

Atchison's New Fire Truck Comes To The Rescue

(KAIR)--Atchison residents will be seeing bright red in the form of a new fire truck in the coming years.

The Atchison City Commission has approved funding for the new aerial truck, which is expected to run about \$900,00.

City Manager Trey Cocking says it will have capabilities that will make fighting fires much easier and much safer, including a one hundred foot ladder which will enable fire fighters to make rescues at a much larger height as well as to get them above a fire to suppress it much more efficiently.

The new truck will be a vast improvement over the fire truck the city currently uses which has been in use since 1980 and will be nearly thirty five years old by the time the new truck is put into use. Cocking says this is due to the long process that goes into this kind of major purchase.

Approving the funding was only the first step. The city will now solicit bids before moving on to selecting one of those bids. The new truck is expected to start fighting fires in the city sometime in 2015.

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