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New fire engine gives boost to Placid's emergency response team

PORT ALLEN, LA — Placid Refining Company recently added a new, high-tech fire engine to its award-winning safety program.

The new pumper truck features a 2,250 gallons-per-minute pump, a 1,000-gallon foam tank, automated ratio-controlled foam, a 5,000-foot hose capacity and self-contained breathing air unit mounts. The bright red pumper was custom built for Placid by Ferrara Fire Apparatus, a Louisiana-based company that manufactures fire trucks, to meet the refinery's special needs.

"This fire engine is a dream come true for our emergency response team," said Placid Safety Manager Gil Parker. "Top-notch safety equipment is invaluable to employees who work at a refinery."

The fire truck will help protect a refinery that is one of the safest in the United States. In 2006, Placid received the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association Distinguished Safety Award, the highest safety honor the refining industry bestows on a company. The company was recently admitted into the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Programs at the "Star," or highest level. Placid employees also recently celebrated 17 years without a lost-time incident.

Placid Refining Company LLC is an independent, privately-owned company. The 80-acre Port Allen refinery is the company's only refining facility. Placid purchased the refinery in 1975. Placid is one of the largest employers and taxpayers in West Baton Rouge Parish.



Suggested Caption: Robert McDaniel, in the driver's seat, and Robert Ryder – both members of Placid's Emergency Response Team – proudly display the company's new fire truck. The custom-built pumper can project 2,250 gallons of water per minute, but its compact size enables it to maneuver around the refinery.

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