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Fire Dept. Founding Member One of First to Sit in Township's Newest Fire Engines

Macomb Township, Mich. – At 97 years old, Milt Miller, the last living member of Macomb Township's original fire department established in 1953, was among the first people to sit behind the wheel of the Township's newest fire engines. Miller was an honored guest during the unveiling of two new fire engines held in front of Historic Township Hall on Wednesday, April 23, alongside members of the Fire Department and Township Board of Trustees.

Each new fire engine costs approximately \$980,000 and is expected to serve the community for the next 15 to 20 years. The engines were originally ordered in 2022 and were delivered to the Township this month.

"These vehicles are outfitted with the latest in firefighting and public safety equipment," Macomb Township Fire Chief Bob Phillips explained. "They will undoubtedly help our department continue to save lives and property in our community."

Miller brought to the event a photo of the very first two fire trucks purchased by the Township in 1954. In those early days, Miller and his fellow firefighters responded to calls from their homes and pumped water from the nearest drains to fight fires.

"It was an honor to have Milt join us for the unveiling of these trucks," Supervisor Frank Viviano said.

"He belongs on the 'Mt. Rushmore' of Macomb Township. Having been born in Macomb Township, served in the U.S. Army, worked his family farm on 23 Mile Road, Milt was a founding member of both the Township's fire department and water and sewer department, and worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation. The man is a living legend."

"I have been blessed to have been allowed to serve our nation in so many ways," Miller said. "I am proud to be an American and a resident of Macomb Township."

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