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## Nine New Ambulances for Nunavik Communities

**Kuujuuaq, August 28, 2018** – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), in collaboration with the Health Centres of the region, are proud to announce that nine (9) new ambulances are now operational in various communities across Nunavik, replacing outdated First Responder vehicles previously used in Kangiqsujuaq, Salluit, Inukjuak, Akulivik, Umiujaq, Quaqtuaq, Kangiqsualujuaq, Kangirsuk, and Puvirnituq. Work is presently underway for the remaining communities that require an upgrade: Ivujivik, Aupaluk, Tasiujaq, and Kuujuuaq.

Unlike conventional ambulances used in the South, these ambulances are 4x4 in order to handle road conditions that are more rugged and to be able to better maneuver through winter. Added heat in the compartment will also help patients to be more comfortable when the temperature drops. The care compartment is larger, allowing space to better tend to and interact with patients.

Total: \$1.9 Million Investment from the MSSS

Specific training for the use and commissioning of these new vehicles was done between August the 5<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

These newly acquired vehicles and their equipment will enhance first response interventions in the region for the benefit of the population in the aforementioned communities.

*The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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