

## Raleigh Fire Department Log Book Entries

## Rescue 1 – 1974 to 1975

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The following are excerpts from the log book of Rescue 1, one of two fire department rescue squads. Note that Beacon Ambulance Service was the primary provider of emergency ambulance service in the city until Wake County EMS was organized in 1976.

- 12/2/74 One 1975 Chev. rescue truck was put in service at No. 1 Fire station.
- 12/3/74 12:33 - Rescue 1 responded to 1928 Alexander Rd. to assist Beacon with cardiac. R.N. Bunch rode with Beacon to Rex E.R.
- 12/6/74 10:01 - Responded to U.S. 70 south [past] Center Drive. 10-51. Used Hurst tool. Woman carried to hospital by Beacon amb.
- 12/7/74 08:00 - Rescue 1 went to get gas at police HQ.
- 12/8/74 15:16 - Responded to Dorothea Dix hospital at railroad bridge near Lineberger Bldg. Woman had fallen from bridge on railroad. Assisted Beacon in removing.
- 12/10/74 0100 - Res 1 responded to 318 Bragg St. Fire standby. 1 DOA in fire, Haywood Funeral Home picked up body.
- 12/12/74 2000 - Res 1 took [firefighter] Red House to Wake E.R.
- 12/15/74 1745 - Responded to 517 Bilyeu St. Helped invalid in wheelchair into house.
- 12/17/74 0915 - Went to garage at #2 for oil change. 496 miles on speedometer.
- 12/18/74 0331 - Responded to 625 Holden St. Carried Capt. Joe Hobby to Rex Hospital.
- 12/19/74 1234 - Res 1 responded to 500 blk S. Salisbury St. 10-50 P.I. Transported one sit-up patient to Rex E.R.
- 12/19/74 1444 - Res 1 responded to telephone request. 472 Rose Lane. [Firefighter] Joel Callahan's house. Transported his wife to Wake E.R.
- 12/19/74 1824 - Res 1 responded to bus station on Morgan St. Beacon also answered this call and did not want to transport because patient didn't have any money. Res 1 carried patient to Wake E.R. It was not an emergency. 10-40.
- 12/20/74 1504 - Rescue 1 responded to Station #8. Drug reaction assistance rendered.
- 12/25/74 0200 - Responded to auto wreck on R.R. 2555 off US 70 E. Could not find driver of car.
- 12/25/74 0230 - 10-8.
- 12/25/74 1215 - Rescue 1 responded to Longview Lake Dr. Poss. Overturned car in pond. Assistance from Rescue 4 and boats. Found only two tires.
- 12/26/74 1338 - Responded to 216 W. Morgan St. Man hurting in chest. Transported by Beacon.
- 12/28/74 0800 - "B" shift working. James E. Williams, Ronald Bunch, Bill Sykes at #9. Bunch is back off vacation.
- 12/29/74 2057 - Rescue 1 went to Dix Hospital to have 10-56 admitted.

- 12/30/74 1725 - Rescue 1 responded to Morgan St. & Glenwood Ave. with Eng. #13 to car fire. Lady drove off embankment at railroad under-pass. Beacon transported.
- 12/31/74 1936 - Res 1 took Red House to Wake E.R.
- 12/31/74 1953 - Res 1 10-8.
- 12/31/74 2132 - Res 1 brought Red House back to Park Central [hotel].
- 12/31/74 2154 - Res 1 10-8.
- [ Retirees recall that there was a second "Red" House, not related to the firefighter "Red" House. Both were transported by Rescue back in the day. ]
- 1/2/75 1535 - Gassed up at police station.
- 1/3/75 0800 - "A" shift working. J.B. Glenn & H.D. Jones.
- 1/3/75 2022 - Rescue 1 responded 10-40 Oakwood Cemetery. Man received 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns. Drove to Rex in personal truck.
- 1/4/75 1300 - Responded to Glenwood Towers. 10-70. Helped evacuate and send two people to hospital by Beacon and one by Rescue 9.
- 1/4/75 2338 - Responded with Beacon. 824 N. King Charles Rd. Cardiac patient. Administered oxygen. B.G. Jones went with ambulance to hosp.
- 1/6/75 1409 - Rescue 1 responded to 12 W. Lee St. Possible cardiac. Lady found with no vital signs. Admin. CPR. Rode with Beacon to Wake. Life signs restored.
- 1/9/75 0935 - Went to Murray Chevrolet for repairs on gas tanks. No parts.
- 1/10/75 1329 - Rescue 1 responded to 10-70 [at] 911 Greenwich St. Code I fire. Treated Capt. Mimms for eye.
- 1/15/75 2119 - Rescue 1 responded to Women's Dorm [at] Shaw University. Found poss. Sewer leak in bathroom on 7<sup>th</sup> floor. Cleared floors 7, 8, 9 for approx.. 45 min. Rechecked and allowed all students to return to their rooms except on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor where the odor was the strongest. All rooms and hallway was ventilated in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor area.
- 1/15/75 1310 - Res 1 responded to 1000 blk. St. Mary's St. by request of M-2. [Firefighter] Lynn Johnson fell of ladder and suffered multiple breaks & fractures. Taken to Rex E.R.
- 1/24/75 1057 - Picked up Lynn Johnson at Rex Hospital & transported to home on 2105 Pelham Rd.
- 1/24/75 1513 - Res 1 responded to a 10-50 P.I. at Rock Quarry Rd. at Watson's Poultry & Seafood. Assist Beacon to Wake E.R.
- 1/25/75 1807 - Rescue 1 responded to 621 Monroe Rd. Shooting. Transported to Rex. Code 7 DOA.
- 1/25/75 2238 - Rescue 1 responded to 713 Rock Quarry St. Man shot in legs with shotgun. Assistance rendered.
- 1/27/75 1704 - Responded to 1125 Bragg St. 10-70. Woman with smoke inhalation, pregnant, and went into labor. Carried to Wake by Beacon, assisted by R. L. Wilder.

2/1/75 0247 - Responded to 408 Alston St. 10-50 P.I. Transported to Wake. Knee injury. No ambulance available.

2/3/75 0127 - Rescue 1 responded to call. [Highway] 70 and Beltline. Assist police with B&E suspect.

2/4/75 2139 - Res 1 responded to 1712 Apt. "B" Gorman St. 10-40. Picked up [firefighter] Lewis Bartholomew, carried to Rex E.R. He mashed three fingers in door at [Station] #8 before leaving on above call.

2/6/75 0118 - Responded to 700 blk. Glenwood Ave. 10-50 woman pinned in. Removed with Hurst tool. Carried to hospital by Beacon. Jones assisted Beacon to Wake.

2/6/75 0930 - Carried Rescue 1 to City Shop to align front end of truck.

2/7/75 1343 - Responded to 8 St. Mary's St. to assist invalid up stairs.

2/8/75 0800 - "A" shift working. J. B. Glenn and J. B. Callahan.

2/8/75 1445 - Rescue 1 responded to City Hall to help cut handcuffs off prisoner.

2/8/75 1642 - Rescue 1 responded to call [at] 1001 Glenwood Ave., Methodist Orphanage. Jackson Cottage. Fire in bathroom.

2/11/75 1650 - Res 1 responded to 10-50 P.I. wreck with Beacon at Beryl Dr. at railroad crossing. Used "Hurst Tool."

2/13/75 0934 - Res 1 responded to 10-40 request of M-2 at Chamberlain St. & Everett St. City employee hurt by fallen wire insulator. Laceration on top of head. Taken to Rex E. R.

2/13/75 1537 - Res 1 responded with 10-50 P.I. with Beacon at Hwy 70 east & New Rand Rd. Asst. Beacon. Used one full leg air splint.

2/23/75 2355 - Responded to A2A Cameron Court apts. Woman had fallen. Helped back to bed. Possible intoxicated.

2/27/75 1011 - Responded to W.R.A.L. T.V. station. Reported cardiac. False.

2/27/75 Responded to 411 Frank St. 10-70. Stand by.

3/2/75 0139 - Res 1 responded to Hilton Inn on Hillsboro St. to check elevator during a power shortage. 10-50 on St. Mary's St. [knocked] out power lines. Everything O.K.

3/4/75 0518 - Res 1 responded to 711 E. Franklin St. [Retired FD dispatcher] Roy High had cardiac arrest. 10-23 0522. Asst. Beacon to Rex E.R. DOA.

3/4/75 0812 - Responded to 1801 Gorman St. Carried Capt. R. R. Hailey to Rex Hospital. Had hurt back getting out of fire truck.

3/9/75 0915 - Rescue 1 responded 1209 Pineview Dr. Poss. Cardiac. Code blue @ Rex.

3/12/75 1951 - Res 1 responded to Magistrate's Office, assisted Beacon on poss. cardiac to Wake E.R.

3/14/75 0324 - Responded to 1002 Mark St. 10-70. [Firefighter] J. N. Parker stuck nail in foot. Carried to Rex for shot & treatment.

- 3/14/75 1145 - Res 1 responded to sick call at Wygul Sanders Ford. Beacon supposed to be tied up but beat us to call.
- 3/16/75 0424 - Rescue 1 responded to 505 Cole St. 10-70. Cond. red mattress fire.
- 3/19/75 1645 - Res 1 was getting gas at #2. Started to leave and truck wouldn't start. Had to pour gas in carb. to start it.
- 3/21/75 1559 - Res 1 responded to 10-33 at Maywood Ave. & S. Saunders St. (Asst. Beacon). Winos fighting over bottle.
- 3/28/75 0800 - "B" shift working. James E. Williams, Ronald Bunch, George Wrenn extra. T-1 broke down.
- 3/29/75 1927 - Rescue 1 responded to 1800 blk. Garner Rd. 10-50 PI with 9 people. Rescue 1 transported 3 to Rex.
- 4/1/75 0830 - "C" shift reported front brakes still making grinding noises. Carried to Bobby Murray Chevrolet to be checked. Inside pad on right front wheel worn off to rivets. Other pads had average wear on them. Rotary on right & left had to be replaced. No parts in stock. Had to bring Res #3 and put in service for Res #1.
- 4/2/75 1209 - Responded to Blount & Martin, then south on Smithfield. Found 10-56. Said she had been in an auto accident. No auto or evidence of wreck. Woman looked as if she had been beaten up. Carried to Wake E.R.
- 4/2/75 1815 - Responded to 219 Glascock St. Carried Capt. Boyette's father to Rex.
- 4/4/75 0930 - Responded to Central Prison tag shop. 10-70. One employee got too much smoke. Carried to Rex E.R.
- 4/6/75 1002 - Res 1 responded to 2705 Daytona Cir. DOA cancer patient (funeral home call).
- 4/7/75 0800 - Old Rescue 3 taken to Station #2 for repairs and Rescue 1 picked up from Bobby Murray Chev.
- 4/10/75 1944 - Res 1 went to 919 St. Mary's St. Took one of [firefighter] Walt Ferrell's kin to Mary Elizabeth Hospital.
- 4/11/75 1944 - Carried [firefighter] E. J. Lester to Rex E.R. Hurt hand.
- 4/17/75 2254 - Res 1 responded to 2625 Poole Rd. Asst. Beacon. Poss. cardiac. Upon arrival our dispatcher told us to 10-22, it was a DOA. Beacon had a unit on the scene upon our arrival. Both [of] Beacon's men told us [that] they had already been to this address one time before (about two hours prior to this time). The (now deceased) man refused to go to the hospital, but paid Beacon \$20.00 for their trip. Two hours later, his wife called back, and wanted Beacon to return. Upon Beacon's [arrival] the man was DOA. Wife now claims Beacon responsible for death. Man was conscious and walking around the first trip. Police unit did check in last time.
- 4/18/75 1337 - Responded to #5 Fire Station. Carried [firefighter] W. E. Brooks to Rex E.R. Mashed finger in door of Car 5 while cleaning up.
- 4/19/75 0218 - Responded to 10-50 outside of City near Garner off Rock Quarry Rd. Arrived to find car turned up in a gully. Four black males and black female. Beacon transported two and Rescue transported three to Wake E.R. All were living Rescue 1 got [them].
- 4/19/75 0800 - Long backboard left at Wake ER last night. Picking it up this morning.

- 4/19/75 2021 - Res 1 transported Chief May's father-in-law from Wake ER to Health Center Rest Home.
- 4/20/75 1839 - Responded to 10-50 [at] 2700 Rock Quarry Rd. Motorcycle accident. Beacon transported two, Rescue transported two to Wake ER. None of the victims appeared to have very serious injuries.
- 4/24/75 1327 - Res 1 responded to verbal request to help look for 2 ½ year old boy missing for approx. two hours in Cloverdale off Old Garner Road. Boy was found and in perfect cond. by neighbor.
- 4/26/75 1000 - Res 10-8 stand-by for Pullen Park dedication.
- 4/28/75 0800 - Front end winch back in operation.
- 4/28/75 1518 - Res 1 responded with Beacon to 1421 S. Wilmington St. (electrocution). Two Lamar Dean men got into a hot wire. Res 1 trans. One of Dean's men & one that was in parking lot [where] wire fell on. Take to Wake E.R. Beacon removed other man from top of bldg. Trans. To Wake ER.
- 5/1/75 1021 - Responded to Millbrook Sr. High School. Assist Beacon. Girl fell down steps. Poss. broken femur.
- 5/3/75 1130 - Res 1 was 10-8 at State Fairgrounds. Stand by at Scout-a-Rama.
- 5/3/75 1836 - Res 1 responded to 20 Chavis Way. Injured person (Beacon tied up). Trans. to Wake ER.
- 5/6/75 1023- Responded to 300 blk. W. Park Dr. City employee was up a tree cutting limbs and got hit on back of head and on right hand by large limb. Had been unconscious but was conscious when we arrived. Removed from tree with assistance of Truck 5 and crew. Carried to Rex E.R.
- 5/12/75 1837 - Res 1 responded to 2115 Cowper Dr. (cardiac). Mr. Cooper (Asst. City Manager) had placed call to Headquarters. It was his neighbor's wife. Upon arriving at house the husband told us it was too late to do anything. After questioning him, we found out she was having difficulty breathing [at] 0613. And approximately 0630 she stopped [breathing] altogether. Police officers were on the scene and called all proper authorities. (Beacon answ. also.)