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**Novo Brdo/Novoberde receives donated fire truck**

**Novo Brdo/ Novoberde, Kosovo** - In a July 23 ceremony the Novo Brdo/ Novoberde Municipality received a donated fire truck. Soldiers from the 448<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion and Task Force Redhorse, part of Multi-national Brigade (East) assisted in the shipping and delivery of the donated truck. The donated vehicle aids the municipality in its desire to establish a municipal fire department, something that has been in the planning stages for several years.

"This is a great day for the Novo Brdo/ Novoberde Municipality," said Nevedita Haran, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo municipal representative. "For years we had been promised a fire truck and help from US KFOR, but it took Task Force Redhorse to make the dream a reality for us."

The Civil Affairs Soldiers worked to ensure the donated vehicle was shipped from the donor and then assisted in the transfer of the truck to the municipality.

The truck was handed over to the municipality in a ceremony presided over by Petar Vasic, Novo Brdo/ Novoberde municipal president and Maj. Steven Kremer, TF Redhorse executive officer. The donation of the truck marks a significant step for the municipality.

"This vehicle represents a \$36,000 donation, or roughly the amount of one quarter of the municipal revenues generated last year. That is significant," said Kremer.

The donation of the truck, along with an earlier donation of \$20,000 worth of fire extinguishers, was invaluable to the community, said Vasic. The Civil Affairs Battalion was instrumental in facilitating the donation of the equipment.

"Our ability to provide municipal services is far greater than it was just a few short weeks ago", he stated. "We appreciate U.S. KFOR's help and advice and will work even closer with them in the future."

The Novo Brdo/ Novoberde municipality intends to begin hiring its first contingent of six firefighters immediately, said Vasic.

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