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**For immediate release:**

**Bayonne Fire Department Has New 2023 Rescue Pumper**

Mayor Jimmy Davis and Fire Chief Keith Weaver announced that the Bayonne Fire Department has acquired a new 2023 Rescue Pumper. The fire-fighting vehicle was manufactured by Spartan Emergency Response. It replaces a 2005 pumper that wore down during eighteen years of service. Mayor Davis said, "I would like to commend the Bayonne Fire Department for upgrading its vehicle fleet and improving fire protection for the people of our community." Fire Chief Weaver said, "I would like to thank Mayor Davis and the City Council for supporting the acquisition of this important new pumper for the department. It represents a major gain for energy efficiency and 21<sup>st</sup> century technology."

The pumper has been assigned to the Fire Department's Squad 5 at Fire Station 5 on Chosin Few Way. That building is located at the former Military Ocean Terminal.

The new rig has battery-operated Hurst rescue tools and DeWalt power tools. Deputy Fire Chief William Bartos said, "In addition to saving time at the scene, the batter-powered tools save time at the station. They're easy to clean, and, with no hoses to replace or generators to service, they require less maintenance and zero fuel costs, unlike hydraulic tools." Deputy Chief Bartos continued, "Squad 5 also carries water rescue gear, high angle, medical and confined space rescue equipment, along with firefighting equipment."

The new pumper is equipped with a 750-gallon water tank. It has the capacity for six firefighters.

The cost of the new pumper is covered by a lease-purchase agreement that will spread out the cost of \$593,570 over ten years to minimize its impact on the budget.