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Historical List of Durham Fire Apparatus?

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My favorite past time is research, if you haven't noticed. Or maybe it's photography, with research a close second. My curiosity around Durham's former rescue units (see [posting](#)) and a recent 1955 list of apparatus (see [posting](#)) has had me wondering. What would a full fleet listing look like, of all apparatus since the beginning?

Here's a quick compilation, based on a few ready (to me) sources. Great way to start the day, and good practice for my "how to handle your history" talk that I've proposed for the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo in July.

Huge holes all over, of course. First and foremost are the associated companies and units, which would've changed over the life of a truck's history. We'll ask our friends in Durham to eyeball. Heck, maybe they've already invented this wheel and will get a good laugh at my reinvention. We'll see what surfaces, or what readers have to offer.

Important note! This is a listing of each UNIQUE piece of apparatus. If they served at more than one station, that information should be added as notes, and not as a new record (line of text).

Year/Make/Model	Type	Specs	Unit(s) / History	Notes
1903 LaFrance steamer #1	Engine			#1 of 2 Called Black Pattie and Black Jack Only one still on roster in 1907.
1903 LaFrance steamer #2	Engine			#2 of 2 Third size.
1910s Webb triple combination hose car	Hose			Source: Sanborn.
1912 American LaFrance steamer[1]	Engine	750 GPM		Serial #3368. Pulled by motor vehicle by 1913. Reserve still in 1937. Third size. (Second Size?)
1915 American LaFrance Type 12 triple combination pumper	Ladder			ALF serial #899 DFD history sources say 1912 for date of first pumper. Same truck?
1915 American LaFrance Type 20 combination service truck	Ladder			ALF serial #898
1915 White triple combination pumper	Engine	500/40 (chemical)		Source: Sanborn. Same truck as above? Was this a 1915 White/ALF?
1920s Ahrens-Fox triple combination pumper	Engine			
1926 American LaFrance Type 17-6 aerial ladder	Ladder	75-foot, tiller		ALF serial #5427
1928 Ahrens-Fox service truck	Ladder		Ladder 8 (at Sta 3)	
1930 White pumper	Engine	500 GPM		Source: DFD PPT[2]
1930s-1940s Ahrens-Fox triple combination pumper	Engine	750/60		Source: Sanborn
1932 White pumper	Engine	500 GPM		Source: See above.
1934 Seagrave pumper	Engine	1000/100	Engine 1	#1 of 2
1934 Seagrave pumper	Engine	1000/100	Engine 2	#2 of 2
1940s Ahrens-Fox triple combination pumper	Engine	900/800		Source: Sanborn
1941 Ford auxiliary truck	Special	?/?		Equipped with pump and tank
1943 Seagrave pumper	Engine	750/100	Engine 3	
1947 Mack service truck	Ladder		Ladder 10 (at Sta 2)	
1948 Mack pumper	Engine	?/600	County pumper (at Sta 1)	Bought by county. Called "booster truck" in 1955 NFBU report. Later

				used as tanker, when replaced with newer pumper?
1949 American LaFrance 700 Series aerial ladder	Ladder	100-foot	Ladder 9 (at Sta 1)	ALF serial #9165 Listed as 1948 model in NBFU report 1955
1949 Seagrave pumper	Engine	750/300	Engine 4	
1950s Seagrave 75th Anniversary pumpers (plural)	Engine			
1952 Ford/Darley pumper	Engine	500/400	Engine 7 (at Sta 2)	Shop built.
1953 Ford/Darley pumper	Engine	600/500	Engine 6 (at Sta 1)	Shop built.
1957 GMC Civil Defense rescue truck	Rescue			Purchased by county. Source for model year is DFD history book.
1960s American LaFrance 900? Series pumper	Engine			County pumper, replaced original Mack county pumper.
1960s GMC van as ambulance/rescue	Rescue		Rescue 1/Rescue 11	
1960s International/Ward LaFrance pumpers (plural)	Engine			
1970s GMC ambulance/rescue	Rescue		Rescue 11 (at Sta 1)	
1971 Ward LaFrance/Hi-Ranger articulating platform	Ladder	?/?/85'	Snorkel 1	Retired 1996.
1975 Ward LaFrance pumper	Engine		Engine 2	
1976 Sutphen aerial platform (HS-1249)	Ladder	1500/100/85'	Ladder 2	Source: RAC, SDL. Alternately year 1975.
1976 Ward LaFrance pumper	Engine		Engine 1	
1976 Ward LaFrance pumper	Engine		Engine 3	
1977 Ford C/Howe pumper	Engine		Engine 9	
1978 Ford C/Sutphen pumper (HS-1348)	Engine	1000/500	Engine 4	#1 of 2. Source: SDL
1978 Ford C/Sutphen pumper (HS-1349)	Engine	1000/500	Engine 5	#2 of 2. Source: SDL
1978 Ford C/1994 M&W rescue	Rescue		Rescue 2 (technical rescue unit, staffed by L2) Past: Rescue 7	
1978 Ford/Ward LaFrance pumper	Engine		Engine 8	
1978 Sutphen aerial platform (HS-1250)	Ladder	1500/200/85'	Ladder 2	Source: SDL. Alternate year 1976.
1980s Ford/Frontline ambulance/rescue	Rescue		Rescue 11 (at Sta 1)	
1980s Grumman? aerial platform	Ladder			
1980s ____ step van	Special		Mobile air	Later water rescue unit?
1982 Ford C/____ pumper	Engine		Engine 8	
1983 Ford C/____ pumper	Engine		Engine 7	
1983 Ford C/Atlas pumper	Engine		Engine 10	
1986 Ford C/American Eagle pumper	Engine		Haz-Mat 13	
1987 Ford C/EEI pumper	Engine	1000/500	Engine 12	
1990 Duplex D-500/E-One pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 2	
1990s International/Frontline ambulance/rescue	Rescue		Rescue 11 (at Sta 1) Squad 1	Remounted Frontline body
1991 E-One Hush pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 3	#1 of 2
1991 E-One Hush pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 1	#2 of 2
1994 E-One Hush pumper	Engine	1500/500/40 (foam)		
1997 E-One Cyclone II pumper	Engine	1250/500		#1 of 2
1997 E-One Cyclone II pumper	Engine	1250/500		#2 of 2
1997 International 4900/E-One air and light unit	Special		MSU1	

1997 Sutphen aerial platform (HS-3136)	Ladder	1500/300/95'	Ladder 1	Source: SDL. Alternate year 1997.
1998 E-One Cyclone II pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 5	
2000 International/E-One pumper	Engine		Engine 14	
2000 Sutphen aerial ladder (HS-3499)	Ladder	1500/500/75'	Engine 2	Source: SDL
2001 International 4900/E-One pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 11	#1 of 2
2001 International 4900/E-One pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 14	#2 of 2
2002 International 4900/Toyne pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 8	
2003 Chevrolet 2500/____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 1	#1 of 3
2003 Chevrolet 2500/____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 2	#2 of 3
2003 Chevrolet 2500/____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 4	#3 of 3
2003 Sutphen aerial platform (HS-3775)	Ladder	1500/150/95'	Ladder 2	Source: SDL
2004 Sutphen aerial ladder (HS-3847)	Ladder	1500/500/75'	Engine 16	Source: SDL
2004 Sutphen aerial platform (HS-4007)	Ladder	1500/250/95 `	Ladder 12	Source: SDL
2005 Spartan Advantage/Crimson pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 12	
2005 Spartan Advantage/M&W	Engine	1250/500	Engine 10	
2005 Sutphen aerial _____	Ladder	1500/500/104'	Ladder 1	
2006 Spartan Advantage/Crimson pumper	Engine	1250/500	Engine 2	
2007 Ford F-550 Super Duty/____	Special		USAR 80_ (water rescue)	NC Task Force 8
2007 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 6	#1 of 2
2007 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 3	#2 of 2
2008 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 15	#1 of 2
2008 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 1	#2 of 2
2009 Ford F550/____ utility-body truck	Special		Rescue 15 (water rescue vehicle, staffed by E15)	
2009 Sutphen pumper	Engine		Engine 12	
2010 International/SVI utility truck	Special		MSU 1	
2010 Sutphen aerial platform	Ladder		Ladder 2	
2010 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine		Engine 13	#1 of 2
2010 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine		Engine 9	#2 of 2
2011 Ford F250 Super Duty / ____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 1	#1 of 3. Remounted body
2011 Ford F250 Super Duty / ____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 2	#2 of 3. Remounted body
2011 Ford F250 Super Duty / ____ light-duty rescue	Rescue		Squad 4	#3 of 3. Remounted body
2011 International/CW Specialty haz-mat truck	Special		Haz Mat 13 (staffed by E13)	
2012 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1500/500	Engine 4	
2013 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1250/500	E3	#1 of 2
2013 Sutphen Shield pumper	Engine	1250/500	E16	#2 of 2

Sources:

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[1] Incorrectly listed in my steam engine database as 1903 model. This web site lists as 1912, which makes more sense: <http://www.steel-wheels.net/sferegister.html>

[2] The DFD history PPT has numerous discrepancies, such as contradictory model years of apparatus cited in other sources. For the 1930s White trucks, we'll add to this chart and cite as primary source until confirmed elsewhere.

My friend owns the 1949 ALF Ladder 9. He has or is in the process of selling it back to the firefighters of Durham. More to come this spring as it may just return back to the city.

Tim H - 02/05/14 - 22:04

didn't Durham have Ford C JACO apparatus, maybe Durham county. I was at Lafayette Village near Fayetteville. We had a JACO engine and I thought a JACO rep stopped once with a lime green JACO Ford going to Durham

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