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Grande Prairie Region to host 2014 AFCA Conference - *event to attract more than 500 people from across Western Canada*

More than 500 fire personnel and other participants from across Western Canada meet in the Grande Prairie Region from June 7 to 11, 2014 to attend the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) Conference.

AFCA recently selected Grande Prairie to host next year's conference, the first time since 2005. An initiative with the AFCA and fire services in the County and City of Grande Prairie, the conference is usually held in Red Deer or Edmonton.

"We appreciate the confidence and support of the AFCA Board of Directors in selecting our region for such an important event," said County of Grande Prairie Fire Chief Everett Cooke. "The County and City of Grande Prairie recognize what an honour it is to be selected and we look forward to welcoming our fellow firefighting communities from across Western Canada."

"We were thrilled to get the news of our successful bid," said Grande Prairie Fire Chief Dan Lemieux. "Presenting the event is a great example of regional co-operation. It is pleasing to welcome the conference back during a special year for the community as we celebrate Grande Prairie's Centennial."

Plans are already underway for the conference to kick off on Saturday, June 7 with the Annual Golf Tournament. Sessions are planned June 8 and 9 at the TEC Centre in Evergreen Park and the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre (formerly the Grande Prairie Inn) on June 10 and 11.

Further information is available on the AFCA website <http://www.afca.ab.ca/>

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