

Big firetrucks go collectible in a small way

□ Winter Park's new Pierce Quantum pumpers are among the miniatures to be sold next year.

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WINTER PARK — Replicas of some of the country's most unique and modern firetrucks — including Winter Park's Quantum pumpers — are being made on a $\frac{1}{64}$ scale and sold in toy and collectible stores.

Winter Park's Pierce Quantum pumpers, state-of-the-art vehicles, are among the trucks selected by Code 3 Collectibles of Woodland Hills, Calif., to be reproduced.

When the city ordered the Pierce Quantum last year, it was only one of two fire departments to have the new trucks.

Fire Chief Dennis Sargent said having the department's trucks replicated for collectibles "is quite an honor."

He joked that when the miniature trucks are ready for sale, which is expected to be some time late next year, the department chiefs will have trucks to maneuver during their tabletop tactical exercises.



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Little truck, big honor. Winter Park Fire Chief Dennis Sargent holds a small replica of the

red, white and gold pumpers his department purchased last year.

Replica is sold with logo, chief's name

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The collectibles — only 25,000 of each truck is made — come with the department's logo and a little bit of history, as well as the fire chief's name.

Other department trucks to be reproduced are Los Angeles, Houston, Philadelphia, New York and Honolulu, said Dannielle Moore, assistant director of marketing for Code 3.

Los Angeles trucks were the first to roll out because "the public wanted them. For some reason

Los Angeles is popular. Part of it might be their airport engine that is lime green," Moore said.

Big-city fire apparatus are popular anyway, she said, adding that probably is because various pieces of equipment often are seen in television shows and movies.

Winter Park's trucks were desirable because of the paint scheme — red and white with gold lettering — and the fact that they are Pierce Quantums, Moore said.

The replicas will be sold for \$20 at such places as Toys R Us and Kaybee stores.