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ATCO SUPPORTS NEW FIRE-RESCUE EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTRE IN HIGH PRAIRIE

Centre will provide much needed service to Northwestern Alberta

CALGARY, Alberta – Four ATCO Group companies are providing support to a much-needed fire-rescue training centre in High Prairie. The centre will provide hands-on and practical training for emergency rescue personnel throughout Northwestern Alberta.

“ATCO has many employees who serve on volunteer fire departments throughout the province. As a result, we are pleased to support the High Prairie Fire-Rescue Society, who, like the people of ATCO, consider safety to be paramount,” said Nancy Southern, President & Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Group.

ATCO Electric, ATCO Gas, ATCO Power and ATCO Midstream are the participating companies. Along with contributing financially to the centre, ATCO experts will provide training support in the area of electrical and gas related emergencies. High Prairie Fire Chief Ken Melnyk said the support is crucial to the success of the program.

“In order to provide the highest degree of safety for the community, it’s important for our emergency personnel to receive comprehensive training in a realistic setting,” said Chief Melnyk. “The training centre will enhance the region’s firefighting and emergency-response capabilities, which will help guarantee the safety of residents in Northwestern Alberta.”

Named the ATCO High Prairie Fire-Rescue Society Emergency Training Centre, the facility is expected to open in the fall of 2009. While it will be located next to the High Prairie airport, it will provide training support to fire departments throughout Northwestern Alberta, from Lesser Slave Lake to the Northwest Territories.

ATCO will make a formal presentation at the High Prairie Emergency Services Spring Ball, tomorrow night at the Elks Hall in High Prairie.

ATCO Electric and ATCO Gas provide utility service to nearly 300 communities across Alberta. ATCO Power is a world-class developer, construction manager, owner and operator of technologically advanced independent power generation facilities. ATCO Midstream provides natural gas gathering, processing, storage and natural gas liquids solutions to the Canadian natural gas producing sector. The four companies are part of the ATCO Group.

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