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Scotia Volunteer Fire Department Acquires New Fire Engine

A brand new fire engine is on its way to Scotia and will allow the volunteer fire department to provide state-of-the-art fire and rescue operations.

The 2017 RXT Type 1 engine on a Freightliner chassis was built by Rosenbauer America, the largest fire truck apparatus and emergency response vehicle manufacturer in the world. Type 1 means it will be mainly used for residential and/or industrial fires. It was purchased through Burton's Fire Inc.

Scotia Volunteer Fire Department Engine No. 7012 will arrive in Scotia on Saturday, February 25th. Department training is planned for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day, followed by an Open House, with the community is invited to attend. The Open House will be held at the Scotia Fire Hall at 12 noon and light refreshments will be served.

"We requested that it include a pre-plumbed foam system," said Scotia Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Broadstock, "which can be used on all types of fire suppression, in conjunction with water." The truck includes a 1,000 gallon water tank and a 20 gallon foam tank.

Another feature is a wireless controlled deck water gun on top of the engine, which allows changes in direction and in the aperture of the water gun (and thus the amount of water applied to a fire) from a remote location.

One advantage of the new engine is the design of the compartments which holds fire suppression items such as axes, and rescue tools. "The louvered compartment system will allow almost double the available storage," Chief Broadstock said.

"This new engine will enhance our fire and rescue response," Chief Broadstock said. "The features are all user friendly and firefighter friendly."

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Scotia Volunteer Fire Department will continue to use its 1985 Pierce fire engine (Engine No. 7014), and will replace a 1977 International Van Pelt with the brand new engine. The Van Pelt is no longer being used by the Scotia Volunteer Fire Department due to mechanical issues, although it is still parked at the fire station. "It has done its duty," Chief Broadstock said. His department will salvage what parts it can, and also make parts available that may be useful to other local volunteer fire departments with similar older equipment.

Chief Broadstock said he had been looking at acquiring a used fire engine when the opportunity to purchase a new one for less than a used one surfaced. "We are very excited about getting a custom new engine for less than \$300,000," he said.

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