

Mini Pumper Gets Makeover

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Photographer Lee Wilson spent some time at the Raleigh Fire Department shop yesterday, where Mini 1 is getting a makeover. The [1986 Chevrolet Silverado brush truck](#) (with 13,000 miles!) had one of two booster reels removed and the remaining reel relocated to the rear, for starters. That's lowered the profile of the truck. They've raised it a hair, and added new wheels and rims. Plus some other changes. Below is the before and after. [See more photos.](#)

Mini 1 is stored at Station 16. It's has a [former twin at Station 23](#). The city's three mini-pumpers (the third is at Station 3, a 2005 Ford F-550/Reading/Slagle) are used for brush and woods fires, along with parking deck fire responses. They're used for EMS responses in remote areas, such as Umstead Park. They're also enlisted during storms and snow as special response vehicles, and can be used for other purposes, such as towing the [recently delivered foam trailer](#) that's stored at the Keeter Training center.



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