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Department Secures New Apparatus for Improved Service Delivery & Safety

Philadelphia, PA: In his goal to consistently improve and renew the Department’s fleet, Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer is eager to announce the housing of the second of five new tiller ladders on Saturday, January 9th. The new tiller ladder will be assigned to Ladder 20, located at 7818 Frankford Avenue in Councilman Brian O’Neill’s, 10th Council District. “The introduction of this new apparatus allows the Department to further enhance its service delivery in the area of fire suppression,” noted Fire Commissioner Sawyer, “and I’d like to recognize the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Fleet Management in assisting us to procure Ladder 20 for this purpose. We are appreciative for the partnership.”

Ladder 20’s new apparatus is among the most advanced and responsive vehicles of its type, and provides the ultimate emergency response. Ladder 20 is equipped with a newly enhanced and wider 100’ main ladder, special LED lighting capabilities, and larger compartments to improve storage. The apparatus meets all Federal diesel emissions regulations and has superior features for fire fighter safety including airbags for driver and officer, anti-roll over controls and anti-lock brakes (ABS).

“This apparatus will further improve our capabilities and provide a more efficient and safer work platform for our firefighters. Having the proper equipment is critical to ensuring the success of any emergency response. The safety of citizens and first responders is always our highest priority,” said Fire Commissioner Sawyer, “we are confident that it will help to improve Community Risk Reduction (CRR) efforts and enhance service to the citizens of Philadelphia.”

Ladder 20 was purchased at a cost of \$985,000.00. The new ladders are manufactured by KME, located in Nesquehoning, Pa. An "Official" housing ceremony will take place at a future time to be determined.

Fire Commissioner Sawyer wishes to remind all that Fire is Everyone’s Fight™

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