



## Great Fires



### 1816–1851

- 1816 – Destroys 51 buildings in first two blocks of Fayetteville Street.
- 1832 – Destroys 30 buildings. Starts on east side of Fayetteville Street.
- 1832 – Destroys several buildings on Fayetteville Street.
- 1833 – Destroys several buildings on east side of Fayetteville Street.
- 1851 – Destroys 17+ structures on Fayetteville, Hargett, and Wilmington Streets.



### 1831-1920

- 1831 – State House at Union Square.
- 1839 – Methodist Church.
- 1848 – Raleigh & Gaston Railroad engine house.
- 1867 – Exchange Hotel.
- 1868 – City Market, two other buildings.
- 1883 – St. Augustine's Normal School buildings.
- 1890 – Raleigh & Gaston Railroad roundhouse.
- 1892 – Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Warehouse.
- 1900 – Fleming's Warehouse, two homes, stable.
- 1901 – Watagua Building at A&M College.
- 1903 – Infirmary at St. Mary's College.
- 1909 – St. Paul's A.M.E. Church.
- 1915 – News & Observer building and others.
- 1920 – Administration Building at State Prison.



### 1923-1954

#### Source: Fire Records



- Date 12/17/31
- Time 7:25 p.m.
- Box 261
- Address 321 S. Blount St.
- Location Sanders Motor Co.
- Stories 3
- Building brick garage
- Lines 9
- Hose 3,800 feet
- Ladders 250 feet
- Engine 7.3 hours
- Loss \$19,000



### 1923-1954

#### 15 lines

- 1926 - Insane Asylum
- 1928 - Yarborough Hotel

#### 9 lines

- 1926 - Commercial Printing Co.
- 1931 - Sanders Motor Co.
- 1939 - 235 Fayetteville St.
- 1952 - K&W Motor

#### 8 lines

- 1925 - \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre
- 1927 - 112 W. Hargett St.
- 1935 - 210 Fayetteville St.
- 1943 - Quinn Furniture
- 1943 - Bellas-Hess
- 1948 - Farmers Co-Op Exchange
- 1952 - A&P store



### 1970-present

- 1<sup>st</sup> alarm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm
- 4<sup>th</sup> alarm
- 5<sup>th</sup> alarm

Sources:  
News Reports  
Official Reports  
Personal Accounts



## 1970-present

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> alarm | 2 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 bat chief |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> alarm | 2 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 bat chief |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> alarm | 2 engines, 1 ladder                        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> alarm | 2 engines                                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> alarm | 2 engines                                  |

Plus on-call Asst. Chiefs.

Run card in 1977



## 1970-present

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> alarm | 4 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 bat chief |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> alarm | 3 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 bat chief |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> alarm | 3 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 bat chief |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> alarm | 3 engines, 1 ladder, 1 bat chief           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> alarm | 3 engines, 1 ladder                        |

Plus special units, on-call Asst. Chiefs, etc.

Run card in 2007



## 1970-present

### 5 alarms

- 1970 - Peebles Hotel
- 2007 - Pine Knoll Townes

*Note: Records are incomplete*

### 4 alarms

- 1990 - Wake County Courthouse
- 1993 - 2654 S. Saunders St.

### 3 alarms

- 1970 - Holiday Inn North
- 1976 - Pine State Creamery
- 1988 - Hayes Barton Cleaners
- 1991 - Montecito Apartments
- 1992 - IGA Grocery Store
- 1993 - Cameron Village
- 1994 - Crown Court Apartments
- 1998 - Quail Corners Shopping Center
- 2000 - Meredith Village Apartments
- 2002 - North Hills Terrace Apartments
- 2003 - Warehouse, Penmarc Dr.
- 2004 - Storage Building, Diggs Dr.
- 2006 - House, Rose Ln.
- 2007 - Apartments, Trillium Cir.
- etc.



## Tompkins Hall (1914)

- March 25, 1914.
- Textile building at North Carolina Agriculture & Mechanical College.
- 3 stories, built 1901.
- Reported 2:45 a.m.
- Controlled ~5:00 a.m.
- Steamer, hose wagons, plus college hose streams.
- Loss \$80,000.



North Carolina State University photos



## Tompkins Hall (1914)



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## Yarborough House (1928)

- July 3, 1928.
- Hotel and stores.
- 300 block of Fayetteville Street.
- 4 stories, brick, built 1852.
- 46,500 square-feet.
- Reported 1:20 p.m., Box 314.
- 7,200 feet of hose, 15 streams.
- 750,000 gallons.
- Entire fire department, plus Durham and Smithfield engines.
- Loss over \$200,000.



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## Yarborough House (1928)



North Carolina State Archives photo



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North Carolina State Archives photo



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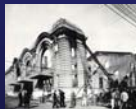


North Carolina State Archives photo



## City Auditorium (1930)

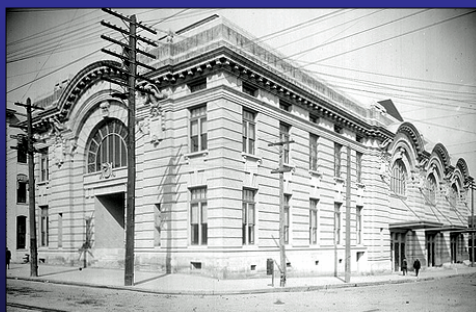
- October 24, 1930.
- 3,500-seat theater, beside City Hall.
- Davie Street just east of Fayetteville Street.
- 3-story brick, built 1912.
- Reported 11:46 p.m., telephone.
- Controlled 1:00 a.m.
- 3,200 feet of hose, 7 streams.
- Entire fire department.
- Loss \$84,600.



Raleigh City Museum, North Carolina State Archives photos



## City Auditorium (1930)



Raleigh City Museum photos



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North Carolina State Archives photo



## Bellas-Hess Store (1943)

- December 28, 1943.
- National Bellas-Hess clothing store.
- South Wilmington and East Martin Streets.
- 3 stories, brick.
- Reported 11:19 p.m., Box 23.
- Controlled ~2:30 a.m.
- 6,050 feet of hose, 8 streams.
- Damage \$250,000.



News & Observer / Raleigh Times photo



## Bellas Hess Store (1943)



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## Edenton Street Church (1956)

- July 28, 1956.
- Edenton Street Methodist Church.
- 228 W. Edenton Street.
- Built 1881.
- Reported 7:05 p.m.
- Controlled by 10:00 p.m.
- 4 engines, 2 ladders.
- Loss over \$500,000.



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Raleigh Times  
photo



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Times photo



## Edenton Street Church (1956)



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## Cameron Village (1964)

- December 2, 1964.
- Bryan Building at Cameron Village Shopping Center.
- Daniels Street.
- 2 story, masonry/frame, built 1950.
- Reported 5:25 a.m., verbal.
- Controlled ~7:30 a.m.
- 6 engines, 2 ladders, 1 rescue.
- Loss \$634,699.



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Raleigh Times  
photo



## Cameron Village (1964)



News & Observer / Raleigh Times photo



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## Peebles Hotel (1970)

- June 24, 1970.
- 122 E. Hargett Street.
- 3 stories, brick, built 1921.
- Reported 5:12 p.m., box 216.
- Controlled 7:30 p.m.
- 5 engines, 3 ladders, 1 rescue.
- ~35 firefighters.
- Five alarms.
- Loss \$110,220.



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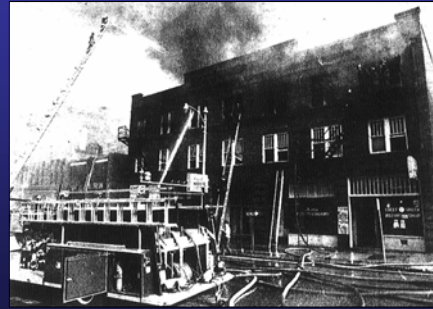
## Peebles Hotel (1970)



News & Observer photo



## Peebles Hotel (1970)



Raleigh Times photo



## Mangel Building (1981)

- July 7, 1981.
- 120 Fayetteville Street.
- 2 stories, built 1890-1900.
- 24,940-square feet.
- Reported ~8:50 a.m.
- Controlled ~12:00 p.m.
- Over 100 regular, off-duty, and volunteer firefighters, plus 21 recruits.
- 31+ firefighters treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion.
- Damage over \$250,000.



Gary Knight photo



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## IGA Grocery (1992)

- December 20, 1992.
- 718 N. Person Street.
- 1 story, built ~1966.
- 18,000 square-feet.
- Reported 9:36 p.m.
- Controlled after midnight.
- 3 firefighters with smoke inhalation.
- 6 engines, 3 ladders, 2 rescues.
- 45 firefighters.
- Three alarms.



Jeff Harkey photos



## IGA Grocery (1992)



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## Pine Knoll Townes (2007)

- February 22, 2007.
- Town home community.
- Behind 3500 block of Capital Boulevard.
- 2 story units, ~1,428 square-feet, newly built.
- Reported 3:03 p.m. as brush fire.
- Controlled ~6:00 p.m.
- 150 city firefighters including off-duty personnel and 29 recruits. Plus county firefighters.
- 15 engines, 6 ladders, 2 rescues, plus others.
- units.
- Five alarms.
- 27 units destroyed, 11 damaged.
- 72 people displaced.
- Damage over \$4,050,000.



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Diagram from fire protection study presented to city of Raleigh, August 2007.



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