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News Release

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Four new fire trucks unveiled during news conference
9 a.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2013
Springfield Fire Station #6, 2620 W. Battlefield**



For the first time in more than 35 years, red fire trucks will soon be rolling through the streets of Springfield. The arrival of engines 1, 2, 4 and 9 marks the beginning of a gradual process to replace the yellow fire apparatus currently used by the Springfield Fire Department. Red fire engines are highly anticipated by Springfield Fire Department personnel and the community. In addition to fulfilling the desire for a classic design, they will also have a higher resale value than the yellow engines they are replacing.

The engines each took a year to build and cost roughly \$400,000 a piece. The funding source for these four new fire engines was the City's Level Property Tax revenues. These limited funds are used to fund municipal facilities and equipment, including public safety capital such as fire stations, fire engines, fire trucks, and police cars. This purchase is considered a one-time allocation of these funds, the City has no identified lifecycle funding source for fire engines or fire trucks.

In addition to donning the much anticipated color of red, the new engines will also have additional features to aid in fighting fires. Each engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) that is four times more effective at extinguishing a fire than standard water nozzles. The engines also have green star technology to decrease emissions.

The new engines will make a public debut in Springfield at 9 a.m., Friday, Feb. 15. From the city limits near Battlefield and West Bypass, all four will be driven east on Battlefield Rd toward Fire

Station 6. They will turn south on Clifton Ave. and be parked at Fire Station 6, where a news conference will begin promptly at 9:10am. All media are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Following training with fire service personnel, the engines will be put into service sometime in March.

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