

NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE AUCKLAND FIRE REGION



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TO: All Staff
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SUBJECT: New Technical Rescue Tender commissioned at Papatoetoe

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The new Technical Rescue Tender (TRT), Papatoetoe 348, was commissioned on 8 June.

This Dennis Sabre appliance replaces the old International Heavy Rescue Tender, and carries a range of specialist heavy and technical rescue equipment. It also carries a range of hazmat and decontamination equipment.

It is designed to cater for incidents beyond the capability of a standard Pump/Rescue Tender and will also support USAR activities.

Officers should call for the TRT whenever they consider they require support for a heavy or complicated rescue. The TRT is cross-manned with the Papatoetoe aerial appliance by a four-person crew.

Officers should familiarise themselves with the equipment carried on the TRT so they are aware of its capabilities. It will be displayed at Regional events over the next few months, but stations are also invited to contact Papatoetoe station to arrange a visit.

Attachments

Photos of Technical Rescue Tender

End of Notice.

Fire & Rescue Magazine excerpt.

Manukau Chief Fire Officer Larry Cocker says the technical rescue tender was developed from an earlier model heavy rescue tender which was used as a template. The cab and chassis were a former demonstrator vehicle bought secondhand from Australia. The body out of the vehicle was specially designed and the fit out was done by Fire Service staff at Otara Station and a supplier.

The truck is geared up for truck accidents, rail incidents, technical rescues, house collapses and any event that involves heavy machinery. Equipment carried on the vehicle includes heavy hydraulic rescue tools, cutting gear, raised access platforms for truck cab extrications, decontamination gear, a small amount of USAR gear, plus a large supply of cribbing.

The design of the vehicle includes a large canopy over the near side lockers, a lifting full door on the rear locker and locker access platforms around all lockers.

The appliance is available for not only the Auckland region but Northland and the Waikato if needed.

The vehicle is based at the Papatoetoe Station, because of access to the motorway network and proximity to areas that are particularly prone to truck accidents.