

Serving Alamance
County Since 1956

Alamance County Rescue Unit



Introduction

Who we are:
501c3 non-profit,
volunteer rescue
organization serving
Alamance County.

Mission: To save lives
through specialized
technical rescue & medical
care with integrity,
dedication & service.



Slogan

Many Hands, Many Minds,
ONE Goal

History

Organized in 1955, chartered March 13, 1956 as *Graham Rescue Unit*.

Six Graham firemen founded the unit:
William M. “Bobby” Simpson, Kenneth Evens Jr., Thomas M. Haislip,
Julius Thompson Jr., Alton J. Utley, Marion “Buster” Simmons.

First meeting held at McClure Funeral Home, Graham.

Mission: extrication, drowning recovery, lost person search, and other rescue services.

Why “Rescue Unit”

Chose “Unit” over “Squad” to reflect unity and teamwork.

Service area quickly expanded from Graham city limits to county-wide and even across NC.

Name officially changed to Alamance County Rescue Unit on September 7, 1972.

Early Equipment & Tools

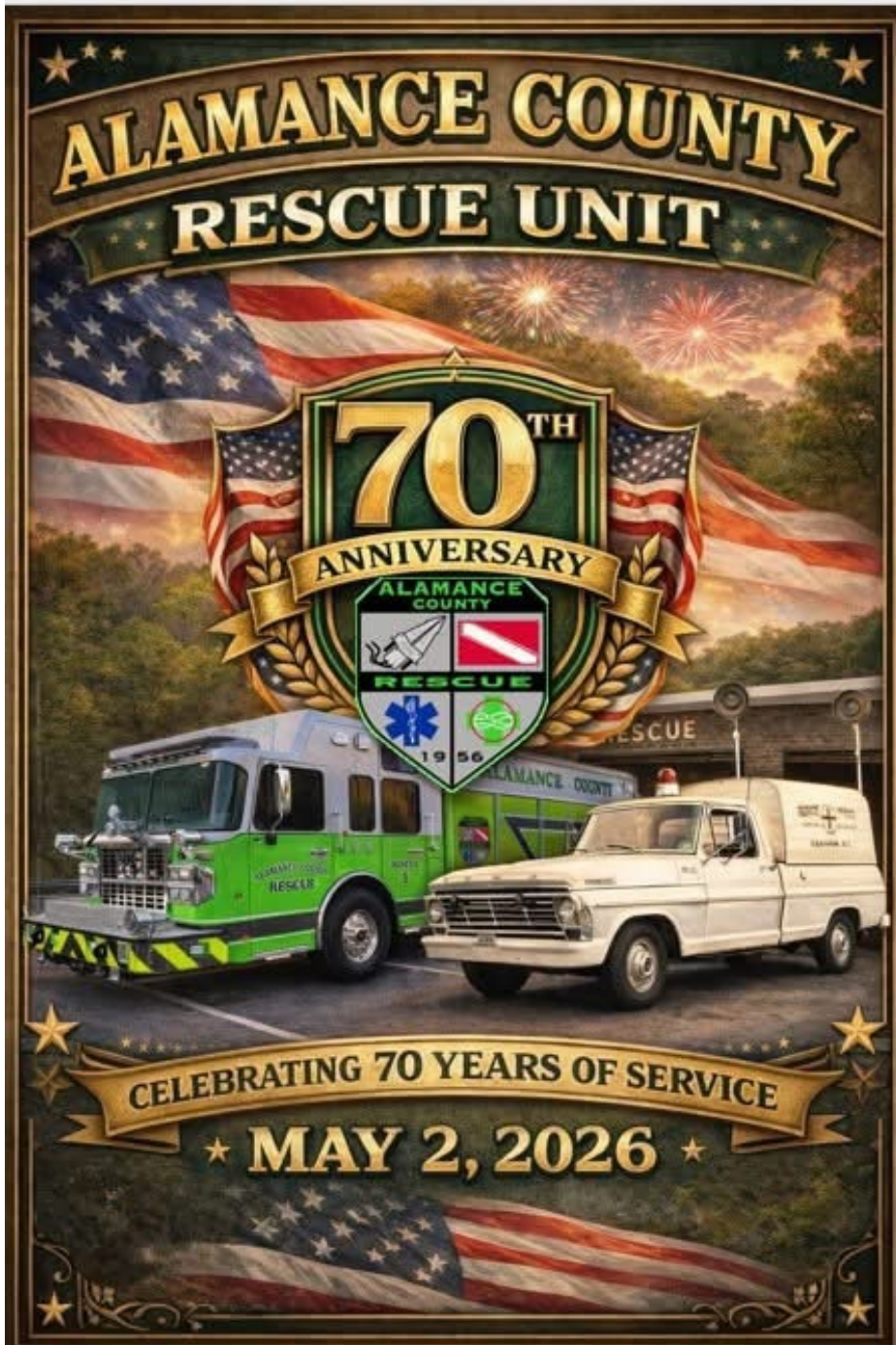
- McClure Funeral Home donated old Cadillac combination hearse/ambulance (for equipment, not patients).
- Boat and trailer donated.
- Simpson's Jeep painted and lettered for rescue.
- Old military trucks later added.
- Homemade tools: leaf spring cutter, large "can opener," dragging devices (still kept today).





First Headquarters

- McClure Funeral Home housed the unit for 6 years. (where bank of America is now)
- In 1960, City of Graham leased land at McAden & Maple Streets. (pictured above)
- Building constructed in 1961 with donated materials and professional help.



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Fleet:

- Rescue 1: Heavy Rescue
- Rescue 2: Heavy Rescue
- Rescue 3: Quick Response
- Rescue 4: Heavy Rescue
- Rescue 5: Water Rescue
- Rescue 7: Quick Response
- Rescue 8: Ambulance
- Rescue 9: Chief's QRV
- 11 Watercraft
- Collapse, Dive Recovery, UTV Trailer





Rescue Services Provided
- Heavy Vehicle Rescue & Agricultural Rescue



Trench/Collapse & Confined Space Rescue



Dive Rescue & Recovery





Swiftwater Rescue/Flood Rescue



Wilderness Search & Rescue / K9 Search & Rescue





Technical Rope Rescue



Ambulance Backup for County EMS & Responder
Rehab
Elon Football

Agency Collaboration & State/Regional

- We work with Alamance County EMS, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management
- Regional Mutual Aid Partners
- State Wilderness Search Team
- State Heavy Rescue Responses



Training & Certification

- NFPA 1006 and NFPA 2500 compliance
- FEMA USAR aligned operations
- Monthly drills and continuing education
- Cross-agency collaboration and mutual aid partnerships
- North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS
 - Certified
 - All Specialty Areas



Calls & Incidents

Annual call volume (Average 1,000/year)

Types: MVCs, water rescues, missing persons, storm/flood response, technical rescues

Notable past rescues- Recent Flooding

Community Involvement



- **Fundraisers**
 - Boston Butt sale, Golf tournament, Picture Project
- **Safety education, demonstrations, school visits**
 - Leadership Alamance, YMCA, Prom Promise, Churches
- **Participation in parades and county events**
 - Graham, Mebane & Burlington Parades
 - Local concert & events standbys



Awards & Recognition

- NCAREMS Convention competition 2025 (Heavy Rescue, Swiftwater, Technical Rescue)
- First Place Heavy Rescue Team 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Funding

- \$125,000 annually from Alamance County
 - Allows for paid staff 12hrs/day 7days a week
 - Capital expenditures (Vehicles/Building Maint)
- Remainder of funding varies (unknown per year)
- Based on donations, fundraisers and grants

Looking to the Future

- With increases in call volume each year, considerable need for 24hr/day base staffing to enhance response times.
- Enhance training & response capabilities through classes & equipment needs (BLS -> ALS level care)
- Increase in funding comparable to other county emergency service organizations who provide different services (fire, ems, law)
- Establishment of a **county-wide service district** to provide reliable, sustainable funding
NC General Statute 153A-310
- Example: 0.0025 rate would cost the median household \$7 per year



Website



Facebook



Donate

**How to Get
Involved**

- Membership opportunities:
 - Regular Member, Junior, Auxilliary
- Social Media amplification (follow, like, share)
- Donations and Fund Raiser participation

Closing / Contact Information

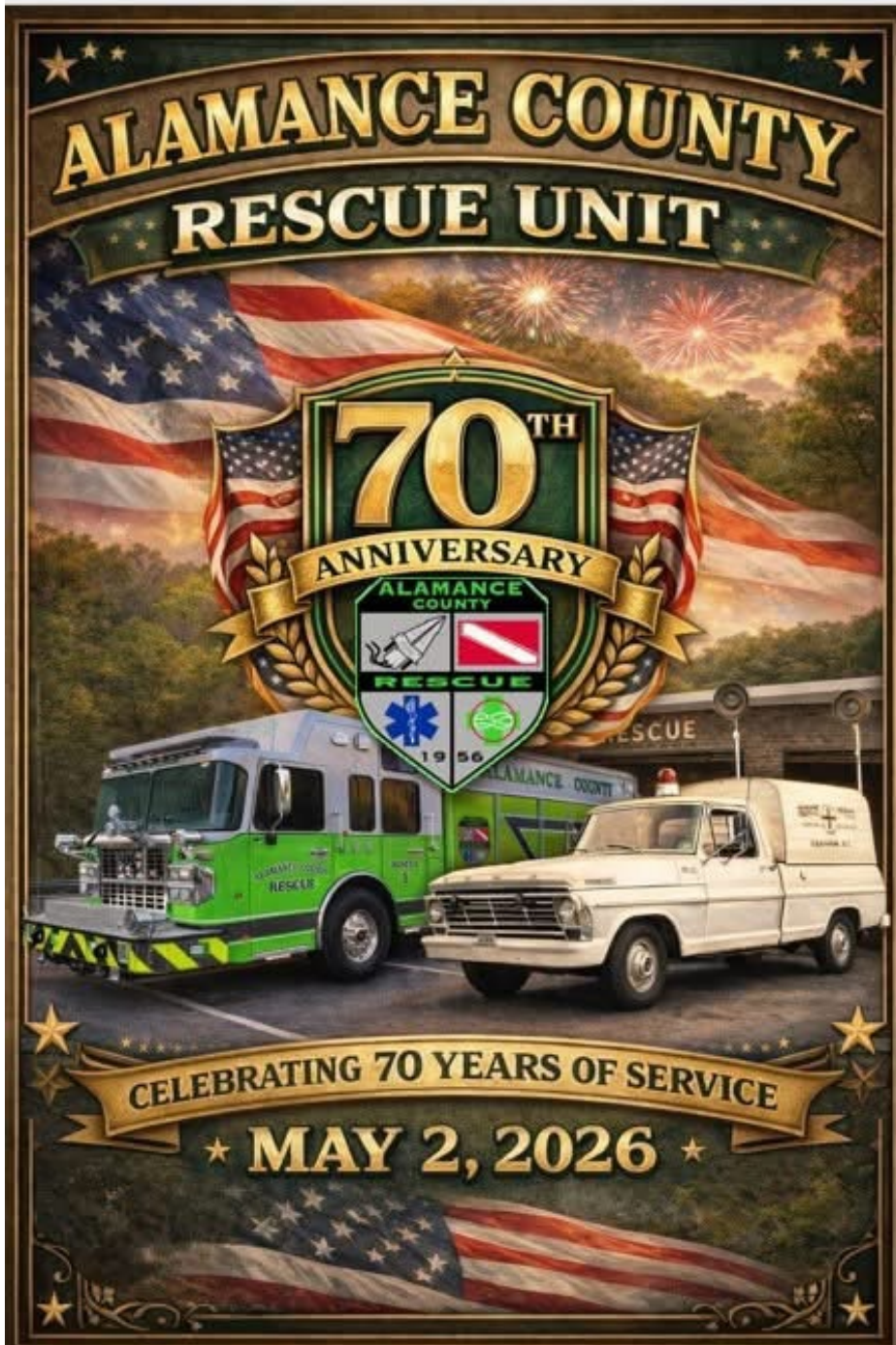
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