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Community Invited to Parksville Fire Hall Opening Saturday, October 29

PARKSVILLE, BC: The Parksville Fire Department and its members invite the community to join them at the dedication ceremony and open house of the newly renovated Parksville Fire Hall. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 1.15 pm on **Saturday, October 29** to celebrate the opening of the fire hall. An open house and activities for the public will follow after the ceremony.

Construction on the \$3 million fire hall was started in spring 2010 and includes include three new bays, consolidated storage of firefighting equipment, improved administration and training areas and improvements to shower facilities for member clean up and decontamination.

The afternoon activities include guided tours of the new fire hall, children's activities, entertainment, fire safety information and refreshments. This is an opportunity for the public to meet their local firefighters and also learn about fire prevention and safety.

Fire Chief Doug Banks said, "We've looked forward to this day for many years... department staff and volunteers are excited to host the dedication ceremony and open house for the new and improved Parksville Fire Hall. Our members are thrilled to be operating out of the renovated facility, a welcome improvement over the outdated firehall built in 1974."

"The Parksville Fire Department provides a valuable service to the community and contributes to the safety and quality of life of our residents," said Acting Mayor Chris Burger. "The open house will provide the community with an opportunity to get to know the members of the Parksville Fire Department working out of this new facility and to congratulate them on their new digs."

WHO	Parksville Fire Department
WHAT	Fire Hall Dedication Ceremony and Open House
WHERE	160 Jensen Avenue West
WHEN	Saturday, October 29 1 to 4 pm; Ceremony at 1.15 pm
WHY	Celebration of the newly renovated fire hall; activities for the public

Please note: do not park at the fire hall; parking is available at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and in the lot at the corner of Jensen Avenue and Craig Street. Please dress warmly as the ceremony will be held outside.

For more information:

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