

## **Legeros Fire Blog Archives - 2015 Postings Compiled**

**July 2021**

Greetings!

You have found a PDF compilation of Legeros Fire Blog Archives postings.

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## Montage of Station 29 Construction Photos

01/05/15 48 W, 1 I - + 8 - 5

The city's newest fire station continues its construction at 12117 Leesville Road. Completion is expected in late February. Here's a montage of six construction photos, from August 31 to January 4. [See more photos](#). Or read this [prior posting](#) and discussion therein. Click to enlarge:



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This Week's Working Fires

01/09/15 195 W - + 10 - 2

The colder weather has seen a spike in working structure fires since Monday. Around Raleigh, Durham, and Wake County, they've included the following, which are single-family frame dwellings unless otherwise noted:

- Mon - 1/5 - Morning - Raleigh - 7509 Venture Ct .
- Mon - 1/5 - Lunch - Durham - 3715 Foxwood Pl.
- Tue - 1/6 - Morning - Durham - 202 Kindlewood Dr.
- Tue - 1/6 - Midnight - Raleigh - 3208 Snowberry Dr.
- Wed - 1/7 - Lunch - Raleigh - 4703 Cornwall Pl.
- Wed - 1/7 - Evening - Durham - 503 Reynolds Ave.
- Wed - 1/7 - Evening - Stony Hill - TBD
- Thu - 1/8 - Morning - Rolesville - Blue Lilac Ln. - multiple outbuildings
- Thu - 1/8 - Morning - Garner - 1033 Altice Dr. - mobile home
- Thu - 1/8 - Morning - Garner - 2837 Super Sport Ln.
- Thu - 1/8 - Lunch - Holly Springs - 5805 Goolsby Ct.
- Thu - 1/8 - Afternoon - Holly Springs - 401 Chrismill Ln.
- Fri - 1/9 - Early Morning - Hopkins - 9013 Fowler Rd.
- Fri - 1/9 - Early Morning - Fairview - 9010 Ten Ten Rd.

Readers are welcome to add additional incidents, or details to the above fires.

Stay warm and roll those tankers!

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Garner is Hiring for Full-Time Firefighters

01/11/15 82 W, 1 I - + 8 - 2

[Garner Fire Rescue](#) is hiring for full-time firefighters. Salary is \$30,400. Applicants must be 21 by March 1, 2015, and possess certifications for NC Firefighter Level II, NC EMT, NIMS levels, 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 Tuesday, February 3, 2015. 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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**Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - January 15, 2015** 01/11/15 233 W - + 8 - 3

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Wake County EMS Training Facility, in the lower level of the Wake County Commons Building, 4011 Cary Drive. 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
- Regular Agenda
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Adoption of Minutes for the November 6, 20104 and December 11, 2014 Regular Meeting
  - Recognition of Service – Former Fire Commission Members Barbara Poole ,Chief Mark Haraway, Board of County Commissioners Appointees Paul Coble, and Phil Matthews
- Regular Agenda
  - Election of Fire Commission Chair for Calendar Year 2015
  - Election of Fire Commission Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2015
  - Cost Share Formula Methodology
  - Approval of Grant Match Appropriation in the amount of \$1,600.00 for Wendell Fire Department Technology Project
- Information Agenda
  - Fire Tax Financial Report
  - Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Process Update
  - Chair Report
  - Fire Services Interim 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 March 19, 2015

**Documents**

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Youngsville's New Ladder

01/18/15 60 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

The Youngsville Fire Department in Franklin County is receiving this Pierce Arrow XT aerial tower this week. The 100-foot rear-mount platform arrives on Monday after appearing at the Piedmont Fire Expo in Winston-Salem this weekend. It's the first aerial apparatus for the department. [See larger version](#) of this factory photo.



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## Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter - Winter 2015

01/21/15 74 W, 1 I - + 10 - 5

Let's go old school with the quarterly *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter*. The winter 2015 issue has been posted to [www.raleighfirenews.org](http://www.raleighfirenews.org). Contents include features on the Priority Inspection Program, the recent ISO evaluation, a building collapse on Blount Street, a two-alarm fire on Generation Drive, facility and apparatus updates, and more. The newsletter is a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. [Read the new issue](#) (PDF).



Are there plans to run another academy in 2015?

**Interested** - 01/23/15 - 13:32

@Interested – follow the link, click on “Fire & EMS” and fill out the required information, and you will be notified of when the hiring process will open.

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/raleigh..>

More info here:

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/safety/content/..>

**Rescue Ranger** - 01/24/15 - 10:02

There Were Noodles Everywhere... The Horror, The Horror...

01/22/15 128 W, 2 I - + 9 - 4

This one made national news yesterday. Oodles of Ramen noodles littered the roadway after a transfer truck struck a bridge support on I-95 in Nash County. The Highway 48 bridge to be precise. No injury to the lucky driver. [WTVD covered the story](#) as did other local outlets. CNN later picked it up and posted [this punny version](#). Good luck seeing the caption "Big Rig Noodle Hauler" again in your lifetime. Heavy equipment was required to clear the highway, which was closed for six hours. Front loader and backhoe. [See the WRAL story](#) for those pics, plus a nifty aerial view of the prepackaged casualties. Loved Ramen in college, still love them today.



WTVD/Jim Schumacher photo





## 01/22/15 92 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

# Raleigh Fire Department

North

**Battalion 4**

Sta 29  
March 2015

**Battalion 5**

**Battalion 1**

**Battalion 3**

**Battalion 2**

Future Sta 14

Future Sta 6  
(same location)

Services

Future Sta 12

Training Museum USAR

Future Sta 3

Fire Chief  
Fire Marshal

**Legend:**

- Engine or Squad Company
- Engine and Ladder Company
- Engine and Battalion Chief
- Other Facility

**Abbreviations:**

- A - Air Unit
- B - Battalion Chief
- BT - Boat Trailer
- C23 - Division Chief (Car 26)
- C411 - Fire Investigator (Car 401)
- C420 - Fire Marshal, Platoon Deputy (Car 420)
- E - Engine
- HM - Haz-Mat
- L - Ladder
- M - Min-Pumper
- R - Rescue
- Sq - Squad (Rescue Engine)
- US01 - USAR / SWR-Water Rescue

Battalion 1 - 19, 22, 25, 27, 28  
Battalion 2 - 3, 7, 10, 12, 21, 26  
Battalion 3 - 1, 2, 5, 8, 14, 20  
Battalion 4 - 17, 18, 23, 24, 29  
Battalion 5 - 4, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16

Created by Mike Legares  
Updated Jan 25, 2013

Greg, thanks for your question. Those are unincorporated areas, also called “donut holes.” Raleigh started as a square in 1792. Its expanded in directions to all sides over the decades and centuries, though initially with contiguous boundaries. In the twentieth century, however, expansion of the city (e.g., annexation of unincorporated land) moved in diverse directions that resulted in “pockets” of land that remained

unincorporated. Those “white spots” are not inside the city limits and don’t pay city taxes and PERHAPS don’t receive some or all city services. Not sure sure how that works. If they can elect to pay and receive certain services for a fee. You can see the evolution of the city’s growth and annexations by clicking through the various years, in my RFD timelines: <http://legeros.com/ralwake/raleigh/histo..>

**Legeros** - 01/23/15 - 08:42

And here’s an “all in one” annexation history map for you: [https://raleighcityofaoks.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Annexation\\_History\\_medium.pdf](https://raleighcityofaoks.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Annexation_History_medium.pdf)

**Legeros** - 01/23/15 - 08:43

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## **An Act to Incorporate the Salem Fire Company, 1869**

01/28/15 213 W, 3 I - + 8 - 6

Let's turn from historic maps to historical legal documents, specifically Private Laws of the State of North Carolina, as passed by the General Assembly during its 1868 to 1869 session. See back in the day, municipalities had to receive legislative authorization to perform certain functions. Such as fire protection. Also, the charters of such fire companies were granted through legislative acts. (Cough, cough, at least that's my minimal understanding of how early towns and cities worked.)

Each session's laws were collected into printed books. Said volumes have been [digitized by the state library](#), with collections dating back to 1817. With but a couple clicks, you download a searchable PDF version the book. Perform a keyword search on "fire company" or "hose company" or "engine company" or "hook and ladder" and you'll information about North Carolina's earliest fire departments. (Yes, Yours Truly is working through these early volumes. Will post collected findings at a future time.)

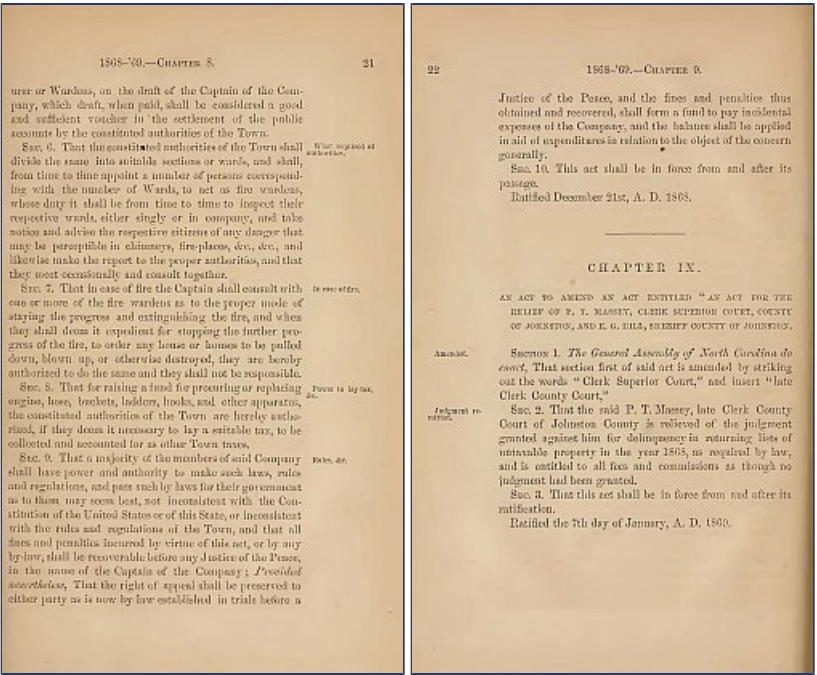
Here's the legislation that was ratified on January 7, 1869, authorization the incorporation of a fire company for the town of Salem, which decades later became one half of Winston-Salem. Click **once or twice** to enlarge the pages, or read all three as a [PDF document](#):

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SALEM FIRE COMPANY.

Enrollment authorized.	SECTION 1. <i>The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:</i> That the male citizens of the Town of Salem are hereby authorized to form and enroll themselves into a Fire Engine Company; <i>Provided,</i> The members of said Company shall not exceed seventy-five.
Proviso.	
Term of service.	SEC. 2. That the persons who are now, and who shall hereafter be enrolled as members of the Salem Fire Engine Company, shall serve for the term of five years from the time of their enrollment, except in case of removal out of Town.
Officers.	SEC. 3. That the Company shall elect a Captain and one or two Lieutenants, and such other officers that may be required for its proper government and effectual services in working the engine, hose, buckets and other apparatus.
Duty of Captain to train Company.	SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company, in order to render them prompt and efficient in case of fire to train them at least four times a year, and not less than two hours each time, in working the engine in Company by platoons or sections, and in using the other apparatus, subject to such fine as the military are subject to for non-attendance [at musters ; but to the same excuse to be laid before the Captain and Lieutenants as a Board, to be adjudged of by them, subject, nevertheless, to the right of appeal as hereinafter provided.
* Captain to take care of engine, &c.	SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company to cause to be taken care of and preserve, in the house to be prepared by the town authorities, the engine, ladders, buckets, hose and other apparatus thereunto belonging; and when any repairs thereof be deemed necessary by a majority of the officers of the Company, the Captain shall cause the same to be done, the expenses of such repairs shall be paid by the Town Treas-





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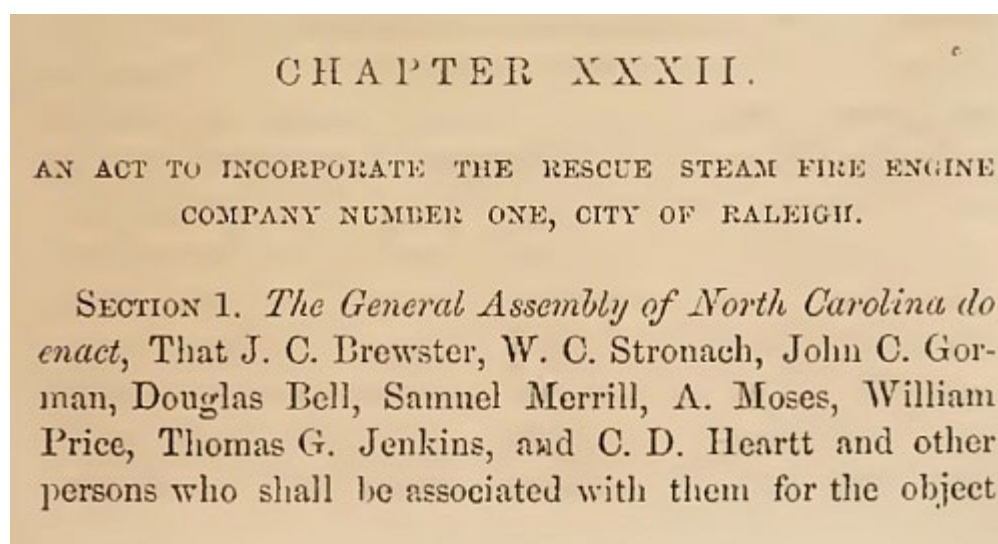
## Raleigh Fire Company Charters, 1870s

02/01/15 128 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

For your Sunday historical enjoyment, here are the original legislative laws that chartered or incorporated Raleigh's fire companies in the 1870s. These are excerpted from [collected volumes of private laws](#) as passed by the General Assembly.

They feature the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company, the Hook and Ladder Company, and Victor Fire Company, and the Bucket Company. [See the documents](#), which are PDF format. These are linked from my Raleigh Fire Department [history page](#).

What other volunteer fire companies served the Capitol City, you ask? See this [history chart](#) (PDF) for an overview, and this [detailed list](#) (PDF) for details. Who were the particular? See this [list of names](#) (PDF) as culled from various period rosters.



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House Fire Helmet Cam from Boiling Springs Lakes

02/02/15 181 W - + 6 - 5

Taking a break from the history train (maybe we should rename this thing Legeros History Blog), Statter911 last week featured this helmet cam video of a Brunswick County house fire on Wednesday, January 28. The minimally edited raw footage by YouTube user fireandice9008 captures Boiling Springs Lake and Southport firefighters rescuing three pets. (Haven't found any news reports, so haven't found street address. Was located in Boiling Springs Lakes. Looks like Winnabow, Sunny Point, and Saint James fire departments were among those also dispatched.)

The clip is seven-and-a-half minutes long, and shows initial entry and search, and the first few minutes of interior attack. [Read the Statter911 story](#) for a bit of tactical discussion, which includes more details on the suppression (and salvage) activities. [Read a note](#) on the BSLFD Facebook page about the fire, from the Fire Chief thanking their fellow responders.

Raw footage from firefighters is a rarity in North Carolina, at least as posted publicly. Er, and as Yours Truly as found via sundry YouTube searches. Hope we'll see more.

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Vintage Slides of Parkwood, Bunn, A.O. Apparatus

02/03/15 56 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Found for sale on eBay are these vintage color slide images. Top to bottom, left to right are a ~~1987~~ 1983 Chevrolet/E-One pumper tanker (Parkwood), a 1982 Kenworth/E-One telesqurt (Parkwood), a 1974 Chevrolet/American LaFrance pumper (Altamahaw-Ossipee), and a 1972 Ford/Atlas tanker (Bunn). Click once or twice to enlarge:



For Parkwood that is actually a tanker, which was a 1983 model – not 1987. Not sure why it was labelled engine on the hood, guess that’s just what they did. P-22 was a tanker, noted by the narrow pump panel. Also, the highside doors are barn door configuration as that is where the drop tank was. Typically, Chief Rudisill and others like to have those door as lift doors for better access and a dry place to stand when it rained! There was a closely matched Engine which was P-21 which is still in service. Both were at the Farrington Rd. Station behind the Five Oaks community off Old Chapel Hill Rd. When I started there they also had a type 2 ambulance there – Medic 2.

D.Cates - 02/05/15 - 08:24

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Cary Fire Department is Recruiting

02/03/15 99 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

The [Cary Fire Department](#) is recruiting for firefighters. Three open houses are planned at Station 1 at 1501 North Harrison Avenue, with two information sessions conducted on each day:

- Feb 15 - Sun - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Feb 18 - Wed - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Feb 21 - Sat - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We're told that the next academy is expected to start in September. Don't know when the positions will be open for applications. Keep an eye on the town's [Job Opportunities page!](#)

**You're Invited!**



Interested in applying?  
Join us for a

**Recruitment  
Open House**

Cary Fire Station 1  
1501 N. Harrison Ave.



Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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## Best Recruit Academy Plaque Ever?

02/05/15 122 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

Found on Twitter, first tweeted by "Hooks" (@Dhooks89). Charlotte Fire Department Recruit Class 93. Awesome. Next question, why is Charlotte's latest academy numbered 93, while Raleigh's current class is numbered only 40? Aren't they both Very Old Fire Departments?

Have a couple theories. First, Charlotte grew faster than Raleigh, and likely had an earlier need for formal fire academies. (And has surpassed Raleigh's growth over the decades, which means more fire academies needed.)

Second, the Charlotte Fire Department implemented formal fire training a few decades earlier in their history, with the creation of the Palmer Fire School. This likely translated to earlier formal fire academies. Reader and/or historian input welcome.



Yes Charlotte has outpaced Raleigh in growth of both their city size and fire department. With close to 1100 employees, the fire department usually has a large number of people retire each year. Also, 5 firefighters are assigned to every piece of apparatus in the city. Recruit classes 94, and 95 are in the academy as we speak. R/C 96 is set to begin in the coming months. The new hiring process has just started for the academies later this year. I was hired in Jan of 2007 and was class 75, so in just over 8 years there has been 20 classes since mine.

**john** - 02/06/15 - 09:58

Also, you ought to ride to the academy sometime if you are in the area and look at all the other plaques hanging on the wall. Pretty awesome.

Every class presents a plaque to the academy.

**john** - 02/06/15 - 10:00

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**Coollest Industrial Pumper-Tanker Ever?**

02/05/15 74 W, 1 I - + 11 - 5

From the Pierce Flickr page, Jack Daniels Fire Brigade in Lynchburg, TN. Unit is named Pumper 7. Capacity includes 3000 GPM, 2000 gallons foam, 500 gallons water. [Read this story](#) by Patrick Huguenin about the JDFOB and their Fire Chief Fred Elliott. The brigade has thirty-four members, all full-time employees of the plant. Thanks to Lee Wilson for finding the pic. [See larger versions](#) of the picture.



Firehouse.com story on this truck. Has 600 HP engine, 3000 GPM pump, Husky 300 foam system, 2000 gallon foam tank, 500 gallon water tank, 2000 pound dry chemical system, and eight-inch Hydro-Chem deluge gun. [http://www.firehouse.com/press\\_release/1..](http://www.firehouse.com/press_release/1..)

**Legeros** - 03/19/15 - 22:45

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**Car vs. Hospital in Rocky Mount**

02/09/15 95 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

There's a rare headline! Happened at Nash General Hospital about 3:15 a.m. this morning. The car crashed into the emergency room. No injuries, but the driver was, well, taken inside to be checked. No charges have been filed, no further details have been released. Read the [WRAL story](#).

There are a few more details from [this WITN story](#). The Crown Victoria crashed through the front door, and intruded about eight or ten feet into the structure. Didn't quite reach the security checkpoint, however.



WRAL photo

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## No More Anonymous Comments on WRAL News Stories

02/10/15 468 W - + 7 - 4

Did you catch [this story yesterday](#) on the WRAL web site? They are changing their comment system from (a.) the WRAL based-system, which allowed anonymous user profiles to (b.) Facebook, which requires and displays your real identity<sup>1</sup>.

Unless you're contributing to the sports forums, that is, which will remain anonymous-enabled. An earlier version of this story said something to the effect "we recognize that 'smack talk' is a part of the experience that users enjoy." Something to that effect and which made me laugh, since that's entirely true of fire blogs. (Folks love some pot-stirring, except when they're the ones being critiqued. Or their departments.)

I've clicked around the WRAL site this morning and found that they've connecting a couple different social media channels to their registration system. Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and more. Are you still required to have a Facebook account, if you register using Twitter, for example? Don't know.

(The user agreement screen includes a "receive special offers" option. Based on experiences with too many other commercial web sites, clicking "no" will nonetheless result in unsolicited said offers received via e-mail. Here's hoping WRAL proves me wrong.)

Does this new system mean that WRAL's archaic "business hours only" commenting period will shift to real-time? With commenting permitted on the weekends? Maybe we'll get lucky. (Must have been a math thing. Salaries of nights/weekend moderators greater than income tied to web clicks during same period. Since nobody reads the news just for the news, right???)

Why are they making the switch? Quote them: "A growing number of news sites are eliminating comments entirely because of the resources required to monitor and remove abusive or otherwise inappropriate comments left on stories. We, however, see value in allowing readers and viewers to thoughtfully discuss the news of the day."

We've blogged about this before, notably in this October 2013 posting titled [Civility, Psychology, Online Comments and The New Yorker](#).

Will this blog be making the switch one of the days (or years)? Unsure and for a couple reasons. For starters, we'd probably have to move to a new platform. (This blog uses an older version of Pivot.) Also, adding Facebook comments might mean that the comments "live" somewhere other than with the original posting. Which is problematic for archive purposes.

Anyway, it's an interesting and not unexpected move from WRAL.

<sup>1</sup>Real identity, really? Not entirely true. Facebook really really wants people to use their real names, but it isn't absolutely required. In fact, some drag performers recently made the news in a spate about same. That is, as memory serve. Mr. Blogger keeps more a closer on issues relating to performers who favor tropical attire.

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## North Carolina Fire Dept and Fire Protection Laws - 1820 to 1924

02/12/15 210 W, 1 I - + 10 - 6

For your Thursday historical enjoyment, here's a newly compiled collection of "fire laws" as passed by the North Carolina General Assembly between 1820 and 1924. The digitized versions of the originating documents were extracted from the official archives.

Each session year's collection was searched for such keywords as "fire company," "hose company," "hose reel," "hook," "ladder," "steam engine," "fire engine," "fireman," and "fire." The curated results were saved as individual PDF documents.

The collection includes both statewide legislation and local (private) laws, as pertaining to the towns and/or fire companies of:

- Beaufort
- Bethania
- Charlotte
- Durham
- Edenton
- Elizabeth City
- Fayetteville
- Greensboro
- Greenville
- Jacksonville
- Kinston
- Lincolnnton
- Little Rockfish
- New Bern
- Raleigh
- Rutherfordton
- Salem
- Salisbury
- Smithfield
- Tarboro
- Warrenton
- Washington
- Wilmington
- Wilson
- Winston

What are these laws about? Many are charters or incorporations of individual fire companies. Others include legislation about fire company consolidations, relief funds for firemen, and exemptions for firemen for special civic duties.

The landing page tells more, including the methodology of my research and tips on finding more of these yourself.

[\*\*View the documents\*\*](#)

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HOLDEN HOOK AND LADDER FIRE  
COMPANY NO. ONE, OF NEWBERN, NORTH CAROLINA.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That John S. Manix, Edward J. Guthrie, P. H. O'Brian, John McSorley, W. Hahn, A. Zang, William Kellett, W. J. McMamara, W. H. Walden, John W. Hargett, James Boyle, Louis Zimmermam, and other persons, who shall be associated with them for the object intended, and their successors duly elected and chosen, according to the by-laws of the Company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Holden Hook and Ladder Fire Company, No. 1," for the purpose of more united and efficient action in the extinguishment of fires in the City of New Bern, and, by this style and name, shall have power to acquire a Hook and Ladder Truck, and appurtenances thereto, and such real estate as may be needful for their proper care and custody, the value of which shall not exceed the sum of \$10,000.

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Biltmore Fire Departments - A Short History

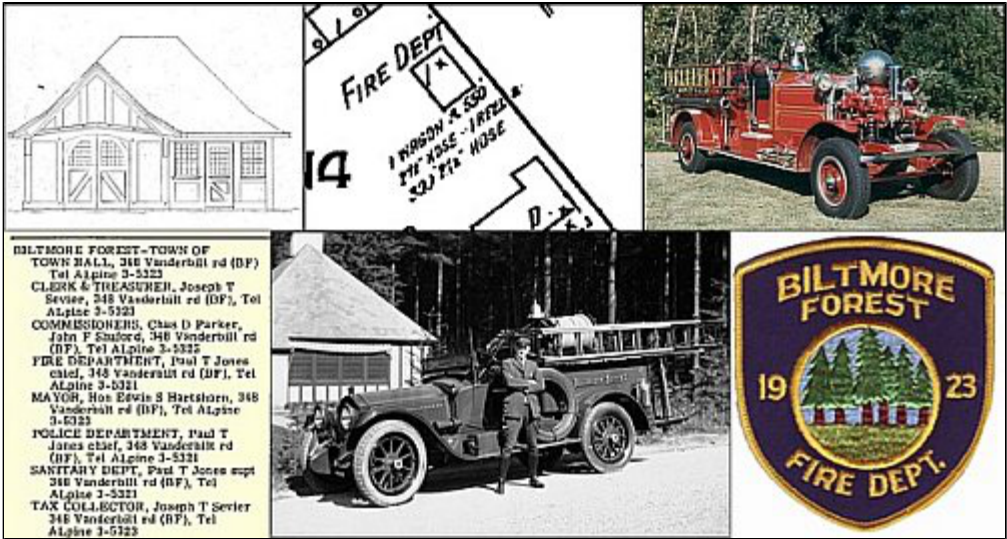
02/28/15 240 W, 1 I - + 13 - 7

Let’s take a trip to Asheville, for a historical perspective on the Biltmore fire departments of yore. We'll start with fire protection at George Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate, which was completed in 1895. The property was protected by various types of fire equipment, including fire hydrants with hose and fire apparatus. Though the Biltmore House has never caught fire, smaller buildings on the estate burned in early decades.

In 1903, a fire department was organized at nearby Biltmore Village. The Biltmore Fire Department protected both the estate and the village until 1929. They operated hand and motor apparatus including a 1926 Ahrens Fox triple combination pumper. That year, the village was annexed the city, and Asheville Fire Station 5 opened at the former Biltmore Village fire station.

Also that decade, the town of Biltmore Forest was charted in 1923. The planned residential community was developed from some 1,500 acres of estate property. The Biltmore Forest Fire Department operated with combination firemen and police officers, as well as volunteer firemen. They had a single combination fire and police station and five pieces of apparatus over the decades until they ceased operation in 1995. The town contracted with the Asheville Fire Department until 2013, and then the Skyland Fire Department, which completed a new fire station near the town in 2014.

That's the abstract, now read the research notes. Twenty pages of historical details. And pictures! They're located at [legeros.com/history/biltmore](http://legeros.com/history/biltmore).



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February's Working Fires

03/01/15 193 W - + 6 - 4

The month of February saw quite a few working fires in the Capital City. By my tally, they were:

	Date	Address	Structure	First Arriving	Notes
1	Feb. 3	717 Merrywood Drive	Duplex	Engine 3	
2	Feb. 5	3200 Verdugo Drive	House	Engine 10	
3	Feb. 6	1018 Early Rise Street	House	Engine 10	<a href="#">See photos.</a>
4	Feb. 6	3105 Julian Drive	House	Engine 11	<a href="#">See photos.</a>
5	Feb. 7	109 Pineland Circle	House	Squad 14	<a href="#">See photos.</a>
6	Feb. 16	5933 Carmel Lane	House	Engine 15	Originally as fire alarm.
7	Feb. 17	5105 Country Trail	Leesville Community Library	Engine 23	Originally as fire alarm.
8	Feb. 19	7650 Pangea Lane	Apartments	Engine 22	
9	Feb. 20	3856 Cane Garden Drive	House	Engine 26	
10	Feb. 21	3312 Atlantic Avenue	Duplex	Engine 11	
11	Feb. 21	2320 Clark Avenue	Apartments	Engine 5	
12	Feb. 22	1201 S. East Street	Apartments	Engine 3	
13	Feb. 22	701 Gannet Street	Former nursery, now dwelling	Engine 8	Originally as smoke investigation. <a href="#">See photos.</a>
14	Feb. 26	119 Lord Ashley Road	House	Squad 7	Originally as fire alarm. <a href="#">See photos.</a>
15	Feb. 26	6204 Dresden Lane	House	Engine 16	
16	Feb. 27	8249 Marshall Brae Drive	Dwelling	Engine 28	

January was busy also, with thirteen working fires by my count. December was fewer, as were prior months. Don't have counts, alas.

March has started strong, with two today (so far).

I think Lord Ashley is Sq 7  
T. Saunders - 03/02/15 - 19:57

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Vintage Photo of « February's Working Fi... » Cornelius-Lemley Orde... Fayetteville's 1960 Ford/Howe Pumper

Vintage Photo of Fayetteville's 1960 Ford/Howe Pumper03/02/15 64 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

From the [SPAAMFAA group on Facebook](#) comes this vintage photo from the collection of Scott Mattson. Fayetteville's 1960 Ford C/Howe pumper, 750 GPM. Served as Engine 4. Undated image. Love the wooden chock block. See [original posting](#) by Scott. Or read more about Fayetteville's apparatus over the years, in these [fleet histories](#). Click to enlarge:



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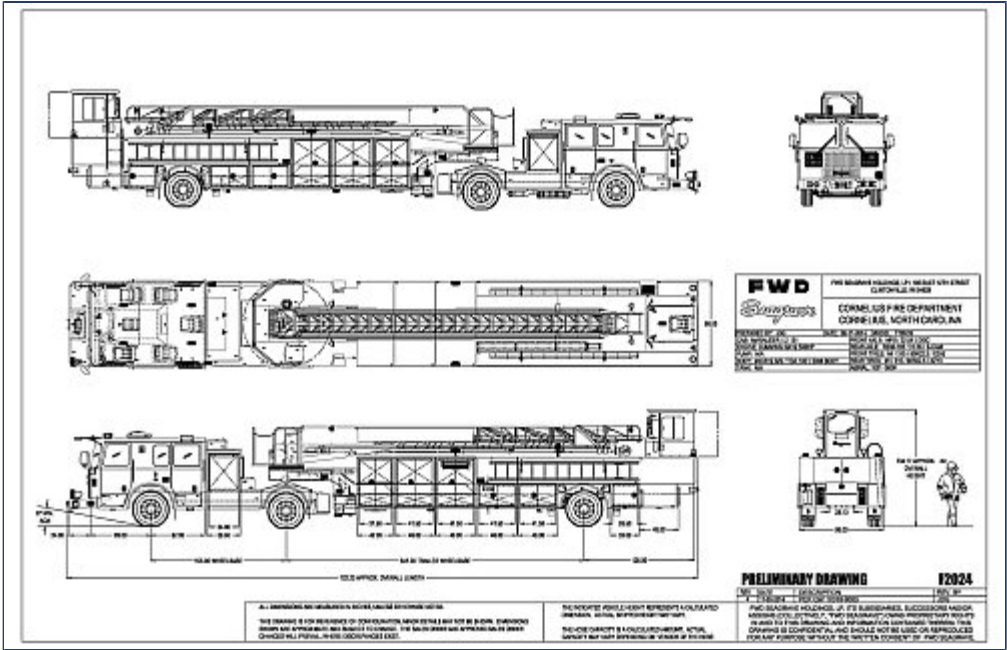
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Cornelius-Lemley Orders Seagrave Tiller

03/03/15 82 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

From this Seagrave Carolina [Facebook posting](#) comes these preliminary drawings of a Seagrave Marauder II 100-foot tractor-drawn aerial ladder that's been ordered by the Cornelius-Lemley Fire Department in Mecklenburg County. The department currently operates a 1989 Seagrave tiller that formerly served the Richmond and Bedford fire departments in Virginia. It was acquired in 2008 and operates as Hook and Ladder 44. The apparatus is but one of a handful of tillers operating in North or South Carolina. [Click to enlarge](#):



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Durham County « Cornelius-Lemley Orde... » Vintage Photo of Fort... Pumper Accident, 1957

### Durham County Pumper Accident, 1957

03/03/15 141 W, 2 I - + 13 - 5

From the [History of Durham group](#) on Facebook comes this photo of Durham County's first pumper, which was wrecked in 1957. The accident occurred at the corner of Trinity Avenue and North Mangum Street, at Dodson's Esso service station. Click to enlarge:



The apparatus was a 1948 Mack pumper, bought by the county and housed at Durham Station 1. Was staffed by Durham firefighters and probably cross-staffed from the other city companies. The truck carried 600 gallons of water. Don't know the pump capacity. Was called a "booster truck" in the city's 1955 report by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

My notes say same was later used as a tanker, which seems to indicate the truck was repaired after the accident. Here's a picture from the [Durham Fire Department history page](#) on Facebook. Click to enlarge:



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Vintage Photo of Fort Bragg Fire Department, 1921

03/04/15 77 W, 1 I - + 14 - 3

Here's a neat picture of Fort Bragg Fire Station 1 in April 1921. Comes courtesy of John Porter, nephew of Oscar Porter, who was the driver of the Ahrens Fox pumper on the left. (He's pictured on the far left.) The Fort Bragg Fire Department operated a pair of Ahrens-Fox K-4 pumpers during World War I. On the right is a 1918 Seagrave pumper. [Read more about FBFD history.](#) Click to enlarge:



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## Historical Henderson Fire Department Photos

03/05/15 144 W, 4 I - + 8 - 2

Here's a quartet of historical Henderson Fire Department photos, dating perhaps from the late 1910s through the 1940s. The pictured station was built in 1908 and is the oldest operating engine house in the state. It's located at 205 N. Garnett Street and originally housed horse-drawn apparatus. The pictured engines are American LaFrance rigs. From [John Peckham's registry](#), the department's fleet included:

- 1916 American LaFrance Type 45 triple combination - #1021 - Shipped 1/27/16
- 1920 American LaFrance Type 75 triple combination - #3049 - Shipped 4/23/20
- 1940 American LaFrance 575 Quadruple Combination (service truck with pump) - #L-1215 - Shipped 2/29/40
- 1945 American LaFrance B-675 pumper - #2109 - Shipped 5/25/45
- 1950 American LaFrance 710 pumper - #9377 - Shipped 11/19/54.

These are mobile phone photos of physical prints. Thanks Chris and John. (Have historical prints in your possession of North Carolina fire departments? Shoot me a nice photo and we might feature them here!) Click to enlarge:







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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - New Wake EMS « Historical Henderson ... » UPDATE #3: Raleigh's ...  
Video - District Chief Does The Physical Ability Test, Sort Of...

New Wake EMS Video - District Chief Does The Physical Ability Test, Sort Of...03/06/15 71 W - + 10 - 2

For your Friday enjoyment, here's a new video from Wake County EMS, demonstrating in grand comic fashion that every employee is required to successfully complete a physical ability test (PAT) on an annual basis. Excellent example of internal (and external-facing) education that's orientated from a positive and outright playful perspective. Carrot not stick:

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**UPDATED - New Hope's New Rescue 14**

04/09/15 112 W, 3 I - + 11 - 5

April 9

Wake New Hope Fire Department's new 2015 Spartan ERV MetroStar was delivered yesterday. Lee Wilson took these pictures. [See the rest of the series.](#)



*Lee Wilson photos*

March 10

The Wake New Hope Fire Department has posted photos on their [Facebook page](#) of their new Rescue 14, a Spartan ERV heavy rescue. Looks about finished. Maybe readers can advise on specs. It'll replace a 1993 International/S&S service truck. This is one of two Spartan ERV rescues



being built for Wake County fire departments. Fairview is also receiving one. Believe they were both due to be completed about the same time.  
Click to enlarge:



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Both departments are doing inspection trips this week in S. Dakota.

**D.Cates** - 03/10/15 - 23:19

Are these heavy rescue trucks?

**Tommy Tutone** - 03/11/15 - 09:27

Fuquay has ordered one also which is expected to be delivered sometime in late 2015 early 2016 with similar features from Fairviews and New Hope. Good looking trucks and very cost friendly.

**FV** - 03/12/15 - 10:39

They are both being delivered as 2014 models.

**Don** - 04/12/15 - 11:28

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**Building a Fire Station - Station 29 Nearly Complete**

03/15/15 56 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

The city's newest fire station is nearly complete at 12117 Leesville Road. Fire Station 29 is expected in about a month. Here's a montage of construction photos from August 2 to March 15. [See the full series](#). Here's an [earlier thread](#) about the station and with discussions therein. Click to enlarge:



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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting Canceled for March 19, 2015

03/17/15 29 W - + 7 - 2

The Wake County Fire Commission meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, March 19, has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 21.

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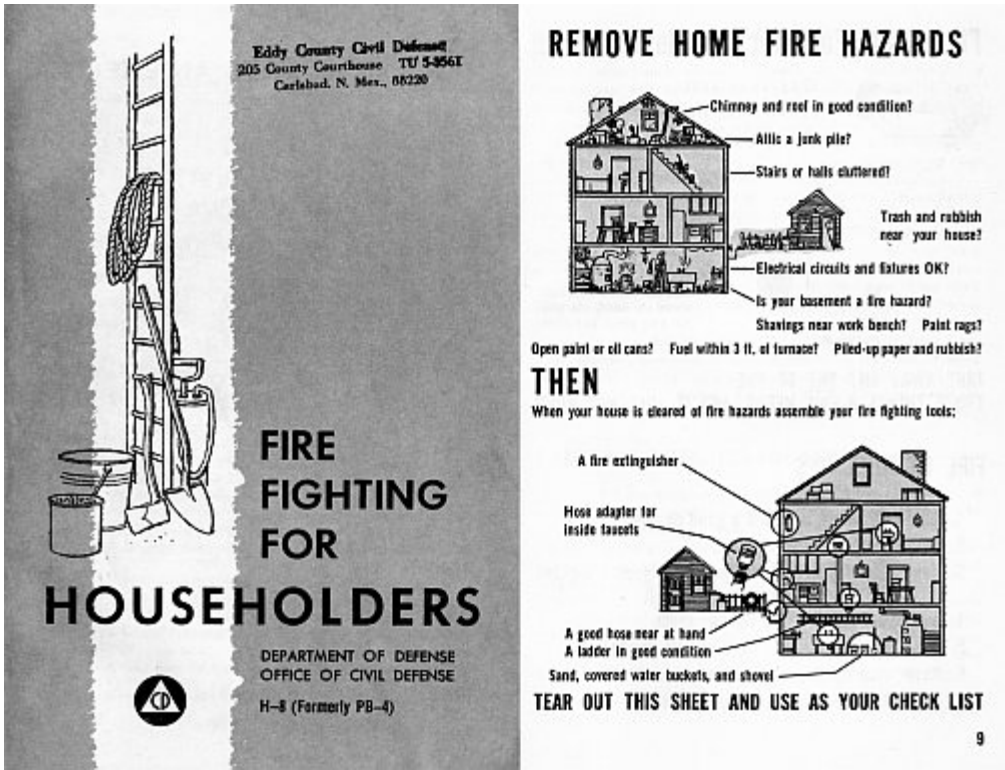
Vintage Pamphlet - Fire Fighting for Householders

03/17/15 234 W, 1 I - + 7 - 3

Bought this on eBay, a vintage pamphlet published by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. *Fire Fighting for Householders*, created around 1951, last revised in 1958, and reprinted (this copy) in 1963. There was a short film also created about this subject, as this [Atomic Theater page](#) notes. It was one of nine films, created to "dispel the myths surrounding atomic weaponry" and with each film "addressing a different danger posed by an enemy attack." Adds the page, "by the end of the decade, more emphasis was placed on protection from fallout radiation" versus fires. The film's information was declared obsolete, advised the FCDA, citing "advances in warfare and change methods of protection." Oddly, the pamphlet was nonetheless reprinted some years later.

Recall that civilian fire protection during wartime was emphasized in Raleigh with the creation of the city's auxiliary firefighter program shortly after the United States entered World War II in December 1941. This replicated programs conducted both statewide and nationally. Volunteer members received training related to wartime firefighting and rescue operations. Government-issued training materials of the time listed auxiliary firefighter training topics as fire streams, ladder work, forcible entry, ventilation, pump operation, salvage and overhaul practices, blackouts, bomb identification, and decontamination. [Read some of that history](#).

[Read the entire Fire Fighting for Householders pamphlet](#) (PDF).



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**Vintage Photo of Durham's 1978 Ford/Sutphen Pumper**

03/18/15 100 W, 1 I - + 9 - 5

Found for sale on eBay is this 35mm slide scan of a 1978 Ford C/Sutphen pumper (1000/500) in Durham. No date or photographer credit. The Durham Fire Department had two of these, as Engine 4 and Engine 5. Other early Sutphens included a 1976 Sutphen 85-foot aerial platform (1500/200) as Ladder 2 and a 1978 Sutphen 85-foot platform (1500/200) as Ladder 3. Source is this [delivery list by Dave Organ](#). Two decades passed before the department others, beginning with a series of platforms and ladders delivered in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2004, and 2005. [See this posting](#) for more historical fleet information from Durham. Click to enlarge:



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Columbus County « Vintage Photo of Durh... » Suburban Fire Protect... Apparatus Accident on Tuesday

### Columbus County Apparatus Accident on Tuesday

03/19/15 135 W, 3 I - + 9 - 4

As reported in this [WECT story](#), two Columbus County firefighters were injured on Tuesday afternoon when their engine overturned while responding to a grass fire. Old Dock Cypruss Creek Fire Department Engine 8 was responding to a grass fire when the accident occurred on Dock Road about three miles east of Highway 130. The accident occurred about 5:15 p.m. on a curve. The apparatus left the roadway and overturned. Notes this [Fayetteville Observer story](#), other firefighters removed the two men from the truck before ambulances arrived. Neither suffered serious injuries and were reportedly conscious and alert when transported to a hospital in Whiteville.





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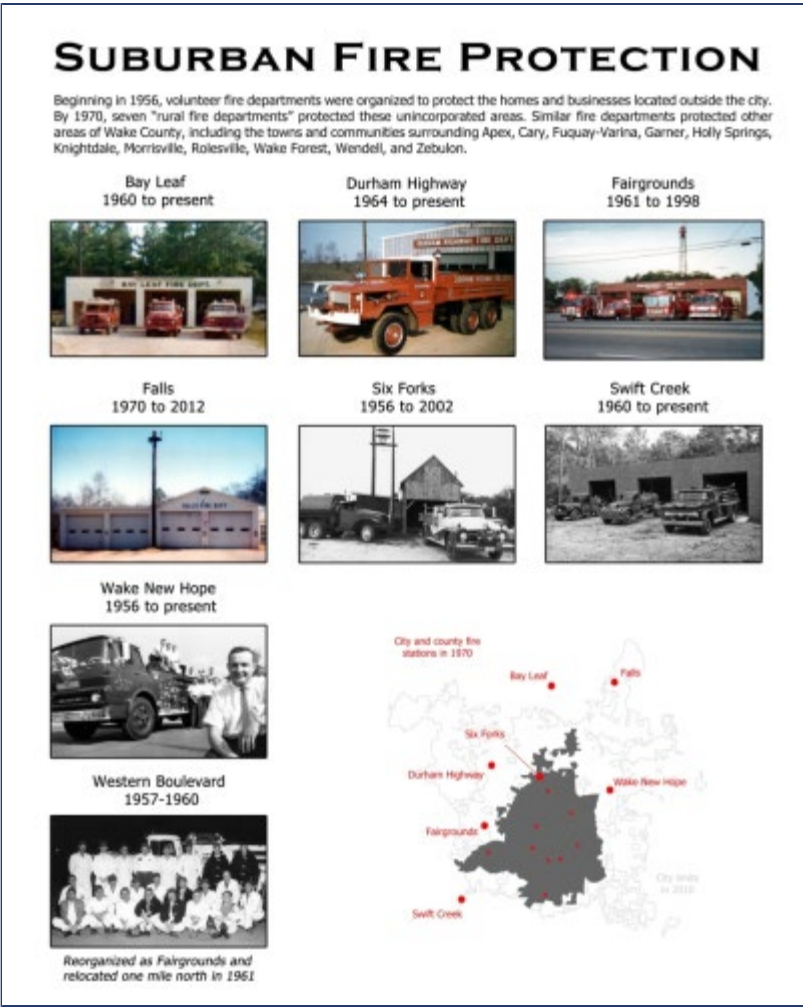
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**Suburban Fire Protection in Raleigh - Poster Concept**

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Poster concept, created for the Raleigh Fire Museum. Planned size is 16 by 20 inches. The purpose is to introduce the concept of "suburban fire protection" around Raleigh, in the context of the volunteer fire departments that were created beginning in 1956. We're trying to get the amount of information "just right." Thus the eight and only eight fire departments shown in the poster. As well as the map, the timeframe, and the contextual textual section. Thoughts?



Unsure if Swift Creek has ever been conceived as a "suburb of Raleigh." But it's always been darned close to the southwestern edge of the city. Both Bay Leaf and Falls were far further removed from the "edge of the city." Not until more recent city expansion do they qualify for the bucket of "Raleigh suburb." Thus their inclusion.

**Legeros** - 03/20/15 - 08:18

Yrac included?

**fire1983** - 03/20/15 - 11:45

Yrac was a "suburban department" of Cary not Raleigh. Thus it seems better excluded than included, least on the map or main poster. Have been debating if the textual section should list such departments in addition to town names.

**Legeros** - 03/20/15 - 12:44

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Raleigh Fire Prevention Footage From 1990

03/25/15 101 W - + 7 - 2

The [Raleigh Fire Museum](#) has started digitizing old video tapes from the fire department. They're posting the best of the best on their [YouTube channel](#). Here's a pair of clips from 1990. Top is a fire prevention display in August 1990, with Engine 8 and Truck 8 at the K-Mart on Western Boulevard. (How many of those then-young folks do you recognize?) Bottom is a performance by the fire department's puppet show, circa 1990. (Careful or that opening song will get stuck in your head!) Visit the museum's [Videos and Movies](#) site for more.

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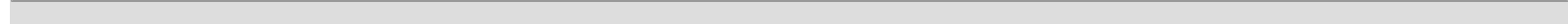
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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Video Clips « Holy Cow! Wednesday's... » Wake, Durham Counties... From Sunday's House Fire in Raleigh

### Video Clips From Sunday's House Fire in Raleigh

03/30/15 181 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Found via [FireNews.net on Twitter](#), here are pair of very short video clips of Sunday morning's house fire in Raleigh on Casland Drive. They're from YouTube user and apparent neighbor Will Pearce. They're embedded below this picture from Mike Legeros. [See more of his photos.](#)

Incident summary:

House fire at 5001 Casland Drive. Upgraded to working fire while units were en route, due to multiple calls. Engine 21 arriving at a two-story, wood-frame, single-family dwelling with 2,450 square-feet. Built 2002. Heavy fire and smoke found from second floor and through roof. Transitional attack, with crews attempting to make entry. Quickly changed to defensive mode with all occupants accounted for, and collapse conditions observed. Ladder 2 with aerial operations, plus portable monitor in rear, and hand lines. Dispatched 8:32 a.m. Controlled 9:15 a.m. Cause determined as accidental, child playing with cigarette lighter. Included E21, E27, E11, E12, L2, L8, R1, B1, B2, A1, C20, C401, EMS 5, EMS 36, EMS 7, EMS 2, D1, T1. "B" platoon.



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Wake, Durham Counties Consider Fire Service Consolidation

04/01/15 93 W - + 8 - 3

This one's making the rounds today, news report about Wake and Durham counties considering a consolidation of fire services. The idea is based on Durham County's newly created fire department, which would extend into Wake County, with the possibility of absorbing some of the private departments. There's an apparatus numbering scheme that's been mentioned, as well as regionalization of resources. Such as ladder trucks and heavy rescues. And a possibility of including the airport in the thing! Read the story here <http://tinyurl.com/pd6dhko>.

Good One  
steven ([Email](#)) - 04/01/15 - 19:08

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FDMaps Does Detroit!

04/01/15 177 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

Here's one of the coolest fire history sites we've seen in sometime: [detroit.fdmaps.com](http://detroit.fdmaps.com). Or more simply, Detroit Fire Department Maps. Debuted last week. The extensive, exhaustive site is the work of fire buff slash designer Jeff Harkey.

You know him as the Editor-in-Chief of [FireNews.net](http://FireNews.net). He's also the creator of [FDMaps.com](http://FDMaps.com), which started as a North Carolina fire station mapping project. The site and the brand has extended to fire station maps of Atlanta, Chicago, and now Detroit.

There's much to explore on the site, including such goodies as:

- Active firehouses - Mapped and listed
- Historic firehouses - Mapped and listed, plus histories, plus current and/or historical building photos
- Evolution of fire department growth - Video showing the department expansion and contraction from 1850 to 2015
- More maps - Including volunteer era companies and all closed career companies
- Apparatus photos - Historic images from the hand, horse, and motorized eras.

Hit the site and lose yourself for a couple hours. You'll have a blast.



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## Wake County Apparatus Updates?

04/06/15 232 W, 1 I - + 6 - 5

Lee Wilson has posted a photo of Apex's Engine 4, a 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar-X Legend 1500/750 that was delivered in November. And he's also snapped shots as we [posted last week](#) of Wake Forest's new reserve engine and reserve ladder.



*Lee Wilson photo*

What other updates can people report? Here are a few get the conversation started...

### Apex

- 2014 Spartan ERV MetroStar-X Legend 1500/750 has been in service as Engine 4, delivered in November. See above.

### Fairview

- 2015 (?) Spartan ERV heavy rescue is pending delivery, within the next couple weeks. Same/similar spec as Wake New Hope.

### Fuquay-Varina

- 2015 Spartan ERV heavy rescue in production, similar features as Fairview and Wake New Hope. Delivery expected late 2015/early 2016.

### Raleigh

- 2015 Freightliner/Pierce air truck poised for delivery. [See prior posting](#).
- 2015 Pierce Arrow XT pumper in production, expected in October.
- 2015 Pierce Arrow XT tiller (with pump) in production, expected in October.

### Raleigh-Durham International Airport

- 2015 F-350/UPF Defender brush truck \_/300/10 added last year.
- 2014 (?) Combat Support Products foam trailer added last year. [See prior posting for both](#).

### Wake Forest

- 2015 Rosenbauer Commander pumper/tanker 1500/1000 in production, new Engine 4. Expected in July.
- 1995 Pierce Dash pumper 1500/500 added as reserve. Ex-Raleigh. [See prior posting](#).
- 1990 E-One Protector rear-mount ladder 1500/300/'75' added as reserve, Ladder 3. Ex-Johnston County, KS. [See prior posting](#)

Wake New Hope

- 2015 (?) Spartan ERV heavy rescue to be delivered this week, new Rescue 14. [See prior posting](#).

Cary: 2014 SeaArk Rescue Boat placed in service last year  
Two 2015 Chevrolet Tahoes placed in service last month as new BC1 and BC2  
2015 Pierce Velocity 1500/500 in production. Expected later this year.

**CFD** - 04/06/15 - 09:22

Fairview's rescue has not been delivered yet. Should be in within the next couple of weeks.

**FF8** - 04/06/15 - 09:50

New Hope rescue should be in Tuesday this week

**NH** - 04/06/15 - 10:13

Where is the new tiller going for Raleigh?

**HSVFD** - 04/13/15 - 14:50

^^^ Either Ladder 9 or Ladder 4.

**Tiller** - 04/14/15 - 10:24

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Renovations « Wake County Apparatus... » UPDATED - New Hope's ... Underway at Fuquay-Varina Fire Station 2

### Renovations Underway at Fuquay-Varina Fire Station 2

04/06/15 120 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Lee Wilson snapped this shot yesterday of renovations underway at Fuquay-Varina Fire Station 2. Located at 5617 Hilltop Road, the station was built in 1990. It serves the north end of town, and the Furina rural fire district. Calvin Davenport Inc. was awarded the construction contract in the fall, for the amount of \$871,734. The 6,000 square-foot facility will be renovated, with 2,000 square-feet of living space added along with an additional apparatus bay. The project is funded through a cost share agreement between the town and Wake County EMS. The expansion is needed to accommodate increased service demand. Source: "Focus on Fuquay-Varina," October 2014. Readers, what FVFD and Wake EMS units are stationed there?



*Lee Wilson photo*

Normally FV Engine 2 and Tanker 2 along with EMS 14. Tanker 2 has been relocated to station 1 due to the impending demolition of existing interior bay walls. Have heard the possibility of rescue 3 relocating in the future as well as a peak load EMS unit (I guess that's what they are calling them). I

**ttaylor** - 04/06/15 - 23:07

FVFD engine 2 tanker 3 EMS 14

**Weaver** - 04/06/15 - 23:31

EMS 14, Tanker 2, Engine 2, possibly Fuquay Rescue 3 to be reassigned Rescue 2 in the future  
And in the 5 year plan to have a quint at Station 2 due to increased demand and size of structures  
In the district.

**FV** - 04/07/15 - 02:07

Where did tanker 3 come from? Tanker 3 is at station 3 and yes Rescue 3 will be relocated to station 2 and become Rescue 2 in the near future.

**Brandon** - 04/07/15 - 15:33

**Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter - Spring 2015**

04/15/15 70 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Time for another edition of the quarterly *Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter*. That's right, print-based news delivery! Can you believe it! The spring 2015 issue has been posted to [www.raleighfirenews.org](http://www.raleighfirenews.org). Contents include the February snow days, Station 29 nearing completion, 2014 statistics, promotions, retirements, photo gallery, and more. The newsletter is a quarterly publication for personnel, retirees, and citizens. [Read the new issue](#) (PDF).

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Raleigh Fire Department Newsletter</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Volume 7, Issue 2 <span style="float: right;">Spring 2015</span></p>	
<h3>Snow Days in February</h3>  <p><i>Ladder 4-B members return to their truck, after fighting a house fire on Lord Ashley Road on February 26.</i></p> <p>Significant periods of snow and freezing temperatures challenged Raleigh firefighters in February with increased fire alarms, many calls for downed trees and power lines, and numerous vehicle accidents.</p>	<h3>Station 29 Nears Completion</h3>  <p>Fire Station 29 is nearing completion at 12117 Leesville Road. The single-story, three-bay facility will house Engine 29 and Ladder 9. Both will be newly created companies.</p> <p>The 10,198 square-foot building includes an apparatus area with three bays and 3,971 square feet. It was designed by William Fern Architects PA, who also designed Fire Station 28.</p>

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## Fairview's New Rescue

04/23/15 79 W, 2 I - + 8 - 8

The Fairview Fire Department received this 2015 Spartan ERV MetroStar heavy rescue last week. Delivered on April 16, it'll replace the current Rescue 1, a 1993 International/EVI, which will be sold. [See more photos from Lee Wilson](#). The truck is the same spec as one delivered earlier this month to Wake New Hope. [See prior posting](#). Fuquay-Varina has also ordered a similar one, which should be delivered either late this year or early next year.



*Lee Wilson photos*



**Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015** - *Eight Fallen*

« [Fairview's New Rescue...](#) » [UPDATE - Local Fire P...](#)

*Firefighters To Be Honored at North Carolina Memorial Service on May 2, 2015*

**Eight Fallen Firefighters To Be Honored at North Carolina Memorial Service on May 2, 2015**

04/25/15 346 W - + 9 - 6

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the names of eight firefighters will be added to the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Memorial in downtown Raleigh. The tenth annual memorial service starts at 1:00 p.m. The day's events also include a fire apparatus parade at 10:00 a.m. [More event information](#).

The eight fallen firefighters include six who died in 2014, plus a pair of legacy additions from 1999 and 1973. These will also be added to my [fallen firefighters database](#).

Halbert E. Campbell	Operations Officer	North Carolina Forest Service	November 17, 1973	Died of a heart attack after leaving work, after a day of dispatching firefighting resources across the coastal region of North Carolina and specifically to a large fire in Holly Shelter.	<a href="#">Find a Grave posting.</a>
Ralph Wynne	Fire Chief	Pactolus VFD	July 31, 1999	Died as result of heart attack suffered while operating at a training exercise on July 29, 1999.	<a href="#">PFD Facebook posting.</a>
John Derek Gupton	Firefighter	Justice Rural VFD	September 16, 2014	Died of injuries sustained in motor-vehicle accident, while operating a 2,500 gallon tanker that overturned after leaving the road and striking a ditch culvert.	<a href="#">USFA notification.</a>
James Halliburton	Education Ranger	NC Forest Service	August 13, 2014	Died when struck by a fallen tree that was being removed from a roadway by a tractor at the Tuttle Educational State Forest in Lenoir. He was pronounced dead at the scene.	<a href="#">News release.</a>
Thomas Gerald Lee	Firefighter	Four Oaks FD	February 1, 2014	Died at his home from an apparent heart attack within twenty-four hours of responding to the station for a motor-vehicle accident call.	<a href="#">NCCFF posting.</a>
Steven Brad McCoy	Firefighter	Nantahala FD	November 21, 2014	Died in a fire at his home, after rescuing his daughter and returning into the structure to rescue his son, who had already been rescued by his wife.	<a href="#">NCCFF posting.</a>
Donald Ray Miller	Firefighter	Glendale Springs VFD	February 4, 2014	Died within twenty-four hours of a training exercise.	<a href="#">NCCFF posting.</a>
Ricky Wooten Doub	Fire Chief	Forbush VFD	December 16, 2014	Found deceased at his home after responding to an EMS call and a fire call during the day.	<a href="#">USFA notification.</a>

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**Vintage Photo of Leaksville Pumper/Tanker**

04/27/15 95 W, 1 I - + 12 - 9

Found for sale on eBay is this color slide of a 1967 Chevrolet pumper/tanker, from the Leaksville Fire Department. Note the faded lettering that says Eden Fire Department. The villages of Leaksville, Draper, and Spray merged in 1967. Each had their own fire departments, with Leaksville's dating to at least the 1920s. Unsure the explanation for faded lettering. Maybe was private-owned, with LFD added as a commemorative action? Maybe the truck was originally delivered as LFD, then changed to EFD, then restored to LFD? Very strange. Click to enlarge:



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Vintage Photo of High Point Pumper-Tanker

05/06/15 60 W, 1 I - + 7 - 7

Found for sale on eBay, color slide scan of a 1984 Chevrolet/Slagle pumper-tanker that served High Point Fire Department. Wonder what the history is there? Purchased to protect new or pending annexed areas that didn't have hydrants? Acquired through assets obtained from a rural fire department? Maybe readers will know. Click to enlarge:



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**What are the FIRST TWO LETTERS of the word 'fire'?**

## Small Fire at Old Station 8

05/08/15 217 W, 3 I - + 8 - 5

Did you catch the twist to the commercial structure fire on Wednesday, reported at the intersection of Western Boulevard and Method Road? Engine 8 was first-due and found a small fire in the rear of a barbershop at 1007 Method Road. Eagle-eared listeners might've recognized the location as the original Station 8. [See a few photos](#) from Lee Wilson, from the aftermath.

Back in the day that was a rented house that opened as a fire station on April 1, 1960. Engine 9, the second engine at Station 1, was relocated at 11:55 p.m. on March 31. That was five minutes after City Council approved annexation to an area in west Raleigh.

The engine was a 1953 American LaFrance 700 Series. Tanker 1 was also placed in service at that location two days later. That was a 1960 GMC 4000/Alexander, 1500 gallons. Two shifts of six firefighters manned the station. Both trucks were housed in a concrete addition built by firefighters.

Engine 8 relocated to its permanent and still-present location in February 1963. Happened after Valentine's Day, but the exact date is still unknown. Station 8 is located at 5001 Western Boulevard. [Read more histories](#) of both locations. Alas, precious few photos have been found of the original station. One scanned newspaper clipping is shown below.



*Lee Wilson photo*





Mike Legeros photo from 2012



News & Observer photos, April 3?, 1960

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**Raleigh Fire Department Graduating Thirty-Six New Firefighters**

05/10/15 313 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

As [this press release](#) notes, Raleigh Fire Department Recruit Academy 40 graduates this week. Thirty-six new firefighters will take their oath of office on Thursday, May 14. The ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Fletcher Opera Theater at the Duke Energy Center.

The recruits completed more than 998 hours of classroom and practical instruction and physical fitness training over the course of their six-month academy. Upon graduation they'll be certified by State of North Carolina as Firefighter II, Emergency Medical Technician, and Hazardous Materials Responder.

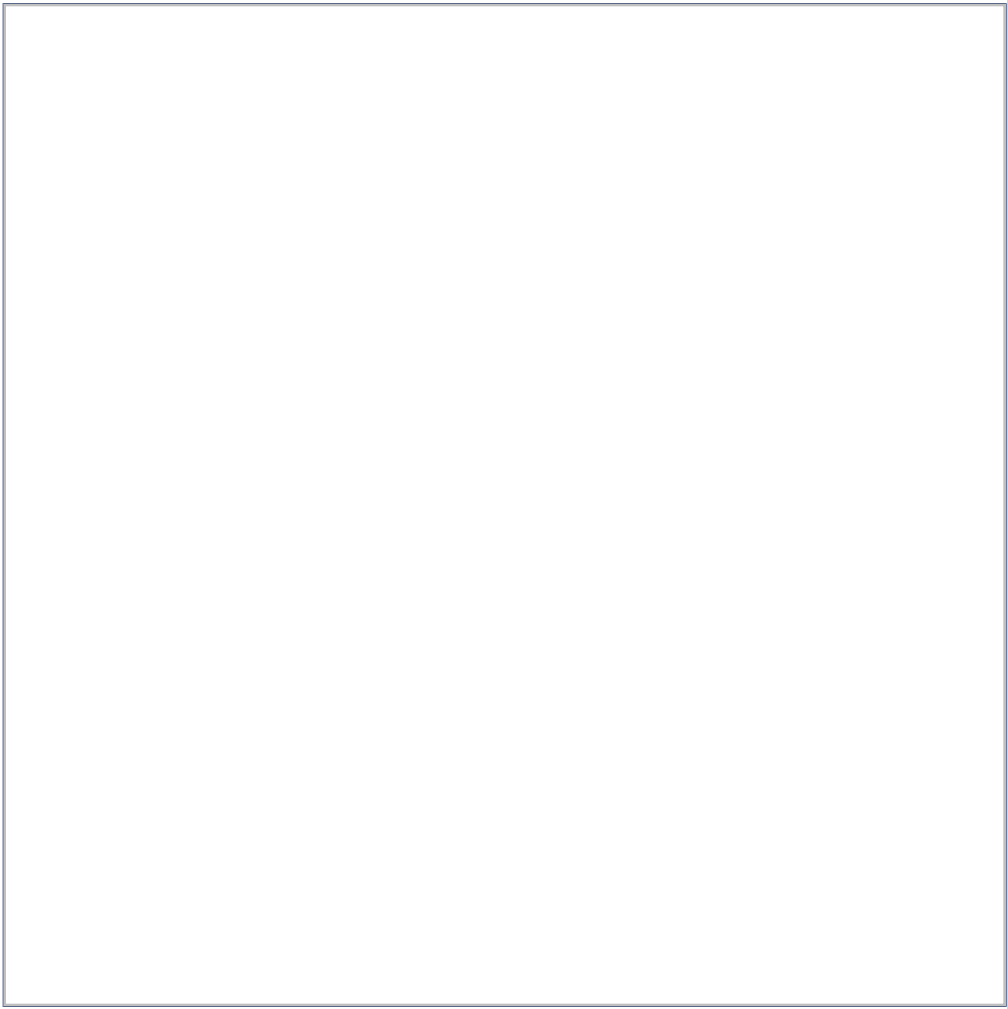
There are thirty-two men and four women, and they include local residents and recruits from Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, and Washington.

The class also includes two second-generation Raleigh firefighters (J. A. Lane, son of Andy; J. T. Atkins, son of Jacob), and a third-generation Raleigh firefighter (D. N. Brown, son of Donnie and grandson of Titus). Plus a couple brothers of current firefighters and other relations. We'll update our [family tree](#) (PDF) accordingly.

The graduating recruits will help fill open positions, including firefighters reassigned to Station 29, when the new companies Engine 29 and Ladder 9 are placed in service next month. They are:

Rontaegus L. Alford	Britney M. Fitchpatrick	Justin J. Melanson
Jacob T. Atkins	Randy D. Fobbs	Ryan L. Nelson
Ryan W. Ault	Tyler L. Gouge	Tyler C. Parrott
Scott D. Bartow	Eric T. Griffin Jr.	Christopher K. Patterson
Dillon N. Brown	John T. Hauser	Rafael Perez-Valdivia
Jonathan W. Brown	Cody A. Heakins	Aaron W. Proctor
Eric R. Champion	Eric A. Hisey	Nicholas W. Robinson
Christian C. Christopoulos	Alexis R. John	Diana N. Trout
Andrew E. Davis	Daniel E. Kennon	Aaron M. Voss
James L. Davis	Christopher R. King	Jordan L. Whitley
Rebecca E. Davis	Joseph A. Lane Jr.	Nicholas K. Williams
Bradley T. Faucette	Timothy M. Lee	Aaron M. Winfree.

Congratulations to all! Click to enlarge:



Mike not if I overlooked this but last prior academy Travis Parrish is the son of Scott Parrish and the nephew of Lt Donald Williams

**T.R** ([Email](#)) - 05/15/15 - 08:43

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## Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - May 14, 2015

05/11/15 217 W - + 7 - 4

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, May 14, 2015, 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 January 15, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - Consideration of Fire Tax District Budget Committee and Staff FY 2016 Operating Budget and FY16-FY22 Fire CIP
  - Compensation and Staffing Committee Recommendation to increase the current 2008/2009 Fire Service Pay Band Maximums 2%
- Information Agenda
  - Compensation and Staffing Committee Update Regarding Eastern Wake Fire Department Organizational Re-Alignment
  - Fire Commission Rules of Procedure – Section VIII. Committees; D. Standing Committee Procedures
  - Fire Tax District 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 July 16, 2015

### Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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The agenda packet includes the usual replacement schedules for apparatus and small vehicles. Note that this year's scheduled engine replacements are Garner Pumper 5, Stony Hill Pumper 365, Wake-New Hope Engine 8, and Wendell Engine 112.

Pierce was recently awarded the bid for these trucks. They're Pierce Impel chassis pumpers, 1250/1000, and option for pumper-tanker configuration. Will advise as more is known, such as start of production or any drawings passed along.

**Legeros** - 05/12/15 - 08:02

365 or 395? Is that a Freudian slip that Bayleaf and Stony Hill are merging?

**Jay** ([Email](#)) - 05/13/15 - 13:12

More likely a typo, Jay.

**Legeros** - 05/13/15 - 17:38

Knightdales FY14-15 budget had them putting down 400,000 for the replacement of Engine 131. They presently have a 2002 Pierce/International(131), a 2007 Pierce Saber(132), a 2006 Pierce Contender(134), a 1972 Mack Fire Engine(133), and a 1998 Pierce Quantum 105’ Ladder(135). They also run a 2005 Ford F-250 for medical and chiefs vehicle is a newer Chevy Tahoe, all of this according to their website. Is the replacement of 131 in production and what is the make/model/specs for the unit? Also, it begs the question, why isn’t the 1972 Mack(133) not being replaced and the 30 year newer Pierce being replaced? The website suggests that the 1972 Mack is still in service, so this is my thinking. Thanks for any info, perhaps someone from Knightdale would know.

**Parks** - 05/17/15 - 17:36

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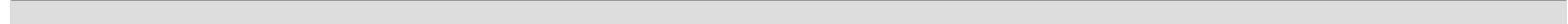
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## Two Thoughts - Twitter and Mobile

05/12/15 366 W - + 7 - 3

Two thoughts for your morning reading.

First, Twitter.

You see that widget to the right, right? Twitter feed. Microblog. Mere 140 characters. That's what's supplanted many of the familiar blog postings over the last couple of years.

Is that the future of this blog? Will postings here become even less frequent, and even disappear in favor of all-Twitter? Probably not. Still need a platform for larger and longer content.

But keep an eye on that widget, as anything and everything is game for posting. [Tweets by Legeros](#) can include...

- Hiring notices  
[May 12, 2015](#)  
Wilmington Fire Dept is hiring. Recruitment started in May, [http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/fire\\_department/recruitment](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/fire_department/recruitment) ...
- Media commentary  
[May 12, 2015](#)  
N&O Starbucks/Coffee story, wish it had label of OPINION or COMMENTARY. Maybe I'm traditionalist. Your thoughts? <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/wake-county/article20665194.html> ...
- Mobile photos  
[May 11, 2015](#)  
Mobile #police labs seen around Raleigh, Durham. @DurhamPoliceNC #NCALE
- Announcements of posted photos  
[May 10](#)  
PHOTOS - #Firefighter events at Apple Blossom Festival @AVABF in #Winchester, VA, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/legeros/collections/72157650057542204/> ...
- Interesting stories found on fire or news sites  
[May 9](#)  
Kinston Free Press, Historic firehouse's days may be numbered, old Hose Co. 2 on MLK Blvd, <http://www.kinston.com/news/local/historic-firehouse-s-days-may-be-numbered-1.475212> ...
- Interesting themes or connections between news stories  
[May 5](#)  
Social media studies for fire, police, et al. via Firegeezzer, <http://tinyurl.com/nt274mn> & Daily Mail, <http://tinyurl.com/nt274mn> . #BaltimoreRiots
- Retweets of other tweets, from such folks as  
Lee Wilson  
FireNews.net  
Raleigh Fire Museum  
Dave Statter/Statter911  
etc.

Second thought.

Mobile responsiveness. This blog is based on an older technology that's not mobile responsive. Meaning, it doesn't present a smaller or slimmer version when viewed on a tablet or phone.

Don't believe that any modifications are possible. Rather, an all-new blog platform is probably required. Been pondering restarting the blog, and for some years now. Fresh start, and maybe with better technology for managing comments.



Please remain calm if this blog stops some day (e.g., no new postings and maybe even no new comments), and a second one starts elsewhere.  
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Wake County Names New Fire Services Director... Last Month

05/17/15 132 W - + 7 - 4

Entirely missed this one from last month.

Wake County named their new Fire Services Director in mid-April. Welcome Nick Campasano from Manchester, NH. He's a thirty-year veteran of the Manchester Fire Department and presently Deputy Fire Chief. He's also adjunct college professor in Nashua (teaches homeland security courses on campus) and an elected Selectman for the town of Goffstown.

He has an undergraduate degree in Human Services, and masters degrees in Organizational Management and Leadership as well as Security Studies. He'll lead the seventeen-person Fire Services department beginning on May 26, 2015. (If his name sounds familiar, you may know his son, Nicholas Campasano II. He's a Raleigh firefighter who graduated in the last recruit academy last year.)

[Read the entire press release.](#) Welcome aboard!

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## Cary Planning For Quint Company (And Other News)

05/20/15 333 W, 1 I - + 12 - 4

That's news out of the town's recommended budget for FY16. And that's an intentional attention-grabbing headline. Bit more exciting than say "Cary's Plans For Old Station 2" or "Cary Planning Ninth Engine Company."

The story goes something like this. Station 2 will be relocated from 875 SE Maynard Road to 601 E. Chatham Street, when new construction is completed during the next fiscal year. Meaning, between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016.

When the new station opens, Engine 2 will be relocated one-and-a-half miles north. This will create a first due coverage gap on the southeast side of town, e.g. along the Walnut Street corridor. That's also why the town is planning a new fire station at the corner of Walnut Street and Nottingham Drive.

The parcel is addressed as 1427 Walnut Street, and was purchased either last year or the prior. To be named Station 9, construction was anticipated as happening in FY16. The capital project has been posted until a later budget year. Here's a picture of the site, which presently houses a church building that's no longer occupied. Click to enlarge:



To maintain coverage to that area, the following plans are planned: Engine 2 will relocate to Chatham Street, Engine 6 will relocate to Maynard Road and be renamed Engine 9, and Ladder 6 will become a quint company that's designated Engine 6. The town is also adding three additional firefighter positions, so an additional "man" is added to the quint company.

There's no present timeframe for how long old Station 2 will remain operational. Thus, the town is also budgeting \$250,000 for foundation repairs to the building in FY16.

Where will Rescue 2 be housed? That's still being assessed, along with the locations of Rescue 4 and Rescue 7, we are told.

In other budget news, funding for a pumper replacement is also recommended in FY16. Unit #1957, a 2003 Pierce, will be replaced.

Read the recommended budget [on this page](#).

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Will a single unit at station 6 be enough to provide protection to the Town of Cary as much as they run mutual aid into the county?

**J Spero** - 05/20/15 - 11:21

What will the total daily staffing be on the quint?

**Z Hinson** - 05/20/15 - 19:11

Posting updated with picture of the Walnut Street site.

**Legeros** - 05/20/15 - 20:19

I seriously doubt potential mutual aid calls are factored into the staffing levels meant to cover Cary residents. That may be harsh, but try

convincing town leaders you need addition staff for outside areas and I bet you wouldn't get very far with that one. Otherwise, you wouldn't even need mutual aid.

**Jackson** - 05/20/15 - 22:34

The company at #6 will be staffed like an engine, assigned 5, minimum 4. Thus the hiring of 3 more people. It is currently staffed like the rest of the ladders with 4/3.

**answers** - 05/20/15 - 23:13

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Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Reference Sources « Cary Planning For Qui... » Cary Climbs to Class ...  
For Houston Fire Department Millennium Book

Happened upon a copy of *Houston Fire Department 2000: Millennium Edition*, published by the [Houston Fire Museum](#) and printed by Taylor Publishing Company. The hardcover book measures 9" by 12" and contains 336 pages. The contents are the expected past 'n' present collection of names, portraits, pictures, and narratives. But there are some interesting sidebar items, including:

- List of Houston's Mayors
- List of Houston's volunteer fire companies in the 19th Century
- List of demographics and department size by decade, 1840 to 2000
- Fire response comparison, 1910 and 2000
- Evolution of the modern pumper.

And a list of References, titled "Sources and suggested readings about the history of the city, firefighting, and the Houston Fire Department." Now that's neat and something I wish we'd (a.) compiled and (b.) included in the Raleigh Fire Department's [centennial history book](#).

Surely there's on online version, right? History Boy has everything else seemingly documented on his RFD history site. Cough, cough, kinda, sorta. He has a page of [sources from 2004](#), which applies to both Raleigh and Wake County information. But nothing specific about the city and the city fire department.

Memo to self: rectify said situation. Click to enlarge:





Cary Climbs to Class 1 and Other ISO Updates

05/25/15 492 W - + 10 - 6

Speaking of the [Cary Fire Department](#), let's trumpet their insurance rating improvement that was announced last month. And, cough, cough, which we didn't blog or tweet about at the time.<sup>1</sup> They climbed from Class 3 to Class 1 rating, becoming the first ISO 1 fire department in the Triangle, and joining just a couple others in North Carolina.<sup>2</sup>

From [Town of Cary press release](#) on April 23, 2015:

"Following a rigorous four-month review by Insurance Services Office (ISO), the Town of Cary has jumped from a Class 3 rating to the top insurance rating of Class 1. As a result, roughly one in three Cary businesses can expect to see a lower insurance premium in the coming months; the change in rating will likely have little to no impact on residential insurance premiums. The rating will go into effect July 1. "

The last ISO review was conducted in 2010, and specific improvements to both the fire department and the supporting infrastructure included:

"Expanding capacity at the Town's Communications Center; implementing improvements to the Town's radio system; expanding the water system in proportion to the Town's population; and redistributing Fire Department resources in conjunction with the opening of a new fire station and starting construction of an additional fire station."

The Cary Fire Department has eight stations and 219 employees. They operate eight engines, four ladders, and three rescues. They serve an area of 57.56 square miles and a population of over 150,000.

How many Class 1 fire departments are there in North Carolina? Two more departments were added to that list in April, as both Fayetteville and High Point received insurance rating increases. Here's a [press release on the former](#) and a [High Point Enterprise story](#) on the latter.

Locally, both Raleigh and Durham were evaluated at the same time as Cary. The results of Durham's inspection were announced earlier this month. They climbed from a Class 3 to a Class 2, as this [May 8 news release](#) notes. The results of Raleigh's inspection are pending.

Congratulations to these fire departments on their increased insurance ratings!

<sup>1</sup>Here's the deal with social media and stuff. History Boy plays on three channels: Facebook, Twitter, and his blog. Sometimes he'll use one and plan to use another. Then he gets distracted and the second step doesn't happen. And even though, if asked later, he'll swear on a stack of pancakes that he did both. (Because his brain remembers the thoughts of intention, just not the resulting action.) Works for me as an excuse. Also a good reminder that you really need a methodology to successfully social media-ize across several channels. Say, a checklist. (Read Atul Gawande's excellent [The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right](#) for perspectives on same.)

<sup>2</sup>The Cary Fire Department is also nationally accredited, which is another rarity. They received same in 1999 as this [news release notes](#). Today, there are nineteen accredited fire departments in North Carolina. [View that list](#).

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**City of Raleigh Recruiting Firefighters in July**

05/28/15 194 W, 1 I - + 14 - 2

Looking for a career that’s physically and mentally challenging? A career that provides service to your community and opportunities for personal growth? A career that’s fun, exciting, and demanding? Then a rewarding career in the fire service may be for you!

The City of Raleigh Fire Department will be accepting applications for the 41<sup>st</sup> recruit academy from July 1 to July 31, 2015. Please note that this is now a paperless process. Applications must be filled out and submitted online. Paper forms are no longer accepted.

Firefighter applicants must be twenty-one years of age or older, and possession a high school education or General Equivalent Diploma (GED). Prior experience or training is not required. Upon selection and hiring, firefighter recruits will complete a six-month training program.

Recruit Academy 41 is tentatively planned to start in early 2016.

Applications must be submitted through the city’s new online platform. An account with governmentjobs.com is required. Visit [www.raleighnc.gov/employment](http://www.raleighnc.gov/employment) to create your account.

For specific information about the fire department recruitment process, visit <http://www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/Fire/Articles/FireRecruitment.html>



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## Louisiana Tiller Found in Western North Carolina

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Would you believe an old tiller from Baton Rouge sitting in a field south of Morganton? Photographer Lee Wilson last week found this beauty behind Pilot Mountain School on Highway 64 at Baker Farm Road. That's a former school-turned-shopping center (built 1942) that's located seven miles southwest of Interstate 40.

From [John Peckham's famed registry](#), it's a 1949 American LaFrance Type 700 aerial ladder, model 7-100-TEO, 100-foot. Registration number 9184. Order number 4181, shipped December 31, 1949. (BRFD also received six pumpers [!] that year, also 700 series.) And obviously delivered open cab, and without the rear roof contraption.

Lee's found a bit of information about the truck. Served as Aerial 3 and Aerial 6, from Station 11 and Station 13. Retired in the 1980s. And it doesn't appear to be for sale.

Now what's the story on the twin booster reels, mounted on each side behind the turntable? We'll need reader help with that one. Add-on pump and water tanker perhaps, maybe low-pressure? For trash fires perhaps, maybe during the periods of civil unrest that gripped so many cities in the late 1960s?

[See more pictures in this photo album](#) from Lee's trip to the mountains. He visited a number of fire stations (Marion, Parkway, Banner Elk, etc.) and photographed quite a few fire trucks.







*Lee Wilson photos*



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## Report From The Winchester Firefighter's Parade

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Attended the Winchester firefighters parade a few weeks ago. First time visit, both to the town and to the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. Absolutely enjoyable experience. The firefighter festivities consisted of two events on Friday, May 1. First was a fire truck rodeo and display of apparatus. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See the [event description](#).

This happened at Millbrook High School, where a couple of parking lots were used for staging, exhibition, and the driver's course rodeo. There was also judging of each fire truck or emergency vehicle. Each parade entry was inspected and judged in a number of categories, including both fire and EMS categories, and types of vehicle. See the [award winners on this page](#).



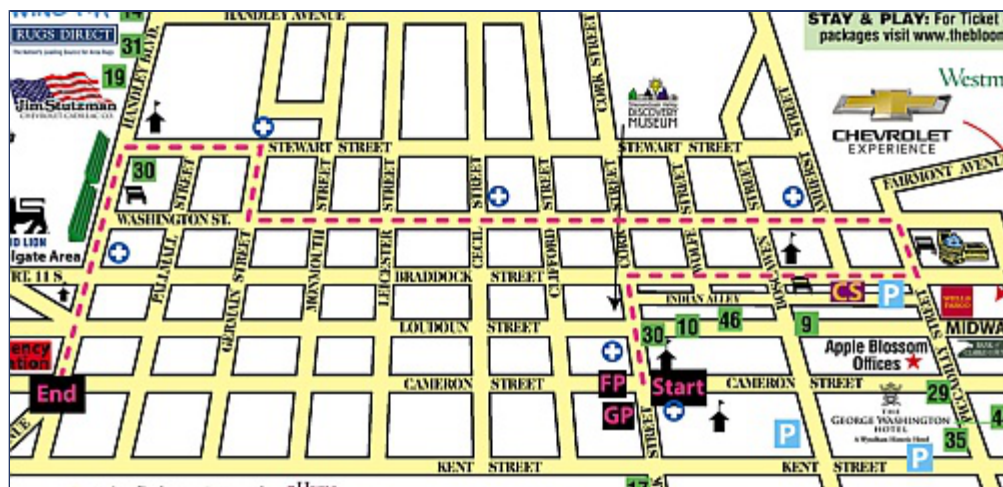
The [Old Dominion Historical Fire Society](#) was the sponsor of the parade's first division, consisting of antique vehicles. There were four divisions in the parade.

The ODHFS is based in Richmond and is a Virginia regional chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus (SPAAMFAA). There were also other sponsors of the day's events, including Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus Dealers, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and Wal-Mart.



The parade was a three-hour (!) affair that started at 5:30 p.m. Trucks and equipment starting staging in early afternoon, with some firefighters attending the downtown Apple Blossom Carnival on Cameron Street. There were duty shirts and uniforms a-plenty that day!

The parade started on Cork Street at Cameron, turned right on Braddock, turned left on Piccadilly, turned left on Washington, turned right on German, turned left on Stewart, and turned left on Handley before ending at Cameron. Click to enlarge this map excerpt, or see the entire map (PDF).



How many trucks are we talking about? Over three hundred! Here's the complete list, as featured in the official program. There were may have been some missing in action and/or substitutions. [See Mike's photos from the parade and rodeo](#), which include some of the Winchester apparatus that appeared.

Click to enlarge these excerpts from the official program:



### Firefighters' Parade Line-Up

**Walmart**  
Save money. Live better.

*Continued by the members of the Winchester and Frederick County Firefighters' Auxiliary Committee for the 33rd year.*

The Photo Director  
Chuck Clark, Assistant Director  
Barbara Wilkins, Business Director

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Some notes about Winchester. The city is protected by four volunteer fire companies with sixty-six career members, twenty-one active operational volunteers, and sixty active administrative volunteers. Read more about [Winchester Fire and Rescue](#), which is comprised of:

- Friendship Fire Company #1 - Organized 1831
- Rouss Fire Company - Organized as early as 1789, as Union Fire Company
- Shawnee Volunteer Fire & Rescue - Organized 1953
- South End Fire Company - Organized 1895.

There was a fifth fire company also served the city, the Sarah Zane Fire Company, organized in 1840 and disbanded in early 1980s, with members joining the Rouss Fire Company.

Readers are welcome to add their own perspectives, on that day's events and/or the departments that serve Winchester.

Wake County EMS Announces Restructured Leadership Roles

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[This announcement](#) appeared on the Wake County EMS Facebook page last week. After the departure of Wake County EMS System Director and Wake County Medical Director Dr. Brent Myers at the end of April, the organization is restructuring the leadership roles.

The first position is the EMS Medical Director, who will function as head of the department and will provide the vision and direction in addition to the traditional Medical Director roles and responsibilities.

The second position is the EMS Director, who will report to the EMS Medical Director, and focus primarily on running both the Wake EMS organization and the Wake County EMS system.

Both positions are expected to be posted this week, and the selection process will begin in July.

What's the historical perspective here?

The first head of Wake County EMS was established in 1976, with the creation of the organization. Wake County Emergency Preparedness Director Russell Capps served in the position of Director.

The first full-time Medical Director was established on July 1, 2003. For one year prior, full-time Medical Director services were contracted with the UNC School of Medicine.

Five years later, Wake County EMS became its own county department. EMS System Medical Director Dr. Brent Myers was appointed as the new EMS Director in addition to his medical director role.

Who were the prior EMS Directors and Medical Directors? Will get back with you on that. Source for history info [is this site](#).

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Morrisville Fire « Wake County EMS Annou... » Major Church Fires in... Department 60th Anniversary Parade & Open House on Saturday, June 6

### Morrisville Fire Department 60th Anniversary Parade & Open House on Saturday, June 6

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On Saturday, June 6, 2015, the [Morrisville Fire Department](#) celebrates sixty years of service. They'll start the day with a fire truck parade down Town Hall Day at 10:00 a.m. This is followed by an open house at Fire Station 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The current count is twenty-four pieces of apparatus plus mixed honor guard.

Come and join the celebration that includes free hot dogs from noon to 2:00 p.m. For those photographing the trucks, they'll be staging before the parade at Cedar Fork Elementary School at 1050 Town Hall Drive.

The Morrisville Fire Department was chartered in June 1955. They served the communities of Morrisville, Carpenter, Upchurch, Green Level, and largely rural farming areas of western Wake County.

Their first fire station was a tin shed behind the Red & White store at the corner of Morrisville-Carpenter Road and Highway 54. Their first first truck was a converted "deuce and a half" from surplus converted to a pumper with a 750 gallon tank.

They constructed their first permanent fire station across the street in 1960, and added a second station (or substation) the currently named Carpenter-Fire Station Road in 1975. This increased their fire district from ten to approximately twenty-five square miles.

The first full-time Fire Chief was hired in 1991, and he supervised seven part-time paid members during weekdays along with volunteer members. They later hired their first career firefighters and today are staffed with forty-nine career members including administration staff, sixteen volunteers, and six junior members.

In 1995, the fire department became a municipal entity. In 1999, the third fire station was opened at 10632 Chapel Hill Road. It was named Station 2, and the "Carpenter fire station" was renamed Station 3. In 2007, Station 3 moved next door to Cary Fire Station 7, in a co-located facility. In 2012, Station 1 moved around the corner to new quarters on Town Hall Drive. Click to enlarge:



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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Engine 29 and « UPDATED: Arrangements... » Take This Blog, Pleas... Ladder 9

### Engine 29 and Ladder 9

06/04/15 137 W, 2 I - + 9 - 4

Here's Engine 29 and Ladder 9 parked at Station 29, which is preparing for opening. The city received the certificate of occupancy on Monday and crews started moving furniture into the building on Tuesday. The station is planned to go in service on June 9. [See more photos from Moving Day.](#)



Engine 29

- 2000 Quality/Spartan MetroStar
- 1250 GPM, 1000 gallons

- Delivered in 2000
- Engine 20 by October 10, 2000.
- Engine 2 on November 5, 2004.
- Engine 19 on June 7, 2005.
- Engine 128 (reserve) after March 28, 2014.
- Engine 29 pending!
- [More information.](#)

Ladder 9

- 2001 Quality/Spartan Gladiator/Aerial Innovations
- 1500 GPM, 300 gallons, 75-foot
- First apparatus used as quint company in Raleigh
- Delivered in 2001.
- Engine 23 by January 31, 2001.
- Truck 24 on April 3, 2004.
- Truck 23 on March 4, 2006.
- Ladder 23 on August 21, 2006.
- Ladder 4 on January 6, 2009.
- Ladder 1 on July 7, 2009.
- Ladder 111 (reserve) on March 1, 2014.
- Ladder 9 pending!
- [More information.](#)

[Read more apparatus histories.](#)

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Raleigh Fire Station Lot Sizes

06/05/15 149 W - + 8 - 3

Sizes of city fire station lots, in case you were curious:

1	220 S. Dawson Street	0.37 acres
2	263 Pecan Street	0.65
3	13 S. East Street	0.16
4	121 Northway Court	0.65
5	300 Oberlin Road	0.39
6	2601 Fairview Road	0.58
7	2100 Glascock Street	1.00
8	5001 Western Boulevard	0.52
9	4465 Six Forks Road	0.50
10	2711 Sanderford Road	0.90
11	2925 Glenridge Road	1.08
12	3409 Poole Road	0.63
14	4220 Lake Boone Trail	0.71
15	1815 Spring Forest Road	21.86*
16	5225 Leadmine Road	0.96
17	4601 Pleasant Valley Road	0.92
18	8200 Morgans Way	0.92
19	4209 Spring Forest Road	0.92
20	1721 Trailwoods Drive	1.02
21	2651 Southall Road	1.85
22	9350 Durant Road	1.95
23	8312 Pinecrest Road	0.69
24	10440 Fossil Creek Court	1.96
25	2740 Wakefield Crossing Drive	0.81
26	3929 Barwell Road	1.73
27	5916 Buffalo Road	1.35
28	3500 Forestville Road	2.86
29	12117 Leesville Road	2.70

\*Acreage includes fire station site and Millbrook Exchange Park.

Note that the acreage for St 15 is the entire park, the fire station itself is much smaller but the entire parcel is together.

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Infographic of Firefighter Fatalities - 2000-2013

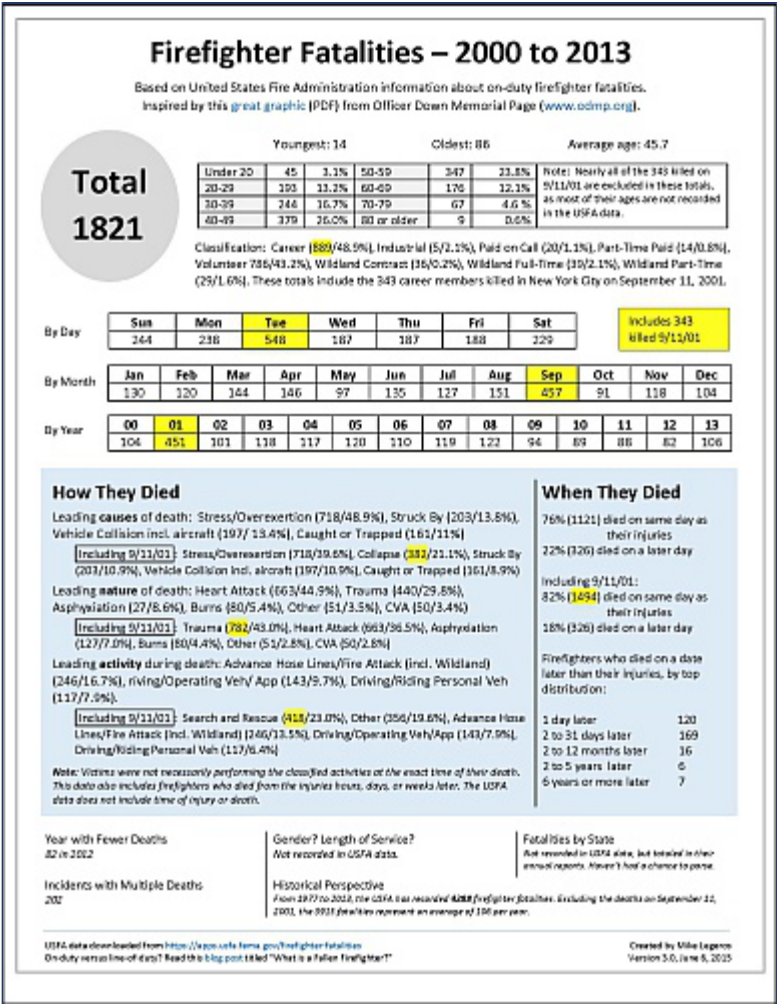
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For your consideration, simple infographic based on [United States Fire Administration data](#). Built using Excel (for the math) and Word (for the design).

Shamelessly derived (and attributed accordingly) from [this awesome poster](#) (PDF) of law enforcement line-of-duty deaths from [Officer Down Memorial Page](#).

Same is pictured below. Bare bones for sure and more proof of concept than finished product. (Mr. Blogger is neither a designer nor data scientist. Nor plays either on television.)

What do you think, good start? Maybe someone else can take and run with? Or, more likely, someone's already building something better. Click to view the [PDF version](#):



## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *Fire Truck Show at* « [Infographic of Firefi...](#) » [Raw Footage of Raleigh...](#) *NC Transportation Museum, Saturday, June 13*

### Fire Truck Show at NC Transportation Museum, Saturday, June 13

06/07/15 145 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

Event announcement. [Fire Truck Show at the North Carolina Transportation Museum](#) on Saturday, June 13. (Same day as Raleigh Fire Museum opening, which Yours Truly is likely staffing. Sigh.) Event is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concludes with a fire truck parade at 2:00 p.m. Requires admission to museum. Participating fire departments and organizations:

- Salisbury FD
- Spencer FD
- East Spencer FD
- Cleveland Community FD
- Cold Water FD
- Concord FD
- Ellis FD
- Faith FD
- Locke FD
- Millers Ferry FD
- Scotch-Irish FD
- NC Forest Service
- Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus of America (SPAAMFA).

Includes display of the museum's fire truck collection, which includes a 1917 Brockway service truck from Elizabeth City and a 1922 American LaFrance from Asheville and Lexington. [See Legeros photos](#) of the museum's apparatus collection.

# Fire Truck Fun!

at the N.C. Transportation Museum

NORTH CAROLINA  
TRANSPORTATION  
MUSEUM

## Saturday, June 13



The museum will pull out all the stops - along with a host of fire trucks, and turn out gear - inviting our fire truck collecting friends to join in, and inviting the public to see it all, along with lots of other emergency response equipment and activities.

Event runs from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Trucks may arrive at 9:30 a.m.)  
People's Choice Award at 1:30 p.m., Fire Truck Parade at 2 p.m.

**STILL SEEKING** area fire departments for the following demonstrations:  
ladder/fire hydrant/hose, fire extinguisher, hose and reel cart, turnout gear.

	<b>Admission W/Train Ride</b> Adults: \$12 Seniors/Active Military: \$10 Children 3-12: \$8 Children 2 and under: Free	<b>Museum Admission Only</b> Adults: \$6 Seniors/Active Military: \$5 Children 3-12: \$4 Children 2 and under: Free	<b>We Want You!</b> To register your fire truck or department, please contact June Hall, <a href="mailto:june.hall@ncdcr.gov">june.hall@ncdcr.gov</a> or call 704-636-2889 ext. 268.
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Raw Footage of Raleigh Church Fire

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From WTVD, here's a minute-and-change of raw footage from Wednesday church fire on Sanderford Road. Just a collection of short shots. [See still photos by Legeros](#), who arrived some twenty-five minutes into the incident. The video footage is considerable more exciting.

[View on YouTube](#)

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**Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015** - *Play it Forward at* « **Fire Station 29 - Fac...** » **Pinehurst's Hand-Draw...**  
*Bentwinds on June 22 - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament*

**Play it Forward at Bentwinds on June 22 - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament**

06/15/15 411 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Press release. It's time to tee-up with friends and local firefighters and turn a good day of golf into a great day to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty and support their survivors.

Join members of Raleigh area fire departments on Monday June 22, 2015 at prestigious Bentwinds Country Club in Fuquay-Varina for the Ninth Annual Raleigh Area NFFF Golf Tournament. This public event is one in a series of nation-wide golf tournaments organized by local volunteers to raise funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF).

Charlie Dickinson, former Deputy US Fire Administrator and keynote speaker for this event, remarked "I have always referred to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, to be held this year on October 3rd and 4th at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, as a 'bittersweet weekend.' How heartbreaking it is for the families and loved ones who have suffered the loss of their firefighter. However, how sweet it is for the families all brought together for this wonderful service, which brings great comfort for one another."

Registration begins at 8 AM and shotgun start is at 10 AM. Entry fee of \$110 includes a day of 18-hole superball, a golf gift, a meal after golf and door prize tickets, as well as the famous putting contest, which awards a driver to the winner. The putting contest ends at 9:45 so be sure to come out early to get a chance to qualify.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals, groups and area businesses. To register or more event contact information, visit [www.firehero.org/event/golf15-raleighnc](http://www.firehero.org/event/golf15-raleighnc).

The first National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament was held in 2004 to raise awareness and support the Foundation. The program has grown to include 30 regional golf tournaments across the country and has raised more than \$3,000,000 to help the NFFF provide programs and services for surviving family members, including scholarships, workshops and conferences. The NFFF also provides education and training for firefighters on preventing future fire service injuries and deaths.

[See a video](#) about the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournaments. To learn more about the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, go to [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).

Special thanks to our title sponsors: Sparkkles Restoration Company, The Contents Company, BluePrint Travel, REMAX One Realty, CRC Restoration Company, Rhinehart Fire Services, and Hardison & Cochran Attorneys-at-Law.



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## 24th Annual Great American Fire Truck Parade in Wilkes County, July 4, 2015

06/24/15 172 W, 1 I - + 7 - 5

Looking for a fire truck parade on the Fourth of July? Tool over to Wilkes County, where the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Great American Fire Truck parade will commence at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2015. The parade starts in historic downtown Wilkesboro and proceeds through North Wilkesboro. The trucks run lights and siren, but no candy is thrown. [See this poster](#) (PDF) or visit this [Facebook event page](#).

The event is sponsored by the Wilkes County Fire & Rescue Association. They expect between seventy-five and a hundred pieces of apparatus (!), along with agencies like the North Carolina Forest Service and local law enforcement agencies.

What fire departments will participate? There are twenty-six that provide service in Wilkes County, and most are expected to participate. Of those, most will have multiple rigs in the parade. Plus surrounding counties like Surry, Yadkin, Watauga, Alexander, etc. [Here are pictures from Missy Severt](#) from prior years, from 2012 and earlier.

## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN FIRE TRUCK PARADE



### Parade Route:

Turn left out of West Park onto West "D" Street  
Turn left on Curtis Bridge Rd. at Arby's  
Turn left on Main St. at Glenn's  
On Main St. proceed to 5<sup>th</sup> Stoplight  
Turn left on Wilkesboro Blvd.  
Cross bridge proceed right on Wilkesboro Ave.  
Turn left onto 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Turn left onto CBD Loop at Domino's Pizza  
Travel CBD Loop to "D" St.  
Turn left onto "D" St.  
Turn left on Independence Ave.  
Parade ends on Independence Ave.

**Starts @ 8 PM**  
**Saturday**  
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*Presented by Wilkes  
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**NO CANDY WILL BE  
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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Video Footage « UPDATED - Five Alarms... » UPDATED - Butner Publ... From 1992 - IGA Grocery Store Fire

### Video Footage From 1992 - IGA Grocery Store Fire

06/29/15 268 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

For your Monday morning enjoyment, here's a half-hour of historical video footage from December 20, 1992. That's when the IGA Grocery Store burned at 718 N. Person Street. Dispatched at 11:34 p.m., Engine 3 arrived with smoke showing from the rear of the store.

A second alarm was struck at 11:39 p.m. and a third alarm at 12:07 a.m. Fire progressed through the entire store and even threatened two of the three aerial apparatus in operation. You'll see crews cooling both Truck 1 and Truck 11. As for the third truck, that's a then forty-four year-old straight stick in operation!

[We've blogged about this incident before](#), with a historical perspective last updated in September 2012. [See also this PDF document](#) that compiles the narrative and photos.

What happened to the store? It was demolished and, if memory serves, thus ended grocery service on the east side of downtown Raleigh. The only other grocer to open in subsequent years was on the southside, with a Kroger at the corner of Rock Quarry Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Correct?

Next question, how many other grocery stores have burned in the city's history? Will do some digging. Since the IGA fire, don't believe any have been fully involved. Will check records.

The footage was posted by the Raleigh Fire Museum, as part of an ongoing research project. They're looking for historical video (or film) footage of the Raleigh Fire Department. [See their video and movie library](#) on their web site, or check out their [YouTube channel](#).



[View on YouTube](#)

We’ve come a long way, baby, in aerial apparatus since 1992. Improvements to truck companies started with the hiring of Chief Kuster in 1982 (truck operations) and continued with Chief Pickard’s start in 1986 (truck apparatus).

By 1992, the last service ladder truck had been retired two years earlier. (The city operated three service ladder companies in its heyday, from 1973 to 1986.)

Five aerial ladder companies were in service by 1992, the last added as Truck 15 in 1989. There are nine today, the remaining four added in 2004 (Truck 24), 2005 (Truck 26), 2009 (Ladder 4 at Station 4), and 2015 (Ladder 9 at Station 29).

**Legeros** - 06/29/15 - 08:40

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## Vintage Photo of Mt. Tabor Fire Department - 1968

06/30/15 39 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

Found for sale on eBay, a vintage photo of the Mt. Tabor Fire Department in Forsyth County. Dated 1968 and showing a pair of pretty GMC fire trucks! Click to enlarge:



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Wake County Firefighter Recruits Graduates on Thursday

07/01/15 142 W - + 6 - 2

Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 7 will graduate at a ceremony tomorrow night, Thursday, July 2, 2015. The event will be held at the Wake County Commons on Cary Drive and starts at 7:00 p.m. Come and help celebrate their accomplishments.

During the twenty-six week academy, the seven recruits received certifications and training in Firefighter II, EMT - Basic, CPR, Infectious Control, Live Fire Company Drills, ICS 700, ICS 800, ICS 100, ICS 200, Hazardous Materials Responder, Technical Rescuer VMR, Fireground Procedures, and Firefighter Survival and Rescue.

The keynote speaker will be Wake County Fire Services Director Nick Campasano. The graduates and their sponsoring fire departments:

- Ryan Beck - Garner FD
- Kourtney Berge - Morrisville FD
- Keairr Butts - Garner FD
- Jesse Lane - Fuquay-Varina FD
- Andrew McKenzie Garner FD
- Hunter Rogers - Wake Forest FD
- Devon Simmons - Garner FD

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## New Fire Station 3 Under Construction in Wilmington

07/04/15 146 W, 4 I - + 3 - 4

Photographer Lee Wilson wandered to Wilmington this week and snapped a couple pictures of Fire Station 3, which is under construction on Cinema Drive. The 14,500 square-foot facility was designed by Becker Morgan Group. The \$3.4 million fire station ~~will~~ is designed to house ten firefighters. See [larger version of drawings](#). See more [Wilmington FD photos from Lee](#), including a **ton** of truck photos.

The fire station project is part of a restructuring plan that was announced in 2014, and that planned to close four fire stations, build two new stations, and relocate one fire company. [Read prior blog post](#). What's the status on the overall plan? [This WECT story](#) from February notes that the Shipyard Boulevard fire station still needed more funding. We'll do some more sniffing around, and see if readers have information to add.



*Lee Wilson photos*



The floor plan includes a community training room (lower corner of drawing, blue space). I've seen those in newer stations here and there. How often do the bigger cities have them? Greensboro, Charlotte, Atlanta, etc.? Do they get them used a lot? (We don't have them in Raleigh fire stations.)

**Legeros** - 07/04/15 - 10:24

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Dash Cam Video of « Chinese Lanterns vs. ... » Video - How British F... Cary Fire, Wake EMS

### Dash Cam Video of Cary Fire, Wake EMS

07/08/15 94 W, 1 I - + 4 - 5

From a reader, here's a dash cam video of a two-car accident, that ably captures the arriving Cary Fire Department and Wake County EMS units. And a bit of on scene action, notably firefighters raising the hood of the car. Titled *My Daughter's First Accident is a Big One!*, it was posted by YouTube user Speeding Cops North Carolina on June 9, 2015. Looks like likely minor injuries. Impressive video camera quality, as well. Thanks Chad!



[View on YouTube](#)

Nice blocking!! I love how the truck company diverted all traffic away from the scene by sending them through a parking lot. Kudos to the person with common sense who came up with the idea. Now that's called situational awareness. This video should be used as a training tool for drivers. Too many times I see apparatus only protected one lane because they were trying to "be considerate" to other motorists by leaving the passable lane open. That's a fine technique 10 years ago but there are too many distracted or inconsiderate drivers who would barely slow down when passing through the scene. In today's times you HAVE to protect the scene by blocking AT MINIMUM one lane on both sides of the scene.

**Rescue Ranger** - 07/08/15 - 10:42

Ranger you are exactly right, great job blocking. My dept runs around 30-40 MVC a year and 90 percent are at the intersection in front of our fire station. We have become extremely proficient at setting up at this intersection and we do the same thing. There are 2 convenience stores on each corner as well as a shopping center. We utilize these parking lots almost every time and block the entire side of the highway (4 lane divided highway)

**2405** - 07/08/15 - 17:56

From Twitter user Gray Brown comes this note, "Young driver did well! Search for report 15004880 over at "http://policereports.townofcary.org":http://policereports.townofcary.org"

Accident happened June 8, 2015, at 1:31 p.m., on Kildaire Farm Road at Dancers Point Lane, when driver of first car pulled into path of second car, the one with the dash cam.

**Legeros** - 07/08/15 - 20:45

Who was the first person to pull on scene in the pickup POV? Looks like a white shirt with a radio

**egg** - 07/09/15 - 09:39

An on duty captain heading to a meeting.

**POV** - 07/18/15 - 10:35

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## Video - How British Firefighters Are Trained, 1957

07/08/15 88 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

Found by a reader via this [Facebook posting](#), here's a dandy short clip of the Middlesex Fire Brigade demonstrating some of their skills on the training ground. The segment was produced by Pathe News. [See source information](#). As for those vintage British "fire appliances," Yours Truly saw some of those in Phoenix last fall, at the Hall of Flame fire museum. [See my pictures](#). Thanks Keith!





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Durham Highway Receives Higher Rating After Inspection

07/08/15 224 W - + 5 - 7

Press release.

Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin announced yesterday, July 7, 2015, that the [Durham Highway Fire Department](#) completed its routine inspection and received a 3/9E rating. Previously, DHFD had a split rating of 4/9, meaning that homeowners within 1,000 feet of a hydrant had an ISO grade of 4 and all others had a 9. With this new rating, all homeowners and commercial properties within five miles of a DHFD fire station have an improved rating of Class 3. This rating should result in lower insurance premiums to commercial and residential owners of the district.

"Durham Highway is committed to providing the highest level of service at the lowest cost to the community and this rating reaffirms our work and commitment toward that goal," said Fire Chief Jim Feely in response to the rating increase.

With this review, DHFD becomes one of only 3,220 departments out of 49,010 in the country with a Class 3 rating or higher. They're also now highest rated non-municipal fire department in Wake County.

"I'd like to congratulate Chief Feely for his department's performance and for the hard work of all the department members," said Commissioner Goodwin. "The citizens in the Durham Highway Fire District should rest easy knowing they have a fine group of firefighters protecting them and their property in case of an emergency."

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## Video Footage From 1995 - High-Level Rope Rescue

07/09/15 318 W, 1 I - + 3 - 3

Let's go back to the Wayback Machine and watch some more historical footage from the Raleigh Fire Museum video archives. e.g., their [YouTube channel](#). This time it's a rope rescue in downtown Raleigh.

On the afternoon on Wednesday, May 3, 1995, two men were repairing windows outside the seventh floor of the Wake County Public Safety Center. At about 2:15 p.m., one side of their motorized scaffolding failed and fell away. The two workers were left hanging in their safety harnesses.

The Raleigh Fire Department and Wake County EMS responded to the scene. Crews went to the roof and a third-floor landing below the workers. As the conditions were assessed, a couple options presented themselves. Truck 11 was brought to the scene and its 105-foot aerial ladder extended. Still wasn't long enough and even after they attempted to add a ground ladder as an extension.

Rope rescue was the next option. The first worker was raised to the roof, as his safety line was evaluated as undamaged. He was rescued at 3:40 p.m. The second worker's rope looked less sound. He would be lowered to the third-floor landing and with the assistance of a rappelling firefighter.

Firefighter D. Michael Davidson performed the task. He had trained in high-level rope rescue as a member of Six Forks Rescue Squad. He descended to the seventh-floor location, attached the worker's harness to his, and both were lowered to the landing at 3:49 p.m. (As a precaution, a giant air mattress had been inflated below them.)

Neither worker was injured. The dozens of spectators cheered. And the whole thing was broadcast live on WTVD. They later supplied copies of the raw footage to the fire department. The Raleigh Fire Museum has created a thirty-minute compilation, from the two cameras that were filming that day.



[View on YouTube](#)

Who exactly is speaking at 25 minutes 30 seconds? I assume a Chief of some level.

**2redline** - 07/11/15 - 00:56

Chief of Department Sherman Pickard.

**Legeros** - 07/11/15 - 09:28

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Wake County Fire « Mass. Haz-Mat Trucks ... » Video of Vehicle Fire... Commission Meeting - July 16, 2015

### Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - July 16, 2015

07/12/15 195 W - + 4 - 2

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, July 16, 2015, 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 May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - No action items
  - Information Agenda
    - Follow-Up Information: Staffing and Compensation Committee Recommendation to Increase the Current 2008/2009 Fire Services Pay Band Maximums by Two Percent.
    - Post Incident Review Update
    - Fire Tax District Financial Report
    - Standing Committee Updates
      - Budget
      - Communications
      - Compensation and Staffing
    - 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 sign-up 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 17, 2015

#### Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF)

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Within the agenda packet is this summary of apparatus purchases for Fiscal Year 2016, noting the units being replaced (with notations by myself):

Apex – Rescue 4 (1995 HME/Rescue Master)  
Bay Leaf – Rescue 36 (1991 E-One Cyclone)  
Garner – Pumper 9 (1994 Pierce Dash pumper/tanker)

Plus these small vehicles:

Bay Leaf – Car 360



Eastern Wake – Car 10  
Garner – Battalion 1  
Hopkins – Car 1  
Morrisville – Car 1  
Stony Hill – Car 26  
Western Wake – Truck 1  
**Legeros** - 07/12/15 - 16:47

Are the FY15 trucks in production yet? The Fuquay Varina Spartan rescue and the SHFD/WNHFD/GFD/WFD Pierce pumpers? Also, when is production expected to start on the trucks in FY16 trucks?(GFD pumper and BLFD/AFD rescues) and does anyone have specs for any of the FY15/16 trucks? Thanks!  
**Parks** - 07/12/15 - 18:56

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Video of Vehicle Fire on Millbrook Road

07/15/15 68 W - + 5 - 4

For your evening enjoyment, here's about a minute of Raleigh Engine 16 arriving at a vehicle fire on Millbrook Road at Creedmoor Road earlier today. Parking lot of the shopping center. Watch for the exploding tire. Will have some still pictures later. See more Legeros video madness at [www.youtube.com/legeros](http://www.youtube.com/legeros). That guy's obsessed with fire trucks!

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## Epsom's New Rosenbauer Rescue Pumper

07/17/15 121 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

Last weekend, Lee Wilson photographed Epsom Fire Department's new Squad 55, a sweet 2015 International/Rosenbauer 1500/1250/30 rescue pumper. Delivered on May 5 and placed in service on June 25. Epsom FD is located on Highway 39 in Franklin County, next to the Vance County line. [See more photos from Lee.](#)

Rosenbauer has been making inroads into our region. Wake Forest has a custom engine arriving later this year. The newest Wake County tankers are Rosenbauer on Freightliner chassis. North Chatham received a pair of custom engines last year. Etcetera. Also, rescue pumpers seem to be a recent rage. We've seen them in Wake County with Apex, Holly Springs, and Raleigh, for starters. Who else is using them?



*Lee Wilson photo*

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Angier-Black River has an 2007 Pierce Rescue Pumper, Erwin has had one for years.

**Stan** - 07/17/15 - 09:12

Erwin replaced their rescue engine with a rescue truck that has a little bit of water. Knightdale 132, Clayton Squad 2, Cleveland E-2, Morrisville has two ladders that have more extrication than a lot of rescue trucks. The list could continue.

**911** - 07/17/15 - 13:15

There's quite a few "engines/pumpers, etc" around the area that carry at least a combi-tool on them. With staffing and a decline in volunteers in the area it's a no brainer to try to do more with less.

In this case it makes perfect sense.

**grab the jaws** - 07/18/15 - 09:56

## Matchbox Mack CF Pumper

07/17/15 77 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

Coming soon to store shelves near you. Scale not known, but smaller than the classic Seagrave engine released in 2012. [See prior post](#). Photo courtesy of the [Lamley Group blog](#), posted their "first look" last week. They also have some comparison photos. Don't like the colors and lettering on the initial release? Don't worry, Matchbox will surely make a number of variations in the coming year(s).



*The Lamley Group photo*

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## USDA Drone Warning Poster - If You Fly, We Can't

07/19/15 214 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Surely you saw the story last week and even if you're name isn't Shirley, about the vehicles that burned on a freeway, after a wildfire "jumped" across the active roadway. More than a dozen cars and a couple trucks were destroyed as motorists fled on foot. Officials subsequently advised that "drones" impeded the operations of aerial firefighting. Five planes were forced to return to the airport. (Two drones even pursued the retreating aircraft!) [Here's a Statter911 story about same](#), which links to a KNBC story.

Unmanned aircraft systems (AFS) have become enough of a problem (just out west?) that the United States Department of Agriculture has produced a poster for public education. "Drones near wildfires are not safe" it warns, noting that they can "cause injury or death to firefighters" as well as "hamper the their ability to protect lives, property, and natural cultural resources." [See this USDA news release](#) and accompanying larger version of the below poster.

Next question, is this the first formal education campaign about these? Or have other agencies, states, or even countries been spreading the word? Flying cameras are coming, folks.





**Seen on Lead Mine Road - Former Atlantic FD**

07/19/15 57 W, 1 I - + 6 - 2

Caught this on Lead Mine Road last week, just down the road from the house. Former Atlantic Fire Department in Carteret County. Bought six or seven months ago. Used by a builder as a work truck. Maybe readers know more details about the vehicle. Click to enlarge:



What did you do just get out of your car in the middle of the road to snap photos? Now that's dedication.

**Rescue Ranger** - 07/19/15 - 12:36

The guys was in traffic behind me. Was easy enough to position my car in front of his, and arrive at the long light at North Hills Drive. It's all timing.

**Legeros** - 07/19/15 - 12:39

Yeah, block him in so he has no choice but to pose! Haha

**Rescue Ranger** - 07/19/15 - 19:25

## New Old Ladder for Four Oaks

07/21/15 68 W, 1 I - + 6 - 7

Four Oaks Fire Department in Johnston County has added this 2007 Pierce Enforcer 1500/500/75' aerial ladder to their fleet. Placed in service on Wednesday, July 15. Originally saw service in New Chapel, IN, as Ladder 49. Later bought by Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus in Alabama, which sold same to Four Oaks in Apri. Lee Wilson photographed the truck. [See more pictures.](#)



*Lee Wilson photo*

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Durham Highway's 1984 Mack For Sale... Three Hours Left!

07/23/15 47 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

And with three hours left at this [GovDeals listing](#)! The 1984 Mack MC pumper was removed from active service in 2008, and served as a reserve piece until 2014. Current bid is \$1,500. Reserve not met.



Is DHFD replacing this with another truck, or putting another truck in reserve and replacing that one? And what ever happened to the proposition to the county to place a few of their units on the apparatus replacement schedule? Thanks.

**Parks** - 07/23/15 - 10:33

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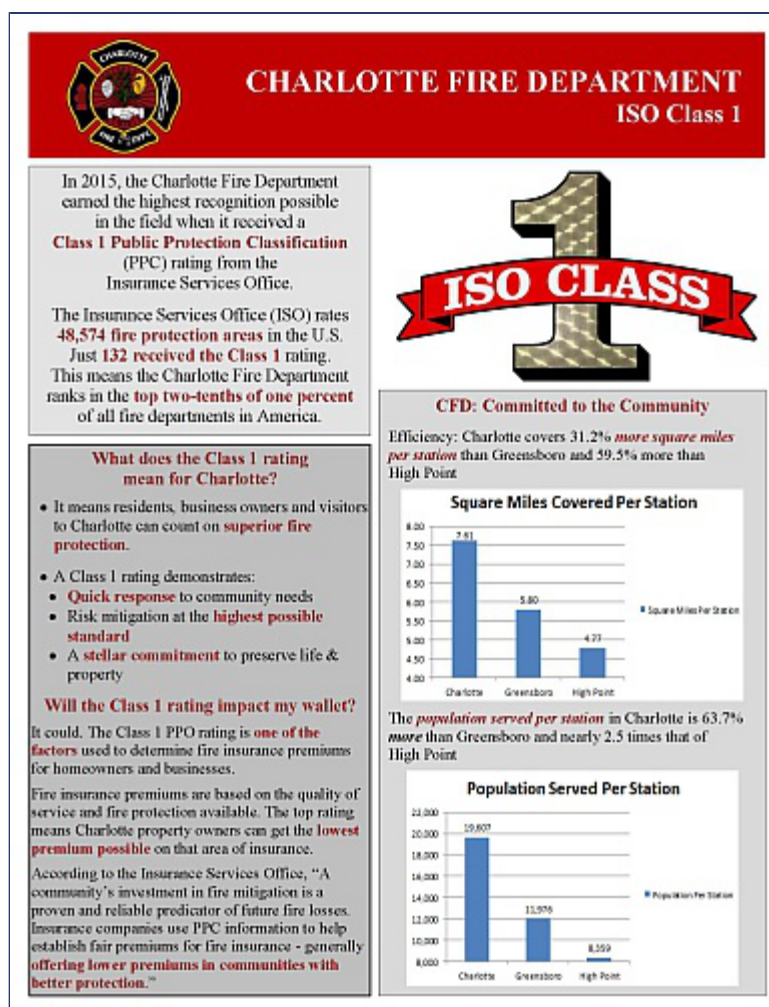
## Charlotte Fire Department Receives Class 1 Rating

07/27/15 102 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

News outlets are announcing that the Charlotte Fire Department has received a Class 1 Public Protection Classification rating from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). Congratulations!

(It's their first Class 1. They join the ranks of recently announced Class 1 inductees of Cary, Fayetteville, and High Point fire departments. [See blog posting from May.](#))

Here's a [WSCO-TV story on same](#). Google for others stories. CFD has produced this nifty full-color flyer about the new rating, includes the "Class 1" graphic that's being added to fire apparatus. ([Here's a picture](#) via Twitter via #CFD\_alarm.) [View the PDF document:](#)



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**2redline** - 07/28/15 - 21:33

Thank you, corrected!

**Legeros** - 07/28/15 - 22:21

## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - NC ANG Firefighter« Charlotte Fire Depart... » Providence Fire Depart... *Dies at Firehouse in Stanly County*

### NC ANG Firefighter Dies at Firehouse in Stanly County

07/28/15 276 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

North Carolina Air National Guard Firefighter Capt. James Alan "Truck" Hicks, 44, was found dead on Monday morning at Station 27, at the Stanly County Airport. He was discovered at 7:30 a.m., lying on a sofa in his sleeping quarters, reports this [Stanly News & Press story](#). His passing is being treated as a line-of-duty death, as it occurred within twelve hours of firefighting activities.

Hicks was among the firefighters who answered as mutual aid to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department, a house fire on Kemp Road at 7:40 p.m. on Sunday. Reports [this WBTB story](#), Hicks and a second firefighter took a tanker to the scene. They both then assisted with interior firefighting. Crews were eventually withdrawn as "conditions inside became too dangerous."

He became sickened at the scene and displayed "nausea and vomiting." (Described as heat exhaustion in other stories.) He reported feeling better about an hour later. Upon returning to their quarters, the two firefighters "went to bed."

Hicks lived in Cabarrus County. He had been a firefighter with Station 27 since July 2010. He's the first member of NC ANG Fire Emergency Services to die in the line of duty. (Four NC ANG airmen died in 2012, when their 145th Airlift Wing airborne tanker crashed while finding a woodland fire in South Dakota.)

Believe this is the second in Stanly County's history, following the death of East Side Fire Department volunteer firefighter Grady Mill in a motor-vehicle accident on May 1, 1965.

This tribute banner is making the rounds on Facebook. Creator credit TBD:



Such a tragedy to lose a fellow brother. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

**Stike** ([Email](#)) - 08/05/15 - 17:51

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*for Durham County Paramedic Donald Fonville, Thursday, July 30*

**Memorial Service for Durham County Paramedic Donald Fonville, Thursday, July 30** 07/29/15 205 W - + 9 - 7

This announcement was shared to public safety personnel this week. Memorial service tomorrow night for recently deceased Durham County Paramedic Donald Fonville:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, we lost Paramedic Donald Fonville, unexpectedly, on July 4th. The precepts of his faith required burial within 24 hours, so many who knew him and wished to pay their respects did not have the opportunity to do.

Accordingly, the Durham County EMS family has planned a memorial service to remember Donald as our brother and a member of the Durham County health care and public safety families. This will be a non-denominational event. It will be held at Clements Funeral Service, 1105 Broad Street, Durham, North Carolina, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Friends, colleagues, and others who wish to remember Donald are invited to attend.

Attire will be dress uniform for public safety personnel, business or business casual for others.

Chiefs of allied law enforcement, fire, and EMS agencies are asked to give this invitation the widest possible dissemination throughout their organizations.

Please come and join us as we remember our departed brother.

Thank you.

SKIP KIRKWOOD, M.S., J.D., NREMT-P, EFO, CEMSO | DIRECTOR • CHIEF PARAMEDIC

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Social Media Workshops at the South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo

07/31/15 241 W - + 13 - 1

Counting down to the [South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo](#) in Raleigh, which starts in ten days with a two-day golf tournament on Monday, August 10. See this [Schedule at a Glance](#).

Conference workshops start on Friday, August 14. Yours Truly will be co-presenting at one of two social media workshops that afternoon. The other one's is that morning. Here's the skinny on both:

- Friday, August 14  
9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
[Using Social Media for Real-time Updates to Your "Customers" \(Residents and the Media\)](#)  
William Suthard, Huntersville FD
- Friday, August 14  
3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
[Cameras, Citizen Reporters, Social Media and Emergency Services](#)  
Jeffrey Hammerstein, Wake County EMS  
Mike Legeros

How much to attend these classes? Full conference registration is \$70 for NCSFA members or \$100 for non-members. (And this year there's a bonus for full conference registrants. Special show floor preview on Thursday night, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Want to visit the show floor only, with no access to the workshops? On Friday, the "show only" passes are \$35.00 each and good for two days. On Saturday, the "show only" passes are \$20.

(And while you're walking on the Mezzanine Level of the Raleigh Convention Center, watch for the Raleigh Fire Museum's booth. Yours Truly will be there as well. We're also selling new fire department challenge coins. More on that later.)

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## Monster Wrecker From Fayetteville

08/07/15 62 W, 2 I - + 10 - 5

Photographer Lee Wilson found this monster wrecker on Sunday passing through Fayetteville. Dual front axles *and* forward-facing boom. Holy cow!

Operated by AAA Towing and Recovery. See their [Facebook page](#) for pics of the truck working. Here are larger versions of [this photo](#) and a [second shot](#) by Lee.



*Lee Wilson photo*



*AAA Towing and Recovery photos*

Both front axles turn !!

lee - 08/07/15 - 20:14

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**Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015** - Cary Firefighters « **Monster Wrecker From ...** » **Vintage Photo - Guilf...**  
*Form Service Organization, Plan Schondelfire Memorial Marathon on Sept. 6*

**Cary Firefighters Form Service Organization, Plan Schondelfire Memorial Marathon on Sept. 6** 08/07/15 252 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Let's introduce the Bradford's Ordinary Fire Company, a non-profit service organization recently created by a group of Cary firefighters. They're named for the settlement that was created in 1750 and eventually developed into the town of Cary. Their purpose is simple: doing great things for others. They have a [Facebook group](#) and have announced their first event, the **2015 Schondelfire Station Tour Memorial Marathon** on Saturday, September 6.

Cary Fire Department Captain and Swift Creek Firefighter Jon F Schondelmayer died on December 18, 2013, after feeling ill while working at the Swift Creek fire station. He went home at lunch to get some medicine and was soon found unresponsive by a Swift Creek firefighter sent to check on him. He was forty-four years old, and a nineteen-year veteran of the Cary Fire Department. [Read prior blog post.](#)

The Memorial Marathon spans the entire town, with participants visiting each of the town's eight fire stations. (That's 26.2 miles, with a half marathon option of 14.1 miles.) Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase gifts that promote healthy and active lifestyles to help prolong the lives of needy children. The gifts will be presented during the holiday season, during the town's Interact program that contacts families directly and awards gifts to them individual.

This inaugural event is limited to seventy-people. The registration period is open from August 1 to August 12. [See this Facebook event posting](#) for more information, including their e-mail address.



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**2015 NC Fallen Fire Firefighters - First Annual Memorial Ride - Sat., Aug. 15** 08/10/15 215 W - + 10 - 6

Event announcement. The [Brothers of the Inferno Motorcycle Club of Goldsboro](#) is hosting a memorial ride to benefit the North Carolina Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. The event is Saturday, August 15, 2015. The location is Wayne Community College, 3000 Wayne Memorial Drive in Goldsboro. The cost is \$20 per bike with \$5 per additional passenger.

Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Then posting colors and prayer at 9:00 a.m. and kickstands up at 9:30 a.m. The route is from Goldsboro to Raleigh and by way of visiting a few fire departments that have experienced line of duty deaths, some local motorcycle dealers, and [Barry's Cafe](#) in Cary. (Meal tickets are \$8.00 for lunch at Barry's. They'll also have tee shirts for sale for \$15 each.)

There will also be door prizes throughout the ride, provided by the corporate sponsors Shelton's Harley-Davidson of Goldsboro, Cycle Gear of Raleigh, Open Road Biker Gear of Goldsboro, and Team Power Sports of Garner. They'll also hold a 50/50 raffle at the end of the ride, which will conclude at the [South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo](#) at the Raleigh Convention Center.

All proceeds will be donated to the NCFFF. For more information, contact Paul at 919-418-4530 or "Beast" at 919-921-2552.

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## Raleigh Fire Museum at Raleigh Fire Expo

08/11/15 206 W, 2 I - + 7 - 3

Coming to the [South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo](#) this week? Visit the Raleigh Fire Museum booth on the Mezzanine Level, right around the corner from the lobby escalators. Learn about our organization as well as other area and regional fire museums. We'll have one or two digital slideshows to entertain you.

And challenge coins for sale, newly produced by the museum for sale as a fundraiser. (Coins are \$10 each. Can't make the show? We'll have them for sale soon on [our web site](#).) The booth will be open Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Looking for Yours Truly? He'll be around all days, including staffing the booth on Thursday night. Mike Legeros is also co-presenting at a workshop on Friday afternoon. [Cameras, Citizen Reporters, Social Media and Emergency Services](#) with Jeff Hammerstein (Wake County EMS) from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. That's one of two workshops on the subject of social media, the other's that morning with William Suthard (Huntersville FD). [See prior posting](#).

See you at the show!





*New challenge coins for sale! \$10 each at the show  
Mezzanine Level - Raleigh Fire Museum booth*

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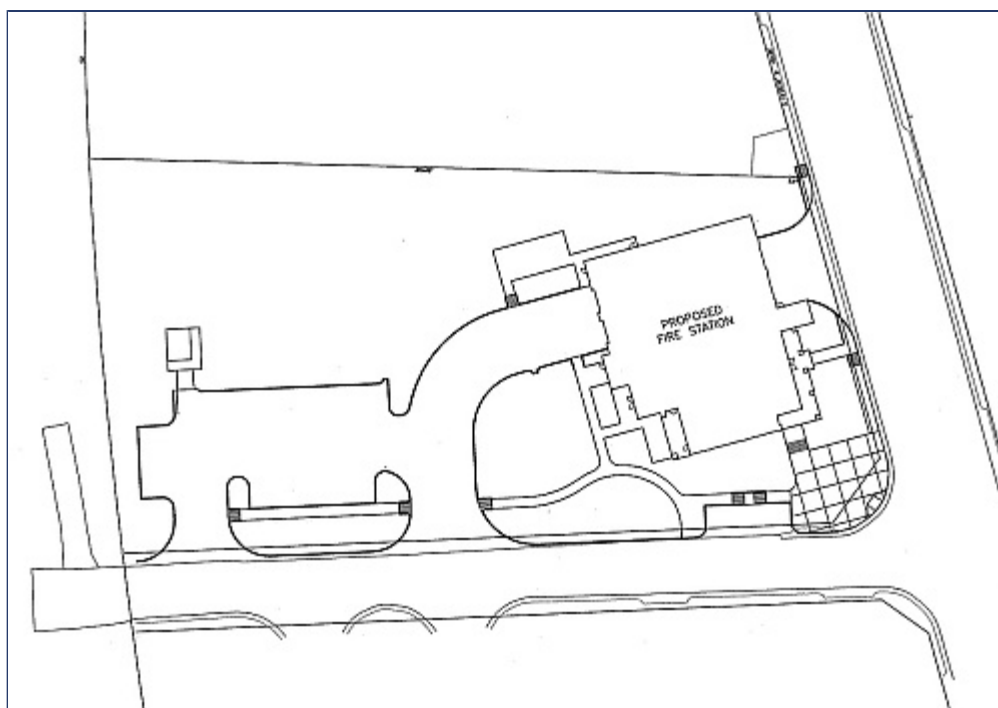
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## Site Plan of Cary Fire Station 2

08/17/15 93 W, 5 I - + 11 - 6

Construction is well underway for Cary new Fire Station 2 at 601 E. Chatham Street. [Here's the project page](#) on the town's web site. Below is a site plan, found via [this document](#) (PDF) on the town's FTP server via Google. Plus a couple photos from this morning. Hearing that the facility should be occupied by late November or early December.

See prior blog postings from [January 2013](#), [October 2013](#), and [November 2014](#). Plus this posting from [May 2015](#), which talks about the town's plans for the existing Station 2. Click to enlarge:







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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - When Stock Photos« Site Plan of Cary Fir... » Bumper vs. Bumper - C... Fail

### When Stock Photos Fail

08/20/15 78 W, 1 I - + 6 - 6

See if you can tell what's wrong with this picture. Found by [FireNews.net on Twitter](#) (they even wrote this headline!), retweeting from WFMY News yesterday. (Promoting story about \$1.1 SAFER grant granted to Greensboro. [Read that story.](#)) What, you're not following FireNews via Twitter? They're the go-to source for local and national fire news headlines. Worth the leap, if you haven't started using Twitter.

 **WFMY News 2**   
@WFMY

**.@GSOFireDept** emergency response gets  
\$1.1 million boost [ow.ly/R61NJ](#)



9:35 AM - 19 Aug 2015

Story about Greensboro? When did Greensboro start using Crowns?

**DJ** - 08/20/15 - 11:20

Wow, and I thought that Crown Firecoach went out of business in 1983 ish..... ? Side note. I was a volunteer in NJ where we ran 4 Crown firecoach pumpers. Initially the first 4 on the east coast.(1966, 1975, 1979 and 1983) Beacon Falls Ct bought a used stick, Clarksville Va bought a used 1966 snorkel, and Chillehowie Va bought a Pierce Crown 85 ft snorkel. Usually on a Sunday morning there would be a bunch of folks at our station taking pictures of the Crowns being that rare. Just a guess.... but that stock picture is from the Crown Firecoach 1963 Crown manifold unit (in La City Fire Museum), a 2000 plus GPM deluge pumper operated by LA City, one of Crown Firecoach's biggest customers. This guess is simply by the bumper configuration. Montvale has the 1983 rig still in front line service. Probably the best maintained and operational front line Crown left.

**Chris Gibbons** ([Email](#)) - 08/21/15 - 00:01

Bumper vs. Bumper - Cary vs. Raleigh

08/21/15 57 W, 1 I - + 8 - 6

From the Atlantic Emergency Solutions [Trucks in Production](#) page, here's a comparison of the bumpers of Cary and Raleigh's new Pierce engines under construction. Cary adding a white reflective stripe (job #28596, Velocity chassis). Raleigh adding their first bumper-based chevrons (job #28621, Arrow XT chassis).



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**West Virginia DOT Adds Fire Trucks for Tunnel Response**

08/23/15 241 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

The West Virginia Department of Transportation has taken delivery of three 2015 Freightliner M2-106/Pierce pumpers, 1250/1000 with Husky foam systems. (And bumper turret!) The trucks will protect a pair of mountain tunnels on Interstate 77. They'll be staffed with contractors (four employees per shift are trained to operate the trucks) and provide preliminary response until local fire and rescue departments.

The project to purchase the rigs was initiated in summer 2013. Last year's truck fire in the East River Mountain Tunnel further validated the plans. (Google for stories and stunning photos from that incident.) Training of personnel and delivery of the vehicles was completed in June.

Both tunnels had their own engines until the 1990s. Notes this [Bluefield Daily Telegraph](#) story by Greg Jordan, they fire departments were removed due to "more stringent training standards and costs with associated with implementing those standards" as well as increased costs for operation and maintenance. (Makes and models, anyone?)

They'll protect the Big Walker Mountain Tunnel (opened in 1972) and the East River Mountain Tunnel (opened in 1974). On average, notes the story, some 30,000 vehicles per day pass through them. (The story only cites two fire trucks. Maybe the third is a spare, or auxiliary truck?)

See pictures on their Flickr site [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). See specs and download drawings on this [Atlantic Emergency Solutions page](#). Click to enlarge:



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People at the South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo

08/26/15 71 W - + 9 - 4

Made this video the other week at the South Atlantic FIRE RESCUE Expo in Raleigh. Mobile phone for recording, Microsoft's free Movie Maker for editing, and Flash Integro's free video editor enhancements. (Looking for photos? Yours Truly was otherwise camera-free. See these pics on Flickr from [John Franks](#) and [Tim Blasidell](#), for starters. Pics from Lee Wilson are pending.)

[View on YouTube](#)

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Wake County Fire Academy Hiring For Recruit Class 8

08/28/15 116 W, 1 I - + 11 - 4

Applications are now being accepted for Wake County Fire Academy Recruit Class 8. The academy begins in January 2016 and graduates in July 2016. 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 flyer about the academy. Good luck!



# Wake County Fire Academy

## Recruit Class 8

Wake County Fire Services is now accepting applications for Recruit Class 8

### Recruit Class 8 begins January 2016 and graduates July 2016

#### Requirements






Complete an application and send to:

Ricky L. Dorsey  
Wake County Fire Services  
331 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

- Must be 18 years of age on the start date of the academy
- Must provide proof of H.S. Diploma or GED
- Must be affiliated with a fire department
- Must provide proof of a valid driver's license
- Must provide documentation from a physician that you are physically capable of performing activities associated with the academy
- Must acquire the supplies, materials, uniforms and equipment as required

#### Successful Candidates Receive:

Firefighter II  
Hazardous Materials Responder  
EMT - Basic  
ICS 100 & 200  
Firefighter Rescue  
Firefighter Survival  
Technical Rescuer  
SCBA Fit Testing



For an application or more about this program contact:  
Joe Knurowski at 919/387-4338  
joseph.knurowski@wakegov.com



**Raw Video of Robeson County Trailer Fire**

09/01/15 51 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

[Statter911](#) found this [video](#) from Allen Locklear, featuring a fully involved mobile home (abandoned) and the arrival and initial attack from the Shannon Fire Department in Robeson County. Plus a bit of enthusiastic commentary from the videographer.



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Vintage Firefighting Images via Digital NC

09/03/15 130 W, 1 I - + 9 - 3

From a reader, there are some great vintage firefighting images on the DigitalNC site, in their [Images of North Carolina collection](#). (Thanks Greg!) High-resolution versions are available for most of them, along with descriptions and usage information. Here's a sampling. Click to enlarge:



Courtesy DigitalNC

Left to right, top to bottom:

- Brevard Fire Department and old Town Hall on West Main Street, circa 1913 to 1930. (Looks like Brevard's 1925 American LaFrance triple combination, #5111.) Courtesy Rowell Bosse North Carolina Room, Transylvania County Library.
- Draper Volunteer Fire Company in 1958. Copyright Rockingham Community College Foundation, Inc., Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library.
- Farmington Volunteer Fire Department in Davie County, circa 1960. Courtesy Davie County Public Library.
- Wilson Fire Department, circa 1918. Courtesy Marion (Monk) Moore Collection, Wilson County Public Library.

Draper doesn't exist anymore. It's now part of the town of Eden, which was created in 1967 as a consolidation of the towns of Draper, Leaksville, and Spray. Each had their own fire department.

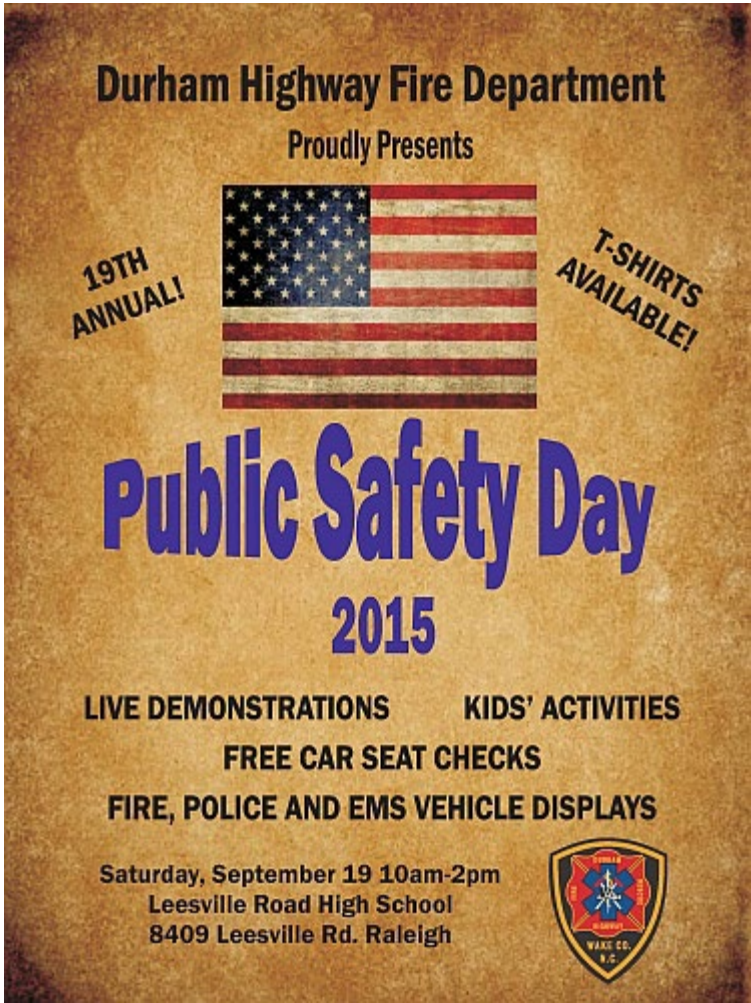
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**Durham Highway Public Safety Day - Saturday, September 19** 09/04/15 79 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

That time of year again! Get geared up for public safety days, firemen's days, and other fall fire events. [Durham Highway Fire Department's](#) annual Public Safety Day will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Leesville Road High School. It's always a great event with live and static demos and plenty of fire, police, and EMS vehicles to enjoy.



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**Crash Trucks in Miniature**

09/05/15 32 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

Adventures in miniature effects, via digital filter on a Fuji X30 camera. [See more on my Flickr site.](#) Google to learn how it's done. Click to enlarge:



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From the [North Carolina Digital Collections](#). More information [on this image](#). (For context, read about [Raleigh's civilian defense efforts](#), as related to the fire department.) Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Wake County EMS Citizens Academy - Starting October 27

09/09/15 113 W, 1 I - + 5 - 4

Wake County EMS has announced their first Citizens Academy, a four-night program starting this fall that's free for any Wake County citizens of high school age or older. The program will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the EMS Training Center at 4012 Carya Drive. That's off Poole Road. The four nights are October 27, November 3, November 10, and November 17. The program is designed to teach community members about their EMS system. You'll learn hands-on CPR and how to operate an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Interested? Call 919-856-6020 or contact [Jeffrey.hammerstein@wakegov.com](mailto:Jeffrey.hammerstein@wakegov.com).



Wake County EMS

## EMS Citizens Academy

Learn how your EMS System works - Discover amazing advances in pre-hospital care  
Learn hands-only CPR and how to use an automatic defibrillator (AED)  
Free and open to Wake County citizens high school age and up

**Tuesdays, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm**

**Oct 27   Nov 3   Nov 10   Nov 17**

Call 919-856-6020 or email [jeffrey.hammerstein@wakegov.com](mailto:jeffrey.hammerstein@wakegov.com) Classes held at Wake County EMS Training Center, 4012 Carya Dr. Raleigh

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**UPDATED - Upcoming Fire Department Events**

09/29/15 582 W - + 8 - 7

It's that time of year again! Public Safety Days, Firemen's Days, Open Houses, Barbecue Fundraisers, and more! Here's a starter list. Readers can add others.

Oct 3, Sat.	Four Oaks FD - Fireman's Day - All day activities - 301 Keen Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524
Oct 3, Sat.	Garner FD - Fireman's Day - All day activities - Parade at 1:00 p.m. - Station 1 - 503 W Main St, Garner, NC 27529
Oct 3, Sat.	Foothills Fire & Life Safety Expo - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute - 2855 Hickory Blvd, Hudson, NC 28638
Oct 4, Sun.	Bay Leaf FD - Open House - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Station 1, 11713 Six Forks Road, Raleigh
Oct 10, Sat.	NEW DATE - Cary FD / Morrisville FD - Fire Safety Day - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Target parking lot, Park West Village, Morrisville
Oct 10, Sat.	WRONG DATE - Fuquay-Varina FD - See below, Oct. 17
Oct 10, Sat.	Grifton FD - Fireman's Day - 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Station 1, Grifton, NC
Oct 10, Sat.	Raleigh Fire Museum - Fire Prevention Week Event - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 105 Keeter Center Drive
Oct 11, Sun.	Fairview FD - Open House - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - 4501 Ten-Ten Rd, Apex, NC 27539
Oct 13, Tues.	Zebulon Night Out - Public Safety Event - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Town Hall yard, 1003 N Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC 27597
Oct 16, Fri.	Brogden FD - BBQ & Bake Sale - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - 7236 Brogden Rd, Smithfield, NC 27577
Oct 17, Sat.	Fuquay-Varina FD - Open House - Station 1 - 301 South Fuquay Avenue, Fuquay-Varina, NC
Oct 18, Sun.	Township 7 FD - Open House - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Craven County
Oct 21 & 22, Weds. & Thurs.	Williamston FD - Grillin' on the Green Fundraiser - <a href="http://www.grillinontheegreen.com">www.grillinontheegreen.com</a>
Oct 31, Sat	Momeyer FD - Fire Prevention Day - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 4872 Momeyer Way, Nashville

Previously listed:

Sep 12, Sat.	50/210 FD - Fireman's Day - 10:00 a.m. until evening - 50 Greenleaf Rd. Angier, N.C. 27501 - <a href="#">See Facebook page</a>
Sep 12, Sat.	Brassfield FD - Barbecue - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - 1680 NC-96, Franklinton, NC 27525
Sep 12, Sat.	Effland FD - Barbecue - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - EFD Station 1, Highway 70
Sep 12, Sat.	Middlesex FD - Fireman's Day - 12535 W Hanes Ave, Middlesex
Sep 12, Sat.	Newton Grove FD - Annual fundraiser - Doors open 6:00 p.m. - Clinton-Sampson Agri-Expo Center, Clinton, NC
Sep 12, Sat.	Raleigh Fire Museum - Regular monthly opening - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - 105 Keeter Center Drive

Sep 12, Sat.	Tunnels to Towers Run/Walk - Evening - 800 Park Offices Drive, Durham - <a href="#">See Facebook page</a>
Sep 18, Fri.	Ferrells FD - Fish Fry - 9589 NC-97, Middlesex, NC 27557
Sep 19, Sat.	Coopers FD - Community Day - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - 3628 Volunteer Rd., Elm City, NC - <a href="#">See Facebook page</a>
Sep 19, Sat.	Contentnea FD - BBQ fundraiser - 4146 NC 42 West, Wilson, NC 27893 - <a href="http://www.contentneafire.com">www.contentneafire.com</a>
Sep 19, Sat.	Durham Highway FD - Public Safety Day - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Leesville High School, 8409 Leesville Road, Raleigh
Sep 26, Sat.	Warren County - Firemen's Day - Parade downtown at 10:00 a.m. Competition 1:00 p.m. at Warren County Recreational Complex. - <a href="#">See Facebook page</a>
Sep 27, Sun.	Stony Hill FD - Open House - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Station 1 - 7045 Stony Hill Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Ferrells FD in Nash Co is having a Fish Fry Friday Sept 18th. (Not sure of the times yet)

**Lee** - 09/10/15 - 23:59

Brassfield FD's BBQ this Sat 12th 11am to 7pm. (Granville County)

**Lee** - 09/11/15 - 00:00

Saturday, Sep 12, today...

Raleigh Fire Museum open 10 to 2 p.m., 105 Keeter Center Drive  
Efland FD annual BBQ dinner, 4 to 7 p.m., EFD Station 1, Highway 70

**Legeros** - 09/12/15 - 10:32

Grifton FD is hosting their annual Fireman's Day on Saturday, October 10th, 10a-2p in Grifton, NC at their main station. BBQ Pork and Chicken plates will be available.

**JF Maynard** ([Email](#)) - 09/14/15 - 08:21

Antioch FD in JoCo 8604 NC Hwy 39 – BBQ Chicken fundraiser 11-7pm Friday 18th.

**lee** - 09/17/15 - 00:31

Hopkins PS Day Sat Sept 26 11-3pm

**lee** - 09/17/15 - 00:32

Township 7 Fire and Rescue in Craven County Open House October 18 1300-1700 at 1705 Old Cherry Point Rd New Bern NC 28560

**Joel** - 09/17/15 - 21:07

Mike. Cary/Morrisville's was canceled due to weather. It will be now on Oct 10th. Same place same time.

**Steve Edwards** - 10/04/15 - 16:52

Mike Looks likes Fuquay Station 1 is open on the 17th not the 10th. <http://www.fuquay-varina.org/departments..>

Fuquay-Varina FD – Open House – Station 1 – 301 South Fuquay Avenue, Fuquay-Varina, NC

<http://facebook.com/fuquayfirebuffs>

**Evan Caulfield** ([Email](#)) ([Web Site](#)) - 10/09/15 - 12:41

German Fire Apparatus Responding

09/10/15 88 W, 1 I - + 5 - 3

For your Thursday enjoyment, here's a random video compilation of German fire apparatus and units responding to calls. Over twenty minutes long! Many interesting things to comment upon. The mega fire stations in some shots, with ten or twenty bays. The caravan-style of travel at times, with four or six units in a row. The maneuverability of those short-wheelbase European ladders. And how about that POV responding the 09:30 mark, with a portable roof-mounted light and siren.



I like the fact that most of the German trucks have 2 strobes in the grille...2 rotators on the top and maybe 2 in the back. They are light strobe and LED crazy like American trucks where you spend \$1000's just on lights!

**commentator** - 10/02/15 - 13:25

oops....I actually meant to say "they are NOT strobe light and LED crazy....."

**commentator** - 10/02/15 - 13:31

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## Adding WiFi to Your DSLR Camera

09/14/15 365 W, 1 I - + 8 - 3

The latest and greatest DSLR cameras--along with mirrorless, and compact cameras--are equipped with wi-fi. They can transmit their photos to your computer or mobile device, which makes mobile posting a breeze. Snap a shot and post to Facebook, just like that.

Have an older camera that lacks wi-fi? No problem, there are brands of SD memory cards equipped with same. Notable brands include Toshiba and EyeFi. What, your camera uses CF cards instead of SD cards? No problem, as adapters are also available.

Yours Truly recently made the leap and my details are below. (Merely X years after the technology has become available. Wish I'd done this years ago.)

This will be a particularly helpful with fire scene photos. For a few years now, I've been posting real-time pictures to Twitter and Facebook. Just a couple, and always using my mobile phone. The problem comes in the process. Taking a phone picture means changing modes, from DSLR to iPhone. This interruption invariably causes me to miss a good camera shot.

Here's the magic:

1. Using my Canon 7D (and soon my Canon 50D). Stores pictures on CF cards. Since I'm saving in Canon RAW, changed the settings to also save as JPEG. (The phone apps we'll be using can't read Canon RAW.)
2. Replaced my 8 GB CF cards with a CF adapter for SD cards. There are a couple brands out there. EyeFi looked like the most reliable.
3. Added a wi-fi SD card. Chose Toshiba FlashAir instead of EyeFi. (The latter requires proprietary software, or at least I have read.)
4. Installed Toshiba FlashAir app on phone. Take picture with camera, leave camera powered on, switch phone to receive FlashAir wi-fi signal. Use app to transfer JPG images from camera to phone. (Let's say two seconds per picture, transfer time.)
5. Use phone's native photo app to make any edits to the photos, such as cropping or exposure compensation.
6. Installed another app on phone, called Reduce. Use to batch-reduce the JPG images to lower-resolution size, for faster uploading. (Let's say half-second per picture to process.)
7. Upload as desired to social media, such as Twitter or Facebook.
8. Questions?



Red Cross Smoke Detectors and Robot Garbage Workers

09/18/15 259 W - + 8 - 2

What does the future of the fire service look like?

Two things caught my attention this morning. First was this Firehouse commentary by Daniel Byrne titled [Privatization of the American Fire Service is Coming](#). (Or see the [Facebook posting](#) with reader comments.) His topics include a recent Red Cross initiative that installed some 2,200 smoke detectors. Asks Byrne about this admittedly admirable program, "why there was any vacuum in the field of fire protection that allows another outside entity to be able to step in and lead us in the first place?"

Second was a story about Volvo developing robot garbage workers, via this [Digital Trends story by Andrew Hard](#). Program is called ROAR. Robot-Based Autonomous Refuse handling. Two-wheel robots of human size and controlled by an operator in the truck. They hope to test a prototype in 2016. (In a way, it's not terribly far removed from the system that the City of Raleigh uses. Truck operators use an articulated boom to collect and empty curbside containers.)

What do these stories bode for the public servants of tomorrow? Couple things come to mind. First the the "vacuum of opportunity." When needs present and persist, someone or some group will appear (or adapt) to meet those needs. Such as the Red Cross entering the business of fire prevention.

Next are opportunities for cost- and energy/effort-savings, through innovation. Robot garbage men? Looks like it'll happen. Robot firefighters? Byrne references the Navy program that's underway on that front.

Your thoughts?

Fire Protection costs continue to rise well past the rate of inflation and will continue to increase unless something drastic takes place. Communities are having to face cost vs. benefit decisions of providing services much like a corporation has to make decisions to satisfy shareholders. As a 20-plus year veteran of both the fire service and a large corporation, I can appreciate these tough decisions that are being made across America.

Public Safety must continue to evolve or it will go the way of companies like IBM and Nortel. Being an industry leader doesn't guarantee future results. Constant evaluation, re-tooling and most importantly being able to quickly adapt to changing environments is the only way to survive today.

It's up to us in the fire service to adapt or someone else will come up with a better way. There are a lot of tax dollars at stake and many corporations would love to get their hands on them.

Brian Moffett ([Email](#)) - 09/18/15 - 12:50

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Lenoir County Firefighter Killed in Car Accident Last Week

09/21/15 138 W, 1 I - + 6 - 3

[Hugo Fire Department](#) firefighter Taylor D. Frank, 24, was buried on Sunday in Kinston. He died off-duty on Wednesday in a single-vehicle accident just feet from Hugo Fire Station 2. He was returning home from work in Pitt County when his Ford F-250 truck ran off the side of the road in the 270 block of Tilghman Mill Road and into a steep ditch. His vehicle overturned several times, he was ejected out of the vehicle, and he landed on rocks. Reported a highway patrol officer in this [Kinston Free Press story](#), he was pronounced dead at the scene. Frank was employed as a detention officer at the Pitt County Detention Center, and had been a volunteer firefighter for over six years. [Read his obituary](#).



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**Monday's Apparatus Accident in Watauga County**

09/23/15 129 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

On Monday, a Watauga County fire truck was involved in an accident. [Reports this BlueRidgeNow story by Steve Frank](#), the Stewart Simmons Fire Department unit ran off Elk Creek Road about a mile south of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The apparatus rolled down a long embankment. The firefighter operating the vehicle reported himself uninjured, but was taken to the hospital to be checked out. Notes the story, the truck was stabilized with the help of a wrecker. Then a stokes basket was lowered, to bring the firefighter to the surface. Watuga Rescue and other Stewart Simmons firefighters were also on scene. See more photos in the form of an animated gif [in the story](#).



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**Public Meeting on Rebuilding Fire Station 6 - Wednesday, October 7**

09/25/15 282 W, 1 I - + 7 - 2

The City of Raleigh is planning a reconstruction of Fire Station 6 at 2601 Fairview Road. Built in 1949, it's the oldest operating engine house in the city. It's also outdated, outmoded, and in poor physical condition. To present plans for the new station, the fire department will hold a public meeting in the station's apparatus bay on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Notes [this press release](#), the meeting will "present the form and function of the current Station Six design and collect community feedback on various elements. Because the station is highly revered by the surrounding community, citizen input will be sought during the project's design phase. A series of community meetings will be held to keep the community informed and offer an opportunity for citizens to provide comment."

The new station will be a multi-story facility, required to accommodate the small-sized lot. (The current facility has 5,408 square-feet on a 0.58 acre lot. That's the sixth smallest in the city. Station 3 has the smallest site with 0.16 acres, followed by Station 1 with 0.37, Station 5 with 0.39, Station 9 with 0.50, and Station 8 with 0.52.)

Expect a doubling of square footage, or more. The new station will include space for both an engine and a ladder company. Other improvements will include gender equitable living and bathroom facilities and environmentally sustainable elements. Read more about this project and other fire station facility developments in a [special edition of the Raleigh Fire Department newsletter](#) (PDF), published last year. Learn more about Raleigh fire stations (past 'n' present!) on [my history site](#).



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**Fire Station Design Symposium in Raleigh This Week**

09/28/15 404 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Did you know that there's a fire station design symposium underway in Raleigh this week? The event is presented by FIERO, which is the Fire Industry Education Resource Organization. They're based in southeastern United States, and are modeled after an organization in Southern California called the Southern Area Fire Equipment Research or SAFER. (The original name of FIERO was Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization.)

FIERO were founded in 1990 as a way to connect fire service personnel with fire equipment (and facility) manufacturers, distributors, and dealers. And as they started talking to each other, they realized they had common equipment and safety problems. Both FIERO and SAFER helped open lines of communication between dealers, manufacturers, and the users of their products and services.

Remember, this was the 1990s. Before the Internet and web sites and blogs. Back when networking was primarily face-to-face. As communications within the fire service improved, FIERO realized a need for sharing information about fire station design and construction. In 2000, they offered their first Fire Station Symposium. The response was overwhelming and the event has become an annual affair. (They also expanded their scope in 2007, realizing the need for a PPE Symposium. The first one was offered in 2009, and is a biennial event.)

This year's Fire Station Design Symposium is this week at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel. The event runs from Sunday September 27 to Wednesday September 30. [Visit the web site](#) to see the schedule and learn more, both about the event and the organization. (They're a non-profit organization, and the event is staffed with volunteers.) Or follow them on Twitter [@FIEROFire](#).

One of the event's neat features are the design awards, for fire stations either (a.) in the design phase but not yet approved for construction or (b.) placed in service within the last six years. This year, thirty-nine entries were submitted from across the United States and Canada. (How far and wide are the event's visitors, you ask? This year they have attendees from Hawaii, Newfoundland, and New Zealand.)

You can view design award winners from recent years on [this page](#). They include local and regional winners Cary Station 8 (ADW Architects, shown left), Charleston Station 9 (Rosenblum Coe Architects, shown right), Henricho County, VA, Station 13 (Moseley Architects and Stewart Cooper Newell Architects), Dale City, VA, Station 10 (Hughes Group Architects), and Charlottesville, VA, Station 10 (LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects).



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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial - See You in Emmitsburg

09/29/15 205 W - + 4 - 5

On Sunday, October 4, eighty-seven fallen firefighters will be honored at the [34th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service](#). The service begins at 10:00 a.m. at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The service will honor eighty-four firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2014, and three who died in prior years. Four from North Carolina will be honored:

- Ricky W. Doub, Forbush FD  
Heart attack following multiple calls, December 16.
- John Derek Gupton, Justice FD  
Apparatus accident while responding to call, September 16.
- Thomas Gerald Lee, Four Oaks FD  
Heart attack within 24 hours of responding to station to provide assistance at call, February 1.
- S. Brad McCoy, Nantahala FD  
Died in fire at own home, while attempting to rescue family members, November 21.

Live satellite feeds and streaming of the service will be provide, along with coverage of the Saturday night Candlelight Service. See the complete list of fallen firefighters being honored, along with complete event information, at [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).

Mr. Blogger will be assisting at the event, as a photographer for the Social Media Team. Follow the event on the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#). Also look for the hashtag #FireHero2015.

I will be traveling up with the family of Chief Ricky Barbour – Wilson’s Mills Fire/Rescue – honored in 2011. It is such a moving event. Please be in prayer for good weather and safe travels. Also be in prayer for our Government leaders as to not have another shutdown.

**Bentley Powell** ([Email](#)) - 09/29/15 - 19:25

Here in Emmitsburg right now. We had a lot of rain last night and it’s cloudy right now. They are calling for rain Friday (80%), Saturday (100%), and Sunday (60%). Still up in the air about a shutdown. NFA is putting Plan A and Plan B in place right now.

**DJ** - 09/30/15 - 11:36

Meanwhile, a Hurricane churns...

**Legeros** - 09/30/15 - 21:32

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Controlling Your Department Public Message - Monday, October 5

10/04/15 71 W, 1 I - + 4 - 4

Coming to [Emergency Medicine Today](#) in Greensboro this week? On Monday, October 5, Wake County EMS Chief of Community Outreach Jeff Hammerstein and Emergency Services Blogger Mike Legeros are presenting an afternoon session on Controlling Your Department Public Message. Cameras, photography, social media, reputation management, and more. The ninety-minute session starts at 3:15 p.m. See you there.



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## SC National Guard Rescues Flooded Fire Trucks

10/05/15 143 W, 2 I - + 6 - 4

Charleston, Columbia, and other parts of South Carolina have been hit with historic flooding, as local, regional, and national news reports have reported. The operational impact on fire departments is being reported via incident social media reports. [Carolinas Fire Page on Twitter](#) is a particularly good source. They've noted some facility (New Holland FD) and apparatus (Charleston FD) impact in their tweets this weekend. Other reports are being posted to Facebook. The South Carolina National Guard added four photos yesterday of the 108th Chemical Company and 1-118th Forward Support Company performing fire truck recoveries. [See the posting](#) for additional pictures or to download the larger versions. **Readers, what other incidents** can you report? (We'll cover citizen rescues and out-of-state mutual aid in another posting.)





South Carolina National Guard photos

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## NC Ambulance Strike Team Deploys to Bladen County

10/05/15 176 W, 3 I - + 7 - 6

Wake County EMS [posted photos on Facebook](#) on Sunday of an ambulance strike team deployment this week, drawn from the [JocoFire group](#) on Facebook, which also provided incident details. North Carolina Ambulance Strike Team (AST) 800 was deployed on Saturday night at the request of Bladen County Emergency Management, in response to expected heavy flooding in the area. Eighteen personnel staffed seven ambulances, an ambulance bus, a fleet service truck, and a equipment trailer. They were drawn from Durham, Franklin, Harnett, Johnson, Orange, and Wake counties. Most of the units met at the Smithfield Fire Department in Johnston County. They left as a convoy at about 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. They were instructed to prepare for a deployment of four to seven days, and will be initially housed at the North Carolina National Guard Armory in Elizabethtown. Their initial dues are expected to be assisting with evacuations as needed in affected areas. **Readers, what other North or South Carolina mutual aid for flooding can you report?**





JocoFire photos

Bladen County is the host but NCEM RCCE requested the assets. Appreciate the assistance

**Thanks for the help** - 10/05/15 - 09:13

What is RCCE?

**Marcus** - 10/06/15 - 20:55

Regional Coordination Center East- NCEM

**Marcus Answer** - 10/22/15 - 14:51

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Cannon Mills Fire Engine at Transportation Museum

### Cannon Mills Fire Engine at Transportation Museum

10/06/15 142 W, 2 I - + 10 - 3

From a reader, here's a photo posted by the [Troy Fire Department on Facebook](#), from the fire truck show at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in June. 1960s (?) Ford C/American LaFrance pumper formerly operated by the Fieldcrest-Cannon Fire Brigade. They protected the facility formerly known as Cannon Mills, and that founded the town of Kannapolis. (The plant was named Fieldcrest-Cannon from 1987 to 1997.)

The truck appears to original, as shown in the below historical photo. (See the larger picture in this [blog post from 2009](#).) Presumably presently privately owned. Read this [other blog post from 2009](#), to learn the full history of the mill, village, and town fire department(s). (See also [this third posting](#), showing then and now KFD apparatus.) Or [see more photos](#) from the event, from Troy FD. Thanks Greg!



*Troy Fire Department photo*



Fieldcrest-Cannon’s truck is a 1966 Ford C/ALF with a 1000 gpm pump and 750-gallon tank.

**BFD1151** - 10/12/15 - 23:26

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**Sharks Are in the Collards**

10/07/15 75 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

The Sea Level Fire Department in Carteret County [posted this photo to Facebook](#), to their Facebook page. The picture has been shared 2,438 times and counting. For those unfamiliar with the C word, collards are "a cabbage of a variety that does not develop a heart." They also smell something awful when cooked. At least to newly relocated Midwesterners, as Yours Truly recalls.



*Sea Level Fire Department photo*

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## Durham's New Engine 7

10/08/15 111 W, 1 I - + 8 - 1

Lee Wilson photographed Durham's new Engine 7 this week. The 2015 Sutphen Monarch quint, 1500/500/75', was delivered on September 22. Due in service in about three weeks. Will replace a 2000 Sutphen quint, 1500/500/75', which will be placed in reserve. [See more photos from Lee.](#)



*Lee Wilson photo*

How many ladders does Durham operate as engines? Looking at the [unofficial DFD site](#), only two:

- Engine 7 - 3919 N. Duke Street - See above
- Engine 11 - 2800 W. Cornwallis Road - Sutphen mid-mount ladder, 1500/500/100' (?)

What other larger departments in our area, or around the state operate ladders as engines?

- Cary (planned, see [blog post](#))
- Chapel Hill
- Wilmington

Come to mind. Others?

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Kinston operates a 75' E-One Quint as an Engine Company. Also, I believe New Bern may run some Quints as Engine's and I know Greenville runs Quints as Engine Companies.

**TJ Howard** ([Email](#)) - 10/08/15 - 10:06

Greenville Fire Rescue operates 4 ladders as engines

**Carson Collins** - 10/08/15 - 19:25

**New Hanover County Rigs + Battleship - Now That's a Posed Photo!**

10/08/15 61 W, 1 I - + 7 - 4

Found via Facebook, via [this posting](#) from a couple years ago from [New Hanover County Fire Rescue](#). Rescue, engine, and maybe mobile air unit? (The department has eight stations. How many units?) That's the [USS North Carolina](#) pictured, for those not in the know.



*New Hanover Fire Rescue photo*

Mike, Units are current Rescue 18, Engine 18, and Rescue 11. At least it was when I left Wilmington in July. I know Station 18 was getting the new Truck that was at SAFRE which would make 18 a full house, not sure if the rescue has been relocated. Count on units before I left Wilmington if I recall correctly were 8 engines, 2 trucks, 2 rescues, 1 Battalion. Also 6-7 tankers, some squads/brush units, and reserve units.

**MCNelson** - 10/08/15 - 11:07

Upon a little more research, The center unit is not current Engine 18. It is either at Station 17 or moved to reserve status.

**MCNelson** - 10/08/15 - 11:32

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Raleigh's New « New Hanover County Ri... » Raleigh Fire Museum O... Tiller (and Engine)

### Raleigh's New Tiller (and Engine)

10/08/15 278 W, 2 I - + 8 - 6

Raleigh's new tiller is almost here. The 2015 Pierce Arrow XT tractor-drawn aerial ladder, 1500/200/100', arrived at Atlantic Emergency Solutions in Fayetteville on Wednesday. Due in Raleigh next week. Future Ladder 9 and will replace a 2001 Quality/Spartan Gladiator/Aerial Innovations, 1500/300/75'. The tiller accompanies a new engine that arrived on Friday, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT pumper, 1500/500/20. Future Engine 29, which will replace a 2000 Quality/Spartan MetroStar, 1250/500. Both are new companies at a new station that opened on June 9, 2015.

With this delivery, the Raleigh Fire Department will operate two tillers, and the first in the Carolinas with a pair of front-line units. (Though we're told Charleston has a second tiller on order.) The city's other tiller is Ladder 4 at Station 1, a 2010 Pierce Arrow XT. See [this recently updated posting](#) for a history of tillers in Raleigh. Lee Wilson photographed the two trucks in Fayetteville.

See more pictures from Lee of the new [Ladder 29](#) and the new [Engine 29](#). And check back in a couple weeks, as Lee will surely take proper posed pictures after the trucks have been delivered. Even if his name isn't Shirley.



*Lee Wilson photos*

Checking around the Carolinas, how many tillers are now in service?

North Carolina:

- Cornelius-Lemley (Mecklenburg County) - 1989 Seagrave, ex-Richmond, ex-Bedford, VA. Has new Seagrave ordered
- High Point - 2004 Pierce
- Raleigh - 2015 Pierce and 2010 Pierce.
- Wilmington - 2014 Pierce.

South Carolina:

- Charleston - 2013 Pierce, with second Pierce ordered
- Hilton Head - Crimson, ex-Atlanta with new tractor in recent years.

Cities that formerly operated tillers (at least in NC and going back to the 1910s) included Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Shalotte, Wendell, and Winston-Salem. See [this prior posting](#).

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Raleigh Fire Museum Open House - Saturday, October 10

10/09/15 94 W, 1 I - + 9 - 4

Celebrate Fire Prevention Week at the Raleigh Fire Museum's open house on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We'll have a fire safety display and educational materials, along with antique fire engines to explore. Tours of the museum will also be available.

The Raleigh Fire Museum is located at 105 Keeter Center Drive, at the fire department training center. Admission is free. Parking and restrooms are available. The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month. Learn more at [www.raleighfiremuseum.org](http://www.raleighfiremuseum.org).



RALEIGH FIRE MUSEUM

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

105 Keeter Center Drive

Learn about fire safety! See old fire trucks!

Experience history!

[www.raleighfiremuseum.org](http://www.raleighfiremuseum.org)



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Construction Photo of Wake Forest Station 4

10/12/15 57 W, 1 I - + 9 - 6

From the Ministry of Local Fire Photography, here's a construction photo of Wake Forest Fire Station 4 on Jenkins Road. Coming along nicely. Credit Lee Wilson. [See more photos](#), including larger versions of this one. (Click the download icon on the lower-right side of the Flickr page.)



Lee Wilson photo

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**Raleigh Fireman's Ball - Saturday, November 21**

10/19/15 212 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Bought your tickets yet for the ball? The deadline is approaching for the Raleigh Fireman's Ball on Saturday, November 21. This holiday-themed event will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center. The evening will include an opening reception, a program and formal dinner, and a dessert reception after dinner. Plus a cash bar, disc jockey, and dance floor.

Tickets are \$100 per couple, or \$50 for individuals. Entire tables can also be reserved with a purchase of ten tickets. All tickets must be purchased in advance. The deadline in November 1. (Want to stay overnight? Special rates are also available at the Downtown Marriott, across the street from the Convention Center.)

If this event sounds familiar, it's being done in the same style as the Raleigh Fireman's Ball in November 2012. (The event was so popular that future balls are planned for every three years.) One notable change from last time is that guests are requested to bring a wrapped children's gift, for ages infant to twelve. They'll be donated to the Wounded Warriors project through Firefighters Assisting Armed Forces - Heroes Helping Heroes.

More information is available, and tickets can be purchased at [www.raleighfiremuseum.org/ball](http://www.raleighfiremuseum.org/ball). See you at the ball!



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**UPDATED - Vehicle Fire Spreads to Attic, Destroys Two Homes in North Raleigh**

10/21/15 358 W, 3 I - + 7 - 2

October 22

Here's a very short video by Kyle Berner via WCNC, showing early heavy fire conditions:

[View on YouTube](#)

October 21

Or is the better headline "Smoke Detectors Save Lives in Two Homes?" More on that in a moment...

Two homes were destroyed overnight in very north Raleigh, just over the county line in Harrington Meadow. Dispatched as vehicle fire for Durham County E84 at 5309 Golden Moss Trail, off Carpenter Pond Road. Upgraded to car fire in garage, with fire in attic.

Raleigh notified and structure fire assignment dispatched with E29, E23, E18, E24, L9, L6, R1, B4, B5. Working fire added Squad 14, A2, C20, C401. (Move ups were E13 to 24 and L3 to 23.) Durham EMS units were EMS 52, M7, M2. Wake EMS units were D4 and T1. Any additional Durham County FD units?

Dispatched by Durham County at 11:26 p.m. as vehicle fire, upgraded to structure fire at 11:27 p.m. Raleigh units dispatched at 11:29 p.m. Durham Engine 84 (from Bethesda station on Leesville Road) arrived in three (?) minutes and found heavy fire at 5309 with extension to the residence on the left, 5305. The structures were two-story, single-family dwellings with about 1,350 square-feet each. Built 2001.

Ruptured gas line(s) impacted suppression, with a wait for gas company. Both ladders were deployed as aerial streams, along with portable monitors on the gas meter(s). Crews were on scene for nearly four hours.

Controlled at 1:13 a.m. Command terminated about 3:25 a.m. Three displaced from both homes. No injuries. Cause determined as accidental. Thanks to Lee Wilson for the real-time updates via Facebook. Media coverage includes [WRAL](#), [WNCN](#), and [WTVB](#). The latter includes these quotes:

*The division chief of the Raleigh Fire Department told ABC11 a woman's smoke detector went off and woke her up. She was able to get out and call for help.*

*"It could've been catastrophic," the chief said. "She could've slept right through it."*

Maybe this story deserves a better and more educational headline. What do readers think?



*WRAL photos*





*Bing Maps (left), Google Maps (right)*

Returning from a business trip actually flew over the fire at around 11:45pm returning to RDU. While only could see for a few seconds the operation and fire looked very impressive from above.

**Brian Moffett** ([Email](#)) - 10/22/15 - 10:21

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## Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - *New Beaufort* « *Vintage Photo #2 - Ga...* » *New Pierce Pumpers Ne...* *Fire Station, New Morehead City Tanker*

### New Beaufort Fire Station, New Morehead City Tanker

10/27/15 336 W, 2 I - + 6 - 2

Couple updates from my high school home town and its nearby neighbor. The town of Beaufort is planning a new fire station. The proposed one-story, three-bay facility was designed by Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects.

The planned location is the corner of Live Oak and Pine streets, one block from the current fire station on Cedar Street. [As this WCTI story](#) from yesterday notes, the current fire station is "old, outdated, and cramped." And the town is growing. (Call volume comparison. Five years ago: 400. Last year: 1,100.)

There was a public hearing on the project last week, due to the lowest bid of \$3.4 million exceeding the project budget of \$3 million. Another hearing and vote is scheduled for later this week.

[See this project page](#) from the town's web site. Below are renderings featured in the new story, via WCTI on Twitter. (There's no tiller in Beaufort. That's presumably just a placeholder added by the architects. Unless...)



Onto Morehead City. As [this Firehouse.com story](#) reports, the town has taken delivery of a new "tanker-pumper." (Was delivered last month, after appearing at the fire show in Atlanta in August.) Same is a 2015 Freightliner M2/Midwest with a 2,000 gallon tank and a 1,000 GPM Darley pump. Two side and one rear dump valves. "Tip down" portable tank carrier. Etcetera. It's been assigned to Station 3 as Tanker 3. See [more factory photos](#) and complete specs.



Other MHFD apparatus updates from our friends down east:

- The 2004 E-One Typhoon pumper (Engine 5, old Engine 1) was sold in July. (Nabbed \$66,000 via GovDeals.) Same was a second reserve unit.
- The 1982 Pierce/Ford pumper/tanker (old Engine 10) has been removed from service and was planned to be sold soon, also via GovDeals.
- The Freightliner pumper/tanker acquired from Wildwood (old Engine 2) has been moved from Station 3 to Station 1, and re-designated Tanker 1.

Readers, any other notable news out of Carteret County or points nearby?

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New Pierce Pumpers Nearly Ready For Wake County

11/02/15 57 W, 1 I - + 5 - 5

Three new Pierce Impel pumpers (and pumper/tankers) are nearly finished production. Pictured left to right, top to bottom, are the trucks being built for New Hope, Stony Hill, and Wendell fire departments. See more photos at the Atlantic Emergency Solutions Trucks in Production page. Click to enlarge:



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## Weddington Fire Service Explainer Video

11/03/15 191 W - + 6 - 3

From a reader (thanks Parker!), here's one of the most interesting videos that I've seen in some time. (And a superb use of visuals and social media to educate and motivate citizens.) Was posted to YouTube by Pam Hadley, who is a candidate for Mayor in Weddington, NC. The municipal election is today, November 3.

The well-produced video targets the current mayor in the context of decisions about fire protection, specifically the town's cancellation of its contract with Providence Fire Department. The department (which has ceased all service) subsequently filed a lawsuit against the town (which has contracted with Wesley Chapel FD). [See blog post from July.](#)

This one's a lengthy video, nearly thirty minutes. And it's detailed. Lots of information here, including an excellent overview of fire service delivery models and issues relating to funding, districts, and station locations. Lots of possible reader reactions, as well.

Thoughts on this one? Both on their end and on ours? (e.g., will we something like this locally someday, to leverage public opinion or decisions about fire services in our area?)

[View on YouTube](#)

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I've followed it from the beginning as I heard about it through family and kept following. The two affidavits are what gets me. A former mayor, very respected and a former firefighter for both departments who people trust. Both seem to have known about some form of fraud and improper disclosure in the PVFD termination and hiring of WCVFD. And the crazy thing is how much money PVFD could get back if they do win this and prove termination without cause AND fraud. We are talking upwards of \$2,000,000.00! What does a department do wit such money? It will be a fascinating suit to follow. Lawsuits in the fire service are rare and this could have big implications. If they do find fraud and

termination without cause, what a shame that would be for all of us.

**Parks** - 11/03/15 - 09:31

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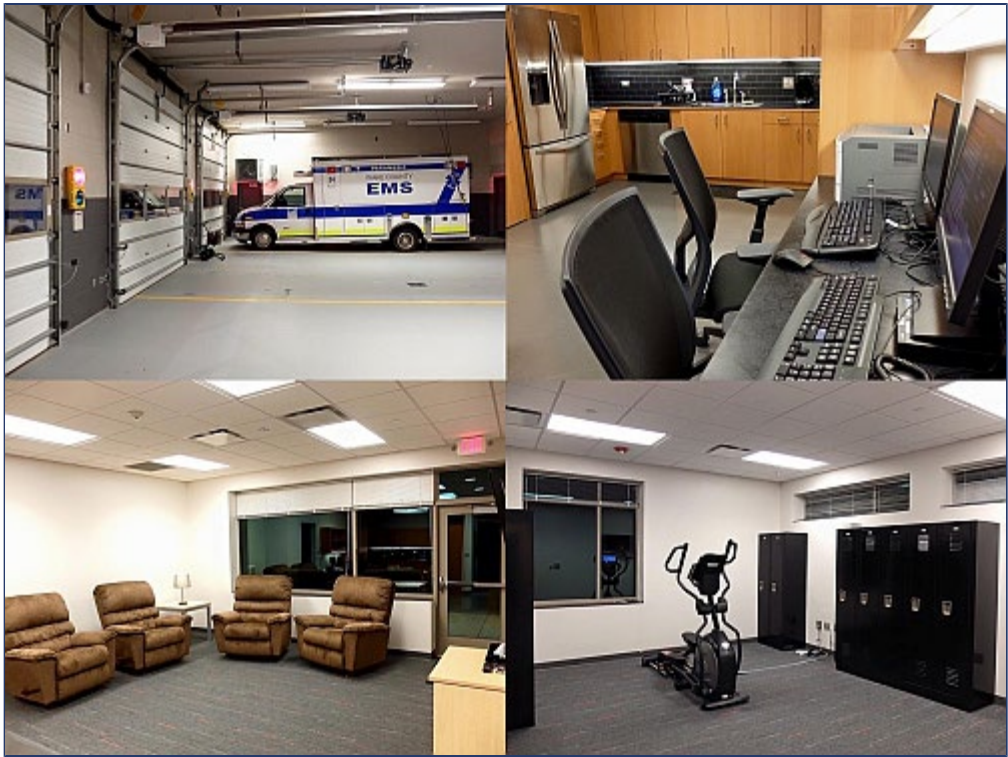
New EMS Station Opens at Airport

11/04/15 175 W, 1 I - + 8 - 4

Wake County EMS opened their new airport station yesterday. It's located at 6901 Mt. Herman Road, adjacent to site of the prior building. (Was a former warehouse first used by Six Forks EMS.) The station houses EMS 34 and EMS 35 at present. Those are twelve-hour trucks, currently operational from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The new building is first three-bay county-built EMS station. And the first new EMS building since the Durant Road station opened in 2010. And now the tenth EMS-only for Wake County EMS. (Nine in Raleigh, one in Wake Forest.) Formal grand opening forthcoming.

[See prior blog post](#) with some history of our airport EMS stations. First one was an old house in airport property, opened in 1990. Replaced with two-bay station on National Guard Drive in 1997, and closed some years later. Third was the old warehouse on Mt. Herman Road, opened with Six Forks EMS in 2005 and Wake County EMS in 2011. Facility was vacated in October 2014. [See another prior blog post](#).



Photos posted, both interiors and exteriors, <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2015-1..>  
**Legeros** - 11/09/15 - 07:34

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**Building a Fire Station in Cary**

11/07/15 46 W, 1 I - + 6 - 4

Informal montage of construction photos of Cary's new Fire Station 2 on Chatham Street. Taken during lunch hours. First photo in April. Got my groove a couple months later. Opens in a couple weeks. Click once or twice to enlarge:



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Turkey Fire Meets Thanksgiving Fire

11/14/15 85 W, 1 I - + 10 - 4

From the [Turkey Vol. Fire Department Facebook page](#) comes a bit of holiday humor. Left is Fire Chief Tommy Williams of Turkey Fire Department in Sampson County. Right is Fire Chief Paul Zais of Thanksgiving Fire Department in Johnston County. They exchanged t-shirts, both of which will be displayed side-by-side in each of their fire stations. [See the original posting](#) for a larger version of the picture.



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Wake County Fire Commission Meeting - November 19, 2015

11/16/15 227 W - + 21 - 16

The next meeting of the [Wake County Fire Commission](#) is Thursday, November 19, 2015, 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 July 16, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Regular Agenda
  - Consider Apparatus Committee recommendation to amend Apparatus Policy regarding the Purchase of Administration Vehicles
  - Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Meeting Dates
  - Consider Appointment of Citizen / Consumers for Fire Commission Budget Committee
- Information Agenda
  - Eastern Wake Fire Department Update on Use of Fund Balance
  - Finance and Fire Apparatus Overview
  - Fire Tax Financial Report
  - FY 2017 Fire Tax Budget Update
  - Share Point Overview
  - Standing Committee Updates
    - Equipment Committee
    - Compensation and Staffing Committee
    - Budget Committee
  - 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 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 January 21, 2016

Documents

[Agenda packet](#) (PDF, 8.3MB)

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Bunn's New Tanker - 2015 Spartan/Custom Fire

11/24/15 76 W, 1 I - + 14 - 14

The Bunn Fire Department in Franklin County took delivery of their new Tanker 21 on Monday and Lee Wilson was there to photograph the thing. It's a 2015 Spartan/Custom Fire pumper-tanker, 1250/1000/30, and will replace a 1990 Ford/E-One. [See more photos from Lee](#). That their using a new, custom-cab engine as a tanker is unusual in these parts. What other area fire departments have also done same?



Lee Wilson photo

Out where I live I believe Bay Leaf runs four custom cab trucks as tankers (127, 258, 366, 367?) and three of those are the 05' contenders if memory serves

**Parks** - 11/24/15 - 21:22

Sounds like they are going the way off all these fire depts here in Cumberland county. Almost all the pumper/tankers being ordered here are custom cabs.

**2405** - 11/24/15 - 21:51

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MOVED - Vintage Raleigh Fire Department Rules & Regulations Booklet

12/27/15 20 W - + 24 - 17

This posting has been moved to <http://legeros.com/blog/vintage-raleigh-fire-department-rules-regulations-booklet/>.

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