



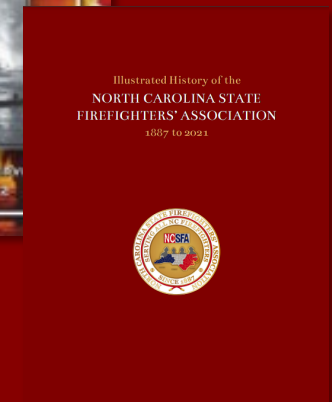
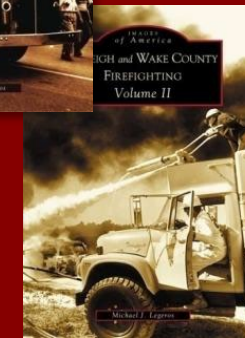
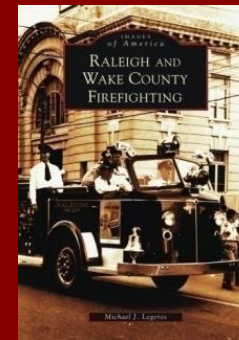
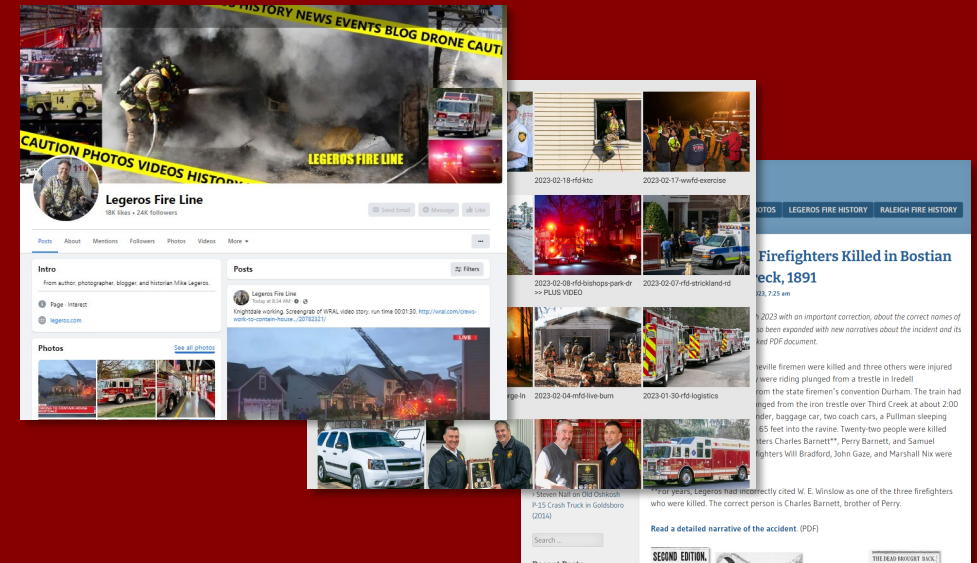
Wake New Hope Fire Department History

By Mike Legeros

Presented November 1, 2025

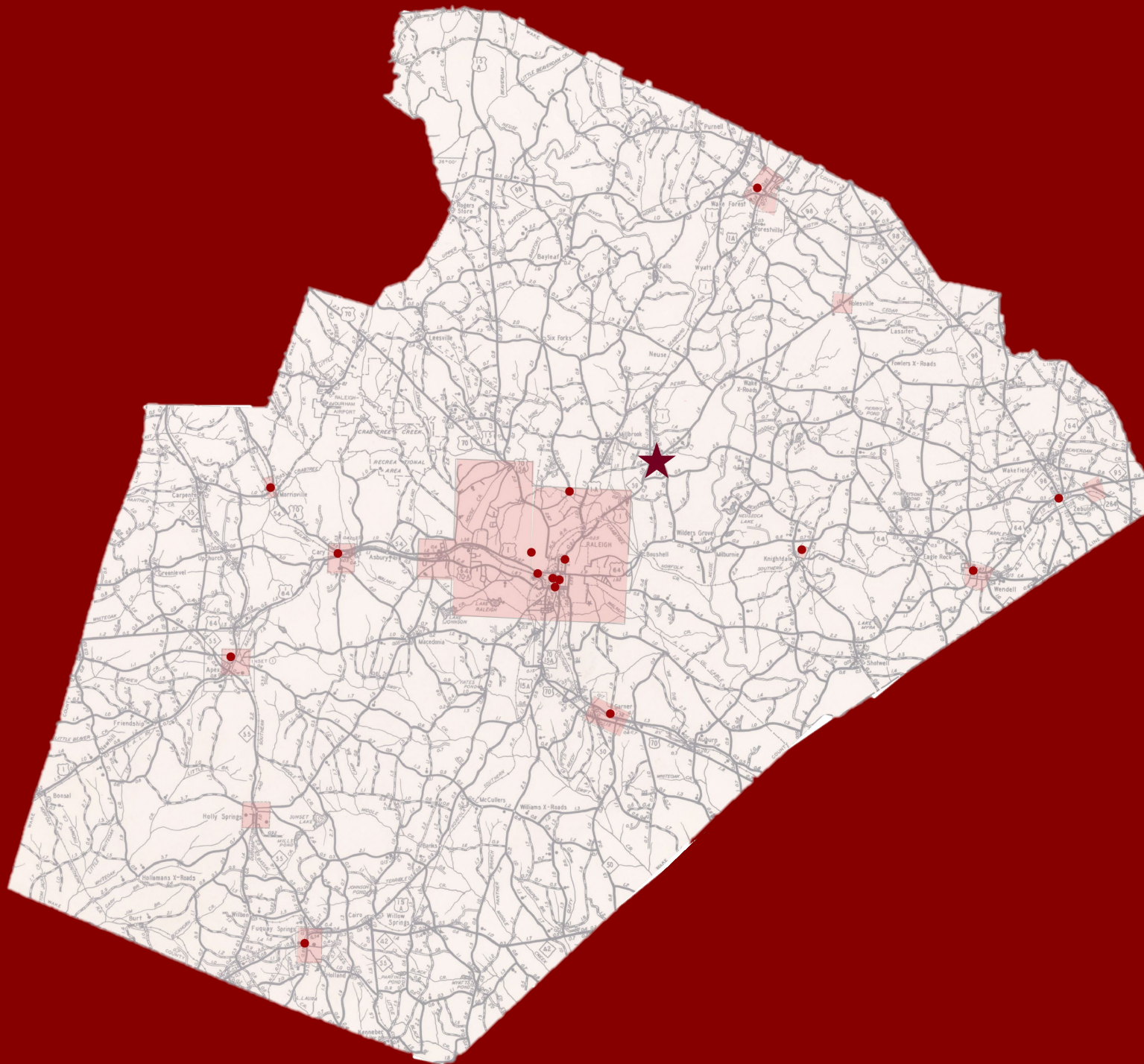
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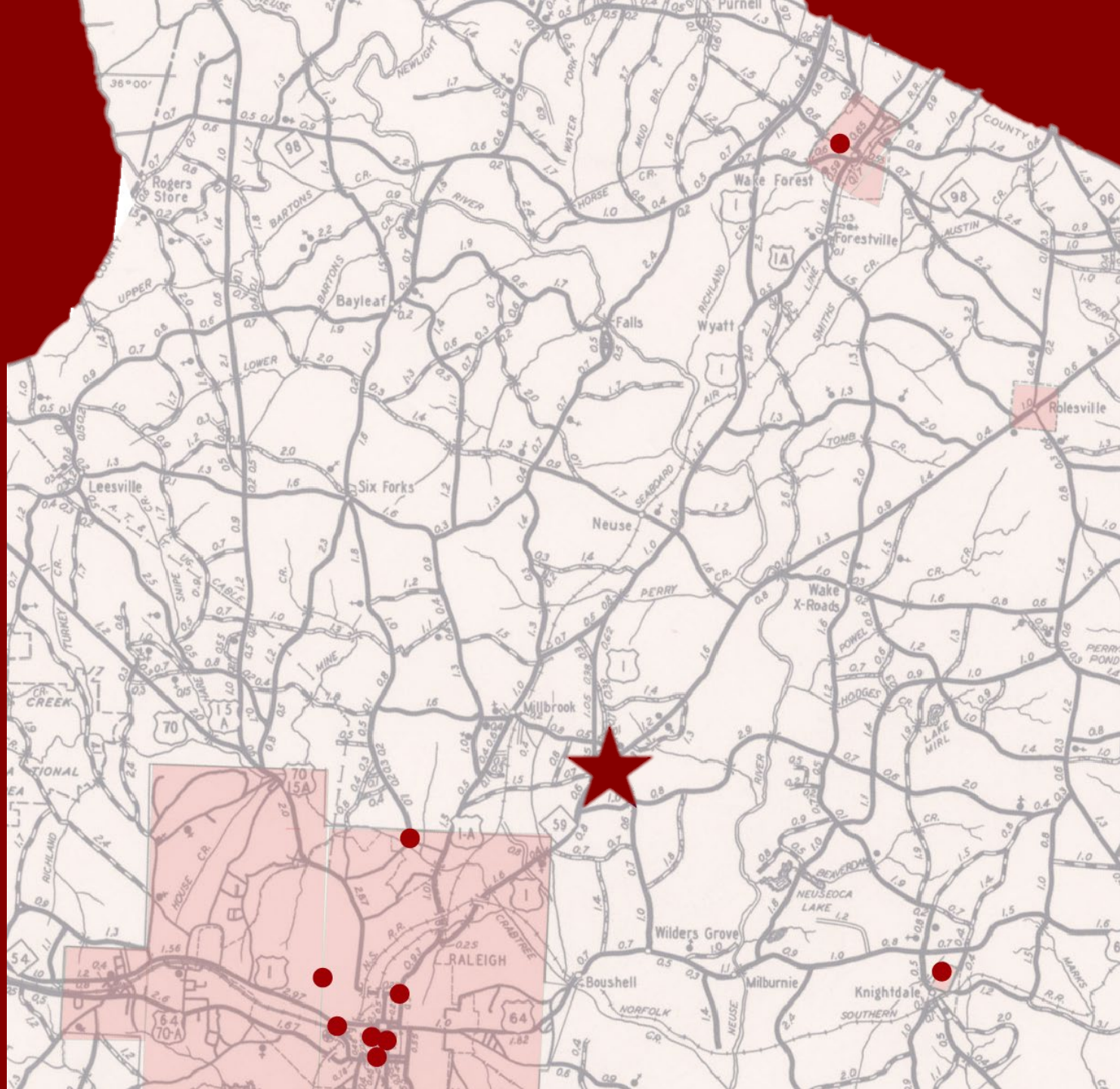


Part 1

The Early Years



Wake County
Fire Stations
Early 1950s



1956

- Local chapter, Junior Order of United American Mechanics
- Some 700 families in New Hope.
- Fire dept. incorporated September 1956.
- First community meeting held October 1956.

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
WAKE NEW HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCORPORATED

This is to certify, that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-stock corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and to this end do hereby set forth:

1. The name of this corporation is the ^{Wake}/New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated.
2. The location of the principal office of the corporation in this State is in St. Matthews Township, County of Wake, Raleigh, North Carolina.
3. The objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To provide the residents and public school buildings, hospitals and farm buildings with protection from fire by acquiring

NAME

ADDRESS

Dolly Jones

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

J. L. Allen, Jr.

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

T. G. Green, Jr.

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

J. C. Lawrence, Jr.

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

Owen Bartholomew

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

G. W. Wester

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

J. A. Thebault

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

Dan Murray

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

Harold V. Glover

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

J.R.Montgomery

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

R. P. Wilder

RFD 5 Raleigh, N. C.

Fire Chief Sam Glover

- 34 years old.
- Westinghouse employee
- Helped organize seven rural FDs in Rowan County.
- Moved to Wake County in 1954.



Asst. Chief Ervin Haithcock

- 50 years old.
- Owned Haithcock's Store.
- New Hope native.



Asst. Chief Guthrie Montague

- 40 years old.
- Owner of upholstery shop.
- Fort Bragg Fire Captain for three years as civilian.
- Also department treasurer.

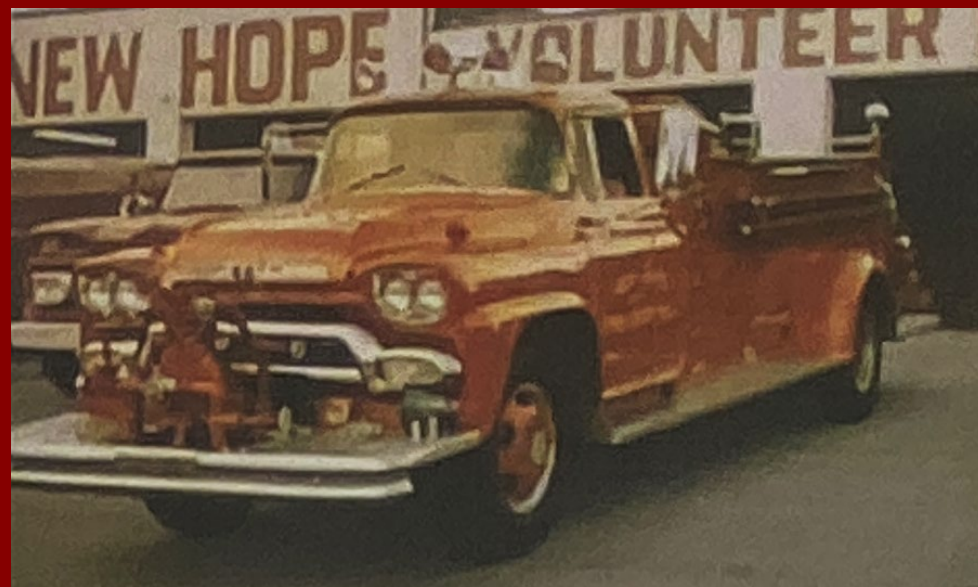


President Kenneth Buffaloe

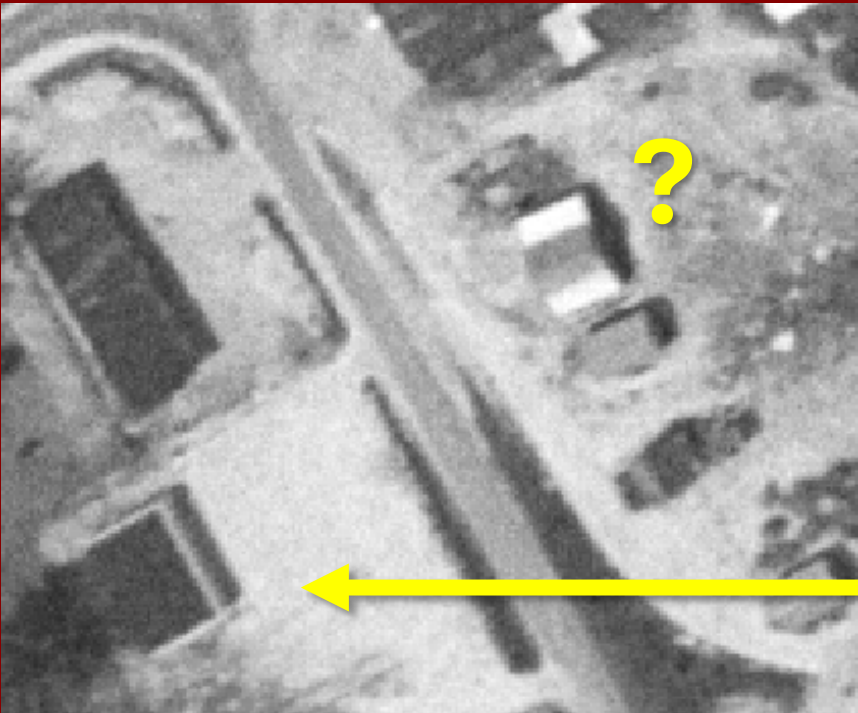
Original directors:

- Kenneth Buffaloe, President
- Robert Kirkman, Vice President
- Carlyle Allen, Secretary
- Guthrie Montague, Treasurer
- Sam Glover
- Curtis Hodge
- Otis Arnold
- McClyde Godwin





Temporary Fire Station
Metal Building with
A-Frame Roof



Permanent Fire Station
Concrete Block Building



Rural Fire Dept. Report

Rural fire departments are doing a good job, and chances are more fire departments will be organized in communities around Wake County this year.

That was the heart of the progress report of the Wake County Fire Districts Commission handed to the Wake County Commissioners at their last meeting.

The report stated that the Wake County Rural Fire Departments have increased during the year ending April 30, 1958, by two departments. The last two to join and begin to receive county aid were the Western Boulevard Rural Fire Department, which qualified on June 1, 1957, and the Wake-New Hope Fire Department, which began operating in March, 1958.

Furthermore, prospects are good for the organization of fire departments in the Stony Hill Church community, at Rolesville,

and at Holly Springs, the report stated.

There are currently 12 volunteer rural fire departments in operation, with 38 pieces of rolling stock, valued at \$214,200 and real estate valued at \$77,000.

"The growth and work of these fire departments is a valuable asset to the people of Wake County," the report concluded.

Started
operating
March 1958

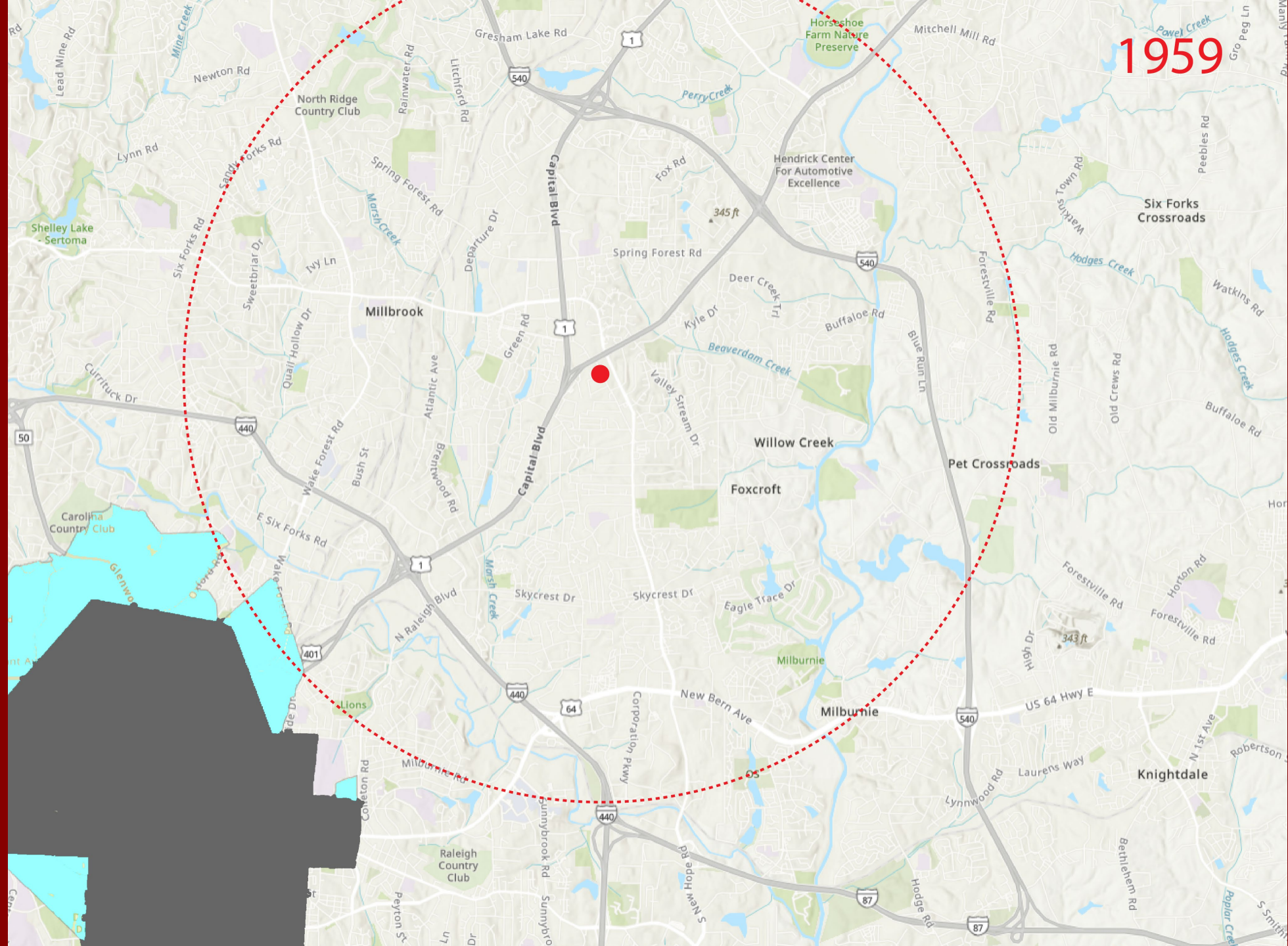


Tax Levy Carries

Residents of the Wake-New Hope Fire District voted 246 to 18 yesterday in favor of a 10-cent tax valuation for fire protection. The money will be earmarked for the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

Tax district
approved
December 1958

1959



Part 2

Growth and Expansion



Second
Pumper
1962



G. E. Rosenberger,
Fire Chief



Station
Expanded
By 1965

Fire Calls in 1965 - May to August

- 5/15 – Truck, out on arrival
- 5/16 – House
- 5/17 – House, grease fire
- 5/24 – Tractor
- 5/27 – Barn, out on arrival
- 6/07 – Barn
- 7/26 – Garage, out on arrival
- 7/28 – House, out on arrival
- 8/09 – Tobacco Barn
- 8/18 – House, out on arrival
- 8/30 – House

Snapshot - Call Volume

- FY66-67 – 85
- FY67-68 – 102
- FY68-69 – 102

Fiscal year = September 1 to August 30



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PRICE 25¢

NOV 17, 1966

DEC 21, 1967

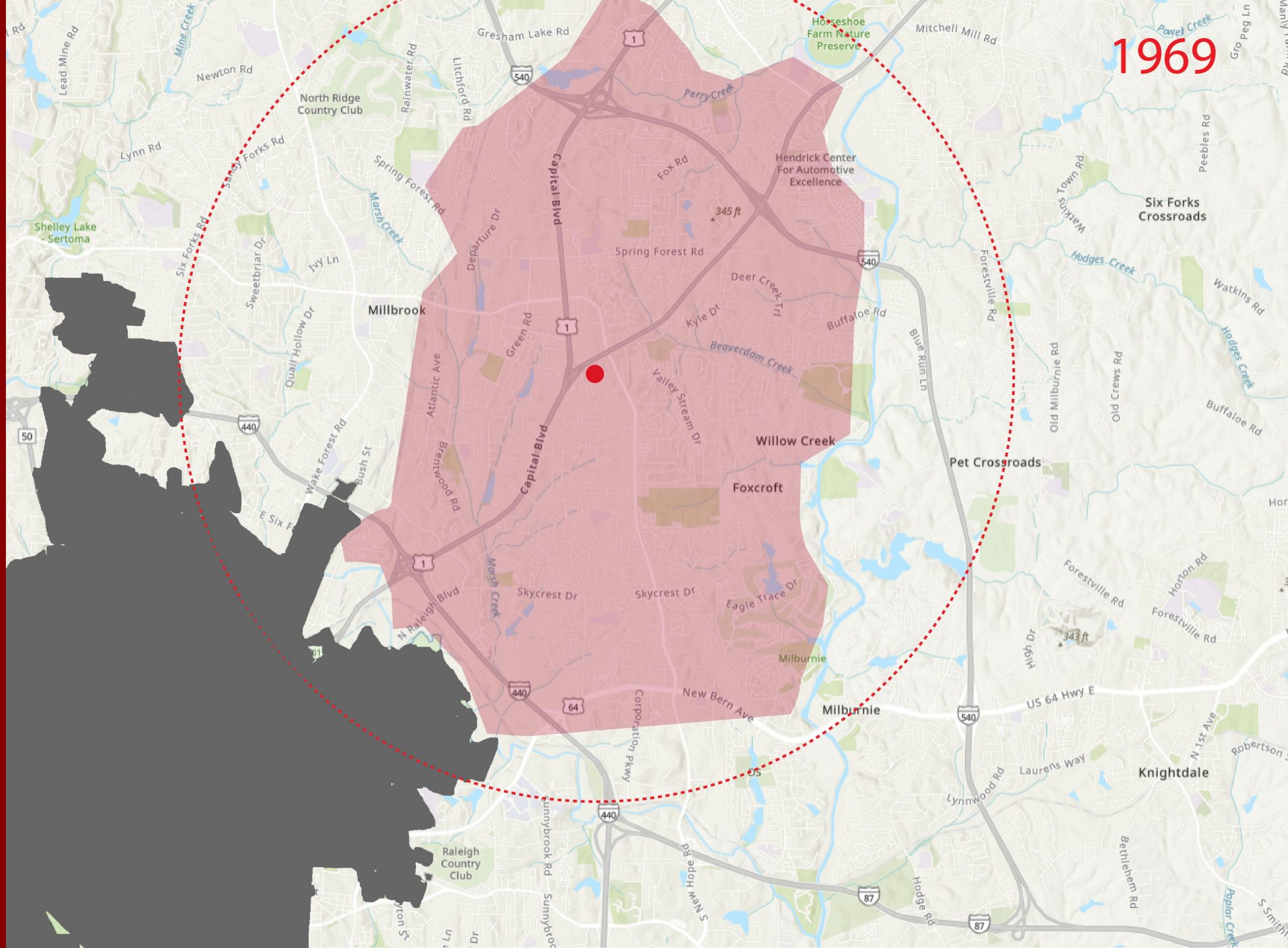
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DAILY LOG

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1969



IN PERSON STARS

You Have Seen and Heard On

GRAND OLE OPRY

STARRING

LONZO and OSCAR
AND THEIR ENTIRE TROUPE

SMILEY and KITTY
WILSON

FEATURING
JOHNNY TONA
AND THE COUNTRY BOYS

EXTRA ADDED
ATTRACTION
JUSTIN TUBB

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 8 P.M.
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
RALEIGH, N. C.
Benefit of Wake New Hope
Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17TH 8 P.M.
Durham National Guard
Armory Auditorium
Stadium Dr., Durham, N. C.
Benefit Durham National Guard
Armory Fund

Admission: Child 90c - Adult 1.25
Children Under 12 Admitted Free
With Parents

WAKE-NEW HOPE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
announces its annual

COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1966, 7:30 P.M.
AT NEW HOPE FIRE STATION
4615 NEW HOPE ROAD

Legal Notice

NOTICE — RESIDENTS OF THE WAKE- NEW HOPE FIRE DISTRICT

The Wake-New Hope Volunteer Fire Department's annual community meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, at 7:30 p. m. The place of the meeting will be the Wake-New Hope Fire Station located at 4615 New Hope Road.

The Board of Directors propose the following changes in the by-laws:

Article V, Section 1 — Disposition of assets in the advent of dissolution.

Article IV Section 1 — Change in membership requirements for fire company.

Secretary Wake-New Hope
Board of Directors
CHARLES A. BUCHER

Times Aug. 18, 19, 21, 1967
N&O Aug 18, 19, 21

BARBECUE will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Wake-New Hope Volunteer Fire Department on New Hope Road.

WAKE NEW HOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

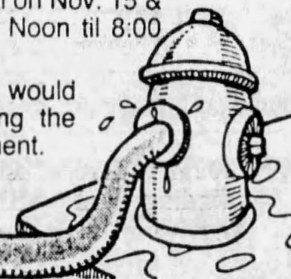
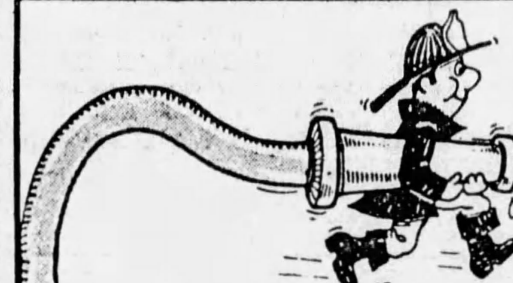
Photo Fund Raiser

The Wake New Hope Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a door to door photo fund raiser for the next month, in the amount of \$10.00 per family. Collected money is for the Fireman Fund.

Each family that participates will receive one 8x10 color family portrait.

Portraits will be taken at the fire station on Nov. 15 & 16, Nov. 29 & Nov. 30, Sat. - Sun. 12 Noon til 8:00 p.m.

We appreciate your past support and would like your continued efforts in supporting the Wake New Hope Volunteer Fire Department.



WAKE - NEW HOPE FIREMEN'S

LADIES NIGHT

WAKE - NEW HOPE

FIREMEN'S

SOCIAL HOUR

6:30

LADIES

BUFFET BANQUET

7:00

NIGHT

WELCOME

8:00

By Russell Capps, Chief

SPECIAL MUSIC BY

8:15

JOHNNY NEW AND HIS GROUP

ENTERTAINMENT

8:45

By Milton Rountree

Jerry Bolling

Charles Wilder



MUSIC

9:30

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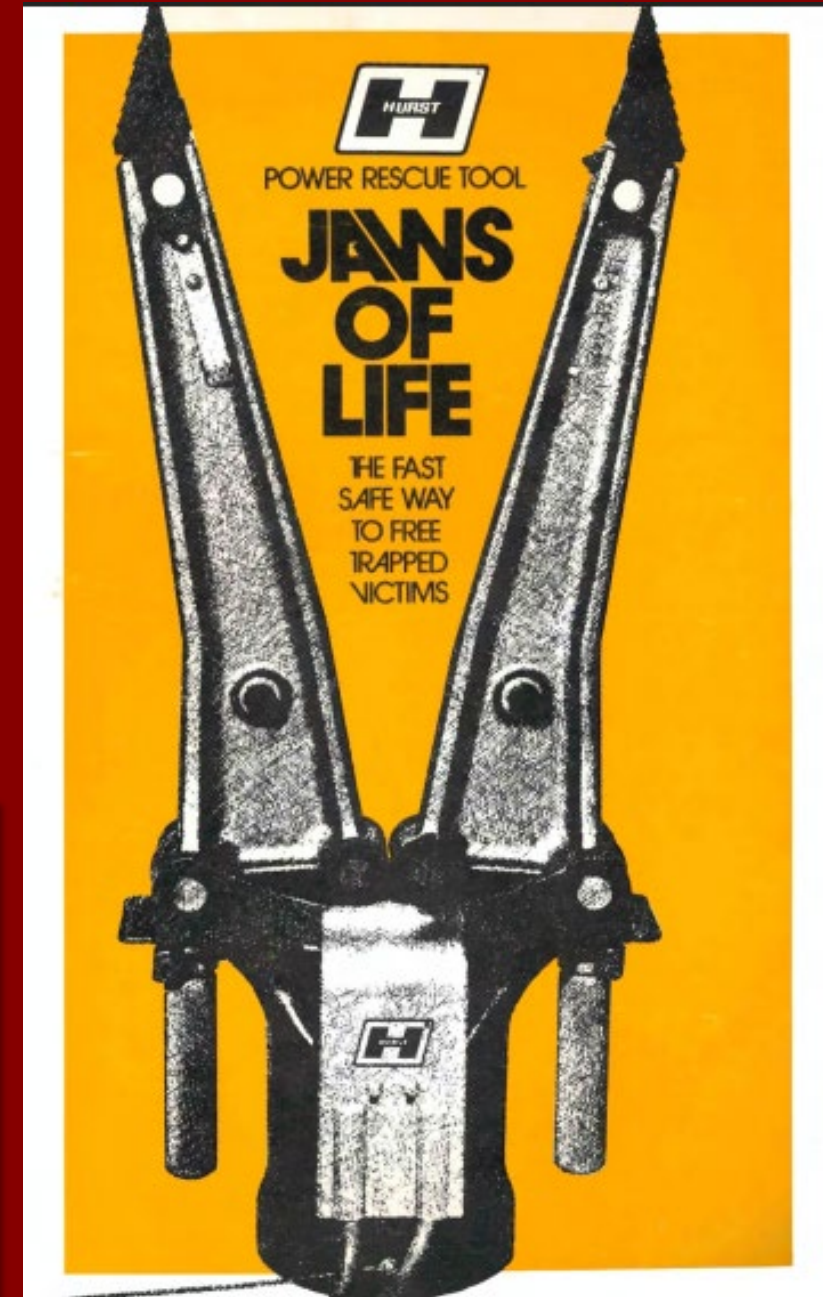
Charles Wilder

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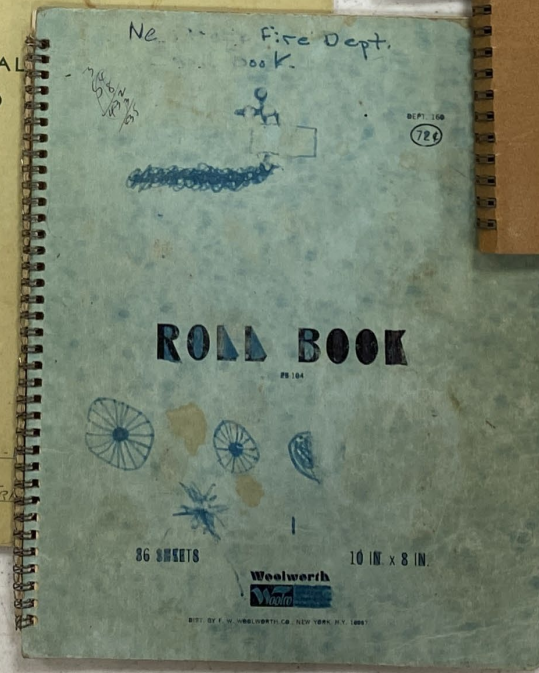
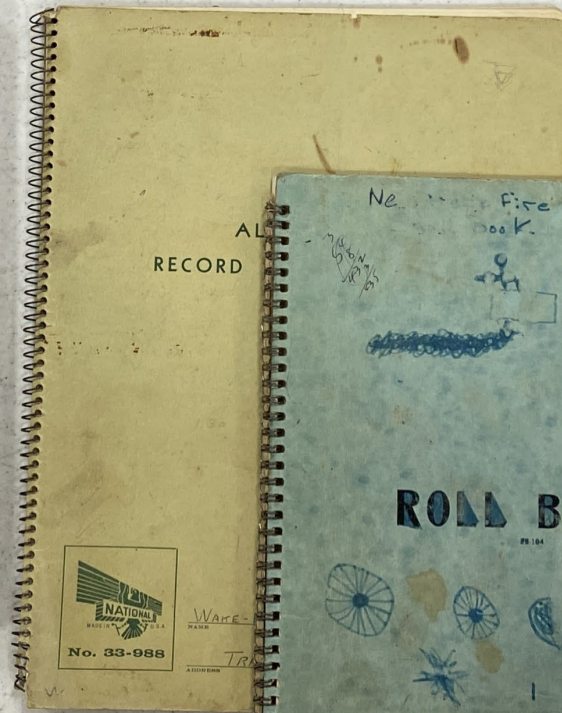
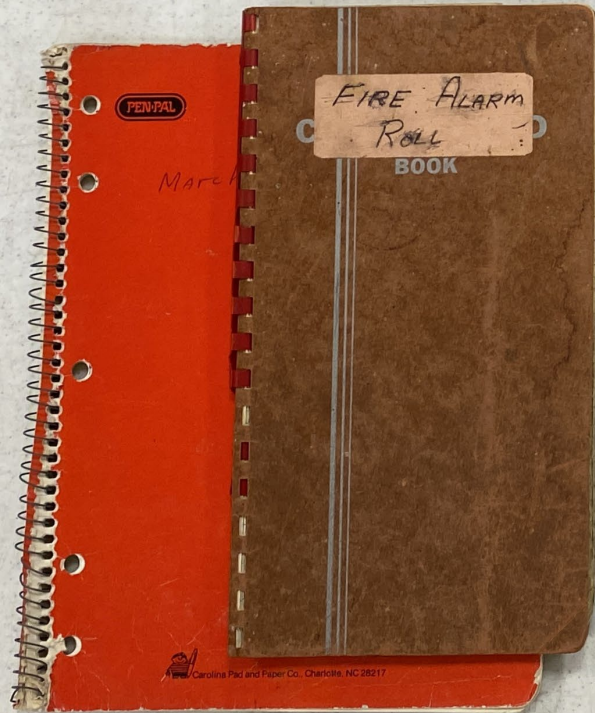
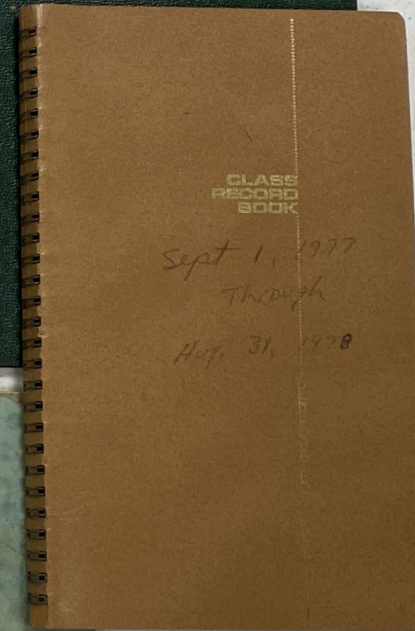
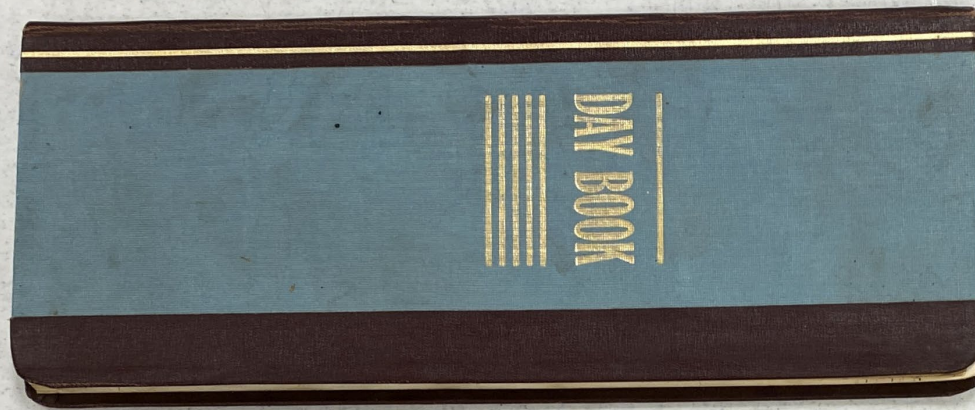
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Utility truck in 196_
Rescue truck in 1974



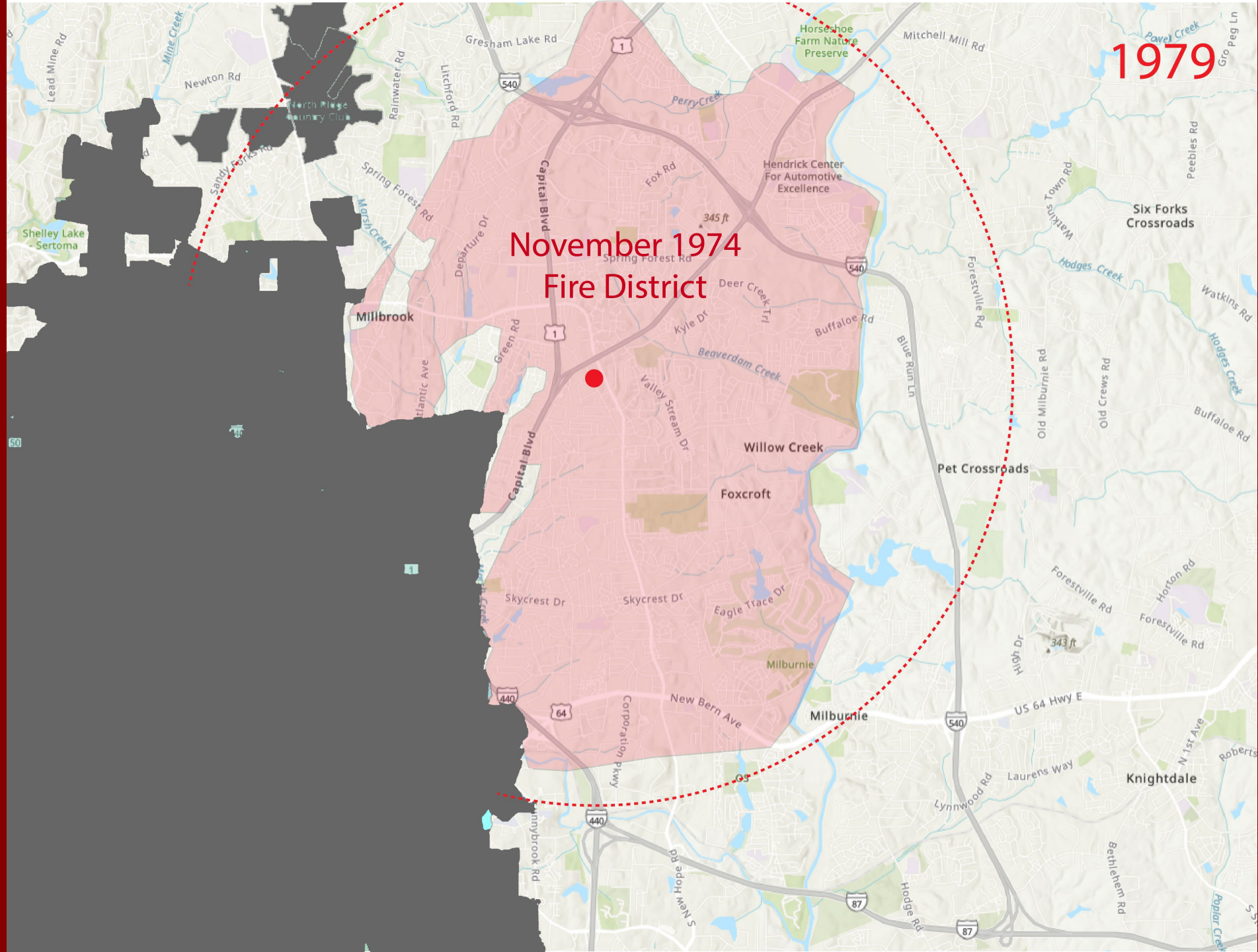
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- FY79-80 – 241
- FY80-81 – 356
- FY82-83 – 323
- FY83-84 – 391



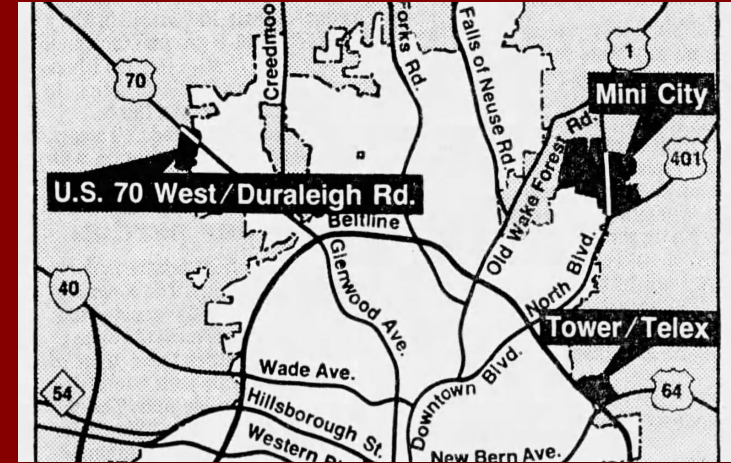
1979

November 1974
Fire District

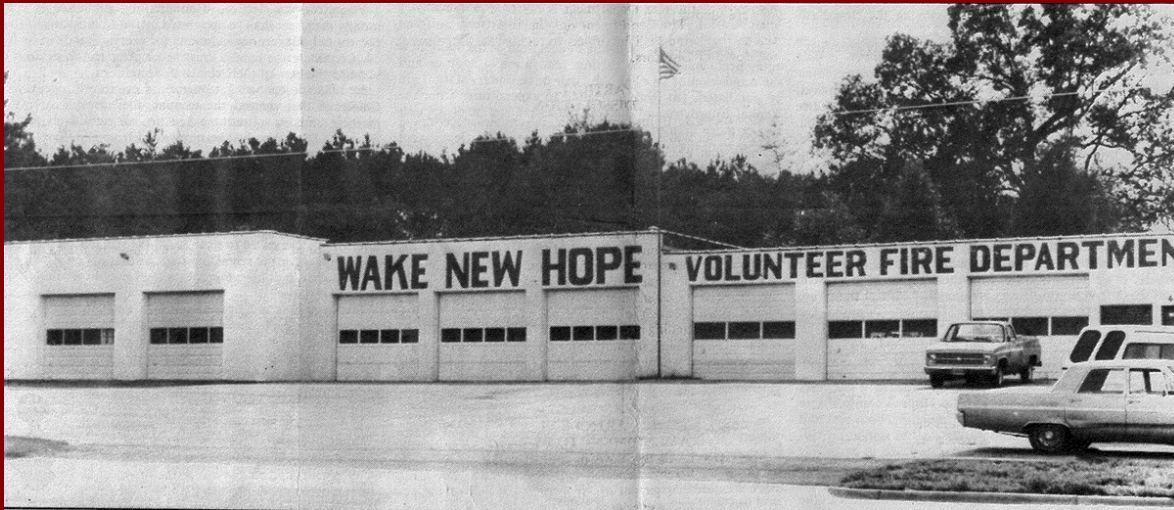




First Responder, 1982



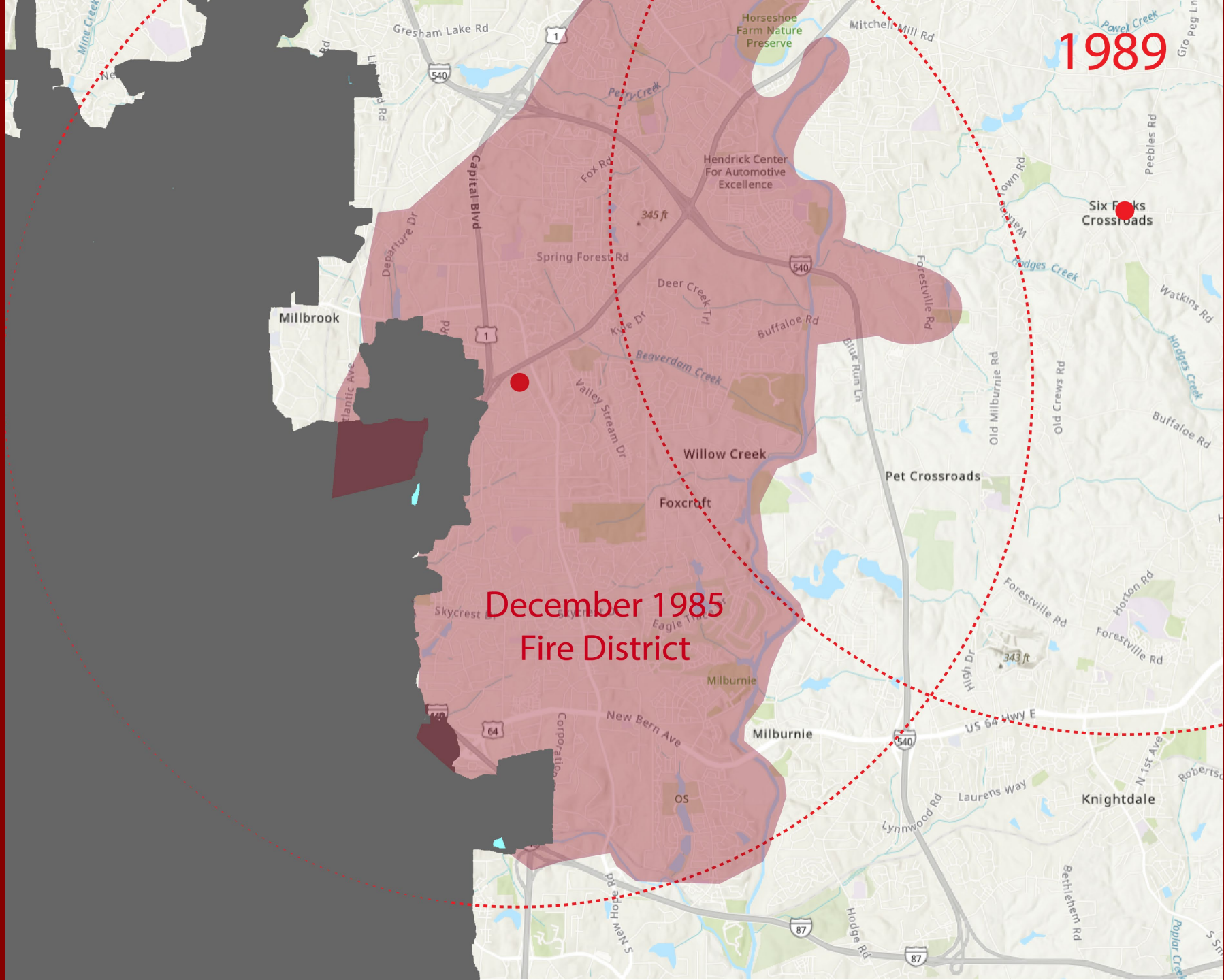
Mini City Annexed, 1984



Station Expanded Again, by 1985



Cascade System, 1985



1989

Six Forks Crossroads

December 1985
Fire District

Pet Crossroads

Knightdale





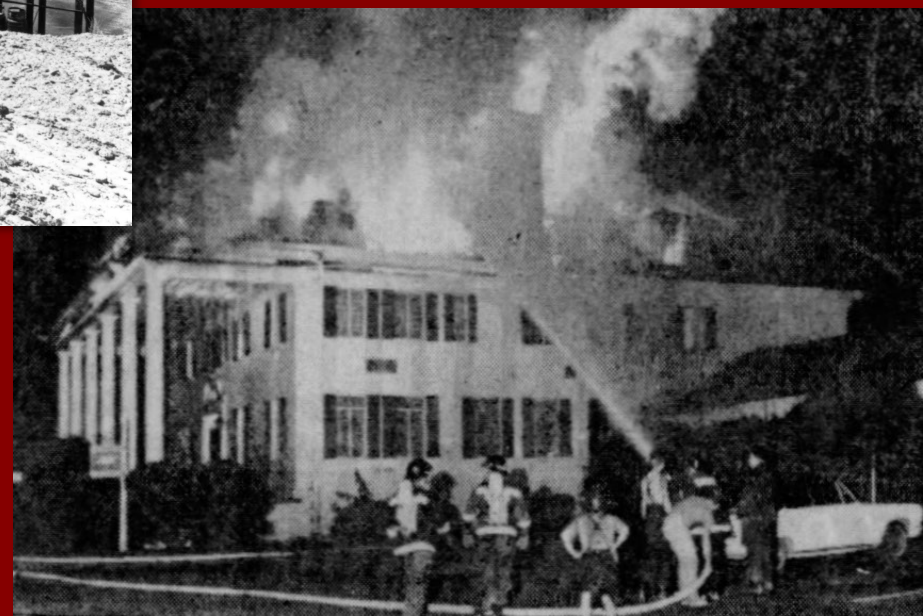
July 28, 1973
December 30, 1978



April 2, 1980



August 6, 1977
September 17, 1980





Part 3

Opening Station 2

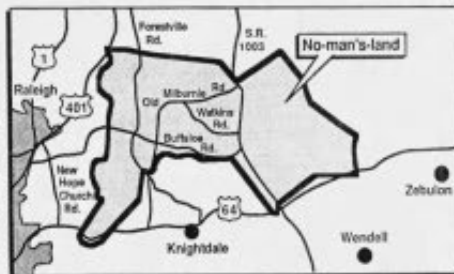
East Wake firefighting issue heats up

By JO FLEISCHER
Correspondent

Residents of an unofficial fire district in eastern Wake County called the "no-man's-land" say they don't want to take sides in a heated battle over who will fight their fires. They just want to be protected.

"We don't care who gets it as long as it's good coverage," said Bill G. O'Connell, who lives in one of 17 new subdivisions in the rural, but rapidly growing section. "All of them are volunteer departments so we don't care as long as they can get here quick."

About 4,300 people live in the area surrounded by six small volunteer fire departments. But New Hope, Knightdale, Wendell, Zebulon and Rolesville departments each are more than five miles away, which increases re-



five-mile radius of any of the stations, people living there pay no fire tax. In regular fire districts, homeowners pay between 6 cents and 10 cents per \$100 evaluation.

The department. The winner would receive the right to tax property valued at \$100 million. The issue is difficult to resolve because each department has been serving the area for 20 years without receiving

bracket, with payments of about \$400 a year.

Avis O'Connell said she didn't think she and her husband were saving money by not paying a fire district tax. "We'd gladly pay the \$50," she said of the amount of fire tax they would pay. "It would be nice not to have to pay the extra fire insurance."

If the fire district is \$100,000 but as \$175.

"We need here," said a mail carrier in the area. "We need to get our own fire department. It's the most critical fire, and here."

In January, the Wake County Board of Commissioners asked the Wake County Board of Commissioners to create a new fire district in the area.

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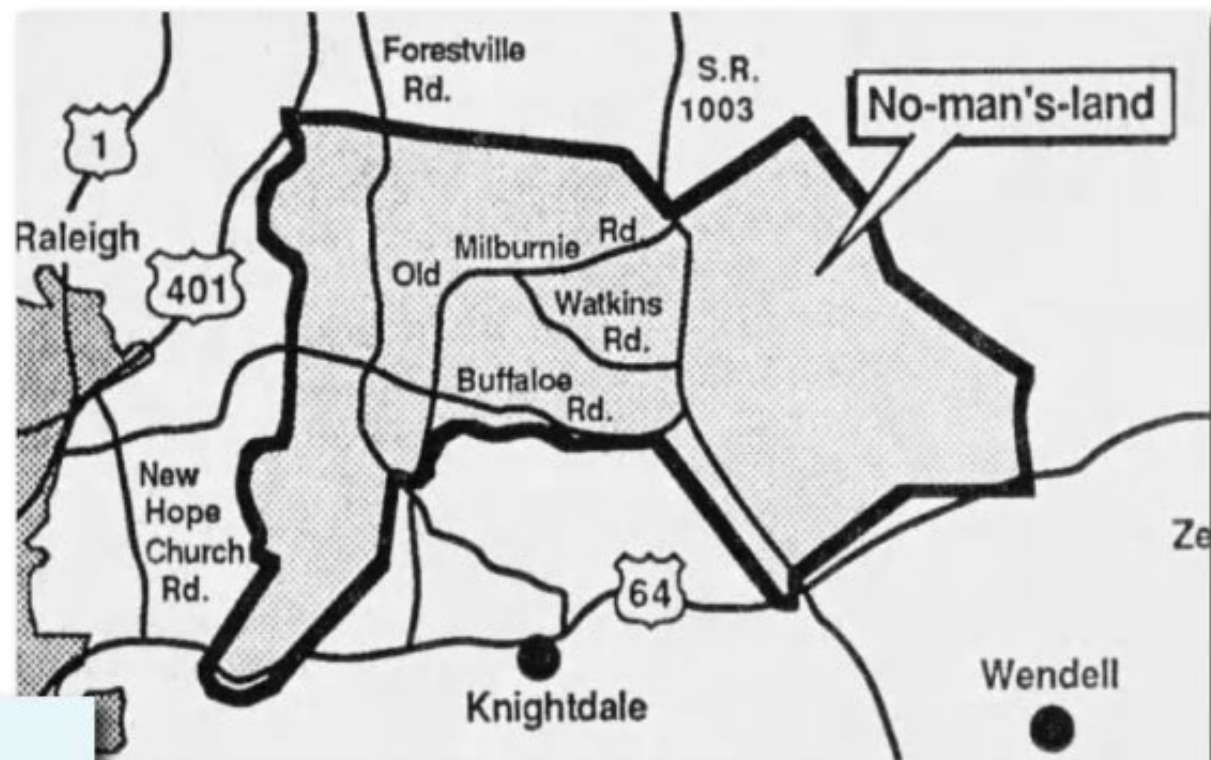
County Officials Still in Limbo Over Fire Dispute

By Douglas Hamm
With more questions than answers, county officials are still in a limbo over the fire dispute between the Wake County Board of Commissioners and the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

As of Monday, July 27, no progress had been made regarding the question of whether the Wake County Board of Commissioners should create a new fire district in the area.

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New Fire District Planned

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In regular fire districts, homeowners annually pay between 6 cents and 10 cents per \$100 evaluation in Wake County, or from \$60 to \$100 on a house assessed at \$100,000.

The Wendell, Rolesville and Knightdale departments have jointly petitioned to bring an extra mile into their districts, which the departments claim would cover the "no man's land" area.

Parrish said his understanding of the East Wake Volunteer Fire Department is that the department is not within the four-mile radius of coverage of the neighboring departments, people living there pay no fire tax.

ing departments' districts.

"The county has recognized our boundaries, but we have to go to the fire commission for clarification of some of our in-boundaries," said Parrish. "It's my understanding the county has approved the fifth mile for the surrounding districts, with the exception of where it meets with our boundaries."

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contract with the volunteer fire department to provide fire service," said Ferrell.

Ferrell said the East Wake Volunteer Fire Department will need cooperation from the neighboring fire departments.

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Legal name: East Wake Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Sosid: 0211542

Date formed: 7/9/1987

Commissioners Split 'No Man's Land' near Wendell

by Douglas Hamm

The Wake County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to allow the Wendell Holmes and Wake-New Hope volunteer fire departments to expand and serve a "no man's land" area between Knightdale and Rolesville.

The board's 5-2 vote overturned a recommendation made on Sept. 28 by the community development committee which called for the for-

ritorial boundaries would be established. That compromise apparently spurred Monday's decision, although Commissioners G. Herbert Stout and Merrie R. Hedrick cast dissenting votes.

"The commissioners just felt this was the quickest and most economical way to get fire service into the area," said Wake County attorney Mike Ferrell. "The board listened to a presentation which

if they live within five miles of a fire station.

Thurwood Parrish, acting tary for the East Wake Volunteer Fire Department, criticized board's decision.

"I think we were railroad we got a raw deal," said Parrish. "We feel like the commission backpedaled on us after their earlier decision."

"I can speak for the people

tatives made to the board about being able to build new stations in the



New Station Answering Calls

(Continued from page 1)
is outside the service areas of any fire departments.

The Wake County Board of Commissioners approved the expansion of the department's tax district on April 18, and construction of the facility began early last month. The Steel Dynamics Co. of Bunn is the construction contractor.

"The building is completed and hauled in, but the office area isn't completed yet," Vaughan said. "The trucks are protected and the doors can be opened and closed. We had to do some landscaping Friday so we could get the trucks in and out of the station."

by volunteers who live in the new district. Vaughan roughly outlined the borders of the new station's district as S.R. 1003 to an area near Milburnie Road, U.S. 64 Bypass, Lizard Lick Road and Riley Hill Road.

"We have 15 firefighters on the roster of the new station, and we have two other applications that will be acted on July 6," Vaughan said. "They have had three fire trucks in actual had pumps been drilled. Five of them are members emergency. I think it's a good thing."

roster at the station. Potential applicants must be high school graduates, residents of the new district and persons of reputable character in the community, noted Vaughan.

The department obtained a \$200,000 loan to cover the station construction costs, and the purchase of land, building furnishings, firefighting start-up gear and a new pump.





Engine 3 to Sta 2

Engine 4 to Sta 2
etc.

New Volunteers

New Asst. Chief,
Jimmy Jones

Opened Summer 1988

Staffing Changes

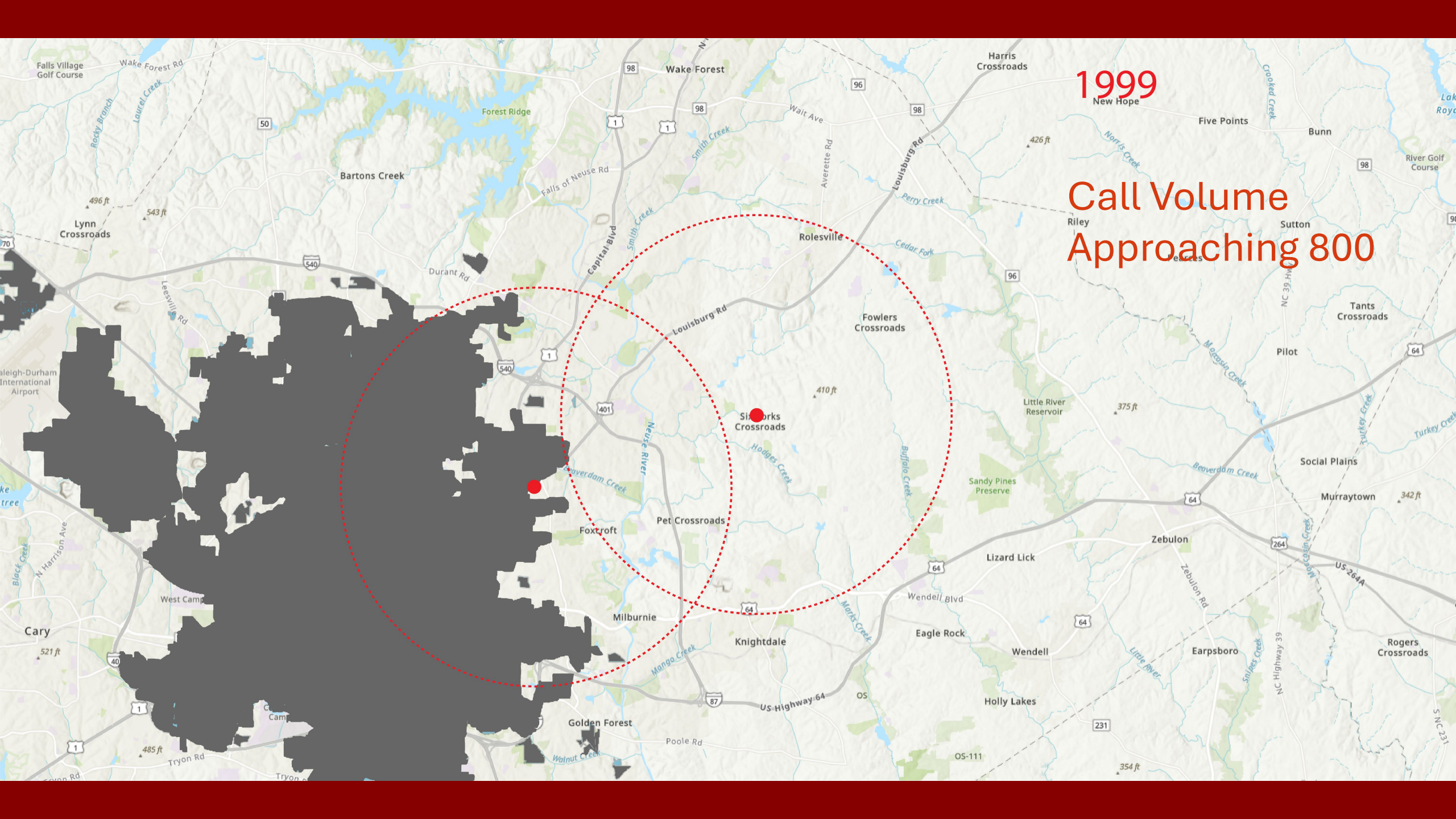
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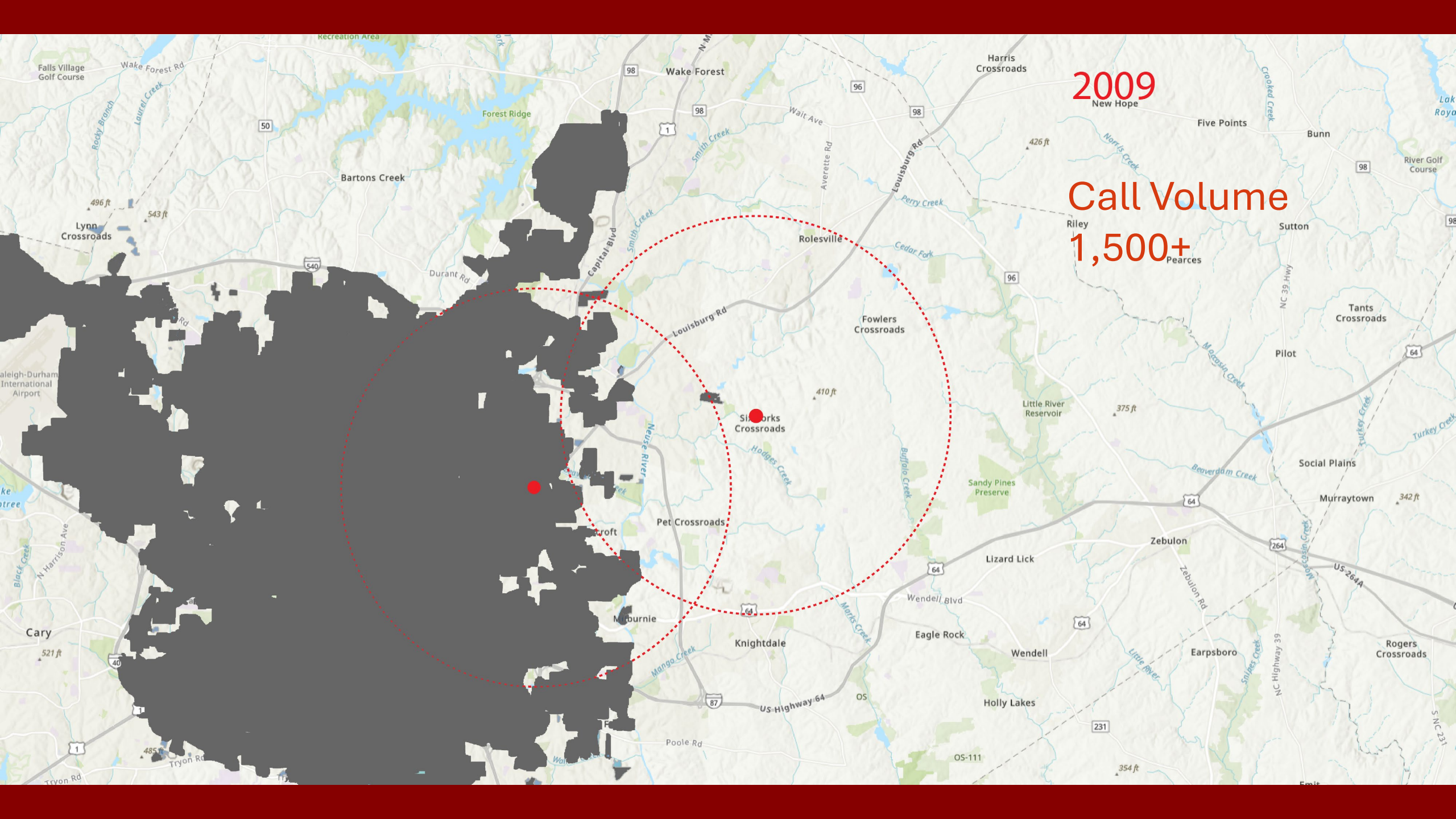
Fire Chief

Part-time 199_
Full-time 2009



1999

Call Volume
Approaching 800



2009
New Hope

Call Volume
1,500+

201
New Hope

2,107

Snapshot – August 2020

- FY20 calls 1,980
- 70 structure fires
- 983 medical calls
- 277 vehicle accidents
- 7 vehicle extrications
- 1 high angle rescue
- FY21 budget \$1.8M
- 5 chief officers
- 15 career firefighters
- 10 part-time members
- 60 volunteer members, including cadets, prob., and support

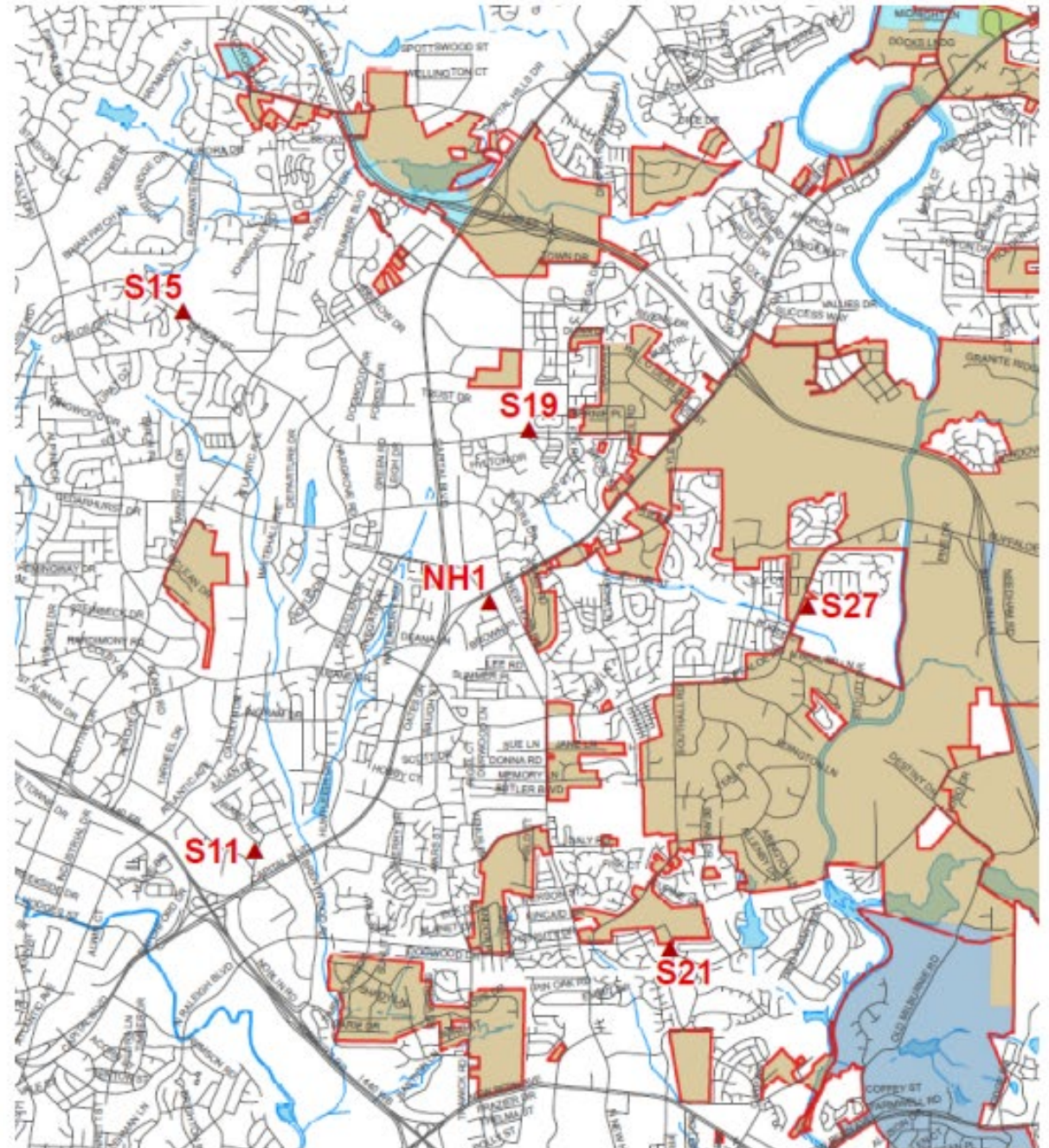
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Closing Station 1

Wake New Hope Fire Department Current Coverage

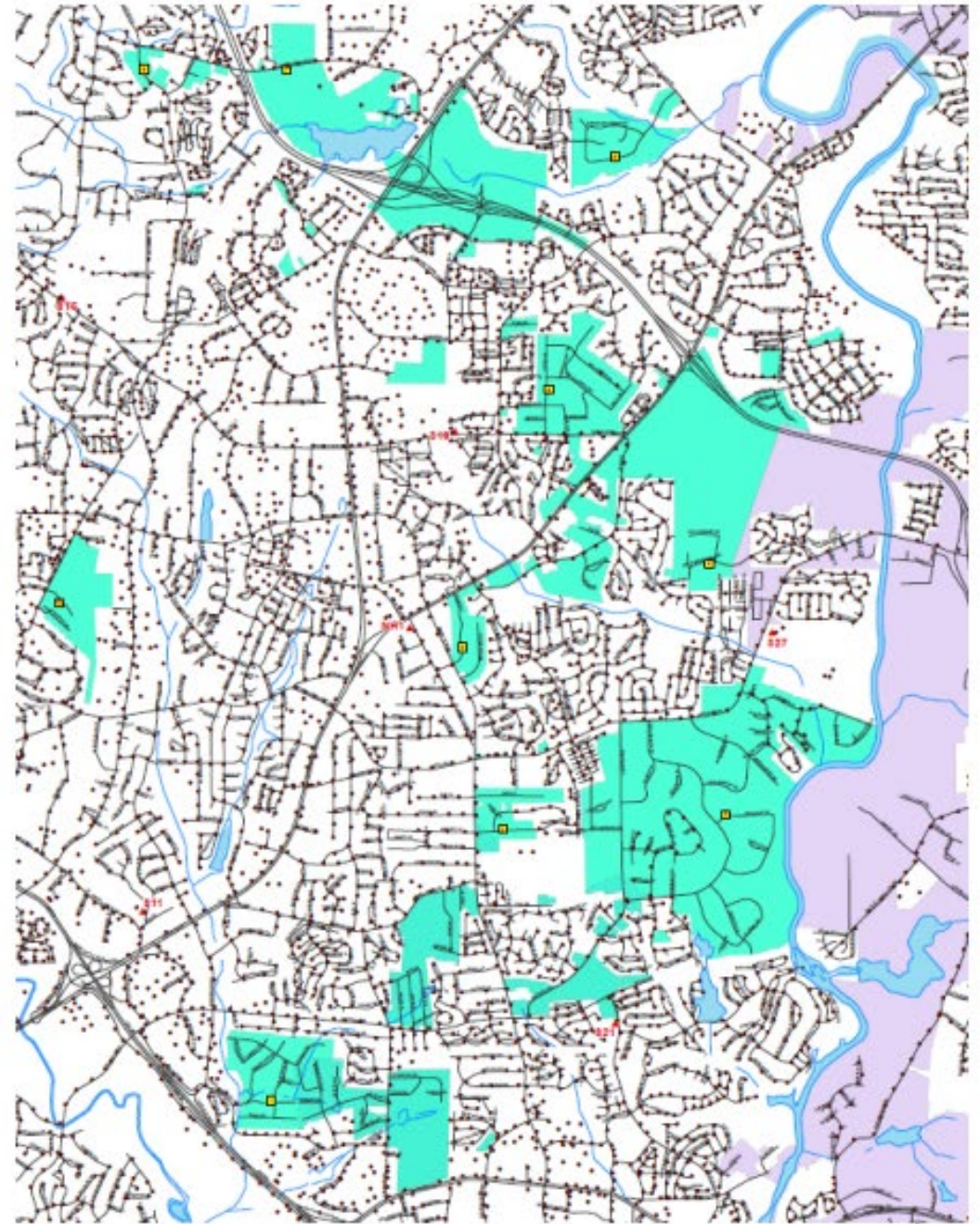
- Wake New Hope Fire Department Fire Station 1 service area has changed dramatically from the 1960s through 2022
- Most of this area has been annexed by the City of Raleigh, leaving small pockets of unincorporated areas of land and homes
- Less than 5 square miles remain for New Hope Station 1 to cover

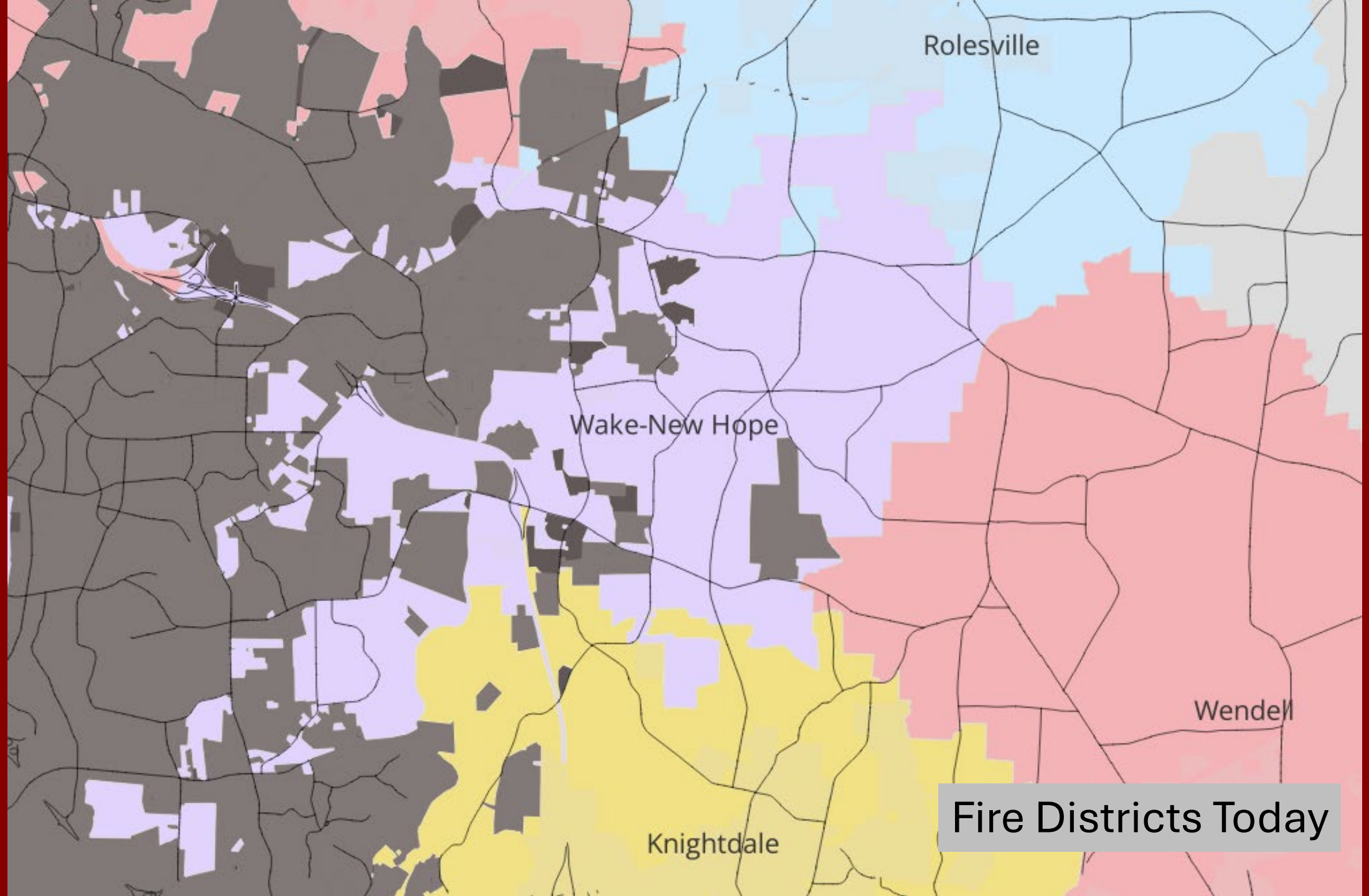
Areas in white are City of Raleigh
Areas in tan are Wake New Hope county areas



Proposal

- Multi-year North Carolina Department of Insurance-approved auto aid agreement for Fire and EMS service delivery
- Areas that are more than five miles from Wake New Hope Station 2 will receive a City of Raleigh Fire Department response
- Service transfers on July 1, 2022
- Current Wake New Hope Fire Department personnel resources will be moved to Station 2







Station 1 Closed July 1, 2022



That's all folks!

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