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**Portsmouth Orders Five New Fire Apparatus**

The City of Portsmouth announces the award of an apparatus contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions. The contract for four (4) Pierce PUC Fire Engines and one (1) Pierce PUC 100' Rear Mount Steel Aerial Platform, all on custom Arrow XT chassis, was finalized on November 16, 2010. The contract utilized HGACBuy, a nationwide, government procurement vehicle.

"Atlantic Emergency Solutions is proud to partner with Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services as they strive to bring the latest in innovation to their fleet of apparatus. We embrace the opportunity to provide the City of Portsmouth with solutions that focus on safety, performance and reliability to meet the needs of their community," said Joe Pack, President & CEO.

All five units feature TAK-4 Independent Front Suspension, Side Roll Protection, Frontal Impact Protection, PUC pumps and the new environmentally friendly 2010 Detroit DD-13 engine which is exclusive to Pierce Manufacturing. The DD-13 engine utilizes SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) Technology that has been used in Europe since 2006 and has had over 10 million miles of validation testing in North America. SCR Technology not only meets and exceeds the new EPA emissions standards, but it has also proven to be an economical solution. There has never been an emissions solution that improves fuel economy until now. Testing shows that SCR Technology provides 3% better fuel economy over a comparable EPA07 engine and at least 5% better fuel economy than a comparable EPA 2010 "EGR only" engine.

"Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services is looking forward to the addition of these five units to our fleet," said Fire Chief Don J. Horton. "The new technologies introduced by Pierce in the Arrow XT units will make these units safer and more economical to operate while reducing adverse environmental impacts on our beautiful city and improving service delivery to our citizens."

Atlantic Emergency Solutions serves the states of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, specializing in fire and rescue apparatus and equipment sales, service and training.

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