

**Engine 7 at Station 3, 1957**

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Time to revise a little bit of history. Engine 7 was placed in service at Station 7 on December 30, 1959. That much we have known for some time. But Engine 7 was also placed in service two years prior at Station 3. This is a newer piece of information that was found first in the Engine 7 log book, and then this morning in the Station 1 radio dispatcher log book. From the handwritten entries:

Engine 7 was placed in service at Station 3 on September 24, 1957, at 2:25 p.m.

**A Shift**

Capt. C. T. May

A. E. O'Neal

J. R. Jackson

R. D. Truelove

J. D. Partin

**B Shift**

Capt. S. J. Talton

V. H. Marshburn

J. Warren

Z. V. Burchette

H. J. Gosnell

Call volume was low, as these recorded activities for the first five days:

- 9/24 - Drill tower
- 9/25 - Station 1 for school
- 9/26 - Station 2 for gas
- 9/27 - School on streets
- 9/28 - 804 Wilford, the first call for Engine 7.

And two months later, Engine 7 was removed from service. The log book entry: "Engine 7 was removed from service on November 14, 1957, at Station 1."

What were the circumstances of the company's activation and brief period of service? Don't know. Could be anything from annexation, to insurance grading, to coverage issues. Don't know. More research is needed, and maybe skimming that period's newspapers might help. Ditto for reviewing the other station's log. And maybe asking some of the retirees who were around at that time. For now, it's time to update my [history pages](#), including my RFD timelines and station histories.

**Engine 7 Again**

Two years later, the log book recorded "Eng Co. 7 moved into our new fire station today at 12:00 p.m. with the [Ford] squad truck."

**A Shift**

Capt. C. T. May

V. H. Marshburn

C. B. Dixon

J. S. Warren

W. K. Beasley

**Ford:**

M. D. Williams

C. C. Narron

## B. Shift

Capt. O. Summers

A. S. O'Neal

G. S. Harrison

W. L. Mitchell

L. A. Wood

## Ford:

N. D. Conyers

K. B. Smith

The first call was December 31, at 1310 East Jones Street, presumably engine. The first call for the squad truck at Station 7 was on January 1, 1960, to Devereaux Meadow, to "burn Xmas tree."

Next calls for Station 7 were:

- Jan 10 – 709 ½ Holden Street
- Jan 17 – Squad to 804 Wilford Road
- Jan 26 – Engine and squad to 1609 ½ Cross ? Street
- Jan 27 – Engine and squad to Washington Terrace Apartments, oil stove, no damage.

As well as other interesting activity including:

- June 3, 1960 – Planted grass front yard today.
- June 25 – Box 144, Wesley Road and Culpepper Lane. False. Time out 7:11 p.m. Time in 7:14 p.m. Found little boy that pulled box and got Chief Burnette and Detective Bowers to talk to name. His name, Willis Honeycutt.
- July 7, 1960 – Telephone call to the Circle on King Charles. Busted gas line.
- September 14, 1960 – Received license for bicycles.
- October 24, 1960 – Telephone call St. Augustine & Jones. Smudge pot set barricade sign on fire.
- December 10, 1960 – Truck 7 and Engine 7 went to Longview Baptist Church, to put light bulb in ceiling of church.

The firefighters that first year also changed hose, painted hydrants, inspected homes, received fuel oil, went to stations to get gas, changed the oil on the trucks, had schools on various subjects, and took the truck to radio shop for repairs. Plus sundry log book entries for personnel detailed to other stations, or on vacation.

## Truck 7

In October 1960, the squad truck was replaced by a service ladder company. Records the log book:

- October 18, 1960 – J. R. Foy and M. D. Williams brought service truck to #7 station and carried squad away at 3:30 p.m.
- October 26, 1960 – Service truck put in service at 3:00 o'clock p.m., October the 25th. Norman Conyers, Jason Ward, and J. V. Kelly sent to #7 station.

Name: (real name  
preferred)

E-mail: (optional)

Web Site: (optional)

Remember personal info?

Yes

No