



City and Borough of Sitka

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To: Assembly, City and Borough of Sitka

Via: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator *JED*

From: Dave Miller, Fire Chief

Subject: Ladder 7 "Smokey Blue" - May 22, 2012 Assembly Meeting

As you are aware the Fire Department has brought Ladder 2 on line and it is responding to calls at this time. We at the Fire Department would like to say "thanks" for all that you have done to make this endeavor happen. Between you, the administrator and the money that Hixie Sunde-Arnoldt donated we have jumped leaps and bounds into being able to help our community to be safer.

We now have Engine 7, "Smokey Blue" waiting in the wings to find a new home. Three or four years ago we sold/donated a medic unit to Moose Pass fire department for \$1.00 to help that community fill their needs. They are still using the medic unit.

A year ago while the Village Public Safety Officer class was going on here in Sitka, the VPSO officer from St. George Island was in town and we were discussing engines and he brought up that his community was in real need of a working engine. They recently had a fire at St. George that would have been large for our community and they had very little they could do to stop the fire and lost a large building, numerous cars and four wheelers. They are still really interested in the engine and they have no money to spend on a new engine. They have funding available through the Department of Public Safety to transport the engine to St. George Island.

Therefore, may I suggest that we sell/donate the Engine to St. George for \$1.00 so that to enable them to better protect their community.

This will be a great, "neighbor helping neighbor" effort.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.