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Fire Chief Shaun Howells is pleased to announce that Sunbelt Fire of Fairhope, Alabama has been awarded a contract to build three new pumper trucks for the City of Pine Bluff's Fire and Emergency Services Department. "The trucks are state of the art," said Pine Bluff Mayor Carl A. Redus, Jr. as he addressed the need to replace the aging equipment. "Our firefighters will be safer and more professionally capable of doing their jobs. Thanks to the citizens of Pine Bluff for passing the "Penny for Progress" last February that provided a 5/8 Cent Sales Tax Initiative designating these dollars for new fire trucks under public safety. We are right on schedule with this purchase agreement," said the Mayor. The remaining 3/8 Cents is collected by Jefferson County for economic development and jobs.

The three custom built type E-ONE Class A Pumpers awarded to Sunbelt Fire was the lowest priced quoted out of three competitors for a total contract price of \$1,157,300. The manufacturing of the emergency vehicles will be at E- One Inc. of Ocala, Florida; estimated delivery is early September 2012. Members of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services will monitor pre-construction and final inspection at the factory upon completion of the vehicles.

Each E-ONE cab is designed and built with a structural cage design to provide maximum protection for firefighters which Fire Chief Howell stated was his number one priority (firefighter safety) when making the selection. Further, the new pumpers will decrease the cost of maintenance and increase faster response times to residential and commercial structures.

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