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Fayetteville Fire & EMS New Aerial - Public Statement

From the membership of Fayetteville Fire & EMS. Within this month, Fayetteville Fire and EMS will be taking possession of our new 2020 Pierce Ladder Truck (Ladder 85); replacing former Tower 85, a 1981 Sutphen Tower which had reached its service life expectancy. Due to the versatility of the new ladder, it will also be replacing a 2006 Sutphen Engine (Engine 285). Giving the department one vehicle capable of both roles for the department. The replacement of these two trucks will be saving the department on the additional cost for vehicle maintenance as these two trucks have aged and become more challenging to locate replacement parts. The sale of both trucks will allow the department to better equip and recover some of the cost for this new ladder.

The purchase of the truck was made possible because of the continued support from the citizens of Perry Township, The Village of Fayetteville, along with the continued dedication of department treasurer Delta Johnson. Fayetteville Fire & EMS was able to purchase the new apparatus from Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, WI through their stock truck program. Thanks to the help of our Pierce dealer Atlantic Emergency Solutions, and sales representative Chris Antle. This program takes a stock fire apparatus that is already built and allows the buyer to make minimal changes to the apparatus. This process greatly reduces the overall cost of this new apparatus.

Last month members of the fire department went to the Pierce factory and inspected the apparatus, upon acceptance it was scheduled for delivery. Throughout the coming months, Fayetteville Fire & EMS will be training on the truck and its various functions, to each member of the department. Upon completion of familiarization training, the truck will be fully outfitted with all necessary tools and equipment. Members will also receive additional driver's training, pump training, and aerial ladder operation training.

The new ladder truck meets the current safety standards of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). New safety features included rollover protection, air bags in the cab, emergency lighting, and backup camera, to name a few items. With the new Ladder 85, fire fighters will be safer and more efficient in fire and rescue operations. This will ultimately provide improved safety and protection to the citizens we serve.

Ladder 85 is a new 2020 Pierce Enforcer Ascendant 107 Ladder with a 1,500 gallon per minute PUC pump. The PUC pump places the pump of the apparatus partly under the rear cab, allowing for easier access for maintenance and increased compartment space. The new ladder is equipped with a 107-foot ascendant ladder, giving a 100-foot horizontal reach, and 107 feet vertical reach. Giving our rural environment Ladder 85 will benefit from this increased reach over the old Tower, allowing Ladder 85 to reach roof lines, chimneys, above grade floors, and additional rescue needs of the department. In our rural environment Ladder 85 will have longer setbacks (the distance from the truck to building) compared to urban environments where a ladder truck would typically park on the street directly in front of a building, having this increased reach will improve the amount of buildings Ladder 85 will be able to reach, putting crews in a safer position to work from. Ladder 85 comes equipped with a 500-gallon water tank, and 20-gallon foam tank for fire suppression needs. With the additional compartment space, ladder 85 will be equipped for both fire suppression and rescue needs.

We are excited to be placing this new truck into service and look forward to welcoming everyone to an open house and push in ceremony for our new Ladder 85 in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Members of Fayetteville Fire & EMS



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