

Dedication of a New Apparatus

We have come here today to dedicate this new piece of Fire Apparatus, (Engine #_____).

Dedications are recorded far back into antiquity. In Numbers 7:10 tells us of the dedication of the altar of the Tabernacle;

2 Chronicles 7:9 describes the dedication of the altar in Solomon's Temple;

Nehemiah 12:27 gives an account of a dedication of the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem;

The most thorough account of a dedication ceremony in the Bible is in 1 Kings 8, describing the events surrounding the dedication of Solomon's Temple.

In these dedications, buildings and the utensils are set apart for special use by God. We come here today to dedicate a new apparatus and all its equipment, and to re-dedicate ourselves – firefighters, EMTS, medics, staff. We dedicate the apparatus and all the implements of our trade to the glory of God and to meet the emergency needs of our people in our jurisdiction.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of us all, we offer this new apparatus (name and number), our lives, our skills and all the implements of our trade to Your Glory and to meet the emergency needs of the people of (name of your jurisdiction).

We are humbled that you have brought us together here today, that you allow us to be part of this team; we offer little, to compared to what you have done given to us; but in your grace, you accept our gifts and multiply our efforts, and for that we are eternally grateful.

We are so appreciative of all that you bestow upon us – for this new apparatus, for the firefighters and emergency personnel that will use this equipment to respond the needs of our people.

Help us, O God, to use this piece of apparatus, the equipment and implements of our trade, the skills, our knowledge and all you have provide us for, to the glory of your Holy Name.

Walk with us through the fire, O God, protect every man and woman of this department as they give their whole-hearted devotion to the job to which they have been fully called. In thy Holy Name. Amen.