

Incident Summary of Emerald Isle Deck Collapse on July 4, 2015

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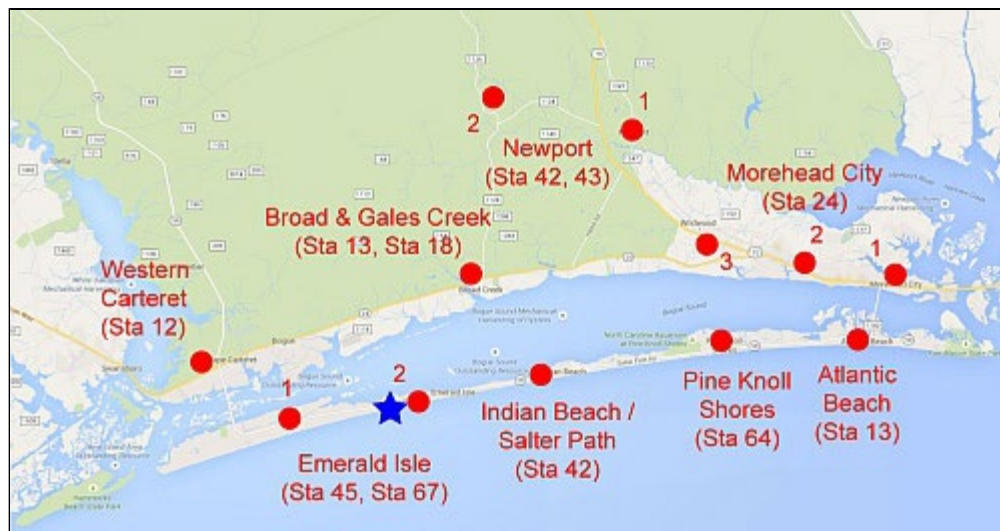
This week the Town of Emerald Isle issued the third and final press release regarding the July 4 deck collapse and multi-patient incident that sent twenty-four people to the hospital. [View the press release](#) (PDF, 7.6M). Thanks to Trey for alerting us on this!

We've parsed the document for incident details, which are presented below in summary and details.

For news coverage about the incident, see such stories from

- [Carteret County News-Times](#)
- [Charlotte Observer](#)
- [Jacksonville Daily News](#)
- [WNCN](#)
- [WRAL](#)
- [WTVD](#).

Google for others.

**Summary**

- Address 4403 Ocean Drive. Two-story residential structure, with most of structure sitting above a two-car garage.
- Over twenty people standing on part of a covered deck on second story, about ten feet above ground.
- Collapsed at approximately 6:55 p.m.
- First fire/EMS dispatch at approximately 7:00 p.m., for Emerald Isle FD and Emerald Isle EMS.
- EIFD Engine 2 first arriving.
- Officer assessed approximately twenty injuries with five critical.
- Mutual aid from six combination fire/EMS departments: Atlantic Beach, Broad & Gales Creek, Indian Beach/Salter Path, Morehead City, Pine Knoll Shores, Western Carteret.
- EMS resources also from Carteret County EMS and two air ambulance services.
- Four engines, one ladder, nine ambulances (dispatched), and one ambulance bus.

- First ambulance arrived at 7:13 p.m.
- First patient transported at 7:26 p.m.
- Last patients transported at 8:15 p.m.
- Sixteen patients transported by ambulance and medical bus. Eight additional patients transported by private vehicle.
- Twenty-four patients treated at hospital.
- Command terminated at 8:30 p.m.

Resources

Source is the communications timeline provided in the Town of Emerald Isle Press Release #3, published on July 7, 2015. [View the press release](#) (PDF, 7.6M).

Sample:

- 18:59:17, Initial 9-1-1 call answered by CEC
- 18:59:28, Second call reporting deck collapse. (Caller advised entire deck collapsed)
- 19:00:30, Third call reporting 9-1-1 collapse. (Caller advised many people injured)
- 19:00:52, Alert Tones activated on F3 giving address of 4309 Ocean Dr. Traumatic Injuries from a deck collapse report of 6-8 people injured
- 19:01:43, Station Tones for 12M1, ST67 (additional call), 45ST2 and simulcast to L5
- 19:02:32, additional 9-1-1 call reporting the deck collapse
- Etc.

Other sources:

- [Carolinas Fire Page - Carteret County Fire Stations](#)
- [Carteret County EMS - Map of Districts and Departments](#)
- [FDMaps.com - Carteret County](#)

Departments / Distance from Incident

Atlantic Beach FD & EMS - Sta 34
13.7 miles / 23 minutes
Paramedic

- 34M1 (medic)

Broad & Gales Creek EMS - Sta 18
15.0 miles / 23 min
EMT-I

- 18M1 (medic)

Broad & Gales Creek FD - Sta 13
15.0 miles / 23 min

- Manpower standby at station

Emerald Isle EMS - Sta 67
3.2 miles / 7 min
Paramedic

- 6701 (chief)
- 6703 (chief)
- 67M1 (medic)

Unit Totals

Engines

- Emerald Isle 1 of 2 - 45E1
- Emerald Isle 2 of 2 - 45E2
- Emerald Isle 3 of 3 - 45E42
- Indian Beach/Salter Path - 42E4

Ladders

- Pine Knoll Shores - 64L1

Other

- Emerald Isle - ST2

Chief Officers

- Emerald Isle EMS - 6701
- Emerald Isle EMS - 6703
- Emerald Isle FD - 4501
- Western Carteret - 1201
- Western Carteret - 1202
- Western Carteret - 12C1

- 67M2 (medic)

Emerald Isle FD - Sta 45

Sta 1 - 3.1 miles / 6 min

Sta 2 - 1.1 miles / 3 min

- 4501 (chief)
- 4511
- 4527
- 45E1 (engine)
- 45E2 (engine)
- 45E42 (engine)
- 45ST2 (?)

Indian Beach/Salter Path FD & EMS - Sta 42

5.0 miles - 8 min

EMT-B

- 42E4 (engine)
- 42M1 (medic)

Morehead City FD & EMS - Sta 24

Sta 1 - 16.1 miles / 27 min

Sta 2 - 17.1 miles / 28 min

Sta 3 - 23 miles / 33 min

Paramedic

- 24Med Bus (from Station 2)

Newport FD & EMS - Sta 43

Sta 1 - 20.7 miles / 30 min

Sta 2 - 22.2 miles / 33 min

Paramedic

- 4309
- Manpower standby at station

Pine Knoll Shores FD & EMS - Sta 64

8.8 miles / 14 min

EMT-I

- 64L1 (ladder)
- 64M1 (medic)

Western Carteret FD & EMS - Sta 12

7.7 miles / 15 min

Paramedic

- 1201 (chief)
- 1202 (chief)
- 12C1 (chief)
- 12M1 (medic)
- 12M1 (medic)
- 12M2 (medic)

Other - Carteret County EMS?

- 702

Ambulances

- Atlantic Beach - 34M1
- Broad & Gales Creek - 18M1
- Emerald Isle 1 of 2 - 67M1
- Emerald Isle 2 of 2 - 67M2
- Indian Beach/Salter Path - 42M1
- Pine Knoll Shores - 64M1
- Western Carteret 1 of 3 - 12M1
- Western Carteret 2 of 3 - 12M2
- Western Carteret 3 of 3 - 12M3

Ambulance Bus

- Morehead City - 24Med Bus



Lee Wilson photo

Air Ambulances

- Vidant - Rocky Mount, redirected to Carteret General Hospital
- Air Link - Holly Ridge
- UNC Air Care - Fayetteville, Tar Heel 2

- 703
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CCEMS has three Paramedic QRVs stationed at Davis (east, mainland), Newport (west, mainland), and Pine Knoll Shores (west, island). [See this map.](#)

Hospitals

- Carteret General Hospital
17.1 miles / 28 min

Tar Heel 2, UNC Air Care's Fayetteville-based chopper, also responded to the incident.

Bill - 07/12/15 - 15:41

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