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PRESS ADVISORY

Mayor Gary McCarthy
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Schenectady Fire Chief Michael DellaRocco
Announce Placing in Service Two New Fire Engines

Schenectady, NY – Mayor Gary McCarthy and Schenectady Fire Chief Michael Della Rocco are proud to announce placing in service two new fire engines manufactured by the Rosenbauer America Fire Apparatus Company at their Minnesota plant. These engines will be located at Station Three and Station Four, and are the newest additions to the Schenectady Fire Department fleet.

Stationed in the oldest fire house in Schenectady, located at Nott Street and Avenue A, Engine Four serves its neighbors in the area of Union College, Goose Hill, and the GE Plot. The fire-helmeted goose which has decorated Engine #4 for years makes it easily recognizable as Schenectady's North End fire engine. In 2012, Engine #4 answered 2,867 calls, including fires and emergency medical responses.

Engine Three will be housed at the Third Avenue station and will proudly display their Mont Pleasant "Red Raider" mascot. Engine #3's responsibilities also include the Bellevue and Hamilton Hill neighborhoods and often overlap into the downtown area. Engine #3 responded to 2,630 emergency calls during 2012.

Stations Three and Four are still considered true neighborhood fire stations, though their response area actually covers the entire City of Schenectady.

Both pumpers were custom designed by the Apparatus Committee of the fire department. Deployed as Advanced Life Support Engines whose crews provide both medical and fire protection, these rigs were specifically built to carry all the required medical equipment in a single compartment to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Additionally, the remainder of the apparatus compartments was organized to store all equipment according to task. This organizational concept is intended to improve operations at any emergency scene, where seconds matter.

In terms of the "nuts and bolts" of the apparatus, the Rosenbauer Fire Engines are built on a Commander chassis, with a Cummins ISL 450 horse power diesel motor. The emissions are significantly reduced, almost to zero, by the use of Diesel Exhaust Fluid as required by the EPA. Also on board is a Hale QMax water pump that is capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute, and a water tank that holds 750 gallons of water to allow for swift initial fire attack prior to connecting to a hydrant.

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