

Metropolitan Fire Fact Sheet

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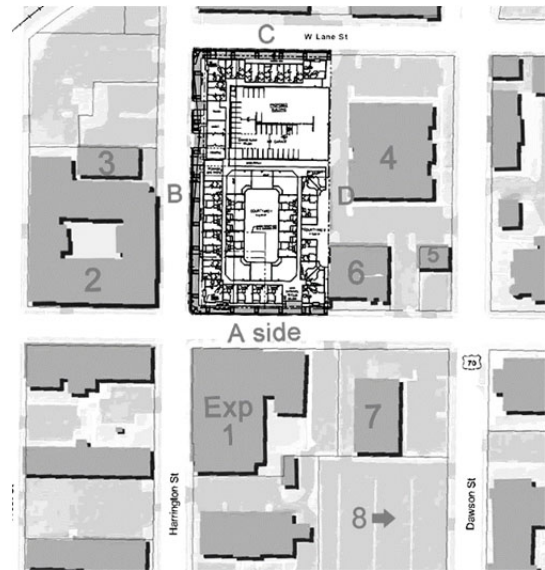
Facts and Figures

- Thursday night, March 16, 2017
- 35 degrees, clear skies, calm winds.
- 57 second response, for first engine arrival
- 2 minutes after arrival and immediate second alarm request, for third alarm request
- 5 minutes after third alarm request, fourth alarm requested
- 3 hours, just under, control time. Dispatched 10:03 p.m. Controlled at 1:10 a.m.
- 4 primary/major exposures on three sides.
- 10 buildings with significant damage.
- 6+ buildings also impacted.
- 241 studio, one-, two-bedroom units in Metropolitan
- 250 apartments, 37 condos, at least, damaged, in two buildings (Links, Quorum)
- 257+ residents displaced, from two exposures (Links, Quorum)
- 24 engines (including 2 squads/rescue pumpers)
- 7 ladders
- 1 rescue
- 2 air units
- 5 battalion chiefs
- 2 division chiefs (platoon shift command and Deputy of Training)
- 4 assistant chiefs (three on scene, one at EOC)
- 1 fire chief
- 4 aerial streams
- 5 portable monitors
- Several hand lines
- 10 hydrants
- 130ish firefighters
- 30ish off-duty members, half call-back, half self-dispatched
- Special engines, ladder, and off-duty BCs placed in service, for coverage
- 5 alarms
- Largest alarm level since 2007
- Largest response of units to downtown fire in city's history
- 12 EMS units, 5 district chiefs, 1 APP, 1 special ops support unit, 1 ambulance bus
- 32, approximately, medics
- 15 mutual aid departments provided coverage at city fire stations.
- 119 calls received at ECC
- 274,959 square-feet, Metropolitan
- 513,761 square-feet, four primary exposures
- Largest square-footage of any downtown fire in at least 100 years
- 1.72 acre site
- \$50-51M project cost
- \$62.5 million loss, per NFPA
- Sixth largest fire loss in 2017
- Over 100 investigators participated in investigation
- Over 300 interviews conducted
- Some 25 tons of debris was removed

Damaged Structures

Metropolitan - 314 W. Jones

- Metropolitan Apartments, under construction. About 40 percent complete.
- 5 stories. 274,959 square-feet.
- 241 units, featuring studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, a rooftop deck, and a golf simulator.
- Four upper floors made of wood, and first-floor, parking deck, stair wells, and elevator shaft of concrete.
- \$50 million project, scheduled to open in early fall.
- Loss estimated at over \$12M.
- Built on 1.72 acre site of former bus terminal.



Exposure 1 - 323 W. Jones – Quorum Center

- 15 stories, 317,521 square-feet, built 2006. Mixed use.
- Includes The Residences at Quorum Center, with 37 condos on upper floors.
- Heavy exterior damage. Minor interior fire damage. Heavy interior water damage.
- Sprinkler system activated, prevented any fires from spreading in rooms facing the Metropolitan.
- Tax value \$18,935,986

Exposure 2 - 414 W. Jones – Link Apartments

- 6 stories, 139,445 square-feet, built 2015. Apartments. 203 units.
- Heavy exterior damage. Minor interior fire damage. Some interior water damage. Also lost power.
- Sprinkler system activated, prevented any fires from spreading in rooms facing the Metropolitan.
- Tax value \$18,727,464

Exposure 3 - 201 N. Harrington

- 1 story, 5,356 square-feet, built 1967. Industrial/warehouse.
- Housed telecommunications equipment.
- Structural damage after tower crane on roof.
- Tax value \$514,444.

Exposure 4 - 215 N. Dawson

- Albert Coates Local Government Center.
- One story, 24,279 square-feet, built 1979. Offices.
- Housed HQ of N.C League of Municipalities and N.C. Association of County Commissioners.
- Fire damage to interior, fire damage to roof, burned landscaping.
- Several offices gutted. Half of interior damaged by heat, smoke, and water.
- Tax value \$2,082,129

Exposure 5 - 300 W. Jones

- Don Sutton Insurance.
- One story, 4,136 square-feet, built 1986. Offices.
- Fire damage on roof, burned landscaping, interior smoke and fire damage.
- Unoccupied at time of fire.
- Tax value \$374,588

Exposure 6 - 308 W. Jones

- David Reynolds Building - League of Municipalities.
- Three (five?) stories, 32,551 square-feet, built 1997. Offices.
- Heavy fire damage to upper floors, rooms and contents.
- Most heavily damaged of fire exposures.
- Unoccupied at time of fire.
- Tax value \$3,365,313

Exposure 7 - 301 W. Jones

- Edenton Street United Methodist Church youth center.
- Two stories, 9,408 square-feet, built 1980.
- Fire damage to roof, interior smoke damage, heavy interior water damage.
- Tax value \$1,017,468.

Exposure 8 - 228 W. Edenton

- Edenton Street Methodist Church
- Three stories, 87,348 square-feet, built 1959.
- Fire damage to roof, landscaping burned.
- Lost power, closed day after fire.
- \$15,725,242.

Also Damaged

2 W. Edenton

- Department of Agriculture
- Cracked windows.
- Lost power.

217 W. Jones

- Department of Environmental Quality
- Green Square office building.
- Heavy smoke, lost power.
- West entrance closed, blocked with tape, in case any glass panes fell.

11 N. Harrington

- Commercial
- Roof damage (from fire, correct?)

200 Hillsborough

- Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Hot embers on roof

115 W. Morgan

- Shirley & Adams PLLC, at the old water tower
- Mulch fire

99 Salisbury St

- First Baptist Church
- Burned leaves on roof.
- Started due to insulation from the fire, that became airborne.