



Media Advisory



May 7, 2010

Quick reference guide helps Slave Lake and M.D. #124 residents prepare for an emergency

Slave Lake, Alberta — Helping residents prepare for the unexpected is the aim of a new emergency preparedness guide produced by the Town of Slave Lake, Municipal District #124 Lesser Slave River, ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric.

“ATCO is pleased to be a part of this important community preparedness initiative,” says Sett Policicchio, President, ATCO Electric. “As a company committed to safety, we encourage the distribution of information that promotes emergency awareness.”

“This guide is designed to put the information you need at your fingertips,” says Brian Hahn, President, ATCO Gas. “It will be there, ready when you need it.”

For many emergencies there is often very little time to react. “In Slave Lake we know from experience that emergency situations develop and change very quickly,” says Karina Pillay-Kinnee, Mayor of Slave Lake. “Advance knowledge is the best defense I encourage everyone to use this guide to prepare.”

“This quick reference guide will provide our communities with life saving information and provide all residents, remote and local, a greater level of preparedness in the event of an emergency.” says Denny Garratt, Reeve for the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River #124.

In addition to reviewing the new emergency preparedness guide, residents are encouraged to keep a household emergency kit within easy reach for all families. A complete list of kit contents is included in the guide.

Organized in a quick reference format, the new guide includes information on the Alberta Emergency Public Warning System, Alberta One-Call, evacuation procedures, chemical spills, storms, floods, influenza and natural gas and electricity emergencies. Copies of the Emergency Guide are being distributed via Canada Post. Extra copies will be available at the local ATCO office.

ATCO Electric provides safe, reliable delivery of electricity to 206,000 customers in 245 communities across Alberta and is part of the ATCO Group of Companies. ATCO Group is an Alberta-based, worldwide organization of companies with more than \$10 billion in assets and 7,500 employees actively engaged in Energy, Utilities, Structures & Logistics, and Technologies. More information about ATCO can be found on its website, www.atco.com.

- 30 -

Contact:

ATCO Electric & ATCO Gas
Corporate Communications
Edmonton, AB
(780) 288-7621

Jamie Coutts
Fire Chief
Town of Slave Lake
(780) 805-2230

Allan Winarski
Chief Administrative Officer
M.D. #124 Lesser Slave River
(780) 849-4888