

Proposed FY15 Budgets For Fire Departments in Wake County

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What are Wake County's fire departments (and Wake County Fire Services) requesting for their budgets this coming fiscal year? And what's cooking in CIP plans for future years?

Here's what I've found via the various municipal and county budget documents available on the web. That is, except for Fuquay-Varina and Wendell. Couldn't find their proposed FY15 budget documents. Yet.

Everything was downloaded in PDF format, and a couple required some OCR magic, so repeated searches on "fire" would work. (Believe Holly Springs and Zebulon posted PDF versions of scanned pages.)

Note that this is a living posting, so we'll update a few times, as information is expanded, corrected, or clarified.

Raleigh – Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/Departments/Articles/BudgetManagement.html>

Budget for fire: \$53,890,343

See [prior blog post](#).

Apex – Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.apexnc.org/budget>

Budget for fire: \$5,422,279

Notes/Highlights:

- Add Fire Training Coordinator position. See Page 10.
- Replace two full-size SUV vehicles, Asst. Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.
- Replace 1987 rescue truck with one-ton, four-wheel-drive pick-up with extended cab.
- Second year of radio replacement.

Cary - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.townofcary.org/Departments/townmanagersoffice/Budget.htm>

Budget for fire: \$20,359,324

Already funded:

Continue design and construction plan of new Station 2.

Funded in FY15:

- Pumper replacement - \$650,000
- Southwest Cary fire station - \$800,000 (land?) plus \$9,800,000 in FY23
- Walnut Street fire station - \$750,000 (land? design?) plus \$11,150,000 in FY16, plus \$750,000 for a pumper in FY17. Infer station opening in FY17.

See CIP document for more, such as:

- New ladder truck in FY16
- Pumper replacements in FY17 (2), FY22 (1)
- Regional fire training center, funded in FY16 and FY17

- Northwestern fire station with 911 back-up center, plus pumper - FY17
- West Lake/Middle Creek fire station, plus pumper - FY21, FY22

Fuquay-Varina - Proposed

Budget link: http://www.fuquay-varina.org/assets/content/documents/finance/FY%202014-2015%20Budget_Final_Merged%20v3.pdf

Budget for fire: \$3,822,144.00

Notes/highlights:

- Two new funded positions: Firefighter I and Assistant Fire Chief. Latter starting January 1, 2015.
- Equipment includes four computers for fire vehicles, seven SCBA cylinders, three "blitz" nozzles, hose tester for Station 2.
- Fire Station 4 funding proposed in FY19.

Garner - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.garnernc.gov/departments/Finance/>

Budget for fire: \$3,931,194

See fire budget summary starting page 332

Notes/Highlights:

- Three new firefighters to start January 2015.
- Administrative Assistant from part-time to full-time.
- Equipment to begin fireground monitoring for hydrogen cyanide.
- Station furniture replacement in living areas at three fire stations.
- Fitness equipment additions and replacements.

Holly Springs - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.hollyspringsnc.us/index.aspx?nid=704>

Budget for fire: \$3,668,900.

Notes/Highlights:

- Three laptop computers
- Equipment: PPE, hose, gas meters/TIC,
- "Sparky" for fire prevention
- \$362,000 lease payment on \$885,000 ladder truck.

Knightdale - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.knightdalenc.gov/index.aspx?page=528&parent=1515>

Budget for fire: \$1,020,041

Notes/Highlights:

Small equipment: rescue jacks, vent saw, hose, ice machine.

Morrisville - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.townofmorrisville.org/index.aspx?NID=350>

Budget for fire: \$5,145,880

Notes/Highlights:

Three firefighter positions, part of plan to attain basic service levels and related to implementation of quint concept. Page 6, 33.

- SCBA, radio replacements. Page 72.

Proposed/planned CIP projects, unfunded:

- Northwest fire station - Mill Creek Road and Louis Stephens Drive - For protection of both town and Wake County portion of RTP - Page 99
- Police/fire training facility - Classrooms, burn building, four-story drill tower, indoor/outdoor shooting ranges - Page 100

Wake Forest - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/budget.aspx>

Budget for fire: \$4,497,210 (town contract) + \$690,933 (county)

Notes/Highlights:

Fire Station 4 built this year. \$2,200,200 in town budget for station and apparatus.

Wendell - Proposed

Budget site: Cannot find.

Budget for fire: LAST year was \$7,610 (town) + \$1,445,902 (county).

Zebulon - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.townofzebulon.org/> (see bottom of home page)

Budget for fire: \$1,112,250

Future Capital project:

Fire Station 2 design and construction, proposed 2019, approximately 5,000 square-feet with two bays and quarters for 24-hour staff, construction complete in FY19, \$2,100,000. Page E-8.

Wake County - Proposed

Budget site: <http://www.wakegov.com/budget/>

Budget for fire:

Fire Services - Two new full-time positions.

Fire Logistics Support Coordinator - Will provide support to the fire equipment and apparatus programs, which will allow the Fire Services department to support Fire Commission committees in establishing and maintaining current inventories, defining and administering replacement criteria, and managing distribution programs.

Fire Operations Chief - Will provide guidance and assistance with preparation of Fire Departments for the ISO inspections (thereby obtaining to lowest possible insurance ratings for fire service consumers), while overseeing initiatives and positions directly related to fire operations.

Capital Projects

- Fire apparatus and vehicles - \$567,000 expenditures plus \$1,260,000 in reserves (not sure what that means).
- Fire facilities improvements - \$100,000.
- Fire equipment - \$346,000

Fire Tax District Appropriations:

Bay Leaf FD	1,543,551

Durham Highway FD	743,452
Eastern Wake FD	1,530,521
Fairview FD	1,156,111
Garner FD	1,663,095
Hopkins FD	741,088
Rolesville FD	715,072
Stony Hill FD	988,990
Swift Creek FD	481,235
Wake Forest FD	690,933
Wake-New Hope FD	1,098,565
Wendell FD	1,403,213
Western Wake FD	516,437
Total - Rural	13,272,263

Apex FD	706,533
Cary FD	74,765
Fuquay Varina FD	1,399,400
Holly Springs FD	576,060
Morrisville FD	818,187
Zebulon FD	535,895
Total - Municipal	4,110,840

Here is Fuquays proposed budget: <http://www.fuquay-varina.org/assets/cont..>

911 - 05/30/14 - 21:05

@AP, I saw the city passed the budget. How did the FD make out and what will they be getting in the next fiscal year?

Budget - 06/09/14 - 23:34

Here are the FY15 budget highlights for RFD:

Operating Budget:

1. Thirty new positions to staff an additional engine and ladder company – \$1.68M (Nine months, October to June)
2. Purchase of a new standard engine and tractor-drawn aerial ladder (tiller) – \$1.54M
3. Replacement of six staff vehicles – \$147K: OFM – Four SUV compacts, one mid-size sedan; Training – One SUV full-size 4×4
4. Includes ~\$800K of various increases to non-payroll/benefit accounts
5. Overall, operating budget increased just shy of \$2.5M as compared to FY14.

Capital Budget (CIP)

1. FS #6 – \$6.4M (CIP \$3.7M + Bond \$2.7M)
2. FS #14 – \$3.08M (completes final year of funding, now completely funded at \$7.2M)
3. FS Deferred Maintenance Program – \$670K
4. FS Workspace Improvements – \$205K
5. FS Lead Paint and Asbestos Removal – \$100K
6. FS Roof Repair – \$84K

FS = Fire Station

AP - 06/12/14 - 13:24

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