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Government Media Statement

JIM COX

Minister for Police and Emergency Management

Three New Fire Stations for Tasmania

The Minister for Police and Emergency Management, Jim Cox, today announced that the State Government would build three new fire stations for Tasmanian brigades in 2009-10.

Mr Cox said the State Government would spend about \$300,000 building new stations at Brady's Lake, St Patrick's River and Tunbridge.

“These three new stations will let our dedicated volunteer brigades do their very important work of keeping their communities safe even better.

“All three brigades respond to all emergency incidents in their areas, including structure and vegetation fires and motor vehicle crashes.

“Our volunteer firefighters are part of the often unsung backbone of our emergency services, putting the needs of others well ahead of their own by selflessly spending countless hours away from their families to help out people in trouble.

“The State Government recognises the sacrifices these volunteer brigades make year after year and is proud to be able to provide new facilities to make a difficult job just that much easier.”

Mr Cox said the new stations would be built from steel framed colorbond, and each would be a single bay station complete with meeting room, toilets, kitchenette and storage and office facilities.

“All three existing stations suffer from a lack of space and extremely limited facilities and I’m sure these new stations will be warmly welcomed by the volunteers, and help serve their communities for many years to come,” Mr Cox said.

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