

# Tractor-Drawn Tankers in North Carolina



## Research Notes




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Change log:




- 2/10/23 – Added Piney Grove.

Department	Make / Model	Tank	Notes	
Apex (Wake)			Trailer only, if needed they called the LG Jordan Oil Company.	
Bearpond (Vance) + two others?	1968? Ford / 1962? _____	4200	Also equipped with a Darley pump powered by a 16hp Briggs & Stratton motor, with two-inch suction and two-inch outlet.  Lee Wilson photo.	
Cary (Wake)	1954 / 19__ IHC / _____	4500	With 350 GPM pump. Converted fuel tanker trailer plus military surplus tractor, converted to fire apparatus by FD personnel CFD in 1954. Overturned and totaled on June 16, 1960, and killed firefighter Vernon Thompson.  CFD photo.	





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Churchland (Davidson)				
Cumberland Road (Cumberland)	1950s (?) IHC / ____			
Dunn	19__ Mack F / ____			
Faison (Duplin)				
Flowes Store (Cabarrus)	1980s Ford L9000 / ____	4000	Trailer from Idlewild FD. Later sold to a local contractor.	




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Guilford County	USAF F-7	6000	With 1500 GPM pump and 500 gallon foams. Ex-USAF F-7 runway foamer, acquired 1970 at no cost, for airport protection.	
Hampstead (Pender)			Circa 1980s.	
Hargetts Crossroads (Jones)		6000?	Operated until at least the mid-2000s.	
Harrisburg (Cabarrus)	1964 Autocar / 1952 Heil	5000	<p>With 600 GPM pump in back compartment. Placed in service in 1982. Retired in 1988, sold to business that filled swimming pools.</p> <p>Cab restored in recent late 2010s and painted to match colors of Pumpkin Center FD in Onslow County, where the owner served.</p>	




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			HFD photo, top. Andrew Messer photo 2013, bottom.	
Idlewild (Mecklenburg)	1969 White / _____	4000	Lee Wilson photo. Sid Bragg photo, May 1988. Trailer disposed to Flowes Store FD in Cabarrus County.	 
Mount Olive (Duplin/Wayne)	19__ Dodge / _____	4000	Placed in service in 1951. Tractor donated by Calypso Veneer Company. Former oil tanker trailer. MOFD photo.	

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Oakhurst (Mecklenburg)	1950s (?) IHC / ____			
Ogden (New Hanover)	19__ White / ____	6000	Lee Wilson photo.	
Piney Grove (Sampson)	19__ IHC / ____	~2600	Late 1960s model tractor. Estimated capacity of trailer. Joshua Deaver photo.	


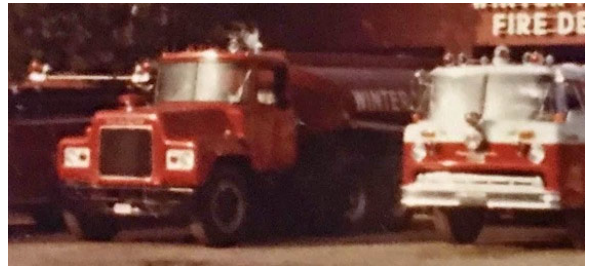


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Pope AFB  Two of them?	USAF F-7		Runway foamer.  Generic photo top, National Archives.  NARA photo, bottom.	 
Providence (Mecklenburg)				
Selma (Johnson)	19__ White / ____	6000	Foam unit, for protecting fuel tank farm. Body was acquired around April 1976, purchased by the county fire association. Jon Umbdenstock photo.	

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Scotland Neck (Halifax) #1				
Scotland Neck (Halifax) #2			<p>Tanker 85.</p> <p>Tractor donated by West Brothers Truck in Raleigh, was the second they had donated. Tank obtained from military service. Retired by 2020s.</p> <p>SNFD photos.</p>	 
Seymour Johnson AFD	USAF F-7		<p>Runway foamer</p> <p>Lee Wilson photo, 1994.</p>	

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Wade Community (Cumberland)	198_ International / 1954 Heil	6000	With 500GPM Godiva pump and twin jet dumps in rear. Built entirely by members. Retired in 2005.  Wayne Greer photo, Andrew Messer Collection.	
Winnabow (Brunswick) #1	1994 Ford L9000 / Heil	5000	With 250 GPM Hale pump powered by a 250ci Chevy engine. Ex- Wrightsboro. Trailer sold 2013 and replaced with 2000 gallon elliptical Midwest.  Mike Legeros photos, 2004.	 
Winnabow (Brunswick) #2	1994 Ford L900 / Midwest	2000		



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Winter Park (New Hanover) #1	1950 circa Reo / ____			
Winter Park (New Hanover) #2	19__ Mack / ____	5000?/750	Gas-powered 750 GPM pump. Frank Blackley photo.	
Wrightsboro (New Hanover)	Heil trailer	5000	Trailer disposed to Winnabow FD.	