



DEDICATION OF FIRE TRUCKS

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DEDICATION OF CUSTOM RESCUE PUMPER FIRE TRUCKS AT FEBRUARY 2, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

The City of Kenner will unveil the 2 (two) highly anticipated Custom Rescue Pumper Fire Trucks prior to the City Council meeting at 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 2012 . Mayor Michael S. Yenni will officially launch the Fire Trucks by sounding their sirens in the parking lot in the back of City Hall.

The new trucks have some unique features such as pump and roll capability, front disc brakes which are recommended by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association and zinc screens on inlets that provide cathodic protection to avoid corrosion. The Fire Trucks represent significant upgrades over the aged and outmoded pumpers in use by the city, including greater storage capacity. The Pierce PUC Custom Rescue Fire Pumpers were purchased from Martin Apparatus at a cost of \$389,284.00 respectively. They come with a fifty year structural warranty.

Mayor Yenni credited the funding for the Fire Trucks to the careful and effective mediation on the part of the City Attorney's Office. The City received an insurance settlement for the damages to the Pontchartrain Center in the amount of \$3.75 million dollars. As a result of careful planning and fiscal responsibility these funds were available in the fund balance of the Pontchartrain Center and were able to be rededicated to purchase these needed Fire Trucks.

The fire trucks were ordered on November 21, 2011 and delivery was made to the Kenner Fire Department on December 20, 2011, within 30 days of the specified delivery date. Members of the Kenner Fire Department have been receiving training from a manufacturer representative on the unique features of these trucks. The trucks have been equipped and properly identified with decals and will be assigned as Engine 358 at Station 35 by City Hall, and E398 at Station 39, 401 Vintage.