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Fredericktown Community Receives New Fire Truck

FREDERICKTOWN – Since the inception of the Fredericktown Community Fire District, the board, and its members have strived to provide to highest level of service possible to its citizens. Part of maintaining that high level of service is making sure that the firefighters have the right tools for the job and they have access to equipment that is up-to-date. As a part of a successful fire department you need to look at maintaining equipment and also operating an efficient vehicle replacement program. Fire trucks as with any product only maintain their level of service for so long. “We are on a fifteen year cycle for replacing our trucks, this truck was brought into our fleet about six months ahead of time to take advantage of lower pricing ahead of new emissions mandates”, stated Chief Scott Mast.

The Fredericktown fire truck, which cost \$316,406 and was ordered in the fall of 2006, was delivered Sunday evening. The new truck is called Engine 419 and replaced an aging Engine 410 that was sold to the Mount Vernon Fire Department. A contingent of Fredericktown firefighters traveled to the Pierce Manufacturing plant in Bradenton, Florida to tour the plant, receive training on the new truck, and to drive it back. Captain Dwayne Canter, Captain Jeff Harmer, and firefighters Jason Bostic, and John Watts were selected to make the trip to receive the new truck.

Besides being new, it possesses many new features in safety, fire operations, and technology, and also has a different design. Called a “custom cab”, the truck is built from scratch instead of utilizing a commercial truck body that the other trucks in the fleet currently have. The custom-cab truck maintains a longer useable life, which can result in a longer time before being replaced, and a higher resale value years down the road. The new truck possesses the latest safety features and is build to be far more structurally safe to help protect firefighters when responding to calls.

The truck comes with a Compressed Air Foam System, or CAFS for short. CAFS allows firefighters to put out the fire with less water, more cooling effect, and the ability to dispense a long lasting blanket of foam. “This is the only truck in Knox County that is equipped with the CAFS technology, it will enable us to more efficiently extinguish fires with less water, resulting in less water damage”, stated Chief Mast. In addition to the CAFS system, the new truck seats six firefighters, which is improved from the old engine that would only seat four. “This truck is built to be more user friendly, have better locations of ladders, hoses, equipment, more storage, and more truck to work with,” stated Chief Mast.

The public unveiling of the new truck will be held at an open house on June 9, 2007 at the fire station, 139 Columbus Road in Fredericktown. The open house will run from 10am to 2pm and will offer station tours, truck demonstrations, extrication demonstration with the “jaws-of-life”, fire extinguisher demonstrations, and much more. More information will be released closer to the date of the event.

For more information about the Fredericktown Community Fire District you can visit their website at www.fredericktownfire.net

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