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The City of South San Francisco

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**The City of South San Francisco's Fire
Department Unveils New State-of-the-Art "Quint"
and Rescue Ambulance**

City celebrates with official "hose uncoupling" ceremony



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 16, 2017 - The South San Francisco City Council is used to doing a ribbon-cutting here and there, but yesterday, they experienced a more unusual way to unveil a new 103-foot Aerial "Quint" Fire Truck and a new paramedic rescue ambulance to the City by participating in a "hose uncoupling" ceremony.

"With the support of our City Council and City Manager, this Quintuple, referred to as a Quint, apparatus was purchased to replace the aging reserve quint and to enhance our ability to respond to the changing needs of our City," said [Fire Chief Gerry Kohlmann](#).



A Quint is designed to function with features of both a fire engine and an aerial ladder truck. This requires it to meet the basic needs of an aerial ladder truck, while also supplying fire hose, a water tank, and a pump. It is also outfitted with advanced communication technology to provide vital information to firefighters as they respond to incidents throughout South San Francisco.

"The piece of apparatus replaced by the new quint was one of the two vehicles that were purchased to convert the deployment from a dedicated ladder truck to utilizing quint apparatus back in 1996. The ladder of the new quint is 103 feet tall, which is 30 percent longer than the one it replaced," added Chief Kohlmann.

In addition, the fire department also unveiled a new paramedic rescue ambulance, which provides two functions: emergency medical transportation and fire suppression, as it stores equipment fire service personnel can use to perform effectively on fire scenes.



"This new ambulance continues to allow our fire department to function as the only fire agency in San Mateo County to own and operate its own ambulances, allowing us to dedicate this type of vital resource for our citizens," said [City Manager Mike Futrell](#). "That makes our City unique."

Chief Kohlmann said that in 2016, the South San Francisco Fire Department responded to 6,723 calls; of those calls, 70 percent of them were Emergency Medical Service calls, so "these acquisitions were definitely needed in this City in order for us to continue to improve emergency response for our residential and business communities, our neighbors and visitors."

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