



Asst. Chief Skip Bauming, Chief Steve Childs, P.I.O Kristie Welborn, Brian Russell, Jim Broomfield, Scott DeCapio, Leah Simmons-DeCapio, Mike Keefe, Mattie the fire dog, and Sue Keefe.
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By: Kris Hazelton
 Glen Haven firefighters are pleased to show off their new fire truck, Tender 33. Tender 33 replaces the truck the Glen Haven Fire Department fondly nicknamed, "The Terminator," a 1969 military surplus truck they fabricated into a tanker. According to Steve Childs, Fire Chief of Glen Haven, "The Terminator served us well although it was a big, slow truck and its size and weight was always a concern to us. When 'The Terminator' was slated for replacement, we were unsure just how we were going to come up with the funds to get a new truck."
 The brand new beautiful, shiny red fire truck was purchased with funding from the 2006 FEMA assistance to Firefighter Grant program. The FEMA funding provided \$228,000, while Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department kicked in a 5% required match for a total purchase price of \$243,024.

The original grant application was completed by Nancy Dunavan, with Chief Childs and the department officers doing the follow-up specification and filings.
 The department worked with Front Range Fire Apparatus of Boulder who is the representative for Pierce Manufacturing, the premier fire truck builder in the country. Members of the department are so happy about their new piece of equipment because Tender 33 is the first new fire truck ever purchased by the GHAVFD, and will greatly enhance their fire-fighting capabilities.
 Tender 33 is a 2008 International chassis, with custom built Pierce dry side tanker. It carries 2,000 gallons of water and has the capability to pump 500 gallons a minute. There are a variety of intake and discharge capabilities on this very versatile truck, they can bring water on board, get it from fire hydrants or by direct drafting out of ponds or streams.
 Tender 33 can be used for a direct attack on fires as well as shuttling water. Chief Childs stated,

"We're still purchasing various equipment for the vehicle, but it is in service and ready to use."
 He also added that not only will Tender 33 be used in the Glen Haven area, it will also be used for mutual aid calls. Childs said, "Tender 33 will benefit surrounding communities and is a great adjunct for the whole area. When Estes Park needs rolling water, the EPVFD can rely on it from us. Also, if there are any fires in the Big Thompson Canyon, we will have water on wheels available. With this new truck, our response time will be faster and with a much more dependable truck."
 Tender 33 is also much more user friendly than its predecessor, it has automatic four wheel drive built in and an automatic snow chains system for those slippery nights on the switchbacks.
 There are currently 22 members of the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department who are being trained on the use of this new truck.

Chief Childs pointed out that this large vehicle just barely fits into fire station and said, "We gave the manufacturer our specs. for the truck, and we approved 9 ft. 9 inches in height, but this truck is 10 ft. 6 inches in height. We have allocated \$5,000 to redo the front door of the station, and that will happen in next month or two. We'll be installing a new 12 foot door."
 Look for Tender 33 in parades, they're planning on having it in the Rooftop Rodeo Parade in July, and the Come Catch the Glow Parade of lights in November.
 If you're interested, feel free to go down and see it, they'd love to show it off. Contact Chief Childs, Assistant Chief Bauming, Captain Gdovicak, Lieutenant Martin or any of the happy Glen Haven firefighters if you'd like a tour!