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## **MEDIA ALERT:**

## CITY OF FRANKLIN SIGNS CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FIRE TRUCKS FOR THE FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

On December 17, the City of Franklin signed an agreement to purchase two new fire apparatuses for Franklin Firehouse 1 at a cost of \$3.2 million. The ladder truck and fire engine will be built by Wisconsin-based Pierce Manufacturing, a subsidiary of Oshkosh Corporation.

Delivery of the two trucks will take approximately three years, and will not only carry firefighting tools, but will also be fully equipped to provide advanced life support (ALS) paramedic care. "If our ambulances are out on calls and an additional emergency arises, having all of the paramedic equipment on board will certainly save lives," said Fire Chief James Mayer. "With Pierce Manufacturing being a local manufacturer, we will save time and money on any future maintenance and support for the new vehicles."

The City of Franklin Fire Department currently operates three fire engines (pumpers) and one aerial ladder truck from three fire stations. With an expected service life of 20 years, the aerial ladder and fire engine are both past due for replacement.

"This purchase will not only put us back on track to replace the vehicles in a timely manner, but due to the multi-role capability of the new aerial ladder, the city will save over \$1 million in 2027 budget," said Mayor John Nelson.