

FortisAlberta donates equipment to Search and Rescue Alberta

Airdrie, Alberta – On Friday, April 1, 2016, FortisAlberta will present \$15,000 of radio equipment to Search and Rescue Alberta.

Media are invited to attend the event and photo opportunity.

DATE: Friday, April 1, 2016
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: FortisAlberta, 15 Kingsview Road SE, Airdrie, AB

When Rod Doornbosch, IT Architecture Operational Manager at FortisAlberta, learned the company was retiring radios and equipment from several fleet vehicles he saw an opportunity to donate the equipment to Search and Rescue Alberta (SAR Alberta).

This initiative resulted in a \$15,000 donation of radios, cables, antennas and Panasonic Toughbooks to SAR Alberta. FortisAlberta refurbished the equipment and ensured the radios were operating on the correct frequencies for the SAR Alberta team.

Today SAR Alberta provides more than \$2.5 million annually in support of provincial police, fire, emergency response, security and first aid throughout the province. SAR Alberta is run one-hundred percent by its 1,240 volunteers in six regions. They are responsible for ground and inland searches under the jurisdiction of the police within all regions of Alberta.

FortisAlberta seeks to give back to the communities where its employees and customers live and work through meaningful contributions to organizations and programs that are important to its customers.

About Search and Rescue Alberta

SAR Alberta is a provincial volunteer organization performing search and rescue within the province. Their mission is to assist search and rescue teams in their efforts to provide a superior and dedicated level of service to the people of Alberta. SAR Alberta began in the early 1990's as a grass roots initiative that identified the need for trained people to look for lost individuals in wilderness settings.

About FortisAlberta

As an owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta's total electric distribution network and more than 120,000 kilometres of power lines, FortisAlberta's focus is the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to its 530,000 customers in 200 growing communities across Alberta. FortisAlberta is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Fortis Inc.

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