

Completed as Promised!

As of June 1, 2013

In April, 2010, the Kearney community voters approved a \$3,500,000 bond issue for equipment and facilities. We are pleased to report our progress.

- A new 2010 Ford F350 extended cab with a flat bed was 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 in April, 2011. Total vehicle and equipment cost was \$50,000. This vehicle replaced a 1988 Ford brush truck.
- The basement finishing construction project was completed by Jim Hedrick Construction Company in December 31, 2011. Total construction cost was \$137,060.
- The balance of the lease purchase for previous improvements and equipment acquisitions of \$1,342,058 was paid off.
- The Board of Directors at the January 17, 2011, meeting approved the purchase of two firefighting apparatus replaced three existing apparatus.

A new 2011 Pierce DX tanker on a Freightliner chassis was delivered in September 2011. 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. Total vehicle cost was \$195,693

A new 2011 Pierce Quantum PUC pumper was delivered in October, 2011. The Pierce Ultimate Configuration pumper has a five person cab, carries 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. Total vehicle cost was \$558,916

The tanker and the pumper replaced three vehicles: a 1990 pumper, a 1986 1,800 gallon tanker and a 1990 1,800 gallon tanker. Bids were solicited for these three surplus vehicles. 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 \$6,770, respectively.

The new tanker and pumper increased the on-the-scene water pumping capability by 1,500 gallons-per-minute and water carried to the scene by 400 gallons.

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

- The Board of Directors at the June 18, 2012, meeting approved the purchase of two new ambulances to replace two existing ambulances.

The new ambulances will be on 2013 International Navistar chassis with large ambulance boxes similar to the current ones. Participating in a competitive procurement process resulted in significant savings for the District. The cost of these units with trade-in is \$216,699. The ambulances are scheduled for delivery in March, 2013.

- The Board of Directors at the September 10, 2012, meeting approved the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck.

A new 2013 Pierce Quantum 100' aerial ladder truck will replace a 1998 75' aerial ladder truck. Participating in a competitive procurement process resulted in significant savings for the District. The cost of this unit is \$780,737, which includes a savings of \$34,163 the District obtained by choosing a pre-payment option. The 1998 ladder truck is under contract

for sale to another fire district for 43% of its 1998 purchase price. The new ladder truck is scheduled for delivery in March, 2013.

Both ambulances and the new aerial ladder were placed in service in May of 2013, with the surplus aerial being sold to the Union Fire Protection District.

The Fire and Rescue Protection District is very appreciative of the community's support for our first bond issue. The completion of the projects and purchases, which were the reasons for the bond issue, allows us to provide our services with state of the art equipment and facilities.