimore for the Firehouse Expo? (Have traveled to those parts for fifteen consecutive years. Yikes.) That's 'cause I'm cooking slides for my workshop next week at SAFRE. The subject is social media and reputation management. Mike Legeros joins Jeff Hammerstein, the Wake County EMS PIO. The ninety-minute workshop is titled *The World is Watching Your Department. Who Will Tell Your Story, You or Them?* (Though we tried to win the prize for longest title, we only scored second place.) Workshop's on Friday, July 25, at 3:15 p.m. Here's one of the slides you'll see, partially revealed. Hint: It's about social media.



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Mystery Spur

07/17/14 30 W, 1 I - + 13 - 5

Haven't posted one of these in a while. Found this this week. Somewhere inside the Beltline. Hint, it's near railroad tracks.



Whitaker Mill Rd maybe?

Chuck - 07/18/14 - 08:49

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Video of Yesterday's House Fire in Youngsville

07/19/14 62 W, 1 I - + 11 - 2

Wake Forest News has posted this three-minute-and-change [YouTube video](#) of a heavily-involved house fire in Youngsville yesterday. The address is 1425 Moores Pond Road. The departments on scene were Youngsville, Bunn, Wake Forest, and Franklinton. Plus Franklin County EMS and Youngsville Rescue & EMS. [Read the accompanying story.](#)



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My Schedule For The Show

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Here's where I will be this week at the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#). Plus some first-thing/last-thing drive-bys earlier in the week, as the trucks are loaded into the convention center. That's always fun to watch. Need to find me during the show? Look for a large guy in a Hawaiian shirt. Typically with a couple large cameras. Or visit the Raleigh Fire Museum booth on the mezzanine level. We're right beside the escaltors.

Thursday - July 24

- Late afternoon - Check-in as exhibitor (Raleigh Fire Museum), help with booth set-up.
- Early afternoon - Behold BBQ teams as they start their cooking. Take some pictures.

Friday - July 25

- Before 10:00 a.m. - Check-in as a presenter (social media). Help get our booth ready.
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Attend Expo, see folks, snap shots, loiter at our booth, lunch somewhere on the Mall.
- 3:15 p.m - 4:45 p.m. - Conduct social media workshop with Jeff Hammerstein, [The World Is Watching Your Department. Who Will Tell Your Story, You or Them?](#)
- Late afternoon - Run home, eat dinner, take nap?
- Early evening - Attend Brotherhood Bash at Napper Tandy's. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Old Man Legeros will probably arrive early and leave early.

Saturday - July 26

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Prepare booth for the day.
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Staff our booth.
- 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Head outside for photos of the parade, the trucks, the games, et al. Plus lunch on the Mall.
- 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Staff our booth.
- Later afternoon - Shut down the booth. Take things to car. Say goodbyes. See you next year.

Don't forget "Take pictures/video of apparatus mass-exit parade".

Duda ([Email](#)) - 07/21/14 - 09:21

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History Show at the Fire Show07/23/14 78 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

Coming to the [South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#) this week? Sure hope see. Swing by the Raleigh Fire Museum booth on Friday and Saturday and you'll see a slideshow of old photos and vintage rigs and houses from around North Carolina. We'll be located on the mezzanine level, beside the escalators. Yours Truly will be staffing for some of Saturday, and around at other times. See you there. Click to enlarge:



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Aerial Video of « Helmet Footage From O... » Aerial Video of Broth... Fire Expo Parade

Aerial Video of Fire Expo Parade

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The *Wake Forest News* has posted this nice compilation of aerial and ground video of Saturday's fire apparatus parade at the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo. They were one of two entities operating "drones" during the event. We'll be watching for more videos. Meanwhile, enjoy this footage. And see [accompanying WFN story](#).



Aerial Video of Brotherhood Bash

07/28/14 99 W, 1 I - + 11 - 6

Here's another notable video from the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo. This one's nearly six minutes of aerial footage that was filmed by Matt Cross at the Brotherhood Bash on Friday night. The location was Napper Tandy's on Glenwood Avenue. The performers were the Brotherhood Pipes & Drums, which made their entrance escorted by Raleigh Engine 13. The event was sponsored by the [Capital Area FOOLS](#). The organization raised \$4,500 for the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation. See photos from the event by [Mike Legeros](#) and [Lee Wilson](#).



Charlotte Fleet Listing - 1980s and 1990s

07/29/14 116 W - + 10 - 7

Articles in this series: [1910s-1970s](#) | [1980s-1990s](#) | [1999-2002 ALF/GS](#) | [2000s-2010s](#) | [Airport](#)

Here's the second part of our Charlotte project, compiling a historical fleet list of all fire apparatus. This is based on research by reader Micah Bodford, plus other inputs that we're able to locate. Such as active or retired CFD members who have been super-helpful. Reader input is appreciated!

The Project

- Part I - 1910s to 1970s
- Part II - 1980s and 1990s (see below)
- Part III - 2000s and 2010s (coming soon)
- Part IV - Airport apparatus (coming soon)

The Data

[This historical fleet listing has been moved to www.legeros.com/history/fleets]

A few of the later ALF/GS engines had smaller Cummins motors ILO a Detroit Series 60. I think it was the 2001 models.

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Charlotte Fire Department Fleet Listing

1999-2002 American LaFrance/General Safety Engines

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Carolina Brotherhood Rides From Raleigh on Tuesday08/03/14 269 W - + 7 - 3

The Carolina Brotherhood departs on Tuesday for their annual memorial bicycle ride. This year they're leaving from Raleigh, from Station 1 on Dawson Street, and across from the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Nash Square. They'll depart at 8:00 a.m. The firefighter and police officers will be riding to honor ten responders from North and South Carolina who died in the line of duty last year:

- Tony Baker, Firefighter - Mountain View Volunteer FD, NC
- Robert Bingaman, Senior Police Officer - Asheville PD, NC
- Jeffery Fields, Assistant Fire Chief - Youngsville Volunteer FD, NC
- David Heath, Captain - New Hanover County Fire Rescue, NC
- Scott Morrison, Fire Chief - Knotts Island Volunteer FD, NC
- Jon Schondelmayer, Firefighter - Swift Creek Rural FD. NC
- Joseph Antwine, Deputy Sheriff - Florence County SO, SC
- Michael Broz, Firefighter - Dorchester County FD, SC
- Tim Causey, Deputy Sheriff - Horry County SO, SC
- Rodney Hardee, Assistant Fire Chief - Loris FD, SC.

This year, they're riding to Charleston. The five-day trip will cover some 500 miles. They've planned overnight stops in Fayetteville, Wilmington, Loris (SC), and Lake City (SC).

On Monday night, there's a send-off at Crank Arm Brewing Company at 319 W. Davie Street in Raleigh. Starts at 6:00 p.m. Riders from Asheville, Charlotte, Charleston, Columbia, Raleigh, and Wilmington will be present. Wake & District Pipes & Drums will perform at 7:00 p.m.

They'll have t-shirts for sale. Plus ten percent of all sales at the brewery will be donated to the Carolina Brotherhood. Learn more on this [Facebook event page](#).

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Vintage Image of Elizabeth City Engine

08/05/14 43 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Found for sale on eBay, this 35mm color slide of a 1957 Howe pumper in Elizabeth City. Who made that chassis? Looks a little Pirsch or Oren-y. Search the blog for more ECFD history. Click to enlarge:



Way back when, Duplex made the chassis for Howe, Oren, and some of the others.

DJ - 08/05/14 - 12:09

As DJ pointed out, the chassis is a Duplex; Howe marketed these as custom trucks called Howe Defenders.

BFD1151 - 08/05/14 - 18:40

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GeoSpatial Data on NC Fire Stations

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Here's something interesting, geospatial data on North Carolina fire stations. This [page of GIS data](#) contains a zip file, which contains seven files that apparently work with GIS software. For the rest of us shmoes, the .dbf file can be opened in Excel. That's the largest of the files, 3.8 MB in size. Open Excel, open the file, and you'll see a spreadsheet with 1,947 fire station addresses!

But be cautious in your interpretation therein. For example, there four fire stations listed for the city of Zebulon. They are ZFD, Hopkins FD, and two Cornith-Holder stations in Johnston County.

By city, the ten highest counts of fire station addresses:

- Charlotte - 51
- Raleigh - 36
- Greensboro - 34
- Winston-Salem - 27
- Durham - 25
- Fayetteville - 25
- Salisbury - 20
- New Bern - 19
- Asheville - 18

By county, the five highest counts:

- Wake - 75
- Guilford - 69
- Mecklenburg - 60
- Forsyth - 44
- Buncombe, Craven, Cumberland, Rowan - 41 each.

Don't want to mess with spreadsheets and data files? Tool over to [FDmaps.com](#), *the* place to see maps and view information about North Carolina fire stations. You won't be disappointed.

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Aerial Video of Wake Forest Vehicle Accident

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From this [Wake Forest News story](#), here's aerial footage of an MVA with injuries on Capital Boulevard on Monday. This is their first aerial footage of an accident, they note. Mostly a test, to see how things look from the air.

Okay gang, thoughts? We've see "drone" footage slowly and steadily increasing at the national level. With at least one operator filming locally, what are people's opinions about such technologies used around here? Both for news (or buff) reporting, or assisting (or used by) responders?

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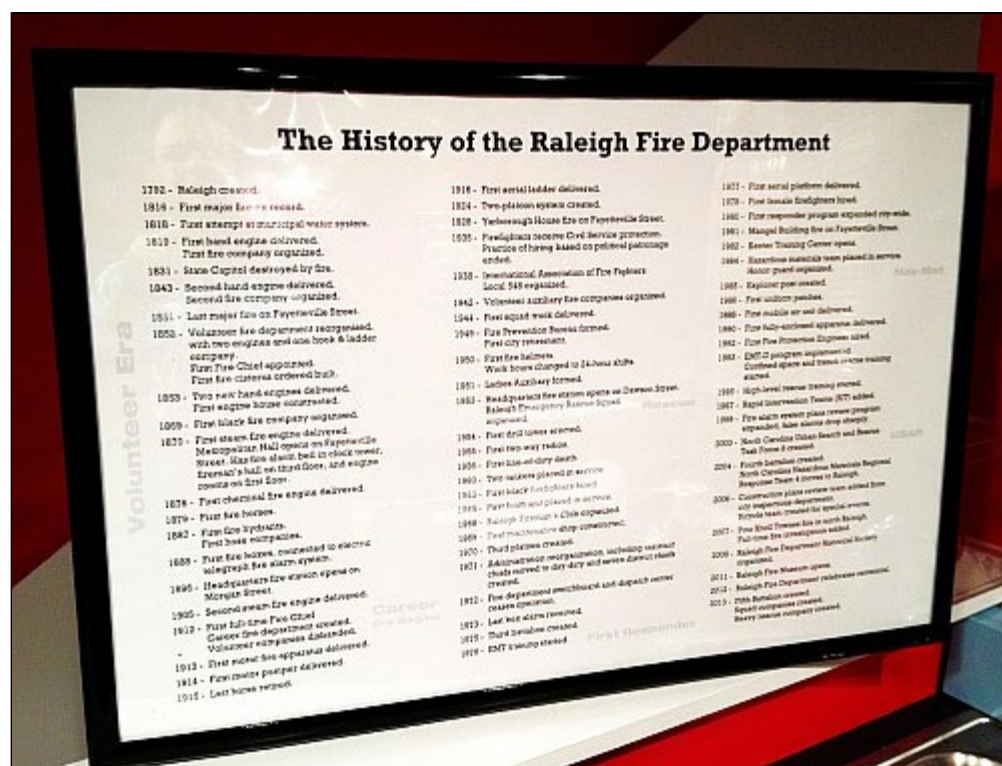
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Raleigh Fire History in Poster Form

08/08/14 119 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) is open on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. That's the regular second-Saturday-of-the-month opening. Added this week is a new poster listing the major milestone's and notable events in the history of the city and its fire department. Here's an [digital version](#) (PDF), linked from my Raleigh Fire Department [history page](#). The poster was created using Microsoft Word, with the page size set (a.) as large as possible but (b). with proportions matching 20 by 30 inches. Saved as PDF, it was scaled to the latter size by the printer. Replaced a simpler version that listed the history of the career department, which started in 1912. Or click to enlarge:



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Apex's New Brush Truck

08/09/14 109 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Lee Wilson this week photographed Apex's new brush truck, a military surplus conversion that's been placed in service at Station 2. The truck was obtained last year from the North Carolina Forest Service. Probably or certainly through their [Federal Excess Personnel Property Loan Program](#). Working on getting specs and details. The truck's also awaiting a light bar, which will be added on the cab. More and more these 6x6 conversions have been appearing in the area. Wake New Hope Fire Department has one. Heard that Chapel Hill's obtained one. Where else in the Triangle are they appearing? [See more photos](#) from Lee.



Lee Wilson photo

Chapel Hill's will be painted Carolina blue !

lee - 08/10/14 - 16:00

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Tiller Accidents

08/11/14 176 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

There was a tiller accident in California on Saturday. Vallejo Fire Department Truck 21 overturned while responding to a call. The apparatus struck a sport-utility vehicle, trapping the driver. He airlifted after a thirty-minute extrication. Seven people were injured including the four firefighters aboard. All suffered non-life threatening injuries. Firegeezzer reported this morning that three of the four firefighters have been released from the hospital. The "tillerman" remains in serious condition.



Chris Riley/Vallejo Times-Herald photo

Here are some links to the story:

- [Firefighter Close Calls](#)
- [Fire Critic](#)
- [Firegeezzer](#)
- [KTVU](#)
- [Times Herald](#)
- [Times Herald photo gallery](#)

The incident recalls the tiller accident in Raleigh. On July 10, 2009, Ladder 4 overturned while responding to a call. It was a single-vehicle accident that injured four firefighters, with three transported, and two with serious injuries. Here's a look back:

- [Blog post](#)
- [Legeros photos](#)
- [Lee Wilson photos](#)

Here's the safety video that subsequently produced by the Raleigh Fire Department and the Seattle Fire Department. [Read blog posting](#) about same from April 2011:

Hope the California brothers and the accident victims all make it through it ok! Also, as a fellow brother, I believe Raleigh has done a great job with their video after the accident. RFD did a great job of educating the fire service on current topics.

James Vick - 08/11/14 - 22:57

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Charlotte FD Trucks Web Site - New Design, New Old Photos

08/15/14 160 W, 2 I - + 9 - 6

Haven't visited the Charlotte FD Trucks web site lately? It's been redesigned and has a new address, www.charlottefdtrucks.com. The site's also added numerous archive photos, such as those shown below.

Top to bottom, left to right is Engine 7 as a 1943 American LaFrance, a 1942 Dodge/American former Morris Field crash truck, a 1940 White searchlight truck (alt. year 1938), Engine 5 as a 1966 Seagrave and the only one that was yellow, Squad 1 with a Ford Econline van, and Truck 7 (also the original Rescue 1?), a 1970s Ford F700 with a utility body. Notes the site, it was staffed by Squad 1, and responded on second alarm fires and pin jobs. [Here's a prior post](#) about Squad 1.

[Visit the Charlotte FD Trucks site.](#)

See also our recent postings on Charlotte FD fleet history: [1910s-1970s](#) | [1980s-1990s](#) | [1999/2000/2001 ALF/GS](#) | [2000s-2010s](#)



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Home

Welcome to my new website.

This website has up to date pictures of the Charlotte F.D. engines, ladders, rescues, cars, boats, etc. The next time you visit this website, look in the Updates section to the right of this page. Their usually updated on a Friday.

When your on a page you will find a unit name in either **bold** or *italic*. Bold means it's in service. Italic is the unit is no longer in service.

I am currently working on Fire Stations 17 & 41 with there apparatus. I am also working on the antiques, and USAR page.

Some of you are familiar with my old webpage on the [blogspot](#) website, it was temporary but I finally created this website.

If you see any wrong information, problems, questions or comments please let me know in an email. Place "CFD Trucks" in the subject box: corporal14last@yahoo.com Trust me you will want to do that, I still collect junk email.

Updates

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Aug. 6 I already see a problem. The Mac users won't see it. For the PC users, as you scroll down each page the info for the apparatus goes up. It's a minor problem.

Aug. 8 Thanks to David Moore for old photos of Engines 4, 15 & 64. New photo of E-22. Updated photos of E-31 & L-31.

08/17/14 102 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

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Charlotte Fleet Listing - Airport Apparatus

08/20/14 158 W, 1 I - + 10 - 10

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Here's the fifth and final part our Charlotte project, compiling a historical fleet list of the department's apparatus. This one includes pictures! Here's a montage of some of these rigs, including three stock photos (Class 110, Class 155, Type O-11A) from Ted Heinbuch's excellent [Fire Trucks at War site](#). The remaining photos (modern plus historical shot of the 1942 Dodge/American) are from the [Charlotte FD Trucks site](#), except for the P-2 by Jeff Harkey and the military dry chemical rig from Shawn Royall's book *Firefighting in Charlotte*. Click to enlarge:



Charlotte Fire Department fleet information – Airport Apparatus

Compiled by Micah Bodford. Augmented by USAF apparatus information from Pete Brock, and other military apparatus data from Ted Heinbuch and his site [www.firetrucks-atwar.com](#).

[This historical fleet listing has been moved to [www.legeros.com/history/fleets](#)]

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Raleigh Ladder Truck with Shriners, Circa 1946

08/27/14 237 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Here's a historical treat, a rare photo of Raleigh's old tiller at Memorial Auditorium. That was the location of Station 2 from 1932 to 1969. The ladder truck was housed there from 1941 to 1953. That's a 1939 American LaFrance 500 Series cab that pulled a 1916 American LaFrance Type 17 two-section, 75-foot, wooden aerial ladder.

See, the truck was housed at Station 1 on Morgan Street until same was demolished in 1941. While Engine 1 moved to old Station 2 on South Salisbury Street, Truck 1 couldn't fit there. So it and the 1922 American LaFrance service truck were moved to the auditorium. Engine 2 was in turn relocated with Engine 1. Got that?

Things improved in 1949, with the opening of Station 6 on Oberlin Road. The service truck was moved there, and Engine 2 was moved back to Station 2. But the ladder truck remained at the auditorium until the completion of the new Station 1 on Dawson Street in 1953. And precious photos have been found showing Truck 1 at Station 2.

As for this photo, it was taken by Haynes Studio in Raleigh. The men on the truck are Shriners, and the occasion is a convention in Raleigh. Believe it was the state convention, but might've been a larger one. Date of said convention? The license plate of the car says 1946. Did car owners get new plates every year? Don't know. Maybe readers can help. At a minimum, we can date the photo as between 1946 and 1953. [Click to enlarge:](#)



On The Subject of Police Press Conferences

08/28/14 245 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

You're reading my tweets, right? Those little 140-character or less messages in the upper-right corner of this page? That's how I've been transmitting "recommended reading" to the last year or two. I've just retweeted one from fire blogger and retired television reporter Dave Statter, which he posted five hours ago:



Dave Statter @STATter911 · 5h

Please watch this: Police chief sets the bar high on dealing with potentially controversial police... nblo.gs/Zv1nf

He's promoting a [posting of his](#) from last night, and which I must also recommend. He's talking about a police department conference in Omaha on Tuesday night, and his praise therein. "Chief Schmaderer gave one of the most effective and timely presentations following a police involved shooting I've witnessed."

He provides links to news stories about same, including a [transcript of the conference](#). What happened in Omaha? That night, police officers shot and killed a robbery suspect. He was armed with an Airsoft pistol. And the officer's gunfire also killed an embedded journalist, a crew member from the TV shot "Cops."

Dave offers opinions on the press conference, and praises a number of components including transparency and immediacy. He also talks about the value of such information in general, be it a crisis or routine event. Key phrase: "[Officials] need to recognize the importance of answering the obvious questions the community will ask."

Definitely worth reading his take, as well as the recorded/transcribed event. Read the [Statter911 posting](#).

Impressive. The Chief, I think, did a great job of controlling the press conference and not allowing it to become chaotic. Not that I've been to, or heard lots of these types of engagements.... Maybe that press corps isn't usually a group prone to overly emotional and chaotic conduct. But, I can remember hearing about high profile press conferences where reporters start shouting questions all at once, trying to be the ones with the "hard hitting" question, etc. An excellent display of leadership and professionalism of the highest capacity.

Bob - 08/29/14 - 14:17

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New History Book: Firefighting in Buncombe County

08/29/14 276 W, 3 I - + 8 - 7

Happy days are here as another book about North Carolina firefighting history has been published. Asheville Fire Department Engineer and department historian Brian Lawrence has written a photo history of Buncombe County fire departments for Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series.

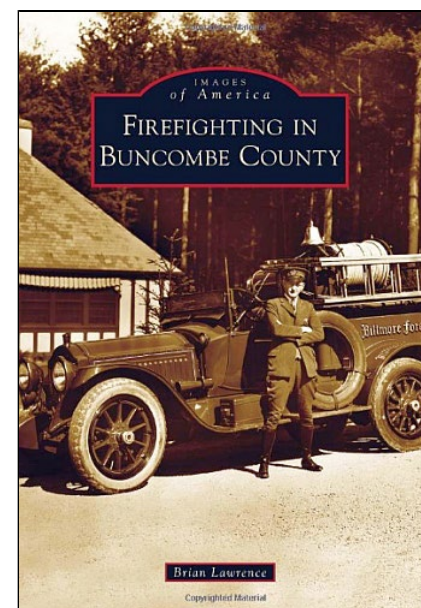
The 128-page softcover was released this week. The book is divided into four chapters:

- The First Fire Departments (Asheville and Black Mountain)
- Buncombe County Volunteer Fire Departments (plus the airport)
- Former Fire Departments (quite a few, more on that later)
- Supporting Agencies (forestry, rescue squads, etc.).

Plus Acknowledgements and Introduction.

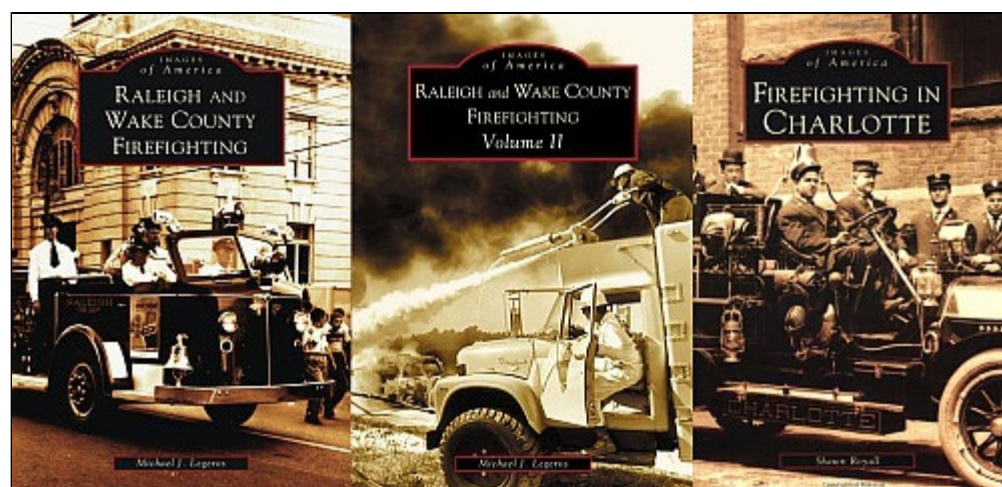
You can view a preview of the book (and/or order) on the [publisher's site](#), as well as via from [Amazon](#).

I'd recommend ordering a copy.



Raleigh & Wake County, Charlotte

Does the format of that book look familiar? Maybe you're reminding of Arcadia's two volumes of Raleigh and Wake County firefighter, written by Yours Truly and published in 2003 and 2004. [Learn about those](#). Arcadia's also published an Images of America volume about the Charlotte Fire Department by Shawn Royall.



Maryland, Virginia, DC

The company's published nearly sixty such books. Other southeastern states include Maryland (five books), Virginia (two books, including *Firefighting in Roanoke* by FireCritic Rhett Fleitz) and Washington, D.C. Learn more on the publisher's web site, in the [fire history book](#) section. |



Next questions, what other Arcadia books about North Carolina or southeastern firefighting are brewing? Maybe someone will throw some hints. How about fire history books from other publishers, including commemorative yearbooks? Anyone have one coming soon?

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Former Fire Departments of Buncombe County

08/29/14 345 W - + 8 - 3

One of the reasons I'm excited about Brian Lawrence's book *Firefighting in Buncombe County* (see [prior posting](#)) is the information he's provided about former fire departments. That's a passion of mine, researching and documenting fire departments that are no longer around. Even have a database on my findings.

Needless to say, I will be parsing Brian's book in detail for details about Buncombe departments of yore. Looks like this is the line-up, when comparing his findings to mine. Will be reviewing and then updating my database.

- Amcel Propulsion Company Fire Brigade - Operated from 1960 until at least 1965. See recent [blog post](#).
- Beacon FD – Operated from 1925 until apparently 1976, when they donated their only fire truck to the Swannanoa FD, which they help organize in 1959.
- Beaverdam FD – Operated from 1960 to 1990.
- Biltmore Estate – The famous house was equipped with fire equipment, including at least one fire engine. More later.
- Biltmore Forest FD – Operated from 1923 to 1995. More later.
- Biltmore Village FD – Operated from 1910 to 1929. More later.
- Candler FD – Chartered in 1961, but never organized into a functioning department.
- Enka FD – Operated from 1926 to 1987, and then as solely a plant brigade for about four more years.
- Haw Creek FD – Operated from 1961 to 2009. Merged with Asheville FD.
- Kenilworth FD – Operated from 1891 to 1929.
- Mount Pisgah Academy FD – Operated from 1952 to 1964.
- North Buncombe FD – Rural department with own board and tax district, but that stored equipment and shared volunteers with Weaverville FD from 1976 to 2000.
- North Carolina Juvenile Evaluation Center – Opened 1960, at former Moore Hospital. Also called Western North Carolina Youth Correction Center. Operated fire department in early 1960s.
- Oteen Hospital FD – Operated from circa 1918 to 1976. See recent [blog post](#), which will be updated with new information from Brian's book.
- Ridgecrest Conference Center FD – Staff operated fire apparatus. Years of operation unknown.
- US Army Moore General Hospital – Opened 1942. Two-bay fire station on site. Became VA hospital in 1946. Transferred to state to become juvenile evaluation center in 1960.
- West Asheville FD – Operated from 1914 to 1917.

This is awesome! Growing up in Western NC I didn't even know about a few of these departments, especially West Asheville FD, Ridgecrest FD and Mount Pisgah Academy FD. I will definitely be purchasing the arcadia book.

BFD1151 - 08/29/14 - 14:13

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North Carolina Tops in Number of Firemen, 1978

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Found via Google news, *Sylva Herald & Ruralite* on February 2, 1978. North Carolina had "more fire departments, more firemen and more state-supported fire service training" than any other state. There were 1,100 fire departments in North Carolina and 38,000 firefighters, not including "persons trained for fire brigades." The numbers were cited by Keith Phillippe, who supervised fire service training for the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges.

"Through fifty-seven technical institutes and community colleges, 39,695 firemen were trained," according to report filed by his office. That includes "students in fire brigade training and also includes students who have taken more than one course in a one-year period." The story noted that "in addition to regular extension fire service training" there were a pair of two-year curriculums taught.

Fire Science was offered by Central Piedmont, Gaston, and Western Piedmont community colleges, and Alamance, Forsyth, Guilford, Rowan, and Wilson technical institutes. Fire Science Operation and Management was offered only by Durham Technical Institute and was intended "primarily for people actively employed in fire service management or supervisor positions."

The extension courses were "short courses" due to their length, and they covered specialty topics. The exception was a course called "Introduction to Firefighter." It was developed for fire departments, where "firemen must be trained for service as quickly as possible." Or for departments that were new, that hadn't been active for "not more than two years and have had no formal training."

Specialized courses included "Forcible Entry, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Hose Practices, Rescue Practices, Protective Breathing Equipment, Arson Detection, Civil Disorder [!], and Fire Brigade Training For Industry."

About the latter, Phillippe noted "'One means of avoiding major industrial plant fire losses in North Carolina is for each plant to maintain a well-trained fire brigade.'" He added "it's not the intention that a [plant brigade] take the place of the local fire department. However, it's [their] responsibility to take action during the first crucial minutes of a fire." Those initial steps can help prevent costly fires.

The fire brigade courses are also taught in prisons. "Instructors can go into a prison, like it was done in a minimum security prison in Greene County through Lenoir Community College, and train the inmates in the art of firefighting." Those inmates were "actually" firemen with the town of Maury Fire Department. They responded to fire calls "as would a regular fireman."

Prisons across the state were receiving "regular fire brigade training." Those courses were for "fire protection solely in prisons."

Also notes the article, "fire service training was among the first instruction to be offered in the late 1950s by industrial educator centers, which later became technical institutes or community colleges." Many students are sons and daughters of firemen, who received training in these schools.

Some fire service training was also offered by five other state agencies: the Insurance Department, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Institute of Government, North Carolina State University, and the Insurance Rating Bureau.

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Video of House Fire in Winston-Salem

09/03/14 85 W, 1 I - + 6 - 1

[Dave Statter found this one](#), a nine-minute video of a house fire on Devonshire Street in Winston-Salem on February 4, 2014. Footage is pretty early into the incident, with companies arriving as the videographer arrives. Watch for power line action at 3:50, which gets some folks jumping. Then the fire starts venting about 5:00. She starts walking the dog. This [Journal story](#) describes the fire as taking about forty-minutes to control. It displaced three people.



New Wheels For Durham County EMS

09/03/14 82 W, 1 I - + 8 - 7

Durham County EMS has [posted photos on their Facebook page](#) of a new supervisors vehicle. That's a Ford F-250 Super Duty with a body by... TBD. Equipment includes their current "equipment platform" plus additional bariatric equipment. Love the new graphics package. The side scene lights are a nice touch.

Readers, what other configurations are you seeing around the area (or state) of EMS light trucks or QRVs?



Several years ago, FirstHealth of the Carolinas (EMS in Chatham, Montgomery, Richmond, and Chesterfield Counties; used to be EMS in Hoke County) operated an F350 with a small modular body for the supervisors and QRVs. The unit was transport capable, but was not a primary transport ambulance. FHCs ambulances had the logo PARAMEDIC UNIT on the doors, while the mini-mods had MEDIC UNIT on the doors. They were staffed with one paramedic, and we would have to get someone to drive us. Chatham had three of those units at one time. Ultimately there were, I think eight of them system wide. The first one was a two wheel drive chassis, but the remaining seven were four wheel drive. The Chesterfield (SC) unit also had a winch placed on the front.

A lot of EMS agencies use various SUVs for supervisor response and QRVs. Some also use pick-up trucks (same sort of unit as some of the RFD USAR personnel and Cary FD BCs).

Personally, I think the units like Durham's new ones, as well as the District 5 unit used by Cary EMS, offer the best capabilities for EMS response, ICS, and MPI response.

DJ - 09/03/14 - 22:07

Legeros, you should look into Guilford County EMS' supervisor and Medic QRVs. They have a unique unit 400 as a supervisor vehicle and type I ambulance paramedic QRVs.

WD - 09/04/14 - 01:29

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Application Period Closing for Wake County Fire Academy 7

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November 6
The application process for Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 7 will close on November 14, 2014. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM. See below for information related to the application process. Please contact Ricky Dorsey at rdorsey@wakegov.com or 919-856-6345 if you have questions. Good luck!

September 4
Applications are now being accepted for Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 7. The academy begins on January 5, 2015 and graduates in late June 2015. The academy is twenty-five weeks, and the hours are primarily Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It's held at the Wake County Fire Training Center in New Hill, NC.

Students who complete the program receive certifications in Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Responder, EMT Basic, ICS 100 & 200, Firefighter Rescue, Firefighter Survival, Technical Rescuer, and SCBA Fit Testing. Requirements include eighteen years of age and affiliation with a fire department.

Here are the [necessary documents](#), including application forms and a brochure about the academy. Good luck to everyone!

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New Television Documentary: Inside The Garner Fire Department09/04/14 73 W - + 6 - 1

The town of Garner's [television channel GTV](#) (with PEG Media Partners) has produced this thirty-three minute document about the Garner Fire Department. The program features footage across all aspects of the department's operations, as well as a number of interviews including Fire Chief Matt Poole Poole, Deputy Fire Chief Tim Herman, and Captain Ronnie Correia. It was directed, filmed and edited by Adam Carroll.

Bad idea Garner...CIP is county based, so should this.

North Side FF - 09/04/14 - 23:40

Someone always has something negative to say. Its the way of the world I guess. Someone’s just mad there department didn’t get a video.

South Side FF - 09/05/14 - 13:19

Fantastic video! Great job Mr. Carroll and Garner FD!

A.C. Rich - 09/05/14 - 23:35

No, not about this video...that is great. I was referring to the proposal to charge for MVAs. See Mike’s tweets.

North Side FF - 09/06/14 - 00:00

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Suggestion For Patch Graphics

09/06/14 108 W, 1 I - + 6 - 1

Fire folks, have a suggestion. Each department should find the graphics file used to create their patches. (And/or emblems on vehicles, etc.) Someone somewhere has it. Maybe within your department. Maybe at your patch supplier. Get a copy of that file. Probably .EPS format. Then use that file for branding, on documents, on web sites, etc. It will look better than a cloth patch scan. (Except for those times, when the "cloth look" is preferred.) See examples below. Already have said file? I'd love a copy, and will archive in my files. Thank you.



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Community Features at Fire Stations

09/07/14 185 W, 3 I - + 7 - 4

Recently visited Dubuque, IA. The trip's activities riding the historic [Fourth Street Elevator](#), touring the transformed Port of Dubuque, and photographing five [historic or former fire stations](#).



Three of the fire stations were active, and each had a "little free library" at the street. Notes a [city press release from August 5](#) (PDF), they've been installed at five of six fire stations. What's a "little free library" you ask? That's a little box without a lock, and with books that free for anyone to take or exchange. They were added by the Dubuque Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and the AmeriCorps VISTA program. Pretty cool.



Next was a water station seen at Station 5 on Grandview Avenue. That's one a high hill and in a neighborhood that appears popular with runners. The water fountains--plus bowl for doggies--are labelled as "provided by the Mississippi Valley Running Association (MVRA) and the Dubuque Fire Department, 2005." Also pretty neat.



Readers, what are some "community features" seen at your stations?

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Vintage Photos of Engine 10

09/08/14 86 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Here are four new old photos of Engine 10, which was a 1968 American LaFrance 900 Series, 1000/250, serial #7-1-1150. Served as Engine 3 (1968 to 1973), Engine 10 (1973 to 1986), Engine 33 (reserve, 1986 to 1989), Engine 19 (1989 to 1991), Foam 12 (starting in 1991), and was sold as surplus in 2002. Photos are dated March 1983 (top and bottom left) and April 1985 (bottom right). Ergo, the fiberglass roof was installed between those dates. That's a helpful data point. Will update this [apparatus registry entry](#). Thanks to Battalion Chief David Whitley for these pics! Click to enlarge:



Mike, if you can search them, the Raleigh Times carried a picture of this truck when it was delivered. It was on the front page of the 'local section', and persons in the picture included Jack Keeter.

DJ - 09/08/14 - 20:13

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Updated: Crawford Township Airport Crash Truck

09/12/14 257 W, 4 I - + 6 - 4

September 12

Historian Pete Brock shares these photos and background on this truck, that original served the United States Coast Guard base in Elizabeth City:

A total of 719 Oshkosh P19s were built for the military. They had 1000 GPM pumps and carried 1000 gallons of water, 130 gallons of foam, and 500 pounds of halon. The latter was replaced with 500 pounds of dry powder once the halon agents were determined to be ineffective for ARFF purposes and detrimental to the environment.

Oshkosh built 429 units for the Air Force, 62 for the Navy, 30 for the Army, 191 for the Marine Corps, one for the Coast Guard, one for the FAA center in Atlantic City, NJ, and five for special projects. I do not know how many were built for civilian use.

The Coast Guard unit was built in 1985 as an add on to the Air Force contract and cost \$161,249.

Three models of the P19 were produced:

P19 - no structural panel, remote roof turret

P19A - structural panel, manual roof turret (Navy and Marine Corps only)

P19B - structural panel and remote roof turret.

Click to enlarge:





Pete Brock photos

September 10

Found for sale on eBay, here's a photo of a 1986 Oshkosh P-19 former Air Force crash truck (1000/1000/130 foam/500 Halon) now serving as Crash 4 at Crawford Township Fire Department in Currituck County. Guessing it helps protect the Currituck County Regional Airport, but maybe readers know more. The truck's also pictured on the [department's Facebook page](#). Photo credit unknown. Click to enlarge:



I live a few miles away. It's crammed between two trucks/bays so it's not used very much (obviously). While the department has two other stations, this one is very old and undersized (it's a former gas station the department acquired in the early 70's). A very rusted and out of service tanker sits outside the station. Their other station in Sligo burned down in the late 80s.

Jason - 09/11/14 - 19:18

It's on <http://ctvfdept.org/>

Jason - 09/12/14 - 22:09

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Four Wheel-Drive Engine at Hatteras, NC

09/10/14 83 W, 1 I - + 6 - 0

Thank you sir, can I have another? Here's another image for sale on eBay. This is Hatteras Engine 403, a four wheel-drive 1986 International 4800/E-One pumper (1250/500/30). Scan of color slide. Still don't know the photo credit, but from the seller ID, it appears to be a photographer from New Jersey. Guessing they were vacationing at the Outer Banks once. The [HFD Facebook page](#), by the way, has photos of their other trucks, here and there. Click to enlarge:



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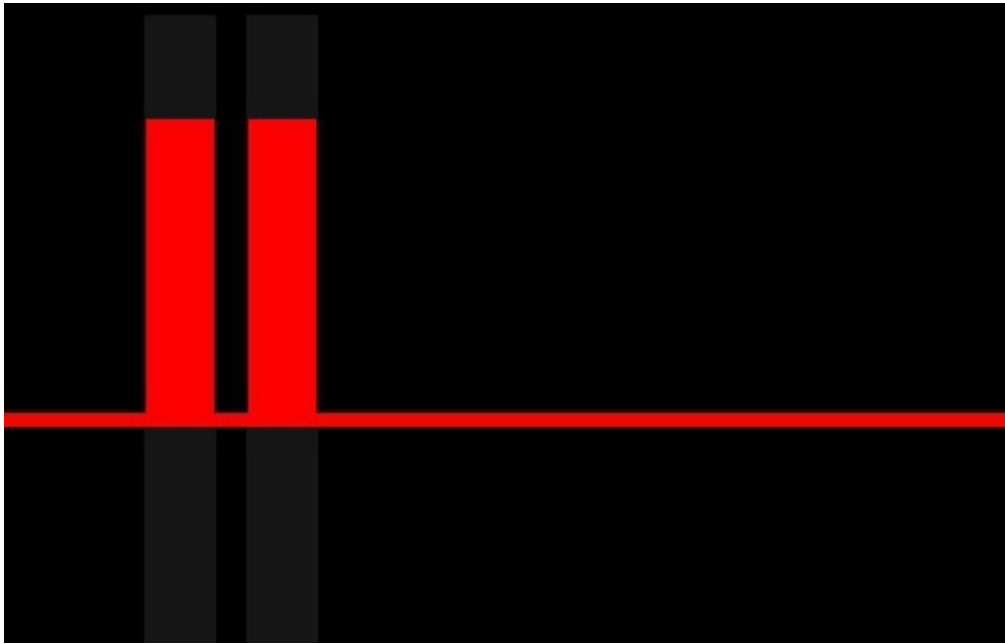
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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting Notice - September 18, 2014

UPDATED: Wake County Fire Commission Meeting Notice - September 18, 2014

09/15/14 230 W - + 9 - 4

Updated on September 15 with agenda and document packet. Note that the agenda includes Cost Share Study update. [See prior posting](#) about that.

The Wake County Fire Commission will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The location is Wake County EMS Training Facility, on the lower level of the Commons Building. The address is 4011 Carya Drive.

Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Lucius Jones
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes for July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
 - Consider Approval of Updates to the Fire Commission Rules of Procedures
 - Consider Approval of Support for the Wake County Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement
- Presentation on Development of the Fire Commission Strategic Plan
- Presentation on Process/Procedure for Standard of Cover (SOC)
- Information Agenda
 - Fire Tax Financial Report
 - Cost Share Study Update
 - Chair Report
 - Fire Services Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments:
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointed by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of 3 minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting November 20, 2014

Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF, 8MB - Includes Cost Share Study draft)

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FWD Fire Trucks Delivered in North Carolina

09/14/14 152 W - + 6 - 2

Just learned about this excellent resource, the Youngstown Fire Forums [delivery lists list](#). Includes this [FWD fire apparatus users list](#) supplied by Rodger Birchfield.

Just a few are listed in North Carolina. The fields are order number, city, model number, and delivery date:

- 70070 - Raleigh, N.C. - F-75-T - 02-10-50
- 70105 - Morehead City, N.C. - FR-50-T-H - 04-24-51
- 70167 - Dunn, N.C. - F-75-T - 08-18-52
- 70361 - Raliegh, N.C. - F-722 - 05-29-57
- 70438 - Winston Salem, N.C. - F2F-1028 - 11-18-60
- 70445 - Albermarle, N.C. - F2F-1030 - 12-30-60
- 70639 - Winston Salem, N.C. - FF2-02 - 02-19-64

Readers can assist with details. Presume most are pumpers, though the 1964 Winston-Salem truck was a FWD/Baker/Pittman snorkel.

What's missing from the list? Thomasville had a 1967 FWD/Snorkel. Others?

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Youngstown Fire Forums, Apparatus Delivery Lists, Notes on N.C.

09/14/14 617 W - + 1 - 1

Never heard of the [Youngstown Fire Forums](#)? That's an extensive and active discussion board (or collection boards) operated by the [Youngstown Fire Department](#) in Ohio. The forum contains a *lot* of apparatus information, including threads with photos and details on particular makers and even particular rigs.

One of the site's feature is a collection of [apparatus delivery lists](#). Insert multiple exclamation points. Those lists are gold to fire historians. The listed makers include Ahrens-Fox, American, Boyer, FWD, John Bean, Mack (MB, MC, MR), Pierce, Stutz, and Sutphen. The list authors, who deserve heaps of recognition and appreciation, include Rodger Birchfield, Bill Friedrich, Ed Hass, Dave Organ, John Peckham, Greg Ricker, and Bob Studer.

(As a fellow butcher, baker, and obsessive list maker, these records often represent the proverbial "life's work." Hundreds if not thousands of hours are required to research, compile, and maintain. Every one of these companies predates the digital. Someone had to enter or transcribe this information into file formats.¹)

Let's take a look at some of the lists and what we can find...

Boyer

From the list by Rodger Birchfield, a number of early trucks were delivered in North Carolina, check the delivery list for full details. Apologies for errors, below are typed not copied and pasted.

Historian tip: Never re-type apparatus details if you can copy and paste from your source. Typing errors are terribly easy.

- Angier - 1925 Ford
- Boone - 1927 Chevy
- Burgaw - 1927 Ford
- Columbia - 1927 Chevy
- Forest City - 1928 GMC
- Hot Springs - 1928 GMC
- Kenilworth - 1927 Reo
- Marshall - 1927 Graham
- Norwood - 1924 Ford
- Old Fort - 1927 Reo
- Selma - 1924 Reo
- Southport - 1914 Ford
- Spindale - 1927 Chevy
- Spruce Pine - 1927 GMC
- Sylva - 1927 Graham
- Tryon - 1926 Graham

As for the two local trucks? Here are those details:

- Angier - 4108 - 1925 Ford - 2 40Gal - Combination chemical hose car, probably, with two 40-gallon chemical tanks.
- Selma - 2954 - 1924 Reo - Hale 723 - 2 35Gal - Triple combination? With two 35-gallon chemical tanks.

Pierce

The lists (multiple, very long) by Bill Friedrich contain over 300 units delivered in North Carolina through 1996. First ten trucks, job number and department name only:

- E-0067 - LONG BEACH FD
- E-0155 - BAY LEAF FD
- E-0160 - WEST BUNCOMBE VFD
- E-0318 - ST.TIMOTHY FD
- E-0337 - ST.STEPHENS FD
- E-0387 - UNION ROAD VFD
- E-0388 - SWEPSONVILLE VFD
- E-0479 - WEST IREDELL VFD

- E-0547 - ROANOKE RAPIDS FD
- E-0625 - SUMMERFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Stutz

The list by Rodger Birchfield has exactly one, for Greenville N.C., a 1922 Model "C" triple-combination with 750 GPM pump.

Sutphen

The monster list by Dave Organ contains these early rigs delivered in North Carolina:

Job #	City	CO#	YR 1	Chassis	GPM	GBT	LGTH	TYP
HS-1007	Morganton	AT-704	1974	Sutphen	1250	300	85'	ATQ
HS-1137	Winston-Salem	A-1	1976	Sutphen	1250	150	85'	ATQ
HS-1249	Durham	L-2	1976	Sutphen	1500	200	85'	ATQ
HS-1250	Durham	L-3	1978	Sutphen	1500	200	85'	ATQ
HS-1348	Durham	E-4	1978	Ford C	1000	500		ENG
HS-1349	Durham	E-5	1978	Ford C	1000	500		ENG
HS-1423	Charlotte	L-2	1979	Sutphen	1000	300	100'	ATQ
HS-1662	Winston-Salem	E-4	1981	Sutphen			65'	MMQ
HS-1764	Bethesda FD	E-22	1984	Sutphen	1500TM	1000		ENG
HS-1801	Bethesda FD	L-3	1984	Sutphen	1500	300	100'	ATQ
HS-2100	Bethesda FD	E-2	1987	Sutphen	1500TM	1000		ENG
HS-2237	Wilmington	L-1	1988	Sutphen	1750	300	90'	ATQ
HS-2365	Greensboro	E-6	1989	Sutphen	1000	1000		ENG

¹Then there's all the time required for updates and corrections. Not every piece of data is "right" when received. The Mack MC list lists Raleigh's 1979 MC tractor as pulling a 1956 ALF trailer. The correct year is 1958. Think about how many times that repeats itself, across one of these lists? Where some sends an update, or new or additional information? These are not projects for the faint-hearted!

Seagate VFD New Hanover County had a Ford / Boyer 1987 1250 pump / 1000 tank.

Brian White - 09/22/14 - 15:02

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Wilmington Fire Apparatus in 2006

09/16/14 215 W - + 8 - 9

Transcribed from the contents of a 2006 consultant's report on the Wilmington Fire Department. [View that document](#) (PDF, 212 pages). And maybe this'll lead to a historical fleet listing, if the information presents itself.

Readers are welcome to add any rigs added since this list. Plus any corrections or additions to this!

- 1979 Ford/Grumman - 1000/600 - Reserve Engine 14
- 1979 Harbor - 34' fire boat - 500 GPM (to be added to [this page of mine](#))
- 1985 Ford/Quality - 1000/500 - Reserve Engine 13
- 1987 Ford/Grumman - 1000/500 - Reserve Engine 12
- 1988 Ford 700/____ - Box truck - Water Rescue 1 (dive unit)
- 1988 Sutphen platform - 1750/300/100' - Tower 2
- 1989 Ford/____ - Tractor-drawn haz-mat - Haz-Mat 2
- 1989 Pierce Dash engine - 1000/500 - Engine 10
- 1990 Pierce engine - 1500/500 - Engine 11
- 1991 Ford F700/Hackney - Mobile Air 1
- 1995 Sutphen ladder - 1500/400/75' (?) - Engine 5
- 1997 Freightliner/Hackney - Medium rescue - Squad 3
- 1997 Sutphen platform - 1500/300/100' - Tower 1
- 1998 Sutphen engine - 1500/500 - Engine 6
- 1998 Sutphen platform - 1500/500/75' (?) - Engine 7
- 1999 Freightliner/Hackney - Medium rescue - Squad 2
- 1999 Sutphen engine - 1500/500 - Engine 2
- 1999 Sutphen engine - 1500/500 - Engine 9
- 2000 Ford?/Hackney - Light rescue - Tactical Rescue 1
- 2000 Sutphen engine - 1500/750 - Engine 4
- 2001 Sutphen engine - 1500/500 - Engine 1
- 2001 Sutphen engine - 1500/500 - Engine 3
- 2001 Sutphen platform - 1500/300/75' (?) - Engine 8
- 2006 ____/Hackney - Medium rescue - Squad 1
- 2007 Metal Craft Marine Firestorm - 50' - 6000 GPM.

Mike the Harbor fire boat at one time also carried the name Atlantic 5. Why it was the Atlantic 6 is unknown. It is stationed on the east side of the City at Wrightsville Beach for the intercoastal Waterway.

Ryan - 09/20/14 - 22:01

I am cataloguing Wilmington, NC apparatus taken in late 1972 or early 1973. E-1 1965 Duplex RF817GCF/Howe 1000gpm Shop: 221; E-2 1952 Corbitt/Oren 750gpm Shop: 242; E-3 1952 Corbitt/Oren 750gpm Shop: 216; E-4 1950 ALF 710-PEO 750gpm ALF: 9210 Shop: 244; E-5 1966 ALF 900 Series 1000gpm Shop: 208; E-6 1965 Duplex RF817GCF/Howe 1000gpm Shop: 215; E-7 1967 Duplex RF817GCF/Howe 1000gpm Shop: 227; T-1 1966 Seagrave KT-100 100' Seagrave: N-5475 Shop: ???; RE-2 1943 ALF B-675 CO 750gpm ALF: L-1906 Shop: 209; RA-1 1939 Seagrave 500gpm Seagrave: 93140 Shop: ???. I hope this data is of interest. Shaun Ryan

SHAUN RYAN ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 12/29/15 - 14:10

Thank you, Shaun!

Legeros - 12/29/15 - 19:39

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Firefighter Injured at Accident This Morning

Eastern Wake Firefighter Injured at Accident This Morning

09/17/14 161 W - + 6 - 3

As reported by this [Eastern Wake News story](#) earlier today, Captain William Boggs of the Eastern Wake Fire Department was injured this morning at an accident scene south of Knightdale. Two cars were being cleared from the scene, when one of them rolled unexpectedly. Boggs was pinned between the two cars, and suffered a broken leg. He was transported to WakeMed by Wake County EMS and was reported in good condition.

The original accident happened about 6:30 a.m., when a car backed out of a driveway and was struck by a car in the roadway. This occurred near the intersection of Bethlehem Road and Moon Valley Lane. The drivers and/or passengers were not seriously hurt. And that's the update on that story, basically a rewrite of what you could read, if you clicked the news story. Best to Captain Boggs. Send a picture of yourself on crutches and we'll amend the posting!

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Durham Fire Department History Bits - 1935 to 1969

09/19/14 351 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Found these while browsing the bookshelves at Olivia Raney Local History Library on Cary Drive in Raleigh. They are *Durham Morning Herald* index cards from back in the day. Someone somewhere copied the index cards and bound them into books. The library has a copy on their open shelves. There are four books (volumes), covering topics from "A" to "Z".

Newspaper index cards are similar to a library's card catalog. They served as an index to either all or major articles of a paper, and were used primarily by staff to find or research older stories. Card collections might be copied and later bound and donated to a local library. And/or photographed on microfilm for library use, as happened with the *News & Observer* index cards. (The cards were later digitized in recent years, and can be viewed on this site. [See prior posting.](#))

Here are the index cards about the Durham Fire Department. They represent a nifty historical perspective on both (a.) major events in the department and (b.) "slices of life" representing what caught the attention of the morning newspaper. Next question, where can you read some of these stories? e.g., where or what are the archives for the *Durham Morning Herald*? Let me look into that some time.

Reading the cards reveals all manner of interesting things. Black firefighters were proposed as early as 1949, for example. Council deferred, but recommended to "augment Negro personnel on police force." Winston-Salem would hire their first black firefighters two years later. Durham would wait another nine years before making that move. ([Related posting.](#))

There's discussion of county fire protection in the 1940s. The city was providing protection to rural communities, as no other fire departments were yet organized in Durham County. By the end of that decade, the county had purchased a fire engine. It was placed in service on August 18, 1948. If memory serves, it was housed at Station 1 and operated by a city crew.

[View the index cards](#) (PDF, 5MB)

Durham. City. Fire dept. Firemen, policemen are satisfied with new salary schedule. Oct. 29, 1944, Sec. 1, p. 8.	Durham. City. Fire dept. Numerous changes in Fire Department and water supply system recommended. Jan. 31, 1945, p. 1, Sec. 2.
Durham. City. Fire dept. Council accepts form for grading of policemen and firemen. Feb. 2, 1945, Sec. 2, p. 1.	Durham. City. Fire dept. Delegation of 10 members of Durham Police Department and equal number of private citizens appear before meeting of City Council to speak against retaining merit system now in force in Fire and Police Departments. June 18, 1945, p. 1.
Durham. City. Fire dept. James O. Nichols draws fine of \$50 for turning in false fire alarm. Feb. 13, 1945, p. 12.	Durham. City. Fire dept. Proposal made to relocate fire stations of city. July 20, 1945, p. 12.
Durham. City. Fire dept. Fire Chief Frank Bennett calls upon Durham residents for complete Spring clean-up. Mar. 8, 1945, Sec. 2, p. 1.	Durham. City. Fire dept. Unionization of police and fire departments advocated by Gooze. Aug. 14, 1945, Sec. 1, p. 1.
Durham. City. Fire dept. Archie Davis named architect for new city fire stations.	

Coverage During Today's Firefighter Funeral

09/21/14 164 W - + 10 - 5

Here's a list of fire departments and EMS agencies providing coverage in Franklin County, during today's funeral for Justice Fire Department firefighter John Gupton. Thanks for the collective input via my Facebook query. Awaiting more details...

Wake County

- Bay Leaf 121 to Youngsville FD
- Fairview FD to Mitchner's Crossroads FD
- Hopkins FD to Bunn Sta 2
- Raleigh Engine 26, Ladder 8 at Louisburg FD
- Rolesville P153 and Car 1 to Bunn Sta 1
- Stony Hill FD at Youngsville Sta 3
- Wake County EMS 33 and EMS 15 to Bunn FD.
- Wake Forest FD at Youngsville Sta 1
- Wendell E11 to Bunn Sta 1
- Zebulon Pumper 92 and Car 2 to Pilot FD.

Vance County

- Bearpond FD to Epsom FD
- Cokesbury FD at Youngsville Sta 2
- Vance County Rescue to Epsom FD.

Granville County

- Creedmoor FD to Franklinton FD

Warren County

- Afton-Elberon FD to Gold Sand FD
- Warrenton FD to Centerville FD.

Nash County

- Various fire departments provided coverage at Justice FD this weekend. Rotating on six-hour shifts until Monday morning at 6:00 a.m.

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Special Called Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - Thursday, September 2509/21/14 88 W - + 9 - 3

There will be a special-called meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission on Thursday, September 25, 2014. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room C-170 of the Wake County Public Safety Center in downtown Raleigh.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public and stakeholder input on the Fire Cost Share Study. That's the lone agenda item, a presentation about same and receiving of feedback.

Here's a [prior blog post](#) about the study.

[View the report.](#)

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Forestry Service Attack Plane, Circa 1975-76

09/21/14 105 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Our friend Bob Bartosz shares this vintage image by Kinston firefighter Tony Kelly, later Fire Chief. The picture's from around 1975 or 1976. He and Bob traded photos back in the day.

The image depicts a C-130 aircraft used by the North Carolina Forest Service. It was equipped to carry 3,000 gallons of ammonia sulfate fire retardant, and operated with a six-man crew. The plane was stationed in Kinston.

Readers, care to add context, about forest service air operations back in the day? Or information about the Kinston airport and it's history and service with the forest service? Click to enlarge:



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Raleigh Recruit Academy Graduates on Thursday

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Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy 39 graduates this week from their twenty-eight week fire academy. The ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m. ~~7:00 p.m.~~ on Thursday night, September 25. The location is Fletcher Opera Theater at the Duke Energy Center in downtown Raleigh. You know, the place we once called Memorial Auditorium. They'll then begin serving six months as probationary firefighters, assigned to engine and ladder companies around the city.

Their academy started on March 24. Recruitment started in the fall of last year and was conducted both locally and regionally. There were 883 applicants. During their twenty-eight week academy, the recruits have received state certifications on EMT, Firefighter I & II, NCRIT (Rapid Intervention Team), and Hazardous Materials Operation.

They also received training on technical rescue, fire-ground procedures, high-rise operations, accountability systems, safety companies, engine and ladder company operations, and firefighter safety and survival. Plus an extensive physical fitness regiment! (Raise you hand if you still remember what you sang while running in formation, even decades later.)

Training was conducted at the Keeter Training Center, as well as at the Wake County Fire Training Center, Central Carolina Community College Emergency Services Training Center in Sanford, and Gaston College Regional Emergency Services Training Center in Dallas.

Photo

Here's their breathtaking photo as taken by Jeff Harkey from atop Two Hannover Square on Fayetteville Street. Where have prior academy photos been taken? All over the place. Here's a [page of prior photos](#). (The members of Academy 13 were particularly handsome.) See my [RFD history page](#) for other historical academy data.



Jeff Harkey photo

The recruits are almost exclusively from North Carolina, plus one each from Florida and Colorado. They are Jeremy Ardner (Garner), Nicholas Azan (Miami, FL), Emmet Bagwell (Raleigh), Anthony Battaglia (Raleigh), Brian Bello (Fort Collins, CO), Sylvester Brooks (Raleigh), Samuel Brown (Raleigh), Timothy Caldwell (Raleigh), Nicholas Campasano II (Morrisville), Nicholas Christopoulos (Raleigh), Micah Cobb (Raleigh), Caleb Creech (Zebulon), Christopher Davis (Wendell), Aaron Dickson (Raleigh), and Stedman Greggs (Raleigh).

Along with William Henderson (Durham), Kristopher Hinnant (Selma, NC), Travis Holland (Selma, NC), Hipolito Lara, Jr. (Clinton, NC), Todd Lineberger (Charlotte), Phillip Mack (Raleigh), Mark Mancini (Emerald Isle, NC), Travis Parrish (Henderson, NC), Adam Pearce (Zebulon), Mark

Pearce (Cullowhee, NC), Sandra Prier (Raleigh), Al'Landrew Shepperson (Cary), George Smith (Carolina Beach, NC), James Wood (Clayton, NC), and Marshall Wrenn (Charlotte).

Family relations? A number of recruits are related to current and retired members: Bagwell is the son of Battalion Chief Randy Bagwell, and also brother-in-law of Firefighter Jason Lee and cousin of Lt. Rocky Bagwell. Parrish is the son of Firefighter Scott Parrish, and also the nephew of Lt. Donald Williams. Holland is the fiancé of Firefighter Kelly Lamotta, and cousin of Firefighter Davie Hodge. Hinnant is the son-in-law of Capt. Bill Melina. Davis is the son-in-law of retired Battalion Chief Jerry Pace. Pearce is the nephew of retired Capt. Tim Pearce. Memo to self, update my Raleigh Fire Department family tree (see [this PDF doc](#))!

Congratulations to all!

The ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m., not at 7:00 p.m. as previously noted.

Correction - 09/23/14 - 11:35

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Flood-Prone Milner Inn Acquired by City of Raleigh

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As yesterday's [press release noted](#), the City of Raleigh is acquiring the Milner Inn at 1817 Capital Boulevard, which is one of the most flood-prone properties on Capital Boulevard (my words). It and three other sites were damaged by flooding on August 12. Recall the water rescues performed ([see photos](#)) as residents and patrons were evacuated from the Inn and the adjacent Foxy Lady.

The city and the owners have agreed to a purchase price of \$830,00. The closing is tentatively planned for mid to late October. The acquisition is being funded through a FEMA grant program both (a.) in response to historical flooding events and (b.) to eliminate future claims submitted to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Prior to this deal, the city had used FEMA grants and budgeted Stormwater Utility fund monies to fund the purchase seven structures that had experienced multiple flood-related losses over the years. [Here's a blog post](#) about the demolition of the nearby AMF bowling alley in April 2013, and the related Capital Boulevard corridors study.

The city plans to demolish the hotel and the neighboring night club. Their goal is to build a park in the area between the north and southbound lanes of Capital Boulevard, and through the incremental acquisition of the commercial properties therein. Such a park would improve the appearance of the city's northern gateway, as well as improve flood control both there and downstream.

The News & Observer has a [good article on the story](#) by Colin Campbell. Below are pictures of the Inn's flooding both in August and in June 2007, when remnants of a tropical storm brought flooding to a number of areas around Raleigh.

Readers, what are your memories of flooding (and responses to same) at the Inn or neighboring properties, over the years and decades?





My suggestion is they flood and the USAR guys can use it for permanent water rescue training....

Stike - 09/29/14 - 22:08

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Updated: Mystery Apparatus

09/30/14 139 W, 4 I - + 11 - 6

October 1

Here are the rigs revealed, as photographed at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson, AZ. Top left is a Army Class 530 crash truck, originally spec'ed as 500/400/40, but modified with a larger water tank and turret. Top right is an Air Force Biederman O-11 crash truck, but with it's original double Rockwood foam turrets apparently upgraded to a single one. Bottom is an Oshkosh M-12 crash truck that originally served the Tucson airport. Thanks to Mark Redman and Ted Heinbuch via the [Fire Trucks at War Facebook group](#) for the detailed information. Click to enlarge:



September 30br> Reporting from the road, somewhere in the continental United States. Answers at a later date.





Mike, when I was in Tucson a few years back, I went to the <http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org/>. It is a little ways south on I 4, I think it was. If you get a chance to go, it is worth the trip.

Russell - 10/02/14 - 09:28

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And Another Story About Social Media | Houston, Facebook, Rant

10/02/14 467 W - + 9 - 5

Arson investigator accused of posting obscene references to Islam on personal Facebook page.

That's the title from [this Houston Chronicle](#) story by Allan Turner, but there are others including this pair from Curt Varone and Dave Statter:

- *Houston Firefighter's Post Sparks Complaints* - [Fire Law Blog](#)
- *Houston fire investigator put on desk duty for personal Facebook post blasting Muslims* - [Statter911](#)

The Statter911 posting is longer, and contains excerpts and links from multiple sources. He's also participating in discussions of the story on the [Statter911 Facebook page](#). (Here's [one such thread](#) there with some strong reader opinions on the issue. Plus some of Dave's trademark humor.)

But let's go back to the headlines. These headlines interest me, because they (and others) are so distinctly different:

- *Arson investigator accused of posting obscene references to Islam on personal Facebook page*
- *Houston Firefighter's Post Sparks Complaints*
- *Houston fire investigator put on desk duty for personal Facebook post blasting Muslims.*
- *Firefighter's Facebook Post About Islam Sparks HFD Investigation* (ABC-13)
- etc.

Depending upon the headline that you read, and the specific words therein, you might have a different reaction. Let me simplify that. Your personal reaction might vary to these headlines. Just as reactions to this story are going to vary.

Social media. Facebook. These are very personal things, when used for personal reasons. Duh, right? But I submit that such "individualized perspectives" are one of the reasons that public servants find themselves "in trouble."

Did you read one or more of these headlines and shrug? Or dismiss their validity to "political correctness?" Or pump a fist in the air, because of your feelings toward the subject matter?

You get the idea.

With social media technologies, it gets complicated when you try to square "free speech" with concepts such as "my personal page" or "that's when I'm off-duty." And as this story yet again exemplifies, there can be career consequences.

Readers, your thoughts?

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Postscript, added after I've re-read this thing a couple times. Needs a closer or a concluding statement. Maybe a piece of advice. Yada, yada, yada, and then it ends. That's it, Legeros? Can't you give us something to work with, to help us going forward?

Okay, how about this...

And by looking at ourselves, and our personal reactions, the need for policies and procedures is firmly reinforced. We're all different people, both in person and online. We have different perceptions of what's good versus what's bad with social media. Some folks have a great inner compass. Others need a framework to help their thinking. Build a policy, if you don't have one. Educate about your policy, if you haven't lately.

That work?

Hmmm. I'm conflicted, having dealt with something similar before.

On the one hand, if it's his personal page (be it facebook, or personal website, tumblr, twitter, whatever) then it's his personal view. Whether you agree with it or not, you can't deny the man a right to his opinion.

On the flip side, anything anyone says could always be construed as an unofficial opinion/comment/verdict from your employer – whether you mean it to be or not, someone somewhere will always add 2 and 2 and come up with 11. Even more so if you're in a public facing role (regular fire, emt, cops, spokesman for local school board/hospital/whatever).

That's not to say you can't have opinions, but you have to be extremely careful in the manner and audience you express that opinion to. And even then be prepared for someone to mis-understand or take it out of context. If you can't handle the possibility of that then either don't say it at all, or go get a job where expressing that opinion doesn't matter so much. Now obviously that's not the "correct" answer since we would hope that anything we say on a personal level is not construed to be coming from our employer, but that's the state of the world we live in.

Paul - 10/02/14 - 13:43

Yes. That's his personal opinion on his personal page. Nope, you can't deny the man a right to his opinion. It's his freedom of speech, as it should be.

But we don't have to employ you either.

Jeff ([Email](#)) - 10/02/14 - 15:04

Give me a break, what I post on my Facebook wall doesn't impact my job, or ability therein, right?

Wrong.

In this case, it's a fire investigator in trouble for "hate speech." Imagine him on the witness stand, for an arson prosecution. If the defendant is a Muslim, would a jury believe he might have behaved with bias?

Is that a stretch? Don't think so.

Legeros - 09/17/14 - 09:26

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Weekend Events, Whoa!

10/03/14 181 W - + 8 - 4

Fire Prevention Week starts on Sunday and thus a flood of fire department events are scheduled for this weekend. Here's a sampling of what's happening. Call or check the web for event times and more details.

Saturday, October 4

Wake County:

- Garner Fireman's Day at Station 1, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., parade at 2 p.m.
- Holly Springs FD open house at Station 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Morrisville FD Fire Prevention Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Park West Shopping Center.
- + others?

Other counties:

- Bear Pond FD (Vance) open house
- Dover FD (Craven) Fireman's Day
- Fayetteville Fall Safety Day at Crosscreek Mall
- Four Oaks FD (Johnston) Fireman's Day
- Hugo FD (Lenoir) Fireman's Day
- Louisburg FD (Franklin) open house
- Orange Rural FD (Orange) open house and donut sale.
- Pilot FD (Franklin) 40th anniversary
- Pinecroft Sedgfield FD (Guilford) annual BBQ.
- etc.

Sunday, October 5

- Bay Leaf FD open house at Station 1, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fairview FD open house at Station 1, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tunnels to Towers 5K Run & Walk at PNC Arena, starts at 8:30 a.m.

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Five North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Honored at National Memorial Service October 12 10/05/14 335 W - + 8 - 5

On Sunday, October 12, the 33rd Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will honor five firefighters from North Carolina who died in the line of duty last year. They are among the 98 firefighters who died in 2013, as well as nine firefighters who died in previous years, who will be remembered at the official national service held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.

- Firefighter Tony Barker, age 36
Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department
Died after being electrocuted while operating at a fire on June 13, 2013.
- Assistant Chief Jeffrey L. Fields, age 51
Youngsville Volunteer Fire Department
Died December 25, 2013, from a heart attack after responding on a motor vehicle accident on December 12, 2013.
- Captain David A. Heath, age 48
New Hanover County Fire Rescue
Collapsed then died while participating in department training on October 14, 2013.
- Fire Chief Scott A. Morrison, age 44
Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department
Died after he collapsed at the scene of a brush fire on March 3, 2013.
- Captain Jon Schondelmayer, age 44
Cary Fire Department [also Firefighter with Swift Creek Fire Department]
Died after responding to multiple calls on December 18, 2013.

Their names will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, which is located on the Academy grounds. The annual national tribute is sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security’s U.S. Fire Administration.

More than 5,000 people, including members of Congress, Administration officials and other dignitaries, members of the fire service, and families and friends of the fallen firefighters are expected to attend. Members of the fire service, honor guard units and pipe and drum units from across the U.S. will participate in this national tribute.

Visit www.firehero.org for a complete list of the fallen firefighters being honored, along with Memorial Weekend related videos, photos, media and broadcast information.

Yours Truly will be participating again as a volunteer photographer, as part of the Social Media team. [See my photos](#) from the 2013 Memorial Weekend, which was my first visit.

See ya there!
MWilson - 10/06/14 - 11:14

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Merging Wilmington and New Hanover County Fire Departments?

10/06/14 403 W - + 7 - 6

That's the recommendation from a consultant, as reported by the [FireNews.net story](#), from this [Star-News story](#) by Julian March. The 119-page study was released today. The project was started last year, when the County Manager asked the City Manager to consider a consolidation study. In November, City Council approved funding of same, and cost was shared with the county.

Mind you, we're just talking about WFD and NHCFR. There are four other fire departments in New Hanover County: Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and the airport. Also, as the *Star-News* story notes, mergers of the city and county have been rejected by voters in 1973, 1987, and 1995. Talks started again in 2001, but didn't go anywhere. Only at a department-specific level has success been reached, beginning with transportation departments in 2004 and public utility departments in 2008.

What's going to happen with the report? Public input will be sought at a pair of meetings on October 29. The consultant will make a presentation to the county and city on November 17 and 18, respectively. Actions are expected at the county level, to further the initiative. (The study suggests establishing committees as a first step.)

Read the Report

What does the report say? Quite a bit, and too much to summarize upon first skim.

[Here's the direct link](#) (PDF), thanks to FireNews.net. Read and digest and report back with your reactions.

Postscripts

- Emergency Services Consulting International wrote the report. Recall that they evaluated the Wilmington Fire Department in 2006. [Here's that report](#) (PDF), along with a couple related postings on the department's [station plans](#) and their [fleet in 2006](#).
- Looking at the maps in the report, Durham city and county comes to mind as a somewhat comparative example. Durham city exists as the sole municipality in the county, and sits smack in the lower middle center. The rural areas are protected by five departments, one of which is a new county entity. Gets a person thinking about mergers.
- What about Wake County, and trying to envision such a scheme? Way more complicated in Capital County. Twelve municipalities here, though some of those are protected by private fire departments. Plus there's no county-operated component. There no "county fire" to be merged with a "city fire." Move along, nothing to ponder here.
- How many other city/county mergers have happened in North Carolina? Good question! Have any at all??

I believe, to a certain level, Guilford county merged its dispatching services with the city of Greensboro, at least for the fire side. Not sure of examples of fire departments fully merging together.

Taylor Jones ([Email](#)) - 10/14/14 - 12:16

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Panoramic Photos of the Hall of Flame

10/06/14 108 W, 4 I - + 7 - 2

Visited the Hall of Flame fire museum in Phoenix last week. Was my first visit to town, and my first visit to Arizona. Took about 1,340 photos at the fire museum. Tried to get a couple shots of each rig. Those'll take a couple weeks to get posted. (Maybe I can get a list of what I shot, so makes and models can be added.) Meanwhile, enjoy this quartet of mobile phone panoramas. That, or get your butt online and buy some plane tickets. 'Tis an easy four-hour-and-half flight. Perfect for a good nap and some long reading. Click to enlarge:



Fire Prevention Display at Station 9 - October 1979

10/07/14 152 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

For your Tuesday enjoyment, here's a scan of a photocopy (sorry for the lame quality) of a *Raleigh Town Today* photo of a fire prevention display at Station 9. Click to enlarge:



The caption reads: "Fire Station No. 9, located in North Hills at the corner of Six Forks and Rowan, was named first place winner in a department-wide contest for the best display in observance of Fire Prevention Week. Chief Rufus E. Keith presented a plaque to the station's three captains--Ed Thornton, W. K. Beasley, and R. S. Debnam--on Tuesday, October 9, the date in 1871 on which the famed Chicago Fire occurred. Other winners in the fire department's contest were fire stations No. 3 second, No. 1 third, and No. 8, No. 12, and No. 2 as honorable mention. Left to right above with the prize-winning display are Firefighters Jasper Mial, Charles Mann, Geroage A. Hodge, and Dale Casey."

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Found for sale on eBay, color slides of the following rigs and with diminishing levels of exposure, top to bottom: Faison's 1973 Ford C/Howe pumper, Vander's 1981 Spartan/E-One pumper, and Charlotte Engine 3 as a 1988 Pierce Lance pumper.





I was broke in running the Howe on my first fire as a driver.

car3550 - 10/09/14 - 11:32

If I am not mistaken Vander still has this truck but its now numbered 831 and runs out of station 8, Vander substation.

2405 - 10/12/14 - 19:07

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Couple updates from Pitt County. The city of Greenville recently received the results of a consultants evaluation of the fire and EMS department. They presented to City Council on Monday, and the hour-long presentation can be [viewed on the web](#).



On Tuesday, WNCT published [this story](#) about the report. On Wednesday, *The Daily Reflector* [published this story](#) (requires a subscription to view), which summaries the report's recommendations as "consider reducing EMS staff per ambulance from 3 to 2, analyze use of overtime, add more staff in peak hours, add administrative positions, create a comprehensive plan and gain accreditations."

Does anyone have a digital copy of the report that they can provide? We'll post and host here, for others to read.

New Rescue Pumper

Next is Greenville's new engine, which is a 2014 Pierce PUC rescue pumper that's pictured outside historic Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI. The apparatus is due soon and will serve as Engine 3. The picture was posted to the fire department's [Facebook page](#). According to their [web page](#), Engine 3 currently operates a 2001 E-One quint.



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Durham's New Engine 14

10/11/14 81 W, 1 I - + 5 - 7

We tweeted this one yesterday, but let's post the thing as a blog post. (For those of you that don't follow me on Twitter, or watch those tweets on the upper-right of the blog home page.) The Durham Fire Department recently received a 2014 Sutphen Shield 1500/500 pumper. Was placed in service on September 25. Lee Wilson took a trip to the Bull City and photographed the rig this week. [See more photos.](#)



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Reporting from the road and the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. That's where the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend is underway. Mr. Blogger is a member of the media team, and specifically a photographer for the media. Coverage of the event is continuous on the NFFF [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels. You'll also see some sundry updates from me, [via Twitter](#).

Here are a couple quick shots from Friday. Upper left is a Howard County Fire-Rescue command unit that's been graciously provided to the media team. That's my "office" for the weekend. Upper-right is a 2013 Oshkosh Striker from BWI airport. one of three rigs on display on the memorial grounds. It's parked beside the dining hall. Bottom is a mobile-phone panorama from the stage at the memorial.

You can watch tonight's candlelight service and tomorrow morning's memorial service live at <http://www.firehero.org/>. Here's this year's roll of honor, which includes five firefighters from North Carolina who died in the line of duty last year. ([See prior posting](#) on that subject.) Watch the Twitter widget in the upper-right hand corner of the blog home page for more pictures through the weekend. Click to enlarge:



Says thanks for taking all those pics! Great job. Good to see ya
Any pics of Cary personnel you could send my way?
M. Wilson ([Email](#)) - 10/13/14 - 16:20

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Raleigh Fire Department Station 8 was honored tonight as a recipient of the 2014 Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council Neighborhood Recognition Awards. Engine 8 and Car 20 on "A" platoon attended the event, which was held in a ballroom at the Five Points Center for Active Adults on Noble Road. The awards ceremony was preceded by a dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The event's emcee was Raleigh CAC Chairman Benson Kirkman. The award was presented by West CAC Co-Chairman Jim Paumier. The four firefighters accepted the award and Captain James Roof make some remarks, talking the station's involvement with the community.

Fifteen awards were presented tonight to individuals and organizations as nominated by each of the city's fifteen CACs. Since 1977, the Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) has been recognizing significant efforts by property owners, community groups and individuals to enhance the health, safety, and appearance of their neighborhoods.

Pictured are Engine 8 members Capt. James Roof, Lt. Edward Tindal, and Senior Firefighters Tim Godwin and James Jones, along with Division Chief Barry Spain and his Aide First Class Firefighter Ian Griffin. Click to enlarge:



Congrats to the 8-boys.....High-Low-Chicago! Some good times at that house.
Silver - 10/16/14 - 22:46

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New Book Coming - Nash County: 24/7 Heroes

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Book announcement. Veteran fire photographer Bob Bartosz and retiring Rocky Mount firefighter Todd Joyner are publishing a book about Nash County firefighters are more. Titled *Nash County: 24/7 Heroes*, the book will be a hardcover with 256 pages and hundreds of photos by Bartosz. The book will be published in May or the first week in June. The authors are taking advance orders. The price is \$32.95, delivered to Nash County fire stations. Add \$6.95 for mail orders. [Here's the flyer](#) (PDF). Order your copy today!



NASH COUNTY: 24/7 HEROES

The new hard cover fire book is unlike any other book you have ever seen. This book features all of Nash County firefighters and rescue personnel, EMS members, forestry service and other emergency personnel including the 911 center, Fire Marshalls and training personnel.

This hard-cover, heirloom-quality book will have 256 pages featuring the history and modern day events of all the 24/7 heroes serving Nash County, North Carolina. There will be a special section featuring the 24/7 Heroes from the surrounding counties who assist Nash County when needed.

The book was written by retired Fire Engineer Todd Joyner with hundreds of photos by Veteran Fire Photographer Bob Bartosz.



LIMITED EDITION!
Order your copy today!

This book is a non-profit project. No profit will be made from the sale of this book. Any remaining funds will be donated to a fire service charity at the completion of the sale of the book.

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Get your limited edition copy by sending a check or Money order (no cash) for \$32.95, payable to:
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Nash Firefighters can pick up books at their station. Station name _____
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You will not go wrong purchasing a book by Bob. He is the ultimate fire photographer and his books are outstanding!!! I look forward to this one!

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 10/19/14 - 20:45

When is this book going to be done? I ordered one for my son as a Christmas gift LAST YEAR just after CHRISTMAS and I had heard when I ordered it that they would be done around March of 2015 then when March got here I heard it would be done around June/July and again no books and this time I didn't hear another completion time and it has been six months since then and almost A YEAR since I ORDERED IT!! I just won't to know why it has taken this long and I either WANT MY BOOK I payed for and ordered or I WANT MY MONEY BACK!!! IM STARTING TO THINK IT WAS I SCAM!!!!

Mindy ([Email](#)) - 12/08/15 - 08:53

Mindy, I received an update on this project last week. The book will be arriving by late January 2016. I will pass along your note to the project participants, so they can respond directly as desired.

Please note that such commemorative book projects often experience production delays. It can take longer than expected to collect the photographs, verify facts and historical information, and such.

Be patient and you'll be rewarded.

Legeros - 12/08/15 - 09:06

To all of the folks who have preordered a copy of the Nash County 24/7 Heroes book. The books will be here in late January 2016. I understand some people misunderstood last year this time when we announced we were creating and taking preorders for the book the research, writing and production time was on schedule for us. We turned our book into our publisher this past July for proofing. Our publishing company got behind on their projects which subsequently pushed our book back a couple of times. I share in your frustration but can assure you our book is being made. It is a beautiful 256 page hardback book with over 1000 photographs of historical and current day operations of the Nash County Fire and Rescue Services. Thank you all for your enduring patience, may God bless and Merry Christmas. Todd Joyner

Todd Joyner ([Email](#)) - 12/08/15 - 14:00

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What's happening with new apparatus deliveries and purchases in the Capitol County? Here's the skinny on what's coming (or already been delivered). Readers are welcome to edit or expand our list:

- Three new 2014 Freightliner/Rosenbauer tankers (750/2000) for Fairview, New Hope, and Swift Creek. Two have been delivered, and SCFD is awaiting theirs.
 - Two new rescues built by Spartan ERV for Fairview and New Hope, due in January.
 - Apex has a pumper being built by Spartan ERV.
 - Cary ~~has~~ will be ordering a pumper from Pierce. It will be a replacement for Engine 8.
 - Holly Springs has two new rigs: 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar rescue pumper (1500/75/25), now or soon in service as Squad 1. And a 2001 Spartan Gladiator/Baker Aerialscope (2000/___/95-foot) from Lewisburg, PA. Formerly William Cameron Engine Company. Being painted red over its original dark yellow.
 - Raleigh has a commercial chassis air truck in production from Pierce. Due in the spring.
 - Raleigh has also just ordered a pumper and a tiller from Pierce. The latter will be Ladder 9, and staffing for which has been including in Academy 40, which starts this month.
 - Wake Forest is adding a second ladder, an E-One quint (1500/500/75-foot) that they'll receive in December. It'll be housed at Station 3.
 - Wake Forest has also ordered a Rosenbauer Commander pumper/tanker (1500/1000), the future Engine 4. Delivery is due in July.
- Thanks Parker, for passing along the [WFFD annual report](#) (PDF) that contains this info.

Wake Forest also is or has purchased a 2015 side mount rosenbauer commander pumper/tanker, to be lettered engine 4 once the new station 4 has been built. Seeing quite a few Spartan and Rosenbauers coming about these days in Wake County. Additionally, that was gathered from their 2014 annual report, just released on their website. Would love to see a picture of their e-one quint.

Parker Y. - 10/19/14 - 22:53

Cary has yet to order a pumper. Specifications are still in the works. This will be a replacement for Engine 8

CFD - 10/19/14 - 23:03

Who won the Wake County contract? Wasn't it for 5+ engines?

FireDude - 10/20/14 - 00:08

Any word on where the new Raleigh engine will go?

Rescue Ranger - 10/21/14 - 15:40

Hope the new engine has a low hose bed in the rear!

Engine Guy - 10/22/14 - 01:06

Frankly with the new station in the works as well as the ladder company being added, I wouldn't be surprised if the new engine goes to Engine 12.

Will - 10/22/14 - 14:41

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Vintage Photo* « Wake County Apparatus... » Raleigh Fire Department... of Stony Creek Rescue Squad

Vintage Photo of Stony Creek Rescue Squad

10/20/14 157 W, 1 I - + 11 - 3

Here's a great old photo passed along from a reader, that was shared on the [Rocky Mount... Way Back When](#) Facebook group, and originated from the department's [Facebook group](#). Stony Creek Rescue Squad of Nash County. Let's place the photo as late 1960s, what do you think? Notice the spelling of Stony as Stoney. The department is currently named [Stony Creek Fire and Rescue](#). (Same thing happened in Wake County. Stony Hill was originally named "Stoney Hill.")

As their web site notes, the fire department was organized in 1956 and the rescue squad was created in 1959. (They were incorporated in 1979, say state records.) They ceased their fire department operations in 1994, and ceased most of their ambulance and rescue squad services in 2006. Today, they maintain a pair of ambulances staffed on a volunteer basis. Now readers, what are the makes and models of those beautiful vehicles? Click to enlarge:



Not sure about the year, but the Ford looks to be a 1969 or 1970. Could be a Superior (Stoney Creek had an affinity for Superior Coach vehicles for a while- they also had a Pontiac in the early to mid 70s) but it is hard to tell from the front, especially since some of the other Superior-esce items are not there (roof flashers, cowl lights, etc.) . The Cadillac is also a Superior and a 1962 (the parking lights indicate such). The GMC is a 1964-1966. The International is a 1958 or 1959. It is like several similar vehicles on International, GM, and Dodge chassis that were found in area rescue squads.

DJ - 10/20/14 - 18:48

Stony Hill has always been "Stony Hill" and is listed as such in our articles of incorporation. There were errors and discrepancies in the "truck doors" and old station sign painting. I think the same guy must have done the painting! As Mike would probably say... history is curiously baffling!!

A.C. Rich - 10/20/14 - 19:24

The Fall 2014 edition of the *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter* has been posted to www.raleighfirenews.org. This issue's contents includes features on company training at the Council Building and confined space rescue training for the Special Operations Command. Plus updates from Services and Training, coverage of the recruit graduation, a photo gallery, and more. The newsletter is produced quarterly by Editor Mike Legeros. It's a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. And in its eighth year of publication, no less! [Read the new issue](#) (PDF), which is posted to the web site www.raleighfirenews.org.



Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter

Volume 7, Issue 5

Fall 2014

Training at the Council Building



Since April, the Raleigh Fire Department has been conducting training in the abandoned Council Building on the campus of Dorothea Dix hospital.

The facility was found and the first training program was conceived by Lt. Chris Barrows (ES-C), who discovered the building while doing training on hydrants.

In February, he received state approval and access to the building. He created a training schedule for "C" platoon companies and received approval in March.

He was helped by Engine 5, and Battalion Chiefs John Fanning, Ian Toms, Chris Wilson, and Steve Page.

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Recruit Academy 39 Graduates



Thirty firefighter recruits graduated on Thursday, September 25, in a ceremony at Fletcher Opera Theater in downtown Raleigh. The ceremony opened with a procession featuring Wake & District Pipes and Drums and the Raleigh Fire Department Honor Guard.

After a greeting by Division Chief Keith Tessinear, Recruit Aaron Dolsen led an invocation. Command training staff were introduced and Fire Chief John McGrath made remarks.



Recruit Micah Cobb was named Valedictorian, while Recruit George Smith was recognized as Outstanding Recruit. Recruit and Class President Nicholas Campiano also presented a plaque to the training staff.

Badges were pinned onto uniforms by family members and Chief McGrath administered the oath of office. A reception followed the ceremony.

The new firefighters come from across North Carolina, as well as Colorado and Florida. They'll serve a six-month probation period, assigned to engine companies. Meet the recruits on Page 5. ■

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Scotts Hill Fire Station Now Open in Pender County

10/21/14 120 W, 1 I - + 7 - 9

From a reader, Pender County Station 18 has been opened in Scotts Hill. The new facility is operated by Pender EMS & Fire. They're also constructing a new station on Highway 421, which will be Pender County Station 29. See their [Facebook page](#) for photos of both facilities. It opened earlier this month. There's an open house on November 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Scotts Hill community was protected by their own fire department from 1977 to 1992. Read that story in a [prior posting](#). They even published this [cookbook in 1975](#). And here's a [posting from last year](#), about the development of Pender Fire & EMS.



From WECT, Pender County is breaking their contract with New Hanover County for fire protection in Scotts Hill, and Pender EMS and Fire will become the primary provider, [http://www.wect.com/story/30476340/pender...](http://www.wect.com/story/30476340/pender-county-is-breaking-their-contract-with-new-hanover-county-for-fire-protection-in-scotts-hill)

Legeros - 11/11/15 - 08:20

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First Three-County Dispatch Center in North Carolina

10/25/14 155 W - + 7 - 5

Here's something interesting out of Hyde County, a press release announcing the first three-county emergency communications center in our state. [This press release](#) (PDF) from September 25 notes the county's decision to join Dare and Tyrrell counties in the creation of a regional ECC. Each county currently operates their own "public safety answering point."

The new center will be located in Dare County, in Manteo adjacent to the regional airport. The county is donating the land. The project is estimated at \$11 million and will be largely funded through the new NC E-911 Consolidation Program. ([The NC 911 Board site](#) tells more about such funds.) It should be completed in two-and-a-half years. Hyde County expects operational savings of about \$130,000 a year, through participation.

Maybe our readers on the comms side can talk about both this and consolidation projects in general, and some of the benefits (as well as challenges).

It makes sense to me to do that. These are largely rural counties and the savings would be considerable to each agency. Now if they would retain all the employees to staff the new center would great since they are familiar with the area.

John Davis ([Email](#)) - 10/25/14 - 09:42

I echo John's sentiment. Savings in those "poor" rural counties, with the exception of part of Dare, is a big deal. It *would be nice to keep the TCs from the counties' 911 centers, though some may not want that long a commute to work. There's another issue altogether. But yes, having a "local" TC that know the area is a good thing. I think NCSHP recently closed the Williamston/Troop A radio room in favor of transferring the calls to a different radio room. There was a bit of a to-do about that, as many were upset that they were losing local TCs that knew the area. A local TC gives credence to the "I'm over here on XYZ Rd. near So-and-so's barn" description, and that TC knows exactly where that person is. It'll be interesting to see how the three mix, as Dare Co. has its own 800MHz system and I think Tyrrell and Hyde are still VHF.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 10/27/14 - 09:11

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Presenting the Hall of Flame Fire Museum

10/26/14 801 W, 3 I - + 10 - 10

Had the pleasure of visiting the [Hall of Flame Fire Museum](#) in Phoenix the other week. First time both there and to the southwestern state. Greatest fire museum ever. Book a week in that city ASAP! Now with that out of the way, let me tell you about the museum, its operations, and its collection. Their story begins in Lake Geneva, WI. That's where Olive Getz bought a vintage fire engine as a Christmas present for her husband George. in 1955.

They loved the rig and developed an interest in fire engines and fire engines. George began to educate himself on the subject, and found that there were few fire museums and few serious collectors in the states. They began collecting more and by 1960, he had about a dozen hand engines, hose carts, ladder wagons, and motor trucks in storage sheds on their estate in Lake Geneva.

In 1961, he founded the Hall of Flame and organized the National Historic Fire Foundation as a means to sponsor their operations. The Hall of Flame had three goals, which has remained the same over the decades: collection, preservation, and display of historic fire apparatus, fire safety and education programs for the public (especially children), and recognizing American firefighters that have died in the line of duty.

The first museum location was a small, former auto showroom in Lake Geneva. It opened in 1963. Four years later, the museum moved to a 10,000 square-foot building in Kenosha. In 1970, it closed as prepared for relocation to Arizona. George and Olive moved to Scottsdale, and the museum secured a site through the City of Phoenix at Papago Park.

While work on a new museum building was underway, a small part of the collection was displayed in a storefront in Old Town Scottsdale. That's not far from the office of the Globe Corporation, which the Getz family owned and operated. (George Getz died in 1992. His grandson, also named George Getz, took over as President of the foundation. Other Getz family members continue to play key roles in the foundation's operation.)

In 1974, the Hall of Flame reopened in a 12,000 square-foot building. They had some twenty pieces on display. From 1982 to 1984, the building was expanded to 42,000 square-feet, including 30,000 square-feet of galleries. (There are five galleries.) Plus a restoration shop and a small library. Today, their square footage has passed 66,000 square feet. They have two buildings: the main museum and its galleries, and a 20,000 square-foot warehouse behind the main building.

Today, they have over 130 wheeled pieces, and over 10,000 (whoa!) small artifacts, including firefighting tools and extinguishers, helmets and uniforms, scale models, fire marks, and more. Plus a library of over 6,000 volumes and over 50,000 photos, prints, and lithographs.

The museum has both paid and volunteer staff. Had the pleasure of talking to some, during my two-day visit. (Spent three hours there over two visits.) They're a great group, as dedicated and knowledgeable as you could ask for. Also had the pleasure of observing their fire education program for children. They take kids to their warehouse, and let them put their hands on hose and spray water. Or use a real bucket brigade.

Inside the museum, the tour groups are taken to the Hall of Heroes, where they're told a children's story that teaches fire safety. There's also a vintage fire engine for them to climb upon, an American LaFrance 700 Series from Miami. Then there's a separate children's area, where they're shown a fire safety video, among other activities.

Mr. Blogger attempted to photograph every rig at the museum, and from a couple sides. Was largely successfully. [See those photos](#), which include a visit to the warehouse. Thank you to the Hall of Flame staff for allowing access. (See more [Legeros fire museum photos](#). Also saw some old fire trucks in Tucson, at the Pima Air & Space Museum. Trip photos are being [posted here](#). More coming. Titan Missile Museum. Vintage vehicles in Jerome, AZ.)

Look closely at the picture file names for make and model of depicted rigs. That information is pulled from the Hall of Flame web site, and the [pages about their collections](#). Every rig is listed and with photos and background!

There's also a neat book about the museum, The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting by Dr. Peter M. Molloy, and published by [M.T. Publishing](#) in in 2012. The book's the source for the historical information above. It's a 200-page book with pictures and histories of their rigs, plus historical information about the fire service and firefighting.

The Hall of Flame is located at 6101 E. Van Buren Street in Phoenix. They're open every day of the week. Their web site is www.hallofflame.org.





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Roto-Ray for Western Carteret

10/28/14 77 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

From this [FireNews.net story](#), here's a 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar pumper 1500/1250 that's been delivered to [Western Carteret Fire Department](#) in southwestern Carteret County. They were renamed from Cape Carteret Fire Department in 2005, which was chartered in 1966. Why were they renamed? Don't know. Maybe readers can help. Like reasons include (a.) just 'cause, (b.) new entity as result of merged departments, and (c.) reorganized under new management.



I believe Cape Carteret is a town or township (don't know the difference, maybe the latter is a smaller community), anyways, perhaps the fire dept was not funded by the town but held its name. Or another theory, maybe the town contributed funds to the fire dept and has since broken those ties, thus causing the fd to become a incorporation that contracts fire protection?

Watson - 10/28/14 - 09:01

I believe their is 4 little towns down that way that combine their money to support Western Carteret instead of having small individual town departments. Cape Carteret, Peletier, Cedar Point and Bogue are all town butting up to one another and Western Cartaret covers them all.

car3550 - 10/28/14 - 16:58

Western Carteret Fire & EMS serves the Cape Carteret Fire District as it is known through OSFM. It is correct that there are four incorporated towns and Carteret County making up the Western Carteret Interlocal Cooperation Agency which is organized under N.C.G.S 160A, Article 20, Part 1, 160A-460 through 160A-466. The original volunteer non-profit department broke from the incorporated town of Cape Carteret somewhere around 1991-95 when a new fire station was built in the neighboring incorporated town of Cedar Point about 1/4 mile away. The "official" name change did come about in 2005. The interlocal agency became a unit of local government in 2010. The agency was originally exploring combined law enforcement, but that was found not to be feasible. The agency seemed to be a good "fit" for the fire department as growth; both residential and commercial, had begun to increase and the responsibilities and call volume of the department had also increased. A new Chief also began on 1 January 2011 by appointment of the agency board as well as a restructure of the organization. The Department is a combination department with five paid career personnel on duty per 24 hour shift and volunteers standing volunteer duty crew along with the

paid personnel and some volunteers responding as other volunteers in the state do.

A new facebook page is being constructed as of 12-10-2014 and attempts are being made to deactivate the the old website that is not at all valid.

Kevin Hunter ([Email](#)) - 12/23/14 - 14:50

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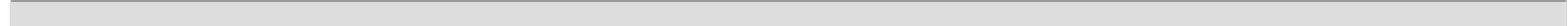
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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - November 6, 2014

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The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, November 6, 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. The documents for the meeting are linked below.

Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Lucius Jones
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes for September 18, 2014 Regular Meetingg
- Regular Agenda
 - Consider Budget Committee Recommendation for FY 2015 Apparatus Purchases
 - Consider Approval of Fire Commission Standing Committee Member Appointments
 - Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Meeting Dates
- Information Agenda
 - Fire Tax Financial Report
 - Chair Report
 - Fire Services Director Report
- Other Business
- Public Comments:
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointed by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of 3 minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting November 20, 2014

Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Summerville Bunnlevel's New Old Telesqurt

11/03/14 89 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

Here's a blast from the past for anyone from the Twin Cities area, such as myself. This 1992 International/General telesqurt (1500/500/65') arrived in Harnett County yesterday from Falcon Heights, MN. That's a suburb of St. Paul in Ramsey County. (Google Maps says a mere 1,225 mile driving distance.) It was purchased by the Summerville Bunnlevel Fire Department in Lillington. (BFD merged with SFD in 2011.) Has about 20,000 miles on the thing, as photographer Lee Wilson notes. [See more photos](#).



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Face Lift for Wake Forest Station 5

11/06/14 194 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

Lee Wilson yesterday photographed the old Falls fire station which is now Wake Forest Station 5. The building has had a facelift with an attractive stone exterior added on the front. Originally the Falls Community Center, the one-story wooden building was erected in 1960. It faced Falls of Neuse Road and housed the formed Falls Fire Department after they organized in 1970. What was the building's original footprint and configuration? Good question! Let's look to readers.

On July 25, 2011, the Falls Fire Department merged with the [Wake Forest Fire Department](#). The Falls station became Wake Forest Station 5. Here's a prior [blog posting](#) about that. Also that year, Falls of Neuse Road was realigned to meet New Falls of Neuse Road at a newly opened bridge over the Neuse River. [See blog posting](#). The old section of Falls of Neuse Road in front of the fire station was renamed Holmes Hollow Road. The fire station has the same numbers as before, 11908.

Though the stone work is complete, the new signage hasn't been added to the building yet. We'll keep an eye out. [See more photos from Lee](#).



Lee Wilson photo

The original footprint of the building was the white portion you can see in the above photo on the delta side. It contained a hall, bathrooms, and a small kitchen. The bays were added on by the fire department who did the work primarily themselves. The first bay was eventually converted into offices (the two windows on the A/D side of the front), and another bay was added to rear of the building. A boat house was erected on the C side of the property in the early 2000's. The Falls Community has long leased the building to the Falls Fire Department and now the Wake Forest Fire Department.

On a side note, the stone looks great. Nice upgrade by the Wake Forest Fire Dept.

Graney - 11/06/14 - 11:15

"The Target Market Considered the Word 'Sausage' Counterproductive"

11/07/14 175 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

That's the quote of the day and no snickering please. Can you guess the issue? That's right, Jones Sausage Road in Garner and recommendations to change the road's name. Why are they changing that piece of local history?

The road passes the site of the now-demolished ConAgra, which closed after an industrial explosion in 2011. (Legeros [incident photos](#) and corresponding [blog posting](#).) The site's being repurposed as an industrial park. (See some through-the-fence [pictures during demolition](#). Just a handful.)

The Garner Economic Development Corporation is working to attract developers. And their strategic includes a recommendation to change the road name. The aforementioned quote comes from Rev. Elmo Vance, a board member and what he wrote in a memo to town council. [Here's that story](#), from the *Garner-Cleveland Record*.

As for the old ~~Jones Sausage~~ Sanderford sausage plant that's nearby, here's a [handful of pictures](#) of that property in present day. (Substantially smaller facility.) Readers can add historical details about both properties.



That is not part of Jesse Jones / ConAgra. That is the old Sanderford Sausage building.
The water tower is about all that is left at the JJ site.

Frank ([Email](#)) - 11/07/14 - 07:54

I can kind of see their point. Sausage. Mmmmmmmm. Sausage.

But still, how about Conagra Jones Road or Jesse Jones Road...

Of course, does it not connect to White oak Road on the south end? Just name the whole Garner stretch White Oak Road.

Old Time Resident - 11/07/14 - 14:48

The explosion was on June 9, 2009.

Brian - 11/07/14 - 20:02

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My Facebook Feature Request List

11/09/14 584 W - + 6 - 3

Facebook is the world's greatest invention for connecting people and communities, at least in recent years. But it still doesn't work as well as it could. Here then are my suggestions for functional improvements:

Friend + Follow - When I am accepting a friend request, please ask me if I also want to follow that person. e.g., see their status updates in my news feed. This would save me the step of unfollowing that person immediately after accepting their request. (What, it's impolite to be someone's friend on Facebook, but not see everything they post? Guilty as charged. You'd better unfriend me...)

Remove Tag + Expiration Date - I'm entirely happy for folks to tag me in postings to their own wall. But maybe I'd like the tag to expire after a few days. Or a few weeks. Thus my making my older news feed entrees exclusive to content that I've added or created. Maybe the Remove Tag selection should include a second Remove Tag After One Week or Remove Tag After One Month.

Undo Feature for Fat Fingers - How to stop receiving notifications of a particular posting? Click the arrow in the right corner and choose the appropriate menu option. But here's a problem. On mobile devices, the option to "turn off notifications" sits right below "I don't want to see this." And if you have fat fingers (or are clicking while walking, jogging, jumping, etc.), you'll invariably click the wrong one. How about an undo feature there?

Please No Notifications For Likes - This feature might already be there, as I haven't checked lately. Love posting stuff to Facebook. Don't love getting notified every time someone clicks "like." Thus I'm doing a second step after every status update and after every posted photo. (Takes forEVER.) Click "Stop Notifications." Works great, except now I don't get a notification when someone adds a comment. (My ego is very delicate.) Quite annoying. Please remedy.

Global Stop Notifications - Related to above, when I'm posting two or more photos, how about a global option for "stop/get notifications for all photos" that are being posted? Or that are present in an album?

Fast Toggle For Name Suggestions - You know what's annoying? Trying to type a long-winded status update while Facebook keeps suggesting a matching name every third word. How about a easy-to-find option for ad hoc disabling? Yup, sounds just like the typical whiny user. I like this feature when I need it, and hate this feature when I don't need it.

Collapse and Expand Me, Baby - Would love a "collapsed" view of newsfeeds, both mine and other peoples. This would enable far faster browsing of old photos. Way more postings would be displayed on the screen. And for mobile users, far less data would be required, for loading those postings.

Searching People's Wall - Love that you can search the content in Facebook groups. How 'bout adding that for regular people? You know, the ones that eat their fair share of fiber? (Lee Wilson, we're talking about you. Love those apparatus pictures, but just try to find a specific one some months later!)

Really Deleting Old Postings - This might be a bug since fixed, but I observed several months ago that deleted postings from my wall (notably of numerous years ago) had returned. Not welcome. Uncool.

Thanks for listening. Hope you, ahem, liked it.

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Wide Views of Station 29

11/09/14 48 W, 2 I - + 9 - 3

Here are a pair of panoramic photos of Station 29, currently under construction at 12117 Leesville Road. The three-bay facility is scheduled to be completed in December. See [earlier construction photos](#) (and to which these will be added soon). Click once or twice to enlarge:



So Mike, based on the first year call volume of previously opened RFD firehouses, what would the estimated call volume for St 29? Not factoring in the area of the city or other influences.

Mr Wizard - 11/10/14 - 00:43

Mike, or other knowledgeable readers, what engine will be going into station 29? I guess it would have to be a currently used engine; make, model? That is going to be an awful lonely bay area with 3 large bays and one truck...

Parker Y. - 11/11/14 - 18:39

Those bays won't be empty long. I'm sure initially a reserve engine and possibly a ladder will be placed at the station.

Rescue Ranger - 11/11/14 - 20:13

So the actual Engine 13 would stay at central? Only the staff would move to 29? And 29 will get essentially a reserve for their new station? I don't see why they wouldn't just bring engine 13 (2009 or 2010 pierce, not sure which) out to 29 and keep it there.

Parker Y. ([Email](#)) - 11/12/14 - 00:21

Parker, keep in mind that stations are built for thirty years so they will eventually need that bay space and more.

I also wouldn't expect the E13 apparatus to stay there, but instead go back with the crew to St 1. Generally speaking, they rotate apparatus based on call volume and apparatus age, which is why most slower stations do not have a new apparatus. This helps to maximize the life of the apparatus.

Observer - 11/13/14 - 16:28

Mike, interesting. Looks like the biggest increases in call volume were during the second year of operation.

JC - 11/13/14 - 16:31

Note that those figures correspond to calendar years. The first number represents the first calendar year during which the station was an operation. It does not represent the first 12 months of operation. If a fire station start operating on April 1 or June 1 of, say, 1998, the call

volume will be much greater in 1999.

Legeros - 11/13/14 - 16:42

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Videos of Rescue*« **Wide Views of Station...** » **Two Alarms on Royal A...** *1 and Squad 14 Responding*

Videos of Rescue 1 and Squad 14 Responding

11/10/14 107 W - + 8 - 2

Since acquiring one of those magic devices called a smart phone, Yours Truly has been shooting short video clips of fire and EMS vehicles responding to calls. Pretty easy to make happen. Listen for companies or units that are either leaving a station that you're driving near, or will be responding along a route that you're also traveling on. Get there before they leave (or drive by) and voila. These get posted to Facebook as they happen. Have started uploading a few to YouTube as individual clips. [See my video channel](#) for a couple compilations of earlier ones.

Nice! I assume you've seen the videos from rescue911.de on youtube?

Paul - 11/10/14 - 10:02

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Swift Creek's New Tanker

11/11/14 65 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

Lee Wilson yesterday photographed Swift Creek's new Tanker 2, a 2014 International/Rosenbauer ~~2500/200~~ 500/2000. Was delivered on November 10. The old Tanker 2 was sold to Woodsale FD in Person County. [See more photos](#). This was the third and last delivered in Wake County, following tankers for Fairview and Wake New Hope. [See Lee's other albums](#) for photos of those.



Lee Wilson photos

Mike from Lee’s page Swift Creek FD’s new Tanker 2 on 11-10-14. A 2014 International Rosenbauer, 500/2000. Not a 2500/200.
stretch - 11/11/14 - 12:10

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One-Page Summary of Fires in Historic Oakwood

11/12/14 43 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Created this one-page research summary for a short talk tomorrow night, to the Historic Oakwood neighborhood association. [View the handout](#) (PDF). See [this prior posting](#) for information about the project. [Read the research results](#) (PDF).

Fires in Historic Oakwood

Research Summary

Raleigh Fire Department historian Mike Legeros has been researching fires in Historic Oakwood. Here are his findings as of November 10, 2014. Criteria for inclusion: (a.) within the defined historic district, (b.) residential or commercial buildings, or larger outbuildings, (c.) significant fires and thus excluding chimney fires, mattress fires, pots on stoves, etc.

Tier 1 – Buildings that burned down or were demolished after the fire

• 100 N. Bloodw. - Jul 5, 2001	• 403 E. Edenton - Jul 23, 1978	• 501 Oakwood (then 503) - Nov 3, 199
• 120 N. Bloodw. - Jan 10 1978	• 500 E. Franklin - Mar 6, 1992	
• 127 S. Bloodw. - Apr 10, 1992	• 537 E. Jones (now 200 Elm) - Apr 29, 1982	
• 121 N. East - Jan 23, 1904		

Tier 2 – Buildings that sustained major damage

• 800 N. Bloodw. - Dec. 21, 2008	• 312 Linden - Dec. 21, 1979	• 437 Polk - Feb. 18, 1938
• 307 E. Edenton - Jan 3, 1927	• 312 N. Person - Jan 23, 1890	• 429 Polk - Apr 2, 1939
• 216 N. Person - Sep 12, 1983	• 530 N. Person - Apr 12, 1942	
• 516 Jones - Apr 18, 2012	• 404 Polk St - Apr 4, 1943	

Tier 3 – Buildings with less than major damage, or unconfirmed amounts of damage

• 216 N. Bloodw. - Dec 10, 1993	• 306 Elm - Feb 5, 1991	• 218 Linden - Jan 17, 1951
• 222 N. Bloodw. - Feb. 12, 1957	• 416 Elm - Nov. 30, 1908	• 416 B. Morgan - Jan 16, 1977
• 307 N. Bloodw. - Jan 1, 1994	• 605 ½ Elm - Aug 26, 1971	• 405, 407 New Bern - Jun 20, 1993
• 517 N. Bloodw. - Apr 9, 1977	• 605 ½ Elm - Nov 15, 1971	• 408 New Bern - Oct 19, 1970
• 809 N. Bloodw. - Jan 30, 1996	• 704 E. Franklin - Oct. 10, 2001	• 415 New Bern - Jan 28, 1988
• 117 S. Bloodw. - Dec. 2, 1890	• 304 E. Jones - Mar 23, 1923	• 315 Oakwood - Feb 18, 1977
• 10 N. East - Nov 26, 1987	• 312 E. Jones - Mar 13, 1895	• 515 Oakwood - Oct 12, 1991
• 16 N. East - Dec 23, 1993	• 315 E. Jones - July 23, 1976	• 618 N. Person - Oct 11, 2007
• 116 N. East - Oct 12, 1972	• 404 ½ E. Lane - Oct 18, 1977	• 325 Polk - Jan 27, 1985
• 116 N. East - May 12, 1988	• 501 E. Lane - Jul 22, 1972	• 502 Polk - Sep 30, 1972
• 405 N. East - Jan 10, 2010	• 609 E. Lane - Jul 9, 1986	• 608 Polk - Apr 19, 1909
• 533 N. East - May 29, 2000	• 202 Linden - Sep 16, 1970	• 614 Polk - Jun 6, 1961
• 534 N. East - Sep 22, 1959	• 202 ½ Linden - Jul 18, 1974	
• 216 Elm - Mar 31, 1994	• 202 Linden - Mar. 20, 1984	
• 229 Elm - Dec 10, 1983	• 216 ½ Linden - Dec 28, 1984	

Tier 4 – Outbuildings

• 601 N. Bloodw. - Jan 19, 1893	• 223 Elm - Oct. 24, 1941	• 530 E. Jones - Apr 10, 1889
• 609 N. Boundary - Oct 17, 1985	• 301 E. Franklin - Oct 31, 1971	• 426 N. Person - Jan 3, 1877
• 112 N. East - Sep 12, 1915	• 710 E. Franklin - Dec. 28, 1965	• 311 Polk - Aug 11, 1986

Tier 5 – Unconfirmed fires

• 115 N. Bloodw. - Circa 1973	• 517 Elm - 1970s	• 501 New Bern - Mid-1990s?
• 407 N. Bloodw. - Need date	• 550 (?) E. Franklin - 20, 1978	• 410 Oakwood - Need date
• 721 N. Bloodw. - Circa 1950s (?)	• 628 E. Franklin - Need date	• 418 N. Person - 420 N. Edmont at time of fire. Moved in 1974 - 1930s
• 318 N. Boundary - Jan 5, 1989	• 547 E. Jones - Need date	• 530 N. Person - Circa 1984
• 109 N. East - Circa 2005	• 523 E. Lane - Need date	• 404 Polk - Early 1970s
• 215 N. East - Need date	• 601 E. Lane - Circa 1960 (?)	
• 539 N. East - Need date	• 309 Linden - Need date	

See the research details at <http://sitesurf.com/oakwoodfires>

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Service Trucks of Raleigh and Cary

11/13/14 96 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Top to bottom, left to right. Credits Lee Wilson (LW), Mike Legeros (MJL), Cary Fire Department (CFD), Jeff Harkey (JH), Richard Adleman Collection (RAC), and News & Observer (N&O).

- 2008 Pierce Velocity - New reserve rescue (LW)
- 1995 Mack/Craft (LW)
- 1994 Seagrave/Marion (LW)
- 1993 Pierce (MJL)
- 1975 GMC/Alexander (LW)
- 1957 Chevy (CFD)
- 1980 Ford/RFD - New chassis after 1979 accident (JH)
- 1971 Chevy (LW)
- 1964 GMC (RAC)
- 1963 Ford/RFD (N&O)

Related postings:

- [Origin of Term "Service Ladder Truck"](#)
- [Who Ran Service Trucks?](#)

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CANCELED - (Another) Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - November 20, 2014 11/18/14 143 W - + 7 - 2

November 18
This meeting has been **canceled**. It will be rescheduled for a date in December.

November 17
~~A second meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) will be held this month, on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. Different location, however. This time they're meeting at Garner Fire Station 1, 503 W. Main Street.~~

~~There's only a single item on the agenda, a presentation on the Cost Sharing, Funding and Service Delivery Analysis Study. [Here's a prior blog post](#) about that study, of which the preliminary report was released in September. [Read that document](#) (PDF, 3.2M).~~

~~Public comments will also be received. There are thirty minutes scheduled for receiving comments, with a maximum of three minutes per person. See the signup sheet at the entrance of the meeting room. Please register if you wish to speak.~~

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *New Carolinas Fire*« Raleigh Fire Departme... » Best Fire Report Entr... *Page Promotional Video*

New Carolinas Fire Page Promotional Video

11/17/14 67 W, 1 I - + 10 - 5

[Carolinas Fire Page](#) has produced their first [promotional video](#), a nifty one-minute clip featuring footage and stills from such fire photography luminaries as Thomas Bab, Bob Bartosz, Jeff Harkey, Julian Harrison, Mike Legeros, Jason Thompson, and Lee Wilson. [Here's a page](#) listing the credits. Oh, and CFP dispatchers are wanted. They're the ones that make the system work. [Inquire today](#).



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Best Fire Report Entry Ever - February 1963

11/17/14 53 W - + 5 - 2

This one's **so** getting added to my Historic Oakwood narrative...

From Raleigh Fire Department, Daily Report of Fires, February 12, 1963:

Time out: 12:47 p.m.
Time in: 1:45 p.m.
Alarm: Telephone
Address: 216 N. Bloodworth Street
Call Type: Service
Unit: Rescue 1
Nature of Incident: Take alligator out of house.

Considering the nature of the call, clearing in less than an hour is pretty good!

Wild Kratts - 11/18/14 - 08:13

Tramp Dunn told a story from years earlier in his career about answering a call to assist RPD in catching a Pole Cat. I wonder how that entry reads in the "daily Log" Most certainly the log entry isn't as funny as Tramps' version is.

Galax,Va ([Email](#)) - 11/18/14 - 21:31

If I was on this call, we still wouldn't clear til this day.

Jeff - 11/19/14 - 08:36

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - BMW vs. Fire « Hydrant Streams > Eng... » Remembering Sunday Sc... Hydrant in Boston - The Rest of the Story

BMW vs. Fire Hydrant in Boston - The Rest of the Story

11/21/14 320 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

With apologies to Paul Harvey. You probably saw the picture out of Boston last week, of a black BMW parked in front of a fire hydrant, and with one of their jakes trying to attach a supply line. The image was taken and tweeted by the Boston Fire Department. Or maybe you saw a second image of the thing, with the valve attached but the line not charged. There wasn't room with the car there.

[This Boston Globe story](#) from Monday detailed the incident, a three-alarm fire at a South End apartment building. Correspondent Jennifer Smith noted that "efforts to battle the blaze were hampered by a BMW station wagon..." etcetera, etcetera. Or as the BFD noted in their tweeted image, "This never helps."

Reporter Yvonne Abrahams has returned to the scene, and written a thoughtful [Boston Globe piece](#) on the owner of said illegally parked BMW. The owner's "bout of instant infamy" is a good reminder that "we are more than our mistakes." She writes about how his vehicle came to come to be parked there, his surprise, shock, and regret after learning where he'd parked and what happened, and his reaction to the reactions of others as posted on social media and the web. As you can surmise, or perhaps have felt yourself about the story, the latter involving a lot of outrage.

There are also reactions to the reactions, as the story's comment section shows. Meta comments, guess we'd call them. Pretty easy one for casting stones. Outrage is so very easy, isn't it? Judgment as well, just take a number. We're always in line, ready with our opinions. Certified human trait #1. Just as our capacity for error is certified human trait #2.

But we're more than our mistakes, aren't we?



Boston Fire Department photos

"efforts to battle the blaze were hampered by a BMW station wagon..." should read: "efforts to battle the blaze were hampered by a firefighter failing to think outside the box...". The BMW is nothing more than an obstacle that needed to be overcome. If the adapter is not in the hydrant bag I see a giant tool box on wheels a mere 50 feet away. Unless it is dry there is no excuse that hydrant couldn't be used.

Rescue Ranger - 11/21/14 - 12:32

"But we're more than our mistakes, aren't we?" I totally agree! Here's a great message about that very thing, and yes, it's overtly Spiritual.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwtcwQwgd..>

FF Cham - 11/23/14 - 17:48

Photo of FDNY IMT Units En Route to Buffalo

11/23/14 215 W, 1 I - + 13 - 3

From a reader, this neat photo was posted on the New York City Fire Department Facebook page ([see post](#)), and shared by FirefighterNation.com and FireRescue Magazine's Facebook page ([see post](#)). Got that? Caption from FDNY is "Today 35 members of the FDNY's Incident Management Team were deployed to Buffalo, NY, to assist residents following the area's record snowfall." Thanks for sending, Ted!

What is the FDNY IMT? Here's a [Firefighter Nation story from 2009](#) that provides a profile. Google for other articles about them. What are the trucks seen the photo? And the complete roster of deployed units? To be determined. Believe those "troop carrier" trucks were purchased after Hurricane "super storm" Sandy, as response units for flooded areas. Recall reading same in *Fire Apparatus Journal*, if memory serves. Maybe readers can help.

Anyone from North Carolina is famliiar with the concept, of course. Fire (and police) departments across eastern North Carolina (and probalby the entire southeast) have repurposed surplus military "deuces" for storm response. (And/or they call the National Guard for such help.) We're prone to those pesky hurricanes in these parts. Maybe we can dig up a few photos. Meanwhile, click to enlarge:



FDNY photo

Those units are FDNY High Water Units the Feds purchased for NYC after Sandy. The IMT response included the six High Water Units , FDNY Mobile Command Post, two very large Ryder trucks and about forty personnel. The concern in Buffalo is rising temperatures may cause flooding.

stretch - 11/23/14 - 18:22

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Scenes From Services

11/27/14 76 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

Spare and surplus apparatus at the Support Services Center on New Bern Avenue, along with a trio of support vehicles. Can you name them all? (The ladder trucks were only the second and third aerial platforms in the department's history. They followed a 1977 Mack/Baker aerialscope.) See more in this [series of photos from Tuesday](#), at the retirement party for Asst. Facilities Manager Lt. David Ritchie. Or click to enlarge this montage:



Which are surplus and which are reserve?

Bo - 11/29/14 - 08:29

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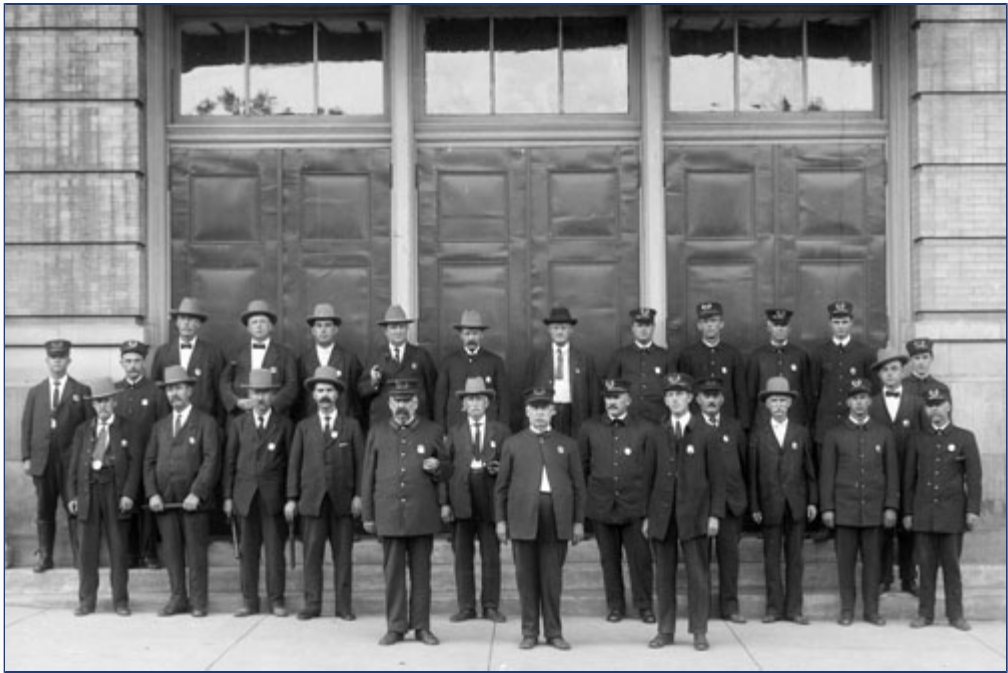
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Photo of Raleigh Police Force in 1929

12/01/14 101 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

From the [North Carolina State Archives](#) comes this vintage photo of the Raleigh police force by Albert Barden. The picture is dated November 20, 1929. The location is probably in front of City Hall, which was located at 335-337 Fayetteville Street. Says the 1929 city directory, the Police Chief was J. Winder Bryan, the Captain was Nathaniel Warren, and the Captain of Detectives was R. M. Saunders. The call number of the image is N.53.17.226. [Here's the web site](#) for the Archives' audio visual materials unit. Click once or twice to enlarge:



Courtesy North Carolina State Archives

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Update on Raleigh Fire Station 29

12/02/14 337 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

We're two months away from the completion of the city's newest fire station. Located on the northwest edge of the city at 12117 Leesville Road, Fire Station 29 was originally planned to finish at the end of December. The revised completion date is the end of February. Engine 13 will be temporarily relocated from Station 1 to serve as Engine 29.

Then at the end of April, when the current recruit academy graduates, the permanent positions will be available. Engine 29 will be staffed as such as well as the new Ladder 9. (Location still being assessed for the ladder, believe northwest side.) Haven't heard (or, ahem, thought to ask) which reserve engine will be bumped to front-line status for same. The ladder company, however, will operate the [2001 Quality/Spartan quint](#). That's the 75-foot straight stick that originally served as Engine 23 before a history as Truck 24, Truck 23, Ladder 4, and Ladder 1.

The three-bay, single-story fire station was designed by Williard Ferm Architects. They also designed Fire Station 28. This is the first new fire station for the city since 2007. It's only the fourth three-bay station, after Stations 1, 23, and 28. (Two of those were city projects, with Station 1 built in 1953. Station 23 is leased from Durham Highway Volunteer Fire Department. It was expanded in 2005 with living quarters for a second company.)

Differences between the two include a central watch station with views of the building's public entry, centrally located office, day room television area in alcove, dormitory rooms with open floor plans, and exercise room moved from core of building. Plus of course, the thing's huge. The site is 2.86 acres. The building is 10,000 square-feet in size.

Next up for fire department facilities? Improvements to Station 5 this fiscal year. Rebuilding Station 6 next fiscal year. Expanding Station 11 starting soon. Building new Station 12, Station 14, Station 3, etc. See this [special facilities edition](#) (PDF) of the Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter for more information. [See more construction photos](#) by Mike Legeros, going back to March. Plus a few building and site plan images.



12/03/14 193 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

For the second set of reports, it's noted that the data was reported to the state Insurance Commissioner. Wonder what sort of archives they have? That would be a coup, finding a repository of historical fire department data dating back to early last century. Hope to someday pursue that as well. (Why is Mike mucking around in this data this week? Working on a pair of historical narratives on Morehead City and Biltmore's fire departments.)

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Hose & Nozzle, 1972 - Five Perish in Wake County Fire 12/07/14 382 W - + 9 - 3

As best as records reveal, the two deadliest fires in Raleigh Wake County history occurred in 1948 and 1972. Five people were killed in both. The former occurred on February 1, 1948. [We've blogged about that fire before](#). The latter happened ~~in late~~ on August 8, 1972. [Date from Montlawn Cemetery search, where the victims where buried.] Found this *Hose & Nozzle* story from their September-October 1972 issue. Looks likely as reprinted from the ~~News & Observer~~ *Raleigh Times*. Readers may have more information.

Five Perish in Wake County Fire

RALEIGH, N.C. - Five members of a Wake County family died when fire partially gutted their brick home on Penny Road about six miles south of Raleigh.

H. O. Jordan, 41; his wife, Elizabeth B. Jordan, 35; the couple's two children, Lisa, 13, and Russell, 2, and Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. Mary K. Bailey, 65, died of smoke and heat inhalation, according to Wake County Coroner Marshall Bennett.

Raleigh Fire Marshal Johnny Holmes, responding to a request from Swift Creek Fire Chief L. D. Warner, inspected the home this morning and said that lightning may have struck the house. Holmes discovered wiring fused together.

Warner said the Swift Creek [Fire] Department received the call at 1:47 a.m., and arrived about four minutes later to find one end of the house engulfed in flames. The roof had caved in.

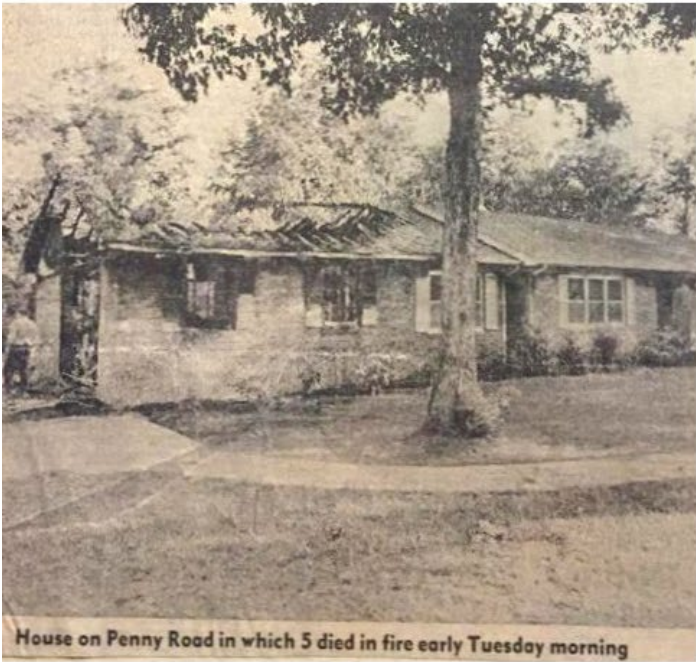
Warner said firemen learned there were people trapped inside, but the heat and smoke were so intense [that] it was several minutes before they could get in and locate the family. Warner said he believes all five were dead by the time the fire department survived.

"The was no way anybody could survive in those bedrooms for any length of time," Warner said. The family members apparently attempted to get out, but were overcome before they could do more than get out of bed. Both the family's small dogs died in the fire, according to Swift Creek fireman Brian Perry. They were buried this morning by neighbors.

The heat and smoke blackened the entire house and all its contents. Paint had blistered and peeled in every room.

Perry said that, when he removed the body of Lisa Jordan, "I think we were just hoping against hope that she could be revived."

News & Observer story about the fire, via personal scrapbook from our friends at Swift Creek:



House on Penny Road in which 5 died in fire early Tuesday morning

News & Observer - Wednesday, August 9, 1972

5 in Family Die in Fire In Wake County Residence

By BOB LYNCH
Staff Writer

Five members of a Wake County family were killed in a pre-dawn fire that partially destroyed their ranch-style home on Penny Road south of Raleigh Tuesday.

The fire may have been sparked by lightning, said Swift Creek Fire Chief L. D. Warner.

Killed in the fire were H. O. Jordan, 41, a cement contractor; his wife, Elizabeth, 35; their two children, Lisa, 13, and Russell, 2; and Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. Mary K. Bailey, 65.

Intense heat and smoke inhalation was listed as the cause of death by Wake County Coroner Marshall Bennett.

A sixth member of the household, Worth Jordan, escaped with only minor injuries. A first cousin to H. O. Jordan, he was treated at a local hospital for a minor cut on his arm and for shock and was released.

Warner said the fire apparently started in the garage, where fire examiners found electrical wiring fused together.

"We don't know if lightning ran onto the wiring or something else," Warner said.

There was a heavy thunderstorm in the area Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

Warner said flames, which destroyed about half of the brick-veneer, split-level home,

never reached any of the bedrooms, where the victims were found, but that the smoke and heat spread so fast they were unable to get far from their beds.

"They were all out of their beds," Warner said. "It appeared that the man had tried to get to the window." All of the windows in the centrally air-conditioned home were closed, preventing the smoke from escaping.

The alarm was turned in at 1:11 a.m., Warner said, and he was on the scene by 1:47 a.m. "I could see flames for about two miles before I got to the house. The roof on the carport and kitchen had burned through when I arrived."

Warner said he feared that people were trapped inside the house, but that the heat and smoke was so intense it was several minutes before firemen could get inside and locate members of the family.

The fire chief said he believed all five victims died before his volunteer firemen arrived minutes after the first alarm was sounded.

"There was no way anybody could survive in there for any length of time," Warner said.

The bodies of Mrs. Bailey and her granddaughter, Lisa, were found on the floor in the southeast bedroom. The body of a tiny dog that belonged to Lisa was found on the floor with her lying between her knees. Another dog that belonged to the family also

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died in the fire.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and their son were found in the northeast bedroom, Warner said.

The cousin, Worth Jordan, said he was awakened by the noises of the fire "cracking and popping."

During an interview with The Raleigh Times, the cousin said, "I just woke up in a daze. The fire woke me up. It was cracking and popping."

Jordan said he had been asleep on a living room couch when the blaze broke out around him. He said he went toward the back of the house, the bedroom area where the Jordans were sleeping, but couldn't get there because of the smoke and heat.

The cousin said he then went outside and down to the basement, breaking out a window there to try to get to them through the basement.

"It's just like a nightmare. Right off hand I tried to save them, but I couldn't get to them," Jordan said.

Mrs. F. M. King, the closest neighbor, said she was awakened by someone calling for help, looked out the window and saw "the flames were coming through the roof."

Mrs. King said the person calling for help was Worth Jordan.

Mrs. King said the Jordans had attended the funeral of a relative in Roanoke, Va., Monday and returned home late that night.

The fire chief said Worth Jordan was "in the yard when we got there running around the house."

"The best we could get out of him," Warner said, "was that one person was in the house." Warner said the cousin was in shock at the time.

Raymond Williams, a neighbor who lives diagonally across the road from the Jordans heard Worth calling for help, ran out and got a ladder from the Bill Ballard home, next door, and tried to get into a bedroom window but was forced back by the heat and smoke.

Legeros - 09/02/15 - 09:37

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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - December 11, 2014

12/07/14 183 W - + 5 - 4

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, December 11, 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. The documents for the meeting are linked below. The purpose of the meeting is a discussion of the cost share study. [See prior blog posting.](#)

Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Lucius Jones
 - Invocation
 - Roll of Members Present
- Items of Business
 - Approval of Agenda
- Regular Agenda
 - Presentation of Fire Tax District FY 2016 Budget Process Considerations
 - Presentation of Cost Sharing, Funding, and Service Delivery Analysis Report
 - Presentation of Cost Share Committee Recommendations
- Other Business
- Public Comments:
 - Comments from the public will be received at the time appointed by the Chairman of the Fire Commission for 30 minutes maximum time allotted, with a maximum of 3 minutes per person. A signup sheet for those who wish to speak during the public comments section of the meeting is located at the entrance of the meeting room.
- Adjournment - Next Meeting January 15, 2015

Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Corinth Holders New Engine, Holly Springs New Aerialscope

12/12/14 197 W, 2 I - + 12 - 2

Photographer Lee Wilson provides a couple local apparatus updates this week, via photographs from Corinth Holders Fire Department in Johnston County and Holly Springs Fire Department. As for other updates, readers are welcome to share their news. [We posted an apparatus update](#) for Wake County in October. **What other updates do folks have, both here and in the greater Raleigh-Durham area?**

Here's Corinth Holders' new Engine 3, a 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar 1250/1000. Delivered to Station 1 on Wednesday, October 10. And yet another Spartan ERV for our area. They're making definite inroads in the central Piedmont! [See more photos.](#)



Lee Wilson photo

Here's Holly Springs' new Ladder 255 (renamed from Ladder 2, story there?), a 2001 Spartan Gladiator/Baker Aerialscope 2000/95-foot. From William Cameron Engine Company in Lewisburg, PA. [See prior posting.](#) Has been repainted red over black from its original eye-catching dark yellow. Photographed yesterday at Station 1. Still having equipment added and more lettering and striping. [See more photos.](#)

Also, Lee reports that the town's new Squad 1 was placed in service on Wednesday, October 10. That's a 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar rescue pumper 1500/750/25 that was delivered in September. [See prior posting.](#)



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Car vs. Apartment Building, Driver vs. Jail

12/12/14 124 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

As [this WTVD story](#) reports, the deck and one wall of an apartment building at 4500 Oak Meadow Lane was destroyed around midnight, when his Jeep SUV left the roadway and struck the structure. The driver fled the scene (e.g. backed away and drove off) and was found at his home shortly after the crash. Says the story, the vehicle "had a busted windshield, scrapes, and still a large amount of debris" piled up on the hood. Including "nails, wood" and "even yard gloves from a storage shed." The driver was arrested. As the joke goes, but maybe he blew his horn first. See also [this WRAL story](#).



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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Historic Fire Trucks« Car vs. Apartment Bui... » Presenting a History ... at Historic Oakwood This Weekend

Historic Fire Trucks at Historic Oakwood This Weekend

12/12/14 206 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

The [43rd Annual Historic Oakwood Candlelight Tour](#) is this weekend in downtown Raleigh. This year, the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood is also saluting the firefighters who have also helped preserve property and save lives within the district. Raleigh Fire Department Historian Mike Legeros recently researched same and found some 125 working fires and over 200 smaller fires, from the late 1880s to present day. [Read this blog posting](#) to learn more. Or view his research documents: [single-page summary](#) (PDF) or [full-report](#) (PDF).

Four pieces of fire apparatus, from both Raleigh and local collectors, are planned to appear at the event, with the oldest on Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. They'll also have 1950s model at the Tucker on Saturday. The following day will see a 1960s pumper. Engine 3 will also be visiting at various times during the weekend. The fire engines will be parking along the tour route.

The tour is Saturday and Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. This is the 43rd annual tour. Twelve properties are available for viewing. [See this tour map](#) for more information. Or learn more on their [Facebook page](#).



43rd Annual
Historic Oakwood
Candlelight Tour
December 13TH & 14TH
1pm to 7pm BOTH DAYS
2014 With a special tribute to the Raleigh Fire Department
A fund raising event for the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

Advance tickets are available at The Rusty Bucket, Garner Orthopaedic Center, Bailey's Fine Jewelry, Devo Raleigh, Edible Art Bakery, Fallon's Flowers, Logan Tractor Company, Quail Ridge Books & Music, Raleigh City Museum, Revival Antiques, Seaboard Studio 125, Side Street Restaurant, Yellow Dog Bread Co. - Advance ticket sales at these locations end Thursday, December 11th.

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www.HistoricOakwood.org

Financial information about the organization and a copy of its financial records are available through the Freedom of Information Act. The financial information is not available to the public. Financial information is subject to change without notice.

Presenting a History of the Morehead City Fire Department

12/13/14 315 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

Announced a new page of historical information: www.legeros.com/history/morehead-city. Landing page is a basic web page. Research documents are PDF files. Three of them: apparatus, infrastructure, and timeline. Why Morehead City? That's is my adopted hometown. Moved there at age fourteen from Minneapolis. Their history has increasingly interested me as the decades have passed.

First dipped my toe into the subject in 2005, for the first of a [series of "Then and Now" articles](#) for FireNews.net. The series was based on [Sanborn Fire Insurance Map information](#) and compared the composition of fire departments around North Carolina between the 1900s-1910s-1920s and present-day. Also around that time a visit was paid to the [Carteret County History Place](#). Obtained old photos, some notes, and a retrospective from 1951 published in the *News-Times*.

Fast-forward a few years and a few blog posts later. [Compiled this timeline](#) in September. Was a good start, but too short. Enter Captain Jamie Hunnings and his historical information. We commenced a long-distance collaboration. Primary sources included the aforementioned article and fire department centennial celebration brochure from 2006. Remote research was conducted, with bits and pieces found via Google searches. Particularly about major fires and notable incidents.

Added some images, including [vintage pictures](#) from Jesse Chaplain from Beaufort (from a prior posting) and [apparatus photos from Lee Wilson](#). He's done great work capturing their rigs during annual beach visits over the last couple decades. The site still needs more images. That's something for someday. Maybe we'll see some submissions from readers or MCFD. But the historical information is tight 'n' right. And ready for feedback, from anyone with edits or additions or questions.

[View the history of the Morehead City Fire Department.](#)

Morehead City Fire Department History

Created December 1, 2014

Research Notes

- [Timeline](#) (PDF)
- [Apparatus](#) (PDF)
- [Infrastructure](#) (PDF)

Documents





- [MCFD Centennial Brochure](#)
- Blog Posts (see below)

Images

- [Lee Wilson photos](#)
- [Vintage Carteret County fire photos](#)

Milestones

- 1857 - Town founded
- 1860 - Town incorporated
- 1895, circa - First pumping engine, first Fire Chief, water supplied by fire wells
- 1906 - MCFD chartered, fire station established in City Hall on Evans Street
- 1910 - Water system including fire hydrants completed, first fire horse and hose wagon.
- 1915 - Second fire company organized.
- 1920 - First motor apparatus (hose truck).



Apex Announces New Fire Chief

12/13/14 161 W - + 8 - 6

As this [News & Observer story](#) reports, the town of Apex has found their new Fire Chief. From Rocky Mount comes Keith McGee. He's a lifelong firefighter who started in high school in Wilkesboro. He's been a member of the Rocky Mount Fire Department since 1991, and presently (or now formerly) their Operations Division Chief. McGee was chosen out of 164 applicants from across the nation. He'll start later his month.

Retiring is Fire Chief Mark Haraway, who's led the department since June 2002. He's also been key contributor to the Wake County Fire Commission. Haraway was formerly Fire Chief of Elizabethtown, from January 2000 to June 2002. His fire service career also included the ranks of Captain at Wilmington (1995-1999) and Engineer and Training Officer at Wrightsville Beach (1990-1995). He's retiring this month after over thirty years in emergency service.

Congratulations to both! Welcome to Wake County, Chief McGee. And see you on the proverbial other side, Chief Haraway.

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Help Wanted - Are You a Former Morrisville Firefighter?

12/15/14 146 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

The Morrisville Fire Department is preparing to celebrate their 60th anniversary next year. And they're compiling an anniversary roster of every volunteer, paid, and career member in the fire department's history.

Are you a former Morrisville firefighter? Please [take a look at this document](#) (PDF). Verify your name and period of service. And of course, please advise if you're not listed!

Also, your contact information is requested, as well as a photo. (Anything from a snapshot to formal portrait, please.) They're trying to collect photos of every prior member.

The contact is Firefighter Brian Oliver, boliver@townofmorrisville.org. The deadline is December 31, 2014.

More information is forthcoming about their anniversary plans. Stay tuned and thanks for your help.



I worked with Tony Chiotakis, and then Mike Chambers. Took a really good confined space class in February 1998. Gave me confidence to conduct confined space duties/rescues. Learned to drive Morrisville Truck one, which one day became Clayton Rescue One. Large truck. Helped to clean out the pond where the current station sits on highway 54. Was an old site for overnight travelers.

Mike Wallace ([Email](#)) - 12/15/14 - 21:56

I worked part time for Morrisville FD from 1998 to 1994

Timothy Luther ([Email](#)) - 12/16/14 - 13:25

Part-time early 93 to late 96.

A.C. Rich - 12/17/14 - 22:18

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Chapel Hill's New Blue Beast

12/15/14 126 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

[Downtown Chapel Hill](#) posted this photo on their [Twitter feed](#) on Saturday. That's the newest piece of apparatus for the Chapel Hill Fire Department. Named Tac 52. Military surplus 6x6 transport truck obtained through the NC Forest Service VFAP Cooperative Program. Outfitted with a skid-mounted suppression package.

Will serve as a brush unit for wildland interface fires, as well as support for storm response and special events. Should be a boss for flood rescue. Recall that there's an area of town on the east side that's prone to flooding during severe storms. Believe it's presently housed at the shop.

Photographed during Saturday's holiday parade. As the tweet states, needs a nickname. Blue Beast? Big Blue? Ram Tough?



Downtown Chapel Hill photo

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Airport EMS Station Update

12/16/14 281 W, 3 I - + 6 - 4

What's happening with the airport EMS station project, you ask? The station was closed on October 14, 2014. EMS 34, EMS 35, and Medic 95 were relocated to the Lynn Road EMS station. That is, they start their day at same. EMS 34 anchors at WakeMed Brier Creek. EMS 35 anchors at Pleasant Valley Shopping Center. Medic 95 also sort of anchors at that location.

As for the building, that's the former Bay Leaf Station 3 / Six Forks EMS / Six Forks Rescue / Six Forks Fire Department building. Ownership of the 12,642 square-foot structure and its 1.09 acre parcel transferred to the county on September 19, 2012. Read more history in [this prior posting](#).

The address of the airport EMS station is 6901 Mt. Herman Church Road. That's right before one of the airport's runways start. (Awesome views of incoming aircraft. They're right over your head.) As the aforementioned prior posting also notes, the three-bay building will cost \$1.25 million. Estimated 4,084 square-feet, including supervisor's office, four-bed dorm, kitchen, and day room.



We're told that completion is estimated in June or July. Only changes to plans is a slight shift of the building. The thing's been moved a little to the northwest, to get out of the flight line restrictions. Demolition should be starting now. The property is owned by the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority. They've had the land since June 21, 1990.

The former EMS building was built in 1972 and opened in 2005 as a Six Forks EMS station. Unsure the former tenants. The airport acquired same in 1990. Couple neat loading docs on the side and rear. Doubtfully will be missed. [See exterior pictures of the building](#), from the other week.



One of the aforementioned docks was quite handy for washing the roof of an ambulance if memory serves.

PJ - 12/17/14 - 10:40

It's interesting that they had a EMS Station near the airport (EMS6) for many years, then left. Then Six Forks used the warehouse building, and now they're building another one. I guess old EMS 6 was to close to 40 and not to 70? That used to be a decently busy truck if memory serves correct.

Airport EMS - 12/18/14 - 14:07

The airport station (EMS6) was busy, sort of. Most of the calls were 'no transport' so no revenue generated. Plus, it was close to EMS54 in Morrisville. Six Forks placed #1273 at the airport (later renamed to EMS123) and it ran from 08:00 – 20:00. Having worked at both of them (EMS6 and EMS123) neither at the time would be considered really busy stations. EMS6 was a nice 'break' station, and EMS123 was a good nap station, until the move-ups started.

Grizzle Medic - 12/19/14 - 16:12

Worked 6 for 2 rotations in one year in 2000,.. I think we averaged 2 calls a week if memory serves. Most of the runs then were move ups to ems 4 when the city got low on units. Spent a lot of time in the tower and chasing deer from the runway with CFR.

Brandon - 02/03/15 - 14:50

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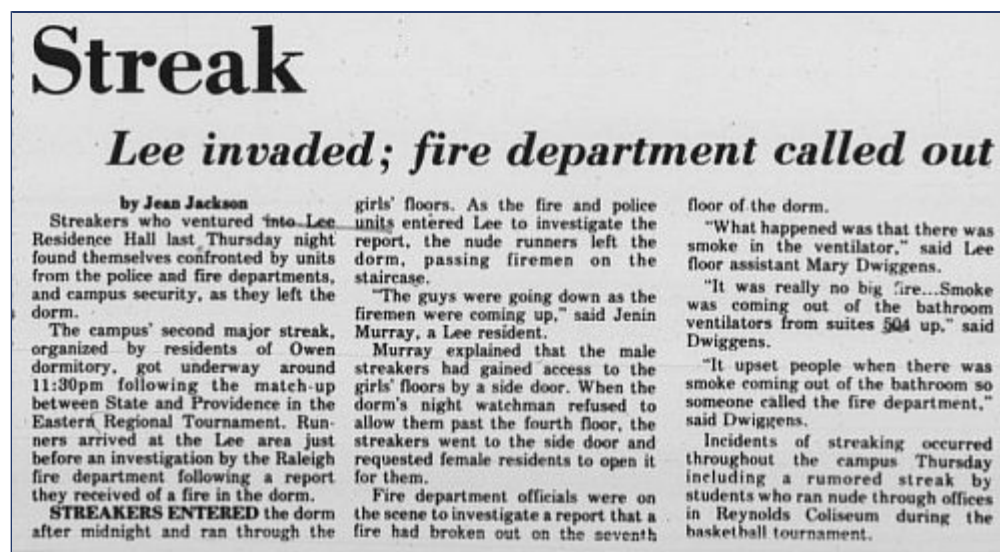
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Streakers Invade Lee Hall, Fire Department Called Out - March 1974

12/17/14 34 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

From the March 18, 1974, edition of the North Carolina State University *Technician*, click to enlarge:



From Ray Stevens:

Don't look Ethel!

Vintage Photos of Raleigh Red Cars

12/21/14 66 W, 5 I - + 10 - 5

Get your red cars right here! Reader David Raynor shares these vintage film prints of Raleigh Fire Department chief's cars. Let's see if we can date these. Say, late 1980? Ford Crown Victorias of unknown vintage. Readers? Last picture is a full shot of the chief's buggy. That's Fire Chief Sherman Pickard as Car 1. Click to enlarge:



David Raynor photos

Hey Mike, some of the photo links in this post are not working. I can only enlarge the first and the last photo.

Jason Thompson ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 12/23/14 - 11:37

Thanks, fixed!

Legeros - 12/23/14 - 11:42

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Hose & Nozzle Back Issues Wanted

12/22/14 110 W - + 10 - 1

Do you have a stack of *Hose & Nozzle* issues gathering dust somewhere? That’s the North Carolina-based fire service newsletter (for a couple years) and glossy magazine (for most of its life) that was published from 1949 through at least 1980.

I’ve amassed an incomplete collection and have plans for future indexing and selected digitization. Maybe next year, maybe a future year. Right now, I’m just asking around, from time to time. Got some back issues that I can take off your hands? Just drop a line!

See www.legeros.com/history/hose/ for more information about *Hose & Nozzle*.

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Historical Data About North Carolina Fire Departments

12/26/14 482 W - + 9 - 2

For your post-holiday historical enjoyment, History Boy has digitized more data as scanned from the annual conference proceedings of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association (NCSFA). They're all in PDF format, and they're text searchable! Here's the landing page:

www.legeros.com/history/fa, where newly added are the following:

- [Secretary reports from 1910 to 1994](#)

These are lists of member fire departments, compiled by decade. Beginning in 1930, the names of the Fire Chief is also included. Plus the Secretary for some decades. Use these reports to kinda sorta observe the development of our state's fire service. Municipal plus some commercial and institutional, then more cities and town, then the first rural departments, then more rural departments.

But with one big fat disclaimer. Not every active fire department is listed in these reports. e.g., they weren't members. The Morrisville Fire Department isn't listed in these documents, though they've been operating since 1956. Why would a particular department decline membership in the NCSFA. To be determined. Maybe readers can help here.

- [Credential Committee reports from 1892, 1899, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1920](#)

These are detailed summaries of member fire departments, including the names of officers and fire companies. Plus in the 1892 and 1899 reports, the number of men, their apparatus, and other information.

- [Officers from 1888 to 2000](#)

These are a pair of reports that list the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasure, Statistician, and location of the annual convention. The A. W. Brinson who served as Statistician from 1940 to 1962? That's Albert W. Brinson from New Bern. He's the uncle of Ed Brinson, former Swift Creek and Fairview Fire Chief and current Assistant Director of the association.

Also available on the site, which were posted in prior years:

- [Statistician reports from the 1910s and 1940s](#)

These are tabular reports with extensive, exhaustive detail on the member fire departments, their composition and equipment, and even their fires. Here's a [recent blog post about same](#).

- [Convention dates and locations from 1888 to 2008](#)

Also includes the dates and locations for the "colored" firemen's association, where known. That's the North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fireman's Association. Their history is also included on the site.

- [Tournament information](#), including scores from 1907 to 1941.

Also linked from the site are a pair of related resources:

- [North Carolina Firefighter Excursions, Conventions, Contests, 1868-1912](#)

Some 650 newspaper announcements and articles about the state's firefighters and their travels to see other departments, as well as the first couple decades of annual conventions and tournaments.

- [Early Black Firefighters of North Carolina, Annotated](#)

Researched and created by the late Chuck Milligan. His version was posted to AOL and is no longer available. Legeros created an archived version and has expanded the information with annotations of both text and pictures.

Lots to read and a great resource for researchers.

Here's the landing page again, www.legeros.com/history/fa. Hollar with questions or to report any bad links.

Several FDs were not members if they could not meet certain requirements. I don't remember some fo the specifics, but I know of a few departments that did not have sufficient equipment for a number of years. I know of at least two that were not members due to the 36 hour training requirements (kind of hard to imagine now, but back in the 80's that was a pretty big deal, having someone say you had to have so many training hours). I know of at least one that had the equipment, had the hours, they just never could get the paperwork filed on time.

Old Guy - 12/27/14 - 14:21

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Seven Killed in Army Plane Crash in Greensboro, 1962

12/28/14 216 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

These images appeared in the May 1962 issue of [Hose & Nozzle magazine](#), and depicted the scene of a military air crash from February, as well as the airport's scant firefighting equipment. The caption of the cover photo read "The recent crash of an Army aircraft at the Greensboro-High Point-Winston-Salem airport that cost the lives of seven men. A program is underway to get better fire protection at the airport."

The crash occurred on Sunday, February 4, 1962. Seven were killed when the C-47 transport crashed and exploded immediately after takeoff. The twin-engine plane apparently lost power about 150 feet off the ground, and plunged into a grassy area at the edge of the airport. The left wing struck first and its fuel tanks ignited. Two bodies were thrown clear of the flaming wreckage.

The plane was en route from McGuire AFB in New Jersey to its home field Elgin ALB in Florida. It landed in Greensboro about 4:00 p.m. to pick up an officer, and had previously stopped in Philadelphia. Source for the crash information is the Troy (NY) Times Record, February 5, 1962, via Google. [See this prior posting](#) about the airport's fire department in 1953. [See Mike's database](#) of other military air crashes in North Carolina. Click to enlarge:



As the daughter to one of the men on board this is the first time seeing pictures of the plane. I think about my dad every day and how proud of him I am.The few memories that I have of him are all great ones.

Teresa Terrien Bridges - 07/22/18 - 10:31

My family ate lunch at a downtown cafeteria that Sunday. The soldiers were in dress uniforms at a nearby table and were enjoying food, fellowship, and the attention of all the moms in the room. Very sad evening when we saw the news on TV.

stuart george - 11/08/18 - 01:51

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News Profile of Retiring Apex Fire Chief Mark Haraway

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We [recently blogged](#) about incoming Apex Fire Chief Keith McGee, who started working this month. Retiring from thirty-five years in the fire service is Chief Mark Haraway. He's led the department since 2002. The Southwest Wake News [published a story today](#) about Chief Haraway. The article is written by Will Doran.

When Chief Haraway started, the town had two career members staffing one piece of apparatus each day. They now have four stations with seventeen people on duty at all times. Haraway oversaw the opening of three stations and the expansion of a roster from six to fifty-six full-time members. (The department has eighty-three members total.)

Despite his hard work with "growth and budget" issues, he's best known for that "three-day incident eight years ago that made international news." On October 5, 2006, a hazardous waste storage site caught fire. The incident at EQ Industrial Services included a release of toxic chemicals that prompted evacuation of 17,000 residents. e.g., half the town. And in the middle night!

Notes the story, "thanks to a disaster plan developed by Haraway and his staff," the evacuation was smooth and neither the fire nor resulting chemical leak killed or seriously injured anyone. The fire department and town's response to the incident was further hailed as "a model for large-scale emergency responses." Chief Haraway traveled the country and gave lectures to other departments, along with the Town Manager and Police Chief.

Haraway was actively involved in all department activities. "There's a not a call in this town that I don't take," he told the reporter. "Because my duties are not only to the personnel but also to their families, to make sure they come home safe."

He talks about the EQ fire as "one massive close call" and discusses the lessons learned. He also talks about his prior experience, such as his work with the Wilmington Fire Department. After a filming accident that killed one and injured six, he went to Hollywood and University Studios, where he developed safety standards.

What are his plans for retirement? He's headed to eastern Tennessee and wants to hike every waterfall in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Congratulations Chief. Go get them waterfalls!

[Read the entire story.](#)



Fire at Boone Fire Station - 1968

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From the May-June 1968 issue of *Hose & Nozzle* magazine: "There was a fire in the fire station Boone. It happened when a pickup truck caught fire from an acetylene torch accidentally triggered while a safety plug was out. It was on the construction site of the Boone Fire Station. One of the fire trucks was driven out of the present garage and parked in the street while volunteers unloaded the hose. Attempts to start the water pump at first failed and white smoke drifted through the steel beams as the truck's windshield began to weaken and crack. The fire was drowned less than fifteen minutes after it began."

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Dunn Firemen Experience "Fire Water Fire" - 196912/30/14 194 W - + 9 - 4

From the January-February 1969 issue of *Hose & Nozzle* magazine: "Dunn firemen, summoned to extinguish a tobacco barn fire, have good reason to refer to it as the 'fire water fire.' When firemen reached the scene of the fire, they discovered that the blaze was caused by a liquor still which had exploded while in operation. A gas tank exploded and caused the fire. The still was believed to be in operation at the time of the fire.

"While the firemen were fighting the blaze, a shed adjoining the barn collapsed and trapped Capt. Cad Upchurch and Firemen Eric Sinclair and Jimmy Hinson inside the shed. Sinclair and Hinson were able to get out of the shed quickly, but Capt. Upchurch was trapped inside for about fifteen minutes before he managed to crawl to safety.

"It appeared to be a miracle that the three firemen trapped in the shed behind the furiously burning barn managed to escape without death or serious injuries. Damages to the barn were estimated at \$1,500, while \$1,000 in damages were reported for the costly distillery equipment in the barn."

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