
OTHER BUILDINGS

Old Alarm House

Behind 220 South Dawson Street

Built 1942 / Closed 1972

In 1942, a new building was completed to house the equipment of the electric-telegraph fire alarm system. It was erected in the rear of a lot purchased for a new Station 1. Due to a wartime shortage of materials and other reasons, the fire station was not completed until 1953. Beginning in 1965, the building housed the fire department's dispatchers. It closed in the spring of 1972, when a new city/county emergency communications center assumed those duties. The building presently serves as a gym and storage area for Station 1.

Old Smokehouse

105 Keeter Center Drive

Built by 1964

Built beside the 1954 training tower with bricks saved from Old Station 5 on Park Drive, the smokehouse served until the 1980s. It was recently reactivated as a training building, and presently serves as a storage area. The 1954 training tower was demolished in 2005. A new tower and training building was completed in 2006.

Old Shop

263 Pecan Street

Built 1969 / Closed 2004

On October 16, 1969, a new Station 2 opened and included a repair shop in the rear that replaced earlier maintenance facilities at Memorial Auditorium. In 2004, the shop was moved to a new Support Services Center at 4120 New Bern Avenue. The building presently houses fire apparatus assigned to Station 2.

The Raleigh Fire Department is ready to respond to emergency calls 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In addition to fire suppression, firefighters also provide first responder EMT-Defibrillator services and child safety seat inspections.

The Raleigh Fire Department is also part of a regional Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR) that responds to technical rescue situations involving structural collapse, confined space, trench and high angle rescue, vehicle extrication, land and water search and rescue. The Department also serves as one of the state's Regional Response Teams (RRT) providing hazardous materials response within Raleigh and surrounding counties.

Fire Department personnel are highly visible goodwill ambassadors for the City. At any hour of the day, Raleigh firefighters can be seen outside any of the City's 26 fire stations cleaning and maintaining the City's investment in emergency apparatus.

Firefighters eagerly provide tours of their facilities to school children and other members of the community. Residents can receive free blood pressure checks at the City's fire stations.

For more information about the Raleigh Fire Department, visit the City's web site at <http://www.raleigh-nc.org>.



RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL SITES



OLD CAPITAL HOSE HOUSE

117 West Morgan Street
Built 1887 / Closed 1890

The original quarters of the Capital Hose Company was constructed in conjunction with a new municipal water system. The first floor housed a hand-drawn hose reel on one side and the water company office on the other side. The second floor was a fireman's hall. The volunteer fire company moved across the street to 112 West Morgan Street in 1890. The building presently serves as an office. The adjoining water tower is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Before December 1912, the Raleigh Fire Department was comprised of volunteer fire companies operating hand- and later horse-drawn fire apparatus.



OLD STATION 2

500 Fayetteville Street Mall
Built 1932 / Closed 1969

Memorial Auditorium opened in 1932 with a two-bay fire station in the back facing Fayetteville Street. Both the stage and rear of the building were also designed for use as a fire school room and drill tower. In 1969, Station 2 was relocated to Pecan Road. The old station space was renovated in 2001, when the auditorium was expanded and reopened as the BTI Center for the Performing Arts.



OLD STATION 4 (1926)

505 Jefferson Street
Built 1926 / Closed 1964

On June 15, 1926, Raleigh's fourth fire station opened in a neighborhood off Glenwood Avenue. Engine 4 was placed in service with a 1920s American LaFrance pumper. In 1963, Station 4 was relocated to Wake Forest Road. The old station was sold at auction and remains privately owned. The building is also designated as a Raleigh Historic Landmark.



OLD STATION 4 (1963)

2913 Wake Forest Road
Built 1963 / Closed 1997

Engine 4 was stationed on Wake Forest Road from April 12, 1963 until June 24, 1993, when a new Station 4 opened at 121 Northway Court. The old station was used by the city as office space until April 1997. The building is presently occupied by a software company.



OLD STATION 6

2513 Fairview Road
Opened 1943 / Closed 1948

Raleigh's sixth fire station opened on March 3, 1943 in a rented building. Built in 1936, it previously housed a soda shop. Engine 6 was placed in service with a used 1919 American LaFrance pumper. In summer 1948, the city lost its lease and Engine 6 relocated to Station 5 on Park Drive. On July 25, 1949, a new Station 6 opened at 2602 Fairview Road. The building presently houses a restaurant.



OLD STATION 8

1007 Method Road
Opened 1960 / Closed 1963

On March 31, 1960 at 11:55 p.m., two minutes after the City Council authorized an annexation in west Raleigh, Fire Chief Jack Keeter moved the second engine company at Station 1 to a rented house off Western Boulevard. Engine 8 was placed in service with the crew and apparatus of Engine 9, a 1958 American LaFrance pumper. Firefighters built a concrete garage to house the pumper. The station's water tanker, however, was housed outside. In February 1963, a dedicated Station 8 opened at 5001 Western Boulevard. The building is presently a grocery store.