

# Wake County EMS System – Historical Milestones Summary

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| Agency               | Organized          | Activated          | Renamed                     | Stopped / Disbanded               | Hurst Tool Added | EMT-Intermediate | Paramedic | Rescue Services Stop             | First Part-Time | First Full-Time | Special Units         | Notes/Scratch Pad  |
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| Apex RS              | 1971 <sup>1</sup>  | 1971?              | 1997 - AEMS <sup>2</sup>    | n/a <sup>3</sup>                  | NEED             | NEED             | NEED      | Circa February 1997 <sup>4</sup> | NEED            | 1977            |                       | 2010 – Merged with town and FD<br>2011 – Separated from FD |
| Cary RS              | 1971               | 1972 <sup>5</sup>  | 1997 – CEMS <sup>6</sup>    | n/a                               | 1974             | NEED             | 1987      | By 1997 <sup>7</sup>             | NEED            | NEED            | 2000s – Wake DC added |  |
| Eastern Wake EMS     | 2005               | 2005               | n/a                         | n/a                               | n/a              | 2005             | 2005      | n/a                              | 2005            | 2005            | 2005 – Wake DC added  |  |
| Furina RS            | 1972 <sup>8</sup>  | 1972               | n/a                         | 1990 (disband) <sup>9</sup>       | NEED             | NEED             | n/a       | n/a                              | NEED            | n/a             |                       |  |
| Fuquay-Varina RS     | 1991 <sup>10</sup> | 1991               | 1997 – FVEMS <sup>11</sup>  | 2001 (disband) <sup>12</sup>      | n/a              | NEED             | n/a       | n/a                              | NEED            | n/a             |                       |  |
| Garner/St. Mary's RS | 1974               | 1975 <sup>13</sup> | 1989 - GEMSRS <sup>14</sup> | 2010 (EMS services) <sup>15</sup> | 1977             | 1982 (EMT-IV)    | 1988      | 2010 <sup>16</sup>               | NEED            | NEED            |                       | 1982/83 – EMT-MAST   |

<sup>1</sup> Apex RS incorporated on 9/8/71.

<sup>2</sup> Name changed to Apex EMS by October 27, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> Though they merged with the town in March 2010, the corporate disillusion was filed on July 8, 2011.

<sup>4</sup> In February 1997, Apex FD placed a new rescue truck in service, with new tools, and (immediately? soon?) assumed the role of local rescue provider.

<sup>5</sup> Cary RS first call on August 18, 1972.

<sup>6</sup> Name change filed on June 30, 1997, to Cary Area Emergency Medical Services.

<sup>7</sup> Using name change as timeframe for end of rescue services.

<sup>8</sup> Furina RS incorporated on April 21, 1972.

<sup>9</sup> Ceased operations by November 1, 1990.

<sup>10</sup> Fuquay-Varina RS incorporated on February 6, 1991.

<sup>11</sup> Name changed filed March 25, 1997, as Fuquay-Varina EMS.

<sup>12</sup> FVEMS ceased operation on April 1, 2001.

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| Holly Springs EMS | 1988      | 1988      | n/a                        | 2010 (EMS services) | n/a              | 1988?            | n/a       | n/a                    | 1988?           | 1988               |                      |                   |
| Knightdale RS     | 1977      | 1977      | 1994 (KEMS)                | 2005 (merged)       | 1979             | NEED             | 1993      | By 1997                | NEED            | 1989               |                      |                   |
| Northern Wake RS  | 1992      | 1992      | 1995 (WFEMS)               | n/a                 | NEED             | NEED             | n/a       | n/a                    | NEED            | n/a                |                      |                   |
| Raleigh RS        | 1953      | 1953      | 1970s <sup>17</sup>        | n/a                 | c1975            | n/a              | n/a       | n/a                    | n/a             | 1953 <sup>18</sup> |                      |                   |
| Rolesville EMS    | 1995      | 1995      | n/a                        | 2007 (merged)       | n/a              | NEED             | NEED      | n/a                    | NEED            | NEED               |                      |                   |
| Six Forks RS      | 1976      | 1976      | 2009 (SFEMS) <sup>19</sup> | 2011 (disbands)     | 1976 (?)         | NEED             | 1987      | 2009 (?) <sup>20</sup> | NEED            | NEED               | 2009 – Wake DC added |                   |
| Wake County EMS   | 1976      | 1976      | n/a                        | n/a                 | n/a              | NEED             | 1984      | n/a                    | NEED            | 1976               |                      |                   |
| Wake Forest EMS   | 1995      | 1995      | n/a                        | 1998 (disbands)     | n/a              | NEED             | n/a       | n/a                    | NEED            | NEED               |                      |                   |
| Wake Forest RS    | 1965      | NEED      | 1981 (NWRSEMS)             | n/a                 | NEED             | NEED             | n/a       | n/a                    | n/a             | n/a                |                      |                   |
| Wendell RS        | 1962      | NEED      | 2003 (EWEMS)               | n/a                 | 1974             | NEED             | 1993      | 2003 (?) <sup>21</sup> | NEED            | NEED               |                      |                   |
| Zebulon RS        | 1974      | NEED      | 2001 (ZEMS)                | 2005 (merged)       | NEED             | NEED             | 1993      | 2001 (?) <sup>22</sup> | NEED            | NEED               |                      |                   |

<sup>13</sup> Garner first call answered March or maybe April 1975.

<sup>14</sup> Name changed in June 1989, to Garner EMS and Rescue Squad. Not filed with the state until December 31, 1992.

<sup>15</sup> Garner ceased providing EMS service on/around May 31, 2010.

<sup>16</sup> Garner ceased rescue services on October 1, 2010.

<sup>17</sup> By the mid-1970s or later, the brand “Raleigh Emergency Rescue Squad” was no longer used.

<sup>18</sup> Though organized as a volunteer organization, there was always at least one career fireman assigned to the squad, on a given day.

<sup>19</sup> SFRS changed their legal name to Six Forks EMS on July 2, 2009.

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