

**Blazing Dawn (Updated)**

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From [today's WRAL story](#), here's a vacant house that burned in Smithfield this morning. Are those orange flames venting through the roof, or just a trick of early morning sunlight? My money's on the latter. Fire was reported about 6:40 a.m., says the story. Investigators are "probing the cause."



*Josh Langdon/WRAL photo*

Updated with second photo as suggested by reader, from [this WTSB-AM story](#). That smoke does indeed "look red" as in the other photo. This time, there's obvious flames. Maybe it's time for a new course. The Art of Reading Color!



*Carter Rabil/WTSB-AM photo*

If you saw the video of the fire that was on the news last night, Its a good chance that glow is fire.

**Zack A** - 09/26/10 - 08:20

Those are flames...report from the first unit on scene (EMS) was "condition red" (or working fire) and followed up immediately by the first arriving Engine on scene as "working fire in Division C". They did a great job!

**BW** - 09/26/10 - 18:30

Also, not to get to technical but just something to consider...the photographer is facing roughly due North so I doubt there would be that good of a reflection from the sun coming from that angle...and the overcast conditions. There was some flame impingment from behind the smoke there coming out of the gable end that I think contributes to the questionability.

**BW** - 09/26/10 - 20:08

For you guys that might not know much about Johnston county or Smithfield fire department they burn a lot of structures. Probably fight more fire than all of the county department in wake put together. It's very odd and I'm not exagerating. I listen to them atleast once a week burn some type of structure and that's just during a weekday between 8-5. Good job guys.

**Jg** - 09/26/10 - 21:41

Jg..I think Clayton burns more structures now!

**Zack A** - 09/27/10 - 00:44

I very seriously dought it there Zack. im not talking about just arson fires I personally listened to 4 in the past week that smithfield was on. Clayton has had what 1 in the past two weeks?

**jg** - 09/27/10 - 10:50

Well I was kinda joking about all the arson fires in Clayton in the past few weeks.

**Zack A** - 09/27/10 - 17:37

"all the arson fires in Clayton"...there was only 1 in the past "few weeks". What about the other multiple arson fires ("suspicious fires, which should be considered "under investigation" versus "suspicious" in other areas of Johnston County (Four Oaks, Wilsons Mills, etc))

**JC911** - 09/27/10 - 23:54

Only one in wilson mills. Most of the others were in the blackmons crossroads, four oaks, stricklands crossroads, benson, and meadow fire districts.

**jg** - 09/28/10 - 08:40

Mike, did you notice the pic on wtsbradio.com taken from the west side of the house? Great ladders!

**BW** - 09/28/10 - 19:28

Thanks BW, photo added above.

**Legeros** - 09/28/10 - 20:20

Seriously Jg, you really think that Smithfield has more fires than all of Wake County. You must not monitor or work in Wake County.

**Wake County Whacker** - 09/29/10 - 18:35

It depends if he is including Raleigh in the picture. There is no way that smithfield runs more structure fires than all of wake county.

**JC** - 09/29/10 - 21:31

Hey whacker jg works on c shift at the second busiest county department in wake. He probably knows what he is talking about. Don't much get by him.

**Car 1** - 09/29/10 - 21:47

I wish I could be as big a whacker as JG. He may work at the second busiest department in WC but it sounds like he is the biggest WHACKER in JC.

**Good as JG** - 09/30/10 - 13:23

Im sure when JG was blogging about Smithfield he wasnt trying to stir sh/t up on this useful site. Maybe you should remove yourself so this site can be used for more than bashing. Grow some and post your email or real name.

**Better than Good as JG** ([Email](#)) - 10/01/10 - 08:56

This makes me wonder who are the top 5 or top 10 busiest departments in Wake County ?

**an inquiring mind** - 10/01/10 - 11:41

I know JoCo 911 post the stats on their website for the public. Run totals for months/years for all fire/EMS stations as well as PD's. Not sure if Wake 911 does the same thing.

**Zack A** - 10/01/10 - 18:18

Fire calls for this year, through August: [http://johnstonnc.com/files/911\\_10\\_08.fi..](http://johnstonnc.com/files/911_10_08.fi..)

Sure would be neat to find similar stats on the Wake County site, hint, hint.

**Legeros** - 10/01/10 - 19:03

As for top/busiest departments in Wake County, doesn't it go something like this?

Raleigh  
Cary  
Garner  
Fuquay-Varina  
Apex or Wake Forest

That's out 23 departments total:

1. Apex
2. Bay Leaf
3. Cary
4. Durham Highway
5. Eastern Wake
6. Fairview
7. Falls
8. Fuquay-Varina
9. Garner
10. Holly Springs
11. Hopkins
12. Knightdale
13. Morrisville
14. New Hope
15. Raleigh
16. RDU Airport
17. Rolesville
18. Stony Hill
19. Swift Creek
20. Wake Forest
21. Wendell
22. Western Wake
23. Zebulon

**Legeros** - 10/02/10 - 10:00

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