



## Victoria Fire Department to Demonstrate Capabilities of its New Bronto Skylift

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VICTORIA, BC – The Victoria Fire Department is now home to one of the largest articulating boom firetrucks on Vancouver Island, featuring a 100-foot ladder and 15-foot jib (boom arm) for increased accessibility. Its recent purchase of the 2006 E-ONE Bronto Skylift aerial truck will enable Victoria fire crews to reach tall structures, maneuver over trees and power lines, significantly enhancing its high angle fire and rescue operations downtown.

“We are extremely proud of this investment in public safety,” said Victoria Fire Chief Paul Bruce. “Through the collaborative efforts of our mechanical division, apparatus committee, Fire Department administration staff and staff from other City departments, we were able to get the truck on the road for approximately \$600,000, a cost-savings of approximately \$1.4 million had we purchased it new.”

The Bronto’s powerful pump is capable of moving 2,000 gallons of water per minute, making it the largest pump in the Victoria Fire Department’s fleet. Its 100-degree articulating basket provides fire fighters the ability to “square up” the lift to a structure, resulting in safer rescues. The bucket’s platform has a load capacity of 1,000 pounds and can hold up to four fire fighters. In addition to above-ground rescues, the 15-foot jib has the versatility to perform below-ground rescues, which could include reaching over bodies of water or down banks with limited access.

### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

The media is invited to go for “a lift” in the Bronto’s bucket, which has room for a reporter and camera operator. Deputy Fire Chief of Operations Daniel Atkinson will be available on site for interviews. (Media waiver forms must be signed in advance to ride in the rescue bucket.)

WHAT: Victoria Fire Department’s Bronto Skylift Demonstration  
WHEN: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 from 11 a.m. - noon  
WHERE: Victoria Fire Station No. 3 Training Yard, 740 Bay Street

The Bronto Skylift was previously owned by the Brookline Massachusetts Fire Department and has undergone repainting and rebranding over the past four months. The new aerial apparatus will be stored at the James Bay Fire Station and replaces the Fire Department’s 1991 E-ONE ladder truck, which has been in operation in Victoria since 1992.

The Victoria Fire Department has a proud and distinguished history of protecting its citizens dating back to 1858. It was the first fire department established west of Toronto and north of San Francisco and proudly provides fire and rescue services, fire prevention education, and emergency management to the Capital City.

**ATTACHMENT:      Ride-Along Waiver Form**

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