

Fire Truck Experience/Party



The winner of this auction is entitled to receive a one (1) to two (2) hour experience with a 1960's fire truck for up to eight (8) children & three (3) adults (or six (6) total adults with no children). This experience could be having the fire truck and owner come to your child's birthday party, with an opportunity for the children (and supervising adults) to examine and climb all over the fire truck, get information about the fire truck and its history from the owner, and take a short ride around the block. For adults that are kids at heart, the experience could consist of a longer drive for you and your friends around residential neighborhoods, exploring all facets of the fire truck, or perhaps having the fire truck in a parade or other event you are involved in. Crafting the experience is up to you and the owner of the fire truck.

The fire truck in question is a 1962 Ford/American LaFrance fire truck, that was in service until 2005 with the Volunteer Fire Department in Paris, TX. This fire truck was acquired as an upgrade to the owner's first fire truck, a 1941 Chevrolet. The original fire truck was a great one, but the top speed of 35 mph was a bit limiting. The owner of this fire truck started down this path while browsing the Internet with his son Peter, age 5 at the time, and discovered that he liked old fire trucks, that they were relatively inexpensive, and that they'd be a lot of fun for parades and the like! The fire truck's name is Paula, named for an old friend of the family whose mother was also very interested in fire trucks.

The owners of this fire truck are Paul and Barbara Witman. The Witmans live in Simi Valley, CA with their son Peter, age 13, and their dog Cider. They are active volunteers with many organizations, including the United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, and the Boy Scouts of America. Barbara is a full-time volunteer and mom, working with Peter's school and various other volunteer activities, and is an active quilter as well. Paul is an assistant professor of Information Technology Management at California Lutheran University, and is also an active volunteer with the same organizations, and with KCLU 88.3 FM.

To set up your experience, please call the owner, Paul Witman, at 805-583-3378. Please provide at least 2 months notice, as this experience is subject to the owner's time availability. The experience is geographically limited to Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Moorpark, California, and does not include any driving of the vehicle on any major streets or freeways. No smoking or drinking are allowed in or around the vehicle. All children must be supervised by an adult. Minimum age = 4 years.

