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NORTH COUNTY FIRE BUYS A NEW FIRE ENGINE

North County Fire Department has taken ownership of a new fire truck, “The Pierce PUC” (Pierce Ultimate Configuration) pumper. It will be on display at the departments next month board meeting, which will be held at Fallbrook Public Utilities District, located at 990 E. Mission Rd, on October 21 at 5:00 p.m. “Our department is responding to a wider range of emergencies and the need to carry more specialized equipment is increasing,” said Captain Kevin Mahr, program coordinator. “With the ‘PUC,’ we’ll be able to add compartment space on a shorter wheelbase vehicle. We’re confident the engine design will also increase firefighter safety”.

The PUC multi-purpose response vehicle is engineered to eliminate the need for a bulky pump house. It also features a simplified pump mounted under the cab, allowing for easier maintenance and serviceability. This configuration is all in the attempt to shorten down time for when the unit is in for maintenance. Hose beds, crosslays and ladders are all accessible at lower levels for better ergonomics use.

The Department serves a residential population of more than 45,000, with response area encompassing more than 92 square miles. The delivery of this new unit will replace an older unit that has been in service for approximately eighteen years and will now be placed in reserve status.



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