

Wildwood Merging with Morehead City

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FireNews.net has reported that the Wildwood Fire Department in Carteret County is merging with the municipal combination Morehead City Fire & EMS Department. From [their story](#), from this [News-Times story](#), by my high school bud Mark Hibbs, the merger will be effective October 1. Wildwood firefighters will become Morehead City firefighters. Full- or part- time employees will become town employees.

Read the story for more details including a ten-year contract to continue protection of unincorporated areas. The story notes that the merger's been cooking for ten to twelve years! Wonder how many other such mergers are percolating around the state... Click to enlarge:



Let's compare the merging departments and their districts:

Department	Square Miles	Population	Stations	Apparatus
Wildwood	About seven	~5,000	One, co-located with MHFD Sta 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers?
Morehead City	6.81 town, 11 county (contracted)	~22,000	Four, one for training only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine 1, 2013 Pierce rescue pumper • Engine 2, 2006 Sutphen 70' aerial • Engine 3, 2008 Sutphen • Engine 5, 2004 E-One Typhoon (reserve) • Rescue 2, 2012 Ford • Medic 1, 2012 Chevrolet Ambulance • Medic 3, 2009 Chevrolet Ambulance • QRV/brush truck, 2012 Ford • MAB, 2012 Thomas/Sartin • Boat, 25 ft. 2011 Jones Brothers

What's the history here?

The Wildwood Fire Department was incorporated on May 12, 1976. They changed their corporate name to Wildwood Fire and Rescue on June 1, 1984. Their station has been located at 5921 Highway 70 for at least a couple decades. Is that the original location? Morehead City opened their Station 3 in a building behind the Wildwood station in 2007.

The Morehead City Fire Department dates to the early twentieth century. They've had a couple different fire stations downtown, and added

their second station in 1957, and third in 2007. Their EMS division was added in 2000, with the merger of Morehead City EMS. [Read this blog post](#) about their history.

As you can guess, *this* posting was cooking prior to the history post. Decided to split the things into two.

According to their website <http://www.rwvfd.org/Apparatus.html> They have four engines, a brush unit and a dive trailer.

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Eureka FD and Faro FD recently merged in Wayne Co. to become Northeast FD. Also, New Hope FD and East Wayne FD in Wayne County merged to to become New Hope FD Station 1 and Station 2. There are rumors of other mergers in the county as well.

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