

# History of Dare County Fire Departments

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## Introduction

This document was created in October 2020. It includes *Chronology of the Dare Beaches Fire Departments* prepared by Charles Gaeta, Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department, August 1991. Those notes are in the collection of the Outer Banks History Center. This document was expanded in March 2024, to include all fire departments in Dare County.

## Timeline

### 1920 to 1949

1922, Apr 16 – Major woods fire “threatened the entire village and dozens of homes on the outskirts as well.” Citizens from “nearly every quarter of the island” responded to help, as did several members of the Nags Head Coast Guard Station. The first started about noon in the woods north of Manteo and swept through the dry 100-acre forest. It threatened buildings when it reached the town. Another fire, in another quarter of town, also threatened buildings. Several outbuildings caught fire and the roof of one dwelling burned. The “Manteo fire engine” kept the roofs of some homes wet, to help protect them. Around \$25,000 of property was saved, though “considerable timber” was destroyed to the north of town. [ECI, 4/21/22)

1922, Apr – By this time, Manteo had a fire engine, see above. [Was the engine a hand pump, as cited in 1972 retrospective story? Or a “chemical tanker” as remembered by charter member Vernon Davis, cited on RIFD web site?]

**1928 – Manteo FD organized.** [RIFD web] [Unable to find any other citations for this date. That web page also cites 1930 as the year MFD moved into its long-time location, which did not occur until 1941.]

1930, before – Firefighting was performed by bucket brigade. The only available equipment was a hand pump with a short hose that was dropped into ditches. [CT, 10/12/72]

**1930 – Manteo FD organized** with Cecil Mann as first fire chief. Donations were solicited from town residents and a Chevrolet fire truck was purchased. [CT, 10/12/72] [Is this also misremembered history and referring to the events of 1933 and/or later? ]

1930, September – Manteo citizens had a meeting with “the representative of a manufacturer of fire engines on a deal for a motorized chemical engine in pumper.” [ECI, 9/26/30]

1932, December – Manteo had no fire equipment by this time. [ECI, 12/9/32]

1932, Dec – “Manteo Needs Fire Fighting Apparatus” read the headline of the Independent on December 9, 1932. They reported on how fire damaged the roof of the Eber Wescott building last week, and “quick work with fire extinguishers” from “the hotel” and other nearby locations “checked the flames.” Said the Mayor, the “town’s finances do not permit any extensive expenditures” for purchasing fire equipment at present. [ECI, 12/9/32]

1932, Dec 25 - On Christmas day, a major fire destroyed six businesses and several apartments in the business district. Among the losses was the 1877 building that housed the first county courthouse. The \$35,000 fire was discovered about 7:30 a.m. and brought under control about 10:00 a.m. The heat was so intense that a “steel warning tower of the government” melted and collapsed. A number of people were nearly trapped, when flames “ate through” a building housing a drugstore, pool room and restaurant, and rooming house on the second floor. Several people jumped from the second floor to safety.

Citizens formed bucket brigades and were later reinforced with “Coast Guard men” sent from Oregon Inlet, Bodie Island, Nags Head, and Kill Devil Hills stations. They were finally joined by a pumper from Elizabeth City FD, which travelled 75 miles in 90 minutes. By the time of their arrival, the fire buildings had collapsed and the engine “was employed” for about an hour, for “drowning out the blazing debris.” [CT, 12/28/32; ECI, 12/30/32]

1933, Jan – On the Wednesday before January 9, the Manteo town board authorized a committee to investigate the costs of buying fire equipment. They also adopted an ordinance requiring building permits before erecting structures. They also planned to pass a fire code after conferring with the town business men. [Greensboro Daily News, 1/10/33]

**1933, May [?] – Manteo FD re-organized.** The fire chief was Albert K. Evans. They had “in excess” of ten men. They operated a new pumper, which was delivered in early May. They “functioned” for the first time for an unscheduled fire drill on May 19, 1933. They answered their first call on the Saturday before June 2, 1933, for an explosion and fire at the Dare County Motor Company. The fire was extinguished using buckets of water and the fire engine was not used. Twenty-four of the 28 company members had arrived with the apparatus within three minutes. They answered their second call on July 25, 1933, for a car fire. The new/re-organized department was holding fundraisers as early as January 1933. [ECI, 1/20/33, 2/10/33, 5/5/33, 5/26/33, 6/2/33, 6/30/33, 7/28/33, N&O, 6/2/41]

1933, May – Manteo’s new fire truck was expected to arrive by the end of the week, reported The Independent on May 5, 1933.

1933, July – Manteo town commissioners discussed plans for “improving the usefulness” of the new fire department, after learning that they were entitled to a five-percent reduction of insurance rates due to having an “approved fire apparatus” and an “organized fire company in excess of ten men.” An additional five-percent reduction might be possible for any property within a radius of 300 feet of pumping stations that could be established by “digging ditches or running pine lines from the waterfront.” [ECI, 6/30/33]

1935, Jan 8 – Manteo FD members voted to use \$150 of their funds to purchase a lot for a new fire station, at a site later occupied by the Duchess of Dare Restaurant. The lot later swapped for a different site, where the fire station was built. [CT, 10/12/72] In January 1936, county commissioners approved a \$150 contribution to the building fund. [CT, 1/10/36]

1935, Nov – Manteo FD named Dewey Hayman as new fire chief. He succeeded Albert K. Evans, who resigned because he moved away. Hayman was described as one of the department’s most active members. [The ECI, 11/15/35]

1933, Nov – Editorial offered opinion that the free service that Manteo FD provided “outside its legal limits” was unfair. It noted there had been three fire calls in the past five days on Roanoke Island, and two of which were outside the legal area. They opined that “Nags Head Township” should have a fire engine and a volunteer fire department, among other points. [ECI, 11/22/35]

1937, circa – Beginning that year, Roanoke Island residents were taxed to help fund Manteo FD for providing fire protection. [CT, 12/31/54]

1937, August – **Manteo FD relocated.** Was housed in a shed at the end of Water Street. Was moved to a garage located “behind the bank,” and “almost directly in the center of the business district.” It was donated by outgoing Fire Chief Dewey Hayman. The building needed a few repairs, and the fire department was planning to ask the town for an appropriation. Upon the resignation of Hayman, who was “transferred” to Williamston, Cecil Mann was elected fire chief. [Daily ECI, 8/9/37]

1937 – Snapshot. From July 31, 1936, to August 1, 1937, Manteo FD answered 27 calls, with seven within the town limits. Total \$150,000 worth of property threatened, total damage \$3,910. Within corporate limits, only \$20 damage. [N&O, 8/8/37]

1939, Sep 11 – Major fire in Manteo. Sixteen commercial buildings destroyed, about two-thirds of the business district. Mutual aid responded from Elizabeth City and Norfolk. The fire started at 5:40 a.m. and was extinguished exactly three hours later. The fire caused \$200,000 damage and started in a building of the Standard Oil Company, on the waterfront. Firefighters were assisted by the local CCC company and the island’s NPS work camp. Crews from the Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills coast guard stations brought pumps and hose. [MJL blog post, <https://legeros.com/blog/manteo-burns-norfolk-sends-engine-1939>]

**1941, summer – New Manteo fire station completed.** Cost \$12,000. Built as WPA project, with some \$4,000 local contributions. Housed the town’s “500 gallon” pumper. The concrete-block building was finished in white stucco, had two stories, and two first floor bays to hold four trucks. Second room had an office, record room, and a “recreation room for the firemen.” The department had 22 volunteer members

and within last 30 days had answered 17 calls. [N&O, 6/2/41] In Work was planned to the building in April 1939. By January 1939, the project was still waiting to start. WPA labor was working on the new community building and new gym. Once those were completed, they would start on the “fire hall project.” [CT, 3/31/39, 12/8/39]

1941, summer – Manteo planned to purchase a second pumper truck, upon completion of the new fire station. It would be either 750 GPM or 1000 GPM. By June 2, MFD had 22 volunteer members. Within the last 30 days they had answered 17 calls. [News & Observer, 6/2/41]

1941, November 1 – Manteo water system is placed in service. Voters approved two bond issues in June 1940 for the \$37,000 water and sewer project, that included 17,500 feet of water mains, and 27 fire hydrants. [CT, 6/28/40, 11/6/42] [Note, the installation of this system has been incorrectly cited as circa 1933, in CT, 12/31/54.]

1946, Jun – Manteo FD added a third pumper to their fleet, a 1946 Ford/American pumper with a 750 GPM pump that cost \$5,000. It was delivered the week of June 28. [N&O 6/28/46; sale notice, CT, 1/28/66]

1947, Jul 24 – Major fire in Manteo, the 3,000-seat Waterside Amphitheater within the reconstructed Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island. The fire started shortly before 5:00 p.m. and was brought under control over an hour later. [N&O, 7/25/47]

**1949 - Dare Beaches Sanitary District created.** Original members were Chairman J. B. Duvall, Secretary J. E. Harris, and Daisy Midgett. District covered area from Whalebone Junction to southern boundary of Southern Shores, and from ocean 2500 feet west. Primary purpose was to establish a central water system for Dare Beaches. Nothing came of that effort at the time. [Gaeta]

## 1950 to 1959

1951, Jan – By this time, the Roanoke Island Fire District was collecting revenue for the county. Presumably used to fund Manteo FD for answering calls outside of the town limits. [CT, 1/5/51]

1952, Jan – Manteo FD asked of “every private citizen” to please stay at home or off the streets for at least five minutes after the fire siren sound, to give fire department members right-of-way. They also asked that people “who are not firemen” to please not climb on the fire truck, as it was against town ordinance. [CT, 1/11/52]

1952, Feb – Major fire in Manteo, Hotel Roanoke. The 1819 building was “burned beyond repair” in the early-morning fire. One person was killed in the fire and five families were “made homeless.” Coast Guard members from the Nags Head station brought a pumper. The Elizabeth City FD was notified at 3:00 a.m. and “came promptly to the scene.” They stayed until the fire was controlled. [CT, 2/8/52]

1953 - Special bond election held to authorize water system and fire protection. Both defeated. [Gaeta]

1953 - Kill Devil Hills incorporated.

**1954, August – Roanoke Island FD re-organized.** The action was authorized by the town board that week. The fire chief was Ivy H. Evans. The reorganization was needed because many of the original

members had died or moved away, and additional, younger men would be asked to participate. Though there were 24 members on the roster when the department was organized “a number of years ago”, vacancies had “cut that number.” [News & Observer, 8/13/54]

1954, August - By this time, Manteo FD had apparently been renamed Roanoke Island FD. Though news reports continued to cite the Manteo Fire Department in stories, over subsequent years. [CT, 8/13/54]  
[Was there possibly a second department named RIFD was operated with the same personnel, from the same station, and answered calls in the county? No evidence has been discovered to support this.]

1954, Dec 31 – Editorial titled “Roanoke Island Needing Greater Fire Protection” notes that the town and the island need better firefighter equipment and [more?] men, and more so in town, because “houses are closer together in town.” But since the water system was installed, the “limited fire department” has managed well. They note that not a single house has burned down, since the system was installed. It notes that saved property includes buildings on Nags Head beach and even Currituck County. They note that Ivey Evans is the fire chief, and planned to call a meeting in early January to discuss the problems. [CT, 12/31/54]

**1955 – Kill Devil Hills FD organized.** First fire truck delivered around April 1, 1955. It was housed in a new town hall building, which was nearing completion on April 8, 1955. The building was located on the southwest corner of present S. Virginia Trail and Baum Street. [CT, 4/8/55; CT, 1/27/56]

1955, May – Kill Devil Hills FD to begin answering calls anywhere on the “27-mile beach”, from the north end of Southern Shore to Oregon Inlet. The decision was reached when the 20 volunteer firemen learned that the insurance on the town-owned fire truck remained in effect if calls were answered outside of town. They had made arrangements with Manteo FD to help out, in the event of two simultaneous fires on the beach. [N&O, 5/17/55]

1955, May – Roanoke Island FD ordered a new pumper, built by Howe. Would be delivered in the next 60 days. Painted white, instead of “usual fire engine red. [CT, 5/22/55, 5/18/56]

1955, Nov – Kill Devil Hills FD was no longer answering calls outside of town limits, unless more than one fire truck was provided. So far, half of the calls they had answered had been in Kitty Hawk or Nags Head, and if that continued, the “promised reduction on [fire] insurance rates” [from the establishment of the fire department] “will be cancelled.” Two members of the Nags Head Chamber were appointed to work with KDHFD to create some “workable plan for fire protection for the whole beach.” [N&O, 11/14/55]

1956, Jan – Snapshot of Kill Devil Hills FD. By January 27, 1956, they had answered their eleventh call since they organized last year, for a trash fire in Nags Head that threatened a home. [CT, 1/27/56]

1956, Feb – Fire engine purchased for the Nags Head beach, with more than twenty “interested residents” having signed a promissory note. The trustees holding the title to the “truck plan” would work out an “operating agreement” with the Kill Devil Hills FD, with the truck probably operated by KDHFD, and the department expanded with volunteers from Kitty Hawk and Nags Head.” [News & Observer, 2/20/56]

1958 - Dare Beaches Sanitary District explored the possibility of establishing fire stations in Nags Head and Kitty Hawk. [Gaeta]

1959 - Freeholders asked for abolishment of Sanitary District. [Gaeta]

1959, March – Roanoke Island FD scheduled a meeting for “reorganization and adoption of by-laws” on March 27, 1959. They operated with funding support from the Roanoke Island Fire District. [CT, 3/20/59]

1959, May – Dare Beaches Sanitary District asked for legal authority to levy a tax on their residents, to buy \$12,000 worth of fire equipment. House Bill 900 was introduced in the state legislature and was expected to be enacted into law. [CT, 5/29/59]

1959, July – The commissioners of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District faced growing resentment from property owners, “for several reasons and from several quarters.” A petition from 58 percent of the “resident freeholders of the district” sought the organization’s dissolution, citing that “the three men who run the district have persisted in entering into an agreement to buy two fire trucks, on the pretext that insurance rates will be reduced.” They also opposed the “high tax” that the commissioners sought to “impose,” and noted differences in potential property tax amounts, for those living in Kill Devil Hills versus those living outside. Plus other issues, ranging from funding sources to the election process of the commissioners. [CT, 7/3/59, 7/10/59]

**1959, summer? - Dare Beaches Sanitary District Fire Department Created.** Two pieces of equipment had been acquired, a pair of one-ton Ford trucks equipped with 600 GPM pumps and 300 gallon water tanks. In Kitty Hawk, nine citizens borrowed money to build a fire station near Wink's grocery and rented it to the Sanitary District. One fire truck was stationed there. William H. "Smitty" Smith was first fire chief. Some active members were Miles "Wink" Davis, Orville Baum, Mallory Thompson, William J. "Bill" Anderson and Carson Meekins. [Gaeta]

**1959, August – Nags Head FD created.** Initial meeting held on August 3, 1959, of Nags Head Volunteer Fire Department. [Gaeta] Alternate name for organization was Nags Head unit of Dare Beaches Sanitary District Fire Department. [CT, 11/27/59] The first fire chief was Bill Daughtry.

**1959, Oct 1 – Hatteras FD organized.** Organization was named Hatteras Fire Protection Association. First fire engine was a 1961 Dodge Power Wagon/Howe with a 500 GPM pump, ordered on December 27, 1959, and delivered on August 12, 1960. First fire was the home of Jeannette Stowe. First fire chief was Herbert Oden. [CT, 11/6/59]

1959, Nov – Organization of Nags Head FD was completed at a meeting at the Carolina Hotel, with about fifteen people present. Plans were made to erect a building near the Sand Dollar Motel to house the fire truck, which was being kept at the nearby Army Radar Station. The building would be erected “by contributions of money and labor.” [CT, 11/27/59]

1959, Nov – Cooperation between Roanoke Island FD and Dare Beaches Sanitary District FD was demonstrated during a weekend in November. While the Manteo fire truck had responded to Manns Harbor for a fire, the Dare Beaches truck in Nags Head came to Manteo and stood by at the fire station. It subsequently responded to a fire at an automobile body shop. [CT, 11/27/59]

## 1960 to 1969

**1960, Sep – Residents in Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk voted to form Dare Beaches Sanitary District.** [CT, 9/16/60] Kitty Hawk fire truck was later disposed to the Nags Head fire station, the only town that remained part of district. Dare Beaches Sanitary District FD was later renamed Nags Head FD.

1960, Nov - First Nags Head fire chief, Troy Shephard, appointed November 15, 1960. [CT, 4/18/89]

1961 - Kitty Hawk Fire Station sold. Building was bought by Wink Davis, then by David Stick, who opened a bookstore there. [Gaeta]

1961 - All fires in Kitty Hawk and areas north were fought by Nags Head FD, Kill Devil Hills FD, and Manteo FD, until 1970. [Gaeta]

1962, July – Kill Devil Hills town budget included \$5,000 to replace current fire truck. Department planned to purchase a four-wheel-drive truck, to “deal with situations away from the paved roads.” [CT, 7/6/62]

1962, July - Nags Head FD was operating a new pumper and new tanker, that replaced two trucks “rendered unusable” by the Ash Wednesday storm in March. They were housed at the old Army Radar Station, formerly the Nags Head Coast Guard Station. The facility was planned to be “dismantled” and a new firehouse needed to be built or rented. NHFD was still “an agency” of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District and financing for a new fire station was “under study.” Tentative plans called for a cinder block building to be built. [CT, 7/13/62]

About the Army Radar base. It had a garage building [CT, 3/9/64], where the truck was stored. It was housed at the base until/after March 1962, when the base was severely damaged by the Ash Wednesday storm.

USCG Station Nags Head was built in 1874. It closed in 1956 and its personnel and assets were disbursed to other nearby USCG facilities. An Army radar unit moved into the facility the same year. [CT, 7/6/56] The site was transferred to the GSA in 1957 and then to the Army in 1961.

**1963 – Buxton FD chartered.** [NCSOS] Fundraising to form a fire department had been started by September 1963. By February 1964, the Women’s Auxiliary of the Buxton Fire Prevention Association had been formed. In December 1964, the first fire truck was delivered, an International/American LaFrance. By January 29, 1965, they had fought only one minor blaze. [CT, 9/13/63, 2/14/64, 10/9/64, 1/29/65]

1963, Feb – By that time, Nags Head FD had a newly organized women’s auxiliary. [N&O, 2/24/63]

1963, May 4? – During the Dare Coast Pirates’ Jamboree on Saturday, cannon fire accidentally set marsh grass aflame on Roanoke Island. Three airborne “water bombers” from the state forest service, plus one from the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, held battle the 150-acre blaze. Roanoke Island FD and Nags Head FD units also responded, along with heavy equipment from both the state and the paper company. Two spotter plans were also used to coordinate crews. The fire threatened a number of homes at one time, and those structures were wet down by “water bombs” and spraying hoses. Several hundred

civilians also aided. The fire was controlled after about six hours, through the marsh grass continued to smolder for several days. [News and Observer, 5/5/63, CT, 5/10/63.]

**1965, Spring – Buxton FD firehouse completed** by February 1965. Land for the 90 by 190 foot site was donated. It was located “on the highway, just after entering the village from the north.” Construction started circa October/November 1964. By January 29, 1965, it was described as “incomplete but usable.” [CT, 10/9/64, 1/29/65, 2/12/65]

**1965, Fall – Kill Devil Hills FD relocated.** Housed at new town hall on Highway 158, beside the elevated water tank. [CT, 9/10/65]

1965, Dec 3? – Early-morning waterfront fire on the Thursday before December 4 in Manteo destroyed four buildings, including the oldest building on the waterfront, the old General Supply Company, with a loss of \$150,000. [N&O, 12/4/65, CT, 12/10/65]

**1966 – Rodanthe-Waves FD created.** Corporation named Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Fire Protection Association chartered, with incorporation papers filed April 18, 1966. The initial directors were Dick Austin (Salvo), Weston Kreis (Rodante), Woodrow Edwards (Waves), Virginia Oneal (Rodanthe), Dan Leary (Salvo), Johnny Hooper (Salvo), Ruby Gray (Waves), Leslie Hooper (Salvo), Herbert Midgett (Rodanthe), Ed McLeod (Waves). The corporate was initially located in Waves. In May 1967, women members of the associated formed a ladies auxiliary. [CT, 5/12/67]

**1967 – Salvo FD organized.** Was chartered on April 14, 1967. The fire station was completed soon thereafter at 27209 Roth Road. The first fire truck was an early vintage Diamond T pumper with a 500 GPM pump, from Virginia Beach. They had 42 members that year. [CT, 3/20/79]

1968, Nov – Fundraising for the Roanoke Island Fire Department, to add a new room on the firehouse, to “house the truck and firefighting equipment.” [CT, 11/22/68]

1968 - In December County Commissioners established Fire District Commission and named Shelby Hines from Kitty Hawk as Chairman, and Fred Scarborough from Duck and Rose Liverman from Colington as members. Purpose was to establish a fire department in the above locations and in Southern Shores. [Gaeta]

1968 – Rural fire protection district for Kitty Hawk created. [CT, 12/20/68]

1969 - Kill Devil Hills FD notified those outside the town limits that they were no longer providing service, due to “local technicalities and other problems.” On the Tuesday before December 5, KDHFD refused to respond to a fire at a Kitty Hawk beach residence. Nags Head FD responded and extinguished a fire in a pump motor in the building’s attached garage. [CT, 12/5/69]

1969 – By December 5, the residents of Atlantic Township, the area outside the town limits of Kill Devil Hills, had voted to create the Kitty Hawk Fire District, and be taxed for fire protection.

## 1970 to 1979

1970 - Nags Head Fire Chief Hill criticized Kitty Hawk residents for refusal to fight brush fire. [Gaeta]

1970, Feb 17 – Kill Devil Hills FD refused to respond to the fire at a beach cottage in Kitty Hawk. The Nags Head FD was called at 5:45 p.m. and arrives and was pumping water within fifteen minutes. The Roanoke Island FD also responded, but the fire was under control by the time they arrived. The Mayor of Kill Devil Hills said their fire department “doesn’t fight any fires outside of town” except with those communities that it has mutual aid agreements with: Nags Head, Manteo, Currituck. The reason was that KDHFD had no liability insurance for fighting fires outside of town. They also had “only small equipment” and “can’t do anything for others, except where [they had] mutual agreements.” Noted the newspaper account, there had been “unresolved differences” between the town and the village for several years “concerning fire protection.” Though Kitty Hawk had no fire department, the groundwork had been laid for establishing one. Noted the mayor, KDHFD had “fought the fires of others for thirteen years without compensation” and had spent “\$65,000 of our taxpayers’ money fighting fires of others.” He added that he had tried to get to the county commissions “to do something about it and got nowhere.” [CT 2/19/70]

1970, Feb 26 – Newspaper reported that Nags Head Fire Chief J. F. Hill criticized the residents of Kitty Hawk for their “lack of effort” to fight a brush fire on Sunday. The department responded about 4:30 p.m. to a brush fire that started, after a resident was burning trash in the backyard and it accidentally started spreading. Some 200 square yards were burned and “no person aided in fighting the blaze other than our [two] firemen ... not a single person from Kitty Hawk lifted a hand.”

1970 – By February 19, over \$10,000 in tax levy monies had been collected from residents of the Kitty Hawk Fire District. The county collects 15 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The money is for the purpose of organizing a fire department. [CT, 2/19/70]

1970, Mar 17 – Organizational meeting held for purpose of naming officers for a “firefighting unit” at Kitty Hawk, reports spokesman Sidney Toler. Though the community had no fire company, some citizens had aided Kill Devil Hills FD in the past. In recent months, Kill Devil Hills FD had refused to fight fires in the neighbor Kitty Hawk community, and Nags Head FD and Manteo FD had responded. [CT, 3/12/70] [Gaeta]

1970 - Kill Devil Hills town board agreed on March 19 to enter into “mutual firefighting agreement” with the Kitty Hawk Fire District for 90 days or less, with the timeframe able to be renegotiated for longer if necessary and “mutually agreeable.” The board specified conditions of (a.) at least six members of the Kitty Hawk Fire District attend regular meetings of KDHFD, that the “trainees” assist with fighting fires in their areas, and that the fire district pay the town \$200 per month. The Mayor also told the town board that the town would need to buy a \$30,000 fire truck, and, under the plan, Kill Devil Hills [the town?] would assume an additional area seven times its own size, and whose taxable valuation was higher than that of the town. The acquired truck would used to fight fire in the Atlantic Township, which includes Colington Island, Southern Shores, Duck, Cafee’s Inlet, Kitty Hawk Beach, and Kitty Hawk Village. No action was taken toward purchase of the fire truck. [CT, 3/26/70]

**1970 – Kitty Hawk FD organized.** Through leadership of Shelby Hines, Kitty Hawk firefighting unit was organized. [Gaeta]

1970 - With money collected from fire tax, about \$2,000 was given to Fire District Commission, and three, fully-equipped used pumpers were purchased from Chesapeake FD. Colington, Kitty Hawk. and Southern Shores each received a pumper. In the same year the commission purchased one gasoline tanker and two flatbed 6x6 trucks from government surplus in Raleigh to convert to tankers. The gasoline tanker

went to Colington. One flatbed was converted and went to Kitty Hawk. The other was not converted and was later sold. [Gaeta]

**1971 – Avon FD organized.** The department’s charter was signed on August 26, 1971, and filed with the Secretary of State’s office on September 13, 1971. The first truck was a used LaFrance pumper acquired from Point Pleasant, NJ. The first fire chief was Darrell Merrill. [CT, 9/20/01]

1971, Jan 18 - Kitty Hawk Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. incorporated. The response area included Colington, Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores, and covered Duck on to Currituck line. Board of Directors were:

- Homer Althouse, Southern Shores Chairman
- Norman Perry, Kitty Hawk, Vice Chairman
- Gene Jennings, Kitty Hawk, Treasurer
- Ernest Mccurdy, Southern Shores, Secretary
- Henry Haywood, Colington
- Orlando Meekins, Colington

Sidney Toler, Kitty Hawk, was elected Fire Chief, with three assistant Chiefs:

- Vernon Perry, Colington
- Lee Jones, Southern Shores
- Edward Oneal, Kitty Hawk

Following Toler as Fire Chief were:

- Cliff Midgett Jr.
- Paul Pruitt.

Fire station locations:

- Southern Shores - On land donated by Kitty Hawk Land Company a two-bay fire station was built at East Dogwood Trail and Duck Road.
- Colington – On land donated by trustees of Colington Community Center a two-bay fire station was begun in 1971 and completed in 1972. The volunteers at Colington are often cited as “Colington Fire Department” in news reports.
- Kitty Hawk housed its equipment in the old VEPCO building.

Source: Gaeta, CT, 6/24/82

**1972 – First Avon FD station completed.** Located at corner of Harbor Road and CC Camp Road. Construction started on August 4, 1972, on donated land. [CT, 9/20/01]

1972 – Kitty Hawk VFD’s fire station in Colington completed. The two-bay building was erected on land donated by trustees of the Colington Community Center. [Gaeta]

1973, Jan 25 – On that date, Sidney Toler and Sam Beacham went to Tipton, IN, to pick up new John Bean Class A 750 GPM pumper mounted on 1973 Ford F-750 chassis. Cost \$21,500, tax \$120, total \$21,620. This truck went to Kitty Hawk village. [Gaeta]

**1974 – Buxton FD re-organized.** The organization created a new constitution and new by-laws. They created incentives for their members to attend meetings and training. They also lowered the minimum age to 16. [CT, 3/6/80]

1974, Feb 21 – Roanoke Island FD held meeting with some 80 people in Wanchese, interested in joining the fire department, and adding a fire station and fire truck in Wanchese. Total of 36 people signed cards indicating interest in the fire department. On February 28, the regular drill meeting was attended by 58 people, with 36 department members, 28 new people from Wanchese, and four new men from the Manteo area. The department hoped to have a Wanchese station and fire station operational within six months. [CT, 3/5/74]

1974, Jul 25 – Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., incorporated. Action allowed department to borrow money from FHA for department improvements. [CT, 7/16/74] [NCSOS]

1975, Oct – Newspaper reports that the 1965 town hall and fire station in Kill Devil Hills was recently expanded, with three bays added for the fire department and the existing fire station space converted to municipal offices. [CT, 10/16/75]

**1975, Nov - Kitty Hawk FD relocated to new station.** Keys to the building were turned over on November 18, 1975. It would be placed in service immediately. The building was dedicated on December 6, 1975. The cost was \$80,000 including property. [CT, 11/20/75; CT, 12/2/80]

**1975 - Chicamacomico Banks FD created.** Renamed from Rodanthe-Waves FD.

**1975 – Stumpy Point FD chartered.** In May 1975, they added an ambulance, formerly a Navy unit. In April 1976, they received a 1951 Ford pumper from Kitty Hawk. By May 1976, they had also acquired an ambulance. By November 1980, they had three vehicles, including a military-surplus Ward LaFrance pumper and a second smaller vehicle. And were also raising money to build a building to house their equipment. [CT, 4/29/76, 5/12/81]

**1976, Jun – Manns Harbor FD created.** The department was started on June 25, 1976, with a 1956 Jeep ten-wheel-drive ex-Army truck they called the “Stump Jumper.” It had two 500-gallon water tanks, and a 250-gallon tank on the bank with a 9 ½ HP pump. The first fire chief was Melvin Watson. By February 1977, they also had a 1949 Ford/\_\_\_\_ pumper from Whitakers FD in Nash County. [CT, 2/10/77]

1976, Apr – Manteo fire station remodeled, to allow two fire trucks to be housed instead of just one. [CT, 4/27/76]

**1976, Spring – Roanoke Island Station 2 opened.** Dedicated in May 1976. Located in Wanchese, it was called the “South Station” and housed two pumpers and an equipment truck. Described as a two-story building with two bays on the bottom floor and a meeting room with cooking facilities above. It was built on the site of the old Wanchese School. [CT, 7/31/75, 5/18/76]

1976, Aug 1 – Roanoke Island residents were now eligible for reduction in fire insurance rates, due to expanded service from fire department, including a new firehouse in Wanchese and new fire trucks, plus a greater number of volunteers. [CT, 7/1/76]

**1976, Nov – Frisco FD chartered.** The organization was named Frisco Fire Prevention Association. In May 1977, property owners voted and approved a special tax on their property to fund fire protection in the Frisco Fire Protective District. [CT, 11/11/76, 5/19/77]

1978, May – Frisco FD broke ground on a fire station. By that time, they had acquired their first fire truck, a 1944 Seagrave pumper donated by the National Park Service. [CT, 5/23/78]

1978, September – Frisco FD was awarded a federal grant of \$2,000 to be matched with local funds, along with a surplus and 1 ¼ ton vehicle, which would be converted to a “brush fire pumper truck” using the awarded money. [CT, 9/19/78]

1978, October – Buxton FD received a Class 8 rating, which was a municipal rating. [CT, 3/6/80]

**1979 – First Frisco firehouse completed.** Located on Route 12. The 50 by 60-foot building cost \$58,000. It included three apparatus bays, a large meeting room for training, kitchen, rest room, and a communications room. Groundbreaking was held in May 1978. The service area had a population of 310 residents. [CT, 10/31/78, 1/11/79]

1979, Apr – Nags Head FD adopted written mutual aid agreement with Kill Devil Hills FD, replacing verbal agreement in place for years. Similar agreements were established with Roanoke Island FD, Kitty Hawk FD, and the National Park Service. [CT, 4/5/79]

## 1980 to 1989

1980, Mar – Snapshot of Buxton FD. They had three trucks: 1964 International/American LaFrance pumper, 500-gallon; 1977 GMC/E-One pumper, purchased through FHA grant, and a brush truck procured through the forest service. [CT, 3/6/80]

1981, May – Kitty Hawk FD refurbished three pumper-tankers at a cost of \$60,000. Each carried 1,200 gallons and were upgraded with larger pumps. The trucks were painted lime-green. [CT, 3/26/81]

**1981, Spring - Chicamacomico Banks FD relocated.** New building was dedicated on May 10, 1981. Land for the driveway was donated, and the fire protection association purchased 1.5 acres for the station site. The two-story cinderblock and wooden building included downstairs chief’s office and communications area, and upstairs conference room, kitchen, and restroom. [CT, 5/21/81]

**1982, Jun 25 – Colington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. incorporated.** [NCSOS]

**1982, Jun 21 – Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. incorporated.** [NCSOS]

1982, July – Colington and Southern Shores fire stations separate from Kitty Hawk FD and create own departments. [CT, 3/10/83] Alternate explanation/interpretation, the Colington and Southern Shores stations made the decision to separate in April 1982 [CT, 6/24/82], and began ECI coverage of their fire

districts on July 1, 1982. It took seven months for the three departments to work out details of the separation, “both administratively and financially.” [CT, 2/3/83]

**1982, Jul 13 - Duck Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. incorporated.** The need for greater fire protection was recognized after Kitty Hawk FD separated into three separate entities. “Phone calls were made to interested persons in Duck” and a meeting was quickly held, to incorporate, select a board of directors, establish by-laws, and elect officers. First Fire Chief is Kenny Smith, member of KHFD. To serve as first-due for all areas north of Southern Shores. First organizational meeting held June 27. Formal training started in November under contract with College of the Albemarle, with 21 men and two women meeting two nights each week at the Southern Shores fire station. Eight members have firefighting experience with other departments. Planned are some 25 courses over the next three years, starting with a 42-hour introduction and orientation course. [CT, 7/8/82; CT, \_/30/83]

1983 - Original Kitty Hawk VFD dissolved. Vote was planned to be called on Thursday on/after April 27, 1982. [Did the vote affirm the disbanding? Secretary of State records indicate otherwise.] If passed, the action would lead to the formation of three new corporations and allow for the transfer of buildings to each town or jurisdiction. [Gaeta] [CT, 4/27/82]

**1983 – First Stumpy Point fire station completed,** beside community center. The building measured approximately 20 by 30. It cost about \$20,000. [CT, 8/4/83] **Until that time, where were the fire trucks stored? Just parked outside?**

1983, March 1 – Nags Head received mini-pumper that was equipped with first extrication tools on Outer Banks. [CT, 3/1/84]

1983, March/April [?] – Duck VFD received certification from state, becomes fully operational. [CT, 3/10/83]

**1983, spring – First Duck fire station completed.** Construction started in October 1982. Dedicated March 12, 1982. Building is 4,400 square-feet. Built by FD members, land leased from Army Corps of Engineers. First [?] fire engine is “750 gallon capacity truck” leased from E-One. [CT, 3/10/83]

1983 [?] – Roanoke Island FD purchased land for third fire station, on land just south of Brakewood development on west side of Highway 64. As reported in May 1986, the station was still planned and department was requesting a two-cent tax increase to help fund it. Land was bought “about three years ago.” Station was apparently never built. [CT, 5/25/86]

1984, March – Kill Devil Hills fire chief and fire department personnel brought under authority of town manager. Changes were made after the town recently started operating under a council-manager form of government. [CT, 3/29/84]

1984, Dec – Nags Head FD hired first paid fire chief. Paul Royston was previously the volunteer fire chief, appointed in April 1971. [NHFD web, CT, 4/18/89]

1985, Jan – Nags Head FD hired first paid firefighter. [NHFD web]

1986 – Kill Devil Hills FD hired first paid fire chief, William Gard. [CT, 7/12/94]

1986, Jan – Roanoke Island FD purchased a ladder truck, a 1963 American LaFrance 100-foot midmount, former Newport News. Bought for \$18,000, it was recently recertified. The truck was delivered in February. [CT, 1/28/86]

1986, Nov – Kitty Hawk FD dedicated two new apparatus bays added at the fire station. The project cost \$30,000. KHFD had 25 volunteers on the roster and about 18 active members. Apparatus was a pumper, tanker, brush truck, 55-foot ladder truck, and an equipment van. [CT, 11/18/86]

**1989, July – Southern Shores Station 2 opened.** Called the “South Station,” it was located on Dogwood Trail. Planning started in 1985. Construction started in 1988. Land donated by Kitty Hawk Land Company. Placed in service and grand opening held on Sunday before July 18, 1989. Dedicated July 1989. [CT, 7/18/89]

**1989, Apr? – Nags Head FD relocated.** New station located at 5314 S. Croatan Highway. Old firehouse was repurposed for ocean rescue. Groundbreaking ceremony held on April 10, 1988. New station was dedicated on April 15, 1989. The station hadn’t been opened yet, as the town was awaiting office furniture and a telephone system. Planning for a second station started in 1989. [CT, 4/10/88; 3/9/89; 4/18/89]

## 1990 to 1999

1990, Aug – Coastland Times reported that Stumpy Point FD was reorganizing after a “period of inactivity.” It had about 15 members and had received a old pumper from Roanoke Island FD. [CT, 8/12/90]

## 2000 to Present

**2000 – Stumpy Point FD relocated.** New building was dedicated in November 2000. [CT, 11/12/00]

**2001, Spring – Avon FD relocated.** Land was purchased in 1997. Construction started in April 2000. The department moved into the building during March 2001. The new station was placed in service on April 2, 2001. The building was dedicated on September 15, 2001. [CT, 9/20/01]

2002, Dec – Buxton FD added a 2003? E-One ladder truck, 1500/500/75-foot. The truck was placed in service around January 1, 2003. [CT, 1/2/03]

**2006 – Kitty Hawk FD relocated.** Located on W. Kitty Hawk Road and Midgett Road. Ground was broken in a ceremony on October 25, 2005. [CT, 10/23/05]

**2006, Feb – Nags Head FD opened second station.** New Station 2 at 8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Road. [CT, 9/22/05] [CT, 2/19/06]

2008 – Kitty Hawk Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. renamed Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association Inc. [NCSOS]

**2010 – Roanoke Island FD Station 2 relocated.** Built beside the site of the former structure. [RIFD web, Google Earth]

**2017 – Salvo FD merged with Chicamacomico Banks FD.** The merger process had been underway for a couple years. By combining the two departments, they reduced the number of minimum volunteer firefighters, which was difficult to fill with a population of between 450 and 500 between the three villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo. [NCSOS, Island Free Press, 5/17/17]

**2024 – Southern Shores FD occupied new northern station,** co-located in new Dare County EMS Station 4, on site of former fire station.

## Abbreviations

- CT – Coastland Times
- ECI – The Independent (Elizabeth City)
- NCSOS – North Carolina Secretary of State

## Federal Fire Protection

These agencies had fire equipment and firefighters on the Outer Banks:

- National Park Service
  - Had equipment at various sites for decades, through the 2010s.
  - 1964 – Snapshot of National Parks Service fire equipment. They have twelve pieces of fire protection equipment: two trucks, a “bombardier fire plow,” and several “pumper units mounted on trailers.” The equipment is located at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Wright Brothers National Memorial, and the three islands in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They also have a county-wide mutual aid agreement with the local FDs and the NC Forest Service. [CT, 10/64/09]
- Naval Auxiliary Air Station Manteo
  - Operated 1943 to 1947.
  - Base was located at the site of the current Dare County airport.
  - Base fire department had an agreement with Manteo FD, to assist each other with firefighting on the island. [CT, 10/12/72]
- Naval Facility Cape Hatteras (Buxton)
  - Operated 1956 to 1982.
  - Base fire equipment responded off-site as mutual aid.
  - Also had an ambulance and paramedic by 1979.
- US Coast Guard
  - The Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills stations had “pumps and hose” by September 1939. [CT, 9/12/39]
  - The Nags Head station had a pumping engine in February 1952. [CT, 2/8/52]

## Apparatus Notes

Dept	Year Added	Year/Make/Model	Specs	Notes
RIFD	1946 [?]	1946 Ford/American		Offered for sale in February 1966. [CT, 2/11/66]

Dept	Year Added	Year/Make/Model	Specs	Notes
RIFD	195_	1950s Ford/____ tractor-drawn tanker		Unit 2
RIFD	1955 [?]	1955 Ford/Howe	500/750	Unit 7
KDHFD	1960 [?]	1960 Ford/American	500/500	Unit 3, Unit 1403
RIFD	1964 [?]	1964 Ford 800/American LaFrance	750/500	Unit 2. See below.
RIFD	1964 [?]	1964 Ford 800/American LaFrance/E-One	750/500	Rebuilt by E-One in 1992 with a local-built hose-reel system for five-inch hose. Sold to Columbia, NC. [SFP]
KDHFD	1964 [?]	1964? Ford F600/American	500/500	Source: Hose & Nozzle ad, July-Aug 1964
RIFD	1968	1959 International/Howe	750/820	Ex-Norfolk, VA. Donated summer 1968, by Sonny Daniels of Crab Slough Seafood Company in Wanchese. Pictured CT, 6/8/78.
KDHFD	1969 [?]	1969 ALF Pioneer	1000/500	
KHFD	197_	1970s GMC Value Van		Utility 13. [SFP]
NPS	197_ [?]	1970s [?] Ford F700/Darley	750/500	National Parks Service, seen parked behind NHFD in 2019. Did it serve in the area?
KDHFD	1971 [?]	1971 American LaFrance Pioneer	1000/500	Engine 2, Engine 14-2. [SFP]
KHFD, SSFD	1971 [?]	1971 Ford F-750/John Bean	750/750	KHFD [?], later SSFD. Info from SFP.
KHFD	1972 [?]	1972 Ford F/Carolina Fire Masters	500/1300	Tanker 13, later Unit 1306.
KHFD	1972 [?]	1972 Ford F-750/John Bean	750/500	serial # 75A95F7-5-17 Engine 13-2, later 1302. [SFP]
KHFD, SSFD	1981?	1973 Ford F-750/1981? Atlas	500/1200	KHFD [?], later SSFD. Later Manns Harbor, FD. [SFP] Likely refurbished from earlier unit, see below.
Note: In spring 1981, three early 1970s Kitty Hawk pumpers were refurbished with new bodies and larger pumpers. [CT, 3/26/81] They are likely the ones highlighted above. The truck were assigned to the stations at Kitty Hawk, Colington, and Southern Shores. From one entry above, Atlas in Raleigh may have done the refurbishing.				
RIFD	1973 [?]	1973 Ford/Boyerstown step van		Unit 1
NHFD	1974	1974 Ford/ALF	1000/?	Delivered August 1974. Cost \$36,000. [CT, 9/10/74] Later painted yellow. Declared as surplus property in December 1993. [CT, 12/5/93]
RIFD	1974 [?]	1974 Chevy/RIFD step van		Unit 5
RIFD	1974 [?]	1974 Ford/____/RIFD tanker	1800 gallons	Unit 8
RIFD	1975 [?]	1975 Ford C8000/ALF	1000/750	Engine 1707.
RIFD	1975 [?]	1975 Ford C8000/ALF	1000/750	Engine 1703. [SFP]
KDHFD	1976 [?]	1976 Ford/shop box truck		Salvage 1
BFD	1977 [?]	1977 GMC 6500/E-One	1000/750	S/N #750. Disposed to Englehard, NC [SFP]
AFD	1979 [?]	1979 Ford F-250 4x4/AFD	250/300	Brush 463. Sold to private owner in area. [SFP]

Dept	Year Added	Year/Make/Model	Specs	Notes
FFD	1979 [?]	1979 Chevrolet C70/E-One	1000/500	S/N #1017. Disposed to Lower Currituck FD. [SFP]
KDHFD	1980	1980 ALF Telesqurt	1500/500/50-foot	Cost \$206,000 including equipment. Dedicated 4/12/80. [CT, 4/24/80] Offered for sale in summer 1993, with sealed bids accepted by Sep 10, 1993. [CT, 8/19/1993]
RIFD	1980 [?]	1980 Chevy step van		Unit 1705. [SFP]
NHFD	1980 [?]	1980 Seagrave PB24068	1250/1000	Serial #K73963. Bid price \$99,100 [CT, 4/5/79] Engine 20, Engine 1603, donated to Stumpy Point.
SSFD	1982 [?]	1982 Ford F800/FMC Roughneck/1994 Metal Craft	1000/750	Info from SFP.
SFD	1983 [?]	1983 Ford F-800/Grumman	1000/900	S/N #16807. [SFP] Later Cbfd.
SFD	1984 [?]	1984 CMC Sierra 3500/Grumman	300/250	[SFP] Later Cbfd.
NHFD	1984	1984? Ford/E-One mini-pumper	?/450	Delivered day before 3/1/84. Cost \$56,000. Also includes Amkus extrication tool, first on Outer Banks. [CT, 3/1/84] Rescue 16.
KHFD	1984 [?]	1984 Ford C8000/Grumman Telesqurt	1250/500/50-foot	Serial #47170 Truck 13. Ladder removed in 2014-2015. Sold to farmer in Utah in 2019. [SFP]
BFD	1984 [?]	1984 Chevrolet 70/E-One	1000/750	S/N #50119. Engine 441.
NHFD	1985	1969 Seagrave FB	1250/500	Serial #R4558 – NHFD, former Engine 20. Ex-__FD in St. Louis, MO. \$46,000 after rehab. Alt. capacity 1000 GPM. Delivered 11/28/85, from CT photo. Unit 1602. Sold to Columbia, ND.
RIFD	1986	1963 American LaFrance aerial ladder	85-foot	Ex-Newport News, VA. Purchased Jan 1986. Delivered Feb. 1986. Cost \$18,000. [CT, 5/25/86] Originally painted red. Unit 1704. Sold to private owner. [CT, 3/26/81] [SFP]
KDHFD	1987	1986 Duplex/Grumman Aerial Cat	1500/150/102-foot	Grumman S/N #17489 Truck 14. Bid price \$459,113. [CT, 3/11/86] Originally scheduled for delivery in 1986, but was damaged when a driver parked it on a soft shoulder and it suffered cosmetic damaged. Delivered third week of April 1987. [CT, 4/30/87] [SFP]
NHFD	1987	1987 E-One Hurricane aerial ladder	110-foot	Serial #5253 Delivered circa November 1987. Also carries tools for vehicle extrication. [CT, 11/26/87] Truck 16. Retired circa 2008/2009. [SFP]
DFD	1987	1987 Duplex/Grumman Aerial Cat	1500/300/102-foot	Serial #17297, sold 2003 to Oak Ridge, NC. [SFP]
CFD, SFD	1987 [?]	1987 Ford F8000/E-One	1250/750	Serial #5675. Donated to Stumpy Point in 2016. [SFP]
AFD, SFD	1988 [?]	1988 E-One Cyclone	1250/1000	Serial #6537. Donated to Stumpy Point in 2017. [SFP]
NHFD	1988 [?]	1988 Ford F-350/[local]	125/300	Brush 16. Donated to Swan Quarter in 2003, following a hurricane. [SFP]

Dept	Year Added	Year/Make/Model	Specs	Notes
CFD	1988 [?]	1988 Ford F-350/[local]	150/300	Brush 15, Unit 1509. [SFP]
FFD	1989 [?]	1989 E-One Protector	1250/1000/45	Pumper 42. [CFP]
KDHFD	1989	1989 E-One Hush	1500/750	Serial #7482. Engine 3, Engine 14-3. Former demo. Delivered summer 1989, after 30-day delivery date as part of \$198,103 bid contract. [CT, 6/27/89] In service last week August. [CT 9/3/89] [SFP]
KDH	1990 [?]	1990 Ford F-350/Reading/Simpson		Utility 14. [SFP]
RIFD	1990 [?]	1990 International/E-One	1250/500	Engine 1702. Sold to Engelhard FD (Hyde Co.). [SFP]
RIFD	1990 [?]	1990 International 4900/Carolina Fire Masters	300/3000	Tanker 17, Delivered 5/31/90, from CT. Three axles. Donated to Manns Harbor in 2023. [SFP]
KHFD	1990 [?]	1990 Grumman	1750/1000	S/N #18499. [SFP]
DFD	1990 [?]	1990 Grumman FireCat	1500/_00	Later sold to Carolina Township FD. Info from SFP.
AFD	1991 [?]	1991 International 4900/E-One	1250/1200	[SFP]
SSFD	1991 [?]	1991 E-One Protector	1250/1000	S/N #9310. Sold to Cashiers-Glenville FD (Jackson County) in 2009. [SFP]
NHFD	1992 [?]	1992 E-One Hurricane	1500/750	S/N #9703. [SFP]
SFD	1992 [?]	1992 International 4900/E-One	1250/1250	S/N #11000. [SFP] Later Cbfd.
KDHFD	1993 [?]	1993 KME	1500/500	Engine 14-1. Bought by private owner, converted to camper. [SFP]
CFD	1994 [?]	1994 HME/4-Guys	1500/100	S/N F-1551. Sold to Manns Harbor. [SFP]
RIFD	1995 [?]	1995 International/E-One	1250/1500/30	S/N #15134. Sold to Tyrell County FD in 2014. [SFP]
SFD	1995 [?]	1995 E-One Sentry	1250/500	S/N #14683. [SFP] Later Cbfd.

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## Pictures



Left to right, top to bottom:

- Nags Head Truck No. 4, a 1962 Ford F-350/Darley bumper-pumper, 500/250. Photographed November 1982 by Thomas Bair, scanned from 35mm slide, from the Micah Bodford Collection
- Kill Devil Hills Truck No. 3, a 1960 Ford/American pumper, 500/500. Thomas Bain photo scanned from 35mm slide, from Micah Bodford Collection
- Nags Head No. 2, a 1962 Ford/Darley pumper, 500/500. Thomas Bair photo from November 1982. Scanned from 35mm slide, from the Micah Bodford Collection,
- Roanoke Island Unit 7, 1955 Ford/Howe, 500/750. Thomas Bair photo, November 1982. Scanned from 35mm slide, from Micah Bodford Collection
- Roanoke Island Unit 8, 1974 Ford/RIFD, 1800 gallons. November 1982. Scanned from 35mm slide, from Micah Bodford Collection
- Nags Head engine.