

## New Sign at Eastern Wake (And a Little History)

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[Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue](#) celebrated their 60th anniversary on Saturday with an all-day open house. Visitors to Station 1 on Clifton Road enjoyed a number of planned activities, including rescue and extrication demos, fire extinguisher training, and a Carolina Air Care visit. There was a dunking booth and a bounce house for the kids and all sorts of goodies. They also saw this new sign at the station, a picture of which was posted to their [Facebook page](#). Gets me thinking about EMS co-location. Quite a few at fire stations in Wake County, come to think of it.



Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue was started six decades ago as the Knightdale Volunteer Fire Department. The town was incorporated in 1927, with growth started in the early 20th century after a railroad and depot were built. The town suffered a major fire on February 7, 1940. They had neither a fire department nor a water system. Several businesses and homes were destroyed.

A municipal water system was installed a decade later, and a community fire department was soon organized. The first meeting was held on October 27, 1953. The fire department was chartered on October 27, 1954. The first Fire Chief was Randolph Griffith, and there were twenty-six charter members.

The first fire truck was town-owned pick-up truck that carried hose and other equipment. The next year, a 1942 pumper was purchased from Navy surplus. The fire station was built in 1956. That two-bay block building still stands at 401 Hester Street. It has been expanded a number of times. The department's second station was opened on Clifton Road in 1995. The department reorganized in 2003 and changed their name to Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue.

Learn more about their history in [these timelines](#), which were researched by Mr. Blogger a decade ago. Congratulations to my friends at Eastern Wake, and the many who have served their community in the years and decades before.

Knightdale Fire has an ambulance and a medic i believe

Cary St 5,6 & 8 have ambulances in them

Stony Hill I think also house one at st 1

**combos** - 10/15/14 - 17:43

Fuquay station 1 & 2 (EMS9 and EMS14), Holly Springs station 1 (EMS17), Garner station 2, 3, and 4 (EMS18, EMS16, and EMS19), Bay Leaf station 2 and 3 (EMS6 and EMS22) all come to mind.

**Dual Houses** - 10/15/14 - 21:58

No ambulance at CFD8, EMS42 lives at #6, and EMS52 lives at #5

**CFD** - 10/15/14 - 23:06

Wendell station-2 has an ambulance, EMS-66?.

**Jeff** - 10/16/14 - 16:10

Stony Hill #1 and EMS-12/Medic 93. One of the longer running co-locates (10+ years). Good relationship too!

**A.C. Rich** - 10/18/14 - 00:07

Question for the collective. Do co-locations work out better when there's purpose-built space for EMS crews in a fire station? How well have "fit in" deployments worked, where an existing facility—not necessarily designed for an EMS unit—is utilized?

I've long-wondered that in the context of the City of Raleigh. Nearly all of these stations are so small that adding an EMS crew area doesn't seem practical. (Were RFD to pursue co-locations.) But with new station construction on the horizon, space could be designed as such.

**Legeros** - 10/18/14 - 09:21

CFD 8 houses EMS 53 a peak load truck when staffing allows. It will be a permanent 7a-7p truck with a new round of hiring.

**combos** - 10/19/14 - 16:50

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