

## MMC inspects progress on new fire and rescue vehicles

**T**he MMC for Transport, Public Safety and Emergency, Councillor Moses Sekakanyo, together with officials from Fleet Management Services, Finance and Emergency Services, earlier this month paid an inspection visit to Marcé, the manufacturing company where four new fire and rescue vehicles ordered for the MMM Fire and Rescue Services are currently under construction.

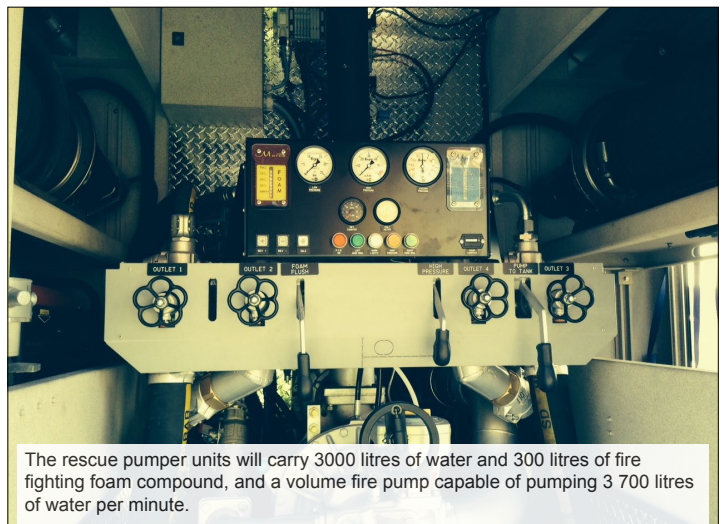
The purpose of the visit was to ensure that manufacturing schedules, technical specifications, equipment requirements and manufacturing processes were met. This was to ascertain that well equipped, state of the art fire and rescue vehicles, meeting the best international standards will be added to the MMM Fire and Rescue Services' fleet of emergency vehicles, in order to further improve on the high standard of fire and rescue service delivery to the MMM community at large.

The city has ordered two tanker units and two rescue pumper units. The rescue pumper units will carry 3000 litres of water and 300 litres of fire fighting foam compound, and a volume fire pump capable of pumping 3 700 litres of water per minute. It is expected that the pumper units will be completed by the end of June 2015.

In turn, the tankers will have a water capacity of 10 000 litres and be fitted with a powerful portable volume pump. In addition to the volume pump, the vehicle will be fitted with an ultra high pressure, low volume pump, connected directly to the water tank to be used as a "quick attack" line when combating fires. A removable water reservoir forms part of the equipment carried on the tanker unit in order to be utilised as a fire water reservoir in rural areas and areas where fire water provision may be inadequate.



From left to right: **Theuns van der Westhuizen** - Chief Fire Officer; **Org Stroebel** - Manager Support Services: Finance; **Chris Lamprecht** - General Manager: Emergency Services; **Mojela Mokgoko** - Manager: Diverse Workshop Support Division; **Cllr. Moses Sekakanyo** - MMC and **Willem Pretorius** - Acting General Manager: Fleet Management went on an inspection visit earlier this month.



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Impressed with the progress thus far, MMC Sekakanyo said: "The addition of these four new emergency vehicles to the MMM Fire and Rescue Services in the near future, will certainly contribute to realise the vision of Mangaung being a "safe and secure place".

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