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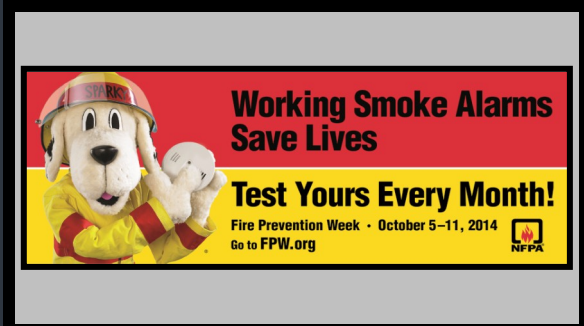
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Calendars:

Thursday May 28th, 2015

Fire and Life Safety

Educators Conference



Message from the Fire Commissioner:

Hello to everyone and welcome to this edition of the Prevention Post. This past summer was a very busy time for the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) Public Education Unit, with the OFC using one of the many fire prevention trailers donated by Red River Mutual Insurance and the Fire-fighter's Burn Fund to tour the province. Our two summer students, Bailee and Jackie, had the opportunity to visit some of our remote communities and help fire departments with fire and life safety education. We hope to expand this successful program next year, expanding this program into more communities across the province.

Utilizing the Fleet of fire safety education trailers across the province, the Manitoba Fire Service has reported making contact with over 17,000 youth and adults at various events around the province.

This is a significant achievement, and demonstrates the value that these trailers have added to our Provincial public education program. Please keep your attendance reports coming in.

I am also pleased to announce that the Canadian Council of Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners (CCFMFC) has entered into a strategic alliance agreement with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council; a charitable organization dedicated to reducing the loss of life and preventable injury caused by fire and like emergencies. This new alliance will enable the CCFMFC to further their role in educating Canadians of all ages about important fire safety behaviours and emergency management matters. Not only will this benefit citizens, but our fire and emergency services as well; who bravely respond to emergencies of every conceivable kind.

With a fully operational Distribution Centre and coast to coast delivery capabilities, the Council has already become the go to place for hundreds of Canadian fire and emergency services to purchase age appropriate public education materials during Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year. As well, the Distribution Centre is an official distributor of training materials for the NFPA, IFSTA, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Penn-Well and other highly recognized fire service training providers.

Combining our resources with the Council and its Distribution Centre, will create substantial benefits to fire departments across Canada, as uniform campaigns and initiatives will highlight the importance of our message delivery. From schools to homes to institutions and more, our collective voice will have greater potential to be heard as we endeavour to make our communities a safer place to live, work and play. As Fire Commissioner of Manitoba, I am excited to support this alliance, and ask that your membership take advantage of the opportunities created from our new partnership and get connected to this new valuable resource by clicking on the link provided.

These two initiatives stand out as successes, demonstrate the OFC's commitment to continue to strengthen our Provincial fire and life safety education program.

This week marks the start of another Fire Prevention Week Across Canada. This year's theme is **"Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month"**. We encourage the Manitoba Fire Service to take every opportunity to pass on this simple, but extremely important message throughout your communities. The OFC Public Education unit has been working closely with our partners to ensure similar provincial public service messages are being sent out throughout the week.

On behalf of the staff of the Office of the Fire Commissioner, please keep up the good work.

David Schafer, Fire Commissioner

Public Education Updates

Birtle Fire Department Upgrades Rescue Unit

On February 1st Birtle Fire Department retired their 1986 Ford rescue and replaced it with a 1998 International 4900 Quad cab. The rescue was originally built by Superior Fire Trucks from Red Deer and sold to Camrose, Alberta. Camrose traded it in for a new one and Birtle bought it as a used unit. The truck comes equipped with Honda EV 6000 on board generator and flood lights, 2 electrical cord reels with 200 feet of electrical cord on each, on board air line and reel, air cylinder storage, adjustable shelving as well as roll out trays, 3 heated compartments, seating for five, four seats are equipped with built in breathing apparatus mounts. It is powered by a 300hp International Engine with an Alison 6 speed automatic transmission. This vehicle has 23,000 km on it. The members of the Birtle Fire Department are very pleased with this purchase, it is a very welcome upgrade to their equipment.



Public Education Updates

ARBORG FIRE DEPARTMENT



TRAFFIC CONTROL SEMINAR

ARBORG STREET FESTIVAL

Submitted by George F Howell, Arborg Fire Department

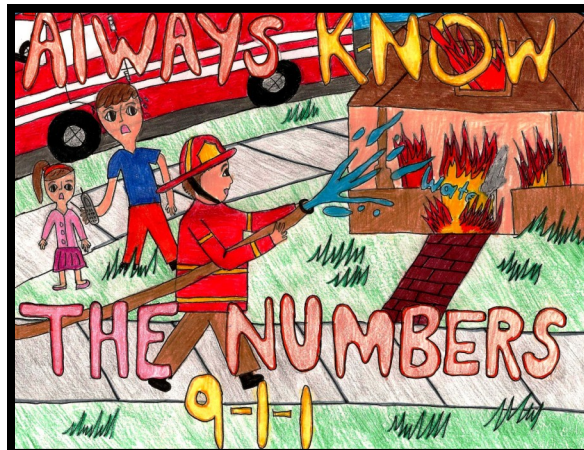


Battling for Baryliski

Eight members of the Arborg - Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services shave their heads for cancer, the names are as follows; Back row Wally Goldau, Andy Baryliski, Chief George Chyzy, Eric Jonson, Susan Bauernhuber, Deputy Chief Jeff Pearse, Front row; Kevin Petkau, Tyler Zubriski, Chad Timchishen.

Public Education Updates

BURN AWARENESS WEEK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2014 GRADES 5 TO 8



Pictured Top Left: Grade 8 winner: Jo Ann, Marion School

Pictured Bottom Left: Grade 6 Winner: Krisna, Holy Ghost School

Pictured Above Right: Grade 5 winner: Jeralin, Holy Ghost School

Pictured Bottom Right: Grade 7 Winner: Trina, Odanah School

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week, February 1—7th, 2015, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Fire Fighters Burn Fund will be sending out information to all Grade 5 to 8 students from all over the province to participate in a poster contest. For more information contact Kathy Danino at 1-888-253-1488 or email at Kathy.danino@gov.mb.ca. Please encourage your teachers and students to



Picture Left: To order your free fire safety pamphlets go to www.leechprint.com/FireSafety

Pamphlets are in English and French

Public Education Updates



On Behalf Of:

The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners
& Manitoba Office of The Fire Commissioner

The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners together with the Manitoba Office of The Fire Commissioner have announced a major initiative tackling youth fire safety nation-wide.

The Manitoba Fire Commissioner Office is joined by 10 provinces and territories who are working together to arm teachers with unique lesson plans that encourage every Canadian household to test and replace their smoke alarms during the 92nd annual Fire Prevention Week, October 5th to 11th.

The Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners expect to engage thousands of primary-school teachers across Canada who will teach special lessons to upwards of 100,000 students as part of a broad scope of Fire Prevention Week activities under its North American-wide theme “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!” Lesson plans, distributed by The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners through Scholastic Canada, will be supported by the local efforts of fire departments and the campaign’s educational website www.safeathome.ca.

Parents should watch for “Test and Replace” homework pages which include a home fire escape planning sheet and a safety checklist. Once completed, parents and youngsters can go online at www.safeathome.ca/testandreplace to register their home and download a certificate of completion for the child to take back to class.

The complete homework kit is also available for download. Safeathome.ca also provides helpful tips for testing and maintaining smoke alarms, when to replace alarms, and where to install them.



NEWS AND VIEWS



NewsRelease

Manitoba News Release: Province Announces New, Improved Protection Now in Effect for Emergency, Enforcement Personnel

September 12, 2014

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES NEW, IMPROVED PROTECTION NOW IN EFFECT
FOR EMERGENCY, ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

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Amendments Expand, Clarify Precautions Motorists Must Take
When Passing Emergency Personnel: Minister Ashton

New amendments to the Highway Traffic Act are now in effect to make Manitoba highways a safer workplace for emergency responders and tow-truck operators by expanding and clarifying the precautions motorists must take when passing emergency personnel, Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton announced today.

"We want to bring a higher level of safety for first responders and tow-truck operators trying to do their jobs," said Minister Ashton. "The new legislation will help ensure that motorists slow down and proceed with caution before encountering emergency responders."

The Respect for the Safety of Emergency and Enforcement Personnel Act, also referred to as Protecting First Responders Act, requires motorists to slow down when passing emergency vehicles, enforcement vehicles, tow trucks and roadside assistance vehicles.

Now, drivers travelling on the same side of the road as emergency vehicles that are stopped with their beacons flashing are required to slow down and proceed with caution. Drivers travelling on a multi-lane highway must also pass the emergency vehicle only when safe to do so and, where possible, move to a lane further from emergency vehicles.

Effective today, drivers on either side of an undivided highway who pass emergency vehicles that are stopped with their beacons flashing will be required to slow down to the following maximum speeds:

- * 40 km/hr on highways with posted maximum speed limits below 80 km/hr, and
- * 60 km/hr on highways with posted maximum speed limits of 80 km/hr or greater.

Drivers not following these safety measures may be subject to a fine of \$299.65.

In May, the province put into effect new rules and speed limits for motorists driving through designated construction zones, regardless of the presence of workers.

"We are sending a message to drivers that slowing down when passing roadside workers saves lives and motorists who fail to slow down will be penalized," said Minister Ashton.

AWARDS



Thanks to Danny Thorsteinson for his representation and all his contributions to the SOA Board. Danny will be retiring from the Board after serving for the past 6 years. Danny provided insight as the MAFC's designate to the Board and continually made his opinions and advice known. His knowledge of the fire service as the Fire Chief of the Selkirk Fire Department was a credit to his role. Assistant Deputy Minister Dave Dyson, along with Fire Commissioner Dave Schafer and other members of the Board were proud to thank Danny for his service as he was presented with a plaque and gift recognizing his work.

The role of the Advisory Board is to provide advice on the Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC) strategic operations and on changes to its mandate, structure, business practices and finances. The Advisory Board reviews and comments on all of the OFC's proposed business plans and quarterly and annual reports.

Submitted by Robert Pike, Deputy Fire Commissioner



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Sunova Center, West St. Paul

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Articles are accepted anytime!!

