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## Fire Truck Dedication 2018

**Alamogordo, NM Wednesday, October 3, 2018** The Alamogordo Fire Department cordially invites you to attend the “Fire Truck Dedication” to take place on October 8th at 3:00 pm located at 619 Texas Avenue (Fire House-1). We will be welcoming three new fire apparatus into our Department and are looking forward to showing off these beautiful trucks to our community.

### **How were the trucks purchased?**

The purchase of all three of these fire trucks were made possible through the City’s General Fund, an Assistance to Firefighters grant, the Fire Protection Fund and the Fire Protection Grant Fund program. I would like to start off by thanking the citizens, the State, our City Mayor, (Richard Boss), our City Manager, (Maggie Paluch), our Mayor Pro-Tem, (Jason Baldwin) and all of our commissioners for supporting and standing behind the Alamogordo Fire Department. This would not have been remotely possible without your support.

### **Where will these new fire trucks serve?**

On October 8th, 2018 we will be putting into service three new fire trucks that will serve the North portion of Alamogordo located at Fire House-6 (Engine 6), the South portion located at Fire House-5 (Engine-5) and all of Alamogordo located at Fire House-1 (Engine 1). They are equipped with all the tools necessary to respond to all calls for service, and keep you, and your families safe.

### **So, what is a truck dedication?**

In the spirit of the fire service tradition; I would like to explain why the fire department conducts these ceremonies, why we wash down a new fire engine, and why we push a new engine into the bay. As most of you may know, after a fire in the old days, the horse team was disconnected from hand drawn fire engine, ladder wagon, or hose cart. These horse teams would be washed, fed, and put in their stables. The hand drawn fire engines, ladder wagons, and hose carts would also have to be washed to remove the dirt, grime, and whatever else might have attached itself. This was all part of maintaining their equipment. As you can imagine it would be extremely difficult to back this equipment into a bay with the use of horses, and this is why horses were disconnected, and all equipment was pushed in bays by hand.

Looking to the future, when the normally aspirated engine came into being; all of this backing in by hand stuff became a thing of the past! Thank goodness for technology!

This is why in today’s fire service, we hold fast to past traditions, and the Alamogordo Fire Department continues to pay homage to those members of the old time. In doing this, we feel the Alamogordo Fire Department promotes unity, comradery, teamwork, and maintains history.

The Alamogordo Fire Department will have refreshments at the end of the ceremony, and invite you to take part in wiping down the new fire trucks before they are put into service. To find out more about the “Fire Truck Dedication”, please contact the Alamogordo Fire Department at 575-439-4298 or stop by your Alamogordo Fire House-1 located at 619 Texas Ave! Hope to see you there...

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