

Minneapolis Fire Department Interoffice Communication

Date: February 10, 2003
To: Steve Kotke, Director of Property and Equipment Services
From: Rocco Forte', Fire Chief

RE: Apparatus Replacement Program

The Fire Department is requesting Public Works implement the proposed accelerated apparatus replacement program. This program is very important to the ability of the Fire Department to maintain response in the City. This is due to the aging fire apparatus fleet and the changing economic and political environment. Eighteen apparatus of the current fleet is clearly beyond its expected service life. This accelerated replacement will address the 10 oldest of those 18 apparatus.

I have been studying delivery models from other departments including the City of Phoenix and cities in California that have consolidated functions and utilize Quint apparatus as the cornerstone of their delivery service. Quint fire apparatus are not new to the Minneapolis Fire Department as we have had and still have Quints in service. Utilizing Quint apparatus will allow greater efficiency and flexibility for responding to disasters and terrorist attacks, as well as the usual fire and medical emergencies that the City experiences. I have included a description of the types of apparatus and their functions that Minneapolis Fire Department currently utilizes.

The proposed apparatus replacement program maintains the Fire Department's approach to providing efficient fire suppression services to the citizens. Continuing to utilize Quint apparatus for our service delivery will ensure the Department's ability to provide effective and efficient service during disasters, terrorist attacks, and economic instability that now faces the City.