

2017

ANNUAL REPORT



WAKE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

09/26/2017



Dear Wake Forest Community,

It is my pleasure to present to you this annual report with information about the activities of the Wake Forest Fire Department, for the fiscal year of 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). In keeping with our Mission, Vision, and Core Values, Wake Forest Firefighters consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to protect the quality of life and to protect property in both Wake Forest and the Wakette Fire District. During this past fiscal year, Wake Forest Firefighters responded to more than 3698 incidents. As we enter into 2018, the citizens of Wake Forest may continue to count on our exceptional dedication to the community's safety and protection, our highest priorities. The members of the WFFD work tirelessly every day serving and protecting their community and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community.



As firefighters, we hold a special bond, not only between each other, but with our communities. When we are not responding to structure fires, vehicle accidents and emergency medical calls for injuries, or illness; we also provide various other services to the community. We assist community members with installing smoke alarms if people are uncertain or unable to mount them properly. All during the year, we host tours of our facilities to school children and for those who stop by. We also go out to schools and other locations to talk to children and adults alike about the importance of fire and home safety.

As your Fire Chief, I cannot express how much we all appreciate your encouragement and trust. We thank our Board of Directors for working to guide and support us, as we continue to develop and grow our fire department.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your Fire Chief. I do not take my accountability and responsibility lightly, and constantly strive to meet and exceed your expectations. It is truly an honor to serve you and look forward to another successful year of accomplishments, and progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rondall L. Early".

Rondall L. Early
Fire Chief



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Members of the Wake Forest Fire Department

Board of Directors

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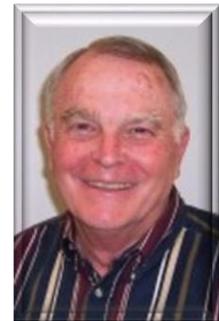
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Clifton Keith



Stanley Denton



Thomas Walters



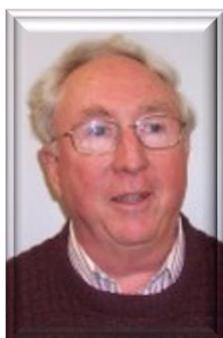
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Randy Bright



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Jason Deitch



Ann Reeve (Ex-Officio)





Management

Fire Chief - Ron Early

Deputy Chief – (Vol) Clifton Keith

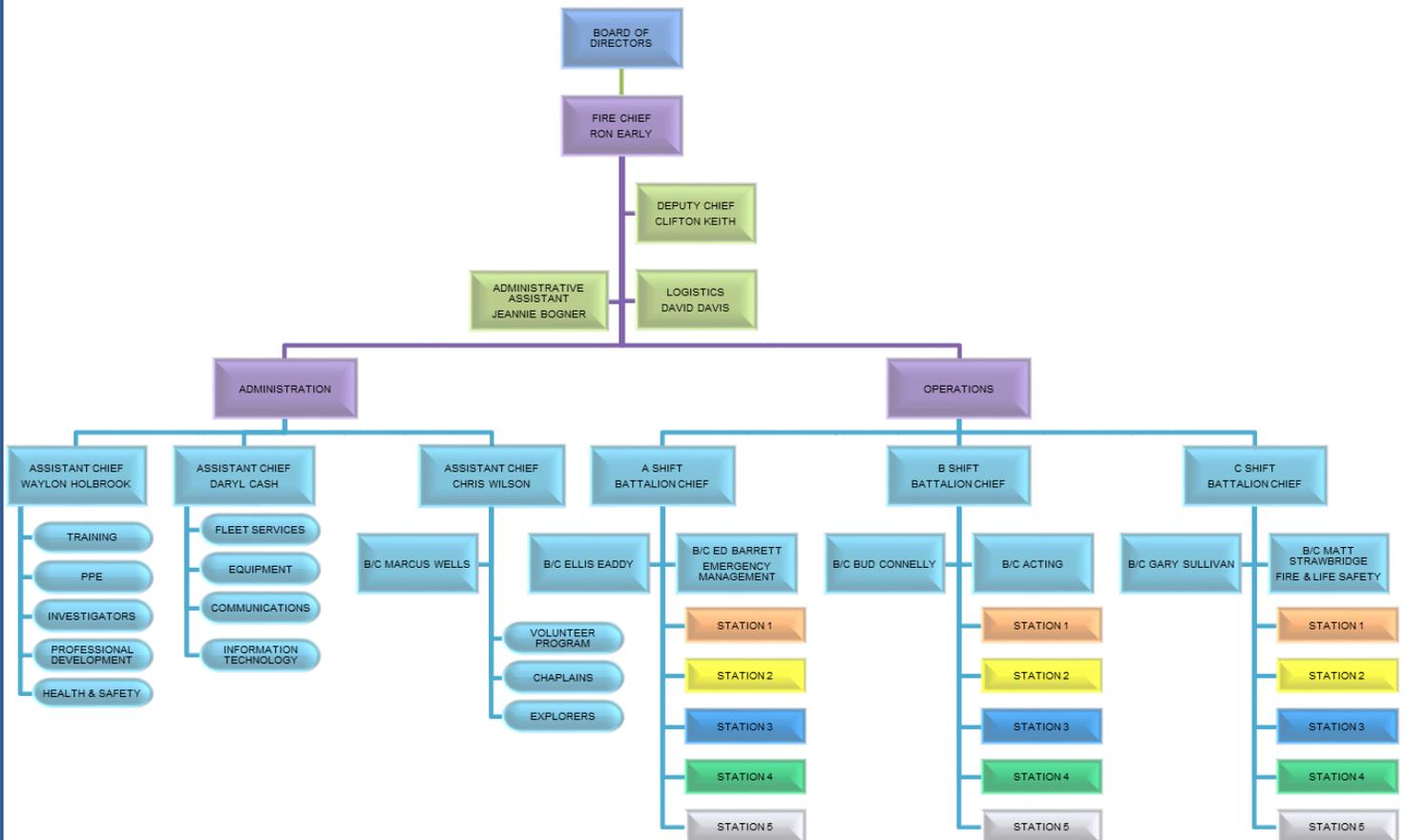
Logistics – David Davis

Administrative Assistant - Jeannie Bogner

Assistant Chiefs - Daryl Cash, Waylon Holbrook, (Vol) Chris Wilson

Battalion Chiefs – Ed Barrett, Matthew Strawbridge, (Vol) Gary Sullivan, (Vol)

Marcus Wells, (Vol) Bud Connelly, (Vol) Ellis Eaddy





Volunteer Suppression Staff

Battalion Chiefs			
Admin	A shift	B shift	C shift
Wells	Eaddy	Connelly	Sullivan

Captains			
Training	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
Schwenk	Meyer	Knorr	Carper

Lieutenants			
	M. Kelling	J. Strickland	T. Brown
		G. Wiggs	

Relief Driver			
V. Curci	M. McDonald	S. Knowles	H. Fuller
	J. Caldwell	J. Hannum	C. Barringer

Firefighters				
J. Ballon	S. McKenzie	M. Szymanski	N. Wright	E. Driscoll
G. Delcastillo	M. Stevens	M. Lusardi	W. Riddle	D. Bailey
M. Falk	K. Coutcher	D. Phipps	C. Rivenbark	
T. Goodrich	G. Ebron	M. Mallory	H. Rogers	
A. Greifinger	W. Dunbar			
T. Harris	I. Cofield			
T. Hutchinson	P. Campbell			
B. Stanley	A. Scholeno			



Paid Suppression Staff

B/C Ed Barrett

A Shift

Engine 1

Captain Ian Moffatte
Lieutenant Mike Swiman
FF Martin Barrett
FF Chris Kearney

Engine 2

Captain Erick Mohn
Lieutenant Chris Kimley
FFC Josh Main
FFC Aaron Allen

Engine 3

Captain Bo Medlin
Lieutenant Robbie Weatherford
FFC Julian Todd
FF Randy Wolfenbarger

Engine 4

Captain Jeremey Blake
Lieutenant Ben Davis
FF William Florence
FF Scott Gregory

Ladder 1

Captain VACANT
Lieutenant Scott King
FFC Bobby Neal
FFC Brendan Handford

Weekdays Engine 5

Captain Dustin Arnold
Lieutenant James Rowe
FF Sam Coleman

Vacant

B Shift

Engine 1

Captain VACANT
Lieut. Dustin Satterwhite
FFC Ethan Medlin
FF Taylor Cornelius

Engine 2

Captain Reginald Rogers
Lieutenant Davis Sandling
FFC Paul Croteau
FF Bill Windsor

Engine 3

Captain Kyle Mangum
Lieutenant Nick Carter
FFC Jeff Putnam
FFC Aaron Cashwell

Engine 4

Captain Garrett Jackson
Lieutenant Brandon Brown
FF Justin Rimmer
FF VACANT

Ladder 1

Captain Justin Brown
Lieut. Christopher Wilkins
FFC Justin Schwenk
FFC Lee Blackwell

Weekdays Engine 5

Captain David Stanton
Lieutenant Randall Schmidt
FFC Richard Moore

B/C Matt Strawbridge

C Shift

Engine 1

Captain John-Caleb Sadler
Lieutenant Randy Privette
FF Justin Mitchell
FF Austin Smith

Engine 2

Captain Stephen Driver
Lieutenant Tony Lamberti
FFC Alfred Harvey
FFC Seth Barefoot

Engine 3

Captain Steven Wagner
Lieutenant Nick Tart
FFC Chad Page
FFC Melvin Wilsey

Engine 4

Captain Blair Thomas
Lieutenant Bryon Timberlake
FFC Ed Eason
FF John Stauffer

Ladder 1

Captain Bryan Wright
Lieutenant Justin Alderman
FFC Thomas Schwenk
FFC Aaron Hale

Weekdays Engine 5

Captain Jose Mendez
Lieutenant Zach Pleasants
FF Seth Hall



Committees and Individual Work Groups

Over the last several years, WFFD has developed several committees and individuals to assist management with making decision on operational, administrative and projects that we are working on. Members of WFFD have recognized the needs in different categories and have stepped up and developed these committees or tasks to make sure WFFD is making the right decisions. The organization owes a lot of gratitude to these individuals for their hard work and commitment to improving our department.

Safety Committee

Ed Barrett, Kyle Mangum, Steven Wagner, Bobby Neal, Randall Schmidt, Jeremy Blake, Nick Tart, Bud Connelly, Chad Page, Liz Fuller, Jim Schwenk, Brendan Handford, Matt Strawbridge

Awards Committee

Scott King, Jeremy Blake, Clifton Keith, Nick Tart, Davis Sandling, Liz Fuller, Bud Connelly, Kyle Mangum, Brendan Handford

Apparatus Committee

Brandon Brown, Daryl Cash, Garrett Jackson, Randy Privette, Davis Sandling

Retirement Committee

Ed Barrett, Reginald Rogers, Ian Moffatte, Scott King, Aaron Hale, Paul Croteau, William Windsor, Jeff Putnam, Bryan Wright, Garrett Jackson. Chris Kearney, Brendan Handford, and Nick Tart

Equipment Committee

Bobby Neal, Daryl Cash, Dustin Satterwhite, James Kimley, Justin Schwenk, Kyle Mangum, Nick Carter, Thomas Schwenk, Brendan Handford, Dennis Phipps

Social Media Team

Ben Davis, Justin Brown William Florence

Policy Committee

Ben Davis, Justin Brown, Jeremy Blake, Erick Mohn, Christopher Wilkins, Lee Blackwell, Edward Eason, Seth Barefoot, Jim Schwenk, Bobby Neal, Jose Mendez, Taylor Cornelius

Uniform Committee

Justin Brown, Ian Moffatte, Jeremy Blake, Matthew Strawbridge, Justin Schwenk, Josh Main, Nick Carter, Bryon Timberlake, Thomas Schwenk, Scott King, Jerry Knorr



Honor Guard

Chris Kimley, John-Caleb Sadler, Robert Weatherford, Nick Tart, Justin Alderman, Edward Eason, Chad Page, Aaron Hale, and Justin Mitchell.

Hiring Committee

Reginald Rogers, Brandon Brown, Kyle Mangum, Josh Main, Waylon Holbrook

PPE Committee

Paul Croteau, Garrett Jackson, Bryan Wright, Thomas Schwenk, Waylon Holbrook

Second Service Company Committee

Erick Mohn, Michael Swiman, Nick Carter, Justin Schwenk

Recruitment Committee

Martin Barrett, Chad Page, Justin Mitchell, Daniel Gregory, Ben Davis, Jeremy Blake, Anthony Lamberti, Bryon Timberlake, Reginald Rogers, Brandon Brown, Kyle Mangum, Josh Main, Waylon Holbrook

Emergency Management/Special Event

Ed Barrett, Ian Moffatte, Bobby Neal, Blair Thomas, Marcus Wells

Membership Committee

Tommy Brown, Bruce Carper, Jim Schwenk, Martin McDonald, Jeremy Strickland, Hunter Rogers, Daniel Gregory, Ed Barrett, Taylor Cornelius, Jeff Putnam, Bryon Timberlake, John Stauffer, Chris Wilson

County Committees

Fire Commission	Ron Early
Compensation/Staffing	Ron Early
Apparatus	Daryl Cash
Facility	Ron Early, Jeremy Blake (alternate)
Equipment	Chris Wilson (alternate)
Communications	Marcus Wells
Training	Mike Swiman (alternate)

Individual Tasks

Ladders	Bryan Wright
Air Packs	Erick Mohn
Life Rope	Davis Sandling
Small Engine/Tools	Dustin Satterwhite



Saw Blades	Bobby Neal
Hydrants	Bo Medlin
Meters, EMS Supplies, Infection Control	Mike Swiman
Active 911	Justin Alderman
Hose	Stephen Driver
Fire Prevention	Nick Tart
Website	Ben Davis
Equipment Inventory	John-Caleb Sadler
Preplans	Brendan Handford
Firehouse	Ian Moffatte, Justin Brown, Justin Alderman
Emergency Preparedness	Blair Thomas

Organizational Background

The Town of Wake Forest’s fire protection service was founded in 1921 and was first organized by Thomas Arrington, Sr., who served as the department’s Fire Chief. The original department was founded as a community fire brigade to provide fire protection services to areas of the Town and the Wake Forest College. As the Town and the community grew, the fire department quarters was relocated to the old town hall building. It was housed there until 1973, when the need arose to relocate to renovated quarters on South White Street.

The Wakette Fire Protection District was founded in 1956, with Willis Winston as its first Fire Chief. The Wakette organization was charged with providing fire protection services to unincorporated areas outside of the Town of Wake Forest. Equipment for the Wakette District was housed in the basement of the old town hall until it was moved to a new firehouse, constructed in 1966, at the intersection of South White Street and Elm Avenue.

These two departments existed side-by-side utilizing the same personnel but separate equipment. In 1983, with assistance from Sherman Pickard of the North Carolina Institute of Government, these two organizations were merged together to form the Wake Forest Fire Department, Inc. The merger was the first of its kind in North Carolina where a municipality contracted its fire protection to another agency. In 1986, a new firehouse was constructed at 420 East Elm Avenue to meet the housing demands for both of the organizations apparatus and equipment.





In 1993, the Board of Directors recognized that the explosive growth in the area was taxing the volunteer's ability to handle the increasing incident volume. The Board of Directors deemed it necessary to create (3) full-time staff positions to guarantee the response of a fire unit to meet the fire and medical needs of the Wake Forest Fire District.



In 2000, the Wake Forest Fire Department was charged with providing emergency medical first responder services within the Wake Forest Fire District. This addition of services would aid the Wake County Emergency Medical Service's with their efforts to reduce response times to emergency medical incidents within the Wake County area.

Located on Ligon Mill Road, Station 2 was completed in 2001. The original building included an 800 square-foot suite leased by the Wake Forest Police Department as a substation.

In 2007 Wake Forest Fire Department took possession of a residence located on Forestville Road and began staffing a daytime crew to respond to emergency incidents. In 2009, a modern and progressive two bay fire station was constructed.



The current Wake Forest Fire Department Station 5 was previously Falls Fire Department. Before the building was used as a fire station, it was originally a community house and is still used for the community today. The land for the community center was donated to the Falls Community in November 1954 by Erwin Cotton Mills. In 1969, The Falls Club took on the organization of the fire department as their project. The department asked the Community Club for permission to build two new bays that would be attached to the community center. Permission was granted and the department began construction. Most of the construction was done by members of the department and was finished by contracted builders. Two years later the department added two more bays. Equipment was purchased as money became available while neighboring departments donated hose, nozzles, etc.

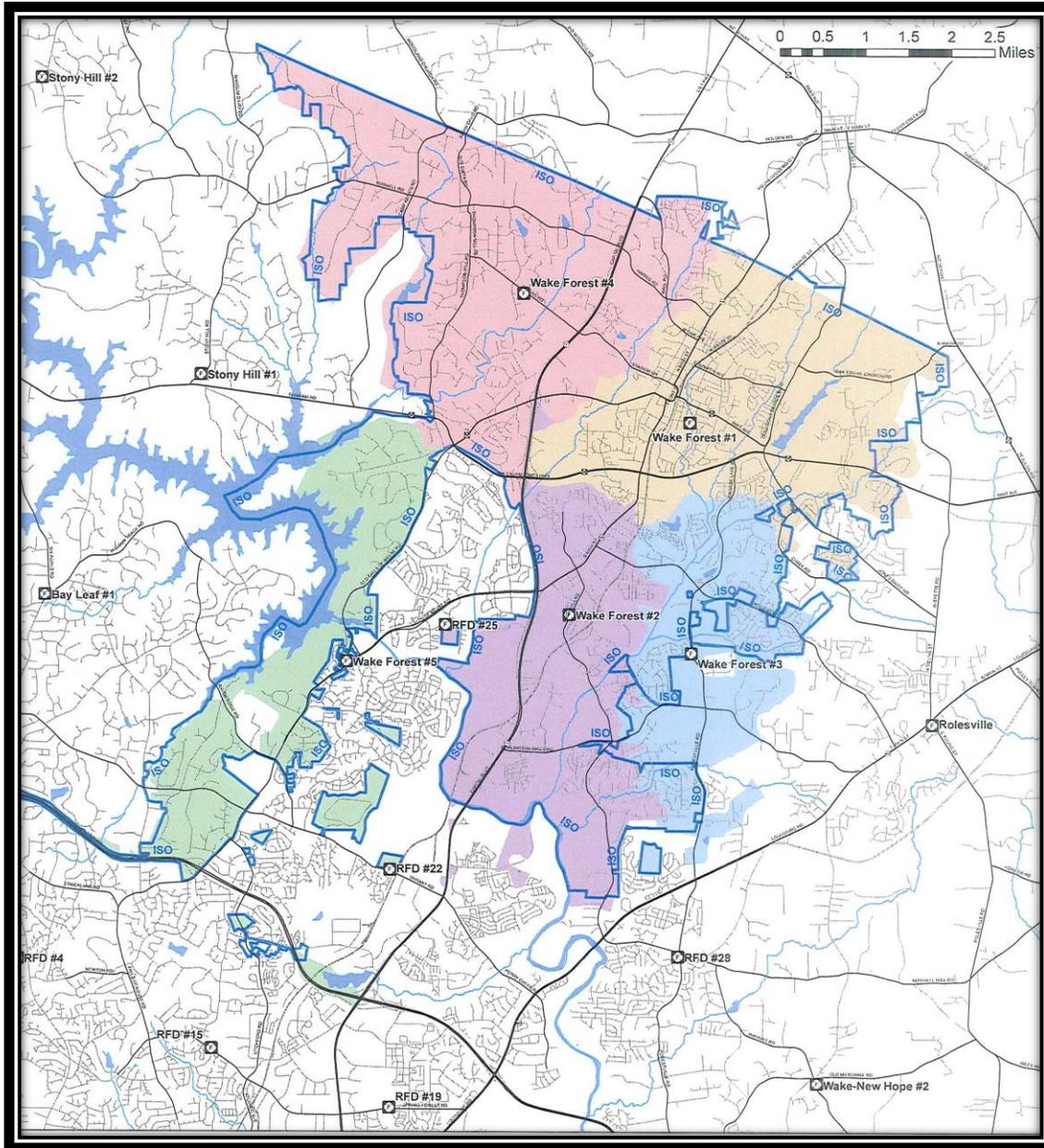


On Sunday, March 25, 2012 Wake County Fire Station 21 (Falls Fire Department) was merged with the Wake Forest Fire Department. With the increased financial pressure of today's economy, it made sense to combine the resources so that the services provided to both the Falls and Wake Forest communities would improve. The merger kept the crew that has served the Falls community in place, while adding a tremendously dedicated, trained and experienced department of Firefighters.



Station 4 was completed as of February 2016 and staffed 24 hours a day with full time employees. The station houses Engine 4, Brush 4 and a reserve piece of apparatus. We are looking to add a Tanker in the future. The grand opening ceremony was attended by over 200 citizens of the community that had the opportunity to push the new Engine into the new Station. The ribbon that was used was a section of red hose that was uncoupled by the Board of Directors President Stanley Denton.

Today, the Wake Forest Fire Department is a progressively minded combination fire department serving the Town of Wake Forest and the surrounding unincorporated Wakette Rural District. We provide fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services, as well as an enthusiastic and dynamic public education program for the community. We currently operate out of five stations. We have 62 paid personnel 24/7, 5 administrative personnel, 9 part-time employees, and 55 volunteers supplementing the paid staff in answering approximately 3698 incidents (including mutual aid calls), 56% of which are emergency medical related. Our response area is a mix of residential, commercial and rural/agricultural. There are 16 schools in our area, including private and public, as well as The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (the former Wake Forest College), which has a current enrollment of over 2300 students.



Fire Station	Address	Opened
Station 1	420 Elm Avenue	1986
Station 2	9925 Ligon Mill Rd	2001
Station 3	1412 Forestville Rd	2009
Station 4	1505 Jenkins Rd	2016
Station 5	11908 Holmes Hollow Rd	1969



Apparatus Profile

Wake Forest Fire Department operates a variety of fire, emergency service apparatus and support vehicles to provide service to our citizens.

Fire Station 1

Engine 1	2003	E-One	1,500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Ladder 1	2011	Pierce	1,500 GPM Pump, 300 Gallon Tank, 100' Aerial Platform
Engine 7	1995	Pierce	1,250 GPM Pump, 500 Gallon Tank (Reserve)
Brush 1	2006	Ford F-550	245 GPM Pump, 300 Gallon Brush Unit
Utility 1	2012	Ford E-350	12 Passenger Utility Vehicle
ATV 1	2004	Polaris	6 Wheel Multi-Purpose Utility Vehicle





Fire Station 2

Engine 2	2006	Pierce	1,500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Tanker 2	2013	KME	750 GPM Pump, 2000 Gallon Tank
Brush 2	1977	Ford F-250	150 GPM Pump, 250 Gallon Brush Unit





Fire Station 3

Engine 3	2012	Pierce	1,500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Ladder 3	1990	E-One	1,500 GPM Pump, 300 Gallon Tank, 75' Aerial





Fire Station 4

Engine 4	2014	Rosenbauer	1,500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Engine 6	1996	E-One	1,500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Brush 4	1994	Ford F-350	300 GPM Pump, 250 Gallon Tank





Fire Station 5

Engine 5	2007	Pierce	1,250 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Tank
Squad 5	1997	International	1,250 GPM Pump, 500 Gallon Tank, Service Unit
Brush 5	2008	Ford F-550	245 GPM Pump, 300 Gallon Brush Unit
Utility 5	2016	Ram 2500	Pick Up Truck, Utility Vehicle
Boat 5	2006		500 GPM Pump, Boat





Department Slogan

"Saving Lives, Our Prime Goal"

Mission Statement

We are committed to providing fire prevention education, fire suppression, medical services, and other emergency and non-emergency activities to the surrounding community, visitors, and residents of the Town of Wake Forest. We accomplish this mission through education, training, and dedication to the protection of our membership and citizens



Vision Statement

The Wake Forest Fire Department will set the standard of excellence by honoring tradition, professionalism, and customer service; we will also create leaders through education, training, and strong ethical values.

Core Values

Duty

Duty compels us to do the right thing at the right time, regardless of adverse consequences. It is the precursor of discipline and obedience. Duty requires that we accept responsibility for our actions.

Pride

We take pride in ourselves as individuals, our members as a team, our department as a family, and our citizens as a community.

Family

We are a fire department family. We are committed and accountable to each other because our lives depend on it. We value each member in our organization. We respect those who came before us and will strive to make the organization better for those who follow.

Courage

Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, even in the face of personal or professional adversity.





Professionalism

We are dedicated to serving at the highest level of excellence, in a manner showing commitment and respect to our mission. A commitment to excellence, possessing a positive attitude and having pride in your work while conforming to a high standard of conduct.

Honor

The enormous commitment necessary to perform the Department's tasks requires excellence of character. We inspire each other through pride in our department, both past and present.

Integrity

We are committed to honesty and ethical behavior and we will make decisions based on moral standards regardless of personal belief or benefit. We will work hard every day to maintain the highest professional standards and to earn the public trust through our actions.

Core Services for Wake Forest Fire Department

Fire Suppression

The department provides fire suppression for all types of fires that occur within the District and the surrounding communities. These include: structure fires, such as homes, businesses and industries, vehicle fires, grass and woods fires and all other types of fires that may occur.

Emergency Medical Services

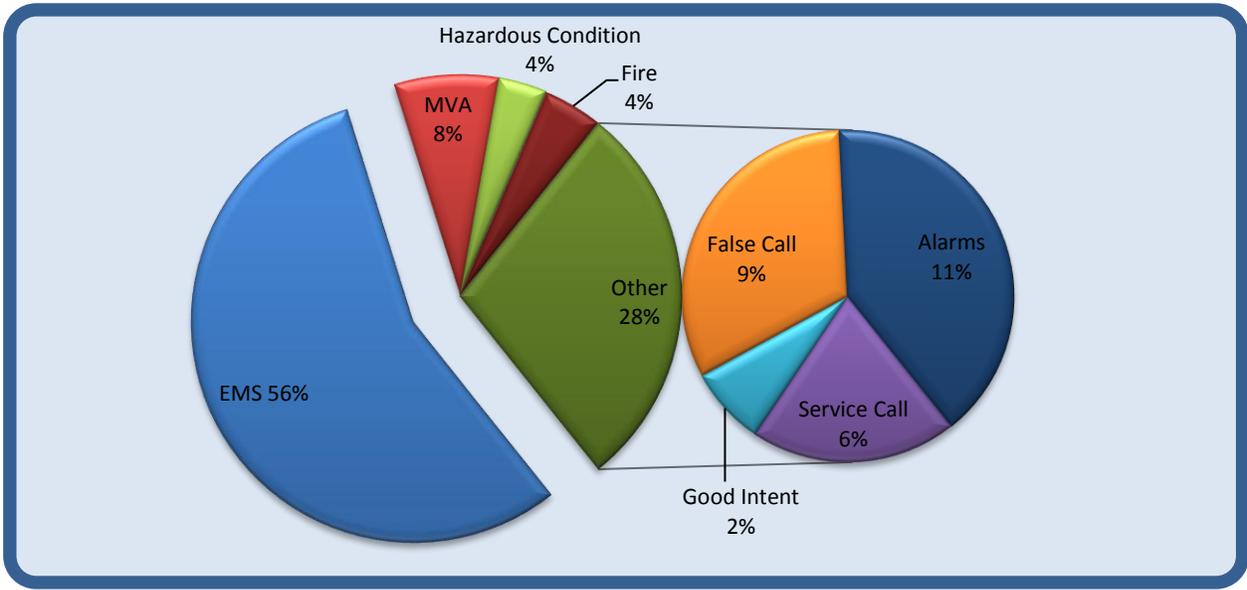
Wake Forest Fire Department paid Firefighters are trained and certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and respond as medical first responders to emergency medical incidents that occur within the District. With fire stations strategically located throughout the city, often times Firefighters are closer than an ambulance to a medical call. This allows Firefighters to reach the scene of a medical emergency faster, to initiate and provide lifesaving medical care. Ambulance transport is provided by Wake County.

Rescue

Wake Forest Fire Department provides vehicle extrication and some other basic Rescue capabilities. We are training our personnel to handle most incidents that would require basic skills and equipment and we carry some of the tools and equipment needed to handle these incidents. Recently, our members have decided that we should be pursuing the Water Rescue discipline in order to provide the best service to our community.

Hazardous Materials

The department provides hazardous materials response to hazardous materials leaks or spills. These may include transportation incidents that occur on the roadways or railroads and fixed facility incidents at businesses or industries.



The above graph compares the percentage of types of incidents for the year



The above graph shows the amount of incidents per Fiscal Year over the last 5 years



Top 3 Volunteer Responders by number of calls

Dalmon Bailey	278 calls
Martin McDonald	257 calls
Hunter Rogers	146 calls

Top 3 Career Responders by number of calls

Taylor Cornelius	401 calls
Ian Moffatte	381 calls
Michael Swiman	364 calls

Average On Scene Time for a MVC

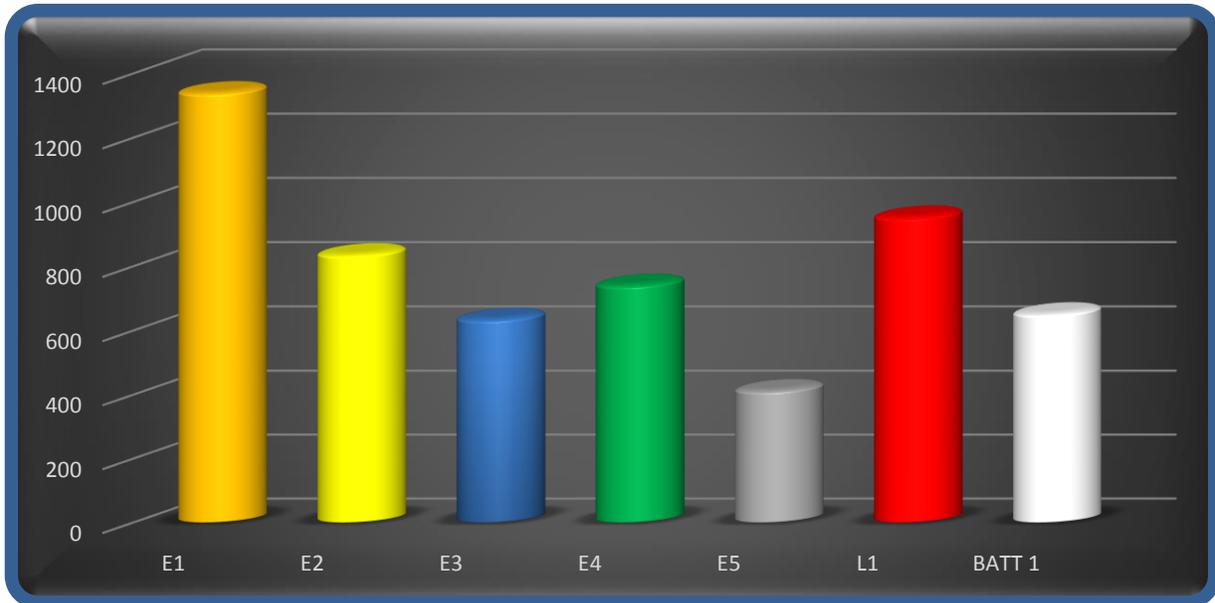
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Average On Scene Time for a Structure Fire

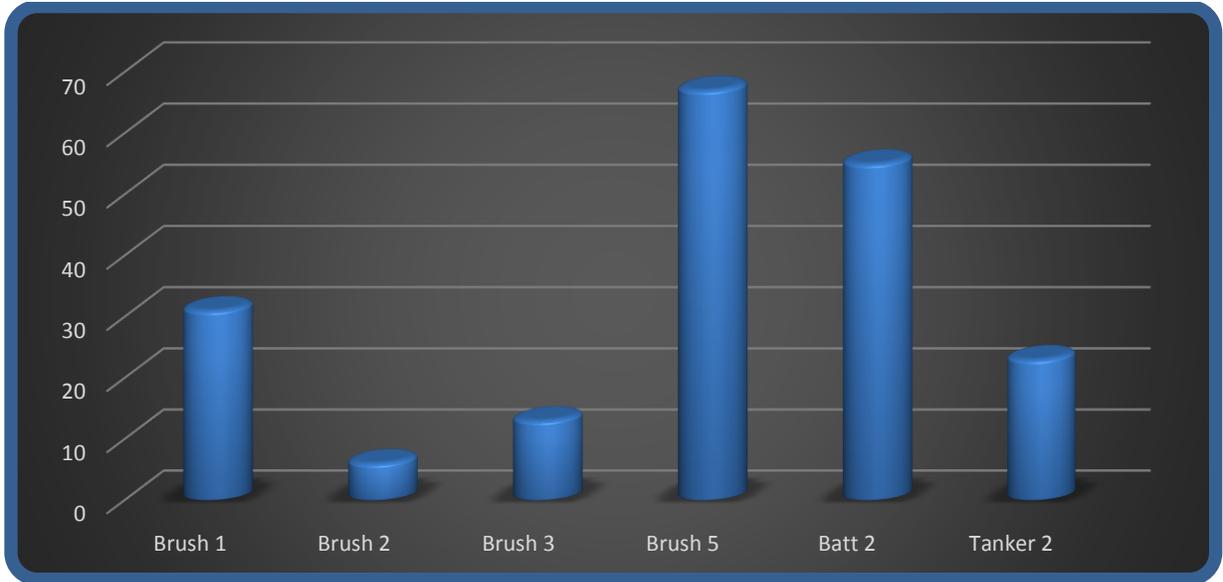
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Average On Scene Time for an EMS Call

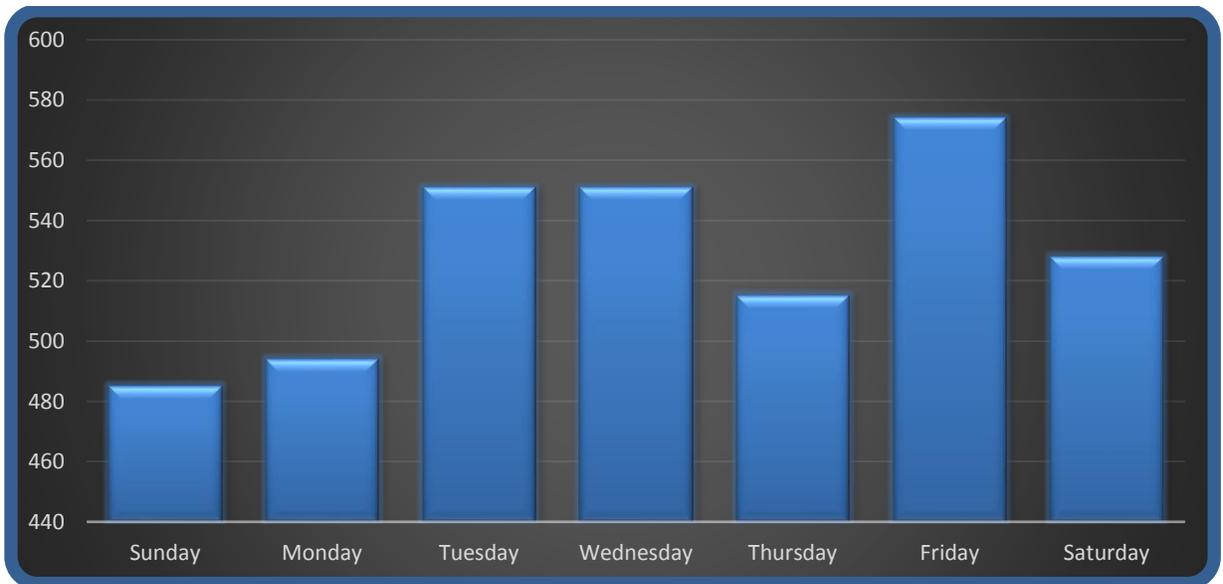
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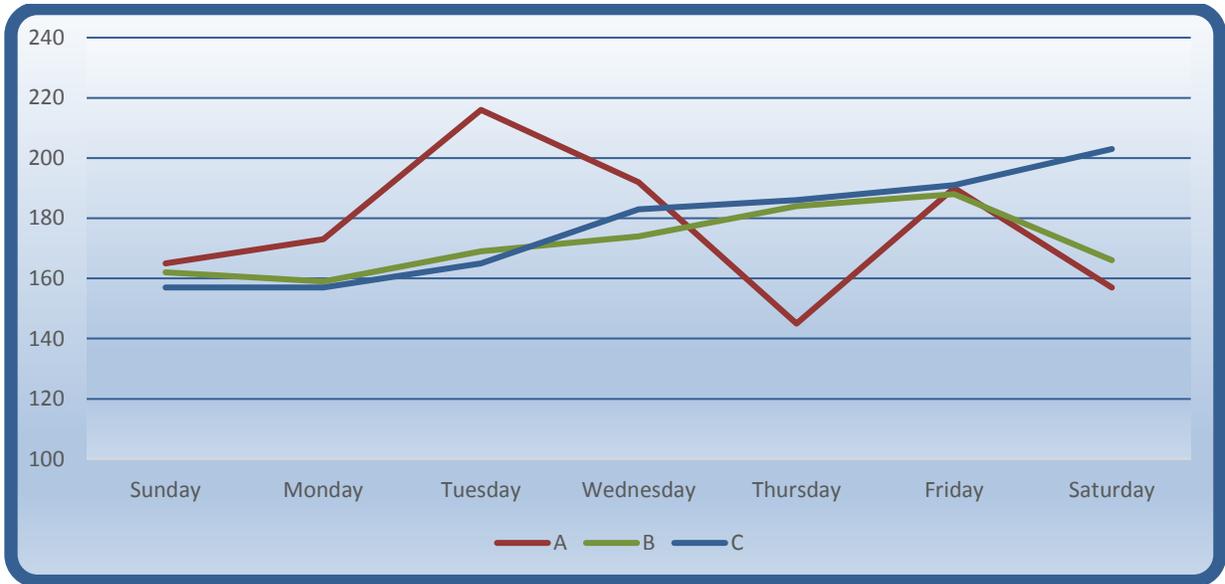
The above graph compares the number of responses per "first out" unit for the year



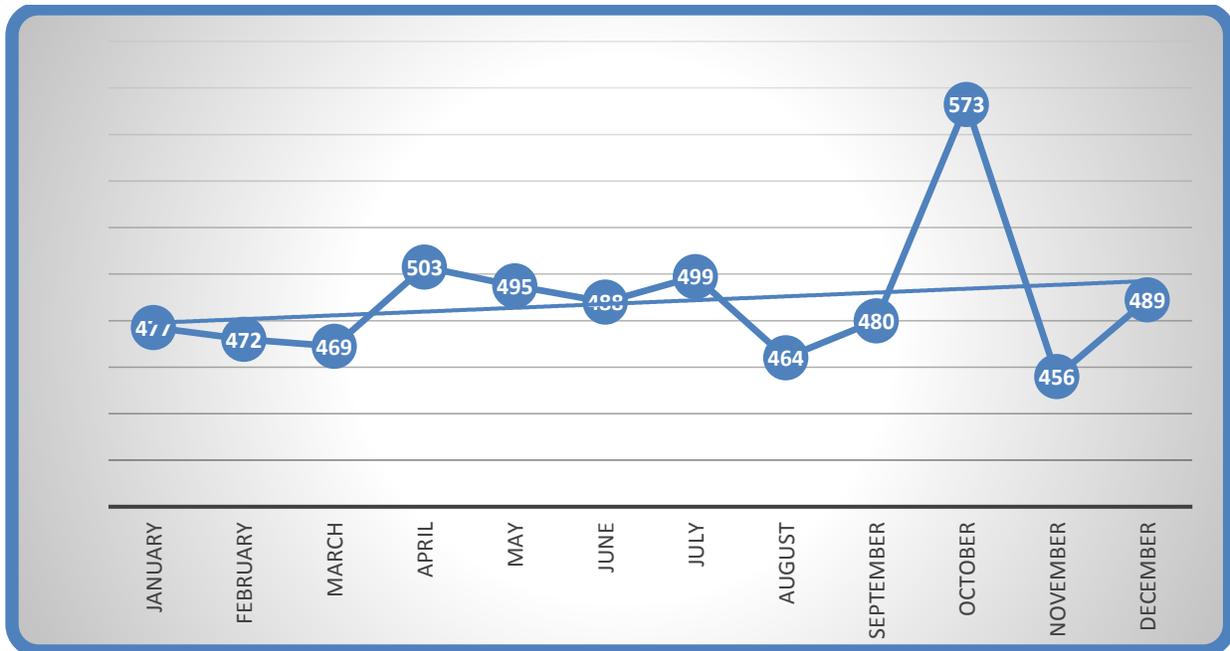
The above graph compares the number of responses per “secondary” unit for the year



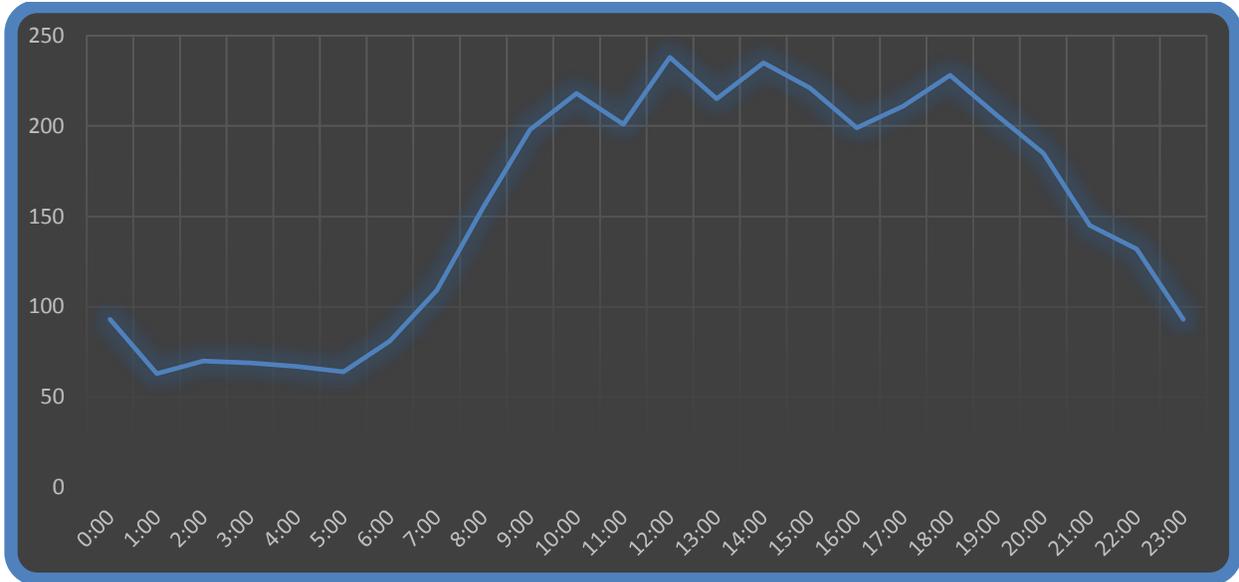
The above graph compares the number of responses per day of the week



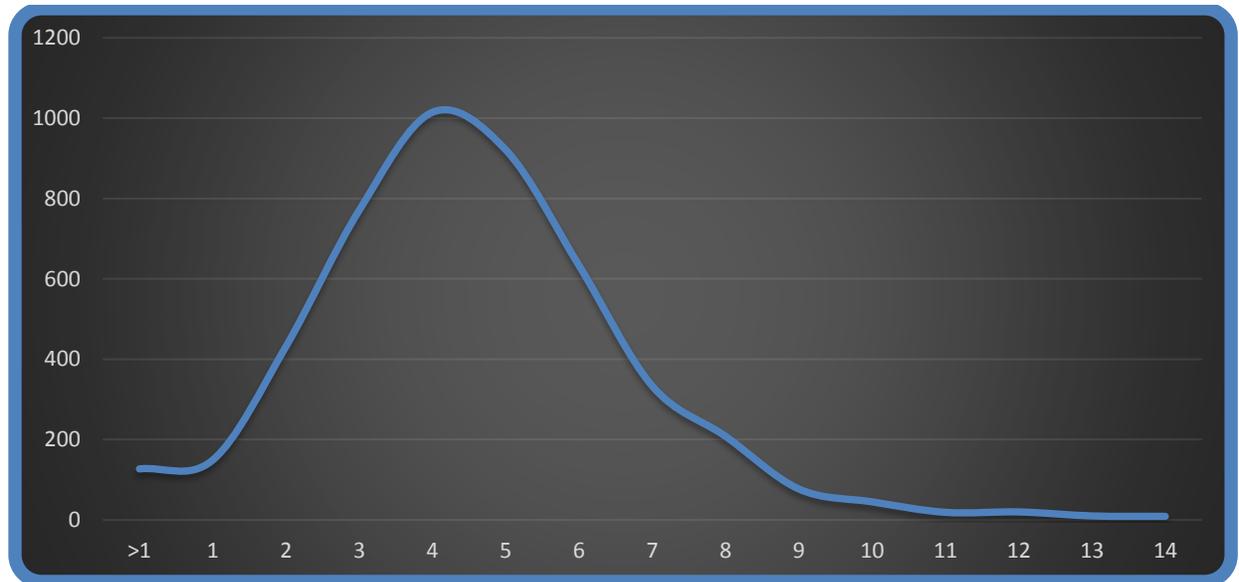
The above graph shows the incidents for each shift by day of the week



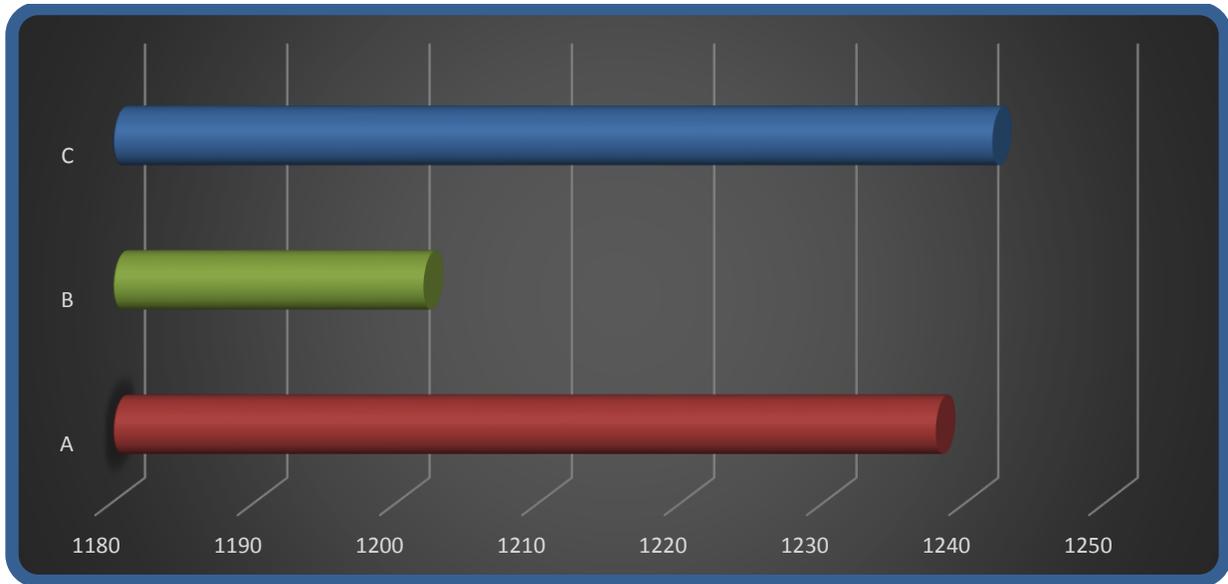
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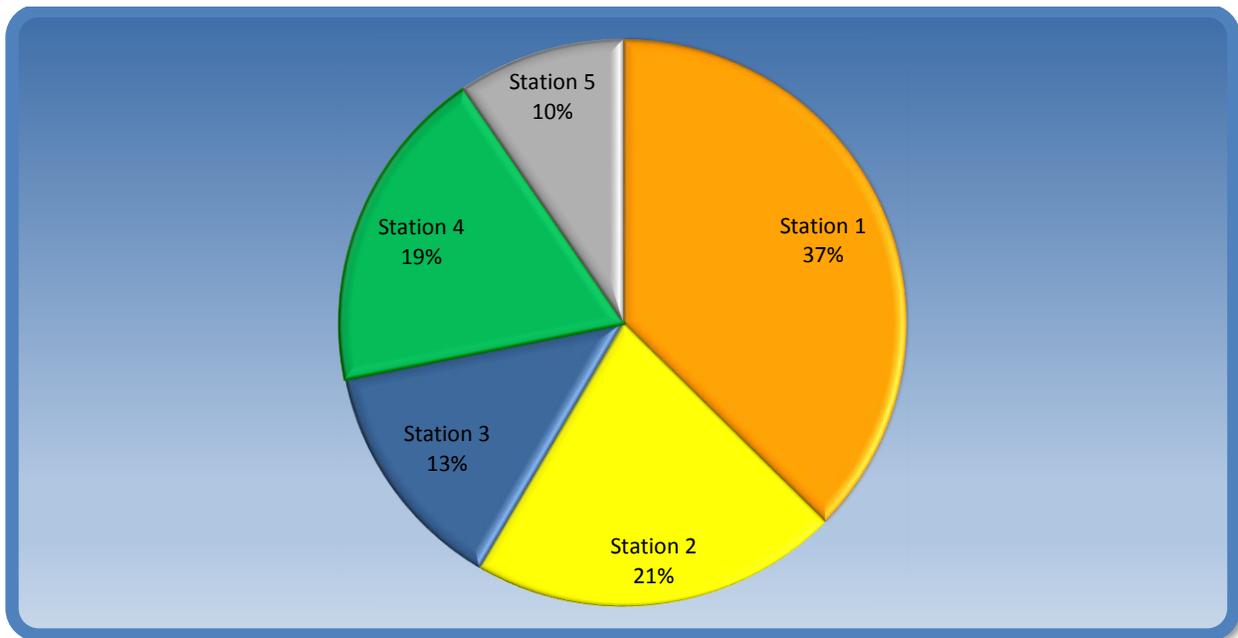
The above graph compares the number of responses per time of day



The above graph compares the number of responses by response time



The above graph compares the percentages of responses per shift

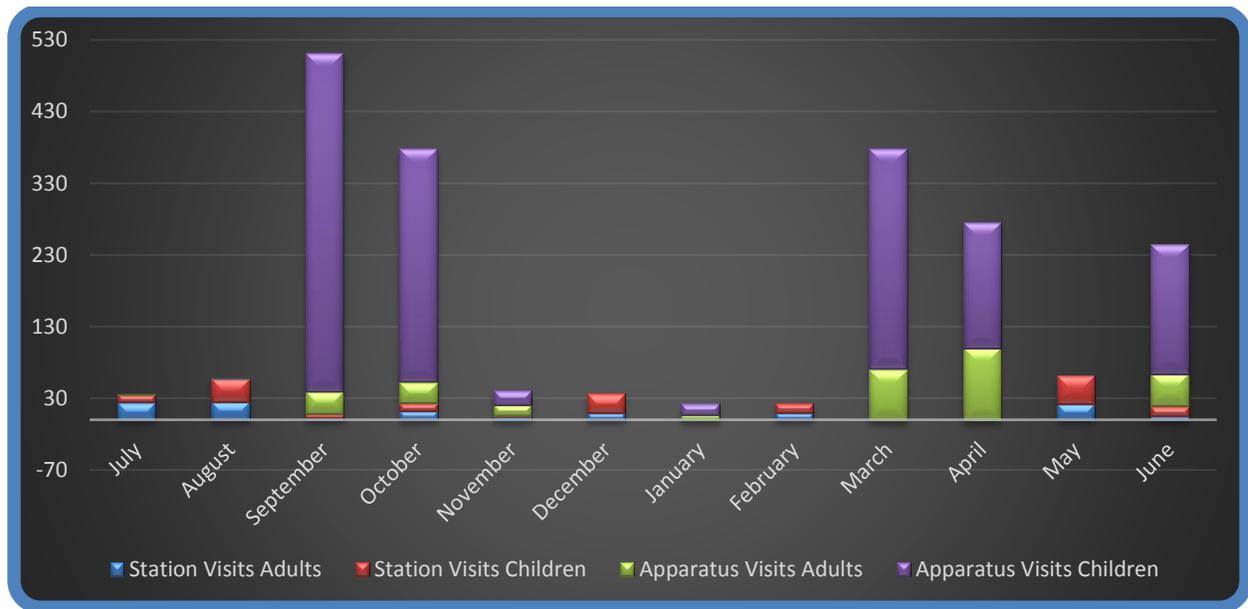


The above graph shows the percentage of incidents per station



Risk Reduction

The department provides risk reduction through the administration and provision of fire and life safety public education to our citizens. The following graph depicts the amount of scheduled visits that we participated in during the past year. The number of children and adult contacts has recently been added to our reporting system. This past fiscal year WFFD during our apparatus visits made contact with 299 adults and 1,495 children, we made contact during our station visits with 115 adults and 151 children, we also made contact with 1330 Teens/Adults during VIP for VIP's at the local high schools.





Management Team

Strategic Plan

Organizational strategic focus is important to the success of any planning process. Strategic planning, in its simplest form, is about identifying a limited number of key strategic goals to be achieved by the organization in order to move successfully into the future. Three years ago, the Wake Forest Fire Department initiated a strategic planning process to develop its first formal strategic plan. Plan development was facilitated by a Strategic Planning Team, which consisted of both career and volunteer staff of varying ranks and tenure. The plan's goals and objectives were all derived from staff input, solicited during the planning process. Procedures utilized in the development of the plan included staff surveys, numerous staff focus groups, and a facilitated retreat of department chief officers and staff feedback on the draft plan. Through the strategic planning process, the department identified its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. It also clarified the department's mission, vision, core values and expectations.

The plan established nine strategic goals for the department:

1. Community Relations
2. Promote Employee Health and Safety
3. Volunteer Program
4. Facility Management
5. Apparatus and Equipment Management
6. Communications
7. Develop our Leaders and Employees
8. Fiscal Responsibility
9. Effective and Efficient Use of Our Resources

The strategic plan is designed to guide the department over a five year period; however, this document should be viewed as merely a first step toward effecting change through implementation. The strategic plan should be reviewed and updated annually to ensure accuracy and allow for adaptation to changing circumstances. Furthermore, a department operational plan, which outlines the specific action steps, costs, timelines and implementation priorities of the objectives stated in this plan, needs to be developed. The Wake Forest Fire Department has a proud history of exceptional community focused service delivered by a highly trained and professional staff of career and volunteer Firefighters. The department membership looks forward to an even greater future as a result of this planning effort.

Sincerely,

Wake Forest Fire Department
Management Team



Chief Officer Planning

Waylon Holbrook

It's been another busy year for us getting all of our personnel trained in as many disciplines as possible. We again, have sent some of our members throughout the State and outside North Carolina to get the best possible training and updated practices in the fire services. We are encouraging all of our members to seek a higher education by enrolling in a degree program with an accredited college of their choice. Currently 36% of our full time staff has some type of college degree. Another 34% are enrolled in a program. Of all of these, 9% of the staff have more than one degree or are pursuing more than one. The following are goals that we have completed and are working on:



During our last fiscal year, not including our annual required continuing education.

Total of 34,543 training hours

Training held at WFFD

- 4 acquired structure live fire training exercises
- NC Driver Operator Pumps Course
- NC Driver Operator Aerials Course
- NC TR Ropes Course
- NC Traffic Incident Management
- NC Chief 101
- NC FF II Mayday
- NC FF II Safety & Survival
- Hybrid / Electric Vehicle Course
- Basic Vehicle Stabilization & Extrication Class w/ a full day of hands-on cutting

Training attended by personnel in NC & out of State

- Command Officer Boot Camp - NC
- IAFC Company Officer Leadership Symposium - NC
- Arson Investigation - NC & SC
- TR Water Rescue – NC
- Firehouse Software Seminar – NC
- Commercial Fire Operations – NC
- Instructor I – NC



Mid-Rise Engine Company Operations – VA
High-Rise Operations – FL
FDIC - IN
Emergency Responder Peer Support – NC
Leadership I & II - NC
Active Shooter – NC
Fire and Life Safety Educator – NC
Res-Q-Jack Stabilization University - NC

Completed the hose load process
Ran 5 new employees through 2 month orientation process
Ran a hiring process for 4 new employees
Purchased a Multiforce Forcible Entry Door
Plan to expand the training containers & props
Reviewing our hiring process and recruitment efforts
Plan to increase our EMT con-ed training
Plan to host NC Fire Officer II

This year the safety committee spear headed the outfitting of all fire stations with CO detectors. Initiated the cross lay identification program, Implemented the fire hood exchange program and introduced Sqwincher hydration formula to assist firefighters in recovering from heavy exertion.

Daryl Cash

Apparatus

Working with some changes in our fire district and growth of our town, we need to be fluid with our apparatus. With our new station 4 up and running, we added a brush truck to the station to give us a better ability to handle off road incidents. We turned in one of our three Ford F550 mini pumper/brush truck to Wake County. We found a 1994 Ford F350 4x4 pick-up and then added a skid unit with pump and tank, along with other tools and equipment to complete the brush truck setup.



The new tanker (Tanker 4) is going down the assembly line at the plant right now. The apparatus committee will be going to South Dakota around December 2017 for final inspection. The tanker will be housed at Station 4 when it goes into service around January 2018.





We made some apparatus changes in our Station 5 district. We took a 1994 E-One Pumper/ Tanker (Squad 5) out of service that had an unserviceable pump. Looking at the calls and district, we needed a truck that could run service type calls. The truck we found is a 1997 International Engine/Service truck. The apparatus serves as two types of apparatus in one. The truck has a 1250 GPM pump with a 500 gallon water tank, and is set up to run service calls and motor vehicle accidents.



With all of the public events that Wake Forest holds like Meet in the Street, Friday Night on White, Christmas Parade, Wake Forest July 4th, and other events we added a medical golf cart to our fleet. If someone has a medical emergency at an event with large crowds, it is hard to get a full size truck or EMS truck in and around the event. The medical cart can move in and out of crowds faster and easier and then move the patient out to an EMS unit.

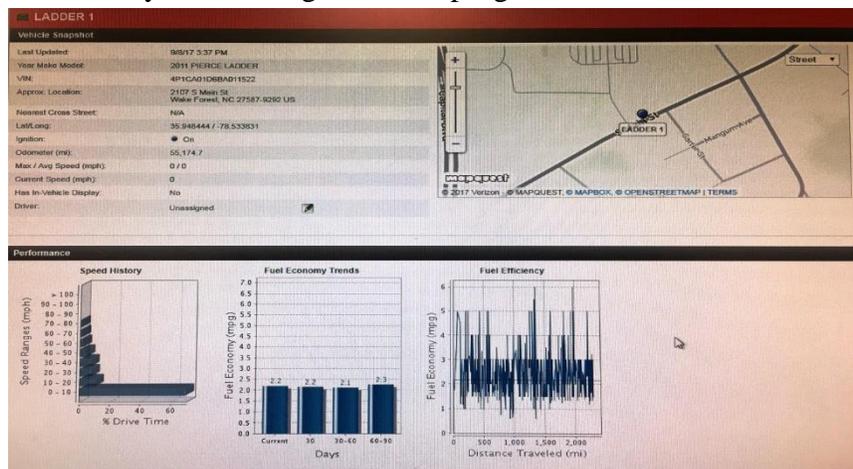
The apparatus committee will start working on a set of specifications of a replacement engine for fiscal year 2018-2019. The new engine will be replacing our 1996 E-One pumper/tanker (Engine 6).

Equipment Committee

This committee came up with a standard for equipment on our Brush truck and Engine and is now working towards the standard on our service apparatus. The committee is in phase 2 of the nozzle replacement plan. The committee has worked hard on researching the replacement of our class B foam. We have ordered the new foam for all of our first out Engines and should be in and on the apparatus within this month.

Apparatus Data Recording

Last year, I was researching programs to monitor our first out engines and service vehicles. The system I went with has been up and running for about 6 months and has paid for its self with just one pre warning of an over pressure fuel system on Engine 3. The program had sent me a text with the code with enough time to get the engine to the shop and we were able to fix the problem before it caused any major damage to the second stage fuel system. The damage would have cost around \$8,000 if the system had not reported the problem and we hadn't gotten it taken care of. The program also keeps up with fuel mileage and service records.





Chris Wilson

As the Assistant Chief responsible for the volunteer program it is my responsibility to make sure all of our volunteer members are valued members of the organization, and believe and execute the Core Values.

Our mission, vision, and goals continued to provide a roadmap for our direction throughout the last year. As we continue to grow with personnel and responsibilities, we must assess and adapt our direction to maintain a focus of our destination of saving lives.

While following the vision of “setting the standard, while creating leaders” in 2017 we:

- Initiated a Leadership based continuing education for all staff and ranks
 - Topics were established in the 2016 Leadership Academy
- While redefining the new normal of the fire service
 - Initiated a new membership committee that oversees the acceptance of new volunteer personnel
 - This developed a pathway producing quality firefighters
 - Developed a new academy style probationary process
 - Continue to discover avenues for personnel to serve the organization based upon their strengths and personal goals
 - Adapt to higher demands of service, while keeping volunteers engaged
 - Explore creative options to utilize volunteers to enhance the service delivery and prevent burnout, and strain on family lifestyle
- Instituted a new volunteer matrix to increase participation and reward personnel for performance
- Sponsored another successful “Shop with a Firefighter”, while preparations are underway for another year.
- Initiated an intra agency workshop with Town of Wake Forest departments to facilitate training and unified command for use on special events and incidents.





Ed Barrett

The Emergency Management Team is comprised of Chief Barrett, Chief Wells, Captain Thomas, Captain Moffatte, and Firefighter First Class Neal. Each member fills a vital role in the Emergency Management Teams three main branches, which are Fire Department Survivability, Event Planning, and Incident Response.

The Fire Department Survivability Branch led by Captain Thomas is focused on making sure the fire department has the necessary supplies and resources to be able to continuously serve the citizens during logistically trying times created by large scale manmade or natural disasters.

The Survivability Branch has stock piled food, water, rehabilitation, and other resources that will allow the department to function for three to five days without any outside assistance.

The Event Planning Branch led by Chief Wells, Captain Moffatte and Firefighter First Class Neal is dedicated to providing safety on large-scale public events throughout the town in the form of an Incident Command System and structure. Some of the events that the Event Planning Branch has participated in include, Friday Night on White and the Wake Forest Beach Music Festival, which have brought crowds in excess of 10,000 people. Lastly, we have the Incident Response Branch led by Chief Barrett which can act as a resource by mobilizing if an incident commander recognizes a high risk incident, or the potential for a high risk incident (i.e. severe weather event). This group also compiles information and completes high risk preplans on properties around the town, to aid with potential incidents that threaten economic stability, infrastructure, and lives. We have completed in depth high risk facility preplans on The Lodge of Wake Forest, North Park-1, Holding Oil, and Thompson Gas. There are more high risk preplan projects in the pipeline. The Emergency Management Teams goal is to present the Emergency Management Plan to the appropriate town agencies this fall.



Matt Strawbridge

Battalion Chief "C" Shift - As Wake Forest grows so does the fire department. Just being promoted to battalion chief in February I have had plenty to do. Outside of daily operations I am also responsible for our Technical Rescue and Fire Life Safety programs.

Technical Rescue

Wake Forest Fire is stepping up our technical rescue response. In the summer and fall of 2017 we will be





training our people in the NC OSFM Technical Rescue Ropes program. This will lead into us establishing our water rescue team. Our district that we serve has a multitude of possible water rescue scenarios that could happen. No worries though that's what we are here for. In the spring of 2018 our members will begin training in water rescue operations.

Once we have our technical rescue team trained and equipped with the right tools we will be capable of handling basic rope rescues and water rescues. A major goal for the water rescue side is to be a state recognized entity. This will enable us to be called out to help other areas in their time of need.

Fire Life Safety

Wake Forest Fire prides itself on being community partners and taking a proactive role in fire prevention in our community. Throughout the year we have numerous station tours, apparatus visits, and public speaking events. Our fire prevention program also includes our puppet show. This is always a big hit with the kids. Unfortunately, this past year we retired our fire safety trailer, but no worries. Over the next year we will be revamping our entire fire life safety program to better reach more age groups and issues that affect them.

Our major goals this year is to replace the puppet show setup with a new one along with replacing our mascot sparky with Marshall from Paw Patrol and adding fire prevention segments to various media outlets. Please visit the fire prevention tab on our website to inquiry about a fire prevention event.

Logistics Future Planning

David Davis

We have come to the end of another year and lots of things have been accomplished. We have accomplished in getting some of the short term goals completed. There are some of the goals that are a work in process; however we did finish a few of them. Here is a list of completed short-term goals for each station. My short-term goals for the next year are to continue working on my list of goals that were not accomplished last year. I feel like things are getting completed to help keep our facilities in the best shape for everyone especially for our employees that stay in them and make the stations their home away from home. I feel like that we got a lot accomplished this year.



Completed Projects

Station 1: Remodeled small training room to accommodate Battalion Chief Bedroom and a conference room.



Station 2: Replaced sign on front of building

Station 3: Added bushes around flagpoles. Installed new granite countertops

Station 5: Replaced bay door. Installed Plymovent system. A/C ductwork replaced

Future Projects

Station 1: Add a sign on the tower, add additional flag poles to fly NC and Fire Dept. flags, begin replacing mattresses, replace lighting with LED (in process), replace ceiling tile in offices, remodel radio room, remodel front foyer, seal cracks in asphalt, replace asphalt in curve with concrete, install door safety edges to bottom of doors (in process)

Station 2: Repair asphalt around station with concrete, install utility sink in bay, re-caulk around station, install large fan.

Station 3: Re-caulk around station, install large fan.

Station 4: Install pine straw on hill

Station 5: Replace bay doors, fix septic system.

ALL Stations: Install Knox Box key secure system in all first out apparatus (in process), add Magnetic Grabbers on Plymovent system.

The accreditation program is still a work in process. Some work on collecting data to assist in the standards of cover is currently being collected. Other things have been put in place to assist in gathering information to be documented accurately. As was reported last annual report the accreditation process has many parts and pieces that has to come together to become accredited. The first part is the Standards of cover, which consists of 7 sections to complete. Then the self-assessment has many more parts. It consists of 10 major categories, which are further divided into 43 criteria with more than 258 performance indicators. To become a “candidate” for accreditation you must meet 82 performance indicators which are called core competencies. This program cannot be accomplished without the support and assistance of many staff personnel to assist in the many categories.

The hydrant program is starting to get a little smoother. Captain Medlin has been on top of this program and with the meetings that he and I have attended, we feel that The City of Raleigh is trying to remove the workload from us. In most of the areas it has been a lot easier on the department.



Explorer Program

Our Explorer program provides an opportunity to encourage, educate, and guide youth between the ages of 14-21 towards success in the fire service. The Explorers gain knowledge by participating and assisting staff both on and off of the emergency scene. Our program has sent multiple youths to academies that have resulted in both full time and part time jobs.

Program coordinators are Robbie Weatherford, Bruce Carper and Scott Knowles.

Fire Investigator Program

The Wake Forest Fire Department started a Fire Investigation Team in July of 2011. The team is made up of four career staff of the Wake Forest Fire Department and is managed by Assistant Chief Waylon Holbrook. The Wake Forest Fire Department Fire Investigator Team is working diligently to obtain the knowledge and skill set to perform all fire investigations within the Wake Forest Fire Department's primary response area. All members are working together to rewrite the Standard Operating Guidelines for the Investigator Team and changing them to better fit The Wake Forest Fire Department's need for fire investigations. The Fire Investigator Team attends numerous training classes throughout the year to meet their training goals. The Fire Investigator Team currently performs and/or helps Wake County Fire Investigators with all Wake Forest Fire Department Fire Investigations. The Team is currently working together to purchase the proper Personal Protective Equipment needed to perform fire investigations. The Team is also working together to equip one of Wake Forest Fire Department's brush units to be used as the primary fire investigation apparatus. This apparatus will still be used as a brush unit when it is not needed for fire investigations. The Investigator team hopes to have all PPE and Equipment to be fully functional within the next few months. By creating this team and having Certified Fire Investigators we are one step closer in the accreditation process for the Wake Forest Fire Department.



Fire Investigators: Jeremey Blake, Justin Brown, Bryan Wright, Bryon Timberlake



Chaplain Program

The Wake Forest Fire department's Chaplaincy Program is designed to provide access to Volunteer Fire Chaplains on a 24-hour basis and will offer spiritual guidance and assistance to meet the life needs of all personnel, volunteers, retirees, and members of the community, regardless of their religious affiliation. This allows the department to provide assistance utilizing a non-judgmental approach, while offering a healing or edifying word of counsel or encouragement when needed. The Fire Chaplains bring genuine compassion, flexibility, and sensitivity to the services provided.

The Fire Chaplains may be called upon to attend various employee functions, including funerals and weddings, and at times, they may be called upon to care for community victims and/or families impacted by fire or other emergencies. The Fire Chaplains may provide assistance in the personal matters of department employees, such as handling critical incident situations.

Fire Chaplains: Paul Eitel, Tommy Brown, Phil Cashwell

Honor Guard



The Wake Forest Fire Department Honor Guard has continued to grow and improve since its creation. Each and every member past and present has worked to mold and shape the Honor Guard into what it is today. The member's professionalism and dedication to the mission and purpose is unmatched by any other. Each member's commitment to team work and attention to detail makes the team possible. Currently we have nine members on our team; of those nine, five have joined

the elite ranks of the National Honor Guard Academy Graduates. They can be spotted wearing their NHGA pins on their uniforms. We also are hoping to possibly put together a team to compete on a national level at FDIC. The Honor Guard is always looking to expand our capabilities through new membership. If anyone is interested in joining please contact a member and let them know.

Honor Guard Members - Chris Kimley, John-Caleb Sadler, Robert Weatherford, Nick Tart, Justin Alderman, Edward Eason, Chad Page, Aaron Hale, and Justin Mitchell.



Wake Forest Fire Department Honor Guard’s Recent History

- September 20, 2016 – VIP for VIP at Heritage High School
- October 14, 2016 – Wake Forest Fire Department Awards Ceremony
- October 28, 2016 – Three members Attended National Honor Guard Academy
- November 6, 2016 – Funeral for Albert Perry Former Fire Chief Wake Forest Fire Department at Oak Grove Church
- November 13, 2016 – Veterans Day Ceremony at Wake Forest Church of God
- April 4, 2017 – VIP for VIP at Wake Forest High School



Wake Forest Fire Department Honor Guard Mission Statement

The mission of the Wake Forest Fire Department Honor Guard is to represent with honor our country, our community, our fire department, and all members of the brother hood past present and future, through a constant commitment to excellence, dedication, and service. The Honor Guard achieves this through constant training to better our craft through routine practices; commitment to our cause, our team, and to the families and members of those we honor; as we serve with discipline, pride and integrity.

Major Milestones in the Past Year

July 1, 2016

Starting in July and lasting a couple of months, Assistant Chief Chris Wilson held a Leadership Academy for all of Wake Forest Fire Department personnel.

July 3, 2016

The Town of Wake Forest had its 42nd Independence Day Celebration at Trentini Stadium on Wake Forest High School's campus. WFFD participated in making sure the celebration was a success and the citizens were safe during the show.

July 18, 2016

Firefighters Sam Coleman and Dalman Bailey graduated from Wake County Recruit School.



July 18, 2016

Willis Winston passed away, he was our first rural fire department Fire Chief.

July 25, 2016

WFFD established a Second Service Company Committee to research and recommend when a second staffed Service Company would be needed.



July 27, 2016

Firefighter Jeff Putnam has been reclassified as a Firefighter First Class.

August 2, 2016

WFFD participated in the Kerr Family YMCA's Camp High Hopes. Camp High Hopes, the YMCA's fully subsidized day camp, takes place at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Campus in Wake Forest.

August 14, 2016

The Wake Forest Fire Department took home the "Best Outdoor Booth" at this year's Home and Garden Show hosted by the Town of Wake Forest.

August 16, 2016

All WFFD first out apparatus were equipped with Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) that are capable of receiving updated information from 911 dispatch. The MDT's will be updated with multiple programs that will enhance the crew's responses.

August 16, 2016

WFFD participated in the Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation dinner.

August 17, 2016

WFFD receives a \$500 donation from Grif Bond to be used for safety equipment.

August 24, 2016

A MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group had a summer play date at Station #1 on Wednesday. The preschoolers were able to get a quick fire prevention class, see the fire station, and climb on the fire trucks. We want to thank the MOPS group for coming by!

September 6, 2016

Justin Rimmer, Aaron Cashwell, Austin Smith, William Florence, Stephen Perry were hired as full time Firefighters. James Rowe was hired as a part-time Lieutenant and Sam Coleman was hired as a part-time Firefighter.

September 9, 2016

The WFFD has gotten a piece of its history back. The first Wake Forest Rural Fire Department pumper has been returned to Station #1 and will be refurbished over the next couple of years. The truck is a 1942 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton pumper that was purchased in 1956 from Civil Defense.



September 11, 2016

On the 15th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/01, the Wake Forest Fire Department would like to remember all of those who lost their lives that day, including the 343 FDNY firefighters. Let us never forget!



October 1, 2016

The 2016 WFFD Annual Report is published and can be viewed on our website.

October 1, 2016

Once again, WFFD members will be wearing pink duty shirts for the month of October to show our support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

October 3, 2016

WFFD Engine 1 and Ladder 1 along with the WFFD Explorers participated in this year's National Night Out activities on Tuesday night. Our Fire Safety House was set up and fire trucks were available for everyone to enjoy.

October 8, 2016

As Hurricane Matthew made its way through North Carolina over the weekend, heavy amounts of rainfall caused flooding throughout Wake Forest. Engine #4 and Ladder #1 had to rescue two teenagers who became stranded in the swift water and were clinging to a tree after deciding to go tubing in a flooded creek. The teenagers were uninjured.

October 13-15, 2016

Four members of the Wake Forest Fire Department took an Engine and a Brush Truck along with several other Wake County units down to Bladen County to assist in Hurricane Matthew relief. The crew reported to the command post and were quickly assigned to the White Lake Fire Department where they assisted in welfare checks on residents, loading/unloading and delivering supplies to stranded residents, evacuating stranded residents, and responding to emergency calls. The WFFD is very proud of these four members for all of their hard work! The crew that was deployed were Lieutenant Brandon Brown, FFC Julian Todd, Firefighter Martin McDonald, and FF Melvin Wilsey.

October 14, 2016

The Wake Forest Fire Department was in full swing participating in several fire prevention activities this week. Here, Engine #3 is at Discovery Point in Heritage showing children the fire engine, teaching them fire prevention information, and demonstrating how to put on all of the firefighter turn-out gear.

October 14, 2016

Wake Forest Fire Department held its annual Awards and Promotion Ceremony Friday Night at Wake Forest United Methodist Church. Several promotions were held for the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief. Cardiac Life Saves were recognized for the 2015 year and other awards were presented recognizing individuals and crews. This year the Jimmy B Keith Award was presented to Robert Weatherford IV and the Lewis B Knuckles Award was presented to Martin McDonald. Congratulations to all of those that received awards this year.

October 15, 2016

Twelve members of the Wake Forest Fire Dept, along with many more from departments across the Triangle, took part in the Combat Ready class taught by Traditions Training. Traditions



Training is a training group made up of members from departments across the East Coast and are well know from their aggressive firefighting tactics.

October 29, 2016

WFFD held its fifth annual Halloween Truck or Treat at Station 1. This event was a carryover from the Falls Fire Department. Children of the WFFD, WFPD, and EMS were invited to come to the event dressed in their Halloween costumes and partake in various activities that were set up for them by the WFFD Ladies Auxiliary. The kids collected candy, played games, and went through the fire prevention house. We would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for this wonderful event.

November 3, 2016

Wake Forest Fire Department is mourning the passing of former Fire Chief Albert Perry who passed away this afternoon. Chief Perry was Fire Chief of the Wake Forest Fire Department for 20 years, from 1958-1978. His dedication to the Wake Forest Fire Department will be forever remembered and he will be missed by all his family and friends.

November 12, 2016

After several months of reconstruction, the Rogers Rd. bridge has reopened to travelers. A bridge reopening community event was held in the Wake Forest Business parking lot on Rogers Rd and Engine #3 attended showing off the apparatus to excited families.

November 12-18, 2016

WFFD sent two deployments of crews with an engine and a brush truck to assist in fighting the wild fires in the western part of North Carolina. The first deployment left on Saturday November 12th and returned late Friday night the 18th when the second round of crews relieved them. Crews were in the Lake Lure area fighting fires, clearing brush,



protecting structures, and taking part in water supply operations. Crews worked upwards of 16 hours a



day along with several other agencies from Wake County as well as across North Carolina. The first crew that was deployed were Capt. Stephen Driver, Capt. Kyle Mangum, Firefighter Martin McDonald, Lieutenant Randy Privette, and Firefighter Justin Schwenk. The second crew was Captain Erick Mohn, Lieutenant Dustin Satterwhite, Firefighter First Class Thomas Schwenk, Firefighter Joe Caldwell, and Firefighter Justin Rimmer.

November 15, 2016

Once again this year, the WFFD participated in the MDA Fill the Boot Drive on Saturday's during the months of September and October. Our goal this year was to raise \$5,000 for the MDA and we passed that by raising a total of \$10,991.17! Thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause.

November 17, 2017

Chief Wilson and Chief Wells initiated our Emergency Planning with the Town of Wake Forest that has helped both agencies with events and emergencies.



November 20, 2016

WFFD held its annual cook at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. We started this event several years ago and the children that live at the Home always look forward to it. Approximately 60 children and counselors were served steaks, french fries, and Krispy Kreme doughnuts this year.



November 17, 2016

The Wake Forest Fire Department once again participated in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program during the holiday season.

November 22, 2016

For the first time, WFFD hosted the Franklin County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Members of the department engaged the cadets by involving them in some of the activities that a firefighter would have to face on a structure fire.



December 2, 2016

Wake Forest Ladder 1 brought Santa Claus to downtown Wake Forest for the Annual Lighting of Wake Forest.



December 7 and 8, 2016

WFFD conducted two live burn exercises on Capital Blvd.

December 8, 2016

Wake Forest Fire Department participated in Rolesville's Christmas parade.



December 10, 2016

Ladder 1 and Engine 4 represented the WFFD in this year's Christmas parade in downtown Wake Forest.

December 11, 2016

Santa Claus visited Station 4 to spend time with the children of WFFD.

December 13, 2016

A good Samaritan and the mail person who was driving this mail truck saved several packages from burning after it caught on fire in the engine compartment. Nearly all of the packages were thrown to the side as smoke began rolling out of the rear of the truck. Engine #3 extinguished the blaze and no one was injured.





December 17, 2016

WFFD held its annual "Shop with a Firefighter" event Saturday morning at the Walmart in Wake Forest. This event allowed children to shop with a firefighter with a list that they had provided before the event. This is our fourth year hosting this event in an attempt to provide for local families in need. Eleven children in need, all from Wake Forest, were given \$200 each to spend on gifts for themselves and family members. This is a great event that our department looks forward to each year.

December 18, 2016

The WFFD Board of Directors and Ladies Auxiliary held the annual Christmas Dinner for members of the department.



January 1, 2017

WFFD ran a total of 3,075 emergency calls in 2016. Breakdown per unit is as follows:

- Engine #1 - 1,381
- Engine #2 - 884
- Engine #3 - 634
- Engine #4 - 759
- Engine #5 - 493
- Ladder #1 - 1,004

January 5, 2017

Firefighter Justin Schwenk has been reclassified as a Firefighter First Class.

January 28, 2017

Firefighters Vincent Curci, Martin McDonald, Joseph Caldwell, Colton Barringer have been reclassified as Firefighter First Class.

January 30, 2017

The new Utility 5 was placed in service, a 2016 Ram 2500.



February 10, 2017

Captain Matthew Strawbridge was promoted to Battalion Chief.

February 15, 2017

WFFD purchased a 1999 Freightliner to replace Squad 5. The vehicle will be put in service as soon as all the equipment is installed.

February 22, 2017

Members from WFFD participated in a live fire training on Spring Valley Ct Wednesday morning. Crews were able to set fires and practice under live conditions sharpening their firefighting skills.





February 24, 2017

Rooney, this service dog, got some training at WFFD Station 1 with Assistant Chief Daryl Cash. Rooney took part in exposure training to lights and sirens in order to prepare him for emergency situations in the future.



March 15, 2017

Lieutenants Bruce Carper and Jim Schwenk are promoted to Captain.

March 17, 2017

Firefighter Melvin Wilsey has been reclassified as a Firefighter First Class.

March 20, 2017

Firefighter Brendan Handford has been reclassified as a Firefighter First Class.

April 21, 2017

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to this year's annual Fish Fry and made it a success, we sold over 2500 plates. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

April 28, 2017

WFFD participated in the Friday Night on White event, WFFD provides EMS, Fire and fire prevention activities and services while the citizens of Wake Forest enjoy music and fun. We staff an Engine, utilize our Medical Cart and provide Command staff for the event.

May 4, 2017

Ladder 3 can be seen here at the Town Hall flying the flag for the National Day of Prayer Celebration on Thursday, May 4th.



May 6, 2017

Wake Forest Fire Department once again participated at this year's Meet in the Street. Our smokehouse was also used and taught an estimated 300 children what to do in smoky conditions present at a house fire. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and we look forward to seeing you next year.

May 12, 2017

Again, WFFD participated in the Friday Night on White event, WFFD provides EMS, Fire and fire prevention activities and services while the citizens of Wake Forest enjoy music and fun. We staff an Engine, utilize our Medical Cart and provide Command staff for the event.

May 18, 2017

WFFD provided the meal for the counselors at this year's Camp Celebrate at Camp Kanata in Wake Forest. Camp Celebrate is an annual event by the NC Jaycee Burn Center for children ages 7-15 who have survived burn injuries. The event is kicked off by a parade of firetrucks in which the survivors ride from Triangle Town Center to Camp Kanata in Wake Forest.





May 19, 2017

WFFD Engine 1 and Squad 5 took part of this year's Camp Celebrate, an event for pediatric burn patients from across North Carolina which is hosted by the Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill. The parade consisted of apparatus from all across NC and started Wake Forest Fire Department at Triangle Town Center in Raleigh before proceeding up Capital Blvd, west on HWY 98, and eventually ending at Camp Kanata where various events were held for the participating children.

May 23, 2017

The Wake Forest Fire Department attended the annual Wake County EMS Code Save Ceremony Tuesday night. In the year 2015, WFFD had 4 successful cardiac arrest resuscitations. These 4 code saves mean that the patients were pulseless upon arrival and successfully revived and returned home from the hospital.

May 17, 2017

For the last couple of weeks, all crews at WFFD took part in a hybrid and electric vehicle training course taught by John Johnson of Fully Involved Training. The course covered several different types of both hybrid electric and straight electric vehicles and the dangers associated with them faced by first responders. A special thanks to Chris Leith Kia, Leith BMW, Capital Chevrolet, Tesla, and Crossroads Nissan for bringing vehicles to the house for demonstrations.



May 20, 2017

Four members from WFFD attended the Res-Q-Jack Stabilization University training class on Saturday that covered several different stabilization techniques using different types of jacks. These Res-Q-Jacks are used by WFFD personnel at vehicle accidents in order to stabilize the vehicle and make it safe to work in and around.



May 26, 2017

We subdivided the small training room into a bunkroom for the full time Battalion Chiefs and the other side of the room was turned into a conference room.

May 29, 2017

WFFD Ladder 1 participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial; they displayed the large American flag during the services.



June 1, 2017

Your Next Success, LLC and Wake Forest Fire Department were proud to sponsor a blood drive with the American Red Cross, this is the first year that WFFD collaborated to bring a blood drive to the department, thanks to Captain Garrett Jackson who was the driving force behind this event.

June 1, 2017

WFFD purchased a 2017 Chevy Tahoe to replace the old Battalion 1 vehicle.



June 2, 2017

Firefighter Aaron Allen has been reclassified as a Firefighter First Class.

June 3, 2017

Retired members from Wake Forest Fire Department were invited to a breakfast at Station #4. WFFD held its annual Retiree breakfast. The department holds this event to honor and thank those Wake Forest and Falls firemen who came before us and laid the foundation for this department. The current members cook and serve those members who have retired from Wake Forest and Falls. This event is held annually and allows the current members of the department to honor those who have retired. This year's breakfast had around 15 retired members.



June 5, 2017

WFFD purchased a 2007 Ford F 350 and converted it to an off road brush truck. It will be housed at Station 4 as Brush 4.

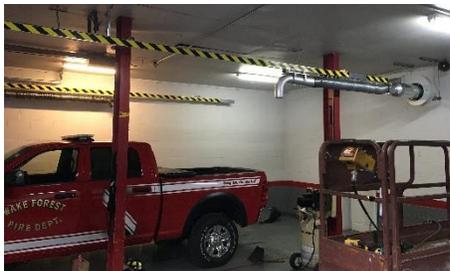


June 8, 2017

Members from WFFD participated in a live fire training on Chalk Road Thursday morning. Crews were able to set fires and practice under live conditions sharpening their firefighting skills.

June 9, 2017

Again, WFFD participated in the Friday Night on White event, WFFD provides EMS, Fire and fire prevention activities and services while the citizens of Wake Forest enjoy music and fun. We staff an Engine, utilize our Medical Cart and provide Command staff for the event.



June 15, 2017

Station 5 was equipped with a new Plymo Vent system to help evacuate the vehicle exhaust to the outside instead of being trapped in the building when vehicles are running.



June 17, 2017

Crews from Station 5 took part in boat training on Falls Lake Saturday. Members practiced drafting, flowing, and maneuvering the fire boat. Boat #5 is one of only a few in the county that has a fire pump mounted to it. This pump allows firefighters to draft water and pump over 500 gallons per minutes through its mounted deck gun.



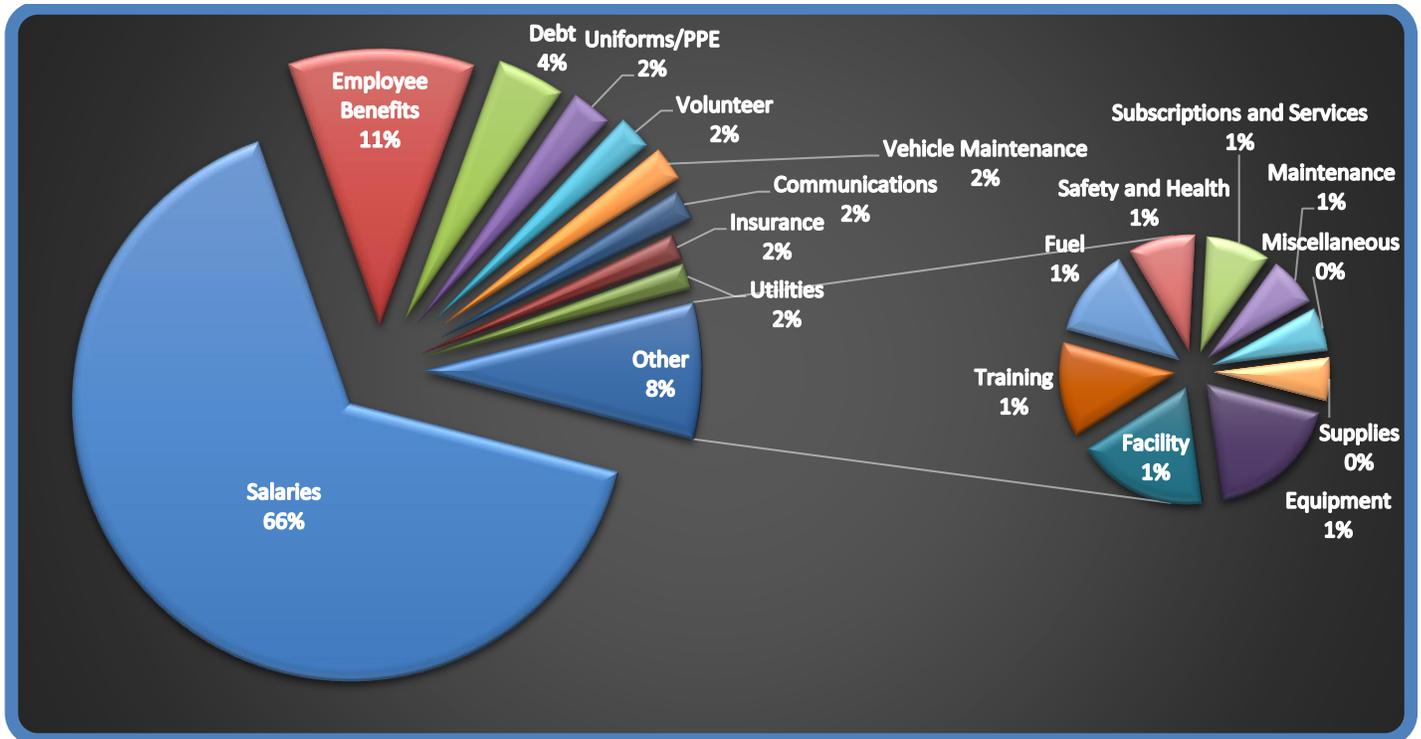
June 17, 2017

A vehicle extrication demonstration was performed by Ladder 1 and Engine 1 at a car show in downtown Wake Forest Saturday. The crews demonstrated how hydraulic and power tools are used to remove trapped victims from vehicles.

Budget

The Wake Forest Fire Department's budget is approved by the Board of Directors each year. The department operates on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. The budget includes all aspects necessary for the fire departments operation including personnel, operating, and capital costs. WFFD budget for FY 2017 was \$5,830,305.

Expenses



The above graph illustrates the top three expenses with the remaining 20 percent in the following graph





