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New Ambulance at Station 41

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On May 03, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) placed a new 2022 Ford F-450 Braun Northwest, Inc. Type I 4x4 ambulance in-service at Station 41 in Basalt. It replaced a 2012 Ford F-450 Lifeline Type I 4x4 ambulance. Impact fees received with new residential or commercial construction, or from major remodels within the Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District (BRFPD), paid for the \$296,065.53 purchase price. The purchase price included a power cot and load system. BRFPD spans 492-square-miles and comprises a majority of RFFRA's coverage area.

The new ambulance contains essential safety features, benefiting patients and the EMS providers caring for those patients. Forward-facing attendant seats at streetside and curbside can rotate at 45 and 90-degree angles, allowing EMS providers to care for patients while seated and secured in a four-point restraint. Essential equipment and supplies are within reach of the EMS providers while seated and secured within brackets, cabinets or drawers so they don't become projectiles that can strike patients or EMS providers.

Design enhancements also provide for a more enjoyable experience. Liquid springs, using a proprietary compressible fluid as the spring mechanism provide the optimal ride and handling for patients and EMS providers. A built-in ultraviolet-C (UVC) light infection control system for air and surface disinfection can be used before the ambulance returns to service. Several other design enhancements were part of this new ambulance design and build.

Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority has placed the 2012 Ford F-450 Lifeline Type I 4x4 ambulance in reserve status for repair and important preventive maintenance. Due to ongoing supply chain challenges and an unknown delivery timeframe for an ambulance order placed in November 2022, RFFRA will maintain the ambulance in a reserve status for the foreseeable future.

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