

## Pierce Peek

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Coming soon to the Cary Fire Department. New Ladder 3, new Rescue 2, and new Rescue 4. Three good looking pieces of Pierce apparatus. The platform ladder replaces a 2003 Pierce Dash platform, which will be placed in reserve, and which replaces a 1995 Mack / Craft Body Works service truck. It marks the town's first reserve aerial apparatus. The two rescue trucks replace a pair of 2000 Ford F-550 / KME light-duty rescue units. The new rigs are spec'ed the same as Truck 7, e.g. full compliment of ground ladders, breathing air compressors and fill stations, light tower, etc. Plus full extrication and fireground support equipment. Delivery soon! Click to enlarge:



CFD Truck-7 is now called Rescue-7, and Truck-6 is now called Ladder-6. This Change comes from the transfer to our new CAD & AVL system. The Rescue Companies of the CFD have a staff that consist of a Captain, Engineer, and two Firefighters, and requires a minimum staffing level of three. The Ladder Companies also have the same staffing model as the Rescue Companies. CFD Engine Companies have a Captain, Engineer, Master Firefighter, and two Firefighters, and requires a minimum staffing level of four personnel. Thanks for the picture, and everyone stay safe out there!!!!!!!

**JKH** - 01/10/12 - 21:05

JKH, what is a routine residential structure fire response for Cary? Isn't it two engines a ladder a rescue a battalion and a county engine?

**911** - 01/10/12 - 22:15

All and by the way congrats to CFD on the new apparatus. Good looking fleet.

**911** - 01/10/12 - 22:17

For clarity's sake the staffing on Rescue 7 is 1 Captain, 1 Engineer, 1 Master FF, 1 FF. All of the Ladders have the same staffing of 1 Capt, 1 Eng, 1 MFF, 1FF. Rescue 2 and Rescue 4 have 1 Capt, 1 Eng and 2 FFs.

Our 1st alarm structural assignment is 2 Engines, 2 Ladders, 1 Rescue, 1 Batt. Chief, 1 Safety Officer (either a staff safety officer or the other Batt. Chief) and a auto-aid Engine.

We are getting the same amount of apparatus and personnel to the scene now as we did before the change in names and the end of the "Truck" company. What this change also did is shorten the ERF or the Effective Response Force time on structure fires. That is the time it takes for the entire assignment to arrive at the scene. Before Rescue 4 had some 15-20 minute responses to parts of District 7 on fires and vehicle accidents, driving the ERF times way up. Now with R7 those times have dramatically dropped. It also eases the dispatch confusion since T7 was taking traffic collisions for R4 in their area. Now we only have 3 apparatus types and the operations are more streamlined.

This leaves just 1 non-Pierce in the fleet, and it should be replaced next fiscal year.

**shevais** - 01/10/12 - 22:47

Nice looking trucks. Maybe someone from CFD can tell us why the bigger trucks instead of something along the lines of a medium duty truck. Will there be an increase in the amount of equipment carried on the new Rescues.

**Jeff** - 01/10/12 - 23:09

Jeff, the main differences between the current Rescue 2 and Rescue 4 are more cab space for the increased manpower added a few years ago, and the addition of a breathing air compressor and fill station along with a full compliment of truck company ladders and ventilation equipment. The breathing air compressor and fill station take up the rear two compartments on the driver's side alone. The rear compartment houses the ground ladder compliment. It also adds MUCH needed storage space for rescue equipment. The current R2 and R4 are F-550's crew cabs with a 3 door per side body. They are SLAMMED full of equipment and are not user friendly at all. Now there is also a light tower on the new units and an awning on the driver's side for rehab purposes. The new rescues essentially carry the same equipment as the ladder trucks (minus the pump, tank, hose and aerial device) in addition to a breathing air compressor and fill station, and a full compliment of Holmatro extrication equipment, air bags, res-q-jacks, etc.

**shevais** - 01/10/12 - 23:29

Thanks Shevais. Cary sure aint lacking in the equipment.

**911** - 01/11/12 - 09:27

Looking good! Congrats Cary!!

**A.C. Rich** - 01/11/12 - 10:11

What a concept "The Rescue Companies of the CFD have a staff that consist of a Captain, Engineer, and two Firefighters, and requires a minimum staffing level of three." Congrats on the Pierces!

**Duck R3** ([Email](#)) - 01/11/12 - 19:56

What kind of numbers does Cary FD put up per year? How many calls do the Rescues run in a year? They must have a lot of wrecks to have 3 trucks like that!

**Stats** - 01/11/12 - 22:45

While it's perhaps tempting to think of a department's rescue trucks (Cary or otherwise) as "wreck trucks," they perform a considerable greater range of tasks these days and respond on a wider range of call types. Unless you're just bustin' chops a bit...

**Legeros** - 01/12/12 - 07:55

I think its great that Cary has that many rescue trucks. I also think its a indication of how fiscally sound the town is that they can fund and support the fire department with apparatus like that in light of how the economy has been in recent years.

**fiscally sound** - 01/12/12 - 11:28

The rescues are some of the busiest trucks in the city. They run EMS calls within their first due and we dispatch a rescue on every traffic collision, technical rescue, land search and structure fire. They are also typically special called to gas leaks (for manpower and breathing air support) or when manpower is needed at any call type.

Cary FD ran just over 8000 calls in 2011.

**shevais** - 01/12/12 - 12:24

It is indeed interesting these months and years, to see the fiscal differences between municipalities and counties. There are so many factors that turn apples to oranges to grapes, when comparing towns/cities and fire services therein. Not to mention operational differences of the FDs, and even requirements for accreditation (for those departments that are accredited). Can make your head hurt!

**Legeros** - 01/12/12 - 18:54

Who is accredited in the area? I am assuming Cary is. Anyone else?

**Wondering** - 01/12/12 - 21:43

According to the CPSE website the following are accredited agencies in NC:

Asheville Fire & Rescue

Cary Fire Department  
 Charlotte Fire Department  
 Durham Fire Department  
 Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management Department  
 Gastonia Fire Department  
 Greensboro Fire Department  
 Jacksonville Fire Department (NC)  
 Morrisville Fire & Rescue Department  
 Rocky Mount Fire Department, City of  
 Wilson Fire/Rescue Services

Wake Forest and Ft. Bragg are in the process of becoming accredited.

**shevais** - 01/12/12 - 23:45

Have no idea and not trying to start anything, but what is gained by being accredited?

**Question** - 01/13/12 - 01:36

Here's a page from the Fayetteville FD web site, answering that very question: <http://www.bravethefire.com/accreditatio..>

Although that reads more like a top-down or high-level summary. Perhaps others can provide a view from the trenches, and the benefits to departments as seen through the eyes of line personnel...

**Legeros** - 01/13/12 - 07:27

Very nice. Would like to see inside those Rescue's. Shev how 'bout some pics when you can?

**AB** - 01/13/12 - 07:47

They'll be in sometime next week and I'm sure Mike/Lee will swing by and grab some good shots. If not feel free to stop by and take a hands on look!

**shevais** - 01/13/12 - 08:34

It doesn't look like you get anything out of it that can't be done without the headache of going through the process

**Mike** - 01/13/12 - 11:48

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