



# MEDIA RELEASE



*FOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT*

## DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR NEW LADDER TRUCK

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On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM, the Fountain Fire Department will be conducting a dedication ceremony for the department's new ladder truck. This ceremony will take place at Fountain Fire Station #2, located at 8201 Fountain Mesa Road. The celebration will include a tour of the truck as well as the traditional "Push-In" ceremony.

The "Push-In" ceremony dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when hand-drawn fire engines, ladder wagons, hose carts, and other apparatus had to be pushed back into the station by hand after every call. The horse-drawn steam engines that followed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century could be backed up. However, having to control the horses made it difficult to align the engine's steam connections with the fire station's steam connections. For this reason, the horses were typically disconnected, and the engine was again pushed back into the station by hand.

When the first motorized fire engine was put into service in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and didn't have to be pushed in. Firefighters have continued to honor the "Push-in" tradition, which grew to mark each new purchase of fire apparatus.

We hope you can join us for this exciting occasion as we honor tradition and celebrate the blessing of this new apparatus.

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