



City of **GREENSBORO** *North Carolina*



Greensboro Fire Department

City Council Committee - Public Safety

City of Greensboro
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Greensboro Fire Overview

- Provide basic, core function of local government - fire protection, rescue, hazardous materials, prevention services
- Department is focused on service delivery
- We prioritize safety, courtesy, excellent service, efficiency and continuous improvement
- Providing service from 25 strategically located community fire stations. Construction of our 26th fire station to begin late fall.
- Respond to more than 33,000 emergencies annually – 90 plus per day
- Firefighters provide coverage to the city by working on three distinct 24 hour shifts – 147 firefighters per shift.
- FEMA SAFER Grant awarded will cover salaries of Service Enhancement approved (6 positions), plus 6 additional positions for two (2) years. This accomplishes Council's goal of placing 4 firefighters on all emergency response apparatus; 151 firefighters per shift.



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- North Carolina Search and Rescue (SAR)
 - Provided state level training to 110 staff members
 - Allowed for state resources to be utilized locally.
- North Carolina Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team (RRT)
 - Provided state level training to 79 staff members
 - Allowed for state resources to be utilized locally.
- Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)
 - Partner with Piedmont Triad International (PTI) Fire Department to provide crash rescue services.
- Foam Task Team
 - Providing specialized response for tank farm emergencies.
- Bike Team
 - Providing specialized response for trails, greenways and city sponsored events where fire apparatus is limited.



Greensboro Fire Accomplishments

- We are a high performing department – Greensboro Fire is recognized as a fire and rescue services industry leader - top 5% of all fire departments in the United States
 - National Insurance Rating System – required
 - Class 1 fire protection, since February, 1992
 - Of the 30,052 fire department in the nation, Greensboro Fire remains 1 of approx 100 Class 1 departments and 1 of 6 in North Carolina.
 - Insurance rating system provides a direct reduction to homeowners and business insurance premiums
 - National Industry Standards/Third Party Review
 - Accredited department since August, 1997
 - One of only 217 accredited Fire Departments in the United States, one of only 19 in North Carolina
 - We are regulated by numerous national standards and OSHA
 - One of 34 departments in the nation to be awarded ISO Class 1 and National Accreditation.
 - Performance measurement – voluntary
 - North Carolina School of Government benchmarking
 - International City-County Management Association (ICMA) benchmarking
- Most recent significant operational enhancement – replacement of 12 year old self contained breathing apparatus (air packs) to improve firefighter safety.

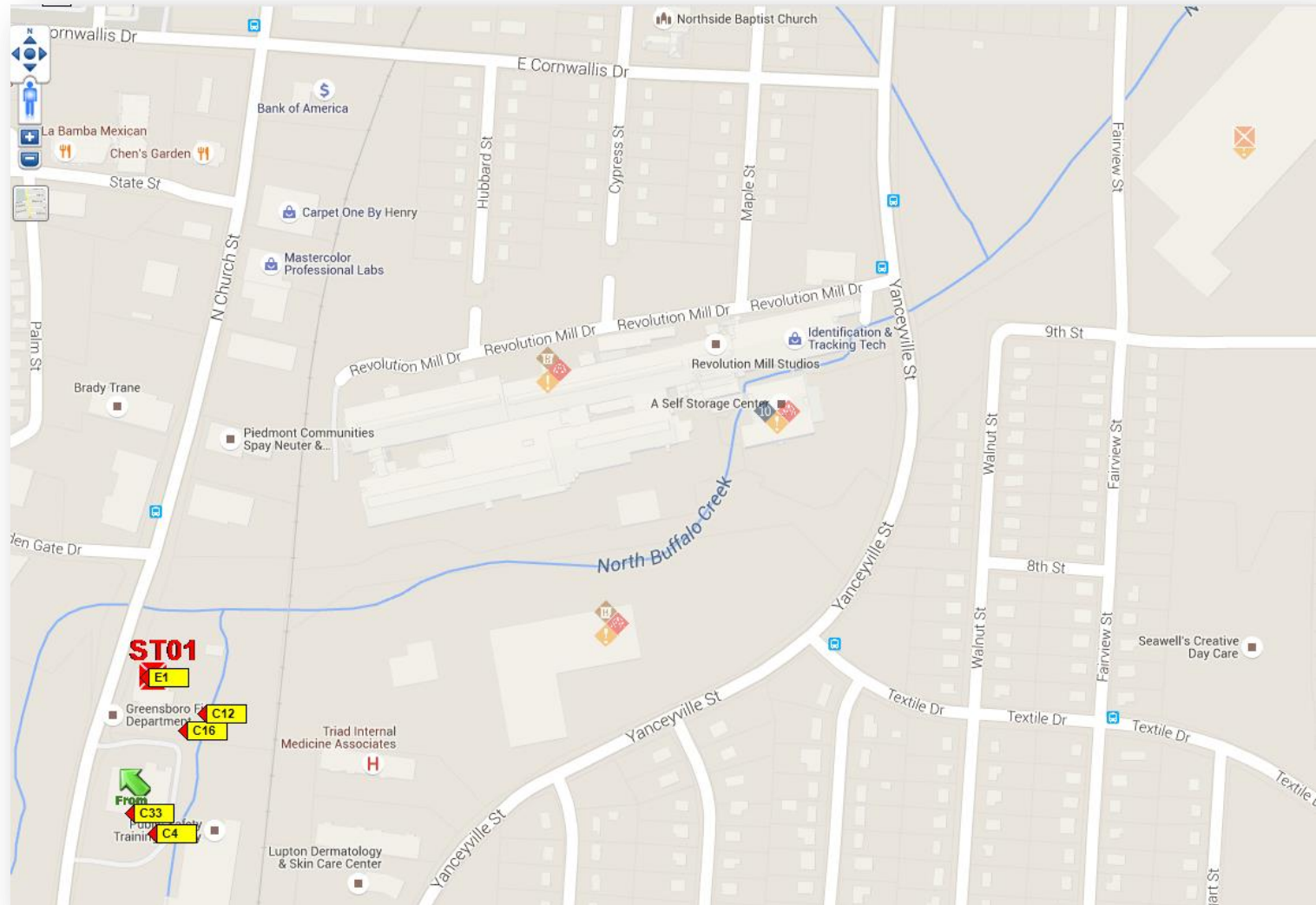


Greensboro Fire Accomplishments

- Replacement of 12 year old self contained breathing apparatus (air packs) to improve firefighter safety.
- Implementation of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) based dispatch to reduce response times.
- Implementation of auto-enroute and auto-arrive time stamping to collect more accurate data for better performance measures.
- Awarded AFG grant which provided fitness equipment for all fire stations.
- Awarded FEMA SAFER grant to increase daily staffing levels to align GFD with NFPA 1710.
- Greensboro Occupancy Vulnerability Assessment Program (GOVAP)



GOVAP





Greensboro Fire- Moving Forward

1. Complete 2006 Voter Approved Bond Fire Stations
 - 4 stations completed (Willow Rd., W. Vandalia Rd., Mt. Hope Church Rd., and Reedy Fork Parkway)
 - 1 yet to be built (Burlington Rd. #63)
2. Minority and female recruitment/Retention
3. Succession Planning and Attrition Issues
4. Needed technology upgrades for Public Safety Training Facility
5. Future bond issue for replacement of Fire Station 56 (former county station) and other 50+ year fire stations

Questions

