

Jonesville Fire Department Closing

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[FireNews.net](#) is reporting on this [Elkin Tribune story](#) about the closing of the [Jonesville Fire Department](#) in Yadkin County. That's Station 17 in the county nomenclature. The Arlington Fire Department has been contracted by the town to provide fire protection, beginning today, January 1. Some of their equipment and apparatus will be transferred as a consideration of the contract.

The department has six vehicles, including a 2010 E-One Typhoon pumper delivered in January of last year. That's Engine 1701 and it will likely be sold. Engine 1704 will be given to AFD, which appears from their web site to be a 2000 Volvo/KME pumper. Another vehicle has been "surplused." Three remaining vehicles will be retained by the town, for other municipal use.

Response times shouldn't be affected, as the Arlington fire station is located in the town (321 S. Main Street), and but a couple blocks away from the Jonesville fire station (111 S. Bridge Street). Jonesville firefighters will be encouraged to join AFD, or another fire department.

The backstory involves a failed inspection in November by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and a subsequent decision by town officials to close the fire department. Read the above article for more details.

Jonesville is the oldest town in Yadkin County. The 2000 population was 1,464, though it grew by nearly 800 residents when it merged with neighboring Arlington. The town has 1.9 square miles. The Jonesville Fire Department was established in 1957 and its first apparatus was delivered in 1958. [Read more history](#) from the Jonesville FD web site.



Jonesville Fire Department photo

Interesting read. I think that as the economy goes forward, and if it does not get any better, things like this will happen more. Maybe not on a grand scale, unless the economy gets worse, but this will start to happen. No matter the reasons given, I would venture that the idea of saving the money that the town probably invests in the department is a big consideration. Just my \$0.02/

DJ - 01/01/12 - 12:39

Jonesville's E-One pumper is now for sale, <http://www.jonesvillenc.gov/firetruck.ht..>

Legeros - 02/16/12 - 19:45

Mike, Yadkin County, being not too far over the state line we get some news from the area. I have read various reports from different news sources about the closing of Jonesville Fire Dept. The REAL Basis for the closing stems from politics. Last elections brought in a new mayor who had a long running beef with the officers of Jonesville. Reportedly, He appointed cronies to the Departments Board to which resulted in the resignations of key department personnel, and the removal of others, then they say once service was affected, and membership was down so low emergencies could not be handled properly he requested the review by the State Fire Marshals Office. The stars aligned and the pieces fell in place and he got his wish and the Department was shut down, and Arlington was contracted. This is a sad example of what small town politics especially in back woods mountain areas can result in. Now that the Equipment is being sold, I guess there will be no return for

Jonesville F.D. after the next election. So sad, but not unheard of up here.

Galax,Va - 02/16/12 - 21:30

Very interesting. Let me ask a meta-question. Sounds like the sources for your perspectives are published accounts and reports from that region. Would you assign a "factual index" of 100 percent to your comments, or is there any supposition (yours or from news writers) in there? As a blog operator— and budding media studies student— I am always curious and sometimes careful about drawing distinctions between facts and opinions, confirmations and speculations. How we talk, if you will, as well as what we talk about.

Legeros - 02/16/12 - 22:04

Mike, I started following the story I believe in the Elkin Tribune. and one of the Surry County Papers also picked up on it.. Then I think it was the ripple (Yes thats the real name of the newspaper) Yadkin County Ripple, did a story featuring the Lt. over the Rescue side of the Jonesville Dept. She had just submitted her letter of resignation and in the interview she listed the events that had occurred up until her resignation. It was also noted her husband who was the Chief over both the Fire and Rescue had resigned several months earlier. She tried to stick it out and remain a member but was unable to. Shortly thereafter Elkin, Surry, and Yadkin Papers reported on the Fire Marshals inspection, and then the closing of Jonesville, and the contract with Arlington. So most of my information was from News articles. My opinion was prudy much limited to the last statement about Jonesville not returning. In the interview with the Lt. I'm purdy sure one of the issues members had with the Mayors appointees, was that he had appointed several with no fire experance, and i'm thinking maybe an asst.chief was appointed, and it was someone who had been out of the fire service for many years and held no certifications what so ever. So even though im operating off memory, i'm gonna say my factual index is up there purdy high. and is scaring 95-98 % to death.

Galax,Va - 02/16/12 - 22:58

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