

# Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department

## NEWS RELEASE



### Fire department receives life-saving equipment

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**Quesnel, B.C.** – A generous donation from the Rotary Club of Quesnel has allowed the Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new Automated External Defibrillator Unit (AED) for its Red Bluff Fire Hall. The club presented a \$2,500 cheque to Fire Chief Ric Raynor last week.

"This donation helps ensure that we continue to have the very best equipment available," said Raynor. "The Quesnel Rotary Club continues to demonstrate their commitment to public safety and to supporting groups that are working in the best interests of our community."

"We're pleased to support the fire department and happy that our fundraising efforts support the purchase of this critical, life-saving piece of equipment," said Quesnel Rotary Club President Liane Kimmie. "The community continues to support us as we conduct our fundraising efforts, so it's good to be able to give something back."

An AED is a portable electronic device that can diagnose arrhythmias (heartbeat irregularities) and can treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy. This allows the heart to resume a regular rhythm. The QVFD now has an AED in each of its halls. The other two were donated by the Quesnel Sunrise 2000 Rotary Club and West Fraser's Quesnel Plywood division.

The Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department is funded by the City of Quesnel and the Cariboo Regional District. It provides a range of emergency protective services to the citizens of Quesnel as well as the Red Bluff neighbourhood. It also is involved with public education programs, fundraising and emergency management. Visit the Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department online at [www.quesnelfire.ca](http://www.quesnelfire.ca).

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