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***Washington Township Fire Department Takes Delivery of Quint***

Dublin, OH – On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Washington Township Fire Department took delivery of a new fire truck called a Quint. The vehicle earned its name because it has equipment for five fire fighting functions: pumping, water delivery (hoses), water tanker (on board water supply), aerial ladder (75'), and ground ladders.

The Quint will be placed into service at Station 93, 5825 Brand Road. The decision to purchase this vehicle is in alignment with the Fire Department's management philosophy to utilize multi-function vehicles in its fleet. "Multi-function vehicles help broaden the scope of capabilities we have to address emergencies as quickly as possible anywhere in our service territory," said Chief Allan Woo.

With the addition of the Quint at Station 93, the department will have ladder capabilities within close proximity to the Township's northern most district boundary, an area whose population has increased dramatically over the past several years.

The Quint may also serve as a back up for the Department's larger, 100-foot aerial ladder truck when that vehicle requires maintenance. The aerial ladder is dispatched from Station 91, 6255 Shier Rings Road.

In order to purchase the Quint, the Department sold a reserve engine, traded in an reserve aerial ladder and utilized the funding earmarked for it's refurbishment for the balance of the purchase price, \$629,789.00. The vehicle was purchased from Sutphen Fire Apparatus, located in Dublin, Ohio.

The engine at Station 93 that the Quint replaces will be renumbered and moved to Station 95 (5750 Blazer Parkway) where it will replace the oldest active vehicle in our fleet.

These changes will all take place in late March and April to allow for the training of the fire fighters and placement of new and existing equipment. Unless there are unforeseen needs, this purchase concludes the last major apparatus purchase earmarked from the most recent fire levy.