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Media Advisory

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Weymouth to unveil new fire engine for WFD fleet

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Weymouth, MA – Mayor Robert Hedlund will join Fire Chief Keith Stark and members of the Weymouth Fire Department to unveil a new \$650,000 fire engine on Wednesday, December 20th. The new pumper will be stationed at Fire Station 1, located at 195 North Street, replacing a 2003 model that will be placed in reserve.

WHO: Mayor Robert Hedlund
Fire Chief Keith Stark

WHEN: Wednesday, December 20th, 2017, 11:00 am

WHERE: Weymouth Town Hall, Rear Parking Lot
75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA 02189
Lot parking available onsite

The new engine is a 2017 Pierce Enforcer™, equipped with a 750-gallon water tank and a pumping capacity of 1,500 gallons per minute. The purchase was financed with \$650,000 in Free Cash, appropriated by Mayor Hedlund and the Town Council in June of 2016. The new vehicle will replace a 2003 model, which will be placed in reserve and provide the Department with a spare pumper, fully-equipped and ready for service when needed. The new engine will further allow the Department to fully retire and dispose of a 1986 Mack engine, which currently exceeds the National Fire Protection Association's standard age for a spare apparatus by 11 years.

In 2016, when Mayor Hedlund took office, the average age of the Fire Department's front-line fleet was eight years, and the average age of its reserve fleet was more 21 years. With the acquisition of this new fire engine, the average age is now slightly more than three years for front-line engines and 16 years for those in reserve.

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