



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

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## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

**From:** Meridian Fire **Meeting Date:** June 12, 2022  
**Presenter:** Division Chief Winkler/ Chief Blume **Estimated Time:** 5-7 Minutes  
**Topic:** Fire Dept. - Ladder Truck Budget Amendment

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### Recommended Council Action:

We are requesting a budget amendment for the purchase of a ladder truck. This truck is currently in the FY23 budget requests, and it has come to our attention regarding potential price increases, and we are trying to avoid \$68,000 in price increases by ordering the truck sooner.

### Background:

Ladder Trucks are a primary front line resource for a Fire Department. They are a primary specialized resource and response apparatus for structure fires, technical rescues and extrication in the Meridian Fire Department. Ladder Trucks respond to all fires including, but not limited to... structures and vehicles. They also respond to some EMS calls, all auto accidents, technical type rescue events and Hazardous Materials incidents. They are required to carry a minimum of 4 fire fighters, 170 feet plus of ground ladders and over 230 cubic feet of specialized equipment. Ladder Trucks typical responsibilities are, carrying ladders, forcible entry tools, extrication tools and salvage equipment. They are equipped to perform rescue, extrication, ventilation, overhaul, aerial master streams and other specific functions at fires and other emergency scenes. A new Ladder Truck purchase can be required for new/additional growth or as a replacement when an existing Ladder Truck has reached its life expectancy. Spare Ladder trucks are needed as well. Spare Ladder Trucks serve as backups when front line Ladder Trucks are out of service due to repairs or general maintenance. As the City and Fire Department grow, this could also require the need for a new Ladder Truck purchase.