

Durham County Volunteer Firefighter's Association



This house-burning provided two days of good training for Durham County's volunteer fire departments. The house, scheduled for demolition to make way for new construction, was donated to the Firefighters Association.

Durham, North Carolina

Summer 1988

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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This department began its existence on April 21, 1980. Richard J. Sauer was appointed by the Durham County Board of Commissioners to serve in the capacity of Fire Marshal for Durham County. Since that time this office has increased from one to six people.

It is the responsibility of this office to provide fire protection and rescue services to all residents of Durham County who are living outside the city limits of Durham. The Fire Marshal's Office coordinates the provision of fire protection service, including fire prevention and fire investigations. This office assists all the volunteer fire departments when needed, in coordinating the activities of their fire department and county rescue services. It also serves as a resource agency for the fire departments.

The Fire Marshal's Office does all inspections for fire protection in daycares, rest homes, foster care of children, businesses, home/businesses, all the public and private schools, and summer care facilities. This office also provides fire education and safety programs in the schools, businesses, and civic groups.

This office works very closely with architects and contractors

in plans review and building site inspections to insure that fire safety is always first in new construction and that the fire code is enforced.

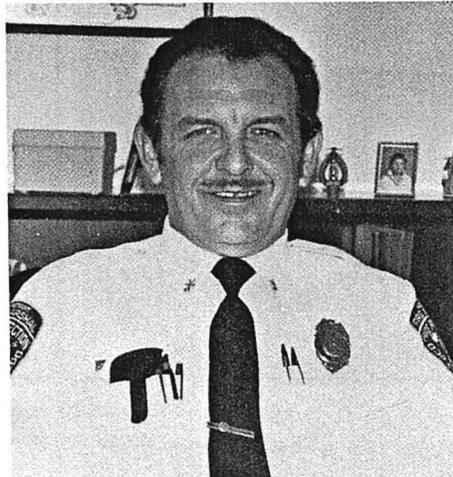
When the North Carolina Hazardous Chemical Right to Know Act came into being, this office began to acquire data from the businesses that stored chemicals on site. Also have implemented SARA into their workload.

Even though this office has come a long way since its beginning, it still has many goals that it would like to achieve. Some of these are: being able to get into the schools more to teach the children the importance of fire safety and implement the Learn Not To Burn Program, increase fire prevention programs to various groups and businesses to reduce injury, loss of life and property to County residents, to be a better resource agent to the Volunteer Fire Departments who serve Durham County, to establish adequate fire protection and rescue services for Durham County, and to expand fire inspections to all businesses in the county. Our motto is "What Burns Never Returns!"

DURHAM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL STAFF



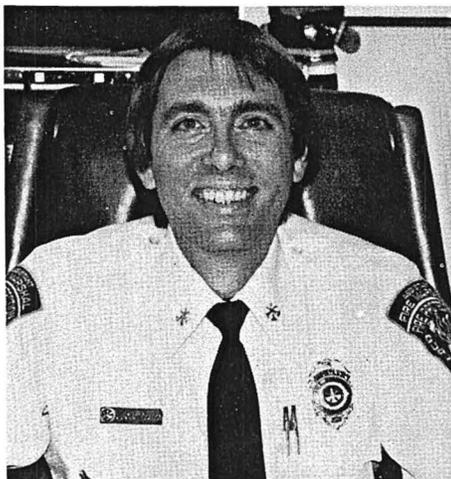
Richard J. Sauer
Fire Marshal



Henry T. Hopkins
Assistant Fire Marshal
Fire Inspector/Construction
Fire Investigator



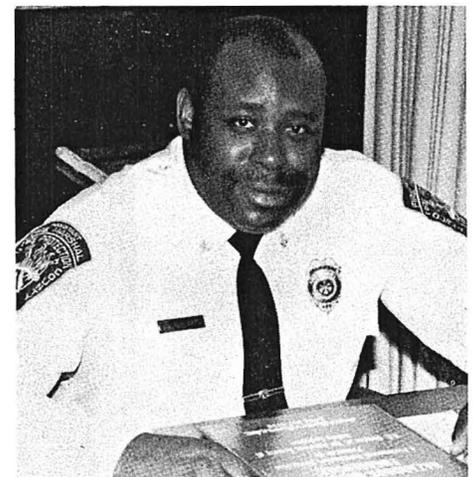
Phillip W. Bunn
Assistant Fire Marshal
Fire Inspector/Education
Fire Investigator



E. Charles Ottaway
Assistant Fire Marshal
Hazardous Chemicals



Peggy R. Rhodes
Senior
Secretary



Kenneth E. Crews
Assistant Fire Marshal
Hazardous Chemicals

THE FIRE SERVICE IS A PROUD AND SERIOUS PROFESSION

**HELP US
HELP YOU**



**WHAT
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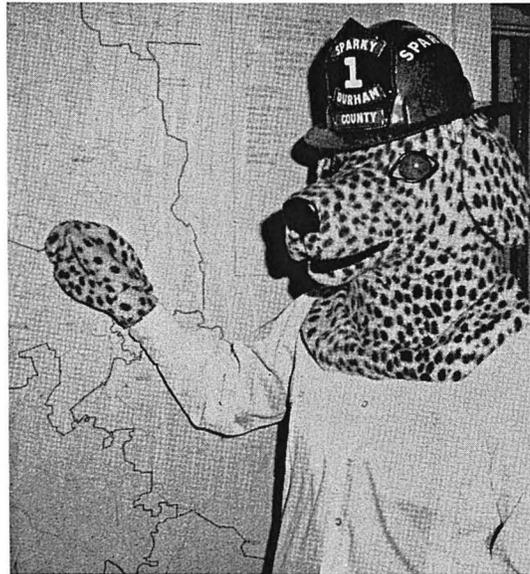
PREVENTION

RESCUE

PROTECTION

KNOWLEDGE

**EMERGENCY
SERVICE**



**"SPARKY"
Fire Educator**

EDUCATION

ARSON

INSPECTIONS

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

INVESTIGATIONS



HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

DURHAM COUNTY FOREST RANGERS

Forest Ranger, William (Bill) Colville

Assistant Ranger, Wayne Williams

BASIC FUNCTIONS

Fire Control

- A. Prepare and implement the Fire Prevention Program for Durham County.
- B. Prepare and implement the Fire Control Training Program for Durham County.
- C. Prepare and implement a plan for the control of all forest fires in the County.
- D. Maintain all Fire Control equipment in proper working order.

Law Enforcement

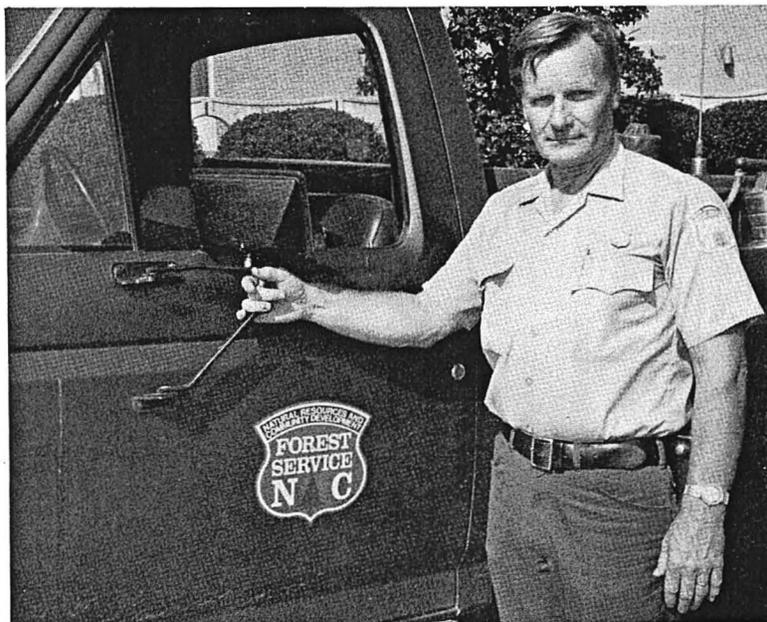
- A. Investigate all forest fires.
- B. Determine all responsible persons where possible.
- C. Prosecute where indicated.

Forest Management

- A. Prepare and implement a Forestry Plan for all as requested.
- B. Assist where possible in the sale of timber and the proper cutting of this timber.
- C. Mark all stands of timber where indicated to improve the efficiency of the forest.
- D. In addition assist in proper management of all private forestland as requested.
- E. Make a Forest Examination
 1. Forest management practices needed.
- F. Prepare a Forestry Prescription.
 1. Tree Planting
 2. Timber Harvesting and sale
 3. Timber Stand improvement
- G. Carry out Forestry practices.
 1. Marking timber to be cut
 2. Estimate of volume marked
 3. Names of prospective buyers

Insects and Disease

- A. Identify all insect or disease problems as requested.
- B. Give advice on the proper control of these problems.



William Colville

BAHAMA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On August 10, 1959 Mangum School caught fire after being struck by lightning, burning the classrooms, cafeteria, gym and auditorium. Only the front part of the school survived the fire.

On September, 1960, the Bahama Community gathered together to form a volunteer fire department. The department had 17 active firemen. Captain Earnest Wilkie of the Durham Fire Department supervised in the training of the men. During the first year they answered six fire calls. They operated out of an old car garage which housed one truck they bought from Pepsi-Cola Company and mounted a tank and pump on it. They used the old garage until a new three bay station was built and completed in 1964. Bahama relied totally on donations and suppers to supply the department until 1985 when a fire tax was passed. Also in 1985 a First Responder Rescue Program was put into effect. They answer rescue calls with a unit from Durham County Hospital.

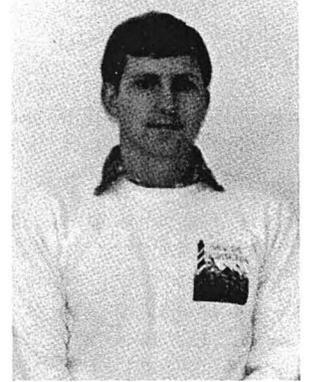
Two additional bays and a meeting room were added to Station 1 over the last year. By mid 1988 Station 2 should be completed. Station 2 will have 4 bays and will have a sub station for the Durham County Sheriff's Department adjoining it. Presently they have six trucks, two pumpers, two tankers, one woods truck and one woods/rescue truck. Bahama presently has 23 active firemen and 19 first responders.



**Chief
Len Needham**



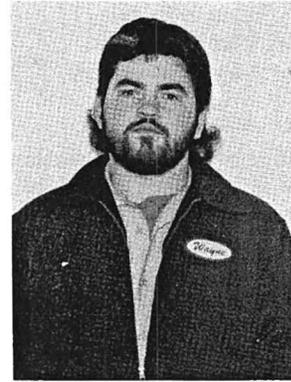
**Assistant Chief
Chuck Hill**



**Assistant Chief
David Weatherspoon**



Left to Right: Captains Martin Terry, Robert Wicker Jr. and Keith Motley.



**Lieutenant
Wayne Parrott**





Front Row: Dale Ellis, Harold Bowen, Pam Bowen, Kathy Weatherspoon, David O'Dom.
 Back Row: Robert Baczek, Todd Lane, Len Needham, David Weatherspoon. Not Pictured:
 Martin Terry, Ricky Bowen, Laura Wicker.



Front Row: Johnn Vollers, Charlie Hill. Back Row: Robert Wicker Jr., Danny Drye, Wayne Mangum.



Front Row: Pete Williford, Charles Sanford, Steve Ellis, Chuck Hill, Dale Ellis, Harold Bowen, Robert Baczek,
 Wayne Parrott. Back Row: Robert Bergland, Todd Lane, Tommy Bowen, David Mangum, Len Needham, David
 Weatherspoon, Keith Motley. Not pictured: Ricky Bowen, Martin Terry, Lauren Martin.



Picture of all trucks (left to right): #6, #2, #1, #4, #3, #5).



Bahama 1



Bahama 4



Bahama 5



Bahama 6

HISTORY OF BETHESDA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

On a warm September day in 1963, while a group of community citizens were sitting around by the old Gulf Service Station owned by Marvin Chandler, the subject of Bethesda having a fire department was brought up. All of this talk came from the daily newspaper story of Bahama Fire Department purchasing a fire engine. Quickly the hat was passed around and \$605.00 was donated for the beginning of a fire department that was to be called the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. From these first donations many more outstanding citizens of our community followed in helping to formulate plans and raise the necessary money to get our fire department started.

The Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company was incorporated on December 19, 1963 and the first Board of Directors were named. They were Robert Nichols, Stokes Lawrence, D.T. Bailey, J.F. Ferrell, Robert Edgerton, Drewry Chandler, John Page, Edward Tolley, and J.D. Sandling. A few weeks later officers were chosen with Everette Abernathy being appointed President, a position he held until his death on August 21, 1982. M.R. Stallings was appointed Vice-President and J.D. Sandling Secretary-Treasurer, a position he still holds at this time.

On May 20, 1964 a meeting was held to discuss the leasing of part of the Bethesda Ruritan Club property for use by the fire department. On June 8, 1964 J.M. Utley, Jr. was selected as Fire Chief of the department, a position he held until January 1, 1984. Firemen were then selected as required by the by-laws and the Durham County Fire Commission and were approved by the Board of Directors. These firemen were then trained by Col. B.A. Pittman of the Civil Defense Department and Chief Cosmo Cox, Captains Ernest Wilkie and Joseph Letzing of the Durham Fire Department.

On September 4, 1964 our first fire engine was ordered. It was a 1965 American LaFrance 750 gallon per minute pumper with a 500 gallon water tank. It arrived on January 28, 1965. In September of 1967 our second fire engine was ordered. It was a 1968 American LaFrance 1000 gallon per minute pumper with a 1000 gallon water tank. In the mid 1970's a piece of land was purchased beside our existing fire station. The land was to be the site of our new fire station. Construction began on the new station in February of 1982 and was completed in August of 1983. An open house ceremony for the new station was held on September 11, 1983.

Growth for the fire department was slow until 1982. In the 1982 and 1983 we not only started operating out of our new station, but purchased and received three new fire trucks. One was a Sutphen custom 1500 gallon per minute pumper with a 1000 gallon water tank, the second truck was an Emergency One Quick Attack with a 250 gallon per minute PTO pump with a 260 gallon water tank and the third was an Emergency One Jet Dump Tanker with 1500 gallons of water and a 250 gallon per minute PTO pump.

In September of 1983 we began making plans for the start of our rescue program. The Durham County General Hospital Ambulance Division began training our men to become Emergency Medical Technicians. By March of 1984 we began responding to rescue calls in our fire district as

first responders. In November of 1984 we were franchised as an ambulance provider, and Durham County provided us with a 1978 Ford ambulance to respond with. Also, in the fall of 1984 we received our Sutphen 100+ Aerial Platform with a 1500 gallon per minute pump and 300 gallon water tank. This truck is used to respond to Schools, Churches, two-story houses, and the businesses in the Research Triangle Park.

In April of 1985 land was purchased and construction began on our second fire station located on Leesville Road. Station 2 was completed and an open house was held on May 4, 1986. We are currently operating 2 fire engines and 1 ambulance out of station 2. In May of 1985 we purchased a new Ford diesel ambulance from Frontline Ambulance Company.

In 1986 we ordered our seventh fire engine, it was a Sutphen custom 1500 gallon per minute pumper — tanker with 1000 gallons of water with a jet dump. It arrived in November of 1987.

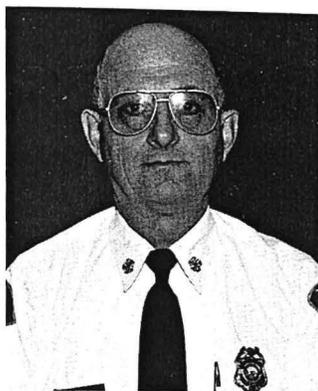
Our current Board of Directors for the fire department are: President — James Carlton, Vice President — Jim Strickland, Secretary Treasurer — J.D. Sandling, members: Walter Ragan, Jimmy Ingram, Doug Pearce, Billy Ross, Marshall Ross, Billy Sparks, Ray Watson, Kenneth Scoggins, and Maurice Stephenson. The Chief of the department is R.H. Ballard.

The fire department is active in fire prevention and provides stand-by emergency medical services for various sporting events and company events in the Research Triangle Park. These activities require a great amount of additional time besides the regular time required for training and responding to calls. Bethesda currently has 43 active firemen, 18 of these men are Emergency Medical Technicians. We have 2 firemen enrolled in EMT courses which requires approximately 100 hours of classroom and practical training. They then have to pass the state test before becoming certified EMTs.

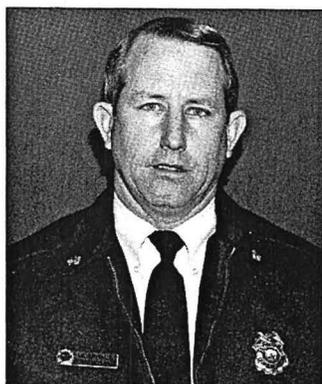
In 1987 we responded to 227 fire calls and 446 rescue calls. All of the time spent on training, answering calls, EMS stand-bys, meetings, maintaining equipment in the best possible condition all equates to less time volunteers have to spend at home, less time for personal activities, more time away from work, and most of all more time away from our loved ones. The Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department has been providing professional, caring fire service to southeast Durham County for 25 years with minimal life and property loss. We also have the lowest fire tax rate in the county at 3 cent per 100 dollars of property value.

The dedication displayed by the firemen and board of directors of Bethesda Fire Department make it one of the best fire departments in the Triangle area. We will continue to strive to provide quality professional fire and rescue services to our community at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers.

OFFICERS OF BETHESDA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



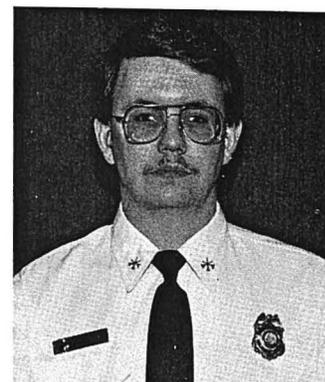
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R.H. Ballard



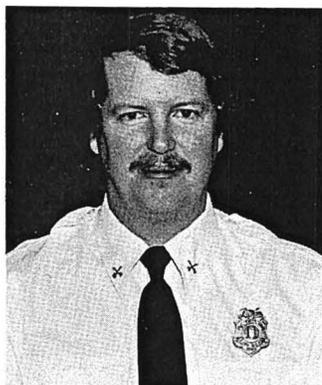
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Preston Burgess



Assistant Chief
Lou Utley



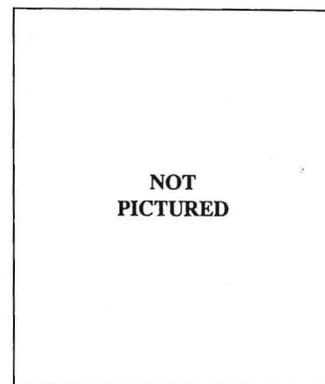
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Ray Watson



Captain
Buddy Harris



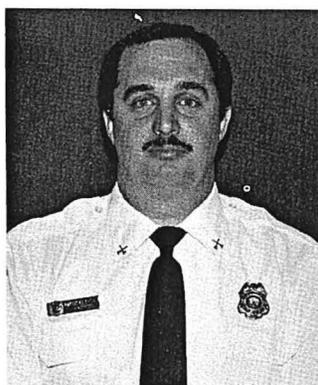
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Tommy Kerr



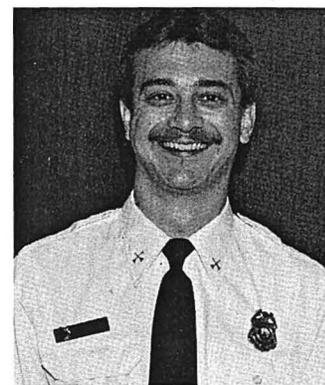
Captain
Jeff Batten



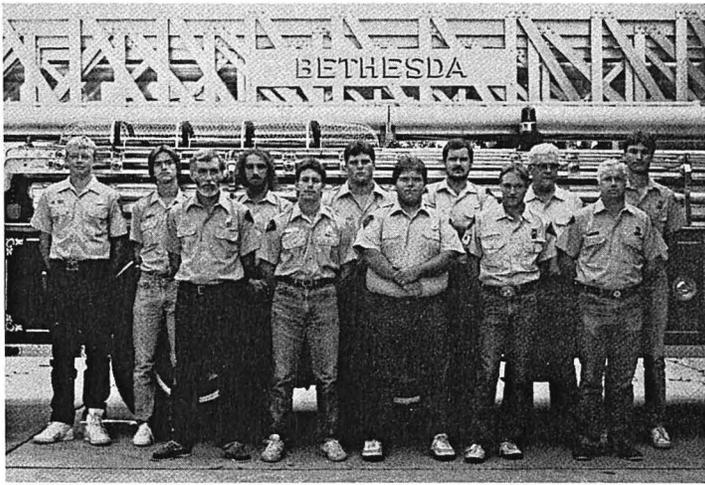
Captain
Pressley Lorbacher



Captain
Marshall Ross



Captain
Roy Stallings



THE FIREMEN

Front Row: Left to right — Jack Carlisle, Paul Tyler, Phil Mitchell, Willard Brantley, Brooks Watson. Back Row: Left to right — Lee Watkins, Rob Saunders, Blue Watson, Todd Wright, Jeff Batten, Quentin Kocher, Doug Carlisle. Not Pictured: Barry Andrews, Richard Blake, Danny George, John George, Forrest Goff, Charles Lee, Jay Kapiko, Joe Layton, Billy Lloyd, Greg McGee, Thomas Minor, Cecil Overcash, C.L. Rich, Mike Thompson, Norman Thompson, Connie Wright.



Bethesda Station 1



Bethesda Station 2



Bethesda Station 1 with Bethesda 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



Bethesda Station 2 with Bethesda 22 and 23.



Bethesda 1



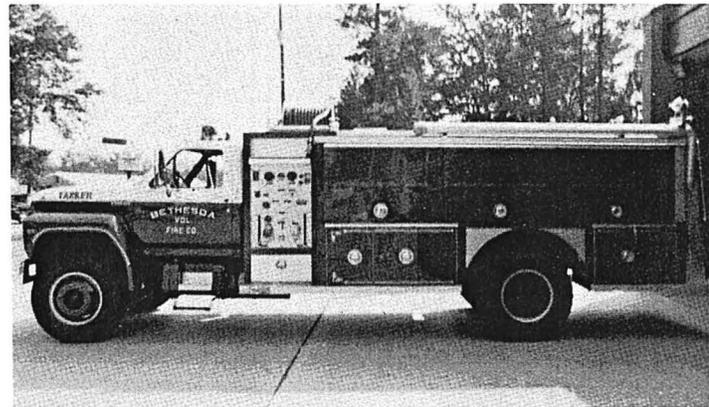
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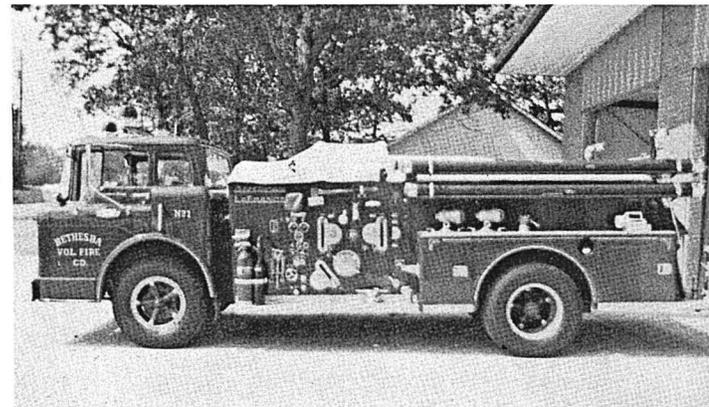
Bethesda 4



Bethesda 5



Bethesda 6



Bethesda 22



Bethesda 23

LEBANON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In February 1971 the first public meeting was held for the organization of Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department. At this meeting the board of directors were elected and the beginning stages of the department began. March 10, 1971 the charter was drawn up by the new board of directors. Dr. George Curtis donated approximately two acres of land on Milton Road where construction of a three bay station with living quarters and training room was begun in August 1971. A 1971 FMC Ford 750 gpm pumper was purchased before completion of the station and housed in a city station. Firemen had already begun training at this time.

On January 16, 1972, Lebanon Fire Department was officially placed in service. In April 1972 the department was certified with a 9AA insurance rating with a three mile response district. A 1960 model Ford beverage truck was purchased and built into a 1200 gallon 450 gpm tanker by the firemen themselves and placed into service in 1974. In 1976 a 1965 Ford F-250 4 wheel drive utility truck was purchased. This was built into a 250 gallon 450 gpm brush truck which responded to woods fires and automobile wrecks.

In 1977 a new Ford 1200 gallon 45 gpm tanker was purchased and put into service in July of that year. The old tanker was sold to a new fire department in the mountains. A 4 wheel drive 1 ton Chevrolet with utility bed, 450 gpm and 200 gallon tank was put into service in July 1979. The old brush truck was auctioned off to the public.

In January 1981 Lebanon saw the need to extend the existing fire district. A federal loan preapplication was made to the FMHA to purchase two additional trucks and add two bays to the existing station. A new Atlas Ford 1000 gallon 1000 gpm pumper and a new Atlas Ford 1200 gallon, 450 gpm tanker with various equipment was purchased and put into service in January 1982. After much petitioning Lebanon started answering calls in the new district which included Willohaven, Heather Glen, Foxrun subdivisions and other outlying areas. Tax evaluation of property in the district started with 28 million in 1971 and grew to 500 million in 1986 consisting mostly of residential homes with a few stores, churches, schools and day care centers. Present fire tax rate is 4 cents on the \$100.00.

Apparatus at this time include a 1985 Emergency One 1000/1000 gallon pumper, 1982 Atlas 1000/1000 gallon pumper, 1982 Atlas 1200 gallon 350 gpm tanker, 1977 FMC 1200 gallon 450 gpm tanker/rescue truck and a 1979 250 gallon 450 gpm brush truck.

Under the leadership of Chief Pete Oliver, thousands of man hours are put in yearly by firemen in training and actual firefighting. Last year the department responded to 245 fire calls and 265 emergency medical calls. The EMS calls are answered by EMT's and First responders who are having a great success in rendering first aid to victims before ambulances from Durham County arrive on the scene.

Fire prevention is a constant project that the Lebanon firemen pride themselves in. By visiting elementary schools and day care centers, the firemen hope to make lasting impressions on even the smallest children in fire safety.

Future plans for the department includes purchasing property to build a second station. Plans also include the installation of several dry hydrants in various water sources around the district. Equipment is always being updated, replacing old with new OSHA regulation equipment, assuring the safety of the fire fighters and the public.

Present Board of Directors include: President, Bill Hall; Vice-President, Travis Clements, Sr.; Secretary, Bobby Horner; Treasurer, Jerey Allen; Dewey Davis, Les Christian, Fred Wilder, Lokey Martin, Floyd Dollar, Joe Eakes, Bill Colville, Frank Parker, Pete Oliver, Doug Wingate and Chris McDonald.

Lebanon Fire Department has been serving the people of Northern Durham County for over 15 years with minimal life and property loss. The Lebanon firemen pride themselves in their dedication and professionalism and will continue to serve the people in the community for years to come.



Front Row: B. Cayton, D. Snook, S. Goss, J. Thompson, D. McLamb, R. Helms. Second Row: T. Falcon, D. Griffin, J. Browning, J. Wall, W. Aiken. Third Row: J. Roberts, K. Alexander, D. Cheek, L. Whitman, K. Marbrey, S. Bragg. Not Pictured: E. Riggs, A. Withrow, B. Owens, B. Poole, T. Wright, R. Keaton, L. Ferrell, R. Crabtree, B. Pleasants, M. Westbrook, B. Gaydou.



STATION NUMBER ONE

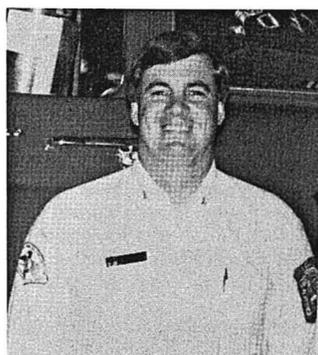


ALL TRUCKS

OFFICERS OF THE LEBANON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief
Chris McDonald



Assistant Chief
Bobby Hunt



Assistant Chief
Doug Wingate



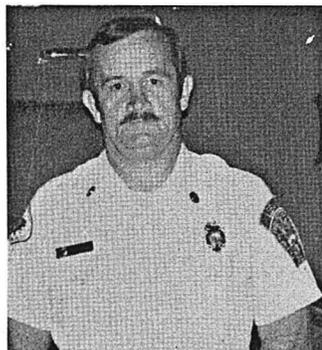
Deputy Chief
Travis Clements



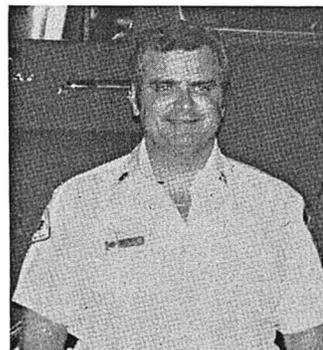
Captain
Stan Parker



Rescue Captain
Kevin Wilson



Lieutenant
Pete Oliver



Lieutenant
Jerry Allen



Lieutenant
David Brogden



Lieutenant
Floyd Dollar

OFFICERS NOT PICTURED: Training Captain Buddy Christian and Captain K. Whitman, Captain Earl Riggs, Captain S. Goss.

THE PARKWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the summer of 1968, a group of concerned citizens organized the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department. They foresaw the need for a Fire Department Rescue Squad to serve the rapidly growing Parkwood subdivision and the neighboring Research Triangle Park. The citizens formed a corporation and on November 8, 1968, Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

The first year of official existence we devoted primarily to start-up, organization, and training. Key Homes, the developer of Parkwood subdivision, donated property for the fire station. The corporation then secured loans enabling a metal building to be constructed and a fire truck to be ordered.

In April of 1969, thirty-five men began the 42 hour basic fire fighting course taught through the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges. Chief Cosmos Cox of the City of Durham Fire Department loaned a reserve pumper for the use of the newly formed department. It was not placed into service due to lack of protection clothing, but on May 7th, twenty-seven of these "rookie" firemen got their first test of fire when Durham requested mutual aid for manpower and its reserve pumper at the Venable Tobacco Company fire in downtown Durham.

On May 14, 1969, we received our first apparatus, a Ward LaFrance 100 gpm Pumper, Engine 966 (presently Parkwood 4). The following day equipment was installed and an acceptance test was performed. The Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department officially went into service on May 16, 1969. Engine 966 responded on May 17th to its first call, a woods fire on Radcliff Circle.

On August 21, 1969, Engine 966 responded to its first rescue call when a fireman's son was run over by a garbage truck. This tragic call pointed out that our plans for a rescue type operation should be implemented immediately. Interested firemen began first aid training through the American Red Cross.

In November, the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau made an official inspection of our department for the purpose of rating our proposed fire district. On January 15, 1970, a three mile Parkwood Fire District was approved with a 9AA rating. October 30, 1969 ended our second year of existence and our first twelve months of operations ended with us having responded to 46 fire calls and eight rescue calls.

As we entered our third year of existence, it became apparent that a tanker truck was needed for the non-hydrant areas of the fire district. Scott Oil Company of Durham donated a 1946 International fuel oil truck capable of carrying 1200 gallons of water. After refurbishing, Tanker 967 (nicknamed Bertha) was placed in service and in January, 1971, we submitted boundaries for a four mile district to the North Carolina Insurance Rating Bureau.

Parkwood and the surrounding area continued to grow and so did the fire department. In the fall of 1971 we purchased a 1951 open cab Mack pumper from the Newton Square Fire Department in Pennsylvania. It was refurbished so as to carry 750 gallons of water. With this addition, "Bertha" had to move outside as there was just barely room for two trucks in our fire station.

The number of first aid and rescue calls continued to grow and the department began searching for a separate vehicle to handle these calls. General Telephone Company was approached as to the possibility of purchasing an old van. Instead GTE graciously donated a 1964 Ford Econoline van and also painted it white for us. The firemen built cabinets and outfitted the van, placing it in service as an ambulance/rescue vehicle in March of 1972.

Two vehicles were now outside in the weather. This was especially troublesome in the winter due to the freezing of water pipes on "Bertha." Since Parkwood was growing faster than the contributions to the department, a method was sought which would provide financial support from everyone in the community. We needed better housing and better equipment in order to serve the community, so a fire tax was considered as a solution to the problem. The firemen campaigned in the winter of 1972 to get support for a referendum. In April of 1973, the Parkwood Fire Tax District was passed (465 for and 33 against).

Planning began in the fall of 1973 on the construction of a new fire station with a bathroom and running water and within the means of the fire tax rate we had promised the community. In January of 1974 we purchased a 1967 Cadillac ambulance from, again, Newton Square in Pennsylvania to replace the converted telephone truck. Also in January, while responding to a working house fire, "Bertha" turned over and was totally destroyed. No one was hurt but this left us without a tanker. We searched and found a 1967 International diesel truck with a capacity for 2500 gallons of water, which was quickly named "Big Bertha." It was refurbished and placed into service in April.

Later in the spring of 1974, Key Homes donated land across the street from our metal building for the construction of a new station. At the same time the Corporation made application to the Farmer's Home Administration for a low interest loan to build a new station and to pay off old debts. In the fall of 1974, our rescue calls were increasing more rapidly than our fire calls and a higher level of service was needed. To meet this need, eight firemen completed the state's new Emergency Medical Technician course.

The next several years was a period of rapid growth for the Parkwood Fire Department. The 1964 rescue truck was donated to the Atlantic Beach Fire Department in February and in October our Farmer's Home Administration loan was approved for the construction of a new station. Ground was broken on November

16, 1975.

In the spring of 1976, a new chassis was ordered for us to build a tanker on and a new modular ambulance was ordered through the Governor's Highway Safety Program with us matching the Federal Funds. The new station was completed and on Wednesday, September 15, 1976, at 2300 hours, operations were moved into the new station. A week later our 1976 GMC tanker (Parkwood 5) was put into service and "Big Bertha" was sold to the Emerald Isle Volunteer Fire Department. In October our new rescue ambulance (Rescue 9) was put into service and we were chosen to use it on standby for President Ford during his visit to the North Carolina State Fair. The new station was dedicated on November 7, 1976.

The late seventies were spent upgrading our equipment in order to keep pace with the needs of our rapidly growing area. In August of 1978, an Emergency One attack pumper with a rescue body mounted on a Chevrolet chassis (Parkwood 3) was placed in service. Our 1951 Mack fire truck was sold to a fireman to make room for a 1978 Ford Emergency One pumper (Parkwood 1) that went into service in September. Our Cadillac ambulance was retired when we received our 1978 Ford van ambulance (Rescue 10/Medic 2) through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

The Parkwood community and surrounding areas, especially Research Triangle Park, grew so rapidly that in October of 1980 the Board of Directors took the position that we will maintain adequate fire protection for the Parkwood Fire District by keeping pace with the growing area. This embarked us on another building campaign during which three more bays and a training room were added to the station. In July of 1982, a Kenworth Emergency One pumper/tanker (Parkwood 2) was placed in service and September saw the introduction of our Kenworth Emergency One pumper/telesquirt (Tower 1).

In July of 1983 the Parkwood West Fire District was established to provide fire protection for the Southwest corner of Durham County. Parkwood Station 2, located on Farrington Road was dedicated on July 16, 1984.

During 1985 and 1986 both the Parkwood Fire District (Station 1) and the Parkwood West Fire District (Station 2) continued to grow adding more responsibility. The area just outside of the Research Triangle Park continues its unbelievable growth. New corporations have opened complexes in the Park and some of the Parkwood West Fire District was lost with voluntary annexation to the City of Durham.

To keep pace with the growth in the Parkwood Fire District, Station 3 was built on Old Page Road in the Nelson community. The station building was completed in late June of 1986 and occupied February 4, 1987. Part of the station is leased to the Durham County Sheriff's Department for its Southern Substation.

In the last couple of years we have added several new trucks to help us keep pace with our districts growing needs. In June of 1987 we placed into service a 1986 Chevy 4x4 Brush Unit. In January 1988 we placed into service a 1987 Duplex Emergency One rescue/pumper (Parkwood 1). We also placed into service in February of 1988 a 1987 Duplex Emergency One pumper/tanker (Parkwood 2).

On August 31, 1987 the City of Durham annexed about 25% of Station 1's fire district. We have in place a five year contract with the city and continue to provide fire protection to this area along with the city.

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1987, the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department responded to 940 alarms; 412 were fire calls, of which 122 were heavy rescue type calls, and 528 were emergency medical service calls. Our roster consists of 52 firefighter's of which 20 are Emergency Medical Technicians (8 of these are intermediate level EMT's and 1 is a Paramedic). During the year, our firefighter's completed over 9,900 man hours of fire department training. This does not include the hours our EMT's and firefighter-rescue specialists spent in training and continuing education.

Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department is the largest, best equipped, and highest rated volunteer fire department in Durham and surrounding counties. We currently have ten fire apparatus, three Medic units, one high pressure respiratory unit, and two support vehicles. Station 1 houses Parkwood 1 — a 1987 Emergency One 1500 gpm Heavy Rescue/Pumper, Parkwood 2 — a 1987 Emergency One 1500 gpm Pumper/Tanker, Parkwood 3 — a 1986 Chevy 4x4 Brush Unit, Parkwood 4 — a 1982 Emergency One 1250 gpm Pumper with 50-foot Telesquirt, Parkwood 5 — a 1976 Atlas 350 gpm Tanker with 1500 gallon jet dump water tank, Parkwood 6 — a 1978 GMC van with a high pressure respiratory air system, Medic 1 — a 1984 Type I Modular Ambulance, and two utility vehicles, a 1985 Chevrolet Suburban and 1972 Ford 4x4 pickup truck. Station 2 houses Parkwood 21 — a 1984 Emergency One 1000 gpm Pumper, Parkwood 22 — a 1984 Emergency One 750 gpm Pumper/Tanker with 1500 gallon jet dump water tank, and Medic 2 — a 1978 Type II van ambulance. Station 3 houses Parkwood 31 — a 1978 Emergency One 1250 gpm Pumper, Parkwood 32 — a 1982 Emergency One 1500 gpm Pumper/Tanker with 1500 gallon jet dump water tank, Parkwood 36 — a 1985 Emergency One 95 foot Aerial Platform with 1500 gpm pump, and Medic 3 — a 1984 Type I Modular ambulance.

The future will likely see many challenges for PVFD, however, the training of personnel and the upgrading of our equipment and skills will continue to be part of our commitment to provide good, sound fire and rescue services for those we serve and protect in southern Durham County.

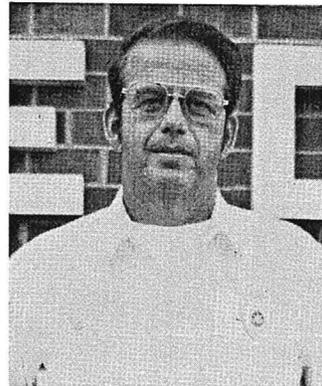
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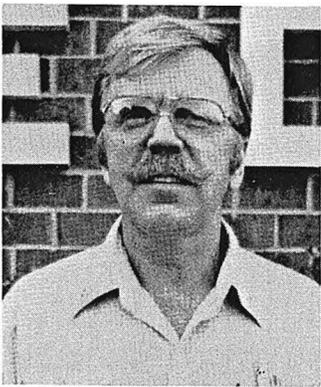
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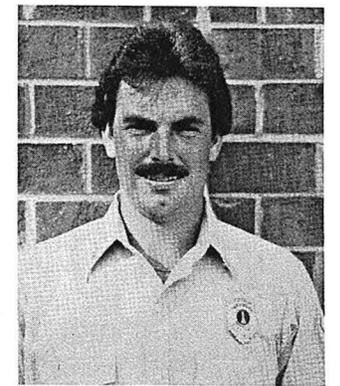
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STATION 1



MEDIC 1



PARKWOOD 1



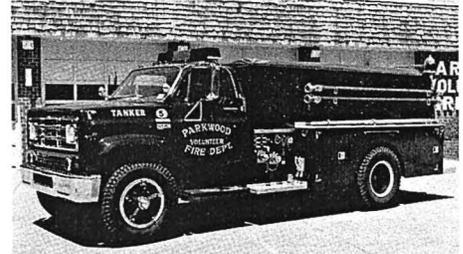
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STATION 2



MEDIC 2



PARKWOOD 21



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STATION 3



MEDIC 3



PARKWOOD 31



PARKWOOD 32



PARKWOOD 36