

Fire Department's New Tanker Truck

The Springfield Township Fire Department recently replaced a 1989 fire tanker truck with a new tanker truck in 2016. The 1989 tanker truck was a commercial International chassis carrying 2,000 gallons of water tank, and could only pump 500 gallons per minute. The 1989 tanker truck served the residents proudly for the past 27 years, but the age of the truck, the limitation of the 500 gallon per-minute pump, and no space to carry firefighting tools, all contributed to the need to replace the tanker truck with a more modern and usable fire tanker truck.

The new tanker truck was built by Columbus, Ohio based Sutphen (Sut-fen) Corporation, and operates like the fire pumper truck purchased in 2014. The tanker truck will seat four firefighters, carries 2,000 gallons of water, can pump 1,500 gallons of water per minute, and will carry firefighting tools and equipment.

The money to buy the new tanker truck came from a 15-year lease purchase program through Leasing 2, of Tampa Florida. The township chose Leasing 2 after considering services through local lending agencies because of the 15-year payment plan. The extended payment enables the fire department to make an annual payment of \$33,000 from the fire department operating budget, and not the townships general fund.

