As this edition of Fire Cover ‘majors’ on airports, it would be remiss not to include a couple of airport crash tenders models, or as they are known now Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicles.

The Cursor Z8 is a particularly interesting model, which eluded my collection for many years. It was produced as a promotional model for Ziegler. It was apparently produced in relatively small number, some say as low as only 200. However, I have never been able to confirm this. It is manufactured entirely from ABS plastic and features steerable axles, the front set, and moveable monitors. Finished in the starkling lime yellow and red livery of Zurich, it is one of my favourite ARFFs in the collection.

From Wiking as a promotional model for Rosenbauer, this 1/43rd scale Panther 6 X 6 with ARFF, fitted with a High Reach Extending Turret (HRET), is in the livery of Warsaw Modlin Airport.

News of new models announced at the Nurenburg Toy Fair in January 2015 has arrived.

As suspected Eligor will lead the way with new releases, as well as catching up with models announced last year, but still to be released. For 2015 and early 2016 they plan to release: No 101541, Hotchiss PL60, Normal Control, First Aid Fire Engine, No 101543, Hotchiss PL70 4x4 CCMF (Forrest Fire Tender), No 115011, Renault Kerax 4 X 4, Crew Cab Fire Engine, No 115013, Renault Premium Lander CCIHR 8,500 (Water Carrier), No 115014 Renault Midium 4 X 4, Crew Cab Fire Engine, No 115015, Scania CP31 PFT Gimaex SIDIS, No 115016 Renault Midium 4 X 4, CCF Magirus Camiva Pumper. No 115017 Renault Kerex CCGC Gallin 26 (Water Carrier), No 115018 Renault Midium Crew Cab CCF Gimaex (Wild Fire Appliance in yellow livery) No 115242 Renault D16 Riffaud Gimaex EPC 33X Turntable Ladder, No 115296 Iveco Magirus TTL M32 L-A55 Turntable Ladder and No 115297 Iveco Magirus TTL M32 L 205 Turntable Ladder. As always an ambitious programme.

Burago, Italy, plan to release a 1/50th scale iveco Eurocargo RW (Emergency Tender). This is based on the ‘long wheelbase’ version.

ICM will release a 1/35scale plastic kit of an Opel Blitz Type 2.5-32 KZS8 World War II German Fire Engine with Trailer Pump.

ICM’s Opel Blitz. Photo: courtesy ICM

From Neo we can expect a 1/43rd scale Mercedes Benz TL MAN 415 TLF Works Feuerwehr and a Mercedes Benz LOK315 Turntable Ladder also in 1/43rd scale.

Rietz, Germany, plan to produce the 1/43rd scale Magirus Dragon 8 X 8 Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting vehicle (ARFF), which first appeared in 2014, in the livery of Poznan Lawica Airport, Poland.

In 1/24th scale will come a Revell kit of a MAN TGM Euro 6 HLF20.

TCM will add to the vast array of model Land Rovers now available with a 1/43rd scale 1957 Land Rover Series I, short wheelbase, L4P, in the livery of Meroneth Fire Service.

IXO are to release a 1/43rd Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution car in the livery of West Midlands Fire Service (FRS) and Humberside FRS.

The family business of Yatming Signature, which produced a range of European, American and British fire engine models

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