



Media Advisory

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ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric help to improve children's safety

EDMONTON, AB –ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric are putting safety first by making a \$125,000 commitment to the Safety City in Grande Prairie. Safety City will help improve the health and wellness of children in the community by providing kid-focused safety education and training in a specially-designed facility.

“Safety is a high priority for ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric” said Jerome Engler, President, ATCO Gas. “Safety City’s commitment to educating children and helping them develop a positive attitude toward safety is a great initiative for Grande Prairie and surrounding communities. We’re pleased to support their efforts.”

A key part of Safety City is a training facility that provides a hands-on approach for children to learn safe practices and apply what they’ve learned in the classroom. As well as a miniature streetscape with buildings, roadways, Grande Prairie’s facility will include a farm area to help teach farm safety.

“This new facility will provide a tremendous amount of education for urban and rural safety,” explained Sett Policicchio, President, ATCO Electric. “Given the Peace Region’s strong agricultural foundation, we’re pleased to see farm safety is a major component of Safety City.”

ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric support will be used to help teach children about natural gas and electrical hazards. In addition to a cash contribution, both companies will also help construct electrical and natural gas infrastructure and provide technical expertise and volunteers to enhance Safety City’s programming in the area of utilities.

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Construction is expected to begin in June with the estimated completion of the facility in early 2007. "We have been planning this project for quite some time now and are very excited to begin the construction phase," says Dauna Grant, Coordinator, Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities. "A project of this magnitude is not possible without the support of the community and its businesses."

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