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PRESS RELEASE

KME Awarded Contracts for Pumpers, TDA's and Tender by Los Angeles County

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Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania— KME Fire Apparatus has recently received awards for 15 pumpers, 4 tractor drawn aerials and a tender by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. This award adds 20 additional KME's to the LACoFD fleet.

“Los Angeles County and KME have a long working history dating back to 1988. We are excited to be able to continue to provide custom fire apparatus that helps satisfy the wide range of demands placed upon the fire service,” said John J. Kovatch III, CEO of KME Fire Apparatus. “In addition, the tag-on opportunities with this purchase will also allow numerous other fire departments access to a customized model that has unrivaled parts and technical support available to it.”

The custom apparatus will be built on the KME Predator Severe Service chassis, recognized as the best overall cab for high volume use and severe conditions. Both types of chassis include a 425hp (pumper) and 500hp (TDA) engine, engine brake and driveline retarder, and rear air suspension. In addition, they include a high performance air conditioning system, unrivaled visibility and a robust interior all designed to meet the demands of high call volume departments. Pumper features include a 175” wheelbase, 1500gpm pump, PTO booster pump for pump and roll, Class A foam system, dual booster reels, and 500 gal water/25 gal foam stainless steel tanks. The TDA features a 100’ KME AerialCat steel ladder, 55’-9” overall length, 164” wheelbase, 1500 gpm pump, and 350 gal stainless steel water tank. The tender will be on a commercial chassis and will be an elliptical type with a 2500 gallon water tank and 500 gpm pump.

The units were sold through KME's Factory Sales and Service Center located in Ontario, California offering a full range of sales and support including parts, training, testing, maintenance, and repair services. Deliveries will begin to take place in mid-2010.



KME Severe Service Engine for LACoFD, 2005



KME Severe Service Tractor Drawn AerialCat for LACoFD, 2005

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