

PHOTO FEATURE

From old to new... Heading down the Old Truro Road to New Annan, the old fashioned way! (Harrington Photos)



Just like the olden days! Horse and wagons heading across the Old Truro Road from North River to New Annan on Saturday, June 20th. Some groups camped overnight and make the return trip on Sunday.



Heading from New Annan to meet the group from North River, this gorgeous horse and buggy was a beautiful sight along the Old Truro Road on Saturday, June 20th.

OBFB Purchases Off-Road Rescue Unit

By Linda Harrington

It is a one-of-a-kind vehicle the Brigade hopes it will never use but knowing it is available makes our communities safer.

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade has just purchased a Polaris 900 Ranger Crew, which has seating for five plus room for a medical attendant and patient.

This four season, all-terrain vehicle has been outfitted with tracks to take fire fighters and/or emergency medical responders to places they may not have been able to access before. A 6000 lb winch is located on the front and work lights will be added, plus an emergency flashing light.

"In the middle of winter, if we need to get to a home that has not been plowed, this machine can get us there," says Fire Chief Greg Muise. "Or if there was an ATV accident, not accessible by roads. We can transport a medical team in and bring the patient back out."



OBFB Chief Greg Muise checks out the stokes basket and pull out storage shelf added to the Medlite transport unit on the back of the Polaris 900 Ranger Crew. The new vehicle is a 4 season multi-purpose unit giving the Brigade greater access to remote or compromised locations. (Harrington Photo)

Chief Muise says they could have used such a vehicle last year when fire fighters became stuck in the snow trying to get to a call.

There are many possible scenarios where this machine could be a huge asset and OBFB will have no problem using it for Mutual-aid calls in surrounding communities if needed.

A slide-in Medlite transport medical unit has been added to the back of the rig, with a stokes basket, back board, defibrillator, trauma bag and power saw on board. "The slide unit can come off and make room to transport water tanks, depending on the type of call," says brigade member Carl Gallant.

The Polaris 900 Ranger Crew was purchased from Green Diamond Equipment, along with a utility trailer to haul it, and after all the equip-

ment upgrades were added, the total cost was close to \$45,000.

"It wasn't cheap but the vote to purchase this rig was unanimous within the Brigade," says Chief Muise. "With so many 4 wheelers and snowmobiles on the go, you just can't get to them in an emergency. We can now transport medical personnel or even RCMP to the scene."

The unit is the only one of its kind in this area of the Province.



OBFB's Carl Gallant parks the new Polaris 900 Ranger Crew rescue unit in front of the fire hall. This vehicle will take fire fighters and medical first responders where they may not have gone before! (Harrington Photo)



Sam Currie tries out the attendant seating in the back of the new rescue unit. An AED and trauma bag will be on board for medical calls. (Harrington Photo)

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1:00 - Ball Game