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“Norfolk Fire Truck Donated to Hadar”

Engine 4 isn't being put out to pasture but it may be getting less use at its new home. Recently the Norfolk Fire Division donated (sold for \$1.00) a rural pumper truck to the Hadar Rural Fire Protection District for use by the Hadar Volunteer Fire Department. The nearly 25-year-old truck has many fires under its belt and Norfolk Fire Chief Scott Cordes said it was time to upgrade and purchase a newer more modern piece of firefighting apparatus.

“Historically, there is little trade-in or re-sale value for a 25-year-old truck. Also, the desire to keep the unit close by so that it could possibly be utilized by one of our mutual aid partners seemed like the right thing to do,” Cordes said.



The Norfolk Rural Fire Board had originally purchased the truck and given it to the Norfolk Fire Division for use as part of a 12 year contract between the two entities. The Norfolk Fire Division covers the 102.5 square miles of the Norfolk Rural Fire District in addition to the area within the Norfolk city limits.

In the fall of 2012 the Norfolk Rural Fire Board authorized Chief Cordes to offer the truck to any of the 17 members of the Elkhorn Valley Mutual Aid Partners. The partners are comprised of many area community fire departments that all agree to help each other, if needed, fight fires that may occur in each of their respective fire districts. The Hadar Volunteer Fire Department, one of those partners, responded that they would take the truck.

“With Hadar being right down the road, a bordering fire district and a great working partner, it just worked out well to offer the truck to them. We have an automatic mutual aid agreement with Hadar so in reality any fire of theirs is ours, and the same in return, so we have a vested interest in helping one another,” Cordes said.

Cordes added that it's interesting that the truck that Hadar will be taking out of service to make room for the newer truck is a 1969 Ford Pumper that also came from Norfolk years ago following an upgrade

to Norfolk's fleet.

“Hadar has an excellent department. They work hard, train hard, and are highly respected as a brother department. To offer this truck to serve as an additional piece of equipment and back up to their primary pumper is truly a win/win situation for both of us. It allows the remaining value of this truck to benefit Hadar, and likewise we understand that this truck could at any time still be offered to Norfolk in a supporting role should and when the call for mutual aid occur,” Cordes said.