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Education Week open house to feature protective services agencies

WHITEHORSE—Children and families will have the opportunity to learn more about Yukon's Protective Services at the Education Week Open House taking place later today. Visitors will have the chance to look inside a new fire truck and ambulance, learn about 911 ambulance service, talk to firefighters about fire safety, learn about how to become an emergency service professional, and more.

"Yukon's Protective Services is always prepared and ready to respond in times of greatest need," Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor said. "Education Week is a great opportunity to promote public safety and preparedness and talk to people of all ages about the important work our emergency responders do to safeguard Yukoners."

To promote forest fire awareness for school children in grades three to five, Yukon's FireSmart program will also have on hand a brand new colouring book, illustrated by local artist Chris Caldwell, titled *Operation Wildfire*.

Yukon's Protective Services is a division of the Department of Community Services and includes Emergency Medical Services, Wildland Fire Management, the Fire Marshal's Office and Emergency Measures Organization, which supports volunteer ground and inland water search and rescue in Yukon. Staff will be on hand to discuss volunteer opportunities in this challenging and rewarding community service.

Copies of *Operation Wildfire* will be available at the Education Week open house or by contacting Wildland Fire Management at 867-393-7415. Visit community.gov.yk.ca for more information.

The Education Week open house takes place tonight, April 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 1000 Lewes Boulevard.

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