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## **New ambulances and fire trucks slated for Yukon in 2015/16**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is allocating a total of \$920,000 in 2015/16, pending legislative approval, for new emergency response vehicles.

"Ensuring that our emergency first responders have the vehicles and equipment they need to do their jobs safely and efficiently is a Yukon government priority," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "Investing in new vehicles and equipment will improve response capacity and let our first responders focus on helping Yukoners."

Ongoing government investment is required to upgrade and replace emergency service vehicles. In 2015/16 the Yukon government will purchase two new ambulances for Yukon Emergency Medical Services (YEMS) at a cost of \$310,000 and will invest \$610,000 to purchase up to two new fire trucks for the Fire Marshal's Office (FMO).

Over the last three years the Yukon government has invested a total of \$2.6 million in new emergency vehicles including \$1.83 million for fire trucks and \$763,000 for ambulances.

Both YEMS and the FMO have fleet management strategies to manage and upgrade their vehicles. With 23 ambulances in service, YEMS provides territory-wide emergency medical coverage. The FMO manages 16 volunteer fire departments in rural Yukon and is progressively upgrading its fleet of pumpers, tankers and speciality fire trucks.

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