

Where There's Smoke...

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That's a WTVD aerial photo of the smoke plume from this afternoon's major house fire at 8414 Fawncrest Drive in Garner. One-story, wood-frame structure with 1,550 square-feet. Built 2001. Departments on scene included Garner and Fairview, plus a tanker task force from Eastern Wake, Hopkins, New Hope, Rolesville, Wendell, Zebulon fire departments. Read stories from [WTVD](#), [WRAL](#).



WTVD photo

I believe the tanker TF was cancelled prior to their arrival

Mike - 05/15/13 - 00:21

Yes the stike team was cancelled. Units on scene were Garner E2, E9, E3, E5, TA7, TA12, R1, R2. Fairview E3, TA7, TA6

FF8 - 05/15/13 - 11:46

both links above go to WRAL no WTVD

2redline - 05/15/13 - 11:57

Can someone point me in a direction on who to contact reference the Tanker Task Force and a flaw I see within? Or maybe within this forum we can piece some of it together. Bare with me now, why is the task force broken into regions? Why does it have to be so cut and dry North, South, East, or West? Why not just give each department that has a tanker a tag that says TF for Task Force. When I call for a Task Force, I get the closest 5 TF tankers, not regionally. If you are confused let me try to word it better.

So Garner has this fire correct, with Fairview. They need tankers correct? Calling for the South Task Force is pointless because half the departments in it are on the call already. (South is Fairview, Garner, Fuquay, and Holly Springs) So subsequently the East is called which gets tankers from as far away as Zebulon. (A 38 minute minimum drive according to "Google".) Versus getting tankers from Fuquay or Holly Springs along with Eastern Wake and Wendell or Swift Creek.

The Task Force was a great step in the right direction, but its too rigid in my opinion and I would love to hear some other thoughts about it. Again, say Western Wake or Swift Creek has a fire. They are on each others initial run cards so calling for additional tankers from the West,

they will get only 2 initial tankers, maybe from Apex and Morrisville. But if instead they call for North or South, there are tankers responding from 30 mins out and Apex and Morrisville are still sitting in their respective stations. Instead why not ask for a Task Force non region specific, and get Morrisville, Apex, Fairview, Durham Highway and Bay Leaf?

A combination of North, South, and West that best fits where the call is geographically instead of what is set up by a committee that are not the boots on the ground. Sorry for the rant but food for thought folks! Feel free to contribute and lets get this better organized to make the Task Force idea work better than what is already set up.

Task Force - 05/16/13 - 11:37

It is actually a Tanker Strike Team. @Task Force, the strike team idea was configured by a committee with the help of some people from the ECC. Depending on who your region Rep is for that committee is dependent on who you need to speak with. Email me and I will let you know who your Rep was.

Marcus - 05/16/13 - 12:19

I am not a member of a fire dept in Wake county but a captain in cumberland county, and Task Forces comments seem logical to me. Here in cumberland county we dont have strike teams set up, rather we have alarms and they are set up by the respective depts in the county. On a normal SFD structure fire you could get anywhere from 3 to 7 different depts depending on the location of the fire in the county and the location in relevance to water supply as we have no water system outside of the city of fayetteville and the small towns, with the exception of some parts of the county that fayetteville has extended water to. If we are on a structure fire and need additional tankers, the depts already on first alarm are not dispatched again. the next closest stations are dispatched to respond as all depts here utilize pumper/tankers. Now if you call specifically for a tanker be careful because the next closest dedicated "tanker" could be from up to 20 miles away depending on your location. Im sure like everything else in the fire service the tanker strike team is a great idea but needs to be tweaked a little bit to be as useful as possible.

2406 - 05/16/13 - 18:58

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