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### **SPI Fire Department celebrates new truck with traditional Push-in Ceremony**

**South Padre Island, TX. Oct. 12, 2018:** The City of South Padre Island Fire Department would like to invite the public to a traditional Push-in Ceremony to celebrate the Fire Department's new fire truck. This time-honored tradition is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fire Station, located at [106 W. Retama Street](#).

The ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the late 1800s when hand-drawn pumpers and horse-drawn engines were in use. Upon returning to the station after a call, the truck was unharnessed and the firefighters would push the equipment back into the station themselves.

The new fire truck is a 2019 Ferrara Cinder Custom Pumper. It contains over 2,000 feet of fire hose, has five pre-connect attack lines, a thousand gallon per minute deck gun mounted on top of the engine, carries a thousand gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1,250 gallons of water per minute. The new fire truck was built in Louisiana and cost approximately \$450,000.

"Our fire service is deep in tradition," says Doug Fowler, fire chief. "This is a great community celebration to make memories and support the department."

In addition to the ceremony, the Fire Department will display their newest equipment, provide tours of the fire station and offer free CPR training.

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