

Push in Ceremony

Good morning everyone,

It is an honor to stand before you today as we celebrate this special occasion for our department and our community. Today, we gather not only to welcome a new fire engine but also to carry on a tradition that connects us to generations of firefighters before us—the push-in ceremony.

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to Mayor Debbie Winn and the City Council. Their dedication and commitment to the safety of our community have made this possible. We know that decisions about public safety investments are never taken lightly, and we sincerely appreciate their leadership and support.

The push-in ceremony dates back to the 1800s, when firefighters would manually push their horse-drawn fire carts into the station after a call. While we may no longer rely on horses, this tradition continues as a reminder of our teamwork, dedication, and responsibility to the citizens we serve.

Today, we welcome a state-of-the-art 2025 Pierce Quantum Engine into service. This fire engine is built to meet the growing needs of our department and the community. It can carry 750 gallons of water, pump 2,000 gallons per minute, and is fully equipped with the latest rescue and firefighting tools. But even with all this technology, the heart of this department remains the firefighters who will operate it. This engine is only as strong as the people behind it, and I can confidently say that our firefighters are among the best.

As we push this truck into its new home, we reaffirm our promise to always answer the call, to serve with courage, and to protect this community with everything we have. This is not just a piece of equipment—it's a symbol of our commitment to Tooele.

Thank you to everyone who has made this day possible. Your support fuels our dedication, and we are proud to serve you. Now, let's carry on this tradition together and officially welcome our newest engine home.

Thank you.