

Greensboro Tank Farm Fire

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The [Greensboro News & Record reports](#) on this morning's tank farm fire in Greensboro. Lighting started same at a Colonial Pipeline Company facility off [Gallimore Dairy Road](#). The tank contained 20,000 barrels (840,000 gallons) of gasoline, and was reported ablaze by a passerby about 12:45 a.m. The fire was controlled at 5:15 a.m. Suppression including removing some of liquid from the tank, and the application of nearly 2,000 gallons of foam. Exposures included two nearby tanks, though each were nearly empty.

No evacuations were necessary, though roads were closed, including both directions of nearby Interstate 40. Departments on scene included Greensboro, High Point, and [crews from?] Guilford County. Total personnel numbered about 150. Crews were being rotated at 15-20 minute intervals. Personnel were treated for heat exhaustion, and two hospitals were also alerted and ready. More later as known. Readers to the west can perhaps add additional.



Rob Brown / News & Record Photo

RRT-4 was requested by G'Boro and arrived at ~0530 with a 7 person group for downwind monitoring. We assisted by dispersing 4 Area Rae wireless monitors for downwind smoke assessment – nothing of consequence detected. Foam was applied at ~0615 with their large foam cannon (3000gpm-4000gpm I think... Mike may have a picture of it somewhere). Pretty amazing appliance... the foam cannon was fed with two 7" LDH lines; and is capable of 2 additional supply connections. Anyway, they achieved knockdown and control in about 15 minutes! Note – my times may be "off" somewhat. RRT-4 departed at ~0730.

A.C. Rich - 06/13/10 - 11:13

For lay readers, RRT-4 is the regional haz-mat response team that's based in Raleigh, and serves our geographic area. State-funded, and operated by RFD. More info, <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/index2.cfm..>

I came across a picture of G'bo's foam cannon at one time, but can't remember where. Here's Apex's foam trailer, recently seen on scene. Probably similar? <http://legeros.com/ralwake/photos/2010-0..>

No, think G'bo's is bigger/higher capacity.

Legeros - 06/13/10 - 12:50

Charlotte FD also responded with FOAM-1 (1300 Gal. of foam concentrate onboard), E-25, BC-6 & C-4.

Rides An Engine - 06/13/10 - 14:11

Now we're talkin' regional response!

Maybe we'll get a full local unit list, too.

Legeros - 06/13/10 - 14:14

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