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## Jackson County Fire Rescue Acquires New Fire Engine

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Jackson County, FL. May 31, 2023 - Jackson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) proudly announces its latest investment in community safety: a brand-new, state-of-the-art fire engine. This critical equipment acquisition underscores JCFR's commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community members, and further improves our ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies.

The new fire engine was manufactured by E-One in Ocala, Florida and sold by REV Technical Center (Florida's E-One Dealer). It features the latest advancements in firefighting technology and safety, enhancing our team's capabilities. Key features include improved water pumping capacity (1,500 gallons per minute), integrated 50 gallon Smart Foam system, enhanced operator safety features, and advanced traffic and scene lighting for better visibility during nighttime operations.

"We are thrilled about this significant upgrade to our firefighting fleet," said Fire Chief Charlie Brunner. "This new engine will allow our brave men and women to better serve and protect the citizens of Jackson County. It signifies our dedication to ensuring our team has access to the most effective, reliable equipment."

The acquisition of the new fire engine was made possible with a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) received in 2021. The truck was ordered in September 2021 with a final price of \$404,314.00. There were several delays in the build process due to supply chain issues. The FEMA AFG grant paid 90% and the JCBOCC will pay 10%. This new Engine will replace the current Engine-2, a 2001 Kenworth Commercial Fire Engine (oldest in the fleet) that is housed at Station 2 in Graceville, Florida. This fire engine will primarily serve the northwest and west side of the county including cities, communities, and towns of Graceville, Campbellton, Jacob City, Springfield Community, Richter Crossroads, Cottondale, and Alford. Staff will begin stocking and training on the new engine next week.

An official "Push-In" ceremony for the new engine will be announced at a later date. As we incorporate this advanced piece of machinery into our fleet, JCFR extends a heartfelt thank you to the residents of Jackson County for their continued support. Together, we are ensuring that our community remains one of the safest places to live, work, and play.

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