

City of Bristol Tennessee

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City Receives “Newest” Ambulance

Bristol Tennessee has received its “newest” ambulance. The oldest ambulance in the Fire Department’s fleet was recently sent to Southeastern Vehicles in West Jefferson, North Carolina for a complete refurbishing. This work included removing the “box”, or patient compartment, from the old chassis and renovating the interior prior to remounting it on a brand new chassis. This essentially gives the City a new ambulance, but with a cost savings in the neighborhood of thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars.

The City currently has four ambulances to rotate in a two ambulance front-line service delivery. With the addition of the refurbished vehicle, the city will hopefully be able to extend the life of each of the ambulances to a minimum of eight years. All of the ambulances are identically equipped to provide Advance Life Support emergency medical services to our community. With additional ambulances not only is the city able to extend the life of all the ambulances, but they are there to place in service when one of the ambulances are temporarily out of service for repairs or normal maintenance. “The residents of Bristol provide state of the art emergency equipment to the Fire Department which empowers our firefighters the means to efficiently achieve our goal-oriented and customer-focused services delivery,” said Bob Barnes, Bristol’s Fire Chief. “Each year the city responds to over 4,000 EMS calls, so it is imperative to have fully equipped, road worthy ambulances in our fleet,” Barnes continued.

The fire department currently has 26 different pieces of fire-fighting equipment and emergency services vehicles.

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