



NORTHERN ARIZONA CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT #1

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 5/8/18 –NEW GRANT FUNDED WATER TENDER ARRIVES AT NACFD#1

An Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the United States Fire Administration (USFA) in the amount of \$228,772 funded a new 3,000-gallon Water Tender which arrived at NACFD1 today. The district contributed an additional \$11,438 in matching funds for equipment, training, registration and other fees for a total of \$240,210 for the entire project. Battalion Chief Jason Scott flew to Texas this week to perform acceptance tests and inspect the vehicle prior to driving it back to Kingman.

The vehicle grant was written by Battalion Chief Tim King to replace a 2,100-gallon Mack Water Tender purchased new by the district in 1980. USFA is working closely with fire departments nationwide to replace aging apparatus which are well past their service life.

The new Water Tender will be joined later this month by a twin to replace a second water tender which has been out of service due to mechanical concerns for the past three years. The district relies heavily on water tenders for water shuttle operations during fires due to the limited availability of fire hydrants in the district. It is equipped with a 1,000 Gallon Per Minute (GPM) fire pump, hose reel, pre-connected attack lines, 1,400 feet of 3 inch supply hose, and ladders. These options will allow firefighters the option to utilize these vehicles in a variety of roles from shuttling water to attacking structural and vegetation fires. The grant funded water tender will be assigned to Station 32 on Able Drive which serves Butler and the Kingman Airport and Industrial Park. When the second water tender arrives in the next four weeks it will be assigned to Station 31 on Northern Ave. The new vehicles will be staffed by off-duty call back and qualified volunteer firefighters. Together, they will bring an additional 6,000 gallons of much needed water to fire scenes, improving firefighter and public safety as well as positively impacting fire attack.

The first water tender has a planned in-service date within the next two weeks once radios and equipment are installed and operators are brought up to speed. The new water tenders are similar to the Truxton water tender purchased in 2007 with USFA/AFG grant funds for \$216,450.

“We are excited to finally replace our aging water tenders with new, updated apparatus. With the constant challenges faced by fire responses in areas with limited or no hydrants; these new vehicles will greatly enhance our safety and ability to effectively suppress fires.” Dr. W.L. Eder, 5/8/17

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(Photo by Bob Sodaro)

NACFD#1's newest addition, a 3,000 gallon water tender funded by a Federal grant (Right) to replace a 2,100 gallon Mack water tender (left) purchased new by the district in 1980.