The water tender is a large tank truck used to carry water to fire engines when a water source is not readily available. Typically, this is in remote or rural areas where fire hydrants are not available. Water tenders are often deployed during brush fires, but a water tender can also be relocated to an urban area, if the hydrant system is not working.

The water tender will have a 1,800 gallon water tank and a 500 to 750 gpm (gallons per minute) pump.

**Staffing:** Two personnel from the engine crew will staff a water tender.

**Radio designation:**

Water Tender + station number.

i.e.: Water Tender 27.