



## **Guyana Fire Service**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Guyana Fire Service today commissioned the Melanie Fire Station and extended its Emergency Medical Service to the East Coast and East Bank of Demerara.

The Melanie Fire Station was completed on July 18, 2019 at a cost of approximately \$51.3 million and has been in operation ever since, providing fire and rescue services to persons living on the East Coast of Demerara from Agriculture Road to Victoria Bridge.

The Emergency Medical Service was launched on November 21, 2016 and has been serving residents of Georgetown and its outskirts as far as Agriculture Road on the East Coast of Demerara and Agricola on the East Bank of Demerara.

With the extension of the Service, an ambulance along with Emergency Medical Technicians will be stationed at the Melanie Fire Station which will respond to emergencies and assist persons living on the East Coast of Demerara from Agriculture Road to Victoria Bridge. An ambulance and Emergency Medical Technicians will also be attached to the Diamond Fire Station which will assist persons living on the East Bank of Demerara from Agricola to Garden of Eden.

Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Robeson Benn during brief remarks expressed that he was very pleased with the initiative and admonished both the EMS personnel as well as firefighters to properly manage the assets and responsibility entrusted to them while providing excellent service to citizens.

Minister of Health, Dr. Frank Anthony disclosed to the audience that the Emergency Medical Service will continue to expand, noting that a section of the Ocean View Hotel has been identified as the location for the construction of the EMS Head Office.

The Health Minister also announced that the Emergency Medical Service will soon be extended to Regions 3 and 5, and later to interior locations, as the programme continues to expand in efforts to provide better healthcare to citizens across the nation.