

## Community celebrates new fire station in Lewis Farms

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Community members, federal and municipal officials were on hand to celebrate as Edmonton Fire Rescue Services officially opened the city's 29th fire station in Lewis Farms.

"Lewis Farms fire station is an important addition to the community and will be integral to protecting the life, property and environment of not just Lewis Farms, but the entire city of Edmonton," said Fire Chief Ken Block. "Edmonton Fire Rescue Services is proud to serve the citizens of Edmonton, and we are so appreciative of the support we have received from the Lewis Farms community."

Construction of this facility began in the fall of 2014. The project received \$1.3 million in City of Edmonton funding with the remaining \$11.1 million funded through the Government of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

"Our government is committed to ensuring municipalities have the resources they need to create safe, strong and dynamic communities for Alberta families," said Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivée. "We are proud to invest in this new fire station, which will provide critical services and help strengthen this community and the local economy."

"Edmonton's newest fire station in Lewis Farms enhances the already exceptional fire service being provided to south Edmonton," said Mayor Don Iveson. "Edmonton Fire Rescue Services' commitment to the safety and livability of our city is something all Edmontonians can take pride in."

This new station features office space and living facilities, as well as a new vented turnout gear room designed to store contaminated bunker gear - an added health and safety feature for firefighters. The station was built to meet the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design New Construction (LEED-NC) silver rating. The LEED initiative works to recognize sustainability in the heart of all buildings – in their design, construction and operation. LEED certified buildings reduce waste, conserve energy, decrease water consumption, and drive innovation through better air ventilation, more natural daylight and several other innovative techniques.

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