

New Fire Truck - News Release

May 15, 2023 (Scotia, CA)A new fire truck has joined the fleet of the Rio Dell Fire Protection District, which includes coverage for the nearby communities of Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively.

Engine 7136 arrived in May 2023 and will be housed at the Rio Del Volunteer Fire Department. It is very similar to engine 7135, purchased in 2016, which will be moving to the newly constructed Redcrest Fire structure, near the Redcrest Grange.

Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department Chief Shane Wilson said moving Engine 7135 to Redcrest will make for a quicker response time there. "Redcrest has three vehicles, which serve different purposes and the firefighters have to make a guess from their dispatch on a call, which would be best suited to respond," Wilson said.

Of the three vehicles at Redcrest, one will be moved to Shively to replace an older fire vehicle there, one will be moved to Rio Dell, and one will be converted to a technical rescue vehicle to assist the Eel River Valley Tech Rescue Team when needed.

Both engines 7136 and 7135 are equipped to fight both wildland and structure fires. The new fire engine has four seats and room for equipment, while the engine acquired in 2016 has five seats and less room for equipment.

"The new fire engine allows for us to reposition our equipment so that response time is minimized, and the appropriate equipment is available for use as quickly as possible, Wilson said.