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Ibex Valley Volunteer Fire Department recognized during National Volunteer Week

WHITEHORSE—Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers last night recognized the important work of volunteer firefighters by attending the Ibex Valley Volunteer Fire Department's monthly training night to meet the volunteers and tour the department's new fire truck.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of our communities and National Volunteer Week is a great time to express our gratitude for everything they contribute to Yukon," Taylor said. "I want to thank the members of the Ibex Valley Volunteer Fire Department and all Yukon's emergency response volunteers for their commitment, dedication and extraordinary contribution to their communities. I am also very pleased that our government has recently provided a new fire truck to help the Ibex Valley volunteer firefighters carry out their valuable work."

The new \$250,000 state-of-the-art fire truck includes features that improve firefighter safety and response capabilities. These include seating for five fully-equipped firefighters, enhanced lighting to improve safety when responding in the dark, an onboard generator, pump cavity heaters to prevent the water system from freezing, upgrades that enable the truck to be used to fight urban interface forest fires with a "pump and roll" function, and a bumper turret to allow firefighters to drive and spray water at the same time.

"I want to echo Minister Taylor in expressing my appreciation for the ongoing efforts and commitment of our volunteer firefighters," said Cathers, who is also the MLA for Lake Laberge. "The new fire truck has already been put to good use and I'm confident it will continue to assist firefighters in responding to fire and protecting our community."

The Fire Marshal's Office supports 16 volunteer fire departments in unincorporated communities and provides life safety leadership across Yukon. The Fire Marshal's Office undertakes investigations, inspections and works with incorporated fire departments to provide training and support.

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