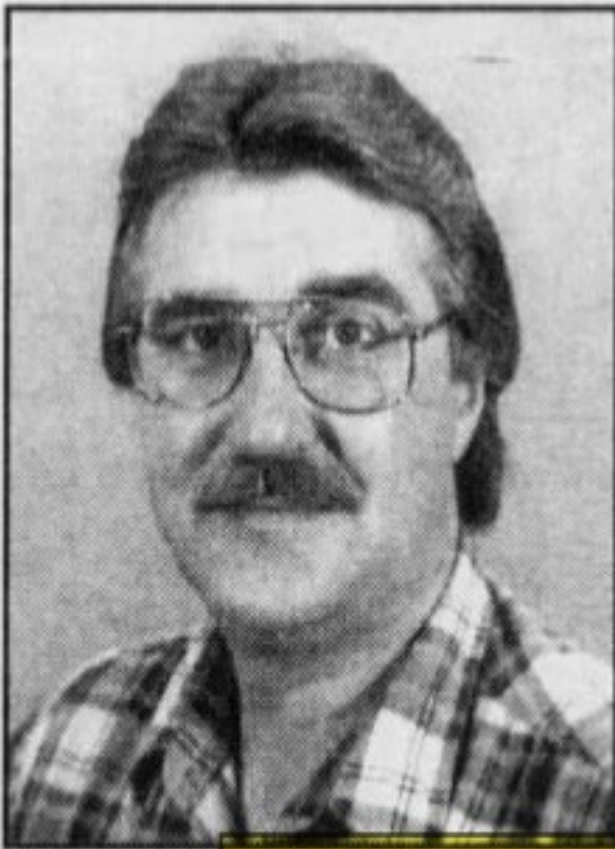


# GARY KEMPERT

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**Gary Kempert**



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# Fire hall looks to link with H2S business

## Expertise could boost training centre

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The city fire department expects to attract more customers to its regional training facility with the help of a man who knows something about hydrogen sulphide.

The fire hall is seeking approval from city council to sign an agreement with Gary Kempert from Learn-Rite courses to teach on H2S (hydrogen sulphide), WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, and first aid at the Northern Safety Training Centre.

Kempert would then be allowed to use the classroom at the airport fire hall and in return, the fire department would receive 10 per cent of the gross income generated.

Apart from an increase in revenue and customers, the fire department believes it will be much easier for staff to plan and attend some of these courses.

"This would eliminate the need for other city departments to line up instructors and arrange for facilities," training centre co-ordinator Preben Bossen wrote to city manager Deryl Kloster.

At the city's protective and emergency services committee meeting last week, questions were raised on why Kempert's business was chosen.

"Is it going to look like we're favoring?" asked public committee member Don Streeper.

Deputy fire chief Jim Pendergast said that with the exception of a Nisku business, Kempert was the only one that has this area of expertise.

In order to teach H2S courses, the instructor must have a minimum of two years of oilfield experience.

"The private contractor was already providing that service but our customers have requested that service," Pendergast said.

"One of our objectives was to train our people to do this but we felt it was a more viable option to find a contractor already doing it in the area.

"We did find one. He needed a bigger facility. He uses our facility and we charge rent for it."

# Safety firms bash city hall

## Business plan headed back to committee

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The city has no business pushing into the safety training spectrum when there's plenty of groups in the community with the expertise, a delegation of safety experts told council this week.

The fire department was seeking council approval to enter into an agreement with Gary Kempert from Learn-Rite courses.

Learn-Rite would offer training in hydrogen sulphide, WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, and first-aid at the Northern Safety Training Centre, using classroom space at the airport fire hall. The fire department in return would receive 10 per cent of the gross income generated.

But St. John's Ambulance representative Faris Atkinson told council the process of selecting one business as a contractor seems unfair when "no one else was ap-

proached."

Ald. Helen Rice said all the fire department wants to do is lease the space to the company so it has the training room. If that's the case, the proposal should have been open to all businesses, said Firemaster Oil-field Services' Cliff Young.

Between 10 and 20 local organizations offer comparable training, said Atkinson.

The fire department expected the move to increase revenue, customers and accommodate staff taking the courses.

That could mean the city will contribute to pulling customers away from private industry, said Young.

The proposal also generates bucks for the city but fire department funding stems from the taxpayer, he said.

Council unanimously approved sending the plan back to the emergency services committee for reconsideration.



# *Thank You*

## *Gary Kempert's Family*

*wish to extend our sincere Thanks to  
everyone for your support, food, flowers,  
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*"The song has ended, but the memory lingers on..."*