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October 2024  
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Dublin Aerial

# Dublin Aerial Round Table

- Aerial Growth Plan
- Aerial Team
- 2024 NFPA Changes
- New Engine Design Changes
- Other SPH Improvements
- Questions



# Dublin Aerial Growth

- Project Launch JUNE 2023
- Plan production 36 Units in FY25
- FY 2026 target to be 3+ units / month by end of fiscal year (2/28/2025)



# Dublin Aerial Growth

## Challenges

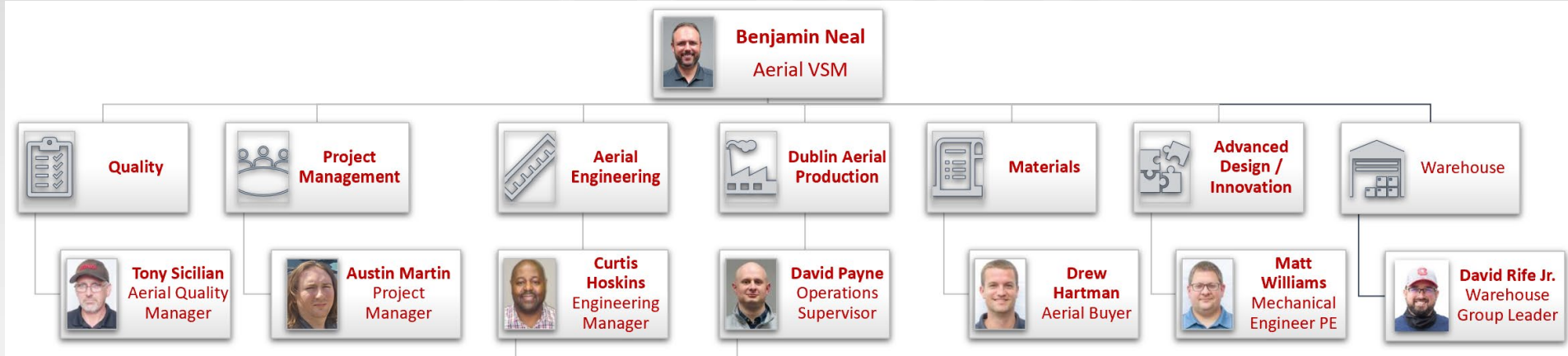
- Leadership Training
- Shop Floor Training
- Engineering Design Capacity
- Parts Availability / Lead Times



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# Dublin Aerial Org Chart

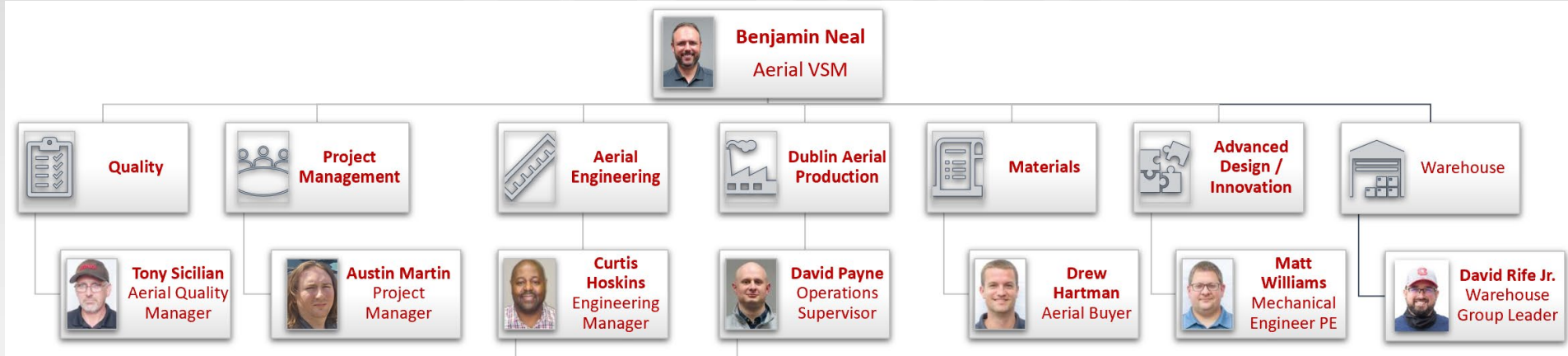


**Benjamin Neal**  
Aerial VSM





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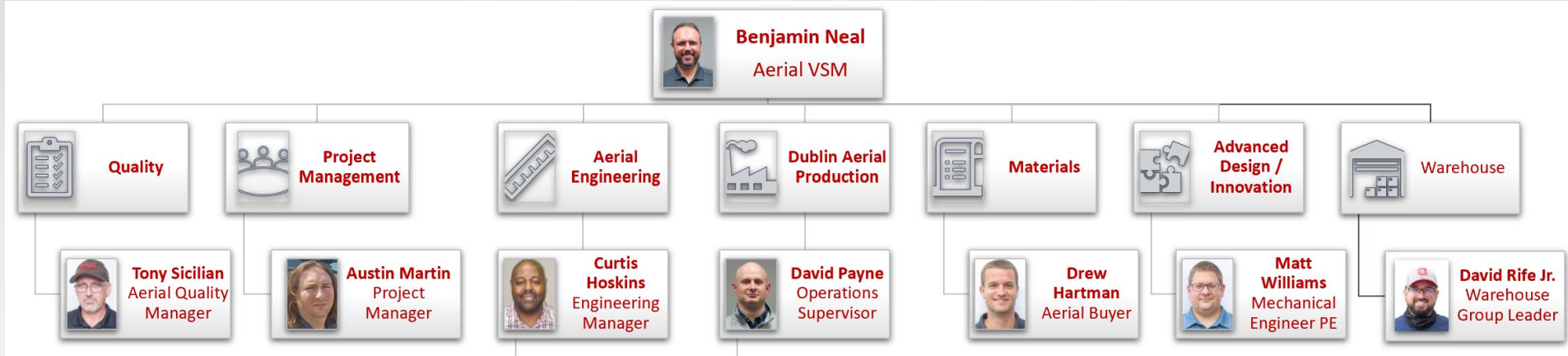


**Tony Sicilian**  
Aerial Quality  
Manager



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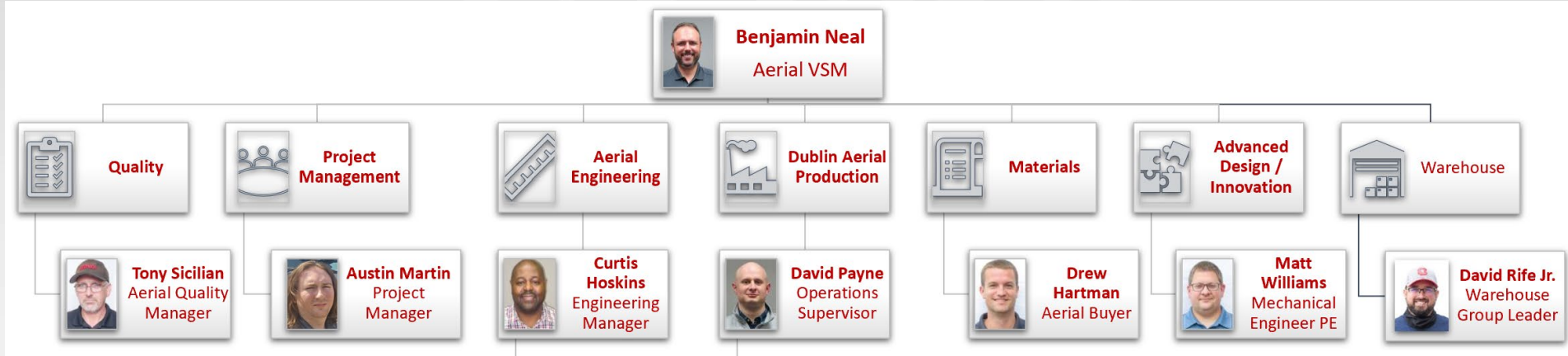


**Austin Martin**  
Project Manager



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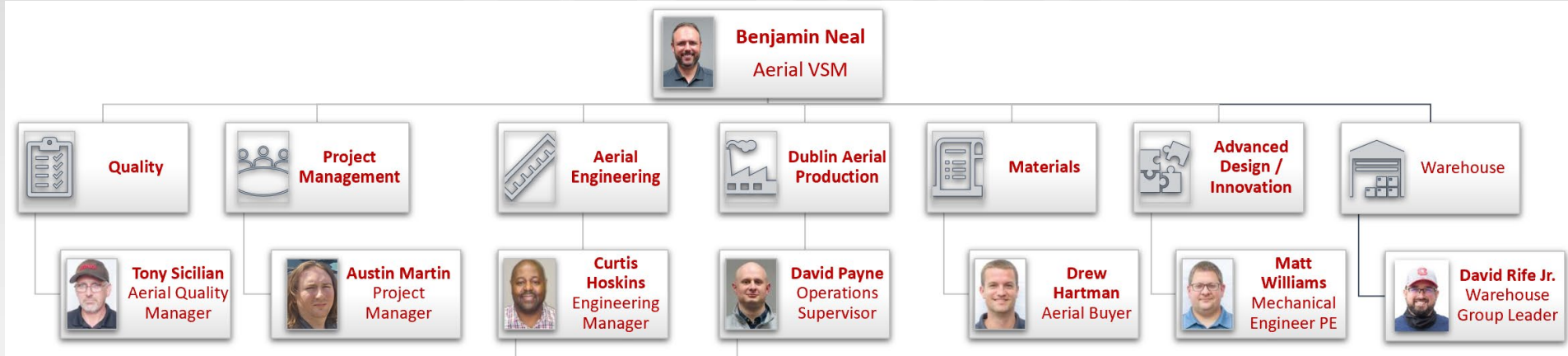
**Curtis Hoskins**  
Engineering  
Manager



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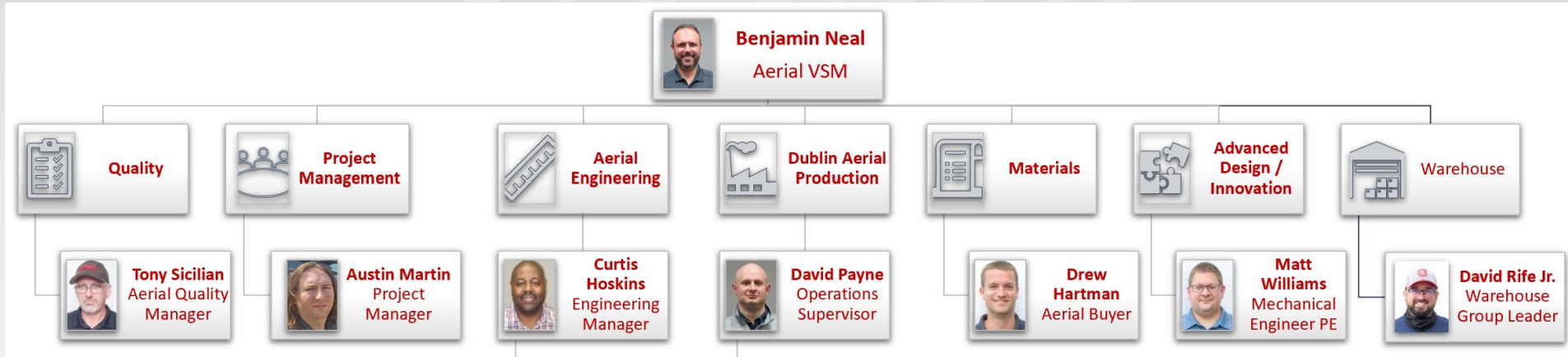


**David Payne**  
Operations  
Supervisor



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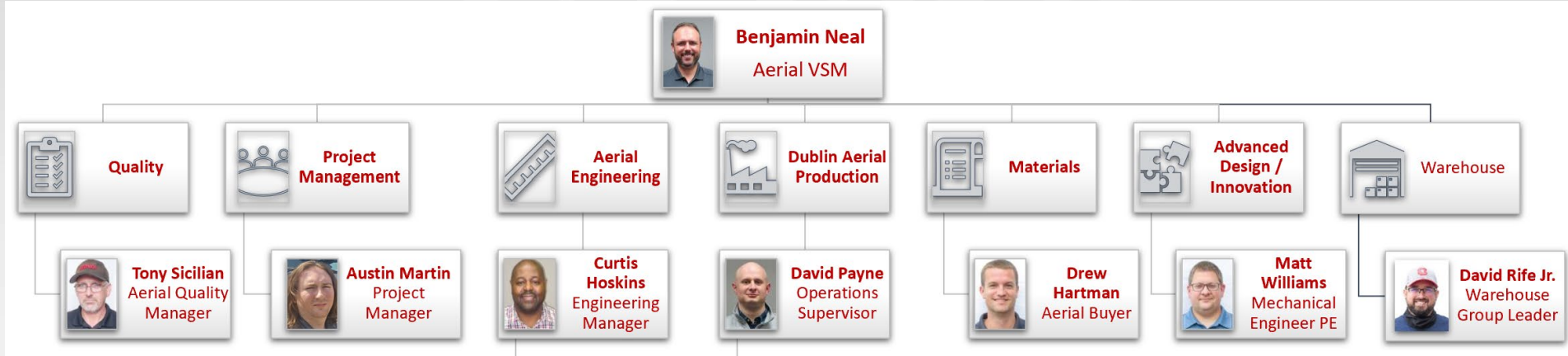


**Drew Hartman**  
Aerial Buyer



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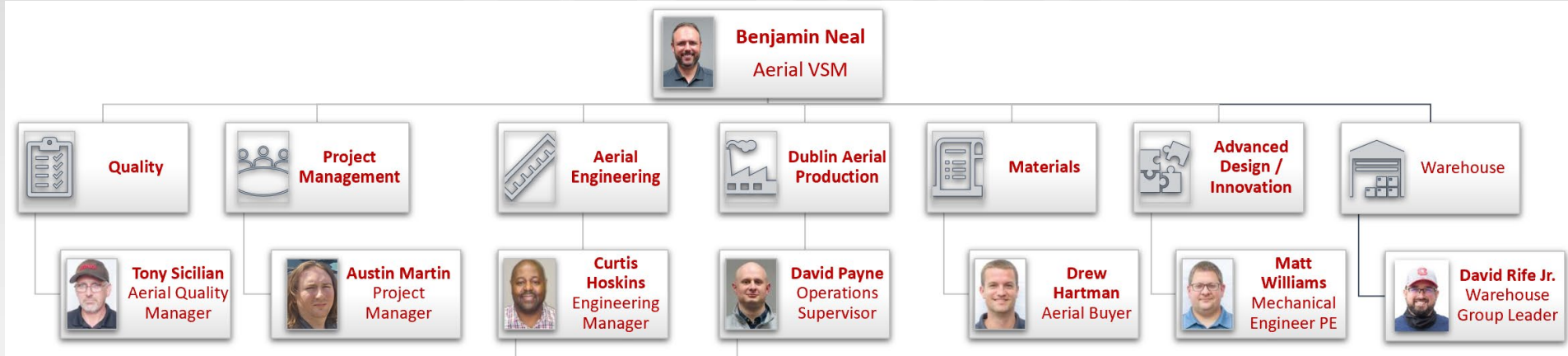
**Matt Williams**  
Mechanical  
Engineer PE



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# Dublin Aerial Org Chart



**David Rife Jr.**  
Warehouse  
Group Leader



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# Dublin Aerial Growth – FLOW

## Stage 1 – Chassis to Body Set

- Bryan Roth

## Stage 2 – Body Set to Ladder Set

- Adam Salyers

## Ladder Build – Building 4 (Ladder Barn)

- Mike LeMaster (TINY)

## Stage 3 – Ladder Set to Final Inspection

- Ryan Ebner / Isaiah Powell / Gene Maharg

Dublin Pumper -> Andy Roush



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# Dublin Aerial Design Engineering

Curtis Hoskins (Engineering Manager)

- Caleb Tincher
- Elisabeth Blankenship
- Kim Turner
- Bradley Powell (Previously Pumper)
- Jim Holland – Cad Administration



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# Dublin Aerial Electrical Engineering

Curtis Hoskins (Engineering Manager)

- **Tim Lett** – Retiring 12/31/2024
  - Thanks for 19 Years with Sutphen!!
- Nathan Ballinger
- Jeremiah Whisler (Previously Pumper)



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# Dublin Aerial Design Changes

- Integrated Jack Feet (NFPA 2024)
- Base / Mid Design (NFPA 2024)
- Reinforced Platform / Yoke (SPH) (NFPA 2024)
- Other NFPA 2024 Changes
- Cummins Emission / Changes
- Design Improvements



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# Dublin Aerial Design NFPA 2024

## Integrated Jack Feet

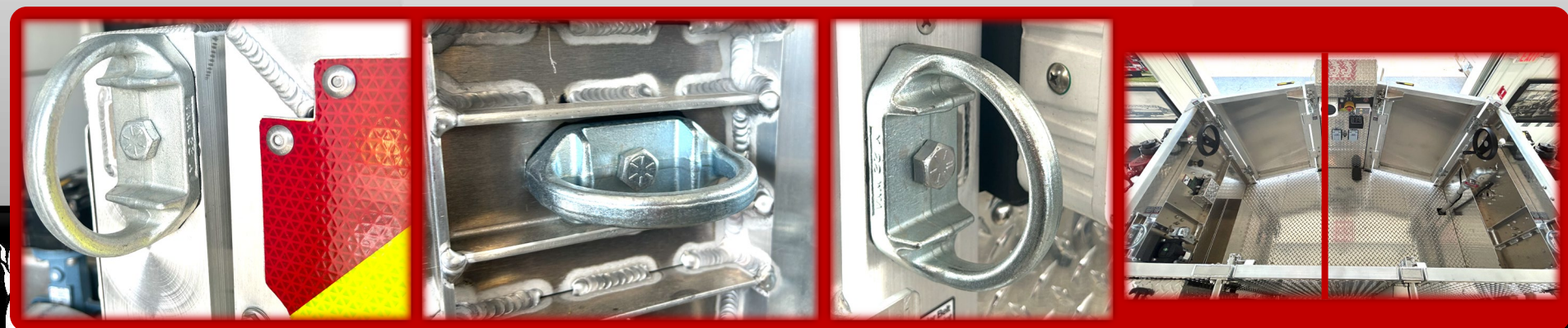
- Regulation increase in allowable pounds per square inch maximum from 75 psi -> 100 psi
- Allows Sutphen to reduce size of integrated jack foot and standardize design of base
- Jack pads and holders will be a costed option



# Dublin Aerial Design NFPA 2024

## Reinforced Platform

- Minimum of 4 tie offs required (currently have 6)
- Regulation revised from tie off point to include mounting and platform. The point and platform must withstand and not deform up to **450** Lbs. of force.
- Regulation increase from **450 -> 1,800** Lbs. of force. The tie off point and mounting must withstand and stay attached to the platform.

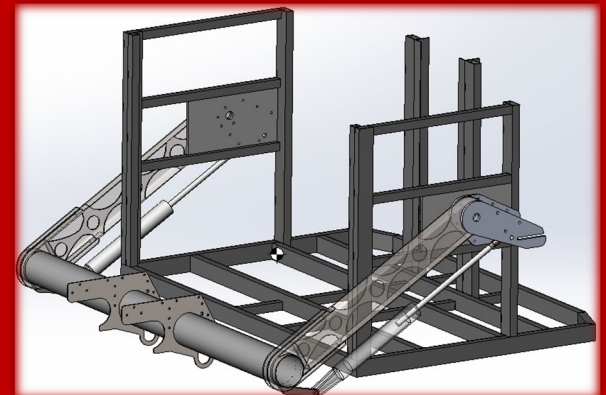
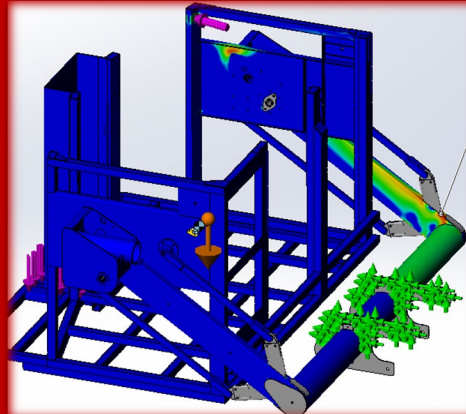


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# Dublin Aerial Design NFPA 2024

## Reinforced Platform – Proposed Solution

- Sutphen invested in advance simulation software – Abaqus
- Destructive testing required to validate results
- New proposed design of Platform – Material Changes
- New Design of Yoke - material changes and corrosion resistance
- Leveling system simplification
- Center Platform relative to the ladder / truck
- **Goal ->Lighter, Stronger, and Safer Overall Platform / Yoke**



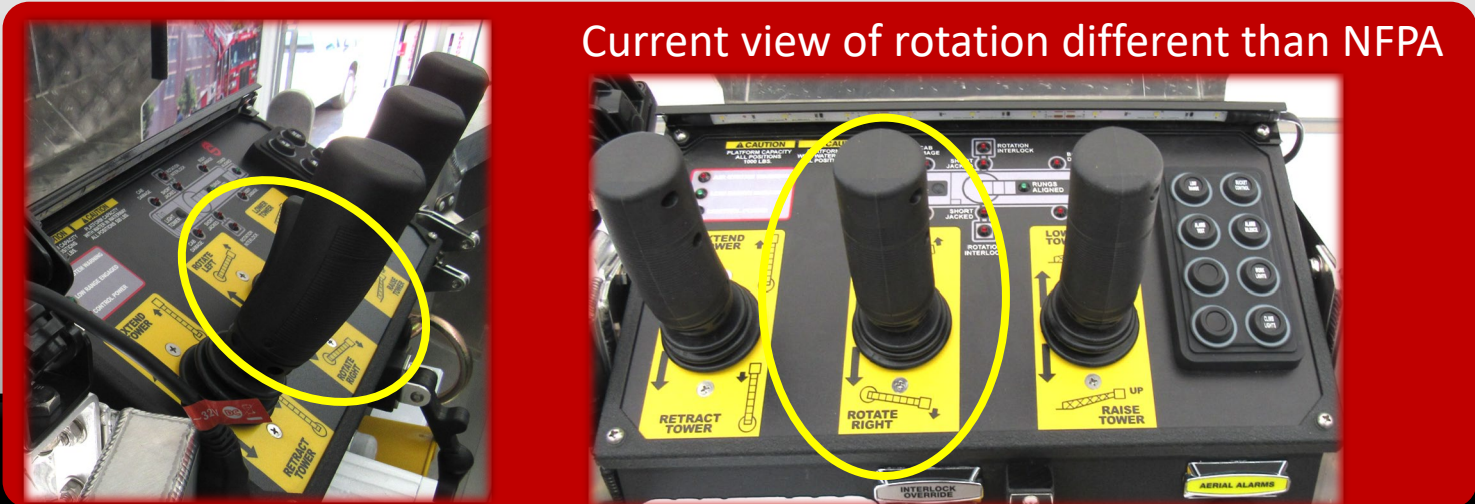
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# Dublin Aerial Design NFPA 2024

## Other NFPA Changes

- Roll stability required on all trucks
- Rear backup cameras required on all trucks
- Standardize Platform Controls / Labels
  - Rotation will match NFPA and Hilliard
    - rotate right is joystick up
    - rotate left is joystick down



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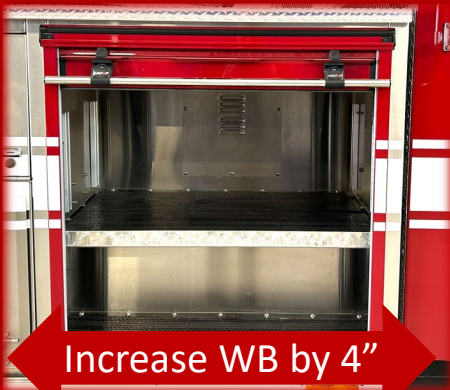




# Dublin Aerial Design Emission Changes

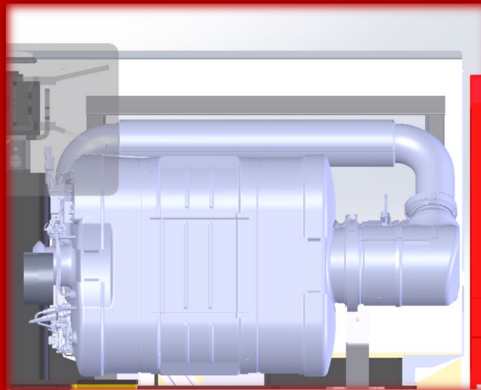
## New Engine Design Impacts - Proposed

- Expanded Exhaust After Treatment System
- Mid Truck Design
  - R1 lost -> new exhaust system location
  - Location of Generator (Hose bed, Inside R2, or Top of L4)
  - Consider use of an Inverter vs Generator
- Additional Frame length (approximately 2-4") to accommodate the longer exhaust on all cabs
- Increases turning radius by 4.4" approximately

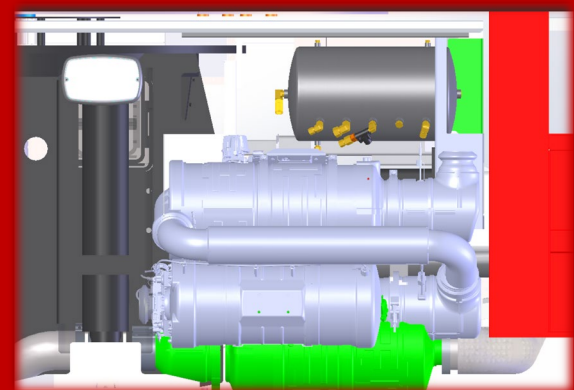


Increase WB by 4"

View From Side  
Existing R1



View From Under Truck



View from Side (Green is  
existing after treatment)

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# Dublin Aerial SPH Body Sag

- Lower Front Suspension Standard
  - Conforms to approach adopted by Hilliard and 2024 SPH Demo
  - 8.5" gap at front tire and 42" level frame height (was going down hill 43"-> 41")
- Pinning rear drop high or adjust after loading
- Root Cause, frame is deflecting due to weight of body with gear
  - Long term **possible** solutions
    - Change rear suspension to Hendrickson and move pivot point further back
    - Increase height of the frame (results in higher truck) – recent SPI 112
    - Utilize advanced simulation software to model solutions



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# Dublin Aerial Design Changes

All Jack displays and lights standardized to inside the L1

- Safer user interface
- Simplifies design

Stainless Steel Fixed Steps

- Significantly less risk of corrosion
- Simply body build process



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# Dublin Aerial Design Changes

## New Steps on Cab

- Removes Trip Hazard
- Makes spacing consistent at 9"

## Fixed Steps Standard on all Trucks

- Remove risk of ripping off fold down steps
- Make spacing consistent on all step spacing

New Front Steps



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# Dublin Aerial Design Changes

## Emergency Entry Paddle Latches

- Standard on Demos
- Still in trial period

Emergency Paddle Latch



## Next Up:

- Alignment Committee Items
- Focused efforts on assembly time and lead-time reduction items to increase manufacturability



# Dublin Aerial Design Changes

## Questions / Follow-up?

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