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## **Government of Yukon opens new EMS station**

WHITEHORSE—Today the Government of Yukon opened a new emergency medical services (EMS) station on the Whitehorse General Hospital campus. The station was relocated to accommodate the hospital expansion.

"The facility is built to meet the operational needs of EMS," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said, on behalf of Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon. "The modern and efficient building is the result of the Yukon government investing in infrastructure to support emergency medical services, including ambulance and medevac dispatch."

Yukon EMS is an essential partner in Yukon's health-care system and works with Health and Social Services, the Yukon Hospital Corporation and other response partners to address emergencies.

"The Government of Yukon has allocated nearly \$72 million for the Whitehorse General Hospital expansion project. Relocating the EMS station has made room for the new hospital emergency department and provided an enhanced work environment for EMS personnel, who are critical partners in providing pre-hospital care to Yukoners," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said.

The new EMS station houses two ambulance crews and the Yukon Emergency Response Coordination Centre, which dispatches ambulances within the Whitehorse service area and coordinates medevac and patient transfers for the territory. The station has two ambulance bays, improved storage and locker rooms, flexible office space and a staff kitchen and lounge.

Yukon EMS also received two new ambulances in February. One is located at the new station and the other at the Emergency Response Centre on Two Mile Hill in Whitehorse.

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