

# PRESS RELEASE

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## FIRE IN HOMMY PARK

Fire Services for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 responded to a report of a forest fire in Hommy Park on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at approximately 8:30 p.m. Alberta Sustainable Resources Development (SRD), Beaverlodge, Hythe, Wembley, and LaGlace Fire Department's responded to the alarm. A helicopter was called in for assistance and RCMP from Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge assisted three County peace officers in evacuating campers to safety. There were no reports of injuries or loss of structures. Thanks to a quick response from the Fire Departments the fire was contained entirely to the trees and was successfully extinguished shortly after 11 p.m. Hythe Fire Department monitored the site for hot spots overnight. The park was closed Saturday and Sunday for public safety.

It appears the fire was caused by a spark from a camp fire which may have ignited the poplar tree fuzz (cotton) that is prevalent in Hommy Park and through-out the region. Fire crews through-out the region were kept very busy over the entire weekend responding to numerous fires including fires at Saskatoon Lake and Young's Points Campgrounds.

As a result of these and other fires the County of Grande Prairie is enacting a fire ban effective 12:00 noon June 16, 2009.

For further information, contact the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Fire Protection Office at (780) 513-3953.

**If you spot a fire, Dial 911**