$60,000 Medium Attack Fire Trucks Donated To Volunteer Bushfire Brigades

Natural Resources Minister Len Kiely today presented the Lambells Lagoon Volunteer Bushfire Brigade with a $60,000 medium attack fire truck.

“The Territory Government has committed $600,000 to buy two trucks per year during the next five years and donate them to our volunteer bushfire brigades,” Mr Kiely said.

“The first two fire trucks have been donated to the Lambells Lagoon and Beatrice Hill volunteer bushfire brigades – boosting their ability to combat bushfires.

“We continuously urge Territorians to take action to protect lives, property and the environment but the reality is bushfires come with the Territory.

“That is why we have purchased these fire trucks – so that our hardworking and dedicated volunteer bushfire brigades can provide their support when called upon.

“Each of the fire trucks – bought from the WA Government - have done less than 60,000km.

“They are in very good condition, requiring little modification to suit the needs of our volunteer bushfire brigades.”

Mr Kiely said the turbo-diesel fire trucks come with 2500 litre tanks and can operate as a tanker or as a firefighting unit.

“This year’s strong wet season means this year’s potential for bushfires will again be high,” Mr Kiely said.

“I urge Territory landholders to do what they can as soon as they can to prevent or limit the risk of bushfire affecting their property and those of their neighbours.

“This includes implementing fire breaks and fire access trails that can be used by volunteers to fight fires or conduct back burning operations.”

People can log onto www.nt.gov.au/bushfires for tips on how they can protect their properties from bushfires.

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