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## **Be a Hero in your home for Fire Prevention Week**

WHITEHORSE—The launch of a new public awareness campaign, the delivery of a new fire truck, and participation in an anniversary event in Marsh Lake are some of the ways that the Yukon government is marking Fire Prevention Week this year.

"Educating the public and providing the tools and equipment so that our emergency responders can do their job effectively contribute to the safety, health and sustainability of Yukon communities," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "These investments show a continued commitment to emergency response in the territory and to the protection of Yukoners."

The Be a Hero campaign was developed to encourage Yukoners to become heroes in their home by checking their smoke alarms monthly, installing carbon monoxide detectors and developing a home safety plan.

Also during Fire Prevention Week, the Golden Horn volunteer fire department will receive a brand new front line pumper truck.

"This new pumper truck will enable our volunteer firefighters to respond to emergencies throughout the Golden Horn area faster and more efficiently," Golden Horn fire chief Charlie McLaren said. "The purchase of this truck shows that the Yukon government is dedicated to its volunteer fire departments and the equipment needs they have."

The community of Marsh Lake is also celebrating 25 years of volunteer emergency response services. A ceremony to commemorate the anniversary and recognize its volunteers was held on October 4.

"The selfless volunteers within the community of Marsh Lake—and around the territory—put aside their daily responsibilities to support our communities in times of need," Cathers added. "I was honoured to participate in Marsh Lake's anniversary celebration and to have the opportunity to thank the volunteers as part of Fire Prevention Week."

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 5 to 11.

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