

Winter Park Fire Department Fleet Improved

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In order to allow better public safety service to the residents of Winter Park, the city added two new vehicles to the Winter Park Fire Department's fleet.

Engine 61 was placed into service on Dec. 20, and was the first new fire apparatus placed into service since 1989. The truck contains standard fire-fighting equipment, but also carries an aerial ladder capable of raising firefighters 75 feet into the air to battle blazes.

Winter Park residents might have seen Engine 61 in the city's

Christmas Parade as the mayor and city commissioners rode by on it.

The city also added a new rescue truck to be used at the Lyman Avenue Fire Station. The new rescue unit contains a "jaws of life" machine that will allow firefighters to extract victims of accidents.

City Manager Tony Barrett said: "I am very pleased that the city has been able to add this new equipment to our fleet. I know that residents will be glad that these new public safety vehicles are available to answer their emergency calls."

Barrett invites Winter Park residents to call him at 623-3235 or visit his office at City Hall if they would like to see the new equipment or if they have any questions.