



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: March 24, 2021

RE: **Delivery Schedule for Pierce Arrow XT Ascendant 100' Mount Platform Vehicle**

At its meeting of November 7, 2019, the City Council adopted a motion exempting the procurement of a Pierce Arrow XT Ascendant 100' Mount Platform vehicle from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code and authorizing the purchase of the vehicle from Hughes Fire Equipment at a cost of \$1,340,222 under Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Contract No. FS12-17. As indicated in the attached memorandum from Acting Fire Chief Scott Brainard, the new ladder truck is scheduled to arrive in Ketchikan by ferry on Monday, April 5, 2021.



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Memorandum

TO: Karl Amylon, City Manager
FROM: Scott Brainard, Acting Fire Chief
DATE: March 16, 2021
SUBJECT: Ladder Truck Shipment and Update

Hughes Fire Equipment arranged for the Ladder truck to ship from Appleton, Wisconsin on Saturday the 13th and expect it at their shop in Seattle around Wednesday the 17th. There is a large storm predicted which could affect travel times.

On arrival in Seattle the truck will be inspected and prepared for loading on the Kennicott ferry in Bellingham. Miscellaneous loose items that were shipped to the shop will also be loaded for shipping. These items are fire hoses, appliances and some heavier tools. The tentative dates for the sailing is Saturday, April 3rd departing Bellingham at 3:00 pm. arriving in Ketchikan Monday, April 5th at 5:00 am. Should the truck hit an unexpected delay by weather or shop work the next anticipated sailing would be April 17th.

After the arrival, we may conduct a new apparatus ceremony where the FF's push the vehicle into the fire station. During this period, the vehicle registration and insurance coverage would be placed under the City of Ketchikan by the Finance Department.

Crews will begin familiarizing themselves with the new apparatus then start migrating tools and equipment from the current ladder truck to the new one.

We will be hosting four days of formal training provided by Pierce locally in Ketchikan. Three days are for operational training of the apparatus for the fire crews and the fourth day is for the mechanics and service. This training is planned and provided by the purchase contract with the training dates to be determined.

In the following weeks, we will be performing driving and operational training across all three shifts which includes the volunteer staff.