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## Another Cambridge Pumper Truck Goes to College

Cambridge, Ontario. August 18, 2009...The City of Cambridge today presented another decommissioned Pumper Truck to an institution of higher learning - this time in Eastern Ontario. The 1989 Pumper Truck was sold to Algonquin College for the nominal fee of \$5,000 to support program development. The Ottawa based college offers a Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training program for roughly 50 students per annum.

"Algonquin College representatives from the firefighting program expressed an interest in obtaining surplus equipment from Cambridge," says Terry Allen, Cambridge Fire Chief (CFD). "We were pleased that our pumper truck could take on a new life in a college setting." There's a history of Cambridge fire vehicles going to the Ottawa area; our 1938 Bickle pumper truck now resides in the eastern township of Cumberland. The matching vehicle is currently on display at the Fire Hall Museum and Education Centre in Galt.

"This new pumper truck will add a great deal to our firefighter training programs here at Algonquin College," said Kim Tysick, Dean of Algonquin's Faculty of Health, Public Safety, and Community Studies. "The key to successful college education is real-life training, and the realism equipment like this provides for our students can't be matched."



The Algonquin team is seen here today picking up the pumper. Pictured left: Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief Doug Tennant; front, Randy Foster, Professor/Coordinator, Algonquin's Pre-Service Firefighter Program; and Dave Matschke, Instructor and Firefighter.

The Cambridge Fire Department supplies services to the City of Cambridge and to parts of North Dumfries and Puslinch townships under a Mutual Aid contract. CFD recently took delivery of two new pumper trucks purchased for over \$635,000 per vehicle. With the addition of these two new pumpers, the fire department operates three aerial trucks in front line service as well as a rescue unit, a tanker/ pumper and a command car that are staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The hazmat unit, a technical support unit, an air boat and two ducs boats are specialty units that are also available and staffed when needed. CFD also has backup equipment such as a pumper truck and two aerial units that can be called to action if required.

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**About Algonquin College:**

Algonquin College is located in the Nation's Capital and the Ottawa Valley and is the largest college in Eastern Ontario. A leader in the integration of technology into learning, Algonquin College has a diverse population of approximately 16,000 full-time students and more than 33,000 part-time registrations in over 140 programs and is committed to student success. For more information please visit [www.algonquincollege.com](http://www.algonquincollege.com).

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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