

1981 MACK RESCUE – PUMPER



The 1981 Mack Pumper – Rescue was donated to the D.H.& L. Fire Co. by the Freedom Fire and Rescue Company, Hatboro, PA. It arrived early on Thursday, July 10, 2003 and was hastily placed in service that same day, replacing the 1976 Rescue, which suffered engine failure. It responded to its first call within hours of its arrival.

The Mack chassis carries a 7-man cab and is powered by a MC 487 F10, 6-cylinder diesel engine and automatic transmission. It carries 550 gallons of water and has a 1,000-gallon per minute Waterous pump. There is a 6-inch front intake as well as intakes on both sides of the vehicle. There are 2 ½" discharges on the front and rear and both sides of the engine. The vehicle is equipped with an On-Spot chain system and also came with a 300' booster reel, several hundred feet of 1 ¾" and 2 ½" hose. Refurbishing of the vehicle began immediately upon its arrival. The booster reel and all hose were removed. The hose bed dividers were realigned and 800' of 4" supply line was stowed. In addition, 2 – 150' lays of 1 ½" were put in the hose bed and pre-connected to a gated-y off the rear 2 ½" discharge. The remainder of the hose bed was stocked with cribbing, stokes basket and assorted miscellaneous supplies. The pre-connected cross lays and front discharge were changed over to 1 ½" lines. The cross lays are 150' long and the front lay is 100' long. The storage area underneath the hose reel was used to place a 3-tank cascade system and the side of this area was cut out to house the cascade system control panel. A shelf was then built over the tanks to hold a generator and electric cord reels. All rescue equipment and miscellaneous fire fighting equipment was placed into one of the 6 compartments. The rear compartment on each side runs all the way across the vehicle. This compartment can also be

accessed from the tailboard. Hand lights, high and low band radios and sirens were installed in the cab. Scene lighting was installed and will operate off the on board generator.

D.H.& L. became aware of the availability of this piece in an unusual manner. Fire Chief and Company President James N. Anders of the Freedom Fire and Rescue Company, Hatboro, PA contacted the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce about wishing to donate their retired engine to a local fire department. The chamber contacted all local municipalities, including Selinsgrove Boro Manager John Bickhart who in turn contacted D.H.& L. Fire Chief Ken Stettler. Within 38 days, D.H.& L. had its Rescue-Pumper. The 1981 Mack Rescue-Pumper was taken out of service on December 31, 2005 and donated to the Penns Creek Fire Company on January 2, 2006.