

# Guilford County Fire Protective Association

ANNUAL YEARBOOK and FIRE SAFETY MANUAL



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# 1981 Memorial Service

On Sunday, May 31, 1981 at 3:00 p.m., a very solemn memorial was conducted at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. This was the third such service conducted in this area. Once again the Guilford County Fire Protective Association, under the direction of the Fire Prevention Committee, hosted fire stations throughout Guilford County, Greensboro, High Point and Jamestown.

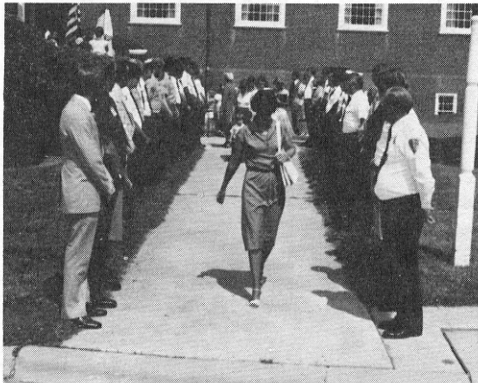
The purpose for this annual gathering is to commemorate the lives of those fire personnel who died the previous year. For that reason and in an effort to draw support from the participating fire personnel, we involved mainly volunteer and professional fire service personnel in our program. What could be more touching than to see some 60 or more fire personnel led by a color guard to the reserved section of the church?

Dr. S. C. Ray Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Roy Thornburg Chaplain for Greensboro Fire Department and Mr. Jerald Starling Chaplain for Guilford County each delivered a welcome and touching devotional, after which the names of our deceased fire personnel were read and a silent prayer offered. This year the service started and ended with vocal music. In front of the pulpit was a Bible, U.S. Flag, a fire hat, coat, and boots, these are to remember those lives now resting, honor those new serving and heighten our sense of service to the community.

We owe a special word of thanks to the local radio stations in Greensboro, and to Channel 12 in Winston-Salem, for the part they played in making our service a success.

Ours are a proud, dedicated and fine group of individuals answering a need. We ask you, the public, the volunteer and the professional to help make this service a tradition; a chance to say thanks for a life well-spent and a job well-done.

Yours for a Safer Tomorrow and a Fire Safe Life.



Guilford County Fire Prevention Committee  
Guilford County Fire Protective Association

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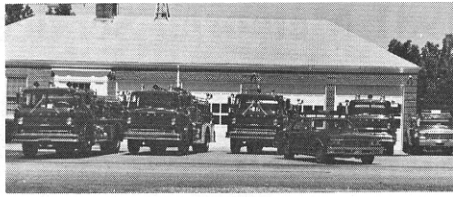
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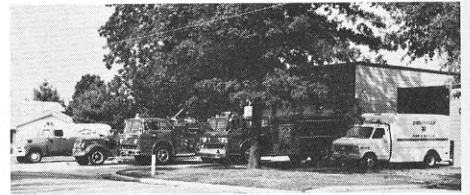
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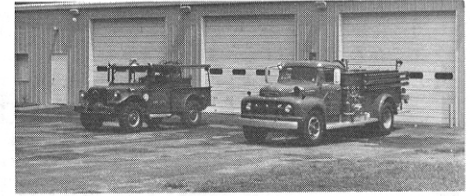
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# Pineroft Sedgefield Fire Department

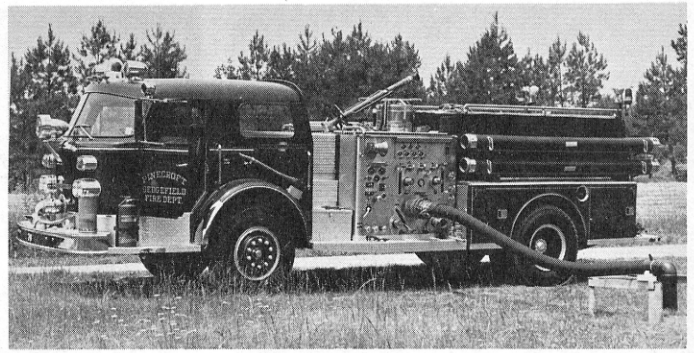
On July 3, 1981, Pineroft Sedgefield Fire Department was notified by the Insurance Services Office of North Carolina that effective August 1, 1981, their fire district's protection category, for insurance purposes, had been improved to "Class 5" from its former "Class 7."

As a result of the new classification, business and homeowners in the district should now be able to save enough on insurance rates to more than cover the 7 percent district fire tax.

In recent year, the department has intensified and upgraded its training programs, purchased a new quick-response fire truck, installed dry hydrants in 23 lakes and 31 of the department's members have received emergency medical training. In the past fiscal year, Pineroft Sedgefield firefighters gave 9,577 man-hours to training. Training records were revised an up-dated. Several firefighters have exceeded the requirements for firefighter II levels in the NFPA 1001 Standards.

Taxable property in the district is valued at \$419 million, not including 36 churches, six schools and the main campus of Guilford Technical Institute. Fire department records show there are 184 businesses in the fire district, including manufacturing plants, restaurants, motels, clubs, stores and the huge Pilot Life Insurance Co. Pre-plans have been made of the businesses in the district, and are maintained annually. Fire prevention programs are carried out in the schools and in homes if requested.

According to Pineroft Sedgefield Fire Chief Simon Bryant, "due to the installation of dry hydrants, there is now a source of water within 1.5 miles of every building in the district." In most instances, hydrants are much closer, however, because the district is close to Greensboro, Jamestown and High Point and has access to 116 hydrants connected to municipal water supplies. All hydrants are maintained and tested regularly.



During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1981, the department answered 664 alarms, of which 337 involved traffic accidents or illness, such as heart attacks. No lives were lost in fires, but property losses were set at \$238,740. However, the fires threatened property valued at \$3,551,760 and the department reported that property saved during 1980-81 was valued at \$3,313,020.

"These people out here have a right to be proud of what they've accomplished through their hard work. The whole county can be proud of them," said Guilford County Emergency Services Director Charles Porter. "This is the best rural fire department rating in the country and, to our knowledge, this is the first fire department, outside of municipalities, in the United States to receive the Class 5 rating," Porter said.

The department had to undergo a rigorous inspection to obtain the new rating. This doesn't mean that the department can sit back on their laurels now. The Insurance Services Office can come back in at any time and check and regrade the department. It takes constant work to stay at the Class 5 rating.

The Pineroft Sedgefield Fire Department's headquarters is on Bishop Road, just off Groometown Road; another station is on Harvey Road, near I-85; a third station is on Mackay Road in Sedgefield and a fourth station is on Burnett's Chapel Road, near Southern Guilford School.

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## Pincroft Sedgefield. . .

The volunteers who man the department's five engine companies, four large tankers, a rescue squad vehicle and the brush-fire fighting truck come from all professions. The volunteers include chemists, ministers, farmers, textile workers, white collar workers, telephone workers, and linemen. Its not unusual to see a janitor and a bank president working side-by-side.

The fire district has the largest volunteer unit in the county with an area of 60 square miles and a population of around 25,000 citizens. The department has nine salaried employees consisting of one chief, one captain, two lieutenants, one sergeant, and 4 firefighters. The department has 80 volunteers from the community.

The fire department was formed in 1952 by 30 volunteers from a 25 square mile area who became concerned about the regular loss of life and property in fire within this area. In its early years, the department used a restored garage for a fire station and had one fire truck. When a fire ocured, six women got on their telephones to summon volunteers.

Today, the fire departments through-out Guilford County are alerted through the Central Communications dispatchers. Each firefighter in Pincroft Sedgefield Fire Department has a monitor in his home and upon receiving a call, can respond directly to the fire scene.

Each station has paid personnel manning the station during the daytime. At night, resident firefighters and volunteers man the stations assuring us of around the clock quick response. The department is usually out of the station in less than one minute, and the average response time last year was three minutes. This is from notification of the call untill arrival on the scene.

The department is proud of the new Class 5 rating, but it does not plan to sit on its laurels. Instead, we plan to work towards improving our operations and by constantly up-dating our departments training program, we feel that we can offer the fire protection our citizens deserve and expect.

## Pleasant Garden Fire Department — Station No. 3

This is the 29th year the Pleasant Garden Fire Department has provided fire protection and emergency services to the Pleasant Garden community. Operating with a force of 33 volunteers, 2 paid firemen, 6 pieces of firefighters apparatus, and 1 command vehicle. The department covers a four mile radius, with the station located in the center of the district.

May 1, 1981 the Pleasant Garden Fire Department was re-classified from a Class 9-AA to a Class 7 rating. The new rating comes after a lot of intense preparation by the members of the fire department. The biggest problem in obtaining a better rating for the county fire department was the water supply within the district. The main help in our new rating comes from the installing of a dry hydrant system, these dry hydrants are spaced throughout the

district. By utilizing our quick-dump tankers along with the dry hydrant in our outlying areas, we greatly reduce the shuttle time for our tankers.

At the present time the department has under construction a training tower, which will enable the firemen for better training for the various fire and rescue calls, there is also a maintenance building for servicing the fire department apparatus that may need repairs.

The Pleasant Garden Firemen has a great feeling of responsibility of providing fire protection to each occupancy in the district, the firemen are always training and keeping up with advance techniques.

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# Alamance Fire Department — Station No. 4

This year marks the 25th anniversary of continuous fire protection for the Alamance Community. On August 25th, 1956, our fire department began with 1 Navy surplus tanker stationed at the old Alamance School Agriculture Building. Today we are still located at the same but vastly improved and updated station on Presbyterian Road. Gone is the old tanker, but in its place are 2 engines, 2 tankers, 1 squad and 1 car, including our newest piece of equipment — a 1980 Howe 1000gpm cab-over engine.

Our roster is made up of 40 firefighters (including three full-time paid firemen) and a very active ladies' auxillary that gives our firefighters support both on and off the fireground.

Our district is continuously adding more structures to protect. At the present time we have 2,700 residences, 11 churches, 4 schools, 1 shopping center and numerous businesses. This area accounted for nearly 33 calls for our station in 1980. In order to serve our district more effectively, both from a protection as well as a financial standpoint, we have installed 14 dry hydrants. As a result of this and other improvements under the leadership of our former chief, Jack Varner, our fire insurance rating is now 7. We are very proud of this accomplishment and under the guidance of our board of directors and our new chief, Enos Smith, we will continue to improve our tradition of efficient and progressive fire service.

## Colfax Volunteer Fire Department

March 10, 1958 at 7:00 p.m. a meeting was held in the Colfax High School to discuss fire protection for the Colfax Community. When the meeting was over there were five charter members: Bill Linville, Bailey Flynt, Dale Marshall, D. R. Talbot and J. W. Frazier.

On June 9, 1958 a meeting was held to discuss the purchase of a new engine and it was decided to go ahead. In August of 1958 the new 500 gallons per minute engine was delivered. It was kept in a tin garage near the crossroads in Colfax. On November 10, 1958 it was decided to build a two bay station on land that was donated to the Fire Department.

In 1968 a second station was opened on Sandy Ridge Road to better serve the community. This station was housed in the Community Building.

Since that night 23 years ago the Colfax Volunteer Fire Department has grown into two stations (a new one built in 1975 on Sandy Ridge Road) 16 and 26, with fifty volunteer firemen, eight junior

firemen and two paid officers. We now have in service three engines (500 gpm, 750 gpm, & 1000 gpm), two tankers (500 gpm, 1000 gpm), mini pumper (250 gpm), brush truck (250 gpm) and a rescue truck.

With a growing number of fire and rescue calls a year our fire fighters are constantly training in new methods. We have around seventy five business ranging from curb markets to paper warehouse to chemical manufacturers.

The future holds unlimited expansion for the fire departments, due to the fast growing of the community and business. We have already set a goal for a better insurance rating. Plus we have already bought land for a new Station 16.

The fire fighters of the Colfax Volunteer Fire Department are proud of our Department and accomplishment. We bow to better service and protect the people and service in our community.

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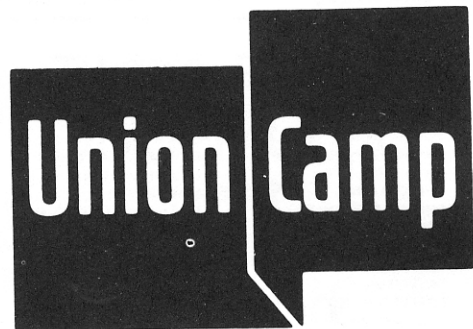
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Additional equipment carried includes an explosion meter, proximity hoods, dome clamps, hatch funnel, with adapters, duck seal, rope stakes, warning signs, handtools, wind socks, various rubber



gloves, acid gloves, ground stakes, hand lights, crash axe, shovels, bolt cutters, pry bar, 30 lbs. dry chemical, 30 lbs. metal — X extinguishes.

## Stokesdale Fire Department — Station No. 12

Where were you 28 years ago??

A small community named Stokesdale was about to embark on one of the most important steps of its future. A committee consisting of James Friddle (Pres.), P. P. Simpson (V.P.), Inez Lemons (Sect.), Paul Southard, Robert Moseley, J. G. Smith, O. L. Preston, Olen Fulp, Fred Preston, J. O. Richardson (Trea.), and Mrs. V. P. Wilson had been formed to start a fire department.

Things went well and a new truck was ordered for delivery in 1953. A small converted Jeep was used until delivery. Upon arrival the shining, 1953 GMC front mount, 500 gpm pumper was parked beside the Stokesdale Esso. By-laws were drawn up and we were in "business." The station has had five Chiefs: Leonard Pegram, Albert Pegram, Henry G. Cook, V. O. Jones and Leon Williams.

In 1956 we moved into a 2-bay, dirt floor station with a cement floored office. This luxury was to serve later as a "holding" jail where deputies would periodically come out and pick up the "bad guys." Later that same year a tanker was put together from a septic tank truck. In 1963 Mr. Eddie Parrish donated an oil tank which was converted to a tanker. 1964 saw the addition of a brush truck converted from an old Army ambulance with an open cab and a gas driven pump mounted at the rear.

We found it necessary to make an addition to the station in 1966 to house a new 1966 American LaFrance 750 gpm, F-800. In 1972 our present tanker was placed into service. The 1200 gallon, 750 gpm, on-line foam, and deluge set made this "fast-dump" cab-over Howe one of the most efficient in the county.

## Fire District 13

Fire District 13 was organized in 1949 by a hand full of people who saw a need for fire protection. The district received its charter on May 1, 1950 and started with a garage behind Southern Webbing Mill on Lees Chapel Road. In the late 50's early 60's the district saw a need to become insurance rated. After considerable work, 2 stations were added, Station 5 on Hicone Road and Station 8 on Church Street. It was not until 1967 that Station 13 was built and we moved out of the garage we began in during 1950. Equipment had to be purchased to go into the new stations. Each would house an engine and tanker. In addition, station 13 would also house a brush truck. Radio communications were added and volunteers were sought to man the equipment and protect the community. After 7 years of hard work we received an insurance rating of 9-9AA.

In the 70's the district began to grow with industrial development and urbanization. Along with the changes came the need to update

The station grew again in 1973 by adding a modern meeting room, kitchen, bunk room, and office. This was necessary due to bay space needed to house rescue boats added by virtue of the Duke Power lake construction. We took delivery of a squad truck in 1975 to serve as a multi-purpose squad and rescue unit. The same year we ordered a Pierce Mini-Pumper which came in 1976 and it became our Brush Truck. Our latest major addition came in mid 1978 with the purchase of a 1977 Pierce 1000 gpm, 750 gallon capacity pumper. About this same time a separate storage building was added to our physical plant (now housing the boats). We have since added a Chief's car.

We have devoted a considerable amount of time to Fire Prevention in the District and County. Our roster consists of 42 active positions of which 10 are Cadets. We also spent an effort in past years to assure quality emergency medical care to our community through the state affiliated Emergency Medical Technician program and cooperation with the county EMS system.

Our future plans include accomplishing a better insurance rating for our district and a new physical plant.

Obviously we are quite proud of our equipment and personnel. However, our most important asset is the people in our community. Without the active support of our tireless citizens, our task would be a hopeless endeavor!

We hold the fondest memories and highest esteem for those gone before. A daily regard come to those of us currently involved and the future offers a wealth of opportunities.

The personnel of the Stokesdale Fire Department want to thank all who have made ours a bright history.

our equipment. We replaced old equipment and added rescue squads to our stations. The 1980's have brought about more changes, new development and growth. We saw a need to serve our community better and in 1980 we applied for a new insurance rating from ISO. In February 1981 we received a class 7 rating, which lowered the insurance premium rates to those living in our district.

Our volunteers now number 65, and we have two paid men, which is a far cry from the original 12 or so men who started the district back in 1949. We cover an area that borders the City of Greensboro on the northeast side of the county. We train every Thursday night and the men put in several thousand hours a year in training and calls. In addition to the regular firemen, we have an active associate firemen program for young people age 15½-18 years. We also have an active ladies auxiliary that supports us anytime. Remember fire safety is everyone's responsibility.