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Fire Marshal receives Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

WHITEHORSE—Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor presented a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Yukon Fire Marshal Dennis Berry last week.

The presentation, which also recognized Yukon emergency response recipients of the medal, took place at a ceremony and community BBQ hosted at the Golden Horn volunteer fire department.

"Yukon's emergency responders stand ready—day and night—to protect our families, our homes, neighbourhoods and communities from fire and other emergencies," Taylor said. "I commend Mr. Berry for his fire service leadership, his role in promoting fire prevention and life safety awareness, both locally and nationally, and for his work to strengthen Yukon fire departments across the territory."

The Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for reducing the loss of life and property to fire and other related emergencies. It operates and supports 16 fire departments in unincorporated communities, and is responsible for life safety inspections, fire investigations, fire prevention education, firefighter training, and overseeing fire departments throughout Yukon.

"Yukoners owe our full-time and volunteer emergency responders an enormous debt of gratitude," Taylor said. "The award of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Fire Marshal Berry, and awards to other Yukon government emergency responders, is one way that we can demonstrate our appreciation for the work they do to help keep us all safe."

During the past year, the following Yukon government emergency responders also received the Diamond Jubilee medal: Kevin Taylor, Bob Atkinson, Brian and Nancy Pope, Mike Powashuck, James Kathrein, Jonathan Trefry, Michael McKeage, and Rick Smith.

Volunteers are vital to Yukon's emergency response organizations. Citizens interested in volunteering are invited to contact their local volunteer fire department, emergency medical services station or search and rescue society.

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