



# WILKESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## WILKESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW FIRE TRUCKS

The Town of Wilkesboro Fire Department took delivery of a new fire truck on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The truck is a new "Rescue-Pumper". The truck was purchased from Commonwealth Fire Equipment of Winchester, V.A. and built by 4 Guys Fire, Inc., of Myersdale, P.A. at a cost of \$527,080.

The truck is built on a 2016 Spartan Gladiator chassis, four door cab with seating for 6 firefighters, powered by a Cummins 450 horsepower diesel engine with an Allison Automatic Transmission. Other features include a 600 gallon water tank capacity, 1,500 GPM Hale fire pump, 160,000 lumens of LED 12 volt lighting around the truck, a portable 9,000 lb. rated winch with six receivers around the truck, and 400 cubic feet of storage space. The truck is constructed using stainless steel and aluminum with heavy duty chassis components.

In 2015, a committee was put together and tasked with designing a new fire truck with objectives being a cost-effective, simple design that is easy to maintain. The committee looked at the types of calls the department responded to and the terrain of the town. A truck was designed that should be easy to maintain, has great firefighting capabilities, and has a large amount of storage space for both firefighting and rescue equipment with room to grow in the future.

Designated as Engine 2201, this new fire truck will go into service around the first part of March upon completion of mandatory training by staff. The new truck replaces the old Ladder 2204 that has been in service since 1978.