

New Fire Engine Is “Fine”



“Fine” said Councillor A. C. Foulds, Chairman of Sheffield Fire Brigade Committee, after completing a trial run in the brigade’s latest fire engine, one of the most up-to-date fire fighting machines in the country.

With him went the Chief Fire Officer, Mr. H. J. Reynolds, as the newly delivered engine, sleek in appearance and glittering in new red paint and chromium fittings made its debut on Sheffield’s streets.

It was tried out on hills and in traffic and Coun. Foulds said he was “highly satisfied”.

Dual Purpose

The engine incorporates the latest developments in fire engine design, and is to replace a machine that until recently has been in continuous service since 1923.

It is a dual purpose machine capable of use as a pumping appliance or an escape unit. It has been built to a standard specification laid down by the Home Office Design and Development Committee on which serve representatives of the local authorities and fire service officers, together with Home Office officials.

It can deliver up to 1,000 gallons of water a minutes, has a maximum road speed of above 60 miles an hour, and can reach 40 m.p.h. in 26 seconds.

It has been bought through the Home Office supply and Transport Department, and will increase the efficiency of the Sheffield Fire Brigade, which deals with up to 2,000 calls a year.