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From: Karen Lindsay, Nanaimo Fire Rescue

The Nanaimo Port Authority and City of Nanaimo unveiled the new fire suppression system on board the NPA Eagle today featuring the recently installed (new) fire pump. The City of Nanaimo provided funding for the pump on the Port Authority Vessel. This new pump will expand the marine fire fighting capability within the port, while providing access to remote areas for land-based firefighting. This new system has Compressed Air Foam Technology thereby providing enhanced protection along the waterfront compared to the water system used previously. The foam that is utilized on the system is environmentally friendly. Given the increase in density along the water and the numerous marina's and visiting vessels that frequent our harbour, the pump is a first step to improving safety on the water and along our shores.

The fire pump initiative is a joint project between Nanaimo Port Authority and City of Nanaimo following a partnership dialogue between Nanaimo City Council and the Nanaimo Port Authority Board. Partnering on this project eliminates duplication of services. This is one of many steps the Nanaimo Port Authority and the City of Nanaimo will pursue together in the interest of effective emergency management and public safety.;

Nanaimo Fire Rescue and Port Authority Staff have begun training on the new vessel.

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