

Fire Rescue House a first for Canada

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The Fire Rescue House, a building that provides a temporary living place to people who have lost their homes to fire, was [officially unveiled today](#). The 3 bedroom unit is part of a triplex that was recently renovated by the North End Housing Project. The temporary shelter will be made available for \$30/day, which covers bedding, furniture and food. Rents from the adjacent units help in covering the carrying costs of the house.

Funding for the house was provided by the federal and provincial government through the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative. Additional funding was provided by the Firefighters Burn Fund, using an endowment from the late firefighter Steven Perchyshyn. The house has been named in his honour.

The house will be managed by GaraMark Property Management and Maintenance Services (415-6200). Families who are identified by the Winnipeg Fire Department's Fire Commander are referred to the on-duty Platoon Chief who then contacts GaraMark. GaraMark is the first response team who meets the family at the Fire Rescue House and helps them settle in immediately.

The unit provides transitional housing for the period of time required to make more permanent living arrangements to a maximum of 1 month. Each situation will be unique and both North End Housing and GaraMark are committing to assist families in addressing their needs in finding long-term accommodations.

The emergency units rent will be payable through the family's insurance, public appeals, social assistance, emergency relief funds, etc. wherever possible.

For further information go to www.nehp.mb.ca or call 589-4327 X 227.