

PTI Airport Fire Department + Guilford County Fire-Rescue Fleet Research



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Crash/Fire/Rescue Apparatus

Make/Model/Year	Specs	Notes	
1940s pumper	550 gallons	Likely former Army Class 135, which were equipped with a 60 GPM/350PSI high-pressure pump, 300 water, 20 foam. With possible CO2 system added, see cylinder in photo. Sources: Fire Trucks at War on Facebook and firetrucks-atwar.com/C.html	
1940s Willys Jeep/Ansul	300# dry-chem	Likely equipped with an Ansul J2-340 package, which included a 300-pound dry-chemical station unit for mounting on a truck chassis, two 50-foot lengths of 3/4-inch hose, two HF-35 nozzles, two hose cabinets, and two Ansul 20-D extinguishers with mounting brackets. Source: https://cj3b.info/Fire/AnsulCJ3B.html	




1965 Dodge Power Wagon/Ansul	500# dry-chem	<p>Dry-chemical system with two hand lines. Also cited as equipped to pump 600 GPM of foam, likely incorrect.</p> <p>Top photo: Greensboro Daily News, June 12, 1965.</p> <p>Bottom photo: Scott Mattson Collection.</p>	 
1966 American LaFrance Airport Chief	500/1500/300	<p>Smokey 1.</p> <p>ALF reg #8-1-990.¹</p> <p>Top photo: Hose & Nozzle magazine, May-June 1966.</p> <p>Bottom photo: Greensboro Daily News, May 1, 1966, colorized.</p>	





¹ Only six of these trucks were built for Cedar Rapids, Greensboro-High Point, Nassau, Pittsburgh, Puerto Rico, and Seattle-Tacoma. Built on 4x4 chassis. Lightweight aluminum construction. Rear-mounted Continental 300 HP engine.

			
Military surplus tanker	1000 gallons	<p>Bought as surplus from Seymour Johnson AFB. In service by April 4, 1972.</p> <p>Top photo: Greensboro Record, April 4, 1972.</p> <p>Bottom photo: Station and apparatus in 1975.</p>	 


Military surplus tanker	1500/6000/500	<p>Built by firefighters from military surplus tractor and trailers.²</p> <p>Photo from Guilford County annual report, 1971-72.</p>	
Military surplus vehicle		<p>Disaster unit.</p> <p>Built in 1974 by firefighters using a 2.5 Army surplus field van.</p> <p>Top photo: Greensboro Record, March 4, 1974.</p> <p>Bottom photo: Station and apparatus in 1975.</p>	 

² Tank trailer(s) purchased as surplus from Seymour Johnson AFB by April 4, 1972. Converted to runway foaming trailer by firefighters. By November 22, 1972, the unit was nearly complete, with the trailer only needing emergency lights. Source: Greensboro Record, November 22, 1972.

<p>1971? Dodge/shop lighting unit</p>		<p>From photos, it appears to have had two iterations, with a body-length box that was later shortened to a half-flatbed.</p> <p>From the Greensboro Daily News, 5/8/76, it was built by firemen using the chassis of old Dodge ambulance. It carried a military surplus generator and floodlights, some of which were also military surplus. Plus a cascade system for refilling air bottles.</p> <p>Later painted yellow, the unit also pulled a spill control trailer.</p> <p>Top photo: 1975 annual report of county fire departments.</p> <p>Bottom photo: Scott Mattson Collection.</p>	
<p>1975 Oshkosh M1500 - 1 of 2</p>	<p>1100/150/180</p>	<p>Smokey 2.</p> <p>Two identical units delivered.</p> <p>Photo from Richard Adelman Collection.</p>	
<p>1975 Oshkosh M1500 - 2 of 2</p>	<p>1100/150/180</p>	<p>Smokey 3.</p> <p>Pete Brock photo.</p>	



1987 Ford/E-One R-500	750/500/70/450# PKP. .	Smokey 1. Alt. capacity for dry chemical 90#. Retired circa 2002. Disposed to Shiloh FD in Rockingham County Pete Brock photo, 2001.	
1992 E-One Titan III – 1 of 2	1500/1500/180	Smokey 2. Two identical units delivered. Reserve unit by 2025. Pete Brock photo.	
1992 E-One Titan III – 2 of 2	1500/1500/180	Smokey 3. Reserve unit by 2025. Pete Brock photo, 2001.	
1999 Ford/Warner/Triangle TAU	350/250/15	Smokey 5, Smokey 9 Skid system later removed, replaced with fuel tank and pump. Pete Brock photo, 2004. Mike Legeros photo, 2025.	

			
2002 International 4800/KME	750/500/70B/500 # PKP	Smokey 1. Andrew Messer photo, 2016. Retired circa 2023. Sold to Company 2 in 2023.	
2007 E-One Titan HPR	1500/1500/200B/ 500# PKP	Smokey 4. Mike Legeros photo, 2025.	
200_/1993 E-One Titan	1500/3000/300B/ 500# dry chem	Smokey 7. Refurbished in 200_. Andrew Messer photo, 2015.	
2009 Oshkosh Striker 1500	1250/1500/200B/ 500# Halotron/ 50-foot.	Smokey 3. Mike Legeros photo, 2025.	




2023 Ford F-550/Oshkosh Stinger Q4	250/300/40/500#	<p>Smokey 1.</p> <p>Delivered May 2024. Placed in service June 2024.</p> <p>Mike Legeros photo, 2025.</p>	
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Leased Apparatus from Company Two Fire

Beginning around 2022, the airport started leasing 3000-gallon (FAA Class 5) crash trucks from Company Two Fire in Varinville, SC. The delivered vehicle was designated Smokey 8. The specific vehicle was based on what CTF had available at the time. And if Smokey 8 had a mechanical problem, it was replaced with another vehicle delivered by CTF. They were added to augment the reserve fleet, due to vehicles out of service due to extended maintenance. They also allowed the airport to increase to an Index E as needed by special requests for charter flights or presidential visits. The leased vehicles have included:

19?? Oshkosh T-3000	_____/3000/____/____	<p>Smokey 8.</p> <p>Returned in/around November 2024 due to mechanical problems.</p>	
1998 Oshkosh T-3000	1950/3000/420/500# plus ____-foot Snozzle.	<p>Smokey 8</p> <p>Ex-Omaha Airport Authority at Eppley Airfield, Unit 11.</p> <p>Alt. model year 1996.</p> <p>Added November 2024.</p>	





Early Guilford County Fire Support Vehicles




1958 Chevy tanker		Oil spill control unit. Obtained circa 1977-78 (?), as part of oil spill response team.	
1960s (?) Dodge lighting unit and spill control trailer		Mattson Collection photo.	
1962 International/Boyertown heavy rescue with walk-in body		<p>Former Civil Defense rescue truck, operated by Greensboro FD as city-county rescue unit. Delivered fall 1962.^{3 4}</p> <p>Mattson Collection photo.</p>	

³ See Legeros research on Greensboro and Guilford County rescue squad and ambulance history.

⁴ See Legeros fleet research on Greensboro Fire Department.

Later Guilford County Fire Support Vehicles

<p>1969 Ford C600/Reading heavy rescue with walk-in body.</p>	<p>Former Guilford College Squad 17. Likely placed in service in 1988, when the county haz-mat team was created.</p> <p>Top: David Raynor photo, 2008.</p> <p>Bottom: Photo credit TBD, from pre-GCFD.</p>	 
<p>1990s (?) GMC TopKick/Hackney (?) haz-mat truck.</p>	<p>David Raynor photo, 2002.</p>	
<p>2005 (?) Chevy E350 Super Duty.</p>	<p>Squad 50. Replaced in 200_ by a 2007 Sterling/ Wolverine. Unit was and renamed Rescue 50. Later placed in service as the first Squad 250.</p> <p>David Raynor photo, 2005.</p>	

2007 Sterling/Wolverine medium rescue.	Rescue 50. Andrew Messer photo, 2015.	
2007 Sterling/Hackney.	Haz-Mat 70. Delivered March 2008. ⁵ Mike Legeros photo, 2016.	
2016 Ford F-550/Northwestern Emergency Vehicles	Squad 250. Andrew Messer photo.	

Sources

See this web page, <https://legeros.com/history/stories/pti-airport>

⁵ From oral history.