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The opening of Cary's new fire station this week gets me thinking. How many newly constructed fire stations have opened in Raleigh and Wake County? Let's take a look...

Criteria:

- Purpose-built as a fire station, or
- Purpose-built to house a fire department. Thus can include town hall buildings or other combination structures

Answer:

At least 122.

Details below. See Mike's [Wake County station register](#) (PDF) for more information.

Apex	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N. Salem St. , Sta 1 (1956) 2. New Hill Holleman Rd., Sta 2 (1997) 3. Hunter St. , Sta 3 (2002) 4. E. Williams Street, Sta 4 (2009) <p>Excludes 1927 municipal building, not purpose-built with fire station space.</p>
Bay Leaf	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Six Forks Rd. #1 (1967) 2. Six Forks Rd. #2 (1983) 3. Six Forks Rd. #3, rebuild of 1983 structure (2014) 4. Norwood Rd. (1993) <p>Excludes Lynn Rd., not built for BLFD</p> <p>Excludes original station on Six Forks Rd., space inside commercial structure.</p>
Cary	13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Downtown (1923) – Prefab garage 2. W. Chatham St. (1953) 3. N. Academy St. (1965) 4. E. Cedar St. , Old Sta 2 (1953) 5. SE Maynard Rd., Old Sta 2, (now Sta 9 (1976) 6. N. Harrison Ave., Sta 1 (1992) 7. E. Chatham St., Sta 2 (2015) 8. Kildare Farm Rd., Sta 3 (1987) 9. Old Apex Rd., Sta 4 (1988) 10. High House Rd., Sta 5 (1996) 11. Ten Ten Rd., Sta 6 (2001) 12. Carpenter-Fire Station Rd., Sta 7 (2007) 13. Mills Park Drive (2014) <p>Excludes other earlier facilities likely not purpose-built, such as Public Utilities building used in 1960s for temporary housing of original service ladder truck.</p>

Durham Highway	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Davis Cir. (1965) 2. Pinecrest Rd. (1976) 3. Norwood Rd. (1992)
Eastern Wake		See Knightdale.
Fairgrounds	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blue Ridge Rd. (1961) 2. District Dr. (1992)
Fairview	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ten-Ten Rd. #1 (1963) 2. Ten-Ten Rd. #2 (1990) 3. Ten-Ten Rd. #3, rebuild of 1963 structure (1999)
Falls		Station excluded from list, community building not purpose-built as fire station.
Fuquay-Varina	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S. Fuquay Ave. #1, municipal building (1951) 2. Fuquay Ave., rural station (1965) 3. S. Fuquay Ave. #2, Sta 1 (1978) 4. Hilltop Rd., Sta 2 (1991) 5. Bud Lipscomb Rd., Sta 3 (2003) <p>Possibly another earlier purpose-built FVFD or Fuquay Springs FD structure(s) or two.</p>
Garner	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pearl St. (1953) 2. Main St. (1970), Sta 1 3. Sauls Rd. (1976), Sta 2 4. Timber Dr. (1999), Sta 3 5. Spaceway Ct. (2010), Sta 4 <p>Exclude original station on Garner Rd., former used-car garage.</p>
Holly Springs	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avent Ferry Rd. #1 (1971) 2. Main St. (1995) (half purpose-built, half adapted) 3. Flint Point Lane, Sta 1 (2006) 4. Avent Ferry Rd. #2 (2012), rebuild, Sta 2 <p>Excludes temporary station on Thomasmill Rd., space in commercial building.</p> <p>Exclude Sta 3 on Friendship Rd., rented house.</p>
Hopkins	1	Fowler Rd. (1977?)
Knightdale	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hester St. (1956) 2. Clifton Rd. (1995), now Eastern Wake Sta 1 <p>Excludes:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original station at Public Works on Robinson St., not purpose-built for fire department. • Public Safety Center on Steeple Square Ct., not purpose-built for fire department. Remodeled commercial building.
Morrisville	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Morrisville-Carpenter Rd. (1960) 2. Carpenter-Fire Station Rd., Sta 2 (1975) 3. Chapel Hill Rd., Sta 2 (1999) 4. Town Hall Dr., Sta 1 (2012) <p>Excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original station, which was probably not purpose-built for fire department (but correct me if wrong!) • Sta 3 on Carpenter-Fire Station Rd., which is co-located with Cary Sta 7, see Cary FD
New Hope	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Hope Rd., now St. James Church Rd., Sta 1 (1958) 2. Watkins Rd., Sta 2 (1988) <p>Exclude original station on New Hope Rd., rented space inside existing structure.</p>
Raleigh	41	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Market Square (1853) 2. Fayetteville St. #1, Metropolitan Hall (1870) 3. Fayetteville St. #2, later Sta 2 (1870) 4. Wilmington St. (1881) 5. Morgan St. #1 (1887) 6. Morgan St. #2 (1889) 7. Morgan St. #3 (1890) 8. Morgan St. #4, later Sta 1 (1896) 9. Hargett St. , later Sta 3 (1898) 10. Salisbury St. , Sta 2, later Sta 1 (1912) 11. Jefferson St. , Sta 4 (1926) 12. Park Dr., Sta 5 (1926) 13. Fayetteville St. #3, Sta 2 (1932) 14. Oberlin Rd. #1, Sta 6 (1949) 15. East St. , Sta 3 (1951) 16. Dawson St. , Sta 1 (1953) 17. Glascock St. , Sta 7 (1959) 18. Oberlin Rd. #2, Sta 5 (1961) (Same site as Park Dr. Sta 5) 19. Wake Forest Rd., Sta 4 (1963) 20. Western Boulevard, Sta 8 (1963) 21. Six Forks Rd., Sta 9 (1963) 22. Pecan St. , Sta 2 (1969) 23. Sanderford Rd., Sta 10 (1971) 24. Glenridge Rd., Sta 11 (1971) 25. Poole Rd., Sta 12 (1974) 26. Lake Boone Trail, Sta 14 (1974) 27. Spring Forest Rd. #1, Sta 15 (1974) 28. Lead Mine Rd., Sta 16 (1979) 29. Pleasant Valley Rd., Sta 17 (1984) 30. Morgans Way, Sta 18 (1987) 31. Spring Forest Rd. #2, Sta 19 (1988) 32. Trailwoods Dr., Sta 20 (1989) 33. Northway Ct., Sta 4 (1993) 34. Southall Rd., Sta 21 (1998)

		<p>35. Durant Rd., Sta 22 (1998) 36. Fossil Creek Ct., Sta 24 (2001) 37. Wakefield Crossing Dr., Sta 25 (2001) 38. Barwell Rd., Sta 26 (2003) 39. Buffaloe Rd., Sta 27 (2003) 40. Forestville Rd., Sta 28 (2007) 41. Leesville Rd., Sta 29 (2015)</p> <p>Excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Station 6 on Fairview Rd., rented commercial structure • Original Station 8 on Method Rd., rented house • Station 23 on Pinecrest Rd., see Durham Highway FD.
RDU	3	<p>1. Rescue Ct. (1986) 2. Multipurpose Building #3 (1980) 3. Earlier fire station, 1960s-1980.</p> <p>Excludes Multipurpose Building #3 used in 1980s, presuming not purpose built to include fire department (but correct me if wrong):</p>
Rolesville	2	<p>1. S. Main St. (1960) 2. E. Young St. (1980)</p> <p>Excludes original station on S. Main St., part of service station.</p>
Six Forks	3	<p>1. Six Forks Rd. #1 (circa 1960) – Tin shed 2. Six Forks Rd. #2 (1962) 3. Lynn Rd. (1974)</p> <p>Exclude original station on Six Forks Rd., converted barn.</p>
Stony Hill	4	<p>1. Durham Rd. (1958) – Tin shed 2. Stony Hill Rd. #1 (1963) 3. New Light Rd., Sta 2 (1997) 4. Stony Hill Rd. #2, Sta 1 (2003)</p>
Swift Creek	2	<p>1. Tryon Rd. (1961) – Tin shed 2. Holly Springs Rd. #1 (1961) 3. Holly Springs Rd. #2 (1983-84)</p>
Wake Forest	7	<p>1. White St. (1920s) 2. Owen & Brooks – Town Hall (1930) 3. S. White St. – Rural FD (1966) 4. E. Elm St. , Sta 1 (1986) 5. Ligon Mill Rd., Sta 2 (2001) 6. Forestville Rd., Sta 3 (201_) 7. Jenkins Rd. (2015) , nearly complete</p> <p>Excludes:</p>

		<p>S. White St. station for town department in 1973, which was leased (and remodeled) service station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Sta 3 on Forestville Rd., rented house. • Sta 5, not built for WFFD, see Falls FD.
Wake Forest #2	1	<p>N. Taylor St.</p> <p>Presuming purpose-built for fire department.</p>
Wendell	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fourth St. (1952) 2. Pine St. – Municipal Building (1963) 3. Wendell Boulevard, Sta 1 (1984) 4. Bethany Church Rd., Sta 2 (1988) <p>Plus three hoses houses, circa 1920s. Unsure if purpose-built or adapted. One of these may have served as the fire station through the 1950s.</p> <p>Excludes Hollybrook Rd., where Fourth Street station was relocated brick-by-brick in early 1960s.</p>
Western Boulevard		<p>Both original structures excluded, as neither was purpose-built for fire department. First was space in service station, second was loaned "chicken shack."</p>
Western Wake		<p>See Fairgrounds.</p>
Yrac	1	<p>E. Durham Rd. (1966)</p> <p>Excludes original structure, which was rented structure not purpose-built for fire department.</p>
Zebulon	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vance St. #1 – Town Hall (1951) 2. Vance St. #2 (1974) <p>Plus three hose houses circa early 1920s. Unsure if purpose-built or adapted. One of these was likely expanded into the fire station that served through the 1950s.</p>

The multi-purpose building was designed for CFR and RDU maintenance from the get-go. We were told about it just before building commenced. We moved in around 1980 and stayed until the current station opened in 1986.

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Also, there were at least two stations before the multi-purpose building. They station that existed during the 1970s was standing in 1966, although it was a three-bay station (the Walter CB-3000 was purchased around 1973). There is a picture on your website that depicts the 1940's International/Bean in front of a wood frame building (not sure where that building stood).

The brick station was torn down in 1980 or 81 to make way for what was then Terminal A. I used to have a couple of bricks from the station but they have been long lost.

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