

Legeros Fire Blog Archives 2006-2015 - Two Alarms on « Running The Rigs Out ... » What We See is What W... Canterbury Road

Two Alarms on Canterbury Road

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Here's a view from this morning's two-alarm fire on Canterbury Road. Engine 6 arrived at a 4,000 square-foot, single-family dwelling with heavy fire showing through the roof. Offensive operations, with a pause for aerial application from Ladder 4. This photo from Yours Trauly was taken early into the incident. That's a member of Engine 14 on the nozzle. Lots of reds and oranges in this set. Very bright around the flames, very dark everywhere else. First alarm: E6, E5, E16, L4, R3, B3 Working fire: E14, A1, C10, C20, C40. Second alarm: E9, E1, E13, L3, R2, B4. Also: C5, C1. Medical: EMS 2, EMS 8, EMS 11, EMS 6, EMS 3, EMS 5, EMS 22, D1, T1. Read the incident description and see [more photos from Legeros](#). See also [photos from Lee Wilson](#), now posted.



Canterbury is a road notorious for big fire – http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/sto.. – 8700 sq ft house on Canterbury Lane in Chapel Hill in Dec. '08. Total loss and rebuilt from scratch.

TheHill - 11/17/11 - 22:10

Were there really 7 EMS units there plus a DC and T1? Were 7 really needed? Did a plane crash cause the fire?

EMS Overkill?? - 11/17/11 - 22:46

EMS Overkill.... really? Nothing better to gripe about? They had two injured firefighters. One truck had to go out of service so personnel could pick up truck one. Our EMS system does a great job of standby / rehab. Withing the first hour, when most of the firefighters are rehabed and the fire is under control all but two of the trucks typically return to service.

RFD - 11/18/11 - 08:53

Yep, at EMS we run sort of heavy to these sort of incidents. Lots of reasons- first and foremost- We want to do it right. And we do- second to none. We establish rehab (lots of studies show that it helps prevent firefighter deaths form medical causes). We also set up Rapid Medical Intervention Teams so that we can get help to those that need it early. We don't hve to wait until the patient is brought to us down the street- bring them to the door, we got it. If a firefighter is hurt, burned, or heaven forbid, not breathing, we can get to them quicker because of the way `re roll'. We have at least one team, with their gear, at the CP. If needed, we set them up in different divisions. We look after our firefighters as they look after us. I'm with RFD. If this is all someone can gripe about...geez.

DJ - 11/18/11 - 11:11

What they said.

Olson ([Email](#)) - 11/18/11 - 14:03

I had the privilege of doing some of my paramedic field time with Wake EMS, and they are a top notch organization. I have seen their fireground operations firsthand. It is better to see an organization be aggressive and proactive rather than just being a reactionary force. Perhaps that is why the public still often refers to EMS as "ambulance drivers" in other parts of the region and country. Props to a job well done, and a speedy recovery for those RFD injured.

Charlie H - 11/18/11 - 15:23

@Zack- it is all done by AVL/ closest unit. Move ups are also by AVL. BTW- there ain't any slow stations anymore.

DJ - 11/18/11 - 18:23

I'm not sure why this has become a hot topic. It is great to see the agencies working together to keep everyone safe. I attended WTCC in the early 2000's and did some ride alongs with different EMS agencies. I remember one specific incident long before Wake County had a policy of sending ambulances to fires automatically, this agency had sent an ambulance to a large fire I think was in an apartment complex. Within minutes, the supervisor made a few phone calls and had additional medical staff and equipment there within minutes. When we returned to the station, a paramedic from another agency called on the phone upset they had to answer a call in another jurisdiction while that agency's ambulance "was out playing fire fighter." It is great to see they've come a long ways. Jason from Johnston County was who I was riding with, maybe you can remember more how this went? It's been a long time.

I've since moved to another state and still volunteer with a rescue squad. I share this blog with my department and find it is a great learning resource. You guys do a wonderful job and continue to set the standard.

Joseph Martin ([Email](#)) - 11/19/11 - 14:11

To the EMS crews on this fire thanks for everything. Great team work.

Duck R3 - 11/21/11 - 21:35

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