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The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

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After the vehicle is blessed by local pastors and a rabbi, the **Mayor** and **Town Commissioners** will clean the wheel wells and then symbolically push the 25-ton truck into the station while a firefighter/driver backs it up using the motor.

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TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE

Blessing of the New Fire Engine

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

6:30 P.M at the Fire Station

Prior to the Town Commission Meeting

There will be blessing of the new fire engine on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. This ceremony will precede the Town Commission meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Two or more members of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Town Commission may be in attendance.

THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA WILL FURNISH APPROPRIATE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO AFFORD INDIVIDUALS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATUTE 286.26, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK NO LATER THAN TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (954) 776-0576 FOR ASSISTANCE.

IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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