

Fayetteville Fire Department – Research Notes

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Date	Description	Source
1791	FFD chartered by state legislature. The newly created Fayetteville Fire Company had a "pumping engine" and was authorized to blow-up structures in the path of fires.	FTM
1792, Oct	<p>Major fire destroys 40 structures and at least one life, a year after creation of the Fayetteville fire company.[FTM]</p> <p>“About 40 tenantable dwelling houses and stores were burned, and 28 houses of other descriptions,” with 68 buildings total. The fire started in a large house, and the adjoining houses were “immediately blown up” but the spread of fire was too great. Both a fire company and fire engine are referenced in the news story.</p> <p>[Date either October 30 or October 21, unsure from news article.]</p>	<p>FTM</p> <p>Fayetteville Gazette, 10/30/92</p>
1820	First water works system including fire plugs installed. FFD was comprised of two engine companies of white men under a chief fire warden and assistants.	Fayetteville Observer, July 16, 1903
182_	Hand engine named Phoenix acquired.	
1824	Phoenix Fire Company operating by this time	Fayetteville Observer, 5/13/24
1825	Phoenix Fire Company meeting notice printed in newspaper. Also says “The Phoenix Engine will be removed on Saturday next, to the Engine House on Old Street.”	Fayetteville Observer, May 25, 1825
1826, Jan 5	Newspaper reports that the state legislature has repealed the act of incorporation for the town fire companies. They are subsequently disbanded.	Fayetteville Observer, 1/5/26

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1826, Jan 28	<p>Report received by town officials, on adopting measures to extinguish fires. Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a fire department with fire wardens and engine companies. • Appoint a Chief Fire Warden and six Assistant Wardens. • Create a hook and ladder company with between 10 and 20 people and obtain fire equipment for them. • Create two engine companies to take charge of the engines that in use, or can be put into use. • Obtain buckets for the fire companies. • Change how blasting powder is stored in town. • Distribute information on the location of each reservoir in each ward of the town. • Recommend additional reservoirs and connected with the “hydrant water works.” 	Fayetteville Observer, Feb 1, 1826.
1826, Feb 2	<p>New FD organized. Town commissioners take action on recent report that recommended the organization of a fire department. John Huske appointed Chief Fire Warden; John Matthews, Duncan Mac Rae, Esek Arnold, John W. Wright, Hugh Campbell, and John H. Hall appointed Assistant Fire Wardens; Jesse Birdsall, John Lippitt, James H. Hooper, John Mac Rae, Charles T. Haigh, and George McNeill appointed as a committee to "raise fire companies, etc."</p>	Fayetteville Observer, Feb 15, 1826.
1826, Feb	<p>Fire Company No. 1 and Fire Company No. 2 organized, with about 50 people joining each. Meetings are held the first week of February, rules are adopted, and officers are elected.</p>	Fayetteville Observer, Feb 8, 1826.
1828, Jun 24	<p>Phoenix Fire Company cited in news story. Also mentions that this is the second house burned in town for about seven years, and the first during, during that period, that a fire engine was use to extinguish a fire.</p> <p>[This appears to be a false positive. Unable to locate through searches of Fayetteville papers.]</p>	Raleigh Register, 6/24/28

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1831, May 29	Great fire of Fayetteville. More than 600 buildings were destroyed, including hundreds of homes, a school, two hotels, 105 stores, two banks and all but one of the city's churches.	https://www.ncdcr.gov/blog/2015/05/29/citywide-fire-in-fayetteville-1831
1832, May 28	New hand-powered suction engine delivered, donated by Boston FD.	
1832, May 29	Union Engine Company organized, operates new engine.	Fayetteville Observer, 5/28/33
1832?	Second engine acquired.	
1833, Jan 15	Newspaper notes that no fire company has been organized to “take charge” of the new [second?] engine.	Fayetteville Observer, 1/15/33
1833, Mar 9	Resolution by Engine Co. No. 2 to organized a “company of blacks for the relief and assistance of the white members to work the brakes in case of fire.”	Fayetteville Observer, July 16, 1903.
1833, May, by	By this time, the Union Engine Company has their own engine house.	Fayetteville Observer, 5/28/33
1833, Jun 11	Notice in newspaper that a committee appointed by Engine Co. No. 2 for building an engine house will receive proposals for same.	Fayetteville Observer, Jun 10, 1833
1833, Jun 18	Newspaper editorial notes that two engines have [by that time] been procured.	Fayetteville Observer, Jun 18, 1833
1833, Dec 17	By this time, city has eight “large reservoirs”, some fifteen “fire plugs” and “innumerable hydrants”, along with two new fire engines “with suction and leading hose” along with a supply of hooks and ladders.	Fayetteville Observer, Dec 17, 1833
1836/37	Company No. 2 reorganized as a colored fire company with white officers. Ceased operating after five/six years.	
1844, Oct	Company No. 2 (colored) disbands.	Fayetteville Observer, 10/30/44; Fayetteville Observer 12/18/44
1847	Town officials authorize purchase of two lots on Gillespie Street to build an engine house.	EBF

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1848, Jun 24	Commanding officers of the two engine companies and the hook and ladder company were permitted to enlist twenty five black men in each company to work the engines. and to help with the ladders. They were to be given proper hats or caps at public expense, to show which company they belong to. Their owners had to give permission for them to serve and the firemen were to be compensated at the judgment of the Chief Fire Warden.	EBF
1857, summer	1857 Button & Blake hand engine purchased for the U.S. Arsenal in Hay Mount. Could throw a stream to 115 to 120 feet, as well as two streams at once. Cost about \$2,000, including 500 feet of hose.	Fayetteville Observer, Mar 22, 1858
1865	McLean Fire Company organized. Operated a hand engine.	
1865	Engine used at US Arsenal sold at auction.	
1866, Jan 6	New Year's celebration on January 1 included participation by the "negro fire company."	Weekly Progress (Raleigh), Jan 6, 1866.
1869	Hook and Ladder Company organized and chartered.	
1869, Aug	Meeting held for purpose of organizing a steam fire engine company. [No steam engine was ordered until the mid-1880s.]	Eagle, 8/12/69
1873, Apr 19	Editorial states that the "head of one of the fire companies of Fayetteville" says the town's fire engine isn't in use, but "could be made useful with repairs." He also believes a colored fire company should be created, as "he knows from experience that the colored men work better at fires than white men." They hoped that the next board of Mayor and Commissioners "will take the subject under consideration, and do all in the power of the town to encourage the formation of a colored fire company in y our town. Don't run politics in your fire companies!"	Statesman, Apr 19, 1873.
1873, Apr	Hook and Ladder Company led by Capt. Gorham operating by this time.	Statesman, 4/19/73
1873, Jun	Colored fire company forms, using the "cast away" McLean Fire Company hand engine.	Statesman, 6/7/73

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1874, Feb	Frizzel Fire Company (colored) now operating.	Statesman, 2/7/74
1875, Mar	FFD reorganized, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Fire Warden • Seven assistant wardens. • Engine Co. 1 with <= 75 white men using the “small engine” belonging to town. • Engine Co. 2 with <= 100 black men using the “large engine” belonging to town. • Hook and Ladder Co. with <= 30 black men, using equipment of old McLean Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 • Bucket Company with <= 30 white men using buckets belong to town. • Each company with a captain and four assistants, plus secretary and treasurer. 	North Carolina Gazette, 4/8/75
1875, May	Frizzell/Frizzell fire company surrenders equipment and disbands.	North Carolina Gazette, 5/13/75
1877, Sep	Two colored companies operating by this time.	North Carolina Gazette, 9/20/77
1882	James D. McNeill elected as first Fire Chief.	
1883	Two black engine companies organized.	
1884	FFD reorganized.	
1884, Sep	Engine house erected [in 500 block of Gillespie Street?]. Called a “shed” in newspaper accounts. Housed “engine, hook, ladder, buckets, and truck.” Located in front of the old guard house.	Sun, 9/16/84

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1884, Dec	By this time, black firefighters had become well established and operated the two hand engines. The white firefighters manned the hook and ladder truck and the bucket company. Reservoirs or cisterns were dug in several areas of the city and pipes laid to connect them, hydrants were also installed at each location. A Silsby Steam Engine had been acquired and a Silsby pump ran by a turbine furnished water to the mains and hydrants. The choice of using a stream straight from the hydrant or using the hydrant to keep the reservoir filled was made by the first arriving unit. The steamer would draft from the reservoir.	EBF
1885, Mar	Fire apparatus consists of two hand engines and a one-story engine house in 500 block of Gillespie Street. Water from reservoir and cisterns. Also lists town as having no steam engine.	Sanborn
1885, Nov 19	Citizens meeting held for purpose of improving water system and buying a steam fire engine through subscriptions. Subsequent meeting held to organize new fire company to operating the No. 5 Silsby engine that has been ordered.	Fayetteville Observer, 11/26/85
1885, Dec 14	1885 Silsby fifth-size steam engine, reg #834, weight 4,500 pounds, was delivered. Placed in service with 1,500 feet of new hose. Operated by the newly organized Chicora Steam Fire Engine Company. Alternate year 1882, from Fred Conway book. Based on news accounts and other information, seems more likely steamer was purchased new.	Legeros Records https://legeros.com/history/nc/steamers.shtml
1886, Jan 9	First fire fought with steamer.	Fayetteville Observer, 1/14/86
1886, Dec 16	Steamer company named Chicora Steam Fire Company by this time. Steamer is named the James D. McNeill.	Fayetteville Observer, 12/16/86
1891, Jan	FFD has about 60 men, partly paid. Apparatus: one new Silsby No. 5 steam fire engine, one hand engine, two hose carts, and about 1,500 feet of hose in good condition. Water from public cisterns and two creeks.	Sanborn
1892	By this time, FFD had one Button “double-brake” engine, not in use.	1892 NCSFA proceedings.

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1893	New water system was installed with hydrants capable of supplying hose streams. Steamer was placed in reserve and two one-horse hose wagon companies were placed in service, No. 1 and No. 2, staffed by 24 members of the steamer company. The rest of the company was “held in reserve” to answer any call for the steamer beyond the reach of city hydrants.	Legeros Records Fayetteville Observer, July 16, 1903
1896, by	Engine house opened at 502 Green Street. Opened by January 1896. Closed by 1908.	
1896, Jan	FFD located in a two-story building at 502 Green Street. With 30 volunteers including the Chief. They were paid a dollar for each alarm answered. Apparatus was the Silsby steamer and three hand reels. Their equipment 1500 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose in "good order", 400 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose in reserve, "shut off" nozzles and Siamese couplings. Total 6 triple and 45 double hydrants. Alarm by tell.	Sanborn
1897	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1900	Fayetteville Fire Company formed, primarily from junior [younger?] members of the Chicora fire company. This “branch of the department” manned both hose wagons. The remaining Chicora members, or “engine men,” were in reserve “and subject to the instant call of the chief.”	Fayetteville Observer, July 16, 1900.
1901, Jan	FFD with same Sanborn description as 1896, but with 7 triple and 47 double hydrants.	Sanborn
1903, May	James S. McNeill elected Fire Chief. Son of James D. McNeill, longtime former fire chief.	Fayetteville Observer, July 16, 1903.
1906, Oct	New engine house opens at 123 Gillespie Street. Housed both fire and police departments. Purpose-built, cost about \$5,000. By 1914, the building also housed City Hall. In 1942, police and other city offices relocated to the corner of Bow and Green Streets. Prior to opening, the steamer was parked at the Market House.	Fayetteville Observer, Oct 18, 1906

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1908, Apr	FFD located in a two-story combination fire and police station at 123 Gillespie Street. There were 25 volunteers including the Chief, plus two permanent drivers. Apparatus: Silsby steamer, with two one-horse hose wagons each equipped with 500 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose. Plus three hand reels were in reserve. There were two permanent horses. The fire alarm was a bell in the town square. Each fireman also had a telephone alarm at home. Two drivers slept in the steamer house. Total 7 triple and 53 double hydrants.	Sanborn
1912	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1913, May	First motorized apparatus. Seagrave combination hose wagon (40 gallons), painted white with solid tires. Cost \$5400. Delivered by May 7, 1913.	Fayetteville Index, May 7, 1913.
1913, Aug	Colored reel team participates at state convention of colored FFs in Concord, takes second place in Running Reel Race.	Fayetteville Observer, 8/27/13
1914, Jan	FFD had 24 volunteers including a Chief and assistant, plus 12 "colored men" for a hook and ladder company. One driver and one chauffeur fully paid. One permanent horse, and two horses for hook and ladder truck that, also used for the street sprinkler. Apparatus: Seagrave combination chemical hose truck (40 gallons), Silsby steam engine, two one-horse hose wagons, hook and ladder wagon, and two hose reels. Total 7 triple and 69 double hydrants.	Sanborn
1914, by	Hose houses located in two places: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 303 Davis Alley in Haymount • Split of Persons and River Streets in Campbellton. 	
1917	Apparatus added: 1917 ALF pumper, 750 GPM. Purchased with trade for Seagrave pumper.	
1920	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1920	Apparatus added: 1920 ALF Type 75 shipped January 19, 1920 (#2813)	Peckham Database

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1923, Mar	FFD had 30 volunteers, Chief, two Drivers, and one Chemical Man fully paid, one Asst. Chief party paid. Apparatus: ALF triple combination (750/40), Seagrave combination hose truck (40 gallon chemical tank), and Silsby steamer in reserve. Plus ALF triple combination (750/40) to arrive by May 1. Alarm by telephone at each fireman's home and bell at market house. "Wildcat" siren to be installed May 1. Total 151 double and triple hydrants. Another 87 new triple hydrants pending.	Sanborn
1923, Dec 5	Apparatus added: 1923 ALF Type 75 pumper (750 GPM), shipped December 5, 1923 (#4258)	Peckham Database
1926?	Apparatus added: 1926 ALF pumper (750 GPM) .	
1926?	Apparatus added: 1926 Seagrave pumper.	
1929	1920 ALF pumper Type 75 (#2813) rebuilt and shipped again March 21, 1929.	Peckham Database
1929, Dec 21	LODD, Luther Horne, died after a wall collapse at an abandoned building on Hay Street.	
1930, Jun	FFD had 24 men, including a partly paid Chief and two paid drivers. One driver was on duty at all times. One fire station at City Hall on Gillespie Street. Apparatus was a Seagrave triple combination (750/40) and two ALF triple combinations (750/40). Department fully motorized. Alarm reported by telephone to fire department, which activated siren. Fire Chief also called by telephone at night. No fire alarm boxes. Hydrants totaled 182.	Sanborn
1939/40/41	Apparatus added: 1939/41 Chevrolet ladder truck	
1940/41	Apparatus added: 1940/41 Seagrave pumper (1000 GPM).	
1941, Sep 13	Station 2 opened at 101 Olive Road in Haymount community. Until 1964, the south side of the structure served as the Fire Chief's residence.	
1943/44	Apparatus added: 1943/44 Ford/ALF pumper (500/150)	

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1945	Apparatus added: 1945 Ford/ALF pumper (500/200). Reg #F-2138, shipped May 24, 1945.	Peckham Database
1945	By this time the city only employed five full-time fire department personnel; all others remained volunteer.	
1945, Jul 1	Civil Service Commission created by General Assembly.	NBFU, May 1953
1946	Gamewell fire alarm equipment installed. [Was this an upgrade? Or initial installation?]	NBFU, May 1953
1947	Land for new Central Fire Station on Bow Street purchased.	
1947, Aug 1	Full-paid department starts, with two platoons. Firefighters are placed under civil service protection.	NBFU, May 1953; FFD web
1947	<p>The President of the North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fireman’s Association sent letter to Wilbur Clark, Chairman of the Fire Committee, on behalf of the black volunteer firemen. He/they sought information and advice on the “new set up” for the city’s firemen. Most had served the city for as many as 25 years and were eager to continue their service, and asked that they be placed on the “emergency roll” if the city thought it “necessary to have one.”</p> <p>As a result of the letter, the black fire company was given \$150 annually to continue training. Records of the company’s subsequent activities are TBD.</p>	EBF
1947/48	Apparatus added: 1947/48 Ford/ALF pumper (500/200).	
1948	Station 3 opened at 1314 Hillsboro Street.	
1948	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1949, Sep 9	<p>New Central Fire Station at 55 Bow Street.</p> <p>Old Gillespie Street station purchased and renovated and served as Worth Business College. It’s later razed for the Franklin Street Extension when the new county courthouse was built.</p>	

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1949?	Apparatus added: 1949 Studebaker pumper, 500/610. Called a booster truck in the 1953 NBFU report, which says it was usually sent to building fires in the county. Housed at Sta 1.	NBFU
1950, by	Ambulance added, a LaSalle equipped with first aid and medical equipment, boat, and outboard motor.	Sanborn, Feb. 1950
1950	FFD has one chief, two assistant chiefs, ten lieutenants, one lieutenant mechanic, and thirty men. Three fire stations.	Sanborn, Feb. 1950
1950	Apparatus added: 1950 ALF 100-foot aerial truck, reg #9204. Shipped May 26, 1950.	Peckham Database
1950, Oct 15	Carl Addison Cain appointed Fire Chief.	
1950s, early	First aerial ladder company activated. Four person company in service by May 1953. Perhaps added upon delivery of 1950 ALF aerial?	
1952?	Apparatus added: 1952 ALF pumper (750/250) .	
1952	First training tower erected, 500 block of N. Eastern Boulevard.	
1953, May	Department has 49 members, includes chief, two asst. chiefs, 10 lieutenants, lieutenant mechanic, 2 dispatchers, fire prev. inspector, and 32 firemen. Members work two-platoon system, average 84 hours a week. Four engine companies (E1, E2 at Sta 1, E3 at Sta 2, E4 at Sta 3), one ladder company, at three stations. Four people assigned to each.	NBFU, May 1953
1957	Apparatus added: 1957 ALF pumper, reg #9462, shipped Mar 22, 1957.	Peckham Database
1959, Jul 18	LODD, William Capps, died after touching a high-voltage power line while installing a fire alarm line on Morganton Road in a residential area.	
1960	Station 4 opened at 406 Stamper Road.	
1962	Station 5 opened 3296 Village Drive.	

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1965?	Apparatus added: 1965 ALF aerial ladder delivered.	MJL
1975	New Station 3 opened at 3225 Rosehill Road. Dedicated Nov 23, 1975. Fire Chief received key to new station on July 28, 1975.	CCM, July 28, 1975 CCM, Nov 24, 1975
1976	Station 6 opened at 4439 Cliffdale Road.	
197_	Annex built at Central Fire Station to house alarm system.	
1973, Feb	Council approves \$14,234.41 low bid from Murphy Manufacturing Company for a rescue unit, subject to approval of Governor's Highway Safety Program.	CCM, Feb 12, 1973
1973, May	Council heard City Manager on a request apparently initiated by the volunteer fire departments of Cumberland County, for the approval of a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement. This would legally allow the volunteer fire departments of Cumberland County to assist the City of Fayetteville, and the City of Fayetteville assist the Cumberland County volunteer fire departments. Fire Chief Bishop sees no problem with this proposal and recommends that Council consider it. Following brief discussion, Mr. Plummer offered motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the City of Fayetteville enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Cumberland County Volunteer Fire Departments by the adoption of a resolution, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are authorized and directed to sign said agreement for the City. Motion carried unanimously.	City Council minutes, May 14, 1973
1973/74	First responder units placed in service, Mobile 8 and Mobile 9 at Stations 1 and 4, respectively. Later changed to Fire Medic and housed at Stations 1, 3, 4, 5. Later changed to Squads. Units later eliminated, with all engines answering EMS calls. City Council, November 13, 1979, discusses finding for purchase of a "modular rescue unit"	Oral history
1974	Third shift created, personnel total increased to 156.	FFD web
1974, Jan 28	Council accepts bid for \$75,891 from Walter Motor Truck Company for new ARFF vehicle.	CCM, Jan 28, 1974
1974	New ARFF unit, 1971 [correct?] Walters, 1000/1500/200.	Pete Brock
1974, Feb 25	Bid awarded for \$48,764 for ALF pumper, painted red instead of lime yellow.	CCM

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1974, Apr 22	Bid awarded for construction of airport fire station.	CCM, Apr 22, 1974
1974, Dec 19	First battalion chief added.	Oral history, Duke Piner.
1975?	New ARFF unit, 1975 Oshkosh M1500 (military P4 counterpart), 1200/1500/180	Pete Brock
1975, Apr 14	Council next gave consideration to the award of a bid for a Modular Ambulance for the Fayetteville Fire Dept. The City Manager stated that bids had been received for such ambulance and the low bid meeting specifications was submitted by Southern Ambulance Company in the amount of \$18,102.70 and is the bid recommended by the Fire Chief and the Purchasing Agent. Following brief discussion, Councilman Kelly offered motion to accept the low bid of Southern Ambulance Company in the amount of \$18,102.70 for the Modular Ambulance as recommended subject to the approval of the Governor's Highway Safety program. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Beard and carried unanimously.	CCM, Apr 14, 1975
1975, Oct 7	Council approves \$7,031.63 for a cab and chassis, for a proposed patrol vehicle that FFD "had developed and designed a vehicle that would cover all functions of the company safety officer, that is it can be used for police patrol, for fire protection and as a quick response for emergency medical service. The vehicle will have a crew cab, first aid supplies and a water pump and tank."	CCM
1975, Nov 10	Council approved \$6,000 for installing a Cummings engine in a pumper.	CCM
1976, Sep	council next gave consideration to a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a request for Federal matching grants for the purchase of a Rescue Ambulance vehicle for the Fire Dept. Acting City Manager Thomas presented this matter and stated that the adoption of the resolution states that under the terms of public law 89-564 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Dept. of Transportation through the N.C. Governors Highway Safety Program to make federal grants to assist local governments in the improvement of highway safety and that the filing of this application resolution would make the city eligible for federal funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the application. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO	CCM, Sep 13, 1976
1975/76	Combined fire/police program started. One vehicle assigned, four-door light truck with a high utility body and a small pump and booster line. Painted half red (top) and half blue (bottom), with red and blue lights. The unit was placed on patrol, like a police car. There was not, however, a city-wide public safety program.	CCM, Oct 7, 1975 Oral histories
1977, Sep 12	Council approved bid \$73,606 for ALF pumper.	CCM

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1977, Sep 26	Council approved bid \$42,124.43 for reconditioning 1962 pumper, including installation of a new diesel engine, new transmission, new air brake system, new power steering system, complete rebuild of the pump and reconditioning and repainting of the body.	CCM
1978, Aug	Council approves \$153,521.84 bid for two Mack pumpers.	CCM, Aug 28, 1978
1978, Sep 25	<p>Bids received for remodeling Station 1.</p> <p>From July 10 meeting: The City Manager presented this matter and stated that a \$50,000. appropriation had been approved in the fiscal year 77/78 Budget for renovation-storage and administrative offices for the Fire Department in the Central Fire Station. Engineer John Rose had begun the initial drawings and had found Central Fire Station building to be in bad shape with walls out of plumb and floors sagging. Engineer Rose had called in a structural engineer to examine the building and the engineer had confirmed that the problems did exist and would require a sum of \$10,034. for the structural engineering cost of which \$700. is the engineer's fee and \$1,100. for contingency and cost to restore the building to structural soundness is \$8,234. The City Manager recommended an allocation from contingency in the amount of \$10,034. to add to the original \$50,000 allocation for this renovation. The renovation would be to the left and rear of the existing Central Fire Station and would consist of a storage room and administrative offices.</p>	CCM
1978, Dec 11	Council approves \$54,432 for rebuilding and reconditioning one 1963 ALF pumper.	CCM, Dec 11, 1978
1978, Nov 13	Bid approved \$218,102 for aerial platform.	CCM
1980 [?]	First articulating platform, 1980 Oshkosh/Pierce 85-foot Snorkel.	
1982, Jun	<p>Consideration of bids received for the purchase of a fire and rescue UHF radio system. Council recognized Mr. Al Jordan, Director of the Administrative Services Department, who presented this matter and stated that the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, the Purchasing Supervisor, the City Manager and himself recommended that this bid be awarded to Motorola for their low bid of \$204,052. Council recognized Mr. Dan Street of the General Electric Corporation with comments on his bid and the G. E. equipment. Mr. Street recommended that City Council refer this matter to a committee for study. Mr. Jordan was again recognized with comments. In response to questions from the Council, he stated that G.E. provides more memory in their system and Motorola provides less. He stated that G. E. does not provide management outside the area. There was then considerable discussion of the bid. Following this discussion, Mr. McBryde offered motion to follow the recommendation of the City Manager and all others and accept the low bid of Motorola Corporation</p>	CCM, Jun 28, 1982
1982, Sep 13	Bid approved for rebuilding ALF pumper.	CCM
1982, Nov 22	<p>Consideration of award of bid for modular ambulance unit. The recommended action was to award the bid to Emergency Vehicle Services, Inc. The City Manager presented this item and stated that the low bidder Ashley Ambulance Service of Jefferson, North Carolina did not submit all of the required documents to meet bid specifications which included the letter of certification with notice of compliance and product liability insurance. Therefore we recommend that the award of this bid be made to the second low bidder Emergency Vehicle Service, Inc. of Greenville, North Carolina in the amount of \$35,997.50. Following brief discussion Mrs. Evans offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to follow the foregoing recommendation of the staff and accept the bid.</p>	CCM

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1983, May	Fire Chief Thurman Bishop suffers a heart attack while jogging on his lunch break downtown and dies at the hospital three days later.	Tar Heel Firefighter, May 1983 Death certificate
1985, circa	Haz-mat unit added.	Oral history
1986, Feb 17	Bid awarded for ARFF vehicle, FAA paying 90 percent.	CCM, Feb 17, 1986
1986, Nov 3	Bid awarded \$128,338 to Quality Manufacturing Company for a pumper.	CCM
1986/87	New ARFF unit, 1986 Emergency One "Titan III" 1250/1500/180, plus 450 pounds powder	Pete Brock
1988, Feb 22	Council approves funds to purchase new rescue truck for Station 7. Money reallocated for funding of lease payments on a ladder truck, which would not arrive until next fiscal year.	CCM, Feb 22, 1986
1988, Apr 5	Contract awarded \$25,025 to Harold's Sales and Service of Marietta, Georgia for conversion of a pumper to pumper-tanker, to accommodate not only the existing area but also future annexed areas that might not have fire hydrants.	CCM
1988, Mar 28	Bid awarded \$288,949.00 to Emergency Apparatus Inc. for aerial ladder.	CCM
1988, Aug?	Station 7 opened at 301 Stacy Weaver Drive. Open house held on Sunday after August 25, 1988. Cost about \$285. Staffed with seven people, four on engine and three cross-staffing a rescue and ladder truck.	Fayetteville Observer, Aug 25, 1988.
1988, Sep 19	Apparatus notes: Bid awarded for E-One ARFF vehicle, \$259,572. Purchased (mostly?) using funds from FAA grant. Surplus approval for 1977 Chevrolet/C-30 rescue unit CS337BI55379	CCM, Sep 19, 1988
1989, Jan	New 1989? E-One Protector aerial ladder, 110-foot, delivered. Assigned to Station 7.	Fayetteville Observer, Jan 16, 1989.
1989	New ARFF unit, 1989 Emergency One "Titan III" 1250/1500/180, plus 450 pounds powder	Pete Brock

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1989	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1989, Mar 22	Duke J. "Pete" Piner appointed Fire Chief, following term as interim.	Fayetteville Observer, Mar 23, 1989.
1989, Sep 15	<p>Flood disaster. Two children drowned.</p> <p>City Manager Smith reported there were a number of City employees involved in various operations. Approximately 60 of duty Fire Department personnel were called in along with police officers and detectives. Approximately 100 City employees from Environmental Services, Street Maintenance and Sanitation called in that worked through the night. Traffic Services had approximately 12 people called in and Engineering had several people working through the night and on through Saturday. Twelve Transit employees were called in to operate buses to transfer evacuees. Most of the City's top management team was in the Operations Center through most of the night. The dollar cost for personnel involved was approximately \$49,000.00 at this point. PWC also had approximately 100 people out through the night at an estimated cost of approximately \$20,000.00. Mr. Smith reported we also had to call in assistance from other agencies such as County Volunteer Fire Departments that were asked to stand by to man City fire stations where we had equipment deployed. From the beginning of the storm until about 4 a.m. the City Emergency Center received some 324 flood related assistance calls. At first light on Saturday morning, search teams were put together consisting of police officers, fire fighters, police K-9 units, and divers. Also through Emergency Management and the assistance of Search and Rescue Specialists from the State Emergency Management Office, approximately 350 people were evacuated. Evacuation centers were set up at the National Guard Armory, Fayetteville State University Auditorium, John Wesley Church on Cumberland Street, and approximately 15 people were situated in the Central Fire Station through most of the night. Mr. Smith stated that a very preliminary estimate of the damage and loss to City buildings, equipment, supplies, and bridges at about \$470,000.00. PWC estimated about \$250,000.00. He went on to say that he heard the rainfall was as high as 8.25 inches in a three-hour period. Also there were three private dams to collapse. There have been two emergency numbers set up for those who need assistance to use on a 24-hour basis. At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Smith stated that the wheels are in motion to apply for assistance every way possible.</p>	<p>City council minutes, Sep 18</p> <p>USGS report, https://pubs.usgs.gov/wri/1992/4097/report.pdf</p>
1990, Jul 2	Bid awarded \$191,711.00 to C. W. Williams & Company for lease contract purchase of pumper.	CCM
1991, Aug 26	Apparatus sold, 1957 ALF to Cooper's of Fayetteville, \$425.00	CCM, Jan 21, 1992
1991, Sep 30	Council affirms grant agreement with federal government for building regional ARFF training facility and rehab of 1500 gallons ARFF vehicle.	CCM
1991/92	Apparatus note: extensive rehab of 1971 Walters, 1000/1500/200 ARFF unit.	Pete Brock
1991/92	New ARFF unit, 1991 GMC/Emergency One "R200" 250/200/20, plus 450 pounds powder	Pete Brock
1993	ARFF training center built near airport on Doc Bennett Road. Funded mostly by federal grant.	Fayetteville Observer, Oct 6, 1996
1994, Jan 18	Bid awarded for \$247,761.00 to C. W. Williams & Company for lease purchase contract of 1994 E-One pumper.	CCM
1994, Jun 2	Bid awarded for \$ 183,754.00 to C. W. Williams & Company for a lease purchase contract for a fire rescue vehicle.	CCM

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1995	NCSFA conference held in Fayetteville.	
1995, circa	First quint companies. Engine 3 and Engine 5 operated 1995 HME/LTI rear-mounts, 75-foot, originally spec'ed for High Point FD. Both companies changed to pumpers circa 2000.	Oral history.
1996, Feb?	Haz-mat regional response team activated at Station 7. Operates tractor-drawn haz-mat truck received in November 1995.	Fayetteville Observer, Feb 4, 1996
1996, Feb 20	Bid awarded for \$273,859.84 to Slagle's Fire Equipment for a pumper.	CCM
1998?	New ARFF unit, 1998 Emergency One "Titan III" 1250/1500/180, plus 450 pounds powder On June 29, 2000, council received report that project completed of acquiring new ARFF unit. Project cost \$319,769.00.	Pete Brock.
1998, May	New Station 1 opened at 609 Person Street. Housed Engine 1, Engine 11, Truck 1, Squad 1, and Battalion 1. The old station was purchased by a church and demolished about a year later. Dedicated Saturday before June 7, 1998.	Fayetteville Observer, May 17, Jun 7, 1998
1998, Jun	Station 9 at 5091 Sante Fe Drive opened after the Bonnie Doone FD disbanded, after the city absorbed more than eighty percent of its district. Its assets were transferred to the FFD including four engines, a 1993 Pierce 100-foot aerial platform quint, one rescue, and one air truck. Discussions of transferring BDFD assets happened as early as November 1988, when city council passed a joint resolution for The Planning of the Orderly and Staged Transfer of Assets and Resources of the Bonnie Doone Fire District and Fire Department to the City of Fayetteville and Fayetteville Fire Department.	MJL City Council minutes, Nov 7, 1988
1998, circa [1995?]	Station 10 opened at the airport. The airport FD either merged or had its assets transferred to FFD.	
1999, July 12	Council awarded bid \$815,949.74 to Central States Fire Apparatus for three pumpers.	CCM

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2000, Aug?	Station 8 opened at 1116 71st School Road. Dedicated August 5, 2000.	Fayetteville Observer, Aug 6, 2000
2000, Mar 17	LODD, David Sharp, ejected from the 1993 Pierce aerial tower he was driving, after it was struck by a train, while returning from an automatic fire alarm. He was the lone occupant of the apparatus.	
2000, Mar 17	Apparatus note: 1993 Pierce aerial platform destroyed.	
2000, Apr 3	<p>Council approved sales of surplus apparatus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul McLamb for a 1957 American LaFrance Pumper Ladder, Vin # 9462, for \$1,157.57 • Jackie Lee for a 1965 American LaFrance Ladder Truck, Vin # 61-9997, for \$500.00 • H.B.S. Enterprises for a 1962 American LaFrance Pumper, Vin # 618819, for \$635.00; • H.B.S. Enterprises for a 1963 American LaFrance Pumper, Vin # 6-1-9197, for \$635.00. 	CCM
2001	James Hall appointed Fire Chief.	Fayetteville Observer, Oct 4, 2003.
2002	History room opened at Station 2. Many of the items were donated by James Kyle, the last surviving FFD volunteer member. He died on August 2, 2002, at age 79.	MJL
2004, Feb?	<p>New Station 5 opened at 3040 Boone Trail Extension, one block from old station.</p> <p>A commercial developer provided both the land and the \$1 million building in exchange for the station lot. Upon completion of the new facility, old Station 5 was demolished and a drug store was constructed on the site.</p>	Fayetteville Observer, Jan 12, 2004.
2004, Jul 8	City adds about 27 square miles and about 42,000 residents through annexation.	Fayetteville Observer, Jul 9, 2004

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2004, Jun 30	Third battalion added, to expand span of control with annexations of western areas. Personnel increased from 216 to 302.	FFD web
2004, Jul 8	Station 11 opened at 7690 Raeford Road , after annexation and the merger of Lake Rim FD with FFD. LRFD had thirteen full-time employees. Built erected in 1992.	Fayetteville Observer, Jul 9, 2004 County tax records
2004, Jul 8	Station 12 opened at 307 Hope Mills Road , after annexation of the remaining area of the LaFayette Village FD. The departments merged and LVFD assets were transferred to the city, including most of their paid staff. LVFD had eleven full-time employees. Building erected in 1996.	Fayetteville Observer, Jul 9, 2004 County tax records
2004, Jul 8	Station 17 opened at 6701 Bailey Lake Road , also former LaFayette Village FD. Building erected in 2001.	County tax records
2004, Sep _	Benjamin Nichols appointed Fire Chief.	Fayetteville Observer, Oct 3, 2004
2005, Dec?	Station 14 opened at 632 Langdon Street . Cost \$3.5M. Dedicated Tuesday on/before November 2. Facility constructed with space for both city FFs and students at FSU, part of a new fire program.	Fayetteville Observer, Nov 23, 2008.
2005	EM position added.	
2006?	Station 15 opened on Buhmann Road . Temporary facility, added to serve newly annexed areas. On the Friday after Sep 27, 2005, the city annexed 27 square miles and more than 42,000 people.	Fayetteville Observer, Sep 27, 2005.
2007, circa	Last year training tower was used.	
2008, Apr 4	New Station 15 opened at 8434 Cliffdale Road . Construction of the \$2.6M, 10,000 square-foot fire station took approximately fourteen months.	MJL
2009	Engine 19 activated at Station 1.	Oral history

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2009, Aug 14	New Station 19 opened at 522 Andrews Road , in temporary quarters on the property of Howard Hall Elementary School. Modular building with a separate garage building for Engine 19, a 1996 Pierce pumper.	MJL
201_	Squad companies again placed in service, at Stations 1, 3, 5, 9.	
2010FY	Mobile computer terminals implemented.	
2011	Benjamin Major appointed Fire Chief.	Fayetteville Observer, Mar 1, 2019
2011, Aug	Accreditation status achieved.	
2012, Mar 29	New Station 19 opened at 3841 Walsh Parkway.	MJL
2012, July	Training tower property deeded to the adjoining Cape Fear Botanical Gardens.	
2012	Merger of city/county CAD.	
2014?	New ARFF unit, 2014 Oshkosh Striker 1500, ?/1500/210, plus 500 pounds powder.	Pete Brock
2014, Jan	Haz-mat reorganized for greater coverage, Station 1 and Station 17.	
2014, July	Fire and EM administration moved from City Hall to Station 14.	
2015	AVL installed in all apparatus by this time.	Fayetteville Observer, Nov 14, 2015
2015, Apr	ISO Class 1 achieved.	
2016	New Station 16 opened at 1126 Cedar Creek Road. Temporary quarters in Former EMS building. Modifications to the property included adding a metal building for housing the engine.	Oral history. County tax records.
2018, May	New Station 12 opened at 911 Hope Mills Road. Cost \$3,240,675. Dedicated Thursday after May 28, 2018.	Fayetteville Observer, May 28, Jun 1, 2018.

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2019, Mar	Mike Hill appointed interim Fire Chief.	Fayetteville Observer, Mar 3, 2019.
2022, Aug 30	Groundbreaking for new Station 4 at 4210 Bragg Boulevard.	