



## **ALNWICK / HALDIMAND Township Fire & Rescue**

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Attention: Chief Wright

**Re: Fire Prevention, Education and Inspections Throughout 2010**

Dear Mr. Wright:

Throughout the year, continuing efforts were made to provide Fire Safety Programs and Education to residents and school children of the Municipality as required by the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, Part II 1(a) and (b).

On occasion, children visited the fire halls where many questions were asked concerning the various equipment. They always enjoy a visit to the fire hall and meeting the firefighters. A day care centre was paid a visit by firefighters and equipment, which the children greatly enjoyed. A colouring book, which promoted fire safety, was given to each child.

The Fire Department members and equipment attended activities throughout the year such as parades, car shows, and an agricultural Fall Fair. Tables set up with a display of handout materials for the public is a must at these events. This is a good time to meet and discuss with adults Fire Safety and also gives the public an opportunity to ask questions.

During Fire Prevention Week, which was October 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, all schools in the municipality were visited. Fire Prevention and Safety programs were carried out with each class, with time allowed for the many questions from the students. The senior students were questioned on their cooking skills and at this time they were informed the number 1 cause of residential house fires is unattended cooking.

It is brought to the attention of the children the importance of a Home Fire Safety Plan and the importance of practicing the plan with the family. Many other areas of fire safety are discussed. All children received pamphlets to take to their respective homes. There are many leaflets and pamphlets available, which convey the fire safety message covering various areas such as smoke alarms, kitchen fire safety, cooking safety, and fire safety check list. A 60 page guide to residential wood heating, which is a very good source of information for anyone burning wood or who is considering the installation of a wood burning stove and is available free of charge.

Yours truly,

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