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County Hands Keys of new Fire Truck to Village of Hythe

Today, the County of Grande Prairie delivered a new fire engine to the Village of Hythe Fire Department.

The 2012 Pierce wildland urban interface 4x4 firefighting unit will replace a 1994 engine. The unit has the capacity to safely transport five firefighters; hold 1000 gallons of water; and pump 1250 gpm (gallons per minute), double the current unit's capacity. The pump-and-roll capability allows the vehicle to simultaneously move position while effectively fighting a fire.



Picture above from left to right: Hythe Fire Chief Ken Westwater, Village of Hythe Mayor Gary Burgess, County Councillor Brock Smith, and County Fire Chief Everett Cooke

“The County is extremely pleased to turn the keys to this new pumper over to the Hythe Fire Department,” says Brock Smith, County Area Councillor. “The Hythe Fire



Department does an excellent job and all the rate payers in this area are very fortunate to have such well-trained and competent firefighters serving them. This is just one of the many partnerships the County has with the Village of Hythe.”

“The Village of Hythe is very pleased to see the new fire engine,” says Gary Burgess, Village of Hythe Mayor. “It will help improve the level of protection to Hythe and the surrounding area. We appreciate the County’s efforts in obtaining this equipment, which will be stationed at the Hythe Fire Hall.”

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