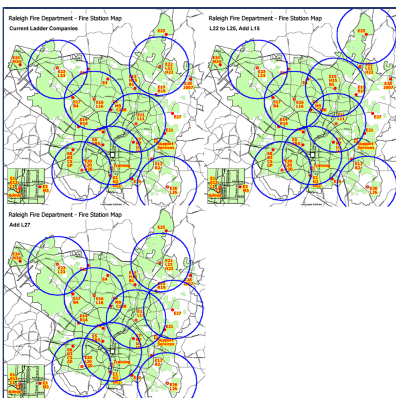


Ladder X

03/28/07 92 W, 1 I - + 14 - 17

Where will Raleigh's eighth ladder company go, expected to be approved in the coming budget year? First, some assumptions. Station 8 is out, as the floor can't support the weight. Stations 12 and 14 are probably out, due their smaller size. The ladders at 1, 20, 23, and 26 are probably fixed, needed for coverage. The ladders at 11, 16, and 22 might be subject to moving. Using 2.5 mile ISO-style circles on a crude map, maybe 07-08 will see something like L22 to L25 and add L15? Or keep as is and add L27? Oh, the possibilities! Click to enlarge:



My thoughts...

The move from 22 to 25 seems to be placing a ladder right near Wake Forest, and they can be called for mutual aid... and 15 is a good idea.

But the better solution is 27, because there's not a lot of aerial coverage out that way without a lot of twisty country roads...

OR... what about moving L16 to 14, and adding the ladder at 4?

Just my thoughts

EMS Guy ([Email](#)) - 03/28/07 - 21:52

Let's presume immediate need, and no budget nor time for station expansions. Thus, the 14 / 4 split is probably not possible. The former is too small in the bays, I believe.

Legeros - 03/28/07 - 22:03

Well, Wake Forest has their own ladder and I am sure they don't mind running. What about station 28, nice new station with three bays, fill it up.

Wake Firefighter - 03/28/07 - 22:07

It's a shame that Raleigh sold old station 4, more resources are needed in that area as well.

DT - 03/29/07 - 07:42

My guess is moving 22 to 25, then a ladder going to 15. I just don't like the idea of putting a ladder company on the edge of city limits.

Guest555 - 03/29/07 - 08:31

Isn't 25 on the edge of the city limits? Keep it at 22

DT - 03/29/07 - 08:56

Being a station 23 area property owner, I like a differant senario not mentioned yet.

Move Ladder 22 back to 15 where it came from or up to 25, relocate HM 15 to station 22 to get rid of the traffic jam at station 15, and put the new ladder at station 4 (if it will fit). Then you do anything you want with Ladder 16: stay there or move, since you have North Raleigh covered either way.

Jon C - 03/29/07 - 11:04

Very good topic Mike, This is a good idea showing where resources are located for Raleigh, but why not show a County wide view and show where all special services units are located countywide, and a separate map for Ladders, Rescues/Squads, Air & Light etc. So everyone could have a better idea as to what's available to each geographic area....

Firemedic2839 - 03/29/07 - 11:29

I might be misunderstanding where firemedic is going with this, but, that's all well and good. However, like Chief Swift mentioned before, a Ladder Company staffed with 2 from "Town A" versus a Ladder Company staffed with 4 from "Town B" can be trained completely different. From an IC's point of view, they want to know what they're getting.

It's obvious that RFD is behind with the quantity of ladder companies, and more will be added in the coming years. So, if you add a ladder to 25, then move 22 to 15 you might be good. That's just a start....

Guest - 03/29/07 - 18:04

If you move L-16 to 14, you midas well close down L-20.....West Raleigh is all we got!!!!

Silver - 03/29/07 - 18:06

Off topic, has Cary switched over to the county system of "closest unit" dispatch? Reason I'm asking; E-20 just received a map of their new territory which now goes all the way down Yates Mill Pond Rd. to Yates Mill Run. It also goes down Tryon Rd., left on Holly Springs Rd. down to Cary Pkwy.!!!

Silver - 03/29/07 - 18:13

I don't think 14 is big enough for a ladder.

DJ (Email) - 03/29/07 - 20:00

I know there was big talk at one time (when the new #14 was going to be funded by Rex) about putting a ladder at #14.

Silver - 03/29/07 - 21:11

I think the plan was for L-16 to go to 14 and adding L-4 when they were going to build the new 14. Since that got scrapped so did the move. Also as I understand it, C-3 has asked for money to renovate Sta.12 to house the current L-26 for two or three years now and it keeps getting cut out of the budget. 12 would be a much better place for L-26 than where it is now.

firedriver - 03/29/07 - 21:15

Ladder 4 would be a good ride, catch some of 15's work and 18's summertime lightning strikes....

Silver - 03/29/07 - 21:47

After asking the boys at 12 about the so called budget cut on the remodel job for station 12. They said it had nothing to do with budget but more to do with that the property itself is to SMALL! The back of the property stops with the black top parking lot. Anyone who has or works at 12 knows that they and the other city vehicles parking on the gravel actually are parking on someones else's land. But I am only going on information from them! Now for the whole deal about moving trucks, we all know we are behind on truck companies at the same time we are still growing in city square miles. So by looking at what is coming up in the next couple of years I agree of moving the 8th truck (ladder) to 27. Because #29 is suppose to go some where off Buffaloe near old crews rd. due to the city approving development that way. So move L22 to 25 because of high number of people living at the plantation and because the original plan for the plantation was to have 2 stations out there. L27 could cover E27, E21, E28, E29 and some of E22. But then again if we got the 3 Ladders that Car 1 wanted, we wouldn't really know where to put them due to station construction. I don't know it all, these are my opinions, just like tailboards everybody has one!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jason Lane - 03/29/07 - 22:16

Maybe 25 would be a good move for Ladder 25, especially since Wake Forest's Ladder isn't staffed yet.

guest - 03/29/07 - 22:20

but will be shortly from what I understand

[CFP 7021] (Email) - 03/29/07 - 22:34

I believe leave the ladder out at 22 which is covering a large area, the platform from Wake Forest can respond to the city or where ever else it

is needed, all that needs to be done is have it dispatched, and it will be sent with the appropriate number of people on it.

Michael - 03/29/07 - 22:50

I thought Wake Forest didn't want to rely on others though because he didn't know how they were trained or what he was getting if another "outside" ladder company came. On another note;

I don't think you'll see much relying on another town for resources when it comes to RFD. My suggestion, L-22 to 25, then put one at 4 or 15. You can easily flip flop crews with the hazmat stuff. Then later down the road, one at 27. #11 has a huge territory right now, which I think should be trimmed down a little to eliminate holes and take some call volume. Then, eventually add another to the south side. A few people in high places have stated that there are existent holes right now in the inner city areas that need to be addressed as well. It's unfortunate because for some ladder companies it's hard to do ladder work because they are spaced so far apart. You can only juggle equipment around so much before you have to add more. RFD is at that point now. The next few years will be very interesting and a good time to be on "the list", especially the 2 year one.

Guest - 03/29/07 - 23:08

There is no telling where the future ladders will go. But in the near future 27 would make since because of the new stations that will be beyond 27. Now we can't talk about holes with the ladders because ladder 1 runs in some of 10 territory that ladder 26 in closer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! But truth is more ladders is what we need and it will be great when we get them. Grow on!

Jason Lane - 03/30/07 - 06:13

Word around the campfire is C-1 was given a choice between the Fire Investigators and additional Inspectors or a new Ladder company. He chose the investigators so the new Ladder co. has been put on hold.

pal - 03/30/07 - 08:54


There is more to this question than just drawing two and a half mile circles on a map and looking at coverage. Population served is irrelevant. Three factors that are relevant to ISO are building height, required fire flows and response time. If there are five or more structures in excess of 35 feet or having a required fire flow of 3500+ gpm then the district requires a ladder or service company. The distinction between ladder and service company is you must be able to reach the roof of the structure with a ladder up to 100 feet.

Also there is a formula using the 2 1/2 mile circles around the existing ladder companies. You must count the number of hydrants within the circles and outside the circles. If the number outside the is more than 50% of the number inside the circle than another ladder company is required.

stretch - 03/30/07 - 10:34

Pal, we heard that after July 1 an additional ladder company (one in reserve) will be put on the line.

Guest - 03/30/07 - 11:16

Well, I talked to my inside source again today and he says different. Another tidbit of info: Looks like it's time for Mike to go snap some more pics to update this website. C-1's new ride arrived! Fully loaded Jeep Grand Cherokee! How's that for a fire chief's car? 

pal - 03/30/07 - 21:35

If not this fiscal year, then another. There will be more ladders, someday.

Legeros - 03/30/07 - 21:58

That is true!

pal - 03/30/07 - 22:58

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