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Alberton Fire Department purchases safety vessel in effort to save lives

Alberton, Prince Edward Island – The Alberton Fire Department will be purchasing a 6.5 meter RHIB safety vessel to be used in response to water related 911 calls. Over the last five years, there has been an increase in the number of water related emergency calls within the West Prince area in addition to an increase in recreational and commercial vessels on the water within the area.

The vessel will cost \$100,000 and will have the proper safety equipment for advanced water search and rescue missions. The vessel is intended to be ready to respond to calls by Spring of 2021.

Many community partners have contributed to the cost of the vessel, including, the Town of Alberton, the Alberton Rural Fire District, and the Tignish Credit Union. All three organizations have donated \$5,000 each. The Alberton Fire Department is also currently working with Minister Jamie Fox and the Department of Fisheries and Communities for further assistance through the Division of Rural and Regional Development. Additionally, the Fire Fighters Club will contribute up to \$25,000 from a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw in partnership with Elmsdale Corner Gas.

We are so grateful for all the help and support that we have received so far on this important initiative, the community involvement has been unbelievable so far,” says Jason Milligan, “I would specifically like to thank everyone who has helped thus far including Provincial Government representatives Ernie Hudson and Jamie Fox, all community partners.

“I’m delighted to see the way in which the community has collectively come together to support this endeavor,” says Minister of Social Development and Housing and MLA for District 26, Ernie Hudson. “I look forward to continuing to work with the Alberton Fire Department through their fundraising initiative.”

Kelly Shea Rayner, who Chairs the Alberton Rural Fire District Committee, has also come forward on behalf of her group with a donation to the purchase of the boat. Ms. Shea Rayner stated, “The Alberton Rural Fire District is pleased to announce a contribution of \$5,000 to help

fund a much needed service. The Alberton Fire department has shown great initiative with identifying a need and helping to close a safety gap.”

The Alberton Fire Department will be accepting community donations through cash, cheque or e-mail transfer.

To donate by e-transfer, email: albertonfirefighters@hotmail.com
(Include name in memo section for tax receipt purposes).

Cheques can be made payable to the Alberton Fire Department, PO Box 580, Alberton, PE C0B1B0.

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