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Subject : New Ladder Truck Will Provide Farmington Fire Department Greater Firefighting Capabilities

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Farmington, UT –The Farmington City Fire Department will soon take delivery of a new weapon for fighting fires and performing rescues—a Pierce Articulating Platform Ladder Truck ("116' Bronto"). The truck, which is the 1st of its kind in Farmington, has far greater capabilities than traditional ladder trucks and will meet the ever-growing needs of Farmington's recreational, residential and commercial demands.

On September 2nd, the Farmington City Council approved the purchase of the Bronto for \$1,000,000.00 which came at a discounted price of over \$300,000 in savings. The Bronto is expected to be delivered after an apparatus committee completes a final inspection at the Pierce factory located in Appleton Wisconsin. Due to the specialized design of the Bronto and training expectations for its operators, it is estimated the truck will be placed in-service (100% mission capable) in the spring of 2015. Community members will be invited to attend an in-service ceremony to include demonstrations of the Bronto's capabilities, as well as give "tours" and answer questions about it.

The Pierce Bronto offers a large range of safety features designed to keep firefighters safe while responding to calls and on the fireground. These safety features include a specialized heavy-duty frontend system capable of superior handling and maneuverability, Anti-locking brakes, SRS airbag system for all seated personnel inside the apparatus, Electronic Stability Control and other features designed improve operational safety. The Bronto comes equipped with 116" articulating platform capable of performing rescues in locations otherwise not achieved by conventional ladder trucks due to its ability to reach "Up & Over" or "Down & Under" obstacles often associated with new commercial structures, amusement parks and various freeway structures.

"We are excited to add this new truck to our fleet," Farmington City Fire Chief Guido Smith said. "It will provide the community with a dependable, safe, state-of-the-art apparatus that will enhance community service and safety for many years."

The department identified various needs to include a ladder truck after completing a formal hazard assessment in 2011. In 2012, an apparatus committee was established to evaluate and validate Farmington's operational challenges in regards to fire suppression, rescue operations, and firefighter safety while mitigating emergencies within the most dynamic and potentially demanding cities in Davis County.

"Farmington is growing with higher buildings in Station Park, our future Office Park, the challenge of our freeway interchanges and we are well aware of height challenges with Lagoon. We have saved a large part of the costs of this truck through impact fees and the general fund is prepared to pay the balance in the next few years," Farmington City Mayor Jim Talbot said. "I am very proud of Chief Smith and the entire Fire Department for the way they serve our community."

For more information on the Farmington City Fire Department, visit www.farmington.utah.gov