Fire Truck Replacement with Tower Truck





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City of Evanston: 7.9 square miles

Population: 77,517 as of 2021

Evanston Fire 2023 responses: 11,614 incidents 8051 EMS incidents 3563 Fire/Other incidents



Definitions



Straight truck: A 100' ladder truck with NO basket at the tip of the ladder





Tower truck: A 100' ladder truck with a basket (Platform)







What is a ladder truck, and what does it do?



Vertical access

Rescue operations

Ventilation

Exterior firefighting

Special rescue

Overall, ladder trucks are essential components of a fire department's fleet, enabling firefighters to effectively respond to a wide range of emergency situations involving fires, rescues, and other hazards in both urban and suburban environments.







- Truck 23
- Engine 23
- Ambulance 23

Truck 23 is a 2015 Pierce 100' tiller ladder truck with a straight stick. (9 years old)

- In 2023 Truck 23 responded to 1710 incidents
- Compared to 1123 incidents in 2013

Station 2

- Truck 22
- Engine 22
- Ambulance 22

Truck 22 is 2011 Pierce 100' tiller ladder truck with a straight stick. (13 years old)

- In 2023 Truck 22 responded to 1420 incidents
- Compared to 1044 incidents in 2013





Evanston Fire Department current situation



- Reserve Straight truck 311 (Ladder) in Weyauwega WI since November 2023 for major repairs. The initial estimated cost for repairs \$130K
- Recently learned from MacQueen (Pierce dealer) that our reserve truck 311 needs over \$240K additional dollars for repairs to the frame rails.
- 3. Front line straight tiller truck 23 (Ladder) in service at fire station 3
- 4. Front line straight tiller truck 22 (Ladder) in service at fire station 2.
- 5. Currently borrowing a Skokie reserve straight truck (Ladder) while repairs are being made to our front line trucks.
- 6. Evanston Fire Department is now only left with 2 frontline trucks, and having to borrow from other municipalities if a truck goes OOS.



Our Reserve Truck



- Reserve Truck 311 is a 2006 Pierce 100' rear mount ladder truck with a straight stick acquired in 2021.
- This truck replaced a 1990 Pierce 100' rear mount straight stick, which was in service from 1998 until 2021.
- It should be noted that Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board contributed \$50K in 1998 to purchase the 1990 straight stick at a total cost of \$263K
- In 2021 the Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board split the cost of \$165K with the city, to purchase a 2006 Pierce straight stick.

It is important that the department maintains a reserve truck in order to always have two trucks in service at all times, for the safety of our community and our members.



Proposed Plan



- 1. To purchase a Pierce Mid-Mount Tower (Basket) Ladder for 2.3 million dollars (4 year build industry standard)
- 2. Sell or trade the current reserve straight truck (currently in Weyauwega, WI)
- 3. Place Truck 22 (2011) in a reserve status once the new truck arrives



Why a Mid-Mount Tower (Basket)



Meets height restrictions (11' 1") for navigating all of our viaducts

Meets EFD length (43') for navigating our streets

Provides a basket to operate from

Provides operational versatility in our aerial fleet

- Rescues
- High angle
- Firefighting

A safer aerial overall









How MacQueen is willing to help

- Completely absorbing the cost of \$50,000 dollar for dismantling the reserve truck in Weyauwega, WI.
- Securing a 12-14 month build time for a new Mid-Mount Tower ladder to the EFD specifications. (Unprecedented)
- Possibly providing EFD with an option to rent a 75' straight truck at a discounted price during the manufacturing of the new Mid-Mount.
- A prepay discount for the new Mid-Mount. Approximately \$80k-\$100K

