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Ambulance boost for Ipswich Station

The dedicated staff at Ipswich Ambulance Station today received a \$720,000 boost as they were handed the keys to four new state-of-the-art Mercedes Sprinter 318 Ambulances.

Minister for Transport and Member for Ipswich Hon Rachel Nolan officially commissioned the vehicles to the Ipswich Station.

"Paramedics right across the South Eastern Region, and all of Queensland, undertake essential work each and every day to service their communities," Ms Nolan said.

"The team of 56 personnel at the Ipswich Station are real community heroes – saving lives and helping others in the course of their work," she said.

"I'm delighted to deliver these new vehicles today, reaffirming the Bligh Government's commitment to supporting our hardworking men and women in the Queensland Ambulance Service.

"The new ambulances have state-of-the-art equipment to assist local paramedics' responses to medical emergencies and meet growing demand in the area.

"The vehicles are also equipped with new Stryker stretchers and stair chairs, which can safely support patients weighing up to 228kg, making ambulance transport safer and more comfortable for both patients and paramedics."

Mr Wendt said the new vehicles brought the station's fleet to 19, all equipped with the latest technology to provide quality pre-hospital care to the sick and injured.

"The dedicated team here in Ipswich are part of the 600 hard working operational and support staff servicing the region," Ms Nolan said.

"Last financial year alone, crews from Ipswich and Raceview responded to almost 16,000 emergency cases, of which more than 7,300 were Code 1 serious or life threatening.

"The Ipswich team are committed to the frontline, ready to respond to those in need at a moment's notice around the clock, seven days a week."

Ms Nolan said that since 2004, the Queensland Government had boosted the QAS budget by 70 per cent to a record \$494 million this financial year to address increased demand for ambulance services.

“This is another example of the Bligh Government’s commitment to buying new and replacement ambulances across the state, as well as funding 50 additional frontline ambulance officers this financial year,” she said.

“The Queensland Government recognises the vital role played by our ambulance officers and is committed to providing the resources and equipment they need to continue their important work in the community.”

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