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Fire Prevention, Public Education and Inspections Report for 2016

Throughout the year, efforts were made to provide Fire Safety Programs and Education to the residents and school children within the Municipality of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand in accordance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, Part II 1(a) and (b).

On many occasions, we have children's groups, i.e. brownies, daycare, etc., visit the fire halls for fire safety videos and tours. This includes all the trucks and equipment. We always try to have some firefighters in full bunker gear so the children can learn not to be frightened of the firefighters if they ever needed to be rescued in a fire. The children are always excited to see all the equipment and have all their questions answered. There are always hand outs and fire hats for the children. We also are involved in presentations to many adult groups throughout the year on request basics.

The junior fire fit challenge, was used at most of our community events including St. Mary's Fun Night. This was a great hit with both children and parents alike. With this challenge we were able to demonstrate to the community some of the challenges faced by our day to day duties as firefighters.

Firefighters and equipment attended many community activities, i.e. Golden Beach Car Show, Roseneath Fair, Canada Day activities, Santa Claus Parade, for the first time at Station #1 we had breakfast with Santa and Station #2 was open to the public on Halloween Night for trick or treaters; goodies were handed out including fire safety information. Most of the children were happy to experience the trucks and equipment. Firefighters are always ready to answer the public's many questions and hand out educational literature.

During Fire Prevention Week in October, schools in our municipality plus a daycare in Alderville First Nation were visited by firefighters, trucks and equipment. This is a great opportunity for the children to have all their questions answered and to get acquainted with the trucks, equipment and firefighters. There was representation from all three fire stations at each event throughout Fire Prevention Week.

This year we were able to get our Fire Prevention messages out in the municipal newsletter, which is published throughout the year.

We focus on the importance of smoke alarms and CO alarms in the home and also that each home needs a fire safety plan and safe meeting place for family members.

With the introduction of the new CO alarm legislation, we held an open house at all three fire stations where we were able to give out pamphlets for information purposes. We also had CO and smoke alarms available for purchase at a reduced cost.

Inspections in the municipality are ongoing throughout the year. Sometimes these inspections involve help from the Fire Marshal Office and the municipal building department. We've also called on other departments within the municipality for help with complicated inspections. At this time our inspections are done on request or complaint basis only. The Northumberland County Fire Prevention Committee meets bi-monthly at different fire stations to discuss issues pertinent to Fire Prevention within our communities. Often at these meetings we have guest speakers providing information on pertinent issues involved with Fire Prevention and Safety within the community.

Yours truly,

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