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Yukon Wildland Fire Management lauded for work in British Columbia

WHITEHORSE – Wildland Fire Management employees have been presented with a Heroes and Rescue Award by the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

The award recognizes the assistance Yukon government staff gave last summer when they worked alongside BC firefighters to protect communities from fires during an extremely busy season.

"These employees show courage and dedication on a daily basis in the territory," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "To demonstrate these skills by providing assistance in another jurisdiction and be recognized for it is tremendous. Each of the firefighters involved should be proud."

The Heroes and Rescue award is presented to an individual or team whose actions resulted in lifesaving, rescue or conspicuous bravery or who enhanced the quality of life for people facing mental or physical harm.

"Sharing resources and providing wildfire assistance to other jurisdictions in need is something this program does routinely. Support is often provided to us as well, so we appreciate being able to return the favour and be acknowledged for doing so," Lang added.

Wildland Fire Management, a branch within the Protective Services Division, was one of many organizations that successfully responded to the fires threatening communities in British Columbia last summer.

The 21 Yukon firefighters deployed to BC were based in the Kamloops fire district for more than two weeks and provided suppression support on a number of wildfires.

For information about the Justice Institute of British Columbia go to www.jibc.ca.

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