



Fire Prevention Week Municipal Newsletter

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Fire Prevention Week October 9th - 15th, 2011 “Protect Your Family From Fire”



FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES

Station 1	Balmertown	Thursday, October 13 th	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Station 2	Cochenour	Sunday, October 30 th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Station 3	McKenzie Island	Tuesday, October 11 th	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Station 4	Red Lake	Tuesday, October 11 th	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Station 5	Madsen	Saturday, October 15 th	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Sound the Alarm – Family Fire Escape Plan Practice
All Stations 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 12th



Test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries at least once a year.

Smoke alarms don't last forever. After 10 years, all smoke alarms need to be replaced with new ones.

PROCLAMATION

As Mayor of the
Municipality of Red Lake

I hereby proclaim the
week of

October 9th – 15th, 2011

as

“Fire Prevention Week”
in the
Municipality of Red Lake.

Phil Vinet
Mayor

Local Firefighter Has Busy Summer Competing in FireFit Challenges

James Kellestine, member of the Municipality of Red Lake Fire Rescue Service, has been busy training and competing in several 2011 Scott FireFit Championship events. He began by competing in the Southern Alberta Regional in Drumheller Alberta on June 11th, running a 1:52.33 and finishing 37th in a field of 104 competitors. His next event was the Southern Ontario Regional held in Dorchester, Ontario, on July 2nd, improving his time to 1:48.77 and placing 50th in a field of 110. Then it was off to Edmonton on Sept 2nd for the Prairie Open with a 1:47.84 and 29th place finish in a field of 76. The Northern Alberta Regional was in Edson the following weekend and then the FireFit Championship Finals were held in Medicine Hat from Sept 15th-18th. Kellestine qualified for the National finals with a time of 1:46.90 and ran a 1:40.43 in the final race to finish the season 69th in a field of 154 competitors from across the country.

On Sunday, October 2nd, James Kellestine, Tim Szaflik and Marshall Dumontier competed in the Red Lake Road Race. To add a firefighting component, and to raise awareness for Fire Prevention Week, the trio chose to run in their turnout gear. Kellestine placed 1st in the 5K male, over 18 category, with Dumontier and Szaflik not far behind.

The Municipality of Red Lake and the Red Lake Fire Rescue Service would like to congratulate these firefighters on their achievements.

THANK YOU

The Red Lake Fire Rescue Service would like to thank the following for assisting with the Ontario Fire College Training course that was held in Red Lake on September 8th to 11th, 2011:

Barrens Northern Transportation
L. Moncrief Trucking
Municipality of Red Lake Public Works

Red Lake Salvage
Link Line Contractors
Aileen Yakiwchuk & Dale Butterfield

Your help was much appreciated.

Walter Scarrow, Fire Chief



Is Your Home Fire Safe?

Fire hazards may be lurking in your home where you least expect them. Take a few minutes to inspect your home for fire hazards. As you go from room to room, circle your responses to the questions below. The answer may surprise you.

Cooking Safety

- Yes/No Does an adult always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes/No Are stove tops and nearby counters clear and uncluttered?
- Yes/No Do you keep a proper fitting lid near the stove when you are cooking?
- Yes/No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Yes/No Are curtains, utensils, paper towels and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes/No Is there a "kid-free" zone of one metre around the stove when adults are cooking?

Heating Safety

- Yes/No If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least one metre away from things that can burn, including curtains, furniture, pets?
- Yes/No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes/No Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- Yes/No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes/No Are propane tanks, gasoline, or other fuels stored safely outside your home?

Candle Safety

- Yes/No Are candles placed in sturdy holders, out of reach of children and pets so they can't be knocked over?
- Yes/No Do you cover lit candles with glass chimneys, to prevent people or objects from brushing against the flame?
- Yes/No Do you always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed?

Electrical Safety

- Yes/No Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?
- Yes/No Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)
- Yes/No Are kitchen appliances such as the kettle, coffee-maker, toaster oven and microwave, plugged into separate outlets?

Smoke Alarms

- Yes/No Does your home have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.
- Yes/No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Test the centre of the cover.)
- Yes/No Do you have a designated person to test the smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once per year?

Home Fire Escape Planning

- Yes/No Are all of the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys and clutter.
- Yes/No Do you have a home fire escape plan that included two ways out of every room (if possible)?
- Yes/No Have you picked a safe place outside where everyone will meet after exiting the home?
- Yes/No Have you practiced a home fire drill with everyone in your household?

What's your Score?

If you answered "yes" to all of the questions, you are a fire safety expert.

If you answered "yes" to 20 questions, you're well on the way to a fire safe home.

If you answered "yes" to between 15 and 20 questions, you're on the right track but there is still some work to be done.

If you answered "yes" to fewer than 15 questions there is some important changes that need to be made around your home to make sure that everyone in your home is safe from fire.