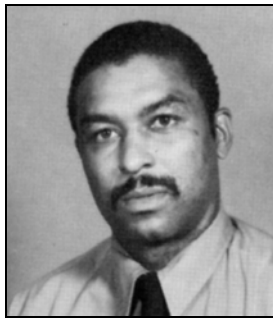




Lt. Herman S. Jones Dies

The Raleigh Fire Department lost one of its own on Tuesday, January 22, when 27-year veteran Lt. Herman S. Jones died after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was on duty Friday, January 18 at Station 10 when he began to experience chest pains. He was transported to Wake Medical Center and then to UNC Hospital.



Lt. Jones began his service with the Raleigh Fire Department on May 5, 1980. He was promoted to the rank of First Class Firefighter on June 15, 1983. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on June 16, 2001, and started working at Station 10 two days later.

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Live Ammunition Demolition

On February 12 about 10:45 a.m., "C" shift personnel at Station 2 heard an explosion. They were dispatched to a metal recycling facility at 2310 Garner Road, where two workers were injured after ammunition exploded in a compactor. Garner Road was closed and the area was evacuated. Nearby rail traffic was also halted.



Upon the arrival of military ordnance experts, the situation escalated to a multi-day operation involving the controlled demolition of anti-tank rockets and projectiles. The perimeter was expanded and nearby residents and business owners were evacuated. Crews detonated over 30 pieces of ammunition over the next four days.



Fire department personnel were present every day, including recalled members. Two engines, a ladder, and rescue were on scene at all times, along with USAR and haz-mat capabilities. The YMCA across the street served as command post and safety area for the participating local, state, and federal agencies. ❖

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A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 26 at Juniper Level Baptist Church on Sauls Road. The procession from Haywood Funeral Home on S. Wilmington Street was accompanied by fire apparatus from Wake and Durham counties. Burial followed in the church cemetery.



Lt. Jones is the third Raleigh firefighter to die while on duty. On April 20, 1965, Lt. Paul Mimms, 41, died of an apparent heart attack while operating a pumper at a structure fire. On March 10, 1956, Lt. Vernon Smith, 44, died from injuries suffered after his pumper overturned on November 14, 1952.



Retiree / Media Day on May 17

The second Raleigh Fire Department Retiree and Media Day has been scheduled for May 17, 2008 at the Keeter Training Center.



This year, all ranks of active personnel and their families are also invited. There will be food and fellowship, displays and activities. For those who were present last year, or heard about last year's event, it will be bigger and better. Please make plans to attend, and share in the rich heritage of the Raleigh Fire Department.

Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament on June 12

The Raleigh Fire Department will host the second annual National Golf Tournament in support of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation



on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club, 545 Competition Road, Raleigh. Tee time is 10:00. The entry fee is \$75 and guests will also receive a complimentary breakfast before, and a full meal after, range balls, door prizes and gift bags, pre-game competitions, and trophies. Other activities are still being planned. For more information, see www.fallenfirefightergolf.info.

Cardiac Arrest Saves For 2007

Last year, the Wake County Emergency Medical System rates for cardiac arrest response inside the city of Raleigh were:

- 72% regained a pulse in the field.
- 50% survived to discharge.

In 2007, a total of 47 people were discharged from the hospital functioning normally with little or no neurological damage. As a system, Raleigh is now number **one** in the nation for cardiac arrest saves.

These are directly related to the fast response times, continuous compressions, and defibrillation. In just three years, we went from a 12% save rate to a 50% save rate. Congratulations to everyone who helped contribute to this outstanding success.❖

New Equipment at Station 9

Engine 9 is receiving a new pumper. The 2008 Pierce Enforcer was delivered in February and is equipped with a 1500 GPM pump, a 500 gallon water tank, and 20 gallon foam cell. The current Engine 9 will be placed in service as Engine 21.



On January 30, the fire investigation unit was renamed from Car 198 to Car 20. The 2008 F-350 Super Duty truck was placed in service on January 1, 2008. The unit's equipment includes evidence collection cameras, hand tools, water can, air pack, EMS bag, and a laptop computer.



Recruitment Update

Recruit Academy #34 has completed their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training. All members passed the state exam on their first attempt. Now entering their fourth month of the six-month academy, the 24 recruits are learning about fire behavior, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), building construction, and personal protective equipment, among other topics.



Hiring has also started for the next recruit academy, projected to start August 25. Applications are being accepted March 24 through May 2. Visit any fire station or the Raleigh Fire Department web site (www.raleigh-nc.org/fire) for more information. ❖

New Employees

Operations Division

The following firefighter recruits started on January 7:

Dena M. Ali	Gershon L. Lee
Kevin M. Boxberger	Ben O. Mallard
Anthony V. Cassone	Joseph F. McCarthy
Eric J. Donaldson	Brian C. McGinnis
Felipe I. Fierro	Michael J. McKnight Jr.
Jermaine I. Franks	Reginald J. McLaurin
Shane A. Gouge	Jameia W. Melton
Robert G. Hand	Brian P. Murphy
James E. Harrison III	Joshua J. Pender
Wayland N. Holden	Scott P. Simon
Robert M. Horne	Jeremy R. Skolozynski
John W. Johnson	Kenneth T. Yahiku

Fire Prevention Division

January 7

Fire Protection Inspector Delbert D. Leutwyler Jr.
Fire Inspector III John W. Pinder Jr.

January 22

Senior Plans Examiner James W. Whitehead

Promotions

Senior Firefighter Patrick T. Overton, promoted to Lieutenant, January 22.

Staff Planner Mark A. Scaringelli, promoted to Senior Staff Analyst, March 1.

Senior Firefighter Nicholas G. Lane, promoted to Lieutenant, March 15.

Retirements

Senior Staff Analyst Margaret P. Toburen retired on March 1 with 30 years of city service, and 20 years of service with the Raleigh Fire Department.

Deaths

Retired Asst. Chief R. Kenneth "Ken" Lane, 64, passed away in Raleigh on Thursday, February 8. He retired in 1997 with 32 years of service.



Raleigh's original tiller was recently found in Smithfield.

See pictures at www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos.



Run Numbers - January 1 to December 31, 2007

The Raleigh Fire Department answered 34,863 calls and rolled on 36,122 runs last year. Unit responses are listed below. Engines 3, 12, and 1 were the busiest engine companies. Ladders 1, 11, and 16 were the busiest ladder companies. Rescue 7 and Battalion 1 were the busiest in their class.

Engine Companies

Eng 1	2,559
Eng 2	1,389
Eng 3	2,664
Eng 4	1,247
Eng 5	1,732
Eng 6	1,523
Eng 7	2,000
Eng 8	1,939
Eng 9	1,583
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Ladder Companies

Ladder 1	1,819
Ladder 11	1,604
Ladder 16	1,418
Ladder 20	768
Ladder 22	757
Ladder 23	667
Ladder 26	350

Rescue Companies

Rescue 7	874
Rescue 14	761
Rescue 19	600

Battalion / Division Chiefs

Bat 1	1,626
Bat 2	1,595
Bat 3	1,541
Bat 4	1,160

Car 5	207
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Special Units

Air 8	189
Car 198	207
Haz-Mat 2	70
Haz-Mat 15	80

Inspections

The staff of the Fire Marshal's Office conducted 6,729 inspections last year, including 2,541 mercantile or business buildings, 1,192 residential buildings, and 1,142 places of assembly.

Recent Incidents

Two alarms were struck at 3211 Shoreview Road on February 2. The fire was reported just after 6:00 p.m. Engine 18 (C shift) was first on scene at the 2.5 story wood-frame apartments. Engine 16 personnel were briefly trapped after an interior ceiling collapsed. They sounded a mayday, and escaped unharmed. *Lee Wilson photo.*



Dry and windy conditions saw numerous downed trees, power line problems, and brush fires on February 10. With gusts over 40 mph, "A" shift was kept busy with major brush fires at 12424 Cilcain Court, in the 300-400 block of Newton Road, and at a golf course on Greenwood Avenue near Lake Boone Trail. On Cilcain Court, the fast-moving flames damaged several homes. Both Raleigh and Falls fire units were on scene. *Matt Howard photo.* ❖



Our Family Tree (Part 1)

Who is related to whom in the fire department, past or present? Here is the first installment of a new feature tracing the family tree of the Raleigh Fire Department. Note that the ranks of retirees (r) are listed as their present-day equivalents.

Capt. **David Boyette** is both the stepfather of Firefighter **John Mitchell** and the son of Capt. **Wade Boyette** (r), who is the nephew of Capt. **Melvin Williams** (r).

Capt. **Donnie Carter** is both the son of Capt. **Clyde Carter** (r) and the nephew of Capt. **Robert Truelove** (r), who is cousin to Lt. **Richard Eddins** (r).

Firefighter **J. J. Farantatos** is the son of Capt. **James Farantatos** (r).

Lt. **Jason Lane** is brother to Lt. **Nick Lane**, who is husband to Firefighter **Teresa Lane**.

Firefighters **Chris Laxton** and **Kevin Laxton** are brothers.

Firefighter **David Lynn** is the son of Training Chief **Freddy Lynn** (r), who is the husband of Capt. **Ann Lynn** (r).

Capt. **A.C. Rich** is the son-in-law of Lt. **Creighton Edwards** (r), who is the cousin of Assistant Chief **C.T. May** (r).

Battalion Chief **Barry Spain** is brother to Battalion Chief **Garry Spain**, who is both son-in-law of Lt. **Bobby Smith** (r), and cousin-in-law of Bat. Chief **Keith Tessinear**.

Assistant Chief **Tommie Ann Styons** is the wife of Division Chief **Rusty Styons**, whose great uncle is Assistant Chief **Robert Whittington** (r). Chief R. Styons is also cousin to Firefighter **Jamie McLamb**, and distant cousin to Capt. **Mickey Matthews** (r) and his brother Lt. **Tony Matthews** (r).

Capt. **Greg Wall** and Battalion Chief **Randy Wall** are brothers, and cousins of Assistant Chief **Bryant Woodall** and Capt. **Terry Partin**. Chief Wall is also the stepfather of Firefighter **Bradley Stikeleather** and the uncle of Firefighter **Adam Keith**, who is both the grandson of Fire Chief **Rufus Keith** (r) and the stepson of Capt. **Willie Medlin** (r), who is the brother of Lt. **Billy Medlin**.

The Walls are also distant cousins to Capt. **Dale Wall**, who is a distant cousin to Battalion Chief **Randy Bagwell**, who is both the brother of former Firefighter **Jimmy Bagwell**, and the uncle of Firefighter **David Bagwell**. Two of Chief Bagwell's nieces are also wives to Capt. **David Barefoot** and Capt. **Dennis Tart**.

Bat. Chief **Alan Walters** is the father of Firefighter **Phillip Walters**.

Firefighter **Grant Williams** is the grandson of Bat. Chief **Drewery Williams** (r).

Who else is related, past or present? Send information to rfdnews@legeros.com for inclusion in future features.

Yearbook Update

Raleigh Fire Department 2007: 95 Years of Tradition was sent to the publisher in early March. The hard-cover book will number 160 all-color pages. It's priced at \$50, but that will soon increase. Last-minute orders can be submitted online at www.mtpublishing.com. Look under **Products** and **Coming Soon**.



The yearbook will feature portraits of all personnel, pictures of each shift at each station, and over 100 retiree portraits. Dozens of action photos from Lee Wilson and Mike Legeros are featured, along with dozens of historical photos and candid personnel photos. A history section also explores the origins of the paid fire department in 1912.

Scholarships to be Announced

Information is forthcoming on three scholarships for high school students with active or retired parents or grandparents in the Raleigh Fire Department. Sponsored by the Fireman's Relief Fund, the scholarship amounts are \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,500. Candidates will be judged on three factors: academic achievement, community involvement, and a short written essay. Judging will be performed by representatives from other city departments.

Watch FireWatch on the Web

The Raleigh Fire Department's monthly cable TV show is available online. To view:

1. Visit www.raleighnc.gov/rtn.
2. Click the green **RTN/SV** logo:



3. Scroll down to the **Channel 11 Programs**.
4. Click the **video** link of the desired episode.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY RETIREE BREAKFAST
PAM'S RESTAURANT, 5111 WESTERN
BOULEVARD, 7:30 A.M.

APRIL 8
MAY 13
JUNE 10



RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE AND MEDIA DAY
KEETER TRAINING CENTER
MAY 17

THIRD ANNUAL NC FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL
NASH SQUARE, 227 W. MARTIN STREET
MAY 3, 10:00 A.M. (PARADE), 1:00 P.M. (SERVICE)

SECOND ANNUAL NFFF GOLF TOURNAMENT
EAGLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE, RALEIGH, NC
JUNE 12, 10:00 A.M.

Shear Excitement



Ladder 1 (C shift) and other personnel, pictured left, donated scalp space for charity on Saturday, March 1, at Hibernian Restaurant & Pub on Glenwood Avenue.

Personnel also participated at a second event on March 8 at Napper Tandy's Irish Pub on N. West Street. The shorn squad

included Engine 14 and Rescue 14 (C shift), pictured below. Both teams helped raise \$4,208 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The volunteer-driven program raises money for childhood cancer. In eight years, worldwide events have raised over \$34 million and shaved over 46,000 heads.



Back in the Day

In **April 1983**, the District Chief cars were renumbered. Car 4 located at Station 9 became Car 51. Car 5 located at Station 1 became Car 52. Car 6 located at Station 6 became Car 53. The two-district system was created in 1971, and expanded to three districts in 1977.



In **May 1958**, the fire department received its first "modern" aerial ladder. The 1958 American LaFrance Series 700 tiller was placed in service as Truck 1. It was equipped with a 100-foot, hydraulic-operated metal ladder. The bid price was \$38,707.

Smokehouse Memories Wanted

Retirees, do you know the year the smokehouse at the training center was built? We're trying to find the exact year, likely 1962 to 1964. Can you help? Contact Battalion Chief Alan Walters at Station 12, or send mail to luther.walters@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Fireman's Club Renovations

Big changes are planned for the Raleigh Fireman's Club. The interior is being gutted, with renovations starting this spring. Help will be needed when construction gets under way. Contact Michelle Munisteri at Station 1 to learn more. Volunteers will receive a free year's membership. The Raleigh Fireman's Club was organized in 1968, and the clubhouse is located at 12601 Bay Leaf Church Road.

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