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FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Truro, Nova Scotia, January 29, 2007 - The Fire Service in Nova Scotia was saddened to learn of the recent deaths / injuries within the Winnipeg Fire Service in line of duty.

In the aftermath of this occurrence it once again drives home the issue of Live Fire Training, Funding and Safety procedures for firefighters. The fire services across this Province are struggling everyday to meet the endless challenges to keep all the elements that make up the service functioning. The Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia has begun to bite the bullet and will no longer sit back waiting for the miracle to happen. We are committed to bringing all firefighters and services to a minimum level of standards in firefighting. Death shouldn't be a reality of the job, however we are in a very vulnerable position with the lacking of acceptable past practices. Those past operational procedures must change to ensure the highest level of protection for the firefighters and communities.

One loss of life is far too costly and results in a series of changes, the question is and has been for years, does it have to take death(s) to bring our community and Governments to the true picture, while continually listening to the empty promises of many, before it happens again. Why not face the challenges and unite for the best of all people involved, it always ends at the dollar issue. We can get beyond that point if all are committed to negotiations.

The prayers and thoughts of firefighters in Nova Scotia go out to the Families / Fire Service and Citizens of Winnipeg.

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