

Rescue and Squad Helmet Shields

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Here's a preview of helmet shields that are coming soon to the Raleigh Fire Department. Rescue 1 (as five-man company) and Squad 14 and 15. These are for Firefighter ranks. The Lieutenant and Captain will have their positions listed instead of "rescue" or "squad." [Read the Fall 2012 edition](#) (PDF) of the RFD newsletter for that story. Click to enlarge:



Station 21 to brier creek seems a bit far. Atleast a 20 min run. Siren will have to replaced yearly. lol

Michael - 12/14/12 - 21:37

Good thing there is a heavy rescue sitting at Durham Highway just a couple miles from Brier Creek. Certainly the companies up that way know what resources are located/available close to them and will make the best decisions for their patients.

Mutual Aid - 12/14/12 - 23:08

Was wondering why the Squads were assuming the Engine Company numbers? Why aren't they being numbered Squad 1 and Squad 2? The Rescue is number 1 not Rescue 21. Seems a splintered numbering system is being used. Old and new.

stretch - 12/15/12 - 00:58

Ladder-6 is in Brier Creek. It can handle 99% of the entrapments.

RFD - 12/15/12 - 08:03

So what is the purpose of the rescue with the squads and ladder co's with extrication equipment. Gonna mount a boat to the top?

Michael - 12/15/12 - 10:01

Sounds like Michael did not pass the test.

Real Firefighter - 12/15/12 - 17:46

The Departments we researched which used a Squad (versatile Engine Company) concept were FDNY, Philly, Baltimore (although they seem to be phasing them out), and Jersey City. All but one of these Departments use the engine number it was prior to being converted to a Squad, because they're still an Engine Company and have a first and second due response area as an Engine Company.

A boat on Rescue? Possibly, don't ever rule it out, especially a nice inflatable.

Silver - 12/16/12 - 21:36

The Rescue's have had NRS rafts on the truck for a couple years now, with a "john boat" or zodiac on an auxillary trailer. Having the boat would be nothing new.

PBM - 12/17/12 - 10:38

PBM you are correct, Rescue 1 on board boat is located on the drivers side, second compartment, bottom shelf! We have been pulling boat trailers aslong as i can remember, not a new idea! Now for the on board inflatable boat we got them some time in 2011! As a soon to be X rescue driver of Rescue 1 B, it has been a blast "P" and I have ran 32 working fires in the 2.5 years I have been on the rescue. Most of them have been apartment fires here in the fire triangle of Batt 1! It was a awesome assignment and we got it done with the traditional 2 man crew! So with the new 5-6 man crew good luck and God bless you all! Have fun we did!! Jason

Jason Lane - 12/17/12 - 11:19

Even though I think everyone would love to have more than one rescue truck, I believe that the redundancy and distrubution of vehicle extrication equipment in particular on RFD companies will not change. On the West side of town, there will still be Ladder 3 and Squad 14 to back up Ladder 6. I'm not sure if there is some beef on the west side, but on the east side of town on my platoon, the relationship with Wake-New Hope FD (Who carries light extrication on their engine) is excellent. From my understanding, the only reduction in equipment will mostly be in the confined space/rope arena, as each of the three current rescue co.'s carry quite an inventory in those areas. Also, the single new rescue's inventory will be increased. No company has a 100% reliability rate , so there will always be "what if" issues to deal with. In my experience on the rescue, the ladder's did most of the cutting anyway, and there are eight of them. The rescue usually handled the stabilization. Maybe Silver can elaborate on what extrication equipment will be assigned to the Squad Co.s

PBM - 12/17/12 - 15:59

Squads will have a full compliment; cutters, spreaders, three rams, rescue jacks (Ladders too). PBM was correct in all of his comments, especially about the "what if'ing" things to death.

Resources to a pin won't be an issue; one Engine, one Ladder, a Squad and the Rescue. The idea is a "front loaded" dispatch and companies not needed can be returned to service. At a minimum, a pin will yield 15 members and a Battalion Chief. On a good day, 17.

Silver - 12/17/12 - 17:55

It's business as usual on the ol' blog; "send us here, send us there", "county-wide standardization of service".....oh if I only had a nickel!

Silver - 12/17/12 - 18:59

Change is always met with skepticism.

A.C. Rich - 12/17/12 - 19:34

I would say there is plenty of help on the west side and the agencies involved therein work pretty dang well together. Heck they run calls together daily and personnel from county and city agencies have worked or do work for both. Western Wake carries a combi-tool and cutters on their first out engine and has a rescue sitting in the bay. Swift Creek is right down the road, Morrisville carries at least a combi-tool on all of their engines, Cary is sitting on 3 rescues that are within easy distance of anything on the West side as well as one sitting right on I-40. The help is there if needed, and it works well.

WestSide - 12/18/12 - 12:28

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