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Oral Question 330-18(3):
Establishment of the Fort Providence Fire Department

During the May 30, 2018 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I committed to share information related to Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) efforts to support development of community fire protection services. In particular, I also wish to update you on the considerable work in this area and the progress that has been made by the Hamlet of Fort Providence.

In the spring of 2018, the Hamlet of Fort Providence appointed their new Fire Chief. This individual is coordinating various activities associated with the community's Fire Protection Plan, including the fire department membership recruitment process. There are now fifteen (15) volunteer fire department members in addition to the Fire Chief, which exceeds the minimum required for the proposed Level of Service.

Fort Providence has taken crucial steps towards reestablishing their fire department and continues to work with MACA as they advance towards achieving their goal of reaching a Defensive Level of Service. Part 1 Defensive Level Fire Fighter Course took place May 25-27, 2018. Part 2 Defensive Level Fire Fighter training occurred July 6-8, 2018 and seven (7) firefighters completed the course. All of the required Standard Operating Procedures have been updated and the Hamlet has implemented an equipment maintenance program. The fire Department continues to actively train in-house and MACA continues to work closely with the Hamlet's Fire Chief and Senior Administration Officer as the Hamlet progress further towards revitalizing their fire protection service.

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On a territorial basis, MACA and key partners support the development and maintenance of fire protection services for NWT communities. The department continues to implement a Fire Department Assessment Tool which was developed to help evaluate community fire department capabilities and identify key components that are missing or need improvement. Information gathered from the assessments help communities develop a detailed action plan towards a sustainable and desired level of service. To date, nineteen (19) community fire department assessments have been completed.

Thank you for raising this important public safety topic.



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