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Yukon government purchases two new ambulances

WHITEHORSE—Two new ambulances are now in service to assist residents in need and to improve Yukon's emergency medical services.

"The Yukon government continues to invest in emergency medical services," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "These two new ambulances will support Yukon paramedics in helping our citizens who face medical emergencies."

Together these ambulance fleet additions represent a \$306,000 investment in Yukon Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Each ambulance can accommodate two paramedics and a patient. If needed, they can be configured to carry additional EMS staff and two patients.

The ambulances are outfitted to operate efficiently year-round. The scene lighting system, brighter emergency lights, improved reflective markings and back-up camera contribute to safer operation. Installation of multiple electrical and oxygen outlets allows for greater flexibility in caring for the needs of patients.

"These ambulances will support our highly skilled EMS responders and help them to do their jobs safely and efficiently," Cathers added.

The new ambulances are part of a continuing plan to replace and upgrade the ambulance fleet. Yukon maintains a fleet of 23 ambulances that provide territory-wide emergency medical services.

Yukon EMS is an essential partner of the Yukon government's healthcare system. It has 58 full-time staff including paramedics, critical care team members, and emergency response communications officers, as well as 155 EMS volunteers. Annually EMS teams respond to over 7,000 calls: 5,200 calls in the Whitehorse area and 1,300 in rural communities as well as 860 air medevacs from rural communities to Whitehorse and to medical facilities outside of Yukon.

Learn more

Emergency Medical Services: www.community.gov.yk.ca/ems.html

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