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MEDIA ADVISORY

EPFD TO HOST CEREMONIES WELCOMING FOUR NEW REPLACEMENT UNITS TO THE DEPARTMENT FLEET

EL PASO, TEXAS - The El Paso Fire Department is proud to announce that the department's newest units are ready to join the fleet. These new units will replace Pumper 7, Pumper 9, Rescue 18 and Rescue 23. Separate "Wetdown" ceremonies will be held to welcome the new apparatuses; and the community is invited to participate in the ceremonies.

The ceremony is a fire department tradition across the country in which new units are sprayed down, hand dried, and then pushed into the station. The tradition dates back to the late 1800's when departments used horses to pull fire trucks to fires. After fighting the fire, the crews would then wash and ready the horses and apparatus in preparation for the next call.

During the ceremony, the Fire Prevention Division will be on-site to share fire prevention tips with citizens and signing up households for the Department's popular free smoke alarm program. Additionally, free Animal Services adoption coupons and Firefighters and Their Furry Friends 2020 calendars will be given out to the first 10 attendees of each "Wetdown" ceremony. The ceremony dates, times and locations are listed below.

Pumper 9 Wetdown Ceremony - January 31 at 4:00 PM – 47 Dallas St. El Paso, TX 79901

Rescue 23 Wetdown Ceremony - February 1 at 10:00 AM – 5315 Threadgill Ave. El Paso, TX 79924

Rescue 18 Wetdown Ceremony - February 14 at 4:00 PM – 7901 San Jose Rd. El Paso, TX 79915

Pumper 7 Wetdown Ceremony - February 15 at 10:00 AM – 3200 Pershing Dr. El Paso, TX 79903

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