

Charlotte Station 42 Opens

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From the [Charlotte Fire Department's Flickr site](#): "On Monday, January 30, 2012, the crew of Engine 42 moved into their new fire station at 5620 Central Avenue in Charlotte. The city began construction of Station 42, an 11,000 square foot, 3-bay fire station in November, 2010, to improve the level of service to the eastside of Charlotte. Engine Company 42, a 4-person crew and Battalion 4 will be responding to the needs of the Eastland corridor."



Charlotte Fire Department photo

11,000 sq.ft.!??!?! Wow! Awesome station. Checking out the aerial view from Google Maps shows there are also traffic lights in front of the station. I think that's a great idea and is much needed at several Raleigh stations.

Rescue Ranger - 01/31/12 - 10:50

...but not much larger than Raleigh's Station 28, which has 10,000 square-feet.

Legeros - 01/31/12 - 21:39

Looks like it has a gun tower on top, just like the older prisons have.

Galax,Va - 01/31/12 - 22:05

They may need a gun tower in those parts.

rocket33 - 02/01/12 - 00:18

hey bo bo, those doors are coming to Wake County soon! Stay tuned!

they're coming - 02/01/12 - 11:45

Are you a police officer, Bo Bo? If you ever travel by train, please be safe! I'd hate to have Bo Bo the Po Po get a Boo Boo on the Choo Choo! ...sorry.

Legeros - 02/01/12 - 13:41

I read on Tuesday that CFD Engine 42 went into service at noon on monday the 30th and had ran 14 calls by midnight. Sounds like it was a much needed station.

911 - 02/01/12 - 15:35

Legeros, LOL!!!

Bo Bo - 02/01/12 - 20:40

E42 (former E64) has been in-service for a while running out of station 8 until station 42 was completed, FYI.

BFD1151 - 02/01/12 - 21:01

Wow, 14 calls by midnight! Mostly EMS presumably? How's their ratio of higher- to lower- EMS priority responses?

Legeros - 02/02/12 - 09:06

Just curious, if anybody knows, saw that one of the bays is lettered for "RESCUE 42", is there going to be a new rescue company, or is one the other 2 relocating?

Steven ([Email](#)) - 02/02/12 - 10:52

I believe Rescue 3 will move to FS42. And those 14 runs were done from noon until 19:00 hours (not midnight). A BC is also relocating at FS42.

harkey - 02/02/12 - 22:39

Oh sorry. That's pretty impressive call running. I have run anywhere from 15 to 20 in a day and maybe 14 in 7 hours during a tornado or snow storm but not on a 60 degree, clear sky day. I wonder if the Chief staff of CFD have considered changing some of their companies to 12 hour shifts?

911 - 02/02/12 - 23:23

Sta. 42 is a much needed infill station. Last year there were over 3,000 incidents within a 1 mile radius of the station. The press release states they ran 14 calls from noon to 19:00, however that includes 5 "test incidents" making sure that the station alerting system and AVL system were functioning properly now that 42 was actually in the station. The final actual incident count for the first shift was 13 runs, the last being around 1:45am. This will be a minimum most days.

As for Rescue 3 moving to 42, that is still up in the air. It was originally planned when 42 was finally decided to be built, but I don't think it will actually go to 42. As stated above, there were so many incidents so close to the station that it wouldn't be available for the rescue calls or working fires it responds to. The scuttlebutt is either another engine company or moving a ladder company there. I don't think anything will happen until well after the DNC has come and gone.

Drives A Ladder - 02/03/12 - 10:39

Does CFD use AVL to dispatch firetrucks as well as we do here in Wake county for EMS units?

pete ([Email](#)) - 02/07/12 - 09:46

Pete, Yes we do use AVL similar to WCEMS, though it is not always the most accurate thing in the world. There are many instances of a unit being chosen as the closest, but others may be a better choice due to terrain, traffic, the routing the computer chooses vs. knowing your area and the best cut throughs, whether a company has to go through a neighborhood vs. one that has more open roads to travel, etc. There were several times when I was a FF on an engine company in north Charlotte that we were the working fire company (or not dispatched at all), only to arrive first or 2nd due within sight of the first due, but AVL recognized others as closer.

Drives A Ladder - 02/07/12 - 17:25

DAL is correct. To be effective, AVL is very dependent on a good street network with correct speeds and other impedances (such as one-ways, etc.). Closest doesn't always mean quickest.

Chris - 02/07/12 - 21:36

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