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A New Ambulance at Station 41 **Basalt, Colorado – April 29, 2024, 11:30 a.m.**

On May 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) will place a new 2023 Ford F-450 Braun Northwest, Inc. Type I 4x4 Advanced Life Support ambulance in service at 20 School Street in Basalt. This ambulance was purchased in part with State of Colorado grant funding.

It replaced a 2012 Ford F-450 Type I 4x4 ambulance. Grant and capital funds paid the \$325,739.50 purchase price, which included a power cot and power load system.

The new ambulance is equipped with a range of essential safety features, designed to benefit both patients and the EMS providers. The forward-facing attendant seats, located at streetside and curbside, can rotate at 45 and 90-degree angles. This innovative design allows EMS providers to care for patients while seated and secured in a four-point restraint. Furthermore, all essential equipment and supplies are within easy reach, securely stored within brackets, cabinets or drawers to prevent them from becoming projectiles that could potentially harm patients or EMS providers.

Not only does the new ambulance prioritize safety, but it also offers a more enjoyable experience. The use of liquid springs, a proprietary compressible fluid as the spring mechanism, ensures optimal ride and handling for both patients and EMS providers. Additionally, a built-in ultraviolet-C (UVC) light infection control system for air and surface disinfection is a testament to our commitment to maintaining a clean and safe environment. These are just a few of the many design enhancements that were part of this new ambulance's design and build.

Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority will sell the 2012 Ford F-450 Lifeline Type I 4x4 ambulance to another Colorado agency providing emergency medical services. Due to ongoing supply chain challenges and an unknown delivery timeframe for an ambulance order placed in April 2024, RFFRA will maintain an ambulance in reserve status for the foreseeable future.

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