

UPCOMING EVENTS

O AFC Fire Con - Sept 3rd -7th

[Overview | Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs \(oafc.on.ca\)](#)

OMFPOA Symposium - Sept 9th -12th

[OMFPOA-Symposium-2024-Draft-Agenda.pdf](#)

Test Your Smoke Alarm Day - Sept 28th

[Saved by the beep](#)

FIRE MARSHAL'S PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL (FMPFSC)

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A Note from our Executive Director,

Jamie Kovacs

I am excited to share some significant news regarding the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. As we continue to innovate and seek new ways to contribute and be inclusive to all Ontario fire departments and First Nations, I am pleased to announce that after 20 years, we are removing our annual membership fees effective September 1.

This change reflects our commitment to making fire safety resources more accessible to everyone and fostering a stronger community dedicated to keeping Ontario safe from fire. Additionally, we are actively working on new partnerships and developing innovative strategies to enhance fire prevention and safety initiatives across the province.

I encourage you to read through our latest newsletter, which contains valuable information, updates and resources. Please share our newsletter with your Fire Prevention team and any other members of your department.

Thank you for your continued dedication to fire safety.

Reach to me directly with any questions Jamie.kovacs@firesafetycouncil.com

FMPFSC ends \$100 membership fees

Yes, after over 20 years we have made the decision to remove the annual \$100 membership fee. One of our goals is to support the ON fire service and First Nations and give back. This membership fee was brought into place sometime prior to 2003, we truly believe our council should be open to all Ontario fire departments and First Nations. In saying this there will be no price increases to make up for us removing membership fees. Instead, effective Sept 1st everyone in the fire service along with First Nations will be set up under member pricing. Anyone in the public will receive public pricing (current non-member).

Reach out to our Executive Director if you have any questions at Jamie.kovacs@firesafetycouncil.com or by cell 519-200-4416

Most popular items of 2024 to date

Public Education:

HEL-REDPINK18-JRCHF
(Red/Pink Children's Helmet)



Smoke Alarms:

SA-I9040CA
(4" Single Button, Battery operated Smoke Alarm)



Training Materials:

IF36777
(Essentials of Fire Fighting 7th Edition)



Canadian PGA Golfer and Listowel area Fire Departments create shareable PSA on the importance of having working smoke and CO alarms

According to North Perth Fire Chief Janny Pape, the Public Service Announcement came together as the result of brainstorming with Deputy Chief Callise after the “Saved by the Beep” conference last year. The Fire Marshal challenged fire departments to think outside the box and consider tapping into local talent.

- The PSA is the result of a collaboration between the North Perth, Minto, Mapleton and Wellington North fire departments.
- Corey and his wife Malory were both born and raised in North Perth and have strong family ties to the fire service. They were very receptive to assisting with promoting fire safety.
- Sponsorships from insurance mutuals who are based locally assisted with the costs.

It is their hope that the PSA will be shared far and wide and will encourage viewers to test and maintain home smoke alarms.

Feel free to share this video as much as possible. This is truly an example of leaders listening to their team and leveraging relationships in their communities.

Click the link to view the video - [Importance of Smoke Alarms with Corey Connors - YouTube](#)

TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Is your department ready for Ontario’s official “Test Your Smoke Alarm Day” on Sept 28th?

The FMPFSC is proud to support this provincial day of action and has special materials for your event. Below are just a few examples of some out of the box thinking from last year’s campaign.



Dutton Dunwich Fire Department gave each member of their fire department “Saved By The Beep” lawn signs last year, to put in their yards as a way to inform their community of what Sept 28th is all about. These are a new item available on our website.



Essex Fire had a colouring contest as soon as kids returned back to school utilizing our “Saved by the Beep” colouring sheets. The winners were displayed right as you enter the station.



Oakville fire utilized a big silo during their FPW kick off on Sept 23rd to have children sign pledge forms that they would test their smoke and co alarms, once signed they stuck them on the silo and took photos to remind them. Overall, you can see how many children received the important message and signed their pledge form

FMPFSC DISTRIBUTION CENTRE UPDATE

KIDDE SMOKE ALARM SALE

Our distribution centre is proud to offer a month long 10% discount on Kidde smoke alarms to help your department stock up in time for Test Your Smoke Alarm Day on Sept 28th. The sale is running for the entire month of August, [click the link for the order form and submit your order by the end of August.](#)

Customized Pen order

We are listening and are going to start sending out items that are customizable with your own safety message, lettering and in the language of your choice. Because we purchase in bulk, we can save you money on these items vs sourcing them yourself. We will also save you much needed time so your teams can focus on their tasks. We decided to put a custom pen order out first, click the attached order form for more information. Note orders must be placed by Aug 5th – [Click here for the order form](#)

Spring into Summer kits and Survey

As summer is already half way over we need to remind everyone our Summer kits wont last forever, some items are running low so ([Click here to order](#)) before they run out. Order as a kit and save or order just what you need. Part of how we improve these kits for your future list is we dissect the results of our **survey**, [please click the link and give us some feedback so we can continue to improve.](#)

Our own FMPFSC Fire Prevention Week kits

Our commitment to you is to constantly improve the quality of pub-ed items in our kits and using your ideas to develop new items as demographics evolve. This year is by far our best FPW kit, [click the link showing a few new items in this year's kits](#). Whether it's the new hockey pucks with the Test Your Smoke Alarm logo and alarm safety messages, silicone oven mitts with cooking safety or the cutlery sets with lithium-ion safety messaging, we have your pub-ed events covered.

ENBRIDGE PROJECT ZERO AND PROJECT ASSIST 2024

A huge thank you to Enbridge Gas for their ongoing support of the Ontario fire service.

Once again, we are proud to work with Enbridge on Safe Community Project Assist and Safe Community Project Zero. Fire Chiefs in the Enbridge service area received an invitation to apply for these campaigns, based on their eligibility for each. Thank you to all who applied. Departments who are selected to participate in these campaigns will be notified via email by mid-September.

Funding support from Enbridge for this year's campaigns has increased to \$575,000, with \$125,000 allocated for books and training materials through Project Assist and \$450,000 allocated for combination smoke/CO alarms through Project Zero.

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