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1995 Pierce 100 Foot Aerial Fire Truck Refurbished to As-New Condition

Michigan City, IN –Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Fire Chief Dave Lamb are pleased to announce that the Michigan City Fire Department's 1995 Pierce 100 Foot Aerial Platform is back in service after a seven month refurbishment program at the Pierce Manufacturing reconditioning plant in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Mayor Oberlie said, "In these very difficult financial times, we have looked for ways to reduce expenditures and the Fire Department achieved significant savings by refurbishing a critical piece of equipment rather than simply purchasing a brand new fire truck. When comparing the cost of the Fire Truck refurbishment of \$396,270.00 to the cost of a new 100 Foot Aerial Fire Truck of \$1 million, Chief Lamb and his staff have saved local citizens around \$600,000.00 and we applaud their efforts."

Chief Lamb said, "Pierce Manufacturing has a very comprehensive program to refurbish existing aerial trucks into a 'like-new' condition and we were able to utilize this program with our 1995 Pierce Aerial Fire Truck. Over the past several months, Pierce Manufacturing has taken this truck and updated the aerial platform to be in conformance with the new 2009 National Fire Protection Agency standards that a new unit of today's assembly would have to meet. As a result of this comprehensive refurbishment, the updated truck comes with a new warranty as a new truck and we expect another ten years of service out of this fourteen year old fire truck."