

Raleigh's New Squads

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Two 2013 Pierce Arrow XT rescue pumpers (1500/500) were delivered yesterday. These are the new Squad 14 and Squad 15, and will replace a pair of 2004 American LaFrance Eagle pumpers (shown in last photo) that have served the special engine companies since they were placed in service on February 5, 2013. They're expected to be in service by the end of the month. The units operate as engine companies, with their own territory, but are also dispatched to other call types including technical rescue calls.

Among the new features, different from "regular" Raleigh engines, include a higher hose bed, ladder to ascending to said hose bed, "coffin" compartments on the top, rear camera with monitor in the cab, bumper mounted compartment equipped for both a hydraulic rescue tool and reel, and a hose line, and the absence of either a booster reel or a pre-piped deck gun.

Two more new trucks are due this week, a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT pumper (for Engine 19) and a 2013 Pierce Arrow XT rear-mount aerial platform (for Ladder 1 until Station 11 is expanded, then for Ladder 2). Legeros took these photos yesterday, [see others by Lee Wilson](#). Click to enlarge.



What does Raleigh plan to do with the current squads?

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