

Rescue 1384

In the fall of 2016 the decision was made to replace Rescue 1383 (2003 Ford Expedition) with an apparatus with water carrying capabilities so, the search was on. Woodville Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) located a 2008 Ford F-550 Super Duty 4 X 4 cab chassis in Georgia. The vehicle had relatively low miles on the diesel engine, so we purchased it.

Custom building an apparatus is a time-consuming process that began with finding a bed for our truck. The black part of the bed was purchased from All Pro Trailer Sales in Jacksonville Florida. The diamond plate boxes were custom built by Kelly Sheet Metal Inc. in Tallahassee, Florida. To save money the emergency lighting, siren and radio equipment was transferred from Rescue 1383 by Williams Communications also in Tallahassee, Florida. The graphics for Rescue 1384 were designed by our own Lieutenant Tom Mihalich. Ad Signs in Crawfordville, Florida turned Tom's vision into what you see on the truck. The slide in pump unit was purchased from Danco Fire Apparatus and shipped to us. We installed it to complete the truck. Oh, the front license plate was designed and made by our own Holly Mihalich.

From start to finish it took approximately (18) eighteen months to locate the cab chassis, and have the bed, boxes and skid unit installed. During this time our Rockstar Board Treasurer, Dana Jones acquired financing and wrote two successful grants to pay for what you see in the pictures.

The pride and joy of our Fire Chief, Rescue 1384 carries 300 gallons of water. The Danco pump is powered by a 20-horse power Honda engine. The truck is equipped with 100 feet of 1-inch booster line on the power reel for use on trash, grass and wildland fires. Also, 150 feet of 1.25-inch fire hose is pre-connected for vehicle and structure fires. As a rescue unit 1384 also has a Medical Kit, Oxygen and an AED. Additional equipment includes a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with a spare tank, Extrication Equipment (Jaws), windshield saw, high lift jack, automatic and wooden cribbing, chainsaw, forcible entry tools, a 75 feet long water rescue throw rope, a Landing Zone strobe kit and traffic control equipment.