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STOCKTON NEWS RELEASE**

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DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR SIX NEW STOCKTON FIRE ENGINES
October 12th at Weber Point Event Center

STOCKTON, Calif. – On Thursday, October 12th, the City of Stockton and the Stockton Fire Department will hold a ceremony at Weber Point Events Center, 221 N. Center St., to dedicate six (6) new fire engines. Members of the community are welcome and encouraged to join us for this recognition and dedication event. The ceremony will begin at noon (12:00 p.m.), and all the new engines will be on display for the ceremony.

“The Stockton Fire Department is one of the busiest fire departments in the nation,” shared Stockton Fire Chief Rick Edwards. “Our fire apparatus has logged a lot of hours and much of the fleet is well past its prime. It takes a couple of years to replace aging equipment, and we are eager to put all these new engines into service for the community.”

Fire apparatus must be custom built for each department so that it matches the connections and fittings of equipment already in use. The new Stockton Fire Department engines were ordered in 2021, built by Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin, shipped to Golden State Fire Apparatus of Sacramento for final finishings, and recently rolled off the assembly line and delivered to Stockton.

“Our firefighters work tirelessly day in and day out to protect our city,” said Mayor Kevin Lincoln. “These new engines are providing our fire department with the equipment they need to serve and protect our residents and properties for years to come.”

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City Manager Harry Black agreed that this is a momentous occasion to share with the entire community. “Thanks to the America Rescue Plan Act funding that Stockton received, we were able to replace several fire engines that were experiencing mechanical failures, and they have all arrived within the last few weeks. We look forward to sharing this dedication and recognition with the entire community.”

Limited parking will be available at Weber Point Event Center. On-street parking is available near Weber Point.

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