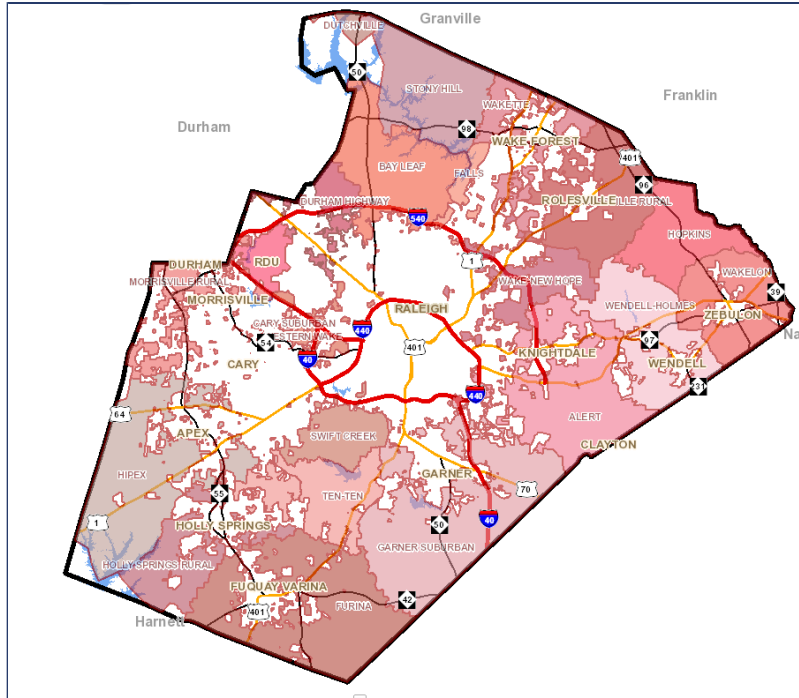


Wake County Fire Insurance Districts

05/08/11 40 W, 1 I - + 7 - 9

Screen capture from Wake County IMAPS. Added as a reference for our blog discussion on unit numbering, and its latest slide into the topic of county consolidation. [Read that discussion.](#) Click to slightly enlarge:



Can you post a list of current county station numbering?

hi - 05/08/11 - 04:59

Our friends at Carolinas Fire Page already have just the thing!

http://www.firenews.net/nc_fds.htm#wak

Legeros - 05/08/11 - 04:59

Current Fire Districts that use the station numbering:

- Knightdale
- Rolesville
- Hopkins
- Zebulon
- Falls
- Bayleaf
- Stony Hill
- Western Wake

CoFF - 05/08/11 - 13:05

Thanks Mike

hi - 05/08/11 - 13:06

I just don't see the concern on this. There is so many other issues that are more pressing

who cares - 05/08/11 - 13:07

Your stupid

df - 05/08/11 - 13:07

Your mom is

who cares - 05/08/11 - 13:07

hey hey, a little respect on mothers day please. by the way it's you're not your

Happy Mothers Day - 05/08/11 - 13:49

Who Cares just doesn't want to have to retire his XXXXXXXX ENG1INE baseball cap

I Care - 05/08/11 - 14:16

Its a nice hat though...

ENG1INE - 05/08/11 - 17:08

Mine says ENG2INE. And I don't want to retire my hat.

ENG2INE - 05/08/11 - 19:17

Are you saying there is more than One Engine1's in Wake County? How many Ladder 1's do yall have?


Just kidding.... One day Wake County will catch up... so sad.

Dead Horse 1 - 05/09/11 - 18:51

No we wont.

Condition Red, Code 3 - 05/09/11 - 18:56

Wendell used their station number with each rig, example engine 111, 112, 113, tanker 117. these were based on being county station 11. I

thought they still used it but I might be wrong 

Jason Lane - 05/10/11 - 07:29

Jason, I believe a few stations still work like that. I know Western Wake does... and YRAC did. The first digits are the station number like you said, and the following number designated the type of equipment. 1,2,3 Engines 4,5, Rescue,6,7,8 Tanker, and 9 Brush Truck (I think...a few numbers may be off). YRAC was 29, so our brush is 299, Rescue is 295, Engine 293. Western Wake is 19, so the Engine is 191, Tanker 198... ect.

Please help me out if any of yall remember the numbering better.

Kermit - 05/10/11 - 08:07

Why change something thats not broke? Worry about something else.

No Change - 05/10/11 - 17:36

Your so dumb! Why not change? These blogs certainly help with that.....

Duh - 05/10/11 - 17:37

If you don't have or ever had a Truck 11 at your fire station, you don't know firefighting

TRK 11 - 05/10/11 - 17:38

Commercial Cab Engine's are making a come back!

Commercial Cabs - 05/10/11 - 17:39

Wendell does use the county numbering. My mistake for leaving them off.

CoFF - 05/10/11 - 17:40

For clarification: Stony Hill (26 and 39) and Bay Leaf (12, 25, and 36). The original station numbering is included by Mike at the beginning of this blog (from FireNews.net) at: http://www.firenews.net/nc_fds.htm#wak . The following departments still use the station/unit numbering system: Bay Leaf, Hopkins (22), Knightdale PS (13), Rolesville (15), Stony Hill, Wendell (11), Western Wake (19), Zebulon (9).

Kermit is right. The original numbering was intended to basically follow the format he has listed.

Last – Although commercial cabs are less expensive and are considered more cost effective, they are categorically more dangerous if involved in a rollover due to their standard construction. The custom cab is more rugged and will maintain the passenger compartment “more intact” in a rollover. Cost-benefit is the consideration.

A.C. Rich - 05/10/11 - 18:00

Ya'll should know all about rollover safety! Ha Ha!

Bay Leaf - 05/10/11 - 20:57

As the number list was originally set- Apex/4, Cary/5, Wake Forest/6, Fuquay-Varina/7, Garner/8, Zebulon/9, no '10', Wendell/ 11, Six Forks/ 12, Knightdale/ 13, Holly Springs/ 14, Rolesville/15, Morrisville/16. Those were the towns and SF Rescue. The PDs and Rescue Squads already had the number system so that was the basis. After the towns/Six Forks, it went alphabetical, from what I remember (it has been a while). At that time only Morrisville, Garner, and Durham Highway had dual stations. I am sure someone has one of the original charts. As was explained to us at Yrac back then- 1, 2, 3, and 4 were pumpers; 5 and 6 were 'trucks' (there were no ladder trucks in the county then, except for Cary's 'TRUCK 6' (the GMC service truck) so those were the utility vans); 7 & 8 were tankers, and 9 was a brush truck. At Yrac we had 291, 292, 297, and 299 (pumper, pumper, tanker, brush). Also at Yrac, we placed a large '29' on the side of our helmets.

Cary Fire adopted it, they just did not have the '5' on the front of the number. They had ENGINE 1, ENGINE 2, TRUCK 6, and BRUSH 9.

As I remember, Apex, Bay Leaf, Fairground, Falls, Fuquay-Varina, Hopkins, Six Forks, Stony Hill, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon used it, while Durham Highway, Fairview, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, and New Hope did not. Cary, Raleigh, RDU, and NC Forest Service also did their own thing.

DJ - 05/10/11 - 22:37

Thanks for everyone's participation. Mr. Bay Leaf, I presume you're trying for a little light-hearted ball-busting, versus a more serious expression of disrespect for a department that experienced an apparatus rollover. That's a given, right? Firehouse jocularly and all that. And the reason we started down this path— unit numbering— was my twice-repeated question, now, in the other thread. We had a big multi-agency incident. Did we learn anything that pushes this discussion in new directions? From responses so far, doesn't sound like UNIT NUMBERING was a notable issue. But other things have reared their head, like the friendly reminder that command-as-geographic-location is perhaps way more helpful than just the word “command” when spoken on the radio. See the other thread, for all that.

Legeros - 05/11/11 - 07:06

Bay Leaf, I guess you were joking but very poor taste. I guess you don't know your history, but before you poke fun at others, didn't Bay Leaf also roll over a truck some years ago?? Just not something you take a jab at in my opinion, jokingly or not. Especially towards your neighbor that you run calls with.

Northside FF - 05/11/11 - 07:23

Even from a historical perspective, rollovers and serious apparatus accidents are sensitive subjects. Thus you haven't seen (yet) any postings from me compiling notable accidents in Raleigh and Wake County. Nor are they highlighted on my web site. (They are present in my two books about Raleigh and Wake County Firefighting history. In my personal opinion, they are part of the historical record, and should be included in “whole history” representations.)

To its credit, the fire service today seems exceptionally more willing to openly talk about difficult things and the lessons to be learned therein. In the past and way past, close calls and outright accidents (minor or major) were things to be kept quite about. To be hushed and forgotten and filed away. Maybe that's the origin of Billy G's newsletter name, The Secret List. Because such things were to be kept as secrets.

Folks and chiefs and departments are way more open and forthcoming these days. But there's still reticence and sensitivity on these issues. And perhaps to be expected. Even a minor fender-bender translates to personal and personnel actions for those involved, and how they're affected. Then there's the perception and reaction of the press, of officials, of citizens. And so on.

Many local departments have experienced serious apparatus accidents. Both Raleigh and Cary have lost firefighters to same. Others have seen serious injuries as a result. Some have been incredibly high profile, such as Raleigh's tiller accident. Heavy stuff. And now even farther off-topic from the original posting!

Legeros - 05/11/11 - 07:50

Touché... Hey, it all comes with the "blog territory." Everything is free game here. The outcome of this conversation is hopefully education of some sort for someone. If one can prevent any error or misunderstanding from repeating itself, we have all succeeded! However I am disappointed that an anonymous individual uses a great organization's name to hide behind though. It's not good taste and very unprofessional.

A.C. Rich - 05/11/11 - 15:15

I highly doubt the "bayleaf" poster is really from bayleaf....

Bohica - 05/11/11 - 16:58

Speaking of accidents, and seeing another police vehicle accident in the morning news, I will continue leading us off-topic for just a bit, and query our readers who wear blue. How open/closed are law enforcement agencies with regard to accidents involving police cruisers? I presume officers are as sensitive about serious accidents as fire and EMS people are. Given the sheer amount of driving any given police department does, there must be quite a few fender-benders or worse through the course of a given year.

Legeros - 05/13/11 - 06:49

Oh, yes... Plenty of fender benders in the Crown Vics. I think the most common wreck is simply backing up in a parking lot. Something about the prisoner cage and bars on the back-seat windows that make it hard to see.

In the past 6 or 7 years, my agency has been pretty hard on officers that are at fault in wrecks. As an example, several officers have received citations for not wearing seat belts, even though seat belt tickets in minor accidents are almost unheard of, if the charging officer wasn't there to observe someone not wearing their seat belt. (Don't take that to mean I'm soft on seat belt usage, though. I always wear mine, and will taunt any officer I catch not wearing theirs)

As far as being open/closed, we release the same information we release on any other crash. Anything past that was a personnel issue. Although, with the new public records laws, I guess everything about us down to how often we go to the bathroom is a public record. But, that's a-whole-nother blog!

rfburns - 05/15/11 - 15:38

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