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## **SBCoFD Apparatus Committee Completes Final Inspection on Six New Type I Engines**

This week San Bernardino County Fire Department (SBCoFD) Apparatus Committee members have been at KME's factory in Pennsylvania completing a final inspection on six new Type I Engines. The three Certified Fire Mechanics and three Fire Engineers will be spending all week inspecting each apparatus. The six person team will inspect all aspects of the apparatus, ensuring the rigs are consistent, up to the specification & to ensure each part of the apparatus functions properly.

The 2020 KME engines hold 500 gallons of water, can pump 1500 gallons per minute (GPM) & will contain a full complement of equipment to support our all-risk mission. Each apparatus is also similarly equipped to ensure consistency across the fleet. The SBCoFD Apparatus Committee created the specification of the new units. The committee combines floor personnel, fire mechanic staff and Chief Officers to ensure all aspects of the Department are represented. With each batch of new apparatus, the committee continues to fine tune the rigs for both the end user and mechanic staff. These apparatus sport a shorter front bumper, LED brow light & other small changes.

The six new engines will serve the San Bernardino, Lake Arrowhead, Upland & High Desert areas of San Bernardino County. The apparatus was purchased utilizing a competitive bid process. Once the inspection process is complete, each apparatus will be delivered to the San Bernardino County Fire Department shop where it will be outfitted prior to being placed in service.

*The San Bernardino County Fire Department is an all-risk/full-service fire department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner to the citizens and communities that we serve. Our jurisdiction encompasses 19,278 square miles of extremely diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles County line on the west, to the Colorado River on the east, to the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. We provide services to more than 60 communities/cities and all unincorporated areas of the county.*

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