

This Afternoon's Fire in Apex / Kellerhis Drive

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The weather was a bit cooler for firefighters in Apex, with a major house fire at [100 Kellerhis Drive](#) early this afternoon. Some details have surfaced. Arriving units found heavy fire showing from a two-story, wood-frame, single-family residence with 2,514 square-feet. Built 2004. The blaze was reported about 1:15 p.m. Apex (E1, E4, E2, L3, L4, C5, C1), Cary (E4, E5), Fairview (E1) fire departments on scene, plus Cary and Wake EMS (55, 51, D5, T1).

Crews made an interior attack, until the roof started to collapse, reports the *News & Observer*. No injuries reported. Photos from Lee Wilson forthcoming. News includes [News & Observer](#) (with photo gallery of 30 images), [WTVB](#) (aerial images), and [WRAL](#) (with viewer video). Readers are welcome to add incident details.

Trash-talking has already started, over on the [Avent Ferry fire thread](#). Maybe we need to tally these threads, and issue awards for ICs who operate at fires that result in the fewest negative blog comments. This Fire Was Blog Approved. Will work on that. Meanwhile, try reaching toward the light. Really, it won't hurt.



WRAL photo



WTVD photo

Looks like great placement for both aeriels... not an engine crowding either one of them! Great placement C-shift. I can even see a ladder thrown for egress on the A-side...

Bob P. - 07/27/11 - 00:17

Photos from Lee, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leewilson/a..>

Legeros - 07/27/11 - 07:56

Good job guys. Hey Bob how is a engine going to crowd a ladder when the first in company is a ladder?

911 - 07/27/11 - 11:52

Ok Mr. no-name "911". I appreciate you telling me that a ladder is first due in MY first due area. My comments were more congratulatory to everyone on C-shift because the LAST DUE unit, Ladder 4, was able to get in proper position with the engines all staged out. If the first in company happened to be an engine, they would have left room. It should also be noted that it can be up for grabs for several areas of town due to the proximity of our downtown stations. If Ladder 3 was out, it is very possible that Engine 1 would beat them in. It all depends on whether the unit is responding from their station or not. I do appreciate your trying to take a positive pat on the back and ruin it! Better luck next time... and maybe sign your name for that go-round. Great job AFD C-shift with a fire that had a huge head start.

Bob P. - 07/28/11 - 17:41

Bob why do you get so worked up. Im not saying they didnt do a good job or your comment was wrong. Im just saying that the first in company was a ladder so how would a engine get in the way. Your right about engine 1 being first in if ladder 3 was out, but they weren't and it should be practiced for engines to position for a ladder. You should be patting the "c" shift crew for trying to get it interior even though they were backed out and also for working so well together and with two other mutual aid departments. With a department like apex that staffs a ladder like ladder 4 the engines should train on there positioning. Bob don't get so worked up over something small. My comment was intended on being a stab, sarcastic, or anything just a fact. I'm sorry for sounding like that.

911 - 07/28/11 - 21:28

I appreciate your last comment 911... sorry to have taken it the wrong way. I am not that worked up, rather a little defensive given the recent tone that this blog has taken in the way of critiquing other people's fires. I am all for identifying problem areas, but the Avent Ferry thread got out of control...

Bob P. - 07/29/11 - 06:50

Bob, your admission of a bit of defensiveness is a useful window into the challenges of communicating on this blog. Questions are too often asked, and comments are too often made, with a tone that communicates a bit or a lot of antagonism. Why is that? Why doesn't everyone here

put more care into the construction of their words? That's the magic question and one that's answered maybe by the nature of the medium. There's an ease and immediacy of typing and clicking POST COMMENT. (Be honest, how many of you STILL get bitten by e-mail that you too-hastily composed or sent?) There's the fact that we're seeing words and only words? No body language, voice tone, or real-time cues. (And this crowd doesn't really use smiley faces to augment their posted comments.) Then there's the anonymous factor. If you're posting anonymously, there's absolutely no blow back per se, for comments taken wrong or gone wrong. Interesting, isn't it? No wonder this forum frustrates the heck out of some people!

That concludes today's meta message. Resume normal programming.

Legeros - 07/29/11 - 07:07

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What are the FIRST TWO LETTERS of the word 'fire'?

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Small print: All html tags except and <i> will be removed from your comment. You can make links by just typing the url or mail-address.