

Engine 781 is Now in Service! by Fire Chief Shane Warner



L to R: Asst. Fire Chief Jim Burdick, Fire Chief Shane Warner, Kirk VanderWeide, representing Congressman George Radanovich, GCSD General Manager Jim Goodrich, Supervisor John Gray, GCSD Board President John Graham

HISTORY: The Fire Department submitted a Vehicle Acquisition Grant Request for a Type I Fire Engine through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in March 2008. We were notified on November 28, 2008 that we were successful in receiving the grant in the amount of \$280,190. The Fire Department released bid documents to 11 manufacturing companies for bid proposals. Golden State was awarded the contract and the engine was custom built at the Pierce Manufacturing Plant in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The grant application process is very difficult and time consuming. Groveland Fire Department's personnel spent the last four years researching, attending grant writing seminars, and networking with other fire departments to hone our grant writing skills. But as you can see, Fire Chief Warner's, Assistant Chief Jim Burdick's, and the Fire Department Staff's diligence paid off this year.

RETIRING: A condition of the grant was that the Department retire Engine 782. The narrative written for the grant explained in detail why the 1971 American LeFrance Engine needed to be taken out of service. It is in disrepair, does not meet several important Nation Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety standards, and has a leaking water tank.



The New Engine 781 safely carries six firefighters. The cab over design and shorter wheel base is designed especially for our area. The self-contained breathing apparatus is mounted in the seats saving call response time. The new engine has a 785 gallon water tank, can also deliver foam, and pumps at 1250 gallons per minute. Engine 781 will improve the safety of the firefighters and the community that relies on it for service and protection.

If you ask our firefighters they will say that Engine 781 is set-up perfectly for everyday firefighting. It has a state of the art pump and components, Jake brake, headsets, auxiliary pump, and many more items that make it an outstanding addition to our fleet.