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Economy Fire Brigade Receives New Truck for \$1

By Linda Harrington

Burchell Fulmore hopes a new truck will be the inspiration his Brigade needs to expand their First Responder operations.

Economy Fire Brigade representatives were all smiles recently, as they received the keys to an Emergency Medical Response truck. The transfer of ownership took place on Sept. 8th at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall and came with a price tag of only \$1.

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade had put their Suburban Medical Response truck up for tender, after purchasing a new replacement vehicle and Economy

was the only Brigade to submit a bid.

Fire Chief Greg Muise says, "At a general meeting, the membership unanimously decided to help out our local community and donate the truck to Economy Fire Brigade for \$1. It will be a boost for them and our new truck will be a boost for us."

Burchell Fulmore, director and firefighter, said his Brigade has been using their own private vehicles to respond to medical emergency calls. "Our other trucks, a 1984 and 1992 pumper, are too big to take on medical calls. We had to store the medical equipment on them, and when a medical call came in, the members would have to go to the fire hall to get the equipment, load the gear into their own vehicle, and proceed to the call. This new Medical Response Truck will be so versatile. I really hope some of the younger residents in the community will see this as a big step forward for the Brigade and want to join up. Our Fire Brigade, like many other volunteer organizations, is always struggling for new members."

MLA Karen Casey commended OBFB for their community spirit. "In Colchester North we have three strong Brigades and their willingness to work with the other smaller Brigades is commendable. The donation of this truck to Economy Fire Brigade is a concrete example of this. Onslow Belmont has a larger tax base and larger membership and they deserve a lot of credit for helping their neighbouring community."

County Councillor Bob White says the exchange of the truck reflects how well the Colchester County Fire Brigades work together to make the whole county better for its citizens. "The County tries to make sure everyone is treated the same, with the same services,

and the Brigades have always worked with us to make this happen," he says.

Jason Flemming, a First Responder with the Economy Fire Brigade, hopes this vehicle will inspire others to take the required training to become a First Responder. "It is imperative we get some new blood in the crew," he says. "We have a high volume of first response calls and limited trained help."

Councillor Tom Taggart is very pleased the new Medical Response truck is going to Economy Fire Brigade. "It is very important to have an emergency response vehicle in Economy, available for use by trained medical first responders like Jason. We have aging communities within this area and this service is very important."

The new truck will mean an addition will soon have to be built on the Economy Fire Hall in order to house all three trucks but for now members have offered to temporarily store the vehicle in their garages.

Burchell Fulmore says it is a challenge to fund raise in a small community and noted the Brigade feels the loss of past income from the Economy Clam Festival, which no longer takes place. He says land for the new addition is no problem and having the truck donated leaves some funds to get things started.

MLA Karen Casey is willing to do what she can to help the Brigade when they look into necessary funding. "I will be working on their behalf, with the appropriate minister, to encourage government support of any application that comes from the Economy Fire Department," she says. "We recognize unique circumstances across the province, in areas having a lower tax base. People need to feel comfortable when they go to bed at night."



Economy Fire Dept. director Burchell Fulmore (left) hands a cheque, for the sum of \$1 to Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Chief Greg Muise as payment for a 1994 Chev Suburban Emergency Response vehicle. (Harrington Photo)



Economy's First Responder Jason Flemming couldn't wait to get behind the wheel of the Brigade's new Emergency Response Vehicle. The new vehicle was sold to Economy Fire Brigade, by Onslow Belmont Brigade for the sum of \$1. (Harrington Photo)



Ron Downing, Hollis Ford Sales Manager, hands over the truck keys to Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Chief Greg Muise. Hollis Ford won the tender to supply the 2011 Ford F350 to the Brigade. (Harrington Photo)



Local politicians joined members of the Economy Fire Brigade for a photo in front of their new Emergency Response Vehicle. Left to right- Jason Flemming, Councillor Tom Taggart, Councillor Bob White, MLA Karen Casey, Mayor Bob Taylor, Burchell Fulmore, David Soley and Brian Hiltz. (Harrington Photo)



Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Treasurer Walter McElhinney gives invited guests a tour of the Brigade's new Emergency Medical Response & Forestry Truck. The new 2011 vehicle, with plenty of storage space for gear, replaces two older trucks. (Harrington Photo)



Burchell Fulmore is all smiles as he receives the keys and registration to the Brigade's new Emergency Response Vehicle from the previous owner, OBFB Fire Chief Greg Muise. He is joined by fellow Economy Firefighters David Soley and Brian Hiltz and First Responder Jason Flemming. (Harrington Photo)

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Receives New Truck

By Linda Harrington

Shiny new paint glistened in the sunshine as Onslow Belmont Fire Chief Greg Muise accepted keys to the Brigade's brand new Emergency Medical Response & Forestry Truck from Ron Downing of Hollis Ford.

The 2011 Ford one ton F350 was purchased from Hollis Ford Mercury, in Truro after their tender was successful. The tender for outfitting the truck with a specialized body was

awarded to Lantz Truck Body Limited of Port Williams.

This new vehicle will serve as a multi-use unit for Emergency Medical and Forest Fire Response, replacing the 1994 Chev Suburban Emergency Medical Unit and the 1974 Chev 4WD forestry truck. Total cost of the new unit was just under \$90,000.

Onslow Belmont's Deputy Fire Chief John MacKay had been involved with the project from start to finish

and he was very pleased with the final outcome. "Lantz Truck Body did an excellent job building the body exactly as we wanted, with lots of room for gear," he says.

MLA Karen Casey, Councillor Bob White, Councillor Tom Taggart, Mayor Bob Taylor, Hollis Ford Sales Manager Ron Downing and Allister Lantz, of Lantz Truck Body Limited were on hand to congratulate Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on their new purchase.



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Lantz Truck Body Ltd. won the tender to install the new body on the truck. The new Emergency Medical Response & Forestry Truck delivered to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade is a 2011 Ford one ton F350 was purchased from Hollis Ford Mercury, in Truro after their tender was successful. The tender for outfitting the truck with a specialized body was awarded to Lantz Truck Body Limited of Port Williams, Nova Scotia.



Allister Lantz, of Lantz Truck Body Ltd, congratulates OBFB Deputy Fire Chief John MacKay on their new Emergency Medical Response & Forestry Truck.

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