

The First First Responder Calls

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On April 1, 1980, the Raleigh Fire Department First Responder program expanded city-wide. The program was started as a trial at Station 3 earlier in the year. Some 270 firefighters had been trained and licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians. (Nearly but not all line personnel, which numbered ~299.) The calls numbered 19 for that first week:

- 4/1 - 1255 - E9, C4 - 4200 Six Forks Road - Assist EMS
- 4/1 - 1409 - E8, C6 - 5108 New Castle - Assist EMS
- 4/2 - 0928 - E16 - 5801 Winthrop Drive - Heart attack
- 4/2 - 1247 - E10 - 2008 Atkins - Assist EMS
- 4/2 - 1349 - E10 - 1900 Edwin Road - Assist EMS
- 4/2 - 1548 - E3 - Rock Quarry Road and Lenoir Street - Assist EMS. Car accident, no fire.
- 4/2 - 1602 - E3 - 216 E. Lenoir Street - Sick call.
- 4/2 - 1625 - E6 - 2516 Beechridge Road - Assist invalid.
- 4/2 - 2042 - E6 - 3203 Leonard Street - Poss. cardiac.
- 4/3 - 0159 - E10 - 2700 Daytona - Assist EMS 1.
- 4/3 - 0917 - E1 - Salisbury and South - Assist EMS.
- 4/3 - 2338 - E12 - Sunnybrook near Sweage Plant - Assist EMS.
- 4/4 - 0939 - E5 - 607 A Woodburn - Assist invalid.
- 4/4 - 1114 - E6 - 1608 Jarvis - Heart attack.
- 4/4 - 2242 - E4 - 712 Navaho Apt 104 - Assist EMS.
- 4/5 - 0246 - E14 - Beltline at Jones Franklin - Assist EMS 4 and R14 with patient.
- 4/5 - 0646 - E12 - #25 Sunnybrook - Dead on arrival.
- 4/5 - 1331 - Car 6 - 1810 Fairview Road - Invalid.
- 4/6 - E5 - Heart attack.- 504 Washington Street.
- 4/7 - No first responder calls.

By units, the counts were:

- E6 - 3
- E10 - 3
- Car 6 (District Chief) - 2
- E3 - 2
- E5 - 2
- E12 - 2
- Car 4 (District Chief) - 1
- E1 - 1
- E4 - 1
- E8 - 1
- E9 - 1
- E14 - 1
- E16 - 1

Prior to April 1, 1980, the call classification "first responder" was recorded for some calls, perhaps retroactively. Such as Engine 5 at a car wreck on March 28. Also prior to April 1, the classification "service" was recorded for car accidents, calls assisting EMS, and assisting invalids. There were 14 such calls recorded in the first week of March 1980:

- 3/2 - Assist invalid on N. Blount with E3, C5.
- 3/2 - Car accident on Salisbury with E2.
- 3/2 - Assist EMS on Currituck with E9.
- 3/3 - Assist EMS on N. Blount with E3.

- 3/3 - Assist EMS on Furches with E5.
- 3/3 - Assist EMS at car accident on Downtown Boulevard with E13.
- 3/4 - Assist EMS on Fairview Road with E6.
- 3/4 - Assist EMS on Deep Hollow Drive with E14.
- 3/4 - Assist EMS on Wilmington Terrace with E3.
- 3/5 - Assist invalid on Plainview Avenue with E7.
- 3/6 - Vehicle accident on New Bern Avenue with E7.
- 3/6 - Assist EMS with sick call on Dorthea Drive with E13.
- 3/6 - Rescue call, injured person on Six Forks Road with E9.3/7 - Assist EMS with code blue on Brentwood Road with E11

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