



**The Navajo Nation** **DR. BUU NYGREN** **PRESIDENT**  
**Yideeskáadi Nitsáhákees** **RICHELLE MONTROYA** **VICE PRESIDENT**

August 4, 2023

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: *CJY-59-23 An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution No. CF-05-23 to Remove the Funds Reversion Deadline for the Ganado Fire District Emergency Vehicle Expenditure Plan*

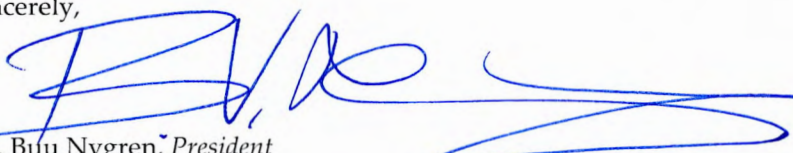
Dear Speaker Curley,

I am pleased to sign into law this resolution CJY-59-23.

To improve Navajo Nation efficiency and ensure the Nation is not wasting its valuable resources, I encourage the Council to consider allowing more Sihasin funded projects the same flexibility being afforded the Ganado Fire District. The Ganado Fire District no longer has a deadline to expend the Sihasin funds to purchase the vehicles it needs. The funds are being made available until the purchases of the vehicles are actually purchased.

Given the number of staff, the amount of time, and other resources necessary to amend Council Resolutions, I believe it is worth considering providing other Sihasin funded project sponsors the same opportunity as that being provided to the Ganado Fire District.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Buu Nygren, President  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CF-05-23 TO REMOVE THE FUNDS REVERSION DEADLINE FOR THE GANADO FIRE DISTRICT EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXPENDITURE PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council provides oversight over chapter activities, as well as for community and economic development on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council reviews and recommends to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment, and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
- C. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council reviews all proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). As such, it has the power over allocations of money from the Síhasin Fund (see 12 N.N.C. § 2505) and to amend or rescind Council Resolutions pertaining to such allocations.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Ganado Fire District is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona that provides emergency services to the Navajo Nation communities of Ganado, Steamboat, Kindahlichii, Klagetoh, Cornfields, Woodsprings, Cross Canyon, Beshbito, and Toyei, and others.
- B. The Ganado Fire District requested \$2,644,380 from the Navajo Nation to purchase fire apparatus and rescue/medical transport units, in order to meet the fire and other emergency needs of the Ganado Chapter and surrounding Navajo Nation communities.
- C. In Resolution No. CF-05-23 the Navajo Nation Council approved the requested \$2,644,380 from the Síhasin Fund for Ganado Fire

District's emergency needs, and approved the "Ganado Fire District Síhasin Expenditure Plan." CF-05-23 was signed into law on February 15, 2023. A copy of CF-05-23 (without exhibits) is attached hereto as EXHIBIT 1.

- D. Section THREE (H) of CF-05-23 establishes a reversion date for the approved Síhasin funds of March 31, 2024.
- E. Because of material shortages and supply chain delays, the emergency vehicles and equipment being purchased for the Ganado Fire District will take many more months to modify and make ready for delivery to the District. See EXHIBIT 2. The seller requires sufficient time to properly tailor the equipment and vehicles to meet the District's particular needs and specifications. Therefore, it is imperative that the approved Síhasin funds do not have a reversion deadline.
- F. In light of the critical need for the emergency equipment and the Ganado Fire District's emergency services provided to the several Navajo Nation communities served by the District, the Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People to amend CF-05-23 to remove the funds reversion for the Ganado Fire District Síhasin Expenditure Plan.

#### SECTION THREE. AMENDING CF-05-23.

The Navajo Nation hereby amends CF-05-23, at Section THREE(H), as follows:

- F. Any and all cost savings shall be returned to the Síhasin Fund once all items are purchased by DCD, and the funds approved herein shall revert to the Síhasin Fund principal if not spent or encumbered by March 31, 2024. No amount of the \$2,644,380 approved in this Resolution shall revert to the Síhasin Fund at any time prior to the completion of all purchases of the equipment and vehicles for the Ganado Fire District as approved in the related Expenditure Plan; however, all leftover funds not spent for such purchases, if any, shall be returned to the Síhasin Fund principal after completion of such purchases.

#### SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

- A. Within 15 business days of the effective date of this Action, the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the Controller shall make the \$2,644,380 in Síhasin funds available to the Division of Community Development for its purchases of emergency vehicles and equipment for the Ganado Fire District according to the Expenditure Plan approved in Resolution No. CF-05-23.

B. The Division of Community Development shall provide regular written reports on the status of its expenditures of the Síhasin funds approved in CF-05-23. These reports shall be submitted to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and to the Office of the President and Vice-President by the fifth day of each month following the effective date of this legislation.

#### SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2505 and 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

#### SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE

If any part of this Action is invalidated by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by any Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

7/28/23

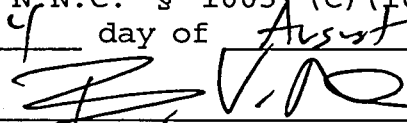
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Motion: Honorable George H. Tolth  
Second: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 4 day of August, 2023.

  
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Buu Nygren, President  
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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Buu Nygren, President  
Navajo Nation



**The Navajo Nation** **DR. BUU NYGREN**  
**Yideeskáadi Nitsáhákees** **RICHELLE MONTOYA VICE PRESIDENT**



February 15, 2023

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council  
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Window Rock, AZ 86515

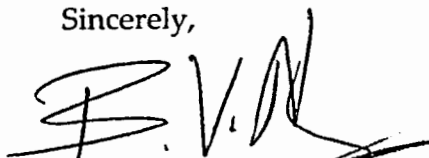
RE: CF-05-23 *An Action Relating to an Emergency and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$2,644,3800 from the Síhasin Fund for the Division of Community Development to Purchase Emergency Vehicles and Equipment for the Ganado Fire District; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan*

Dear Speaker Curley,

The Nygren / Montoya Administration supports this legislation to provide Síhasin funds to the Ganado Fire Department.

Our Administration wants to ensure that all fire departments across the Navajo Nation are supported by the Navajo Nation. As such, Office of the President and Vice President encourages Chapters to review this legislation and reach out to the fire departments that serve them to ensure that those fire departments are made aware of the Navajo Nation's support for the Ganado Fire District.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Buu Nygren, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$2,644,380 FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND FOR THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE GANADO FIRE DISTRICT; APPROVING THE RELATED EXPENDITURE PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). As such, the Council may approve appropriations from the Navajo Nation's Síhasin Fund.
- B. 12 N.N.C. § 2502, as amended by CJA-03-18, states the purpose of the Navajo Nation Síhasin Fund ("Síhasin Fund") as follows:

§ 2502 Purpose

- A. The purposes of this Fund are to provide financial support and/or financing for:
  - 1. The planning and development of economic development and regional infrastructure supporting economic development and community development, including such infrastructure as, but not limited to, housing, commercial and government buildings, waterline, solid waste management development, powerline Projects, and transportation and communication systems, within the Navajo Nation;
- B. For the Purpose in § 2502(A)(1), Fund expenditures for infrastructure shall not be limited by 12 N.N.C. § 1310(F) or TCDCJY-77-99.
- C. Leveraging the Fund by way of guaranteeing loans, match funding, direct funding in part, and other weighted uses of the Fund, including loan financing from the Fund, for the purposes in § 2502(A)(1), shall be favored over direct funding in whole.
- C. The Síhasin Fund provides that "Fund Principal" shall consist of all deposits made to the Síhasin Fund and that "Fund Income" shall consist of all earnings (interest, dividends, etc.) generated and realized by the Fund Principal, and that Síhasin Fund Income shall be deposited in, and added to, the Fund

Principal until such time as a Fund Expenditure Plan is duly approved. 12 N.N.C. § 2504 and § 2505(C).

- D. The Síhasin Fund also provides that "Fund Principal and Income shall not be expended except pursuant to a Fund Expenditure Plan consistent with the purposes set forth in § 2502 of this Chapter and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Navajo Nation Council." 12 N.N.C. § 2505(A).
- E. As the governing body of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council may consider and approve emergency legislation. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16), "[m]atters constituting an emergency . . . [include] fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16).
- F. This Action is offered as emergency legislation because it satisfies the "fire protection services" purpose in 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16). There is also a "pressing public need" for this resolution because the Division of Community Development is unable to purchase the emergency equipment and vehicles for the Ganado Fire District without the requested funds.

## SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Ganado Fire District is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona that provides critical emergency services to Ganado, Steamboat, Kindahlichii, Klagetoh, Cornfields, Woodsprings, Cross Canyon, Beshbito, Toyei, and other Navajo Nation communities.
- B. Ganado Fire District has need for \$2,644,380 worth of fire apparatus/equipment and rescue/medical transport units, to meet the fire, rescue, and other emergency needs of the Ganado Chapter and surrounding Navajo Nation communities. EXHIBIT A.
- C. Ganado Fire District has provided a listing of its monthly activity statistics, as compared to those of the Navajo Police Department, for the first seven months of 2020 and all of 2019. Exhibit B. These statistics show a dire need for the requested emergency vehicles and equipment. Notably, the District's fire/rescue/emergency activities are expected to increase with the end of COVID-19-related closures and stay-at-home orders on the Navajo Nation.



- D. Ganado Fire District has provided its 2019-2020 and its 2020-2021 budgets. Exhibit C. These budgets show a significant shortfall, such that \$2,644,380 is requested to purchase the needed emergency vehicles and equipment to serve the described Navajo communities.
- E. Ganado Fire District has provided detailed descriptions of the fire apparatus/equipment and rescue/medical transport units for which it is requesting funds. Exhibit D.
- F. The Navajo Nation Chapters of Ganado, Kindahlichii, Klagetoh, Cornfields, Jeddito, Nazlini, and Greasewood Springs, have all adopted resolutions supporting the request for funding for the purchase of the fire apparatus/equipment and rescue/medical transport units for the Ganado Fire District. Exhibit E.
- G. In October of 2021 the Navajo Nation Council approved Resolution No. CO-53-21, which was signed into law on November 2, 2021. Resolution No. CO-53-21 approved \$2,644,380 from the Síhasin Fund for the Division of Community Development to purchase the needed emergency equipment and vehicles for the Ganado Fire District, and approved the related Expenditure Plan for these funds pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508. See EXHIBIT F (Exhibits under CO-53-21 are omitted).
- H. The equipment and vehicles listed in EXHIBIT D are necessary for the Ganado Fire District to meet the fire response and other emergency needs of the Ganado Chapter and several surrounding Navajo Nation communities.
- I. Due to supply chain issues and other extreme delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, DCD has been unable to complete the purchase of the emergency equipment and vehicles for the Ganado Fire District, as approved in CO-53-21, and the approved funds have reverted.
- J. DCD has therefore requested new legislation for the same \$2,644,380 in Síhasin funds originally approved in CO-53-21, and that a new funds reversion deadline be set for March 31, 2024. This new deadline will allow DCD enough time to complete the purchase of the emergency equipment and vehicles, and will give the seller sufficient time to properly tailor the equipment and vehicles to meet the Ganado Fire District's particular needs and specifications. EXHIBIT G.
- K. Given the recurring droughts each summer on the Navajo Nation, the danger of wildfires is extremely high every year, hampering economic development and new infrastructure. The Navajo Nation therefore finds that using the Síhasin Fund for the purchase of emergency vehicles and equipment for the Ganado Fire

District, is within the purposes of 12 N.N.C. § 2502(A)(1) and 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(16), and is in the best interests of Navajo communities and the Navajo People.

**SECTION THREE. APPROVING \$2,644,380 FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND FOR THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE GANADO FIRE DISTRICT; APPROVING THE RELATED EXPENDITURE PLAN**

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves \$2,644,380 from the Síhasin Fund to the Division of Community Development for DCD's purchase of the fire apparatus/equipment and rescue/medical transport units for the Ganado Fire District, as described herein.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Ganado Fire District Síhasin Expenditure Plan as set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A, EXHIBIT D, and EXHIBIT G.
- C. The Síhasin funds allocated for the Expenditure Plan approved herein may be further leveraged by bond or loan financing pursuant to the Navajo Nation Bond Financing Act, at 12 N.N.C. § 1300 et seq., as amended, using Síhasin Fund earnings for repayment and financing costs upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Navajo Nation Council.
- D. The Navajo Nation Controller shall determine whether the source of the \$2,644,380 allocation from the Síhasin Fund will be from Fund Principal or Fund Income or a combination of both.
- E. The Síhasin funds approved herein shall be disbursed to the DCD within twenty (20) business days following the effective date of this Action.
- F. Upon receipt of the approved funds, DCD shall promptly purchase the emergency vehicles and equipment listed in Exhibit A, Exhibit D, and EXHIBIT G, and shall arrange for delivery of the items and transfer of titles to the Ganado Fire District.
- G. Ganado Fire District ("GFD") shall be solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repairs of the emergency vehicles and equipment purchased for the District by DCD; and, as a condition of receiving title to the vehicles and equipment, GFD shall obtain appropriate liability and other appropriate insurance for all items received. Upon delivery and transfer of title to GFD, the Navajo Nation shall not be liable for any condition or event pertaining to any of the emergency vehicles and equipment provided to GFD.

- H. Any and all cost-savings shall be returned to the Síhasin Fund once all items are purchased by DCD, and the funds approved herein shall revert to the Síhasin Fund principal if not spent or encumbered by March 31, 2024.

#### SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE

The Division of Community Development shall provide regular written reports on the status of its expenditures of the Síhasin funds approved herein. These reports shall be submitted to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and to the Office of the President and Vice-President by the fifth day of each month following the effective date of this Action.

#### SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action and the related Expenditure Plan shall become effective pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2505(A) and 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

#### SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE

If any part of this Action is invalidated by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by any Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 01 Opposed, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2023.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

2/6/23


DATE

Motion: Honorable Rickie Nez  
Second: Honorable Danny Simpson

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 15 day of February, 2023.

  
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Buu Nygren, President  
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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Buu Nygren, President  
Navajo Nation

3. I, hereby, exercise line-item veto pursuant to the budget line-item veto authority delegated to the President by vote of the Navajo People in 2009, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Buu Nygren, President  
Navajo Nation



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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

Acknowledged.

**Marcarlo Roanhorse**, Administrative Assistant

**Ganado Fire District**

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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

Wanted to provide everyone an update:

Freightliners are on the ground at our factory in South Dakota. They are entering the Chassis Prep area which is the first step in production process.

Two of the three Fords are at the Ford Dealership awaiting them to complete their mandatory PDI. The third Ford should arrive at the dealership shortly. Its on the ground at the railroad processing location closest to the dealership, but has not been released by the railroad yet. We expect all Fords to arrive at our factory within the next two weeks.

Ambulances have been switched to Ford chassis and we are awaiting an ETA for their arrival. Regardless of the Ford ETA, it will for sure be faster than Dodge who was still not able to provide us any sort of an ETA.

We are doing our best to have the water tenders and mini pumpers completed by November and barring any supply chain issues, we feel good about making that ETA. Ambulance ETA from Ford will dictate the ambulance completion date. I will keep everyone advised.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

MT



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**Subject:** Re: Ford update

Mr. Todd,

Thank you for the update. Please keep us informed on a bimonthly basis, I do not want this to fall further behind. We have been waiting and we are running out of time for this purchase. We understand the backlog on chassis is impacted nationwide, but we are also one of those customers that have been waiting over two years for the chassis. We have received two extensions for this purchase, from the Navajo Nation Council, which means we've waited three (3) FYs, and this will not go back a third time.

I would like an update on the Freightliner Water Tenders on Monday afternoon. I would like dates of completions for the Ford Mini Pumpers, the Freightliners Water Tenders, and the Dodge ambulances. I need to develop a timeline to hold you accountable to. Understand that This was supposed to be completed a year ago. On September 3, 2022, you stated in an email "I would plan for deliveries in Mid 2023 currently.", we're fast approaching mid 2023. I informed you that these needed to be completed by the end of this FY, which is September 30, 2023.

I Cc'd Honorable US DOT Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs Arlanda Teller in this email. In March 2023, I brought this to Secretary Teller's attention on the concerns of the lengthy waiting processes and what we've been faced with. I also Cc'd the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Vice President, and their Chief of Staff for awareness purposes. If Secretary Teller or the Office of the Navajo Nation President or Vice President needs any additional information on this purchase, please share all requested information with them. If

you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to respond back to me with an "all respond" to keep everyone informed.

**Marcarlo Roanhorse**, Administrative Assistant

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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

The Ford Chassis have been shipped from Ford and are currently in Nebraska on a Ford transport truck.

The Chassis are due to arrive in Sioux Falls at the Ford Dealership by June 1. Once at the dealership (required to go there by law first), the trucks will receive a mandatory PDI by the dealership and then be released to us. We are estimating the Ford mini pumpers to be completed by our Factory by September, and then they will be immediately shipped to Arizona.

Freightliner Water Tenders: I have placed a inquiry with Freightliner and have not heard back. I expect to hear from them by Monday. I am cautiously optimistic that they will be shipping soon to Sioux Falls. The same PDI process has to take place with them as the Fords, but they will go to the local Freightliner dealership instead of Ford. We estimate 120 days of build time once we receive the chassis.

Dodge Ambulances: Dodge has not released any information. They are struggling right now in a bad way (a quick google search documents how far behind they are on in deliveries). We still show in the queue but there is no further information. The ambulance factory has ordered 40 Dodges and has received a



total of two thus far. We continue to push on them and will provide updates as soon as we have them. We are checking to see if Ford has anything available that we can offer as a backup plan.

Each of the major manufacturers have gone through some very rough times with producing chassis.. Chevy was first, followed by Ford and now Dodge. We will continue to keep you updated. Its impossible to build the trucks without the chassis, and the chassis manufacturers just aren't willing to provide much information.

Please keep in mind General Motors cancelled the AZDPS order of 120 Tahoes after they accepted the order and said they would build them. We have seen and heard of these stories many times over the past couple of years. The pandemic has been brutal on the automotive industry.

We are able to build custom cab fire apparatus faster than commercial cabs which was never the case until the chassis manufacturers cut back their productions by 40%.

I have customers who have waited longer than two years for us to receive the chassis, despite the builders originally agreeing to have us chassis within a much shorter time period.

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**Subject:** Re: Ford update

Mr. Todd,

Can you please provide us with an update on the mini pumpers, ambulance and water tenders? Thank you.

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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

The Ford trucks were started this week at the Ford Factory in Kentucky as scheduled.

Ford does not provide photos. We should receive the trucks at our factory in about one month and will begin the build process on the bodies to make them actual mini pumpers.

I'm waiting on info from Freightliner and will advise as soon as I hear.  
Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

Good morning Mr. Todd,

Can you please give Ganado Fire District an update on the status on the water tenders and ambulances purchase? We received an update from you on March 24, 2023 that Ford confirmed three (3) F550s. According to the that email, production of the mini pumpers are suppose to start the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>; has this begun? I would like a written bimonthly update to ensure progress of our order is a priority. An immediate update would be greatly appreciated.

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**Subject:** RE: Ford update

Good afternoon Mr. Todd,  
Can we please get another update? Thank you.

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**Subject:** Ford update

Ford confirmed, Ganado's (3) F550s scheduled this week. For now they are slotted to build the week of 04/24.

VINs are:

1FD0W5HT1PEC71720  
1FD0W5HT3PEC71721  
1FD0W5HT5PEC71722

This is good news ... Finally. VINs assigned is a great deal. We hope these arrive at our factory by end of May so we can complete the builds and get them to you!

I will continue to keep you updated as we learn more from the chassis builders.

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