



PROVIDENCE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Protecting the Town of Weddington and the residents of the local community has always been, and will always be our department's principal duty. As our role within the Town of Weddington expands, we appreciate you taking the time to learn more about our department.

A few notable accomplishments...

- ✓ Established in 1954, and moved to our current station in Union County in 1985
- ✓ Our members have provided consistent 24/7 *in-house* staffing since December 2009 with four certified personnel at our station off Hemby Road
- ✓ One of the first departments in Union County to carry the EpiPen
- ✓ Our department maintains an impressive “straight” 6 ISO insurance rating
- ✓ Recognized as the first station in Union County to designate all EMTs as First Responders
- ✓ Among the 1st departments in Union County to utilize semi-automatic defibrillators

About our members...

- ✓ Our department is led by 9 officers who oversee day-to-day operations and work closely with the Board of Directors and other community leaders
- ✓ 46 men and women serve as active members of our department
 - ◆ 38 members are state-certified interior firefighters
 - ◆ 31 members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)

About our equipment...

- ✓ Providence VFD will serve an expanded 15 square mile area in the Town of Weddington, a portion of Mecklenburg County and a small portion of unincorporated Union County. Our department operates five pieces of fire and rescue apparatus from one station off Hemby Road:
 - ◆ *Engine 321* – 750 gallons of water with a 1,250 gallon per minute (gpm) pump and two 30 gallon foam tanks. This truck also carries a full complement of rescue equipment for a variety of situations (i.e. motor vehicle accidents, swift water rescue, etc.). Engine 321 is also fully stocked with a wide array of medical supplies and equipment, including a semi-automatic defibrillator.

- ◆ *Engine 322* – 1,000 gallons of water with a 1,250 gpm pump and a 30 gallon foam tank. This truck can also serve as a tanker, and can setup to be a “primary drafting pumper” in locations where fire hydrants are not available. Engine 322 also carries a full complement of medical supplies including a semi-automatic defibrillator.
- ◆ *Tanker 324* – 3,000 gallons of water with a 500 gpm pump. This truck is specifically designed to quickly haul large quantities of water to all corners of the Providence Fire District. Tanker 324 is also equipped with a 3,000 gallon “drop tank” which is used in areas where fire hydrants are not available.
- ◆ *Rescue 32* – Certified by the North Carolina Association of Rescue & Emergency Medical Services as a “medium rescue” apparatus (one of only a few “medium rescue” units in Union County). This truck also serves as a support truck at all fire scenes by providing additional firefighting tools and carrying numerous SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), in addition to a refilling station for SCBAs. In addition, Rescue 32 is fully equipped with medical supplies and equipment, including a semi-automatic defibrillator.
- ◆ *Brush 326* – 100 gallon booster tank with a 5 gallon foam tank. This truck is specifically designed for attacking brushfires and other outdoor fires.

