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GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

AIRPORT FIRE TRAINING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

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The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is opening the doors to its new Fire and Emergency Services Training Institute (FESTI) to the public on Saturday, July 14th.

The FESTI consists of numerous training structures used to simulate a wide range of emergency scenarios, including a Confined Space Building, Rescue Tower, Burn Building and Aircraft Training Mock-ups.

Built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards, the FESTI features a green roof, water saving features, integrated air circulation and resource saving design features.

Admission and parking at the training institute are free.

Schedule of Events – Saturday, July 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- 10:30 Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter Training Exercise (plane on fire)
- 11:30 Rope Rescue Demonstration (rescue from the side of a building)
- 12:30 Auto Extrication Demonstration (using the “jaws of life”)
- 1:30 Structural Fire Response Demonstration (building on fire)

A charity BBQ with proceeds going to the Children’s Wish Foundation will be running between 10:00 and 2:00. Food is generously donated by CARA Airline Solutions.

Directions: The Fire and Emergency Services Training Institute is located at 2025 Courtneypark Drive East. From Dixie Road, proceed east on Courtneypark. Large orange signs will mark the entrance. Parking is provided on-site.

Media: GTAA spokesperson will be available between 11:00 and 1:00 on Saturday.

Official grand opening ceremonies will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 13th. Speakers will include a representative from the Canadian Green Building Council, GTA Chapter and local MP Navdeep Bains. Media are welcome.

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