

## Let's Talk Trash

Summit Fire Apparatus introduced the fire industry to an extended front bumper at FDIC 2001. We extended the front bumper 12" and constructed boxes containing 2 hydraulic reels with pre-connected tools.

It must have been a great idea, we watched engineer after engineer photograph, sketch and measure our bumper. In part thanks to Summit Fire Apparatus innovation, front bumper extensions have become common place. Straight rescues with front bumper hose reels and tool storage have been showing up all over town. Any why not, it makes perfect sense to put the tools you need first up front, within easy reach and ready to use.

There is one component of our front bumper extension that our competitors still can't seem to get right, the trash line. Our front bumper extension also has a quick attack 2" front discharge or trash line with 50 to 200 feet of hose. That's right, 2 hydraulic reels with pre-connected tools on one side of the front bumper and a trash line attached to as much hose as you need on the other side.

The front bumper is secured to the truck's frame, no worries about the weight, and all compartment lids are water tight to protect your equipment.

Now Summit is raising the bar. We have added a 12,000 lb winch with 125 feet of cable. The winch is accessed by simply removing the tools and lifting a hinged lid below the tool storage area. Let's see them try to copy this!!

In 2007 Summit Fire Apparatus celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Our first piece of fire equipment, a tanker, was constructed in 1957 by Charles Messmer, company founder, then fire chief of the local fire department and the father of our current owners. The company remains family owned and operated and committed to providing quality, economy and innovation. Summit Fire Apparatus is truly a custom fire apparatus manufacturer, we build the units that the larger companies can't or won't. We have found that listening to our customer is key. With 50 years of manufacturing and fire fighting experience we have the expertise to build a safe and functional apparatus that will serve your department for years to come.