

**NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION OF FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS
NBAFPO**

**ASSOCIATION DES AGENTS DE PREVENTION DES INCENDIES
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK**

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Hello Everyone:

I'm pleased to announce that this year's Annual NBAFPO Seminar was a successful event. We have had much positive feedback, the best being that some of our Fire Prevention Officers are already putting what they have learned to use in their Departments. We also appreciate any and all ideas we have been given for improvement of future Seminars. Keep your opinions coming, please? We want to know how best to serve your needs in helping with your Fire Prevention Programs.

Our Hosts, the Oromocto Fire Department, especially Chief Jody Price, Divisional Chief Dale Johnson and Volunteer Firefighter Donald Tupper, as well as the many members who actively helped in planning or during the weekend deserve both our thanks and congratulations for an excellent job! Their hard work, talents and efforts are very much appreciated.

Chief Robert Langlais has graciously offered to Host the next Seminar in Bathurst. Mark your calendars for April 23rd to 25th, 2010. You need to be there! Please let your fellow Firefighters know of the Seminar. We have been receiving calls and correspondence from Fire Prevention Officers who did not receive information until after the Seminar, so regretfully could not attend. Remember that what you share and promote could save somebody's life!

The minutes from the AGM and the revised constitution are in the process of being translated and will be posted on our website soon. One of the most exciting outcomes of the AGM was the addition of the three new committees being formed for Inspections, Investigations and Education, with the Chairs of those committees being on the Board of Directors. It's a big step forward! Visit the NBAFPO site often, and don't forget that we would love your ideas and opinions on anything you would like to see on *your* site. We would like to see safe interactive games for children of all ages on the site. Do you have access to a program you would like to share?

This year's Fire Prevention Week Launch will be hosted in St. Andrews. It will be on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 and we hope to see many of you there. Our Fire Prevention theme for this year is "*Practise Fire Safety. Good Habits Save Lives*". Don't wait for Fire Prevention Week to promote safety. Our first good habit can be thinking Fire Prevention all year!

Summer is an excellent time to be out and about in your communities. Visit Senior's Homes, Special Care Homes, the Elderly living at home, social events, participate in community parades and fairs, etc, and of course opening your Fire Halls for tours, car-washes, barbeques, bake sales, etc, can always have the added bonus of fund-raising for your Fire Prevention Programs. Going door-to-door and checking batteries on Smoke Alarms never loses its' value in Fire Prevention. Doing safety checks in homes can save lives. Make the children your Deputies, give them a fire-hat and have them do the check with you, teaching while you build relationships with them.

We want children to know that Firefighters are their friends.

Come to the Launch and share ideas with your fellow Fire Prevention Officers. It's amazing what we can learn from each other!

Sales of tickets for the next Fire Truck Draw began during the NBAFC Conference in May. The drawing will take place at the Launch in St. Andrews.

It was decided that we use the same prizes as the last draw, as follows; 1st> Remote Control Fire Truck, 2nd> Deep Fryer, 3rd> Power Bar, and 4th> Fire Extinguisher.

Complimentary tickets were given out at the NBAFC Conference. If they were not turned in, they can be forwarded via your Reps or brought to the Launch to be included in the draw.

Again, we urge you to take part in selling tickets for the fund-raiser. You have the opportunity of keeping half of the proceeds of your sales in your own Departments, which could mean the difference of being able to send someone to the next Seminar, for example. You decide where the funds are most needed or best used in your Fire Prevention Programs. If you would like to have tickets, contact Maria at nbafpo@nb.aibn.com , phone 734-2918, fax 734-2839, or speak to your Chief or Association Rep and we will get tickets to you. Demo CDs have been made and are available for your use, and if you would like to have the demo fire-truck available to help with sales, it can be provided for your use. Let us know!

I'd like to take this opportunity to emphasize something that was talked about at the Seminar in Oromocto by our Provincial Fire Marshal, Ben Laroche. Fire Prevention has evolved into a vital part of our Fire Service. The old attitude of suppression being more important than prevention is a thing of the past, as is the practise of giving the responsibility of Fire Prevention Officers to members waiting on retirement or having health issues that take them away from the actual scenes. That is not to say that these members are not capable of being Fire Prevention Officers, as their experience could prove to be a valuable asset to the job. It is the importance of being active as a Fire Prevention Officer that serves our Departments and our Communities in a positive manner. If you look at the statistics of Fire Deaths you will see a decline and most of that is because of the education and promotion of fire prevention. Our goal is to bring that number to zero and keep it there. We want our Firefighters returning safely from every scene while they are working to save lives and property, so we all need to recognize the value of every aspect of fire prevention and promote it within our Departments and in our Communities.

It has been brought to my attention that some Departments have not signed up for Membership to the NBAFPO because of billing issues. If you need direct billing to your LSD, Town or Municipality done, please note who is to be billed on your Membership form and I will be happy to invoice them directly. The same applies for future Seminar fees.

On behalf of your Executive & Board of Directors of the NBAFPO and our continued partnership with the Office of the Fire Marshals, we thank you for your Fire Prevention efforts in your communities and wish you all continued success with those efforts and a *Fire-Safe* summer.

See you at the Fire Prevention Week Launch!

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