

# News Release

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City of Edmonton

## Class is in for Edmonton's newest Fire Cadets

### *ATCO Gas supports inaugural Fire Cadet Program*

ATCO Gas announced a three-year commitment of \$48,000 to fund the new Edmonton Fire Rescue Services (EFRS) Fire Cadet program.

The Edmonton Fire Cadet Program welcomed its first class of 20 students to the EFRS Training School on September 8. This program is an opportunity for high school students to develop important life skills, such as pride, leadership, commitment, discipline and teamwork, while giving them a better understanding of firefighting as a career through classroom and hands-on learning.



"Two of Edmonton Fire Rescue Services' core values are relationships and teamwork. Both of these values are reflected in today's announcement," said Fire Chief Ken Block. "This generous donation is a testament to the strong relationship that we have built with our valued partner, ATCO Gas. Through teamwork, we will together be changing the lives of Edmonton youth through the powerful reach of this program."

Some students will leave the Cadet Program with the foundation and skill set necessary to pursue and compete for an exciting and rewarding career in the fire service. Others will apply the skills they've developed to other community and professional work. The students will also receive high school credits upon completion of the program.

"Our business goes beyond the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas," said Keith Carter, Vice-President, ATCO Gas. "ATCO Gas is pleased to partner with Edmonton Fire Rescue Services with the inaugural Fire Cadet Program. It resonates with our values and reflects our shared commitment to youth and safety in one unique program."

Participants in the program should be between the ages of 14 and 18.

For more information, please visit [edmonton.ca/firecadets](http://edmonton.ca/firecadets) or call 780-984-4223 to speak with a Cadet Training Officer.

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