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City of Edmonton

Fire Chief's Statement - Edmonton Police Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

On behalf of Edmonton Fire Rescue Services I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family, loved ones and colleagues of Constable Woodall during this difficult time. We would also like to extend our thoughts and prayers to Sergeant Jason Harley as he recovers from his injuries. The dedication to the safety of the citizens of Edmonton demonstrated by these officers will not be forgotten.

Edmonton Fire Rescue Services would like to thank all of our partners who worked together last night to keep the residents of Ormsby Place and the citizens of our city safe during this unimaginable situation. Edmonton is safe because of the efforts of the dedicated professionals who work in first response roles, especially members of the Edmonton Police Service who risk their lives for our security. Their courage in the face of risk is tremendous.

We would also like to thank the public for their messages of support. The response we have received has been overwhelming. There are no words to express the gratitude we have for your heartfelt words as we deal with this tragic situation.

We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Edmonton Fire Rescue Services personnel at the scene of last night's devastating event.

During this emotional time, it is important for all Edmontonians to collectively take a deep breath and remember that Edmonton is a safe city and one we can all be proud of.

Fire Chief Ken Block

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