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Yukon government invests in emergency response vehicles

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has allocated a total of \$555,000 in 2016/17, pending legislative approval, to support public safety by investing in new emergency response vehicles.

"This investment in modernizing the territory's emergency services through new vehicles and equipment improves response capacity," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "With the 2016/17 allocation, Yukon government will have invested \$4.8 million in eight new ambulances and 12 new fire vehicles since 2011."

Emergency service vehicles fleet upgrading and replacement programs require ongoing government investment. In 2016/17, the Yukon government will purchase one new ambulance for Yukon Emergency Medical Services in Whitehorse, an off-road tanker truck for Wildland Fire Management, and one new fire truck for Carcross.

"Providing our first responders with state-of-the-art equipment is a priority of the Yukon government," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers added. "The new ambulance and fire trucks are important tools that will help protect life and property across Yukon."

The Protective Services division uses fleet management strategies to manage and upgrade its respective fleets of emergency vehicles.

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