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## **New fire truck aids fire response in Klondike region**

WHITEHORSE—A new mini-pumper fire truck that was presented to Klondike region-based volunteer firefighters last week will enhance response to fire emergencies in the community.

"It is important that the dedicated staff and volunteers in Dawson City and the surrounding areas have the proper equipment to do their job," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "This truck is another example of the Yukon government's commitment to supporting the safety, health and sustainability of Yukon communities, and our increased investment in fire protection."

The mini-pumper truck was purchased specifically to aid response to West Dawson and was made possible thanks to recent modifications to the Mutual Aid Agreement signed between the City of Dawson and the Yukon government.

"This truck fills a gap in equipment and subsequent service needs we had identified," Dawson Fire Chief Jim Regimbal said. "By adding this truck to our fleet we can now respond faster and more efficiently to fire emergencies in the West Dawson and Sunnydale area, as well as within Dawson City and the surrounding areas."

This mini-pumper truck can fight fires and transport five fully equipped firefighters. It is equipped with:

- a quick-attack four-wheel drive chassis;
- a foam system that allows for faster suppression with less water;
- an LED light package for night time responses; and
- a 300 gallon water tank.

"This truck brings valuable fire protection to our community and is an excellent example of two governments coming together to provide the best service possible to its citizens," Mayor of Dawson City Wayne Potoroka said. "City of Dawson Council understands the importance of looking out for our neighbours. This truck and our mutual aid agreement with the Yukon government to provide fire protection for the Klondike Valley, and more recently West Dawson, exemplifies that value while ensuring effective fire response."

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