

Lehigh FD – Engine 2 750 gpm Pumper Lehigh, Kansas

Facts and Figures...

- Engine 2 is a 1975, American Fire Apparatus pumper operated by the Lehigh FD located in Marion County, Kansas.
- The rig is built on an Chevrolet chassis and powered by a Chevrolet V8 gasoline motor.
- The pumper has a Waterous single-stage, 750 gpm pump and carries 500 gallons of water.
- It is also equipped with 1,300 feet of 2-1/2-inch hose.
- The Lehigh FD protects the small town of Lehigh and the rural, prairie lands of Marion County, Kansas.



As with many rural FD pumpers, Engine 2 started off its life with the Hoisington FD.



Many folks in rural FDs like a front-mounted pump for better access to drafting sites. This 1975 pumper has a vacuum primer – something that we no longer see with the advent of the diesel motor.



Like many small, rural departments, the changeover to using LDH has been a slow process – generally because of cost and limited use. Some 4 or 5-inch LDH would certainly improve this pumper's pumping ability.



Engine 2 is one of two, older model pumpers operated by the Lehigh FD – it is a simple rig that is still in great working condition.



Engine 2 is shown here setting up for dump site operations at a 2010 water supply drill in nearby Marion, KS. The old rig pumped like a champ!



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