

Rookie Sidekick Power Hose Roller Tested In Texas

Deschutes River Manufacturing recently demonstrated its power fire hose rollers for 400 industrial firefighters from across the U.S. at the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station, Texas. The company also donated two of its power hose rollers with portable stands, and a reloader to the facility's Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI).

The Brayton Fire Training Field is the largest fueled live-fire training facility and most comprehensive emergency response training complex in the world. Last year, 90,000 students received training at the facility. According to ESTI, the Rookie Sidekick hose rollers have been in almost continuous daily use since they were donated.

David Johnston, Deschutes River Man-

ufacturing owner and creator of the Rookie line of power hose rollers, demonstrated use of the products and was available as a consultant throughout the week-long training school. Instructors at Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) X invited Johnston to participate after seeing his machines at the Fire Department Instructors Conference & Exhibition (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Ind.

"Our students and clients have grown accustomed to quality training, which would not be possible without support such as yours," wrote TEEX director Robert L. Smith in a letter thanking Deschutes River Manufacturing for the donation.

Deschutes River Manufacturing contributed a Rookie Sidekick 6-inch LDH (RSLDH6) and Rookie Sidekick Gas (RSG) hose roller, as well as two

portable stands and a reloader. The Rookie Sidekick LDH6 quickly and safely rolls up to 6-inch hose, while the Rookie Sidekick Gas rolls up to 3-inch hose. The Rookie Reloader rack transforms the portable stand into an effi-

cient hose handling system, allowing firefighters to effortlessly transport rolled hoses and reduce the labor needed to re-load hose back on to engines.

For information call 541-480-5967 or go to www.the-rookie.com.



The first Contender Multi Cab pumper was recently put in service with the Big Horn Fire District No. 4 in Burlington, Wyo. (Pierce Photo)

Pierce Contender Offers Commercial Multi Cab

Pierce Manufacturing has developed a Contender Multi Cab commercial pumper, delivering its first to Big Horn Fire District No. 4, serving the communities of Big Horn County, Otto, Burlington and Emblem, Wyo.

The new cab, built on a Kenworth T300, features seating for four rearward facing firefighters in the crew cab area, the most seating for any on-piece commercial chassis, according to Pierce.

The additional heating and air conditioning systems offer an environment

for firefighter rehabilitation from heat exhaustion and exposure to freezing conditions, according to the maker. It also affords firefighters room to easily put on or remove turnout gear. A recessed step is located behind the door, protecting it from snow, sleet and rain.

"The Contender Multi Cab is a seamless, one-of-a-kind crew cab for the fire industry," said Jeff Resch, Pierce vice president of sales. "It not only improves communication, visibility and airflow, it provides a safe environment for firefighters, protecting them from the elements, traffic, noise and confusion at the fire scene. With its increased interior space, we expect the Multi Cab to be the right answer for a lot of departments, including Big Horn."

The Contender Multi Cab features an enclosed top-mount pump panel, Husky12 foam system, Hercules compressed air foam system, a front bumper discharge, booster reel at the rear, two discharges on the right side and two speed lays.

"One of our biggest concerns with more than 640 square miles in the district is getting volunteer firefighters to the scene and having a place available for them to rehab," said J.R. "Butch" Krause, Big Horn Fire District No. 4's fire chief. "The Contender Multi Cab helps tremendously on both counts. We couldn't be more excited to add this new fire truck to our department."

Pierce Manufacturing, based in Appleton, Wis., is a subsidiary of Oshkosh Truck Corporation and a leading North American manufacturer of custom fire apparatus. Products include custom and commercial pumpers, aerials, rescue trucks, wildland trucks, minipumpers, elliptical tankers, and homeland security apparatus.

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