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Waco Fire Receives a New Aerial Ladder Engine *“Push-in Ceremony”*

WACO, TEXAS (August 8, 2022) – The Waco Fire Department is receiving a new Aerial Ladder Engine. The new fire engine is a 105’ aerial ladder truck that replaces a 75’ long ladder, gaining 30’ additional reach. The new ladder truck is equipped with improved emergency warning lights and sirens, 400 gallons of water, a pump, 85’ of ground ladders, and a full complement of hoses to support firefighting.

We invite community members to help the firefighters push-in the new fire truck in a brief ceremony.

- Fire Station 2 (2625 Park Lake Dr.) on Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m.

About the Traditional Fire Service “Push-In Ceremony”

The Push-In Ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the late 1800s when fire departments used hand-drawn pumpers and horse-drawn equipment. After a fire call, the horses could not quickly back the equipment into the station after returning to the station. So, they were disconnected from the fire equipment, and firefighters would push the equipment back into the bays themselves. This practice has continued as a way to dedicate new apparatus when placed in service.

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