



Long Creek Grady Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

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Mrs. Lori Brill
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Mrs. Brill,

I am writing you this letter in regards to replacing two pieces of fire apparatus at Long Creek Grady VFD. The two trucks we are replacing are a 1973 Howe Engine with a 750-gallon per minute pump, and with a 750-gallon tank capacity, and a 1980 Chevrolet Steel craft Pumper/Tanker with a 300-gallon per minute pump with a 1200-gallon tank capacity. We are replacing the engine with a 2006 International Commercial Pumper that has a 1250-gallon per minute pump with a 1000 gallon tank capacity, and we are replacing the pumper/tanker with a 2007 International Commercial Pumper/Tanker that has a 1250 gallon per minute pump with a 1800 gallon tank capacity.

Both of these trucks are classified as "demos" which simply means stock trucks that are readily available. The engine will be available by the first of June with an expected delivery date sometime between July and August. The pumper/tanker is currently going through production and is expected to be ready by January 2008 with an expected delivery between February and March. Both of these trucks are made by Rosenbauer, which is sold by C.W. Williams out of Rocky Mount, NC. The total price for both trucks will be \$398,886.00. This though will completely update our fleet at Long Creek Grady VFD for years to come, and also provide the required needed fire flow within the Long Creek Grady VFD fire district.

As I stated above the total price will be \$398,886.00 for both trucks. These two trucks will be consolidated into one payment a year at \$40,000 per year for a 15 year period with the option to payoff early at anytime through United Financial. Our first payment will not be due until next budget year 2008-2009. Currently we have in our budget for the upcoming budget year 2007-2008 to payoff our current truck a year and half early. When that is complete, this new payment could place our fire department slightly above the 25% debt ratio, currently we are estimating our debt ratio with these two new trucks will be between 27-30%

With our fire department slightly going above the debt ratio, we are asking for the Pender County Commissioner's blessings in this matter and if necessary the approval to go above the debt ratio. With the current and potential growth coming to the Long Creek Grady community, the fire department needs to purchase these two trucks to stay ahead of the this growth pattern and provide the best fire protection available for the citizens of the Long Creek Grady Community along with the citizens of Pender County. We do not want to play catch up in the years to come. If you have any questions please feel to contact me at the numbers below, and I look forward to a strong working relationship between Pender County and the Long Creek Grady VFD. Thank you for your time in this matter.



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