North Annville Township Supervisors.

Tanker 67-2 Replacement Recommendation

The North Annville Fire Company recently sent Tanker 67-2 (the current Water Works tanker) to a service facility for routine maintenance. During this visit, the service department was asked to evaluate the tanker's side dump system, which has not functioned properly for several years.

Following their inspection, technicians determined that the fiberglass water tank has sagged in the center, causing the side dump chutes to operate incorrectly. To proactively explore repair options, the fire company contacted three reputable apparatus repair facilities (letters attached). All three facilities concluded that the fiberglass tank is beyond repair. They further advised that any attempted repair would carry no warranty due to the condition of the tank.

Members of the former Water Works Fire Company reported that the tank has experienced issues since it was originally placed into service. In fact, repairs were required shortly after the tanker was purchased new. It was their understanding that the fiberglass construction was inadequate from the start. Additionally, the original tank manufacturer is no longer in business.

After reviewing all available options, the fire company believes the most responsible course of action is to sell the current tanker and purchase a replacement. The original concept of a five-person cab pumper/tanker has been revised to a two-person cab tanker, reducing the projected cost by approximately $400,000. The estimated purchase price of the replacement tanker is approximately $510,000.

At the May 2026 Township Meeting, the fire company requested that the township contribute 50% of the purchase cost. The fire company does not have the financial ability to purchase the replacement apparatus entirely through its own funds.

The loss of this tanker would significantly impact the department's water-supply capabilities during fire operations. Prior to the merger, the combined fleet provided approximately 12,200 gallons of water capacity. Currently, the department has approximately 8,500 gallons of available water capacity, including the tanker that now requires replacement.

During the June 2026 Township Meeting, the Board of Supervisors advised that they had spoken with another company that repairs water tanks and had received an estimate of

approximately $20,000 for repairs. The Apparatus Committee was directed to contact this company and discuss the possibility of an on-site evaluation. The company was contacted the following morning, and after discussing the condition of the tank, representatives advised that they could not repair the tank and recommended against attempting repairs.

At this time, four separate written opinions have been received, all recommending against repairing the existing tank.

The remaining options are:

1. **Install a new poly tank** in the existing chassis. This option would eliminate the stainless-steel wrapped tank design, significantly reduce the vehicle's resale value, and provide a poor return on investment, especially considering the truck is expected to be replaced within the next six years.
2. **Purchase a replacement tanker**, which would provide a long-term solution and maintain the department's water supply capabilities. This tanker would be set up for dual purposes, allowing it to act as an engine when it goes out of service for maintenance.

Based on the information provided by multiple repair facilities and the operational needs of the department, the Apparatus Committee unanimously recommends replacing Tanker 67-2 as the most practical and financially responsible course of action.

Apparatus Committee
June 15, 2026

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Tanker 67, North Annville Township

John Stevens <j.stevens@plastechservices.com> Tue, Jun 9, 2026 at 10:51 AM
To: NA Deputy <na67deputy@gmail.com>
Cc: "adwnats@comcast.net" <adwnats@comcast.net>, Blake Isaac <b.isaac@plastechservices.com>, Gerald Matthews <g.matthews@plastechservices.com>

Good morning Deputy Chief,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this morning about your fire tanker.

As we discussed, the repair of the fiberglass tank on your equipment would be outside of our scope of expertise. Since the SS shell is not structural and the FRP is not sound, we would not have a suitable substrate to build upon. Although I mentioned installing a rubber liner during our conversation, I want to be clear that rubber would not be an option with no structure being provided by the SS facia. Below, I have listed our concerns and possible solutions to keep the truck in service.

FRP Repair Concerns:
Please be advised that you may find companies willing to perform repairs on this FRP tank. We strongly recommend caution with exploring a FRP repair as it could be potentially dangerous considering the service of this piece of equipment. From what we discussed, anything short of removing the SS facia, installing a properly engineered brand new FRP tank, and reinstalling the SS facia would be a band-aid. Fire equipment saves lives, and shortcuts should not be considered as an option.

Complete Tank Replacement:
We spoke about replacing the FRP tank as well. This is a viable option as opposed to repairing the existing FRP tank. FRP, Poly, and SS are all available options with their individual benefits and drawbacks. We do not replace over the road tanks and would recommend a fire equipment specialist for your specific project.
PlasTech Services partners with UPF to complete their warranty and maintenance calls on fire equipment containing their poly vessels. UPF designs and builds custom poly tanks for fire equipment if you would like to explore that option. Please let me know if I can provide you with contact information for UPF.
It will be important to consider that other factors will arise when replacing the tank. If a tank replacement is chosen, we recommend utilizing the tank manufacturer's recommended facility to perform the installation. When the tank is removed from the chassis, other serviceable and consumable parts of the truck will be exposed. A reputable provider will have recommendations that will result in additional expenditures that may quickly add up.

In conclusion, we do not recommend and caution against repairing the FRP tank on this machine. Tank replacement would be the best option for keeping this piece of equipment in service. The bottom line would be weighing the ROI from tank replacement cost, potential resale value before/after tank replacement, and cost of tank replacement vs cost of replacing the truck itself. We understand that there is urgency in correcting this deficiency but encourage you consider all of your options carefully.

It was a pleasure speaking with you today and I hope that this information helps you make an educated decision. If you should have any additional questions or need our assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your service. Please take care and stay safe.
John

From: NA Deputy <na67deputy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:25 PM
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INVOICE

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Bill to
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Ship to
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1743 BlacksBridge Road
Annville, PA 17003

Invoice details
Invoice no.: 1382
Terms: Net 30
Invoice date: 06/01/2026
Due date: 07/01/2026

Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
06/01/2026	**SERVICES**	(1) The customer requested to have the vehicle evaluated for repairs to the body and dump shoot are not functioning properly. (1) The deputy Chief and myself evaluated the vehicle for an afternoon and discovered that the plastic body on the the apparatus has alot of cracks in it and is sagging itself apart and will continue to do so and even get worse as time goes on. I Looked at the dump shoots as well and the body sagging is causing the the side dump shoots to not function properly and will only do more damage as the body breaks apart in time. As Service provider and the Marion fire apparatus dealer for Pennsylvania it is my professional opinion due to the issues and the age of the apparatus of twenty years now the cost would be greater than over the cost of a new vehicle. Furthermore there are no companies in the fire service that do a Stainless wrap on elliptical water tank. I also believe that the water weight contributed to the issues with the vehicle currently. Please if the department needs any help with this issue please fell free to contact me.	2	$0.00	$0.00

Total	**$0.00**

Please make checks payable to "Rapid Fire LLC."

Note to customer

2006 Mack Tanker
VIN # 1M2AL02C56M003203
MILEAGE 19,815

Gmail

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Fwd: Fiberglass Tank Repair

NA Chief <na67chief@gmail.com> Mon, May 18, 2026 at 2:57 PM
To: NA Deputy <na67deputy@gmail.com>

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From: **Carl Strickler** <carl.strickler@glickfire.com>
Date: Mon, May 18, 2026 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Fiberglass Tank Repair
To: na67chief@gmail.com <na67chief@gmail.com>

Chief,

Per our phone conversation, Glick does not repair fiberglass tanks. If a customer has an issue with a Fiberglass Tank, we have facilitated repairs thru a third part vendor, but the success rate of these repairs is not very good.

Also, when these repairs are done, there is no warranty given or implied on the repair.

If you would be looking to replace the Tank with a Poly version, since it is not a Pierce unit, I cannot quote this replacement.

You would need to contact a Company such as UPF to have them measure and design the replacement tank.

In short, Pierce no longer offers Wrapped Elliptical Tanks, and all tanks are poly, not fiberglass.

Therefore, we can only offer a third-party repair option with no warranty, and I as I stated earlier, there would be no warranty.

Carl Strickler

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Tanker

Jared Nolt <Jared@sellfiretrucks.com> Tue, May 19, 2026 at 1:11 PM
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Chief

Thank you for reaching out and for explaining your situation. We recently completed a very similar project on a tanker we purchased from western Pennsylvania — a 2003 Mack with a New Lexington body. In that case, the 3,000-gallon fiberglass tank was beyond repair and had developed leaks. We replaced it with a new poly tank from UPF.

Because poly tanks mount differently than fiberglass tanks, the entire tank cradle had to be rebuilt as part of the installation. Based on that experience, my professional opinion is that, at standard retail shop labor rates, you would likely be in the low-to-mid $200,000 range to replace the tank and rewrap the tank in stainless steel. Of course, that estimate could increase if additional issues are discovered during disassembly, such as rust, corrosion, or damaged mounting components.

Based on the age of the apparatus and the scope of work required, it would be my professional opinion that pursuing replacement of the apparatus may be the more practical long-term investment versus undertaking a repair of this magnitude. With repair costs potentially approaching half the value of a new truck, it becomes difficult to justify the expense, particularly when additional age-related issues may arise in the future. Even after a repair like this, you still have a twenty-year-old piece of Fire Apparatus.

I hope this information is helpful and answers your questions. At this time, Command Fire Apparatus is not offering this type of service work, as our current workload keeps us fully committed to existing projects.

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COMMAND FIRE APPARATUS

From: NA Deputy <na67deputy@gmail.com>
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