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Subject: 1979 Ford F750 Fire Truck

TO: THE PENDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RE: REPLACEMENT OF 1979 FIRE TRUCK (PUMPER/TANKER)

In 1979 the Rocky Point Vol. Fire Dept. purchased a fire truck (pumper/tanker) with pumping capacity of 450 gallons per minute and a 1200 gallon tank capacity. This truck was our most valuable truck and was used at every fire and emergency call until 1996. Time and answered calls have taken a toll on this truck and we have found it is no longer dependable. The body and the pump are still in good working order but the motor, drive train and steering are in need of major repair.

We have contacted some local truck dealers concerning a chassis to mount our old body and pump on and are considering this as a method of updating our present equipment and also save money. A new fire truck similar to this 1979 pumper/tanker would cost approximately \$200,000 or more. The price quoted on a chassis from local dealers with our body and pump installed is approximately \$80,000.

We have contacted lending institutions concerning the loan rate for such a purpose and have been quoted an interest rate of 4.2% at our local bank. The Rocky Point Vol. Fire Dept. feels that this purchase would bring all of our major fire fighting equipment up to date and would make our fire fighting capabilities complete.

We would like to borrow the money needed and pay the loan off in 5 years or sooner. The approximate payment would be \$15,000.00 per year.

With the potential growth in the Rocky Point area the Rocky Point Vol. Fire Dept. needs to stay ahead of this growth pattern. We do not want to play catch up in years to come.

We are asking the Pender County Commissioners to give their "blessings" to the Rocky Point Vol. Fire Dept. in the purchase of this chassis.

Thurman Casey
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Rocky Point Volunteer Fire Department

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