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Commissioner of Nunavut**

**Speaking Notes
on the occasion of
the Exemplary Service Awards
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Welcome Elders, Mayor, MLAs, community leaders, honoured guests and the distinguished dedicated volunteer firefighters of Rankin Inlet.

Tunngasugitsi! Welcome to the exemplary service awards ceremony.

It is hard to imagine what it would be like to not have reliable volunteer firefighters in our communities. We rely on them and trust them completely, as they carry out their duties for us and put their lives in danger every time they respond to a call.

I, and the people of Rankin Inlet, thank you for taking that risk on our behalf. You are absolutely vital in your community, and we are appreciative, grateful and honoured to put our lives in your hands.

My sincere congratulations to all the brave individuals being recognized today. Thank you for your dedication and bravery in this dangerous line of work. Our community celebrates with you and your families, on receiving the Exemplary Service Award. We are very proud of you.

I am also very happy a new fire truck has arrived for the Rankin Inlet fire fighters. May God protect the men and women who will ride on this fire truck always be carried home safely. Good luck and congratulations.

Matna. Thank you again, and enjoy the celebrations!