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**Golden Horn Fire Hall Grand Opening**

WHITEHORSE – The new Golden Horn fire hall was officially opened today by Community Services Minister Archie Lang at a community event organized by the Golden Horn Volunteer Fire Department.

“Yukon remains committed to investing in the emergency response infrastructure of rural Yukon to improve the safety and security of people and our communities,” Lang said. “The new Golden Horn fire hall will better enable the Golden Horn Volunteer Fire Department to safeguard the community.”

“The new fire hall includes features that our volunteers were asking for and it is a vast improvement over our old facility,” Golden Horn Deputy Fire Chief Charles McLaren said. “This facility offers new opportunities to our firefighters for training and skills development and team building, and it provides ample space to house the hi-tech fire suppression and extraction equipment that we need to respond to the diverse emergency situations we face.”

“The Yukon government will continue to provide our firefighters and fire departments with the facilities, infrastructure, equipment and training they need to do their jobs as effectively as possible,” Lang added.

The new fire hall includes a 20- to 30-person training room, three large bays to house firefighting vehicles, a communications room with specialized equipment that will enhance response time and aid in dispatch, and other building features. The Golden Horn Volunteer Fire Department was involved in all aspects of the building project.

The Golden Horn fire hall was completed in spring 2009 at a cost of \$1.5 million. Fifteen volunteers servicing 250 residents will operate out of the facility.

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