

Completed as Promised!

As of September 28, 2011

The Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District would like to provide an update on the bond funds that were approved in April of 2010.

- The 1988 Ford Brush Vehicle has been replaced.

A new 2010 Ford F350 extended cab with a flat bed has been purchased. Specialized equipment was added including a slide in fire suppression unit with a 300 gallon water tank and two personnel enclosed compartments. The vehicle was placed in service April 1st. Total vehicle and equipment cost was \$50,000.

- The basement finishing construction project was completed by Jim Hedrick Construction Company ahead of schedule as of December 31st.

Total construction cost was \$137,060.

- The Board of Directors at their January 17th meeting approved the purchase of two firefighting apparatus that will replace three existing apparatus.

A new 2011 Pierce Quantum PUC pumper. The Pierce Ultimate Configuration pumper has a five person cab, will carry 1,000 gallons of water, has a 1,500 gallons-per-minute pump, and is equipped with a compressed air-foam system that can be used in extinguishing all types of fires. The air-foam system also has the potential to lessen water damage in residential fire situations. **The pumper is on schedule to be delivered the first week in October.**

A new 2011 Pierce DX tanker on a Freightliner chassis. The tanker carries 3,000 gallons of water and is equipped with a 500 gallons-per-minute PTO pump. The tanker also has a portable 3,500 gallon tank that can be set up on scene to provide additional water capacity. **The vehicle was delivered September 9th and was recently placed in service. Total vehicle cost was \$195,693**

These two vehicles will be replacing three vehicles: a 1990 pumper, a 1986 1,800 gallon tanker and a 1990 1,800 gallon tanker. **Bids were accepted for these surplus vehicles for the 1991 tanker which was sold to the Osborn Fire Protection District for \$22,503, the 1990 pumper and the 1986 tanker were sold to the Bynumville Fire Department for \$15,770 and for \$6,770 respectively.** The new vehicles will increase the on-the-scene pumping capability by 1,500 gallons per minute and water carried to the scene by 400 gallons.

Both vehicles were purchased through a cooperative purchasing program with the Mid-America Regional Council and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. This competitive procurement process resulted in significant savings for the District.

The Future

- The equipment replacement and upgrade plans also includes replacing the two ambulances in 2012 and the ladder truck in 2013.