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Fire-fighting capacity in Yukon gets a boost

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) will receive a major investment to provide additional resources and training for fire departments around the territory, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

"In Yukon, we rely on our firefighters, many of whom are volunteers, to protect life and property," Taylor said. "This investment helps provide these brave men and women with the training, tools and equipment they need to do their jobs safely, and help protect Yukoners and their property."

An additional \$1.9 million is being invested this year in the Yukon Fire Marshal's Office. Plans for the funding include an increase from two to four deputy fire marshals which doubles the capacity to undertake life safety inspections, fire investigations, fire prevention, training for Yukon firefighters and providing the necessary oversight to ensure national standards are maintained. A mobile live fire training facility will be added to an enhanced firefighter training program, bringing Yukon firefighting services into the 21st century. FMO fire departments will also receive new equipment for firefighters and two new fire trucks this fiscal year.

"Today's announcement represents the single largest investment in Yukon fire service history," Yukon Fire Marshal Dennis Berry said. "The Fire Marshal's Office is proud of our past record of success and looks forward to building a safer Yukon in partnership with all Yukon fire departments. It is my honour to be here today to see the Yukon fire service move forward into the future."

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

For more information visit the Fire Marshal's Office webpage.

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