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Regional District of Nanaimo and District of Lantzville Awarded Funding for Next Generation 911 Enhancements

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), in partnership with the District of Lantzville, is pleased to announce a \$163,326 grant from the Government of British Columbia's 2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) funding program. Of the funding, \$100,000 will be allocated to six fire departments funded and operated by the RDN. The remaining \$63,326 will be allocated to the District of Lantzville. The funding, which is through the Province's Ministry of Citizens' Services, supports the purchase and installation of up to 15 Mobile Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) units, also known as Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), as well as the accompanying docking stations and cellular boosters in fire department vehicles.

The fire departments receiving the equipment are Dashwood, Coombs-Hilliers, Errington, Nanoose, Extension, Cassidy-Waterloo and Lantzville Fire Rescue. The equipment will be tailored to each department's operational needs.

These rugged CAD units provide real-time incident information from dispatch centres, enhancing emergency response capabilities by delivering critical updates on property access, site safety and mapping. This can include updates and information related to property access details, site safety concerns and patient status. In addition, CADs can display updated and detailed mapping for fire departments of their service area and the areas of their mutual aid partners, supporting more efficient responses to incident callouts.

The RDN is administering the grant and coordinating the distribution of the equipment to the fire departments on behalf of both jurisdictions. For information about fire services in the RDN, visit rdn.bc.ca/fire-departments and lantzville.ca

Quotes

"This investment in Next Generation 911 technology will significantly improve the safety and efficiency of our fire services and provides firefighters with essential equipment to better respond to emergencies. We're grateful to the Government of British Columbia for recognizing the importance of modernizing emergency response infrastructure in our communities and providing this generous funding."

Vanessa Craig, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

"Emergency response is extremely vital to all Lantzville residents, and our Council is pleased to be able to enhance the operation of the Lantzville Fire Rescue service made possible by this valuable financial assistance from the Province. The partnership with the Regional District of Nanaimo further enhances the

capability of our emergency services by ensuring regional coordination and communication in the event of an emergency and avoiding duplication of similar programs.”

Mark Swain, Mayor, District of Lantzville

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