

# Finally!!!



***Our new ambulance is ready for delivery!*** The Ambulance Committee is pleased to announce that we will be receiving the new ambulance for final review and delivery on Tuesday September 8, 2009 at 2:30 pm.

You are all invited to attend the Homecoming of the new ambulance (2:30 pm), as well as a “Training Session” by Greg Tucci, scheduled at 4:30 pm. The new ambulance will not be available for driver training until WE OWN IT and Greg has done the training presentation.

The first item of business is to ensure that the ambulance meets our specifications and expectations regarding the signed contract. We do not anticipate any problems. We also are very comfortable with Glick Fire Equipment Co. and their leadership. We are comfortable that Glick’s will resolve any problems we encounter with our new ambulance in a reasonable amount of time. Secondly, we have made arrangements with Woodlands Bank to finance the balance due, after our share has been paid. We plan to meet with John Engel, Woodlands Bank and Greg Tucci, Glick Fire Equipment, around 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm, to take care of the financial considerations for the ambulance. We will be trading our old ambulance as well. After this is completed, the new ambulance will be in the Fire Company’s name.

After the ambulance has been accepted and paid for, Greg Tucci will remain to offer us training on the features of our new ambulance. Hopefully many of you will attend this session so that we can all learn together -- and ask as many questions as possible!

We are hoping that within a week from acceptance of the apparatus, we will be in a position to place the ambulance in service. We will be using our old ambulance during this period of time (insurance considerations, through VFIS, have already been arranged). In the meantime, we will be preparing the ambulance and stocking it for response. The actual stocking of the ambulance has been pre-planned as to location of items. Primarily, Bonnie has taken care of this, with the assistance of Sharon. If you wish to assist please see either of them.

Regarding Driver training.... If you are listed as a current active driver of our current ambulance, you will need to participate in driving training with the new ambulance a minimum of two hours AND you will be required to ride on the litter for an additional one-half hour – this ambulance rides a lot different than our current ambulance. This policy was jointly agreed to by the Fire Chief, The Assistant Chief and the EMS Chief. We encourage you to drive with a second driver on board so that you can trade off. As you drive, please review road names – you might want to simulate an actual run, but please do it under routine conditions. Documentation of your driving/litter times is required. Please fill out the log book as one source of proof of driver training. Also, a card will be made available for you to record your driver training/litter time. After completing these cards, they should be given to the EMS Chief and then they will be presented to the Fire Chief prior to the ambulance going in service.

We will also schedule a training session that will hopefully make you aware of any/all changes necessitated by the new ambulance, as well as share with you the locations of all items on the ambulance.

Thank you,  
Ambulance Committee