

Swab Ambulances and Rescue Trucks Delivered in Wake County

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Change Log


- May 23, 2017 – Updated Zebulon records, added pictures of two Zebulon ambulances.
- January 15, 2017 – Added another Knightdale and Zebulon ambulance.
- March 31, 2016 – Added second Zebulon ambulance, and more information about first Zebulon ambulance.
- January 3, 2014 – Updates to Cary ambulance, Garner ambulance, Garner heavy rescue data.


Introduction


- These factory records were compiled by Swab historian/ambulance historian Richard Litton.
- Additional notes by Legeros from research notes available at www.legeros.com/history/ems and in a blog post at <http://www.legeros.com/ralwake/photos/weblog/pivot/entry.php?id=6535>.
- The Dodge chassis ambulances had a 440 cubic inch displacement (CID) engine that generated about 245 horsepower (HP). The Ford 460 CID generated about 240 HP, while the Ford 400 CID generated about 170 HP. Source: Blog post.



Ambulances





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Cary	1	3666	1979 (?) Ford F-350 (?)		SE-120		1/79	4/79		
Cary	2	4078	1980 Ford F-350		SE-120	12/79		4/8	5/80	Squad remembered as having three Swabs: 1979 Ford F-350/Swab with 460 HP V8. 1980 Ford F/Swab with 400 HP V_. 1984-85 Ford/Swab, with larger box than earlier two. Source: Legeros.
Cary	3	4078 (remount)	1986 Chevrolet	5/86	SE-120		42208			
Cary	4	4584	1985 Chevrolet C30		SE125				Circa 4/86 (delivered)	New ambo, or job number for #4078 remount?
Cary	5	4721	1987 Chevrolet C30		SE125				10/14/87 (completed) 10/87 (delivered)	New ambo, or job number for #4078 remount?



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Garner	1	4700	1987 Chevrolet Silverado 30		SE130D				7/31/87 (completed) 7/87 (delivered)	Atypical from other earlier Swabs as the box was much larger. Unit 873 Source: Legeros.
										
Garner	2	?	?							Orange over white, type I ambulance.
Knightdale	1	3635	Chevrolet		SE-120		5/78	9/78	9/78	Cost \$26,000. Delivered 9/78 ? Source: Legeros.
Knightdale	2	4204	1981 Chevrolet C30	5/80	RDK-1822	7/81		_/81		All aluminum ambulance body.
Knightdale	3	4585	1986 Chevrolet C30		SE125D				1986 (delivery)	
Knightdale	4	3635 (remount)	1989 Chevrolet 3500	4/89	SE-120		44220, 5/89	4/89		
Knightdale	5	4204 (remount)	GM product	9/91	130-D		45924	9/91		

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Wake County	1	3416 (demo unit)	1976 Dodge		SE-120				4/76	 <p>Wake County EMS program approved to be created 4/20/76.</p> <p>After that date, Swab contacted with emergency request for ambulances. Program placed in service 8/15/76.</p> <p>Two of four were originally built for other agencies and had already been lettered.</p> <p>Each cost \$19,118.</p> <p>Source: Legeros.</p>
Wake County	2	3462-A	1976 Dodge						7/76	
Wake County	3	3462-B	1976 Dodge						7/76	
Wake County	4	3462-C	1976 Dodge						8/76	
Wake County	6	3514							7/77	
Wake County	7	3462-A (remount)	1980 Chevrolet	2/80 ?	SE-120	2/80				
Wake County	8	3462-C (remount)	1980 Chevrolet	2/80 ?		2/80				Unit 4
Wake County	9	3462-B (remount)	1981 Chevrolet		SE-120	4/81				

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Wake County	10	3416 (remount)	1981 Chevrolet		SE-120	11/80				
Wake County	11	3514 (remount)	1982 Chevrolet			5/82				Unit 3?
Wake Forest (Northern Wake)	1	4141	1981 Chevrolet Silverado		SE-120	8/80	12/80 ?	2/81		
Wake Forest (Northern Wake)	2	4141 (remount)	1989 Dodge	3/89	SE-120	10/89	44685	3/89		
Wendell	1	2922	1971 Ford		SAB 9 II				2/10/71	



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Wendell	2	3528	Chevrolet C-30		SE-120			1977		 
Wendell	3	4138	1981 (?) Chevrolet Silverado	12/80	SE-120	8/80 ?	8/80 ?	2/81		 

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Wendell	4	2922 (remount)	1981 Chevrolet		SAB 9 II					
Wendell	5	4138 (remount)	1986 Chevrolet C30	3/86	SE-120	3/86	42165	_/86		
Zebulon	1	4378	1984 Chevrolet (?)		SE-125					 <p>Unit 972</p> <p>Have a 1984 GMC 3500 listed in notes. Alternate make/model year?</p>

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Zebulon	2	4378 (remount)	1993 Ford F-350	5/93	SE-125					 Unit 972 – Type I ambulance
Zebulon	3	5187	1995 Ford F-350	1/95	SEL-130D			c. 2/95	c.2/95 (delivery)	 Unit 973 – Type I ambulance

Rescue Trucks

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Cary	4288	1982 or 1983 International Swab records say 1982 Legeros records say 1983	Medium-duty, 12-foot			1982 to 1983 (?)	Rescue truck. Later disposed to Cary Fire Department circa June 1997? Source: Legeros. 
Garner	#4857	1988 Mack MC Note: Swab records say 1989 Mack MC	HDR-17				Air and equipment truck. Walk in body. Source: Legeros. 

More Photos

Cary

