

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## Bristol Receives New Fire Truck

The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department recently received its newest fire engine, a combination pumper/ladder unit manufactured by Four Guys, Inc. of Meyersdale, PA.



Mounted on a Spartan Gladiator chassis, the new apparatus meets all criteria set forth by **NFPA 1901, Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus**, and is equipped with a 60' aerial device, a pump with a rated water delivery capacity of 1,500 gallons per minute, and a stainless steel tank carrying a static water reserve of 660 gallons. Bristol's purchase of an aerial equipped fire apparatus fulfills grading components stipulated in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule used by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), an independent agency that rates the fire suppression capabilities of cities and fire districts throughout the world.

Fire Chief Bob Barnes noted that Bristol's City Council approved the purchase during the February 2011 meeting after city staff had completed a lengthy, formal bidding process. Barnes added that, "The willingness of city management and City Council to provide top-flight equipment and tools for our firefighter's use is a testimony to their commitment to the safety of our community; their commitment is of immeasurable value to Bristol's citizens."

A committee headed by Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, Mike Carrier, prepared unique specifications to coincide with Bristol's needs, assisted with reviewing all submitted proposals, and presented recommendations based upon price, proposal accuracy, adherence to specifications, quality of product, and manufacturers' reputation. Bristol took possession of the new apparatus in March of 2012 and is expected to place the unit into service during the latter part of May at Fire Station 3 on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

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