NEW FIRE TRUCK BOUND FOR ALICE SPRINGS

Alice Springs is set to receive a new $380,000 fire truck by the end of the year, Police, Fire and Emergency Minister Paul Henderson said.

The Government has committed the funding in Budget 2005.

“The new tanker will give fire fighters in Alice Springs an increased capacity to tackle grass and other fires around the town, as well as respond to incidents along the highway,” Mr Henderson said.

“The new vehicle will replace the existing tanker and be an important tool in protecting the Alice Springs community.”

The new tanker will be built on an Isuzu 4x4 FTS750 cab chassis and will carry 3000 litres of water, foam making equipment and will carry some rescue equipment.

The tanker will be constructed by Skilled Engineering in Victoria to meet the specifications of the NT Fire and Rescue Service and is expected to be delivered by the end of the year.

“Funding for the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services was boosted to a record $189M in Budget 2005, up 32% since 2001,” said Mr Henderson.

“The Martin Government is building safer communities across the Territory and will continue to provide our emergency responders the tools they need to do their important jobs.”

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