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New Airport Fire and Rescue Service Vehicles

The Airport Fire and Rescue Service was formed in October 2015, becoming a Government entity. The Government and the MoD agreed at the time to co-finance the fire vehicle and equipment replacement project on a 50/50 basis. We are pleased to announce that this is now coming to fruition.

In late 2017 the vehicle specifications were drawn up and an EU Tender issued. Rosenbauer UK were awarded a contract to supply four Airfield Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles (Panthers) and Angloco Ltd UK would supply one Light Rescue Pump. Separately, Rock Motors will supply two Volkswagen Amarok Command and Operational Support Vehicles. All these vehicles are fitted with the latest Euro 6 engines and will replace the present MoD fleet once they are commissioned and become fully operational.

The training on the Panthers is underway since they are very different vehicles to the existing fleet and will entail a radical change of tactical strategies when tackling an aircraft fire incident. This change will considerably enhance the firefighting capability and bring the AFRS into the 21st Century, providing commonality with the mainstream aviation firefighting industry and future proofing for the next 15 to 20 years.

The training is expected to be completed by the end of August. This is a concerted and very comprehensive programme, which needs to be fully undertaken by all operational firefighting staff before being able to put these vehicles into operational service and be able to meet our mandated aviation regulatory requirements.

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Note to Editors

New Vehicle Details:

1 x Rosenbauer Panther 4x4 ARFFV – 6,500 litres of Water, 750 litres of Foam, 225 kgs of Dry Chemical Powder (Purple K). Two main firefighting monitors, the aspirated roof monitor having a jet throw of 95 metres and the bumper monitor 90 metres with dual media delivery and lowering capability fed by a 6,500 litre per minute pump. Vehicle also carries numerous bits of ancillary equipment; thermal imaging cameras, breathing apparatus, hydraulic cutting and lifting gear for rescue, high pressure lifting airbags, 8 metre ladder, portable lighting, rescue tools, etc. (vehicle already delivered).



3 x Rosenbauer Panther 6x6 HRET ARFFV – 11,500 litres of Water, 1500 litres of Foam, 225 kgs of Dry Chemical Powder (Purple K). Two main firefighting monitors, the roof monitor is fitted on a High Reach Extendible Turret (HRET) elevating to a height of 16 metres, having a jet throw of 95 metres with dual media delivery capability and the aspirated bumper monitor has a 90 metre jet throw fed by a 6,500 litre per minute pump. Vehicles also carry numerous bits of ancillary equipment; thermal imaging cameras, breathing apparatus, hydraulic cutting and lifting gear for rescue, high pressure lifting airbags, 5.5 metre ladder, portable lighting, rescue tools, etc. (vehicles already delivered).

1 x Anglo Mercedes Sprinter Light Rescue Pump – 500 litres of water, 50 litres of Foam, pump with a 2,000 litre per minute capacity, carries numerous bits of ancillary equipment; thermal imaging cameras, breathing apparatus, hydraulic cutting and lifting gear for rescue, high pressure lifting airbags, 8 metre ladder, portable lighting, rescue tools, etc. (will be delivered late August).

2 x Volkswagen Amarok 4x4 Command and Operational Support Vehicles – 3.5 tonne front mounted winch, towing capability, rear tray with a 1.5 tonne payload capability (will be delivered within the next week or so).