

Edmonton Garrison Working with Burn Treatment Society

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On Monday, April 15th, 2013, the Edmonton Fire Fighters Burn Treatment Society (EFFBTS) held their annual general meeting and luncheon. This was an event to hallmark the accomplishments of the society, as well as to individually thank those whose selfless acts of charity and countless hours of volunteer work have contributed to the growth and success of the EFFBTS.

The EFFBTS was founded in 1977 by a small group of Firefighters who saw a need for an Edmonton burn unit. Through charity and hard work, they were able to raise substantial funds towards this goal. In 1982, the EFFBTS was able to donate 11 bed units to the University of Alberta Hospital. From this, the "Firefighters Burn Treatment Unit" was born. Since then, there has been a constant flow of donations made annually to the unit, as well as aid in the procurement of leading edge equipment and technologies. The EFFBTS also has a strong participation with the Alberta Fire Fighters Burn Camp. Held at the Easter Seals Camp Horizon, they help host a week long camp for young burn survivors. Camp is held in August of each year and 70 campers between the ages of seven to 17 attended camp. Doctors, nurses and fire fighters donate their time as organizers, medical staff and mentors.

The Edmonton Garrison Fire Service has had the pleasure and tradition of working with the EFFBTS for many years now. We organize various fundraising events such as Boot drives, BBQ's, and car washes annually. The CFB Edmonton community has always shown strong support for these events, with the 2012 annual CFB Edmonton boot drive raising \$5, 000.00 in one afternoon alone. Members from CFB/ ASU Edmonton, (pictured) attended the annual EFFBTS luncheon and presented the money raised last year to the EFFBTS, bringing the grand total of funds raised last year by the society to \$315,000.00.



Pictured left to right is Ian McKee, President of the Edmonton Fire Fighter Burn Treatment Society, Edmonton Garrison Base Commander LCol J.C. Reiffenstein, Deputy Fire Chief MWO W. Elliott, new EFFBTS Edmonton Garrison representatives Cpl C. Penney and Cpl J. Wannamaker and outgoing representative, Sgt R. Vincent (outgoing representative, Cpl K. Boyce not pictured).

The Edmonton Garrison Fire Service would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the CFB Edmonton community and all who were able to make donations last year. We alone cannot help without your participation. Garrison personnel and families can expect to see another boot drive this coming fall.