

## Holly Springs Platform / Used Apparatus

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Holly Springs has nixed their plans to purchase a custom rear-mount platform and has bought a [1999 ALF/LTI mid-mount 93-foot platform](#) with a 2000 GPM Hale pump that served Pattonville, MO. Asking price was \$345,000, which is, what, half or a third the cost of a new one? We're told it'll be back from being lettered this week. More information as it is known. Used apparatus are somewhat of a rarity around here. Holly Springs purchased their squirt from elsewhere, as did Morrisville with their platform and two rescues. Knightdale bought both their squirt and their squad used. Refresh our memory on others.



Knightdale: Don't forget about our old Mack (Old Raleigh Engine 2) Knightale Engine 133 Currently.

**EwFirefighter** - 02/16/07 - 22:36

Used apparatus are not a rarity, it seems, in Holly Springs. The Telesquirt, rescue, and the last several ambulances have all been 'pre-owed'.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/17/07 - 13:13

How is Raliegh FD liking there ALF/LTI mid-mount (I think it is currently Ladder 20)? Heard there might have been some problems with it?

**steven** ([Email](#)) - 02/18/07 - 13:39

Heard RFD L20 was classified as a lemon. Its been a problem child. Not designed for such city use as its seen. Half of the time, L20 is running a reserve truck.

**Lee** - 02/18/07 - 14:46

Ladder 20 is no stranger to the shop, though some of the other, older rigs have had their perpetual problems as well. I was once told that the truck was a demo unit when purchased. I've also heard the opinion that mid-mounts are more susceptible to (frame?) problems, due to the stress placed on the center of the vehicle.

**Legeros** - 02/18/07 - 15:57

I think that all of the RFD ALFs have been problematic, to some extent. I am consistently hearing from the various crews of their pitfalls, but I don't know what the official records show.

**DJ** ([Email](#)) - 02/18/07 - 18:33

Once a demo, the ALF has definitely seen its' fair share of issues. Speaking of, it's now being sent to Greensboro for engine replacement. I can't count the number of "turbos" that have been replaced on it. I say bring back the Seagrave!!!

Not sure about the issue of midmounts. Some of the busiest departments in the nation use mid-mounts, I just wonder if they have all the problems that we've had.

**Silver (rides L-20)** - 02/18/07 - 18:37

Jeff, does it have a Detroit or a Cummins? Wasn't it one of the first aerials that ALF put out when they "restructured" or whatever you want to call it, making their way back into the scene?

On another note where did Fuquay's "Special Ops" unit come from? Anybody know?

**CFP 7021** - 02/18/07 - 18:59

It's a Detroit, 500 h.p., Series 60.

**Silver** - 02/19/07 - 18:29

It seems that Ladder 20 and Ladder 16 both have problems. I was told, by a friend, that both these vehicles are not great "distance runners" and that may be one of the causes of the mechanical failures. I have seen Ladder 16's bucket bouncing around on the Belt Line a few times. No wonder it has frame damage. Perhaps in other towns and cities, they are not exposed to such conditions, as well as running first responder calls and long runs.

**Jon C** ([Email](#)) - 02/19/07 - 22:17

What conditions would that be? 800 calls per year (L-20)? That's nothing compared to what other ladder's run further north from here and to the west. Just remember this, when a city purchases something it's usually low bid. You get what you pay for!

**Silver** - 02/19/07 - 23:14

Fortunately, C-3 is able to pull some strings and not have the city buy low-bid apparatus hence all the new Pierce's.

**pal** - 02/20/07 - 18:58

True Pal, and that is a damn good thing!! I haven't seen any of those rides in the shop like I have the ALF though.

**Silver** - 02/21/07 - 00:04

Fuquay's "special ops" unit is an old Fuquay-Varina EMS and Rescue ambulance. Its a decent command and rehab unit

**Jason Boggs** ([Email](#)) - 04/14/07 - 13:42

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