

PRESS RELEASE

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R.M. of North Battleford No. 437 Fire Department grateful to James Richardson International - Pioneer Grain

Richardson Pioneer is pleased to present the R.M. of North Battleford No. 437 Volunteer Fire Department with a donation of \$75,000.00 towards their construction of a new fire hall. Kim Corfield (Director of Operations) for Richardson Pioneer was immediately supportive of building a strong working relationship with the fire department.

As Saskatchewan's newest volunteer fire department, the R.M. of North Battleford No. 437 department commenced operations April 1 of this year. The volunteer fire department consists of Fire Chief Neil Good, Deputy Fire Chief Trevor Watts and a trained group of 18 volunteers, 17 men and 1 woman. Each one brings a unique complimentary skill set for the department. To date the department has responded to 5 wildland fires and 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 in which required the department to deploy extrication tools to remove the accident victims.

The R.M. fire department is working towards construction of a new fire hall to house the fire truck, wildland fire trucks, emergency rescue vehicle, a water tanker, water storage, a training center, offices, in house laundry services etc. The generous donation from Richardson Pioneer is a great show towards these goals.

Richardson Pioneer is proud to be a part of such an exciting new department, and they are happy to see the new department working promptly to develop mutual aid agreements between neighboring jurisdictions and municipalities to provide the highest level of service and safety to all residents and businesses in this R.M. and surrounding communities. This level of community support is strongly entrenched in Richardson Pioneers core values.

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Left to Right: Kim Corfield, Fire Chief Neil Good, Mitch Driver, Reeve Dan Bartko, Steven Nelson and Deputy Fire Chief Trevor Watts

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