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Refurbished Fire Engine Back in Glenwood Springs

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – One of the City's 15-year-old fire engines is back in Glenwood Springs, after traveling 2,400 miles roundtrip to be refurbished. The City of Glenwood Springs spent approximately \$200,000 or about 30% of the cost of a new engine of similar capability and design to have the original manufacturer clean, repair, and repaint the vehicle. The refurbished engine was delivered on Friday.

The engine is one of three identical engines purchased in 2001 by the Glenwood Springs Fire Department from Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisc. Pierce offers rebuild or refurbishment of apparatus at a separate facility just outside Appleton. As the original manufacturer of these engines, Pierce has all of the original engineering plans for body sections and other components and can build replacement parts efficiently.

Since being delivered, the refurbished engine is being fitted out with a new mobile data terminal and all of the fire hose and other "loose equipment" that was removed prior to it being sent to Wisconsin. It should be back in service within the week.

Over the past six months, the engine work included:

- Complete cleaning and inspection and dynamometer analysis of the engine and drive train with repairs as needed
- Complete disassembly and rebuild or replacement of fire pump and valves
- Firefighting foam delivery system modifications
- Pump panel replacement and addition of enclosure door over the panel
- Roll up compartment doors all replaced with new design for ease of maintenance and operation
- Replacement of aluminum tread plate surfaces tarnished by exposure to chemicals and road grime
- Replacing all lighting with new LED versions for increased performance with less energy consumption
- Repainting the entire apparatus and replacing striping and lettering includes adding NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) compliant chevrons to the rear of the truck

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