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Here's an unusual sight around here, a nearly fully submerged auto on Old Milburnie Road. The driver departed the vehicle under their own power:



This is an example of closest station response. This call is actually well into Knightdale(ALERT) district.

Guest - 12/01/06 - 23:08

This is also an excellent example of county departments utilizing the city's resources. A job well done by agency cooperation.

guest - 12/02/06 - 11:50

that is how it should always work. we are all on the same team

ncff - 12/02/06 - 21:30

exacatly, I couldn't have put it better.

guest - 12/03/06 - 01:22

Why did they call station 20 and then hazmat 2, instead of station 15 which is a lot closer? Is this really knowing your resources?

wondering listener - 12/03/06 - 11:00

Station 2 is the main haz-mat station, I believe. Station 2 would subsequently refer requests to Station 15 as needed, I also believe. For distance, Station 15 is three miles or so closer to that scene. However, in rush hour, Station 2 might have had an advantage on the lower Beltline and outbound New Bern Avenue. Also, as SR2 responded versus HM2, the correct comparison is between Station 2 and Station 22, which houses the haz-mat support unit(s) for HM15. Station 22 is also three miles closer to that scene, I believe, than Station 2.

Legeros - 12/03/06 - 11:06

Is Wendell still running a hazmat team? If so, why didn't they get dispatched? A couple of weeks ago i heard them get dispatched to a fuel spill with Zebulon Fire Dept.

leroy ([Email](#)) - 12/03/06 - 11:32

They asked Central to have Raleigh Haz-mat come up on tac 17....Central called station 20 and they came up on tac 17, then told them to call

station 2. Station 2 is the referring station for haz-mat. It's their discretion. You request what resources you would like and they decide what to send. And based on where the call was located SR-2 was the closest unit (travel route and traffic levels included) They were also closer than Wendell Hazmat to that location. Obviously, Wendell hazmat is closer to Zebulon...

fire - 12/03/06 - 19:45

I also think that RFD HM-15 has to be activated through the state. HM-15 is also RRT 4 which is a state resource, requiring activation through the state. The county has a mutual aid contract set up with the City of Raleigh to provide hazmat services if so requested. RFD HM-2 is considered the "city hazmat" unit, so that's why they responded, versus HM-15.

Guest - 12/04/06 - 15:01

Legeros, Why are posts disappearing off of this blog?

guest - 12/04/06 - 23:46

Several comments have been deleted from this particular blog topic. They were deleted because they were (a.) anonymous and (b.) talking trash. In one or two instances, I temporarily posted a "topic delete – play nice" message. This was done after one of the comments was reposted a short time after deletion.

Basically, on this blog, we're trying to get everyone to play nice. Firefighters are their own worst enemy when it comes to speaking before thinking. Add the Internet to that equation and it's a seeming recipe for disaster. Readers are welcome to agree or disagree and even comment accordingly.

However, we are determined to preserve civility, and keep ourselves and everyone else out of trouble. We are here to help the helpers. It remains our pleasure and privilege.

For more information on why we censor others (as well as ourselves), here are a couple postings regarding same:

Oct 7 – <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Sep 9 – <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/we..>

Legeros - 12/05/06 - 06:38

Also, if someone posts an anonymous comment that is subsequently deleted, they are welcome to mail me to inquire. I can help them restate or reframe a comment as necessary. Here's an example that I'm making up: "If New Hope really knew their resources, they would have called Station 15 instead of Station 2, which is closer." This comment could be restated or reframed as "I wonder why New Hope called Station 2 instead of Station 15, which was closer?" That leaves the posting person's question or issue intact, but reframes same as less of an overt attack on the named organization. There are other ways and means of restating and reframing. The question could also be restated as "I wonder why Station 2 responded instead of Station 15, which is closer." And, alas, to which someone else might very well respond "because New Hope called them, dumb a@@." And so it goes.

Legeros - 12/05/06 - 06:50

Reference HM15, it doesn't need to be activated by the state to run calls in the city does it. And if that is the case, can't raleigh send it M/A if it wants too?

CFP743 - 12/05/06 - 09:51

I am not sure of the details, but if HM15 is called out and Raleigh calls back members to fill the E-15 spot while HM15 is at an incident, the state has to approve the use of HM15. It is somewhat about the money trail. If Raleigh wants reimbursement for the HM15 response, the state has to approve the use up front.

At least I think that is how it works.

Knowing only part of the story - 12/05/06 - 13:19

A lot has to be done in order for HM-15 to roll to an "out of city" response. Part of the contract that RFD has with the state is that HM-15 can be used in the city limits. But, for HM-15 to roll out of the city, it would be considered an RRT call. Therefore, the state has to approve the "level" of response, dictating HM-15 to respond with 4 personnel or more.

Different levels of responses include a "phone response", where you mitigate and give advice over the phone. Then you have different levels of responses for 2 men, 4 men or more.

Prior to the response, the state has to approve the reimbursement money as well.

Which brings the next topic, of the county trying to dissolve the HazMat contract that RFD has with surrounding agencies. It would be silly in my eyes, because currently when you call RFD HazMat, we roll. But, if they choose to rely on RRT-4, they might not get the type of response they hoped for. Plus, there will be a delay in response due to the approval process from the state.

RFD HazMat - 12/05/06 - 13:42

I understand the whole RRT response, but say Falls (or someone else to the north) needs a hazmat unit for something simple like a gas leak that's just a little to big, can't HM15 roll as just a Raleigh Hazmat unit and the city of Raleigh take the cost for the trip there. It would be smarter than 2 rolling from the South of town. HM15 is staffed by 4 around the clock right?

CFP743 - 12/05/06 - 14:08

From what I've heard the Chief of New Hope FD works for the state and is aware of the protocols with getting a state response from HM15 and they did not need a 4 man response that's why he had RFD HazMat respond.

another guest - 12/07/06 - 00:30

Just a follow up on the first comment, the location of that incident is inside the New Hope Six Mile ISO district and well inside their closest station response district. Closet Station for NH continues about 1.5 miles past that location.

It did occur as fire depicted it NH requested Haz-mat come on to tac channel and central brought Sta 20 on the channel. My question is why does central not know who the Haz-mat station is?

knows a little something ([Email](#)) - 12/08/06 - 21:48

Sta 20 used to be the main HM station. They still have a HM company there, but sta-2 is now the main station. The dispatcher may have been just used to sta-20 being it for so many years, he/she didn't think correctly right off the bat and slipped and said 20 instead of sta-2. I sometimes might forget and think for a sec that 20 is still the main HM station.

[Lee] - 12/08/06 - 22:10

Different topic, I see that Durham's proposed L-16 was put in service at Station 8 (per durhamfire.net). Is this where it will stay, or is it going to #16 eventually? Also, is it running as Ladder 8?

Silver - 12/09/06 - 16:56

<http://www.angelfire.com/nc3/hazmat/appa..> lists ENGINE CO. 8 as 2006 Sutphen 105 ft. Ladder

Legeros - 12/09/06 - 17:08

Well if you "knew a little something" how to read a map for instance, you would see that that area is in ALERT ISO district, which goes all the way up to Buffalo Rd, but NH#2 is closer. This problem is all over the county.

Guest - 12/10/06 - 15:51

Mike could you post a link to a Wake County ISO map

preventing a heated discussion - 12/10/06 - 15:54

Here's a super-big, 5 meg PDF county fire district map: <http://abclocal.go.com/three/wtvd/pdf/wa..>

Legeros - 12/10/06 - 18:37

guest, be careful to fire at someone about reading a map....the latest six mile ISO map that we just obtained still shows that portion of old millburine and the left side of tarheel culb in the NEW HOPE ISO...I would be glad to show you this map come by sta 2

kp205a - 12/10/06 - 18:54

My apologies, I never looked at the updated map. Not that I agree with it. Raleigh will eventually have that district so we both lose.

Guest - 12/10/06 - 22:29

I would like to personally thank the New Hope Fire Department for their assistance the other night on the house fire. Your timely response with manpower and water capabilities were greatly appreciated. That was one of those nights where our manpower was not at our desired level. As far as the ISO question, it's great to see everyone is passionate about their respective districts. This is a battle that never will be won and will bring hardships toward each department. Nobody likes to lose calls, after all, we all got into the fire service to answer calls and to help our community. The main goal is to get an Engine Company on-scene in the fastest, safest, and most efficient manner as possible.

ewfd200 ([Email](#)) - 12/11/06 - 00:34

Isn't it time that ISO and Closest Station become one in the same? Why would a property owner want to be the responsibility for fire protection by anyone other than the closest station? I know that municipal jurisdictions play into this equation, but in the unincorporated areas, why are there still 2 sets of lines on a map?

Jon - 12/11/06 - 09:04

Some folks are getting a better rating from farther station, but quick service from the nearest station. Why would you want to change districts if your rating would go up? Agreed, it would simplify things for the FD's but not help the citizens, at least in some cases.

follow the money - 12/11/06 - 16:05

But with the way that fire tax dollars are now distributed in Wake County, should there not be a standard ISO rating for the non-incorporated areas? The taxation system was changed to eliminate the have's and have not's and establish an equal level of fire protection – so why hasn't that happened? And isn't ISO flawed if they look at the farther station in grading a property?

Jon - 12/11/06 - 16:17

Maybe there should be one district, but there is not. We can barely agree on turnout gear, combining all the ISO districts would be a very huge task, not impossible, but huge! There are lots of reasons the ISO argument does not make sense, like ISO does not look at EMS calls. ISO looks at the AHJ and the district lines and structure related calls (that's why units from the AHJ add themselves to fire alarms, ISO is unclear if the mutual aid units count the same as units from the AHJ).

It is not really the best system, but it is the system in which we must work. If we work together, we can provide a high level of service to our citizens' regardless what the side of the apparatus says.

follow the money - 12/12/06 - 10:32

There's no doubt about it, there should only be 1 grading for the unincorporated areas of Wake Co. It would just take people dropping their egos to have it happen. One of the driving forces behind these egos is the fact that there are so many different grades in Wake Co. that's why you always hear "That's our ISO district, add us to the call" Ultimately WAKE COUNTY is the AHJ, therefore it should be up to the county to enforce/dictate policy. I agree that there should be advisory boards for certain things, IE Apparatus, protective equipment, etc but they should only set MINIMUMS. As I have said before, it is time that the Fire/Rescue service of this county (For those non municipal Fire Depts) became centralized and unified. There should also be a standardized response/operational plan for incidents, so that EVERYONE is on the same page when it comes to incidents. That way the citizens do get the best service available. But hey that's just my opinion.

Wayne - 12/12/06 - 17:58

Question regarding Eastern Wake's fire the other night. Does EWFD ever request KPS for manpower? And/or is KPS automatically dispatched as mutual aid to EWFD or others?

Legeros - 12/12/06 - 22:50

i don't think anyone has KPS as automatic aid, not sure why? Sometimes i have herd them get dispatched upon request though. But i do know EW 100 requested tankers from the nearest fire dept which was New Hope, they sent a tanker and a pumper/tanker? KPS has all pumpers i believe?

Leroy - 12/13/06 - 17:35

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