



Wylie Fire's 'Warrior' Still Serving Community

The Warrior, Wylie Fire Rescue's Sutphen fire engine purchased new in July 1992, has been removed from the front line, but its mission will continue in a new, equally noble role: acting as a caisson for firefighter funerals and as a parade vehicle.

The engine first served Wylie's volunteer firefighters, then part-time firefighters, then Wylie's first paid firefighters as the agency grew. The Warrior was the department's primary engine until the first Quint was put in service in 1996. It rotated to Engine 2 in 1998; and became the primary reserve vehicle in 1999. Recently, although it was time to consider its retirement, it was decided that the Warrior would instead be converted and assume a new function. In addition to providing a fitting tribute to fallen firefighters, it would enable WFR to honor more parade requests.

Department members facilitated the renovation. Firefighting equipment was removed. A wood floor was installed and braced, along with fold-up bench seats on each side of the rear passenger area. Custom walk-up ramps, stored in on-board compartments, were manufactured for funeral duties. The casket roller system can be locked in when needed and removed and stored for parade use. ★

The advertisement features a circular logo at the top with the text "THE FUN BUILDERS KRAFTSMAN KRAFTSMANPLAY.COM". Below the logo is a photograph of a playground with children playing. A red circular call-to-action bubble contains the text "CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE! 800.451.4869". Below this is a photograph of a playground structure with a green canopy. A yellow circular bubble contains the text "PLAYGROUNDS WATERPARKS FITNESS AMENITIES SHADE & SHELTER". At the bottom is a photograph of a playground with a large green slide. A blue circular logo for "BuyBoard" is visible, and a blue banner at the bottom contains the text "Building Fun Since 1981".