

Charlotte Old Squad 1, Old Station 1

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From the Facebook page of [The One House](#), here's a vintage photo of Squad 1. Photo circa mid-1980s. Squad 1 was a manpower unit. It was stationed at Station 1 and operated multiple models of Ford Econoline passenger vans. Any reader memories of the unit, and ideas on makes/model years? And the years the squad operated? Next question, how many other departments around our state have operated manpower units? Click to enlarge:



The One House photo

The building is old Station 1, which was located at the intersection of South Davidson Street and East 4th Street. It was addressed 125 S. Davidson Street, and located on the west end of the City Hall Annex building. (The police department was on the east end, and the Health Department was in the middle.) Here's a picture of the engine house in action,



Terry Lacy photo

Built in 1925, the fire station also housed the first maintenance shop, on the apparatus floor. Communications was located on the second floor. Units housed at old Station 1 have included:

- Engine 1 - Models included 1935 Mack (closed cab, first in United States), 1948 Mack, 1960s Seagrave.
- Second engine, named Engine 20 in the 1950s and 1960s. What about other decades?
- Truck 1/Platform 1/Ladder 1 - Models included 1917 ALF tiller, 1969 ALF AeroChief, 1984 Duplex/Grumman snorkel.
- Rescue 1 - First version was a utility body truck.
- Squad 1 - Manpower unit noted, various Ford Econoline passenger vans. Operated circa 1970s and 1980s.
- Searchlight truck - Models included a 1940 White.
- Hose tender - Utility body truck with large hose bed in rear. Carried 3000 feet of five-inch supply line and a manifold. Unmanned. Operated circa 1970s and 1980s.
- Civil Defense rescue truck - 1950s IHC "Calamity Jane" heavy rescue. Out of service by 1979. Still researching this one.
- Chief cars - Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, etc.

Reader input welcome!

Sources:

- Charlotte Fire Department history book, published 1999.
- Fleet research by Micah Bodford. See [prior blog posting](#). Reader help wanted!
- Oral histories, notably Terry Lacy.

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Helmet Footage From Onslow County

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Found via [this Statter911 story](#), here's some helmet cam footage from the Hubert Fire Department in Onslow County. The nearly ten-minute clip captures the response and arrival of Hubert Engine 804 a structure fire on Pine Picket Court. They were the first arriving unit to a reported vehicle fire threatening a structure. Other departments on scene were Piney Green FD, Pumpkin Center FD, White Oak FD, Onslow County EMS, and Onslow County Fire Marshal.

Great to see the seatbelts being worn while enroute!!!!

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