

UPDATED: Oldest Motor Apparatus in North Carolina?

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Question from a reader, what's the oldest (motorized) fire apparatus in North Carolina? Native trucks, that served in our state. From Facebook input and an [excellent list at FDmaps.com](#), here's some of them. Presumed to be triple combinations (chemical engine, pumping engine, hose car) unless otherwise indicated:

- 1912 ALF - Washington
- 1914 ALF - Hickory, New Bern (fire museum)
- 1914 Ford Model T hose car – Chapel Hill
- 1914 Ford Model T - Elizabethtown
- 1916 ALF - Hamlet, Mt. Airy (in Mt. Airy museum)
- 1917 ALF – Fayetteville
- 1917 Brockway service truck - Elizabeth City (NC Transportation Museum)
- 1919 ALF – Goldsboro, Wilkesboro (ex-Winston-Salem)
- 1921 ALF - Chapel Hill (private owned), Gastonia, Louisburg, Mooresville
- 1922 ALF - Asheville (private owned, kept at Grove Park Inn), Lexington (NC Transportation Museum)
- 1922 Ford Model T combination chemical hose car – Southport
- 1923 ALF - Asheboro, Fayetteville (private owned), Statesville (private owned)
- 1923 ALF/Brockway - Kernersville, Mebane
- 1923 Reo - Edenton
- 1924 ALF - Ayden
- 1925 ALF - Brevard, Sanford
- 1926 ALF – Black Mountain, Mount Olive, Mt. Airy (in Mt. Airy museum), Raleigh, Waynesville
- 1927 ALF - Asheville
- 1927 Seagrave - Smithfield
- 1927 Seagrave combination service truck - New Bern (fire museum)
- 1928 ALF – Charlotte, Elizabeth City, Lillington
- 1928 Boyer - Forest City
- 1929 ALF - Plymouth, Wilson
- 1929 GMC/ALF - China Grove

TBD: 192_ ALF, Greensboro, High Point

And here's a gallery of some of these. Photo credits are Legeros, [Lee Wilson](#), [Benji Grice](#) (wow), [Andrew Messer](#) (wow wow), Doug Carter/Rob Mitchell, and Josh Biggs. Click to enlarge:



Mid 1920s Seagrave in Smithfield...I think a 1925.

DJ - 12/05/13 - 21:51

1923 ALF – Asheboro

Lt. Lemon ([Email](#)) - 12/05/13 - 22:19

Mount Olive has a 1926 but I cannot remember the kind looks similar to the Edenton one but I will check for you.

car3550 - 12/05/13 - 22:31

Kernersville Fire Rescue has a 1923 American LaFrance Brockway pumper. (Town of Kernersville own

Curtis Teague ([Email](#)) - 12/06/13 - 00:34

Elizabeth City ran a 1917 Brockway city service truck thats now at the Transportation Museum in Spencer as well as Lexington's 1922 ALF. Asheville also has a 1922 ALF that is now privately owned and kept at the Grove Park Inn.

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Clay Simmons - 12/07/13 - 13:42

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