

FIREFIGHTER

The History of Firefighting
in Randolph County



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Included in this special section is a brief summary of the makeup and history of each of Randolph County's 19 fire departments, including pictures of each of its 29 stations.

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□ A 1923 American LaFrance, 750 gallons per minute (GPM) pump, chain driven. Cost: Around \$12,000. Asheboro's first pumper. **Courtesy of Asheboro Fire Department.**

□ A 1947 Dodge D-300 manufactured by General Fire company with a 500 GPM pump and 500-gallon tank. **Courtesy of Randleman Fire Department.**

□ A 1961 Ford F-750 manufactured by W.S. Darley Fire Equipment Company with a 500 GPM champion pump and a 750 gallon tank. The truck is still in service. **Courtesy of Farmer Volunteer Fire Department.**

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Fire Prevention Week: A good time to prepare home

Debbie Dornbush
Special to The Courier-Tribune

Legend has it that the great Chicago Fire of 1871 was started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern. Whether the story of the fire's origin is true or not, it devastated Chicago with countless lives and property lost. National Fire Prevention week was started as a sort of memorial to the fire and to remind all of us of just how deadly fire can be.

Every year, nationwide, thousands of lives are lost and millions of dollars worth of property is destroyed. In 1992, Randolph County suffered an unusually high number of fatalities. Five people died that year due to fire. While that doesn't seem like a large number, county fire inspector Terry Gardner says that some years the county has gone without any fatalities at all.

Randolph County is served by 19 fire departments, including the Asheboro City Department, and 600 firefighters. Most of the county firefighters are volunteers.

But Gardner doesn't believe that fact diminishes their effectiveness. "It's the same — everything. The volunteers do everything the paid firefighters do, except get paid. You've got basically paid professionals and volunteer professionals."

While there is no special "season" for fires, the first real cold snap of the year usually brings a lot of calls to the fire departments.

"Usually people haven't checked their chimneys for stuff like bird nests before they start a fire," Gardner said. "People have had chimney fires up in the attic burning and wouldn't realize what was happening because they were in another part of the house."

Gardner recommends that a chimney sweep check and clean a chimney before a stove or fireplace is fired up. "Heaters nowadays burn wood slower and create more of a creosote

buildup. It's like clogging up the arteries of the heart."

Although fires can be caused by a natural occurrence, such as lightning, Gardner claims most fires are caused by carelessness. "Someone might be cooking and leave a pot on the stove and when they come back their kitchen's on fire. Leaving irons on has caused fires. Usually when an appliance is involved in a fire, it's not the fault of the appliance, but the carelessness of the operator." Smoking and cigarettes also cause a lot of fires.

One very important piece of equipment that can save lives and that no home should be without is a smoke detector. By detecting a fire in its earliest stages, a smoke detector can give enough warning to a home's occupants for them to get out.

"We have a program: If you don't have a smoke detector and can't afford one, or if you're over 60, we can put one up for free," said Gardner.

Gardner also issued a warning about smoke detectors.

"Smoke detectors work if you keep fresh batteries in them," he said. "Change the batteries every 6 months. Also pick a day during the year to check the detector and check it each year on that day. If you have an electrically powered smoke detector, get a battery powered detector in case the electricity goes off."

Gardner added that stickers can be provided to put on a home to let firefighters know if you have a small child or an invalid in your home. 911 stickers are also available to put on telephones.

Each year lives and property are destroyed due to fires that for the most part could have been prevented. Putting up smoke detectors and knowing what to do in your home to prevent fires could save your family from a tragic loss.

As Gardner noted, "Awareness is the key to good fire safety."



Station 13 — Located at 222 Westside Circle.



Station 16 — Located at 3141 Painfield Rd.

Westside Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.

Present chief

Larry Kearns

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	4
Lieutenant.....	0
Driver/Engineer.....	21
Firefighter I.....	NA
Firefighter II.....	NA
Firefighter III.....	NA
EMT.....	5
Others.....	EMT-D-13
District Chief.....	NA
First Responders.....	11

Current list of equipment

- 2 1992 Ford F350 Brush Trucks
- 2 1992 Ford F350 Rescue Trucks
- 1 1984 Ford Pumper/Tanker
- 1 1980 Ford Tanker

- 1 1977 Ford Pumper
- 1 1974 International Tanker
- 1 1980 Utility Truck
- 1 1963 Pumper

Name of Board Members

President — Alice Dawson; **Vice President** — Ray Schoeberly; **Secretary** — Greg Stewart; **Treasurer** — Mamie Maness; **Director** — David Hamilton; **Director** — Charles Reeder; **Director** — Dale Stainback; **Director** — Bill McAnulty; **Director** — David McCracken

Brief summary of your department's activities

The department is working to put on a paid man who will be working on pre-incident surveys and box alarms. Additional water points around the district will be needed to lower the rating from 5/95. This project will help to lower the homeowners insurance

premiums. We are working on a new tanker for the department to replace the 1974 tanker. By the end of this year, most of the personnel will be certified to Firefighter III.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

Clarence Ennis — firefighter

Reason for forming the Department

Need for fire protection out of the city limits.

First station location, type of structure

225 Westside Circle, brick structure

List of those fallen in the line of duty

Dale Dorsett, March 13, 1976



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Station 1 — Located at 401 S. Church Street.



Station 2 — Located at 2105 N. Fayetteville Street.

Asheboro Fire Department

Present chief
J.W. Smith II

Brief written history of the department

Organized in 1911, the Asheboro Hose Company was an all volunteer fire department. The equipment these volunteers had was purchased mainly from the donations of the members themselves. The Asheboro Hose Company was so named for the method used at that time for extinguishing fires. Their equipment consisted of hose wound around the center of a two wheeled cart that was pulled by the firemen. The hose was unwound at the fire and connected directly to a fire hydrant.

This method of carrying hose continued until a Ford Fire Truck was purchased by the town of Asheboro around 1914, a major step because the truck was motorized and could carry a greater amount of hose, along with nozzles, axes and firemen. The minutes book from a 1915 Council meeting directed the Fire Chief not to allow more than four persons on the Fire Truck at any one time.

The old Ford Fire Truck was sold as surplus property in October, 1918, to make way for Asheboro's second fire truck, a Republic Chemical Fire Truck. That truck cost \$2,675 and was able to extinguish small fires by means of an onboard chemical (soda/acid) fire extinguisher which held several gallons. The new device also allowed water to be put on the fire quicker, while a hydrant connection was being made to supply the fire hose (hand lines).

Also in 1918, Clarence Rush, a City Councilman and volunteer fireman, was elected Asheboro's second Fire Chief at a Fire Department meeting to succeed Sulton B. Stedman, whose resignation was necessitated by sickness.

A severe drought in 1914 forced Asheboro to partially abandon deep wells as a water source and built the first usable reservoir, Lake Ross. Another drought in 1925 severely hampered fire fighting as water had to be brought by train from High Point. This forced the building of Lake McCrary.

The practice of fighting fire directly off of hydrant pressure ended in 1923 when a new 750 GPM American LaFrance pumper arrived gave Asheboro its first fire truck with a pump at a cost of \$12,000.

The two-bay fire station at that time stood on the North end of the lot that is now occupied by City Hall and remained home to Asheboro Volunteer Fire Department until 1939, when major changes directly and

indirectly affected the fire service. The Water Department was moved from 146 N. Church St., to the west end of Winslow Ave., where a new 1.5 million gallon capacity treatment plant was built. Also in 1939, construction of Asheboro City Hall was completed on the same site from where the Water Department moved. The old two-bay wooden structure used to house the fire truck was torn down during the construction because the "new" fire station was added to the north end of the City Hall building.

A brass pole extended from the apparatus bay to the second floor sleeping and kitchen quarters and when an alarm came in, the firemen would slide down the pole, rather than use the stairs, to save time. The in-ground water storage tank, behind City Hall, which was no longer needed, was outfitted with a door and used as a garage to store fire equipment. The "Round House," as it is called, is still used for equipment and vehicle storage today. In 1939, when the Asheboro Fire Department moved into City Hall, the department's status changed from "all volunteer" to "part-paid." Chief Rush and two firemen were added to the town's payroll.

A 600 GPM Mack Pumper, a substandard Class "B" pumper costing \$7,217, was added in 1940. This was Asheboro Fire Department's first line pumper for 10 years until it was replaced in 1950 by the purchase of a Class "A" 750 GPM American LaFrance Pumper for \$17,083.

Rush died in October, 1961, after 43 years as Chief of Asheboro Fire Department. On Dec. 19 that year, John A. McGlohon, a six-year veteran firefighter and a volunteer from 1948-55, was sworn in as Chief.

An 80-foot Ward LaFrance Aerial platform known as a Snorkel was brought on line in 1966 for the price of \$61,959. Asheboro was the second city in the state to have an aerial platform unit.

Until 1967, the Asheboro Fire Department had always responded to fires in outlying areas around the city and sometimes in other towns. No volunteer fire districts existed that provided fire protection to areas of Randolph County that bordered the City of Asheboro. Due to increased pressure from city taxpayers, the City Council decided that other parts of the county would have to furnish their own fire protection and no longer could depend on the Asheboro Fire Department to leave the city limits. By 1968 East Side, Westside and Ulah had all formed volunteer fire departments.

In 1970, the City of Asheboro formed a merger with North Asheboro/Central Falls

Sanitary District. North Asheboro/Central Falls had a volunteer fire department at the time with a 1962 750 GPM American LaFrance pumper. Wade Lawrence served as chief. The North Asheboro/Central Falls Fire Department was dissolved with the merger and the new district became known simply as North Asheboro. Many of the volunteers with North Asheboro-Central Falls stayed on the active list of volunteers with the City of Asheboro.

From 1970-72, firemen from Asheboro Fire Department manned a substation in the North Asheboro District. A freestanding metal building was erected on Hinshaw Street to house the fire truck and a small house was rented next to it for the firemen's quarters.

Plans were made in 1970-71 to build a permanent fire station in North Asheboro and because of a lack of space in the old City Hall Fire Station, plans were also made for a new fire station downtown. In April 1971, the City received its first diesel powered, automatic transmission fire truck, a 1,000 GPM Ward LaFrance pumper. Bids were let and construction began on Station 1 and Station 2. On Jan. 5, 1972, Fire Station 1 at 401 S. Church St., was occupied, and a few days later Fire Station 2 at 2105 N. Fayetteville St.

By updating equipment through the years, Asheboro's fire rating has remained a #4. In 1974, a Dodge Brush Truck was purchased for fighting woods and grass fires. In 1977, a 1,250 GPM Ward LaFrance Pumper was bought for \$76,171. In 1981, the Fire Department bought a 1,250 GPM Mack Pumper for \$98,350. In 1985, a 1,250 GPM Grumman Pumper was purchased for \$126,000. All are necessary to maintain a lower fire insurance premium for the citizens.

McGlohon retired in December, 1985, after 24 as Fire Chief. On Dec. 19, 1985, James W. Smith II was sworn in as the fourth fire chief.

In 1991, the dispatchers at Station 1 were moved to a new County Emergency Operations Center. The new Telecommunications Center dispatches all of the County Volunteer Fire Departments as well as the Asheboro Fire Department and Asheboro Police Department.

At present, Asheboro Fire Department has 33 line personnel, two Fire Inspectors, a Fire Marshal, a Training Officer, a chief and a secretary.

While reading this, I hope you will reflect back to 1911 when all of this began. To all the members who have served so proudly, you will not be forgotten.



Station 35 — Located on Highway 62 East.



Station 42 — Located on Mack Lineberry Road.

Climax Volunteer Fire Department

Present chief
Billy D. Fields

(750 GPM)
'88 Ford car

covered by a fire department.

Number and ranks of firefighters:

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	3
Captains.....	6
Lieutenant.....	0
Firefighter I.....	0
Firefighter II.....	30
Firefighter III.....	0
EMT.....	22
Others..... EMT-D.....	18
Safety Officers.....	2
Total:	53 firemen

Name of Board Members:

Chairman — Doug Curtis; **Vice chairman** — Jack Younts; **Secretary** — Tammy Smith; **Treasurer** — Carolyn Berry; Lowell Suggs, Sam Routh, Terry Swain, Cindy Fields, Pete McNeil

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

James Beason, 1971
L.W. (Buddy) Reddick, 1972-90

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

1939 American LaFrance Engine
1950 Ford Tanker (old oil truck)

First station location, type of structure

Old grocery store (M.L. Allred and Son Grocery) at intersection of Old Climax Road and Mantle Road in Climax.

Brief written history of the department

First fire call, Nov. 25, 1971, at the residence of Paul Pankey on Hwy 22. It was a house fire, the result of an overheated flue.

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

None.

Current list of equipment:

There have been various pieces of used equipment during the years.

- Present equipment:
'72 Dodge Squad truck
'75 GMC squad truck
International brush truck
'65 Chevrolet 1500 gallon tanker
'76 Ford Pumper (1,000 GPM)
'79 Ford Tanker (1,000 GPM and 1,000 gallon water)
'81 Ford Engines
'81 Ford Tanker — 1,000 gallon water

Brief summary of your department's activities:

Tuesday nights — training. Sunday duty — rotation by members. Ball team participates annually in Shrine Tournament. In December, firemen and families meet for Christmas supper with prizes and entertainment. Fireman of the Year trophy is presented.

August — annual meeting; 5, 10, 15, 20 year pins are presented. Annual financial report, fire department calls, training, etc., are reported. Refreshments are served.

Auxiliary, consisting of both men and women, participate in yard sales, suppers, auctions and other projects.

Reason for forming the Department:

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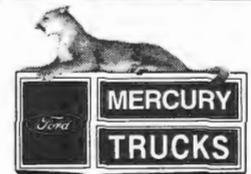
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911

Emergency services now in one operation

Debbie Dornbush
Special to The Courier-Tribune

On March 17, 1993, at 9:11 a.m., an event occurred that has affected the lives of Randolph County residents. That was the day the 911 Emergency Services began operation.

The 911 service was made possible by a law passed by the N.C. Legislature. The law enabled local government boards to enact a special surcharge on phone bills to pay for the service.

911 combines all emergency services into one operation. With one call, a resident can immediately request the services of the police, sherriff and fire departments as well as ambulances, and rescue squads.

Neil Allen, director of Emergency Service, explained: "Before 911, Randolph County had 18 separate emergency numbers. Some of the county residents had a 704 area code number, which caused problems." Now, he said, "If you need assistance from the fire, sherriff, police or ambulance service, you just need to dial 911."

Added Terry Gardner, county fire inspector, "The old system had calls going in several directions. 911 is easier to access. Every citizen in the county can access it."

Easier accessibility by callers and the centralization of services by 911 has helped to reduce response time in an emergency. The centralization is a result of approximately 52,000 telephone lines and seven different telephone companies serving the county. When a 911 call is made, it goes into a central office, where the calling number is identified. The caller's number, along with that person's



Just recently, we had a woman to call, say her house was on fire, and she just hung up. But, because of 911, we had the address. We couldn't do that before.

— Neil Allen

address, comes up on a computer screen in the 911 center. A 911 operator determines the type of emergency and enters it into the computer. The computer automatically tells what emergency service needs to be sent and then puts it up on the dispatch screen of the appropriate service.

911 operators are cross trained to take emergency information. A caller will only have to talk to one operator to get any type of rescue service.

Many times an operator needs to keep a caller on the line to find out more information or to help calm a caller's fear. "One of the features we have on our system is that an operator can still be on the line with a caller while another operator dispatches the emergency service," Allen said. "A lot of times before we hang up the phone with the caller, we have units rolling."

In just the short time the Randolph County 911 system has been operational, it has already made a difference. According to Allen, the system averages 367 calls a day and

that call volume for the county has increased by 25 percent. Call volume increased because of easier accessibility by residents.

"During the first week," Allen said, "we had a woman call about a family dispute. Her husband hung up the phone quickly, but within eight minutes after he hung up, we had law enforcement on the scene. Just recently, we had a woman to call, say her house was on fire, and she just hung up. But, because of 911, we had the address. We couldn't do that before."

Allen credits not only the new equipment, but also the naming of the county's roads, and more detailed maps helping to reduce emergency response time. "We have found response time from accident to arrival has been shortened. It is so much easier for the responders to see the road signs, especially late at night."

Even with modern equipment, better road signs and maps, there is still one thing that can hinder efforts in an emergency. "One thing we're getting from the fire department is that people don't put house numbers up," Gardner said. "Legally, you have got to have numbers posted. We go out on calls, find out that people don't have their numbers up, it slows things down."

"It also helps to put numbers up in both directions. Numbers might be posted in one direction, but if a responder comes from another direction, you can't see those numbers."

Allen agreed. "We have totally state of the art equipment. All the sophisticated equipment and computers are totally wasted unless people post their numbers."

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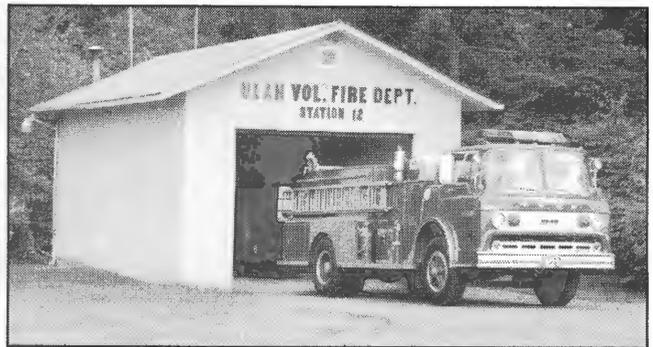
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Station 11 — Located at 2067 Pisgah Covered Bridge Road.



Station 12 — Located on Southmont Road.

Ulah Fire Department

Present chief

Jerry D. Dickinson

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Assistant Chief	1
Captains	2
Lieutenant	0
Driver/Engineer	10
Firefighter I	8
Firefighter II	8
Firefighter III	11
EMT	4
First Responders	23

Current list of equipment

- 2 pumpers
- 3 pumper tankers
- 1 brush truck
- 1 squad truck
- 1 air unit

Name of Board Members

President — Roy Edmonds; **Vice**

President — Robert Callicutt;

Board members — Gilbert Cooper, Alvin Dorsett, Bud Painter, Henry Wilson, Joe Williamson

Brief summary of your department's activities

Training each Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Have one paid personnel work from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

List of Charter Firefighters

John Storey, Gilbert Cooper,

Norris Whatley, Herbert Williams, Jerry Dickinson, Joe Long, Bud Painter, Casper McDowell, Larry Brim, Buddy Spencer, Lee Roy Thompson, Tommy Fox, Auman Teel, Junior Bristow, M.L. Robbins, Thurman Scott, W.M. Pope, Spencer Nance, John Jester, Herbert Russell, Recil Cox

Reason for forming the Department

City of Asheboro stopped answering calls outside city limits.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

Jerry D. Dickinson, 26 years

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

1950 Chevrolet 250 GPM Pump
650 gallon water

1963 Ford 1200 gallon gasoline truck converted to tanker

Dodge 225 gallon Brush Truck

First station location, type of structure

Pisgah Covered Bridge Road on sight of Old Ulah School; brick & block.

Brief written history of the department

The Ulah Fire Department's first call was March 16, 1968, a month before it received its charter.

With little training and few

instructions on how to operate their 1950 Chevrolet fire truck, Ulah firefighters were able to save most of the Ronnie Lawson home on Mack Road. The Asheboro Fire Department and neighbors also helped.

The Ulah Volunteer Fire Protection Association received its charter in April, 1968. Firefighters and residents built the three-bay Station 11 on Pisgah Covered Bridge Road in 1969. Before then, firefighters kept the truck in an unheated shed behind Dickinson's home.

The property where Station 11 now stands was originally purchased by the Ladies' Home Extension for a prospective community center, but they donated the land to the fire department instead. In exchange, the department included a community room in its new station house.

A substation was built on Southmont Drive in 1977 and designated as Station 12. In 1978, Station 11 added two more bays to the front of the main building and in 1985, three bays were added to the rear of the building.

The Department now has eight vehicles and are constantly replacing old equipment.

List of those fallen in the line of duty

None.



Station 18 — Located on U.S. 64, approximately 12 miles west of Asheboro.

Tabernacle Fire Department

Present chief
Dennis Sexton

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	2
Lieutenant.....	2
Driver/Engineer.....	0
EMT.....	7
First Responders.....	7
Safety Officer.....	1
Assistant Safety Officer.....	1
Jr. Firefighters.....	3

Current list of equipment

#181 — 1990 Ford, 1250 GPM Pumper, 1000 gallons of water; #182 — 1967 International, 750 GPM Pumper/tanker, 1000 gallons of water; #184 — 1957 Ford, 500 GPM pump with foam inductor/tanker; #187 — 1952 Dodge, 175 gallons of water, brush truck; **Squad 18** — 1980 Chevrolet with portable light unit.

Name of Board Members

President — Jerry Kinney; **Vice President** — Luther Pope; **Secretary** — Debbie Russell; **Treasurer** — Sandy Mahlmeister; **Trustees** — Loranzie Bazen, Worth Cox, Arthur Lambeth, Gene Pierce, Archie Rich, Eddie Surratt, Terry Younts, Ronald Gallimore, Venson Loflin, Darrell Owenby.

Brief summary of your department's activities:

In the past years, we have taught fire prevention at Tabernacle Elementary School. Field trips have been taken to the station to view the station and its equipment in hopes that the children will learn to be careful with fire and to know that we are here to help them.

Not only do we respond to fires, but we also respond on first aid, vehicle extrication and to help EMS personnel.

Most of our personnel are either First Responders or Emergency Medical Technicians. We are working toward certification as firefighters.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

Virgil Hoover, firefighter

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

1978 acting chief: Jim Pendergraph; 1978: Randall Loflin; 1986: Curtis Small; 1987: Tony Hurley; 1987: Mike Hoover; 1990-present: Mike Hoover.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

#181 — 1951 Lafrance Pumper, #184 — 1963 Chevrolet Tanker; #185 — 1969 Chevrolet Pumper

First station location, type of structure

Old 64, Arthur Thomas' Barn

Brief written history of the department

On June 1, 1978, a few concerned citizens got together and decided that the Tabernacle Community needed a fire department. At this informal meeting, held at J.B. Small's Hosiery, the three-member fire commission and the fire marshal, Gary Moss, explained the requirements to start the fire department.

Meetings held on June 9, June 16 and June 22 found these same men, with a large number of others, deciding it would take a larger community interest to continue the efforts of forming a volunteer fire department. On and after June 22, the meetings were held at Tabernacle School. At these meetings the following were elected on temporary basis: **President** — Curtis Small; **Vice President** — Michael Hoover; **Secretary** — Darlene Wagoner; **Treasurer** — Timothy Small; **Board Chairman** — Arthur Thomas; **Vice Chairman** — Richard Hughes; **Directors** — Worth Cox, Gene Gallimore; **Trustees** — Worth Cox, Richard Hughes, Jim Pendergraph, Bobby Manns, Mac Whitley, Billy Younts.

Jim Pendergraph and Jerry Wagoner

were also given the spots as Acting Fire Chief and Acting Assistant Fire chief. These two men were assigned the tasks of finding interested volunteers in taking the training required to become firemen.

The other men were given the tasks of applying for state charter, necessary paperwork, insurance and all other acquired information to start the fire department.

On June 30, 1978, the Tabernacle Volunteer Fire Department was officially recognized as the 16th such organization in Randolph County. Meetings were then held periodically to keep the public informed on the progress made in the organization.

On Aug. 12, 1978, the newly organized department held its first fundraiser. An auction and yard sale were held at the proposed site of the fire station.

Land bought from Ralph Hughes located along U.S. 64 and the junction of SR 1344 (old 64), amounting to 2.5 acres in western Randolph County, was our proposed site for the fire station.

This fundraiser netted the department \$1,500 and Jerry Kinney was presented with a self-propelled lawn mower given away at this time.

The building of our fire station was started and completed in the year 1981. The first floor has two bays for fire trucks, a meeting room, office, two bathrooms and a complete kitchen.

List of Current Personnel

Chief — Dennis Sexton F/R; **Assistant Chief** — Roy Frisby F/R; **Captains** — Terry Hornaday F/R, Dale Faircloth F/R; **Lieutenants** — Jeff Addison, F/R, Anthony Sands EMT; **Safety Officer** — Steve Manns EMT; **Training Officer** — Ronald Gallimore EMT; **Firefighters** — Robin Hoover EMT, Kathy Hornady EMT, Danny Floyd EMT, Dallas Hoover, Jimmy Wells F/R, Angela Wilson, Candie Rudzinski EMT; **Jr. Firefighters** — Jerry Lee Rozier, Kevin Floyd, Kafara Hornady.

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

Chief Mike Hoover.



Staley Volunteer Fire Department

Present chief
Ronald Williams

History of Staley Fire Department

The Staley Volunteer Fire Department was founded Aug. 8, 1961. The purpose of its formation was to provide the residents of the Town of Staley and surrounding territory with protection from fire by acquiring fire fighting equipment, maintaining same and responding to fire alarms within the Town of Staley and the surrounding territory. The organizers and first board of directors were: Stamey Deaton, Earl Langley, Frank Phillips, Hampton Pike, Jack Siler and Eugene Hicks.

Through the efforts of several

townspeople and numerous fundraisers and contributions, a firehouse was constructed and the department's first truck, a 1962 Ford Howe Pumper, was purchased. This truck is still in service and utilized today.

The first chief of the department was Earl Langley, who served from 1961-1963.

In July of 1963, Edsel Hicks became chief and served in this capacity until July 12, 1983. During this time the fire department was funded solely by fundraisers and contributions.

In July of 1983, Ronald Williams became chief, and still holds this position.

Since the inception of the county fire tax, the department has continued to

maintain a high standard of fire protection through the purchase of up-to-date equipment and continuous training.

At the present, the department has 29 active members, two pumpers, two tankers, a squad truck, a mobile air unit and two woods fire trucks.

The hard work and the determination of the citizens of Staley who founded the department in 1961 is still evident today.

The primary goal of the Staley Volunteer Fire Department is still to provide the best possible fire protection to its citizens. A job that each member of our department holds with pride. It is our most sincere hope that these traditions will hold true for many years to come.

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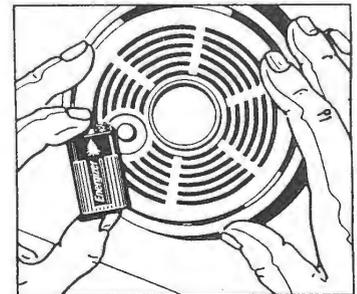
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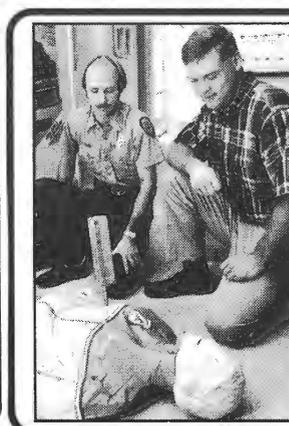
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Sophia Fire Department

Present chief
Harris L. Brown

Number and ranks of firefighters
19

Reason for forming the Department

The purpose of this department was to provide the community and surrounding communities with much needed fire protection and quick medical response when needed.

Brief written history of the department

The Sophia Fire Department was established in September, 1983. At the time the fire department was

established, the community was in "no man's land" — fire protection and medical help had to come from Randleman or Archdale (a 10-20 min. wait). When you need help, you need it to come fast!

The fire department has 19 active volunteers. There are no paid personnel. The department responds to an average of 100-135 calls per year. It also responds with mutual aid, when needed.

The department is rated as a Class 9, but has hopes to improve this rating in the near future.

At one time, the community was predominately a farming community. While there are still quite a few farms, there has also been a tremendous growth in the community towards industry. There is one school, several furniture manufacturing plants, working

farms and several churches located within the district. The estimated population in the fire district is 903.

The board members are elected for two-year terms at the department's annual meeting. The board members are responsible for the policy, administration and financial affairs of the department. The chief is in charge of the equipment, personnel, station and is responsible for seeing that the board's policies are carried out to the best of his ability. He also acts as a liaison between the firefighters and the Board.

We try to deliver the best possible help in the quickest response time possible. Our personnel are continually training — striving to maintain (and update, where needed) all firefighting and medical skills. Our goal is to be there when needed, with the best help there is to be given.

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Seagrove Fire Department

Present chief

Charles L. Needham

History of the Seagrove Fire Department

In the last part of 1956 and the first part of 1957, there was a movement in the Seagrove area to form a volunteer fire department.

The first meeting of the incorporators of the Seagrove Rural Volunteer Fire Department Inc. was held in the auditorium of the Seagrove School on March 5, 1957.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the fire department was held March 26, 1957. Three members representing fire departments from Forsyth County explained the organization of their fire departments.

At the second meeting of the incorporators of the Seagrove Fire Department on June 23, 1958, it was reported that the new fire truck had arrived and was being stored at Aumans Grocery.

Ray Hogan was the first fire chief.

Other important dates and events:

Dec. 15, 1958 — A building committee was appointed and authorized to proceed and construct a fire station. The board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,000.

Feb. 6, 1967 — Fire Chief Ray Hogan reported there had been six fires in 1966.

Feb. 13, 1967 — A floor was poured in the fire station for \$676 by Bobby Cagle.

March 6, 1967 — The board voted to begin painting the inside of the building.

July 10, 1967 — A 120-hour training period was authorized by the board. Fire Chief Denny Maness was to start these programs in the month of August.

Dec. 4, 1967 — It was reported to the board that Bobby Voncannon had donated an oil truck for a tanker.

September, 1968 — It was authorized by the board to join the County Fire Association.

Dec. 11, 1968 — A discussion of a (water) well being offered to the fire department by Amos Farlow was accepted.

1968 — 28 fire calls were answered.

Dec. 9, 1969 — Jack McKenzie was

named fire chief.

Feb. 10, 1970 — A phone was installed at the fire station. This was to cost \$1.75 per month.

1971 — The budget was \$1,700.

Feb. 8, 1972 — It was reported that the state would pave the parking lot.

April 10, 1972 — It was reported that there had been 21 fire calls for that year.

Oct. 10, 1972 — It was authorized by the board to build restrooms.

April 9, 1973 — It was reported that there had been 16 fire calls for that year.

April 1, 1974 — It was reported that there had been 17 calls for that year.

May 13, 1975 — Phillip Auman was elected fire chief.

July 22, 1975 — There was a discussion concerning purchasing a new fire truck.

April 5, 1976 — It was reported there was a total of 24 calls answered that year.

May 11, 1976 — Authorized to install an alarm system.

1977 — Budget was \$6,965.

Feb. 2, 1977 — The Seagrove Fire Department became a 9A rated department.

April 5, 1977 — A new fire truck was ordered. The new truck was delivered in **June 1977** — An open house was planned for July 17 for public display.

May 16, 1978 — Hal Boroughs was named fire chief.

Sept. 12, 1978 — It was reported that radios had been installed on the fire trucks.

Oct. 17, 1978 — It was reported 38 calls had been answered that year. Also a, total of 1,462 man hours had been spent in training.

Nov. 21, 1978 — A fire safety demonstration was held for the area residents.

May 3, 1979 — A 1969 model truck was purchased from the state to replace the old tanker truck.

May 20, 1980 — Charles Needham was elected fire chief.

Oct. 21, 1980 — Jack Lail donated a 1978 Ford van to the fire department.

April 7, 1981 — It was reported 61 calls were received for the past year.

Aug. 28, 1981 — Plans were made to form a tax district.

Dec. 15, 1981 — A tax vote date of Feb. 16, 1982 was set.

Feb. 16, 1982 — The fire tax passed. Up to this point, all money was either donated or raised by fundraising projects.

1983 — The department began receiving tax money. A plan was started to build a new fire station. It began in the last part of 1983 and we moved into our new building in May 1984.

July, 1984 — The fire department had an open house at the new fire station.

September, 1986 — Purchased a 1984 4x4 pick-up to serve as our medical/brush truck.

May, 1987 — Received a 1987 pumper/tanker new from Emergency One in Durham.

May 3, 1988 — H & H Furniture Plant Fire. Largest fire to date. Handled by Seagrove Fire Department with help of mutual aid.

August, 1988 — Purchased a 1986 Chevrolet Suburban to be used as a squad truck.

October, 1988 — Seagrove Fire Department began fire safety program at Seagrove School. We have made this an annual project.

November, 1988 — Fire Department parking lot was used to land medical helicopter by firefighter for the first time.

September, 1989 — Working on five-mile service area.

January, 1990 — LP gas fire fighting training class was held. Invited neighboring departments. Total of 57 firefighters attended.

May 1, 1990 — Drug Awareness Class. Sponsored by Seagrove school for general public. Estimate of 160 people attended.

June 29, 1991 — Board of directors voted to purchase a 1992 pumper/tanker from Emergency One in Durham. New truck arrived in spring of 1992.

Total of fire calls from 1975-March, 1993

1975, 21; 1976, 25; 1977, 38; 1978, 30; 1979, 21; 1980, 38; 1981, 101; 1982, 75; 1983, 68; 1984, 125; 1985, 129; 1986, 107; 1987, 136; 1988, 91; 1989, 116; 1990, 108; 1991, 112.



Station 3 — Located on 215 West Swannanoa Avenue, it has bays opening onto streets in front and back.

Liberty Fire Department

Present chief
D. Filmore York

Foster Davis
Durwood Martin, 1965
Charlie Martin, 1965-79
Jerry Light, 1980-89
Filmore York, 1990-present

Number and ranks of firefighters:

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	1
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	1
Lieutenant.....	1
Driver/Engineer.....	7
Firefighter I.....	0
Firefighter II.....	20
Firefighter III.....	0
EMT-D.....	11
EMT.....	2
First Responders.....	5

Current list of equipment:

- 2 engines
- 1 50-foot aerial ladder
- 2 squad units
- 1 tanker

Name of Board Members:

Jim Parker, mayor; Priscilla Clay; Roy Carter; L.T. Smith; Tom Meacham; Cecil Williams.

Brief summary of your department's activities:

Meet every Monday night. First Monday of each month is business meeting.

Reason for forming the Department:

In need of fire protection for town.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

Earl Frazier

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

1949 American LaFrance Engine
1961 American LaFrance Engine
1970 Chevrolet — Squad bought by firemen
1973 John Bean Engine
1969 Chevrolet Tanker
1977 GMC mini-pumper, squad bought by firemen in 1991
1990 Pierce 1500 GPM Engine
1971 Pierce 50-foot Aerial ladder — donated in 1992 to LFD by Morgan & Ester Fitzgerald.

Brief written history of the department

Liberty is the second oldest fire department in Randolph County. The department was established in 1927 when a water tank and lines were installed. Before that time the town had a fire brigade, bells were rung and everyone pitched in to fight a fire.

The department had a two-wheel cart on which there was a small tank and fire hose, which was pulled to a fire with a personal vehicle and hooked to fire hydrants. This unit was housed in a small building at Dependable Hosiery Mill on the corner of South Greensboro Street and East Raleigh Avenue. The first fire house was the old Town Hall on South Fayetteville Street, now known as the Reitzel Center.

On March 4, 1955, firemen moved to

a new fire house that had been built on Swannanoa Avenue close to the town's water tank. The new building had facilities to house (1) one person, a fire truck and an auxiliary truck which served a dual purpose, a street washer for the town and a tanker for the fire department.

On Feb. 16, 1961, at 9:50 p.m., a fire at the fire station destroyed all Fire Logs (records) and minutes of past meetings. Fire department trucks were saved with Snow Camp and Greensboro fire departments assisting with the fire. Mr. Ross Ward, who stayed at the fire house at night, died as a result of this fire several days later at Asheboro Hospital.

The fire house was rebuilt with an addition of a second floor which is still the present station today. Also in 1961, a new fire engine was purchased for the department.

On Feb. 7, 1970, the fire department members purchased an emergency vehicle with a down payment and each member donated \$5 a month until the vehicle was paid off. The town purchased another fire engine in 1973 and 1990.

In December, 1991, members of Liberty Fire Department purchased from Greensboro Fire Department a mimipumper/squad truck. The members completely reworked, painted and equipped this unit and donated it to the Town of Liberty.

In March, 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Fitzgerald purchased and donated to Liberty Fire Department a Pierce 50-foot aerial ladder truck.

Liberty Fire Department has a roster of 24 personnel which in 1992 answered 209 calls, volunteered 8,354 hours to fire and medical calls and certified training.

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Station 17 — Located on Volunteer Rescue Road in New Hope. Take 49 to Richard's Auto Salvage. Turn left onto New Hope Road. Go to New Hope Methodist Church on the left and take a right onto Volunteer Rescue Road. The station is on the left.

New Hope Fire Department

Present chief
Wiley Hurley

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	1
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	3
Lieutenant.....	2
Driver/Engineer.....	8
Firefighter I.....	NA
Firefighter II.....	NA
Firefighter III.....	NA
Traffic officer.....	1
EMT.....	3
Others.....	NA
First Responders.....	6

Current list of equipment

- Engine #172** — 1989 Ford F-800, 1,000 gallon pumper tanker
- Engine #171** — 1976 Ford 500 F-750, 500 gallon pumper
- Squad #17** — 1978 GMC Van
- Brush Truck #177** — 1967 Kaiser 5/4 ton

Name of Board Members

President — Wayne Gravely; **Vice President** — Patricia Hurley; **Secretary** — Carolyn Brown; **Treasurer** — Terry Shaw; **Board members** — Troy Powell, Glen Cagle, Helen Loflin, Danny Hogan, James Russell.

Brief summary of your department's activities

We respond to the needs of the community for fire and rescue. We try to be an asset to the community and those around us. We have a good neighbor policy with other counties around us by providing mutual aid to Montgomery and Davidson counties along with our county, Randolph. We work with pride and compassion when dealing with the injured and sick.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

Wylie Brown, captain; Harold Cagle, chief; Judy Frye; Willis Gordon; Wayne

Gravely, chief, captain; Billy Hill; Johnny Hill, captain; Alvin Hogan; Herman Hogan, chief; Leslie Hogan, chief; Mark Hogan, assistant chief; Ronnie Hogan; Terry Hogan, captain; Julie Hopkins; Jeanette Hopkins; Wesley Hopkins; Patricia Hurley, vice president on board of directors, secretary; Troy Powell, deputy chief, on board of directors; Leslie Russell; Van Kirby Sills, traffic officer; Wiley Hurley, chief, board of directors, assistant chief, captain.

Reason for forming the Department

To provide fire protection to the community. All other fire departments were too far away. We had several serious fires which people lost houses and belongings and there was nothing anyone could do but watch them burn, so we decided to build a fire department to work for our community.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

Harold Cagle, 1976, 1 year; Herman Hogan, 1977, 1 year; Leslie Hogan, 1978-86, 8 years; Wayne Gravely, 1987, 1 year; Wiley Hurley, 1988-93, 5 years.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

- Aug. 1976** — 1975 Ward La France Pumper
- Feb. 1990** — 1989 F-800 Boardman Pumper Tanker
- 1981** — 1978 GMC Van
- 1976** — 1975 Ford 500 F-750 500 gallon pumper
- 1979** — 1967 Kaiser 5/4 ton

First station location, type of structure

The building is made of masonry and wood. It is located on Volunteer Rescue Road in New Hope.

Brief written history of the department

New Hope Volunteer Fire

Department was organized in March 1976. Volunteer firefighters completed the first of many training courses in July 1976. The first equipment was purchased in August 1976 which included a 1975 Ward La France Pumper.

The facilities for the fire department were completed in the spring of 1978, only two years from the date of organization. The completion of these facilities were a direct result of hard work and sincere dedication by the community.

The fire department recently purchased a 1989 F-800 Boardman Pumper Tanker in an effort to update equipment and to better serve the community. New Hope Volunteer Fire Department covers a five-mile rated district currently serving 520 residents as well as surrounding areas.

The current firefighter roster includes three EMTs with another person going for certification, one of our EMTs can do defibulation, and we also have six First Responders. Our fire department is growing and expanding to fit the needs of our community and those around us.

We are averaging around 36-40 calls per year at the present time. We are answering fire calls, injury calls, vehicle accidents and whatever comes our way.

We are proud of our fire department and the community in which we serve.

Chief — Wiley Hurley; **Deputy Chief** — Troy Powell; **Assistant Chief** — Mark Hogan; **Captains** — Neil Kiser, Ray White and Terry Hogan; **Lieutenants** — Troy Dean Powell, Tim Williamson; **Driver/Engineers** — Danny Shaw, Wiley Hurley, Ray White, Kirby Sills, Troy Powell, Mark Hogan, Terry Hogan and Dean Powell; **Traffic Officer** — Kirby Sills; **EMTs** — Troy Powell, Troy Dean Powell, Kent Hogan; **First Responders** — Danny Shaw, Ray White, Wiley Hurley, Neil Kiser, Willa Dean Powell, Mark Hogan.

List of those fallen in the line of duty

None.



Station 9 — Located on Hwy 22 South in Coleridge, across from Coleridge School.



Station 10 — Located at intersection of SR 1002 and SR 1003 in Erect.

Coleridge-Erect Fire Department

Present chief
Frank Browne

Number and ranks of firefighters:

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	2
Captains.....	4
Lieutenant.....	2
EMT.....	6
Others.....	intermediate 1
District Chief.....	paramedics 1

Current list of equipment:

Station 9 — '88 Ford pumper diesel; '70 GMC tanker; '80 F 250 Ford brush truck; '87 F 150 Ford Squad
Station 10 — '90 Ford Pumper diesel; '63 Chevrolet tanker; '54 Dodge brush truck; '65 Ford Van Squad

Name of Board Members:

Frank Browne, Mark Hinesley, J.C. Loflin, Amos Needham, Sherry Redwine, Robert Ritter, Charles Teague, C.E. Teague

Brief summary of your department's activities:

Our department has EMT First Responder Renewal Training each month. In addition, each week we have a training course in different areas, such as fire hose, pumping off trucks, protective breathing, incident command, radio communications, etc. Our department recently completed training in propane gas tank fires. Each year we also have a family gathering to enjoy an evening of fun and friendship. We also sponsor Santa Claus at Christmas for area children. Two times each month we send a truck to our local go cart track as EMT and First Responders. This is a great way to show off our training and to promote healthy relations with the surrounding community.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank):

Bill Welborn (chief); Jimmy Wright;

Jimmy Cheek; Roger Chriscoe; Charler Davis; Alton Gray; Henry Hayes; Larry Joyce; Bobby Kidd; Gayle Lawson; Larry McAlister; Bobby Macon; Orville Macon; Gene Marley; Keith Marley; Elvin Murray; Amos Needham; Edsel Needham; John Powers; Jessie Ritter; Ralph Ritter; Robert Ritter; Clyde Scott; Thurman Teague; Bill Welch; Clyde Welch

Reason for forming the Department:

The Coleridge Fire Department was formed to provide the community with fire protection. We had a large area with no way to provide protection for their property or their lives.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

Bill Welborn, 22 years (8 years as chief)
 Amos Needham, 20 years (10 as chief)
 Larry McAlister, 26 years (8 as chief)
 Frank Browne, 18-plus combined service years at Franklinville and Coleridge fire departments (1 as chief)

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

Our first fire truck was a 1939 American La France. A 1967 Coble Dairy truck became our first water tanker. The 1939 pumper was eventually replaced by a 1970 GMC.

First station location, type of structure

The Coleridge Fire Department was built on land donated by Alton Gray and Julian Brady on Hwy 22 across from the Coleridge School. It was a two bay structure with a kitchen and dining area. The building was built out of cinder blocks and was a single story structure.

Brief written history of the department

In the spring of 1966, land was donated for a fire station in Coleridge. Suppers were held in the Coleridge

school cafeteria to raise money for a fire truck and money to build a building to house it in; \$600 were collected for an 1939 American LaFrance Fire Truck. The truck was kept in fire fighter Charles Davis' garage until the department was built. Mr. Davis had a garage where he worked located on Hwy 22 just south of the present station.

Each man had to purchase his own turn out gear and equipment. When a person had a fire call they would place the call to the Coleridge Grocery store, where one of two red fire phones was located; the other was at fire fighter Alton Gary's home. When the call was placed, Lois Gray would start dialing each fire fighter to tell them where the fire was located. A siren would also sound off from atop the fire department.

In April, 1967, the fire department became chartered. We were granted permission to go to a high band radio frequency with the other fire departments within the county. In 1973, Mr. Clay Sugg of Erect donated land for a substation near Erect School. This station was a cinder block station with two bays. A third bay was added in the late '80s.

We have two new diesel pumpers with a diesel tanker on order.

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

Mr. Clifford Saunders while performing duties at the fire department.

Fireman of the Year Awards

1971 Alton Gray
 1972 Amos Needham; 1973 Thurman Teague; 1974 Larry McAlister; 1975 Robert Ritter; 1976 Larry Joyce; 1977 Edsel Needham; 1978 Walter McNeill; 1979 Charles Teague; 1980 Charles Davis; 1981 John Powers; 1982 Marcia Chriscoe; 1983 Bill Welborn; 1984 C.E. Teague; 1985 Mark Hinesley; 1986 Keith Marley; 1987 J.C. Loflin; 1988 Martha Garner; 1989 Wade Powell; 1990 Charles Deaton; 1991 Keith Davis; 1992 Pat Beck



Station 36 — Located at 7517 Old Second St., Julian

Julian Fire Department

Present chief
Luther G. Coble

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Assistant Chief	1
Captains	1
Lieutenant	1
Driver/Engineer	0
Firefighter I	15
Firefighter II	0
Firefighter III	0
EMT	3
Others	NA
District Chief	NA
First Responders	10

Current list of equipment
1952 Ford Engine
1961 GMC Tanker
1971 Ford Squad
1981 Ford Engine
1983 Dodge Brush Truck

Name of Board Members
Jim Hughes, James King, Karen Scott, Herman Andrews, John Shepard, Phillip Wright, Eileen Coble.

Brief summary of your department's activities
The firefighters meet each Thursday night for training and a business meeting.

During the year they work the fundraisers of the department, respond to the calls and attend the meetings of the fire protection association, fire prevention committee and the chief council.
In the last couple of years they spent approximately 1,600 hours restoring a 1952 Ford, the department's first fire engine.

The firefighters do the maintenance on the department's equipment, buildings and grounds. The ladies auxiliary helps with the fundraisers and provides canteen service for the firefighters when needed on calls.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)
Clayton Ingold, firefighter; Dennis Layton, deputy chief

Reason for forming the department
The citizens of the Julian Community needed fire protection.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service
Winfred Garrett, 3; H.B. Wilcker, 5; Clayton Ingold, 1.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment
1952 Ford Engine
1951 GMC Tanker

First station location, type of structure
The first fire station is located at 7517 Old Second St. It is a brick structure.

Brief written history of the department
Early in 1971, the need for a fire department in the Julian Community came alive. Through the efforts of many concerned citizens, the Julian Fire Department was organized and chartered in July 1971.
In 1974, our new station was built at 7517 Old Second St., which is located on the line between Guilford and Randolph counties. Before the new station was built, the firefighters had their meetings in a small building that was located at the same location of our station. The engines were housed at the Julian Texaco and the tanker was housed at Gilmore Plant & Bulb Co.
In 1978, a 1,500 gallon quick dump tanker was put in service. In 1979, a squad truck was put in service. In 1981, a new engine was put in service. In 1984, a new brush truck was put in service. In 1987, two bays, a training room and a storage room were added to the three-bay station.

List of those fallen in the line of duty
Max L. Daniel

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Station 8 — Located on Main Street in Franklinville.



Station 22 — Located at 2452 Ramseur Julian Road

Franklinville Fire Protection Assoc.

Present chief
James Parrish

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	2
Captains.....	3
Lieutenant.....	4
Driver/Engineer.....	
Firefighter I.....	
Firefighter II.....	
Firefighter III.....	
EMT.....	4
Others.....	
District Chief.....	
First Responders.....	17

- Current list of equipment:**
- 3 pumpers
 - 2 tankers
 - 2 brush trucks
 - 1 squad truck
 - 1 100-foot aerial ladder

Name of Board Members

President — Arnold Allred; **Vice President** — Keith Bowers; **Secretary** — Janet Bowers; **Treasurer** — Edward Wallace; **Publicity Chairman** — Mark Grose; **Board Member** — Richard Keith; **Board Member** — Brent Moore; **Board Member** — Earl York Jr.; **Board Member** — Reece Amick

Brief summary of your department's activities

To provide fire suppression, fire prevention education and first response medical help.

Reason for forming the Department

To provide fire protection for our area. The nearest help was 10 miles away.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

Jerry Padgett, Jan. 13, 1965-Sept. 21, 1965
 Bill Frazier, Sept. 21, 1965-Sept. 14, 1981
 Frank Browne, Sept. 14, 1981-Sept. 17, 1985
 James Parrish, Sept. 17, 1985-to present

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

1965 GMC American LaFrance 750 tank and pump

First station location, type of structure

Main Street, brick 2 bay structure

Brief written history of the department

The Franklinville Fire Protection Association Inc. was chartered on May 11, 1964. Since funding was a major problem of the all-volunteer organization, a Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Melvin Murray, Evlon Jones, Bill Frazier, Annie Nance, Don Allred, Clinton Nance, Ed Sower, Edith Benbow, Edith Shaw, Edith Gaines, Walter Richardson, James Martin, R.J. Doss, Emma Brower, Betty Wallace, George Allred, Floyd Brown, Bob Hicks, Howard Hoover, Banks Thomas and Cletus Hancock.

Fundraising activities — an auction sale, a beauty pageant and a series of suppers — were well supported by the people of the area.

As interest continued and funds grew, an equipment committee was appointed to select the first piece of equipment. The committee was composed of John Jackson, Reece Amick, Jack Hoover, Avant Cox, Jerry

Grazier and Odell Shaw. On Aug. 31, 1964, the Board of Directors voted to accept the bid on a pump with a booster tank mounted on a GMC chassis.

In November, 1964, Randolph Mills Inc., headed by John W. Clark as president, donated a lot on Main Street in Franklinville for the purpose of building a fire station. In December, a building committee composed of L.T. Cox, John Scaro and Herman Brown was appointed to draw plans and start the building. The pumper truck arrived in January, 1965, and since the building was barely started, the truck was housed at the M and W Store Garage.

A few days later, the first fire call was made to a house owned by Mr. Underwood on Route 1, Franklinville.

The main part of the fire station was completed in August, 1965. The dining room was finished six or seven months later, and a third section — consisting of a bay for the trucks, meeting room for firemen and a fully-equipped kitchen — was added later.

Coble Dairy donated a 1958 truck to the department and a tank was purchased to be mounted on it. The firemen did the work themselves at the M and W Store Garage and Fid Coward donated the plumbing. A third truck was added to the rolling equipment in 1968, and, again, the firemen rebuilt the truck to suit the needs of the department. This time the work was done under the leadership of Bill Frazier, Jerry Padgett and Reece Amick at the Amick Repair Shop. A fourth truck, a pumper-tanker, was purchased new.

In 1973, a membership plan was started. Each household in the service area was asked for an annual membership fee of \$10.

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

None.



Station 14 — Located just off Hwy. 42 on Daniel Road.



Station 19 — Located approximately 7 miles down Hwy. 42 at the intersection of 42 and Grantville Lane.

East Side Fire Department

Present chief
Ricky Brown

Number and ranks of firefighters	
Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	1
Assistant Chief.....	2
Captains.....	2
Lieutenant.....	2
Driver/Engineer.....	0
Firefighter I and II.....	12
EMT.....	4
Junior firefighters.....	1
First Responders.....	28

Current list of equipment
1 pumper; 2 pumper/tankers; 1 tanker; 2 brush trucks; 1 squad truck; Communications equipment; Fallout gear for 40 plus firefighters. Two new 1993 Ford squad trucks are on order and due to begin service late in October.

Name of Board Members
President — Foy Gann; **Vice President** — Jim Pell; **Secretary** — Bill Trogdon; **Treasurer** — Bobby Wright; **Directors** — Gene Hurley, Jack Trogdon, Lantford Cox, Don Clapp, Robert Brewer. New director to begin duty Nov. 1, 1993: George Kivett.

Brief summary of your department's activities
Answer fire calls and medical calls within our area. Provide mutual aid to other departments. Firefighters meet weekly on Tuesday evening to plan, train and maintain equipment. Last year 156 calls were answered resulting in property saved of approximately \$539,903. The firefighters had 4,308 hours of training, 2,165 hours answering calls for a total of 6,473 service hours. In 1989, an awards program was started for the firefighters. The firefighters vote on Fireman of the Year. Also, the department gives pins for years of service to all firefighters.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)
Griffin Craven, Don Clapp, Odell Kivett, Wayne Cox, James Beane, Oscar Hill, J.W. Wilson, Ed Grant, Fred Stout, Truman Stout, Mickey King and the late Raymond Purvis and Lumice Stout.

Reason for forming the Department
The area was becoming more heavily populated and the City of Asheboro would no longer provide fire protection.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service
Richard Auman — April, 1968-June, 1968; Ed Grant — June, 1968-July, 1968; Don Clapp — July, 1968-October, 1987; Richard Luther — November, 1987-August, 1992; Jerry Macon — September, 1992-September, 1993; Ricky Brown — Began Oct. 5, 1993.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment
1944 Pirsch with 50-foot hose and no other equipment. It was an open cab vehicle. On the first fire call at Wright's Cedar Works on Hwy. 64, it was raining so hard you could not see, especially with no roof on the truck. Ed Grant and Wayne Cox answered the call, assisted by the Franklinville Fire Department. We currently have the following: 1 pumper, 2 pumper/tankers/ 1 tanker, 2 brush trucks, 1 squad truck, communications equipment and fall-out gear for 40 plus firefighters.

First station location, type of structure
Station 14 was built in 1971. Station 19, with four bays, was built in 1981.

Brief written history of the department
East Side Volunteer Fire Department was chartered April 1, 1968. Because of another department in North Carolina

with the same name, we had to charter as Central Randolph Volunteer Fire Department; however, we operate as East Side Volunteer Fire Department.

The first president of East Side Volunteer Fire Department was Griffin Craven. Other first officers: Donald Clapp (vice president); Hilton Beane (treasurer); Truman Stout (secretary); W.R. Hopkins (assistant secretary); Neal Dunn and Richard Auman (directors).

The first fire truck was kept in a building behind Raymond Purvis' house until the station was complete.

There were numerous hot dog suppers and gospel sings and door-to-door collections to get enough money to run the department.

The first communications was a telephone line run into the Clapps Nursing Home. When a call came in the nurse on duty called designated people and in turn they called other firefighters.

In 1969 we had 20 firefighters. In December, 1968, East Side bought a 1950 Diamond T. Truck. In September, 1970, we were given a tanker by a local oil company.

In October, 1970, East Side bought 2 1/2 acres of land from Jeff Hawthorne to build a fire station. The first helmets, at \$15 apiece, were ordered in 1968;

In 1975 junior firefighters joined the department. Timmy Lee, Randall Trogdon, David Hunt, Benny Kivett and Terry Gardner were among the first. They could not fight fires until they were 18 but could help in other ways in the department. They were not allowed in the area of a fire.

In 1976, the firemen were covered under Workman's Comp.

In 1979, East Side voted in the fire tax. This was six cents per \$100.00 tax valuation. It has remained the same.

In 1990, we joined the North Carolina Fireman's Relief Fund. In 1993, the County Assessor estimated East Side serves 1,565 homes.

List of those fallen in the line of duty
None.



Station 43 — Located on 137 Branson Mill Road in Randleman.

Level Cross Fire Department

Present chief

Donald E. Whitaker

Number and ranks of firefighters:

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy chief.....	NA
Assistant chief.....	1
Captains.....	1
Lieutenant.....	1
Driver/Engineer.....	NA
Firefighter I.....	0
Firefighter II.....	2
Firefighter III.....	7
EMT.....	3
Others (First Responders).....	9

Current list of equipment

- 1964 Chevrolet, 750 GPM Pumper with a 500-gallon booster tank.
- 1955 American La France, 750 GPM Pumper with a 300-gallon booster tank. This is our spare or reserve pumper.
- 1988 Emergency One, 1250 GPM Pumper with a 1,000-gallon tank.
- 1968 Ford, 250 GPM, 1,600-gallon tanker.
- 1974 Ford, 1,800-gallon tanker.
- 1991 Chevrolet, 250 GPM, 200-gallon tank, Rescue unit.
- 1961 Dodge, 250 GPM, 200-gallon tank, Brush unit.
- 1977 Chevrolet, Light and Air unit.
- 1989 Chevrolet, Fire Chief Vehicle.

Name of Board Members

President — Eddy Jarrett; **Vice President** — Ronald Coltrane; **Secretary** — Kenneth Adams; **Treasurer** — David Loftis; **Director** — Max Hooker; **Director** — Curtis Price

Brief summary of your department's activities

We are currently involved in the State Firefighter Certification program.

Our barbecues allow our firefighters to help our community in ways other than fire suppression, prevention and rescue. The money we raise from the barbecue enables us to sponsor a girls softball team in our district.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

Donald E. Whitaker, Fire Chief

Reason for forming the Department

Back in 1971, a group of men and women concerned about recent fires in their area gathered at the Level Cross Community Center to attempt to organize fire protection for the area in and around Level Cross. This group was very aware of the damage that fire could cause. A steering committee was appointed to determine the necessary requirements for a fire station. Committee findings and recommendations were presented to the citizens of the community who indicated a desire to continue the pursuit of fire protection.

In early 1972, we began to lay bricks for our station. Except for finishing touches, our station was essentially completed in mid-1972.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

We have had the same Chief for the past 22 years.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

Our first fire truck was a wrecked 1964 Chevrolet, a 750-gallon per minute pumper.

We took this vehicle and rebuilt it. Our first tanker was an old fuel oil truck, a 1955 Chevrolet, with a 1,200 gallon tank.

First station location, type of structure

The station is still in the original location. It was made out of bricks.

Brief written history of the department

I guess you could say that we are most famous for being the fire department for Petty Enterprises. Petty Enterprises is the home of auto racing's

NASCAR champions Richard Petty, Lee Petty and Richard's son Kyle Petty. In fact, under our county fire department numbering system, we are called Station #43. Our engines are numbered 431 and 432, our tankers are 434 and 435, and the rescue unit is Rescue 43. I am called Chief 43. (#43 stands for Richard Petty's car racing number.)

Our fire department is divided into two groups: Firefighter #1 and Firefighter #2. A Firefighter #1 trains in all phases of firefighting while a Firefighter #2 trains as a firefighter plus he is trained as a Medical First Responder and is a member of our Emergency Service Team or Rescue Unit.

We run an average of around 175 calls per year, with over half of them being medical assist calls with Randolph EMS.

For the past 17 years, each piece of fire equipment that we bought had to be rebuilt by our volunteers. During this time of our history, our budget was very tight and we were unable to buy new equipment, only used items. Over the years we rebuilt about six vehicles, and after our volunteers finished with them, they were just like new. They really did do a super job with what they had to work with.

In 1988, we received our first new piece of fire equipment. It was a 1988 Emergency One, 1,250-gallon-per-minute pumper. In 1991, we bought a 1991 Chevrolet, 250-GPM pumper to be used as a rescue unit on medical calls, vehicle accidents and small grass fires.

Our fire district serves a portion of Randolph and Guilford counties, with the fire station located in Randolph County. We are a rural type, all volunteer department. We hope to hire a full-time person in the very near future.

We are a certified or rated fire department by the State of North Carolina. This mean that homeowners and businesses in our fire district can get a reduction in their cost for a fire insurance policy.

List of those fallen in the line of duty

None.



Station 4 — Located at 726 Liberty Street in Ramseur.

Ramseur Fire Department

Present chief
Danny R. Shaw

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Assistant Chief	1
Captains	3
Lieutenant	0
Driver/Engineer	0
Firefighter I	0
Firefighter II	0
Firefighter III	0
EMT	4
First Responders	4

Current list of equipment
1980 Ford Grumman 1000 GPM pumper
1964 Ford Seagrave 750 GPM pumper
1966 Chevrolet "Squad 4"
1939 Ford Pumper — not in service —
first pumper for station.

Name of Board Members
Mayor Odell Cox; commissioners Darius Stutts, Ed Parks, Greg Pell, Elvin Cox, Wayne Clark.

Brief summary of your department's activities
The Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department currently meets every Monday night. The first and second Mondays are business meetings and the third and fourth

Mondays are for training. In addition to our regular activities as firefighters and for medical assistance, we sponsor an open house each year at Halloween and also co-sponsor an annual Christmas parade.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)
Fred Thomas is retired.

The following are deceased: Grant Kivett, Penn Stout, Eugene Mace, Braxton Kivett, Condon Stout, Jesse Craven, S.E. Leonard, W.R. Maner, J.T. Brady, Clarence Woodell, Julian Brady, Armp Branson, Early Hicks, N.R. Curtis Sr., Carl Fesmire, Charles Dorsett, Exton Kivett, E.B. Leonard.

Reason for forming the Department
The Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department was formed so the citizens of the town and the surrounding community could have some local fire protection.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service
Jesse C. Craven, Fred Thomas, Lee Jones, Reece Hodgins, J.T. Hardin, Bob Scout, Wayne Stutts (12), Reece Hodgins, Pete Blevins (8), Larry Fesmire (10), Willie Brown (18), Danny Shaw (21)

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment
1939 Ford

First station location, type of structure
Main Street, Ramseur. Across from old feed mill. Brick and wood frame structure used as municipal building and fire station.

Brief written history of the department
The Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department was organized on Jan. 10, 1939. The first fire truck purchased was a 1939 Ford which cost the town about \$5,500. There were 19 men on the original charter and only one man, Fred Thomas, survives today.
In 1964, the second engine was purchased at a price of \$17,100 and a new station was erected at a cost of \$25,175 on Liberty Street at its present site. In 1980, the latest engine was purchased at a cost of about \$64,000. The department is presently taking bids on a new engine to be purchased in 1993. Today the Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department averages about 100 calls per year.

List of those fallen in the line of duty
None.

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Station 21 — The Hillsville station is located at 8401 Hillsville Road in Sophia.

Guil-Rand

Present chief
Larry T. Brower

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	2
Lieutenant.....	1
Driver/Engineer.....	0
Firefighter I.....	34
Firefighter II.....	6
Firefighter III.....	11
EMT.....	30
District Chief.....	1
First Responders.....	5

Current list of equipment

- Chief 20 — 85 Ford LTD
- AC 20 — 83 Ford LTD
- Car 20 — 85 Ford LTD
- Car 21 — 83 Ford LTD
- 208 — 86 Ford F150
- Com. 20 — 71 Dodge
- 201 — 78 Ford Pierce

- 204 — 92 Volva Quality
- 202 — 72 Chevrolet Howe
- Squad 20 — 90 GMC Topkick American
- Ladder 20 — 72 Ford Pierce
- 211 — 77 Ford Pierce
- 214 — 82 Ford Atlas
- Squad 21 — 83 Chevrolet C-30
- 411 — 76 Ford Pierce
- 414 — 65 Ford Southern
- 415 — 60 Ford C-800
- Squad 41 — 66 Chevrolet C-20
- 401 — 90 Ford American
- 404 — 84 Ford EEI
- Squad 40 — 76 Ford 350 Pierce

Name of Board Members

Dean Spinks, Gary Dodson, Ed Blair, Francis Auman, W.H. Flynt, J.R. Ewings, Henry Darr

Brief summary of your department's activities

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Station 40 — The Mendenhall station is located at 5711 Surret Drive in Archdale.



Station 41 — The Cedar Square station is located at 7616 Harlow Drive in Archdale.

Fire Department

The activities you may find the fire department members performing are fire prevention, station tours, educating children, civic talks, parades and training.

The fire department is responsible for fire suppression and heavy rescue to the members of our district.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

M.P. Woodall, Byron Haworth, P.L. White, M.R. Ingram, Lee Meredith, A.E. Williams, E.W. Auman.

Reason for forming the Department

During the year 1949, the Summers Hodgkin Post #9899 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Archdale began considering some method of providing fire protection for the Archdale Community.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

R.D. Auman 1950-51
C.A. Bodenheimer 1951-51
Clyde Wilkerson 1951-71

Garland Wear 1972-73
Tommy Skeen 1973-79
Howard Wood 1981-82

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

1950 Ford OREN

First station location, type of structure

311 in Archdale — 2 bay stucco building

Brief written history of the department

On July 18, 1950, the first truck was placed in service. The first year 54 calls were ran. They had 50 firemen on the roster.

1957 — 86 calls ran
1976 — New station #20 built
1976 — Station #21 built
1978 — Station #41 built
1983 — Station #40 built
1991 — 1,200 calls ran

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

None.

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Farmer Fire Department

Present chief
Tommy Gallimore

Number and ranks of firefighters	
Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	0
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	2
Lieutenant.....	1
Driver/Engineer.....	0
Firefighter I.....	22
Firefighter II.....	0
Firefighter III.....	0
EMT.....	0
Others.....	0

Current list of equipment

- 1970 Ford Pumper
- 1961 Ford Pumper
- 1978 Ford Tanker
- 1961 Chevorlet Pumper
- 1976 Chevrolet (4WD) Brush Truck
- 1981 Chevrolet Squad Truck

Name of Board Members

President — Frank Hayworth; **Vice President** — Carlie Spencer; **Secretary** — Reid Craig; **Treasurer** — Patricia Craver; **Board members** — Hoyt Davis, Tony Goins, Tony Allred, Steve Craver, Wayne Bischer

Brief summary of your department's activities

Each year on the first Sunday in August, the department gives the community a breakfast. We have two barbecue sales each year: The first one is held Nov. 24-25. The second is held Dec. 22-25. During this past year, our department has added several new members to our

roster. These young people, together with the older members, are looking forward to more activities this coming new year.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

Tommy Gallimore, chief; Thomas Varner, assistant chief; Rusty Wilson, captain; Steve Craver, captain; John Russell, lieutenant/training officer. Tony Allred, Reid Craig, Victor Freitas, W.A. Hammond, Roger King, Ricky Leonard, Melvin Smith, Roy Smith, Mames Merritt, Raymond Bradshaw, Patricia Craver, Doris Hammond, Frank Hayworth, Todd Lambeth, Steve Nance, Tim Smith, Brian Hicks, Steve Vaughn.

Reason for forming the Department

The members in the community of Farmer saw the need of fire protection and a quicker response time.

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

- Charlie Harris — 1969-76
- Gene Harris — 1976-?
- Homer Hughes — unknown
- Clifford Elliott — unknown
- Joe Elliott — unknown
- Roger King — 1982-85
- Tommy Gallimore — 1985-87
- Terry Gardner — 1987-91
- Tommy Gallimore — 1991-present.

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

- 1969 Ford Pumper

- 1950 Ford Tanker
- 1945 Jeep Brush Truck.

First station location, type of structure

Mr. R.L. Davis donated the property located on Old N.C. 49 South. Hopkins Well Co. donated a well and most of the labor. The original building is still being used. It was built of brick consisting of six bays, one bedroom, two bathrooms and one office.

Brief written history of the department

During the earlier years, the need for Emergency Medical Technicians was noticed. The department had several members become certified. Over the past few years, medical calls began rising in our area and the need for a Squad Truck became evident. The Department purchased a 1981 Chevrolet Squad. We also had 10 firefighter personnel become First Responders. Some of these will go on to become EMT Certified.

This station averages about 80 calls per year. Recently, our water supply became limited, so, with the number of calls growing each year, the department purchased a 15,000 gallon water tank.

In July of 1993, Farmer Fire Department ordered a 1993 International Pumper/Tanker.

This department continues to train, update and educate on new equipment and techniques to provide the very best protection for its surrounding community.

List of those fallen in the line of duty:

None.

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Station 5 — Located on Academy Street in Randleman.

Randleman Fire Department

Present chief
Martin B. Leonard

Number and ranks of firefighters

Rank	No. at this rank
Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	1
Assistant Chief.....	1
Captains.....	2
Lieutenant.....	0
Driver/Engineer.....	20
Firefighter I.....	10
Firefighter II.....	15
Firefighter III.....	10
EMT First Responder.....	30
Others.....	0
District Chief.....	0

Current list of equipment

- 1990 Spartan E-One Pumper-Tanker
- 1983 Ford Grumman Pumper-Tanker
- 1974 Ford Bean Tanker
- 1975 Dodge Squad Truck
- 1988 Ford Chief's Car
- 1980 Ford Utility Truck

Name of Board Members

Bruce Moore, Mayor; Aldermen Bill Harris, Tony Lowe, Wade Craven, Fred Albright

Brief summary of your department's activities

Fire protection, assist Medical Rescue

with emergency medical calls in the Randleman Fire District, fire prevention, conduct fire inspections in the City of Randleman.

List of Charter Firefighters (by name and rank)

D.L. Brown, John Pugh, Worth Greeson, Fitz Presnell, John Sink, James Macon, Phil Upton, Buster Brown, James Woodell, Clyde Woodell, Frank Woodell

Reason for forming the Department

To provide fire protection for the town of Randleman

Name of all past chiefs and years of service

D.L. Brown — N.A.
Worth Greeson — 1949-1979
Eugene Moore — 1979-1987
Martin Leonard — 1987-Present

Year and type of first fire trucks and equipment

Early '30s Hose Cart
1947 Dodge 400 Gallon Tank 500 gallon pump

First station location, type of structure

One Bay Cement Block Building,

Located on Academy St.

Brief written history of the department

The Randleman Fire Department was first organized in the early '30s with D.L. Brown the first Fire Chief. The first fire fighting equipment was a two wheel cart with a roll of hose and nozzle that had to be pulled to the fire and then hooked to a hydrant. It was housed outside the town hall.

The first fire station was a single bay block building. The fire department, along with the Lions Club, then sold raffle tickets to buy the first fire truck, which was a 1947 Dodge.

In 1967, the fire department got a new pumper, a 1966 American LaFrance and a two-bay fire station on Academy Street. Randleman fire department has grown to a four-bay, two-story station with two pumper-tankers, a tanker, a squad truck, utility truck and a chief's car.

The fire department has a staff of 35, which include 4 full-time personnel. The fire department has been trained in emergency medicals along with up-to-date fire training. The fire department also has three certified fire inspectors.

The fire department answers around 500 calls per year.

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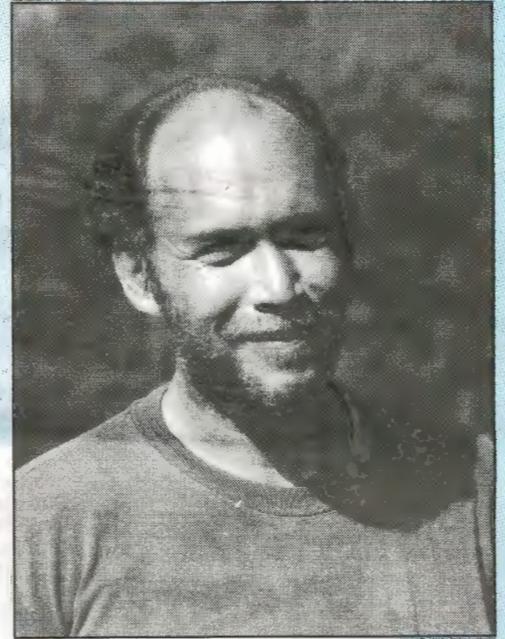
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October 14, 1992
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**Max Lee
Daniel**
Julian Fire
Department
February 8, 1984
Age: 63



Carlos Dale Dorsett
Westside Fire Department
March 13, 1976
Age: 28