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### Minister delivers state-of-the-art fire truck to Ross River

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Archie Lang has recognized the good work of the Ross River volunteer fire department and has presented the keys for a new fire truck to the Ross River Volunteer Fire Department.

"Volunteers are the heart of our communities and I want to thank the Ross River Volunteer Fire Department for everything they do for the community," Lang said. "Together with all emergency responders across Yukon, these volunteer firefighters are committed to protecting our communities and we acknowledge their service."

Yukon's Fire Marshal's Office, which currently supports 15 active Volunteer Fire Departments in unincorporated areas, continues to work towards upgrading fire equipment as part of the government's commitment to public health and safety.

"To be at their best, our emergency responders need the right training and the right equipment for the job," Lang said. "I am pleased to be in Ross River to deliver the new state-of-the-art fire truck and to show our support for the community."

The fire truck incorporates unique safety features suited to Yukon's climate. Such features include a heated cab and seating for five fully equipped firefighters; an automatic water pressure governor to keep hose pressure constant and a foam injection system to improve suppression capability; upgraded halogen and LED lighting to improve firefighter safety and efficiency and an onboard generator to power lighting units; pump cavity heaters to keep the water pumping system from freezing; and tire chains automatically deployed at a push of a button in slippery conditions.

The Protective Services division of Community Services comprises the Fire Marshal's Office, Emergency Medical Services, Wildland Fire Management, the Emergency Measures Organization and the Safety and Training branch. Protective Services strives to protect life and property from human and natural caused threats.

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See photo below.

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Ross River Volunteer Fire Department's new truck which was presented by  
Community Services Minister Archie Lang.

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