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New ambulance vehicle a boost for Ipswich paramedics

Paramedics in the Ipswich region received a boost today with the official handover today of a new \$124,000 ambulance vehicle.

Emergency Services Minister Pat Purcell and Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan handed over the keys in a ceremony at the Raceview ambulance station.

The Mercedes vehicle and is fitted with state-of-the-art patient care equipment

Ms Nolan said the new vehicle would be a great boost for the response capability in the region.

“Paramedics in the Ipswich region do a great job caring for the health and safety of local residents. I’m delighted to be able to present them with this new vehicle.

“The Beattie Government was committed to providing the State’s hard-working ambulance personnel with the best equipment possible.

“This is made possible through the record funding the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is receiving.

“This year’s budget of \$355 million will ensure the QAS continues to provide a world-class ambulance service for all Queenslanders,” Ms Nolan said.

Mr Purcell congratulated paramedics at the Raceview station for the commitment they displayed during the course of their duties.

“There is no doubt the new vehicle is a valuable addition but it would be little use without the great people who actually use it.

“The public consistently votes paramedics as the most trusted profession in the country – closely followed by fireies.

“This vote of confidence by community members is testament to the professionalism and commitment of QAS paramedics.

“I know that the Queensland public, and the thousands of patients they treat, are grateful for their dedication,” Mr Purcell concluded.