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Greenview Fire Rescue Services Launches Green Light Pilot Program

On November 1, 2022, Greenview Fire Rescues Services (GFRS) will launch the Volunteer Firefighter Green Light program, which will enhance public safety and awareness by identifying Greenview Firefighters who are in the process of either mustering to the station for an emergency or responding directly to an emergency incident in their personal vehicle. The use of a flashing green light will provide motorists and pedestrians with a visual notification that there is an emergency taking place and, as a courtesy, to yield if safe to do so.

"The Green Light program is becoming more common throughout Alberta," said Regional Fire Chief Wayne Brown. "Not all volunteer firefighters muster to their respective stations before attending an emergency incident. The purpose of the flashing green lights is to help other motorists see that a firefighter is headed to an emergency call and to help get them there safely."

Reeve Tyler Olsen notes, "Drivers are familiar with flashing red lights on emergency vehicles used when attending emergency calls, but flashing green lights is not as common, so educating the public is essential for this program to work. If you see flashing green lights in your rearview mirror, please pull over out of the way out of courtesy (when safe to do so), and let the volunteer firefighters pass safely."

This program is being piloted by all three Greenview Fire Rescue Stations (STN #31-DeBolt, STN #32 - Grovedale & STN #33 - Grande Cache), with each station utilizing two of the green lights. At the end of 2022, GFRS will complete a comprehensive review of the program to assess the results of the project and ultimately reduce response times while keeping responding firefighters and the travelling public safe.

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