



# City of Rochelle Fire Department

## Memo

**To: David Plyman, City Manager**  
**From: Brian Johnson, Fire Chief**  
**Date: 1/2/2014**  
**Re: Recommendation of bids for new fire engine**

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Mr. Plyman;

The Rochelle Fire Department have received four (4) bids for the new top mount fire engine including attack and supply hose and 30 gallons of foam concentrate. The bids are listed below.

Toyne, Inc of Breda, IA	\$455,189.07
Alexis Fire Equipment of Alexis, IL	\$462,040.00
Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, WI	\$489,400.00
E-One of St. John, IN	\$499,920.00

After reviewing the four bids and the specifications from the companies for a new top mount custom fire engine, we narrowed the choices down to Toyne, Inc. and Alexis Fire Equipment.

After carefully reviewing the bids again, the Alexis bid met all meet all of the Rochelle Fire Department specifications. The Toyne bid does not meet all of the specifications. The length of the body warranty, no electrical warranty and no performance bid was not included in the Toyne bid. There are other specifications not met in the construction of the engine.

The specifications from the Rochelle Fire Department included new attack and supply hose, as the hose is 19 years old; a few sections of hose have been replaced due to its age. All bids included the price of the hose.

Firefighter Jeremy Good, our Emergency Vehicle Technician and I reviewed the bids and specifications very carefully. The Alexis Fire Equipment is an Illinois company and we had a great experience with service and their expertise. Between Rochelle Fire Department and the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, we have seven fire engines or tankers; all of these vehicles have a great track record. Alexis, Illinois, is two hours away for service for the repairs.

I recommend the City of Rochelle purchase the new Custom-Built Control Fire Engine at the cost of \$462,040.00

Respectably submitted;

Brian Johnson, Fire Chief