

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

### VILLAGE OF KINDERHOOK FIRE APPARATUS ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

#### Quantity One (1) Pierce Enforcer PUC\* Rescue Pumper (Including Firematic and possibly HGAC Financing\*\*)

The Village of Kinderhook Fire Department – Palmer Engine and Hose Co. is proposing to replace one (1) of their existing Fire Trucks with a Pierce Enforcer PUC Rescue Pumper. Firematic Supply Company, Inc. will coordinate the manufacture and installation of the requisite apparatus and equipment needed to support the use of this Fire Truck prior to and at delivery. Currently the Fire Department has two (2) Fire Truck pumpers, a 2005 and a 2008, that are approximately 18 to 15 year old trucks respectively and they were both demo trucks at the time of purchase with some wear and mileage. In this respect, they were both lightly used trucks at acquisition. The Village of Kinderhook Fire Department formed an acquisition committee in 2021 to investigate and analyze the best strategy for updating their Fire Truck fleet and apparatus and has recently collaborated with the Mayor and Trustees to produce this proposal justification. The configuration of fire trucks is very community specific and the needs and requirements of the volunteer fireman and women is an important determinate of how best to proceed with acquisitions of this type. Pierce is the single source leader in the manufacture of custom fire trucks along with the integration of fire apparatus. The specific configuration proposed meets the near and longer term needs of the Village of Kinderhook Fire Department.

The current Fire Truck Pumpers are less dependable/available due to a number of factors and variables. The most important considerations being number of repairs, mileage, number of responses (usage), overall wear and tear, pumping capacity and operating capability. They still maintain value and were recently assessed at approximately \$150K and \$250K respectively, however, the used Fire Truck market is hard to predict and locating a buyer is sometimes difficult. For these reasons, at the time of delivery of the new truck the Village intends to sell one (1) of the older trucks, (see financing questions and responses found therein).

The new truck has double the storage and this will allow for the Jaws-of-life to be set up within the truck and provide for rapid engagement at the accident site and it will hold more equipment allowing for better accessibility. This storage increase will allow the Fire Department to utilize fewer volunteers on certain types of calls- (send one truck instead of two and fewer drivers). With this type of truck there is likely to be less down time for repairs when the truck needs to be fixed. This is due to the pumps ability to function separate from the drive train, electrical system and pneumatics of the Fire Truck.

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The Village of Kinderhook Fire Department feels strongly that acceptance of this proposal will provide for timely emergency responses utilizing the safest most effective modern apparatus critical to saving lives, protecting property and ensuring the safety of firefighters. Now is the best time to replace essential equipment prior to expected material cost increases for new and used fire apparatus. In addition, low interest rates ease the burden on the taxpayers covering the longer term financing.

The Fire Department acquisition committee has completed a questionnaire with the assistance of the Village Mayor and Trustees to answer questions regarding the need, efficiency, cost and timing of the purchase. Copies of the questionnaire are available at the Village Hall and on line at <https://villageofKinderhook.org>

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