

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CHAIRES-CAPITOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW TANKER FUNDED THROUGH FEDERAL GRANT**

Tallahassee, FL – The Chaires-Capitola Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a new fire truck in March, 2003. The 2002 Kenworth tanker, capable of carrying up to 2000 gallons of water, was funded through the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity for the United States Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery across the United States. Over 5,000 departments will receive \$360 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase, and prevention programs in 2002.

Deep South Truck and Equipment Sales, in Seminary, Mississippi, manufactured the truck. The unit features:

- 2,000 gallon water tank.
- 500 gallons per minute, high volume, Hale pump, with four discharges.
- Crew capacity for three.
- Both rear and side rapid discharge chutes.
- Two pre-connected, 150 foot 1 ¾" hose lines
- 200 foot 1" booster reel hose.
- Two 2 ½" intakes, one 4" intake.
- Standard ladder and tool inventory.

“We are excited to have this new tanker available to serve our neighbors,” said Chief Robert Robertson. “It will assist us in bringing large amounts of water to the scene of a fire quickly, especially in those areas not protected by fire hydrants.”

The Chaires-Capitola Volunteer Fire Department provides fire, rescue, and first-responder medical services to 72 square miles and approximately 8,000 residences of eastern unincorporated Leon County. The volunteer fire department is primarily funded through the generosity of its residents, who are solicited through an annual direct mail campaign, currently in progress. The department receives additional limited support through a variety of grant programs. The volunteers work in conjunction with the Tallahassee Fire Department, which is contracted by Leon County government to provide fire services countywide.

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