



River Delta Fire District

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News Release – River Delta Fire Protection District

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Subject: New Rescue Equipment Will Save Lives on Rural Highways

River Delta Fire District has just taken delivery of a combination Type I Engine / Water Tender that will greatly increase firefighting capabilities for responses to wildfires and remote structure fires in the district. This new tactical water tender is both a 1,250 GPM firefighting engine and 2,200-gallon capacity mobile water source for fighting fires. The Fire District is in the process of outfitting the new apparatus with the tools, equipment, communications, and electronics necessary for it to be fully operational.

In-service training for all fire suppression personnel, a critical element in order to operate such a sophisticated piece of equipment, will be completed by April of this year when it will be officially placed into service, just in time for the fire season.

The water tender was donated to River Delta Fire District through the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program. It will provide many significant operational advantages, including having two foam systems, drafting capability, and 4-wheel drive that will allow firefighters to access remote areas during wildfires. Holding 2,200 gallons of water, the new water tender is designed specifically for fires in more rural and rugged terrain, supplying water for fire operations where there are no fire hydrants, with the additional capability for "pump and roll" for fast-moving vegetation fires.

River Delta Fire District Fire Chief Paul Cutino explained the importance of this new apparatus.

"This is an exciting piece of equipment that will significantly increase our service capabilities. Its combined firefighting and large water carrying capabilities will improve fire fighter safety and effectiveness. It's many features, including two remote-controlled deluge turrets, will increase our operational capacity at significant incidents."

Chief Cutino emphasized, "This is but one of many tools that help keep us on the cutting edge of fire and emergency services delivery."

The new water tender will be housed at Fire Station 94, located on Jackson Slough Road, centrally located for district responses as well as to provide mutual aid to surrounding communities.

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