

**Mystery History - Morning Check**

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Here's a little mystery history for your Friday morning, a nifty photo of Raleigh Fire Department personnel circa 1984. The picture was probably staged for the yearbook that year, and likely shot by Gary Knight. That looks like Buxton in front and Moore in the back, standing. The trucks are a pair of American LaFrance pumpers, either 700 or 900 series. The station location isn't known. Is that a single bay door shown? Are the trucks facing backward? We'll lead readers look closely. And why two trucks? One is certainly a reserve. If you identify the station from the photo, then you're *really* eagle eyed! Click to enlarge:



Both are 900 series ALFs. The curved windshield gives that away. 700s were peaked, and a lot narrower. As to station, I think you can rule out 1, 3, and 6 right off the bat.

**DJ** - 03/09/12 - 08:43

I think that is actually Tim Carrol (left) and Robert Peacock (right)

**A.C. Rich** - 03/09/12 - 10:04

Trucks are facing forward. There are two bay doors one of which is up hence seeing the Chief's car out front facing Spring Forest rd. I believe the engine on the right to be a reserve. The personnel are checking off E19.

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/09/12 - 10:46

The man standing kinda looks like a young Donald Summers but that's before my time!

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/09/12 - 10:51

I do not think that it is 19. 19 did open until about 1988. Maybe station 15. Or old 4(Wake Forest Rd). Or 9

**Marcus** ([Email](#)) - 03/09/12 - 11:47

That picture was taken in 1984 or earlier, so it isn't Station 19. And Engine 19 was placed in service with an ALF 900 with a fiberglass top. Been there, rode that!

**Legeros** - 03/09/12 - 12:26

Look on the stacked tips.... Station #10 probably. Plus, they had a ALF for several years; and looking towards the street... length of the apron, shrubbery across the street... looks like Station #10 to me!

**A.C. Rich** - 03/09/12 - 12:32

Yeah, I would go with #10, given the street viewed out front. .

**DJ** - 03/09/12 - 19:19

Time to consult Mike's magic mystery apparatus chart. Here's who was operating the 900 series ALFs in 1984:

1958 – Reserve or retired. Last served Engine 14 until 1982.

1961 #1 – Reserve or retired. Last served Engine 8 until 1982

1962 #2 – Engine 15, until that year. Then reserve or retired at some point in 1984.

1968 – Engine 10.

Thus the only possible stations with ALF 900 pumpers in active service were Station 10 or Station 15. Both were single-company stations. Truck 15 wasn't placed in service until 1989. Rescue 10, the 1954 Reo heavy rescue with Civil Defense colors and markings, left that station in 1980.

Station 10 thus sounds like a good guess. Will take a peek at the old log books at my next opportunity, to confirm.

**Legeros** - 03/09/12 - 20:49

The Stack tips have either E11 or E10 written on them/

**Rauer** - 03/09/12 - 22:50

It looks to me like the numbers visible on the stack tips are upside down which shows #19. Only problem is #19 wasn't built until 1988.

**Rescue Ranger** - 03/10/12 - 22:17

And the answer presents itself on page 59 of the 1984 yearbook, which reads "Carroll, Moore, and Peacock checking equipment at Station Ten." Should've checked there BEFORE posting!

**Legeros** - 03/11/12 - 11:02

BINGO!! I've seen it before... Haha!

**A.C. Rich** - 03/11/12 - 12:02

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