

Rescue Medical Project Objectives

The objective of this project is to replace our aging 2005 custom rescue truck. The original truck was a 1991 ½-ton Chevrolet truck chassis with the custom-built box built at what was then Litwiller Mfg. in Ithaca. After 14 years of service, the custom-built box was removed from the chassis, refurbished, repainted, and put on a new 2005 1-ton Chevrolet truck chassis.

Our normal replacement schedule for these types of vehicles is 20-25 years. In January 2026, that truck will be 21 years old. While not at the 25-year-old mark, the custom-built box at 34 years old is at the end of its life cycle.

The plan is to replace the current rescue vehicle and our 2001 equipment van with a larger multi-purpose rescue vehicle, or what we in the fire service call a "Squad". The estimated cost is \$185,000.

This unit will not only carry all our rescue and medical equipment but will also carry our Jaws of Life and all our emergency roadway traffic management equipment, which are now carried in two different vehicles.

This multi-purpose vehicle replacing two vehicles in our fleet will allow our response efforts to be more coordinated and will also lower our annual maintenance cost.

Dave Nelson, Fire Chief-CAO

Proposed New Vehicle Prototype

