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PRESS RELEASE



Maitland Fire Rescue Department To "Push In" Tower 47 Into Service with a Ceremony

Ceremony Begins Today at 3:00 p.m. at Station 47 (at 1847 Fennel Street)

Maitland, Fla. - Maitland Fire Rescue Department will host a ceremonial "push-in" of Tower 47, a new aerial platform apparatus truck, to officially commemorate the vehicle going into service. Today's 3:00 p.m. ceremony will be held at Station 47 at 1847 Fennel Street.

Tower 47 will significantly enhance the level of service to the citizens, businesses, and visitors of the City of Maitland. Tower 47 has been designed with advanced features specifically designed to keep our firefighters safe, including a navigation camera system, a seatbelt notification system, and advanced lighting systems to increase visibility.

Under the direction of Fire Chief Kimberly Neisler and support from the Maitland City Council, the department designed Tower 47 to meet the constantly changing demands of the fire service. The state-of-the-art fire truck is 45-feet long and is equipped with an aerial platform bucket that can extend 95 feet in the air. Maitland firefighters have been vigorously training on the various operations of this new truck in an effort to ensure their readiness with the new apparatus. It will be housed at Station 47, which is located on Keller Road in West Maitland.

A "push-in" ceremony is a tradition that stems from the very early days of the fire service when fire departments used hand-drawn and horse-drawn equipment. Since horses could not easily push equipment into the stations after returning from fire calls, firefighters had to back in the gear by pushing it into the bays. In

the modern era, vehicles are ceremoniously pushed into fire station bays upon going into service for the first time to pay homage to the traditions and duties of those early firefighters.

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