

**UPDATE #2: Fayetteville Public Safety Patch**

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November 4

From reader Bobby Ayers comes this photo, of the Fayetteville Public Safety fire-police truck. The unit is pictured in front of Station 2, and the photograph is dated 1977. Scanned from a 110 film (!) print. Click to enlarge:



November 3

Here's what we've learned so far. The city of Fayetteville had a combined fire and police program in or around the late 1970s. There was one vehicle, a four-door Squad 51-style unit with a small pump and booster line. It was painted half red and half blue, and had both red lights and blue lights. The unit was placed on patrol, like a police car. Was pictured once in the *Fayetteville Observer*. There was not, however, a city-wide public safety program. Was this patch worn by those operating that public safety unit? To be determined. The patch may have also referenced operations at the Fayetteville airport. Thanks to Jeff Harkey, for these memories.

Below are a couple other public safety department patches from back in the day. [Here's a prior posting](#) that discussed this topic. Departments with public safety programs or officers also included Bald Head Island, Butner, Chapel Hill, Durham, Havelock, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Long Beach, Morgan, Washington, and Winston-Salem:



November 2

Found for sale on eBay. What's the history on this one? Fire and police departments under a joint agency, or did the city have combined police officer/firefighter positions as well?



I believe this may be Fayetteville Arkansas.

**911** - 11/02/13 - 18:30

This is definitely Fayetteville NC. One of the members of our fire dept was one of these public safety officers back in the 70s. He was hired as a firefighter and the city put them on shift for almost a year when they decided they needed more security at the airport. Him and a few others were sent to the police academy and gained LE certifications and were stationed at Grannis Field (aka Fayetteville Regional airport) as firefighters and grounds security.

**2406** - 11/03/13 - 14:24

Mike, Kinston (Lenoir County) has a public safety department also.

**Trey Cash** ([Email](#)) - 11/04/13 - 20:03

Yes Mike they do have combined fire police officers. I don't know the numbers per shift...but they do have 3 staffed engines and a staffed ladder all with 3 I think. The city has regular firemen, regular cops, then public safety officers as well. I believe they work the peak time of day.

**M.J. Rouse** - 11/05/13 - 13:28

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