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Yeppoon receives \$800,000 firefighting boost

Yeppoon fires have been given a major boost with a new fire truck officially handed over at the Yeppoon Fire and Rescue Station today.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the \$800,000 Scania Type 3 truck is part of the Palaszczuk Government's fleet replacement strategy to ensure local firefighters are well-equipped to respond to emergencies.

"As the Yeppoon region continues to develop, it's important we equip our fire and rescue crews with the best tools they need," Ms Lauga said.

"Local firefighters respond to a wide range of situations throughout the year and this state-of-the-art appliance will assist our responders in both urban and rural incidents.

"This new vehicle will enable them to provide assistance during fire, flood and natural disasters while also supporting other emergency services.

"I'm also very excited to see work progress on the station upgrade, to enable crews to move to a seven-day permanent day shift model.

"We'll also soon welcome four additional firefighters to assist Queensland Fire and Emergency Services support the growing needs of the area and help build a more resilient Queensland.

"The Palaszczuk Government has already invested \$50 million to upgrade the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) fleet and that means more red and yellow trucks for our frontline personnel and more jobs.

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“We’ll do anything we can to support and empower our firefighters and this new vehicle will go a long way towards boosting frontline capabilities,” she said.

Today was also a celebration of QFES members’ outstanding service, with four members receiving awards.

Those receiving awards were Mr Harold Hutton Rockhampton Regional Office DESM 1st Clasp; Mr Robert Cronk Yeppoon Fire and Rescue Station DESM 1st Clasp; Mr Charles Fenton Yeppoon Fire and Rescue Station DESM 2nd Clasp; Mr Graham Read Rockhampton Regional Office Commonwealth Games Citation.

“I highly commend these service members for their integrity, loyalty, professionalism and diligent service to QFES,” Ms Lauga said.

“QFES prides itself on upholding these values and today’s award recipients certainly demonstrate these values in their work.

“On behalf of Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Craig Crawford, I thank them for their valuable contribution to the community’s safety and wellbeing,” she said.

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