



CITY OF KENNER

News Release

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MAYOR

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INSPECTION COMPLETED FOR NEW KENNER FIRE APPARATUS

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner Fire Department completed the final inspection and checklist today to receive delivery of a new state-of-the-art fire truck - the Rosenbauer 101 Foot Cobra Smart Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus – and loose equipment.

This fire apparatus and the new equipment on the truck is especially vital to the city, which has added businesses in recent years as the population grows.

Acting Chief Joseph Sunseri said the new equipment serves several purposes for our community. "This will be the tallest apparatus we've ever owned, with the tower reaching 100 feet in the air carrying the personnel platform and a water cannon. This allows firefighters to rescue people safely from heights. It is the kind of equipment that allowed us to direct 2.5 million gallons of water last week in the initial firefight at the historic Kenner High School, with our mutual aid partners of the Third District Volunteer Fire Company providing ladders to assist in that nearly eight-hour attack."

Improvements around Kenner are evident, visible particularly in the fire department where recent efficiencies are making this next stage of growth possible. The new truck is evidence of progress from the inside out, and how one change can reflect improvements touching many areas of Kenner.

Mayor Ben Zahn said he appreciates the teamwork of corporate partners as well as the city of Kenner staff.

"Without these corporate partnerships, it makes it more difficult for our hard-working firefighters to safely perform their jobs with the increasing cost of equipment," he said. "Together, we've improved the safety in Kenner for everyone."

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