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RE: F500 comments

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I want to thank you for introducing our department to F500 Foam! We first used F500 in a live fire situation last August. You'll recall it was the same morning you were scheduled to hold a demo of F500 at our Station 2 for local fire departments. But instead, we were called to an accident on I-10 involving a UPS truck which had collided with a county-owned road grader, during morning rush hour.

Because our trucks and personnel were getting things set up for your F500 demo, we were on-scene just minutes after the collision. Both vehicles were fully engulfed, with ruptured fuel tanks and burning tires, and explosions coming from the cargo in the UPS truck's double-trailers.

The F500 performed miraculously, allowing us to quickly knock down the fire and keep it from spreading to dry grasses along the highway and away from other vehicles. Our department had the fire controlled within 15-20 minutes; without F500 we would have a harder time maintaining the fire perimeter and would have been on-scene much longer. (I'll send pics separately.) A few weeks later we trained with the F500 foam. We filled an old van with wood pallets and fuel, then set it on fire. The foam put out the fire before all the wood was able to burn! We tried and tried to relight the fire, with no luck!

We also had 2 fires this winter in older manufactured homes. Both times the fire was working into walls and ceilings. The F500 foam enabled us to knock down the fire quickly, limiting damage to the structures. It also meant our firefighters were in and out of the structures faster, which is always safer.

A few weeks ago we had a fully-involved pickup truck fire on I-10. The call came in at 2:00am. We had the fire out in 3-5 minutes. It took us longer to drive to the scene than it did to extinguish the fire!

The F500 foam is one of the most important tools a rural department like ours can utilize. It saves us precious water, which is important as our largest tank capacity is 1,400 gallons and we have no hydrants. It also reduces the need to shuttle water to a scene, which helps limit wear & tear on our vehicles. We've now added F500 to our brush trucks and our water fire extinguishers.

I highly recommend F500 to all fire chiefs I talk to! The product is a god-send for our department and our community!

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