

City of Bolivar Purchases 2015 Ferrara MVP



Bolivar City Fire Department (BCFD) has purchased a new 2015 Ferrara MVP. This new engine was a much needed addition to a department that was struggling with continued mechanical issues from its aging front line fleet.

Built on a Cinder chassis and powered by a 450 horsepower Cummings diesel engine, this MVP is capable of supplying 1750 GPM through its Hale QMAX single stage pump. With a 750 gallon booster tank, a three-inch Electric TFT Extend-A-Gun telescoping waterway and over 500 square feet of storage space, this new apparatus replaces two of Bolivar's aging engines. This new addition increases overall department efficiency and improves the safety of the department's staff.

The MVP is a true rescue engine. Its specification were developed by a committee of chiefs, company officers, and fire fighters who developed a vision that they felt suited the needs of the department based on data from response analysis and the department's strategic plan. The new apparatus is being outfitted to respond to structural fire-fighting, motor vehicle accidents, priority EMS responses, hazardous materials incidents, structural collapse, technical rescue, heavy rescue and many other routine types of responses. Over the last five years, Bolivar Fire has averaged 1300 responses for service annually. With safety in mind, the BCFD is requiring all members responsible for operating the new apparatus to complete extensive in service training including State certified Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Course, VFIS Emergency Driving Course, along with Ferrara Manufacturing service training. All members operating the new apparatus will be expected to log several hours of hands-on driving time before the engine is placed into service.

BCFD continues to thank those that made this purchase possible, particularly the city's elected officials, its administration, and most importantly the overwhelming support of their citizens of the community.