

# Quick Response Vehicle ready to go

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The refurbished Quick Response Vehicle is just about ready to respond to stubble and grass fires, after having received a total facelift, since its purchase at a public auction from Manitoba Hydro on April 30 of this year.

Members of the Birtle and District Volunteer Fire Department purchased the 1 ton 4-wheel drive truck for \$6,000 and since that time, have been busy each Monday evening, at the fire hall, getting it to the fully operational stage. The vehicle has a tank and pump which have been mounted to the unit, with a 175 gallon water capacity, along with special one inch forestry hose, used primarily in fighting grass and brush fires.

The project was initiated by the department members, through fundraising projects and donations within the community. They salvaged lighting and radio equipment from the old ambulance and after all expenses in the refurbishing project, estimate that this efficient vehicle will cost under \$10,000.

The Fire Department believes this type of 4-wheel drive unit will prove beneficial when responding to stubble and grass fires, as well as allowing easy access to fence lines and areas to where the full size fire trucks have difficulty in getting close, due to excess weight when the ground is wet and soft.



The Quick Response Vehicle received a total facelift this spring and is just about ready to go