



The Jamaica Fire Brigade will receive a boost to its fleet, following the signing of a contract for the procurement of three brand new fire trucks.

These units are being acquired at a cost of US\$1.35 million and are expected to be added to the company's fleet within the next eight months.

The contract was signed on Wednesday, March 13, between Commissioner, Jamaica Fire Brigade, Laurie Williams and Chief Executive Officer of the National Safety Limited, Julian Templer, at the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development in Kingston.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Local Government and Community Development Minister, Hon. Noel Arscott, said the move is the first of a number of initiatives geared at acquiring additional units for the Jamaica Fire Brigade.

"We hope to be able to gradually and consistently improve our Fire Brigade Service up to the required standard and level," he said.

Mr. Arscott pointed out that there are a number of units within the fleet that are in need of replacement, but said this will have to be done over time, because of financial constraints.

State Minister in the Ministry, Hon. Collin Fagan, said the Government is committed to developing the Jamaica Fire Brigade to a level that is compliant with international standards.

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