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### **SIX NATIONS FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE STATION #3 CLOSURE**

The Six Nations Elected Council is disappointed to learn of the break in that occurred at the Fire & Emergency Services Fire Station # 3 located at 2134 Cayuga Road, resulting in the immediate closure of the station. The thieves stole the highly specialized equipment from two fire trucks and damaged both trucks. The break in resulted in a loss and damages of well over \$200,000, which in the end, impacts community funds.

Six Nations is fortunate to have the level of fire service it has. Many First Nations in Canada do not have the access to the equipment and capacity that we have in this community, and even still, we experience a shortfall of funds to support the level of service needed in this community. The level of service attained has been because of the dedication of the Six Nations Fire Chief, the Fire Fighters and community members that support the Fire Service through fundraising initiatives.

Crimes of this nature are not victimless. Crimes of this nature impact all members of this community. The theft and closure of the station will greatly impact response time to calls within the Station # 3 area, which is located by the I.L Thomas School. We are asking for the community members within this area to please be patient as we work to rectify this issue. This community is our collective home. Every single community member in this community deserves the peace of mind, that in the event of an emergency, they will be met with efficient life saving service.

To those thieves, and other citizens that are contemplating engaging in action like this, we would like to make it clear, activities of this nature are not acceptable, fun or profitable. Your actions only continue to pull the morale of this community down and impact the livelihoods of all community members, including yourself.

If any community members witness suspicious sales of equipment, or know anything about this incident, please contact Six Nations Police at 519-445-2811 or Crimestoppers at 519-750-TIPS.

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