



Bristol Fire Department

Inter Office Memorandum

To: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
From: Michael DeMello, Fire Chief
cc: File
Date: January 31, 2025
Re: Authorization to Order New Rescue 1, February 26 Council Meeting

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The current Rescue 1, a 2016 International, has served the department well having 223,520 miles and 12,184 engine hours at the time of this memorandum. The addition of a fourth ambulance to the fleet has enabled the department to extend the service time of each ambulance vehicle from 8-9 years to nearly 11-13 years, as well as handle increased call volume for EMS related responses reducing the need for mutual aid resources.

The current projected delivery time for a new ambulance vehicle is at least 2.5 years at a projected cost of \$550,000. Most of the equipment on the existing vehicle would be transferred to the new vehicle, therefore no additional equipment cost is expected.

Delivery of a new Rescue 1 would not be expected until after July 1, 2027, therefore funds would not need to be appropriated until after that date, apart from pre-payment of the chassis to avoid any storage fees and obtain any available discounts, estimated at \$125,000 sometime in the later part of 2026.

Ordering the vehicle now not only places the vehicle into the production schedule, but it also contracts current pricing, which will likely continue to increase year over year.

If you are in concurrence, I request this item to be placed on February 26, 2025, Town Council agenda for the purpose of authorizing the order of a new Rescue 1 ambulance vehicle for delivery on or after July 1, 2027.

CONCUR
Steven Contente
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Town Administrator