

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

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

October 2009 Newsletter

Hello everyone!

First of all, we need to congratulate Chief Jeff Cross and his Members for the excellent job done with the Fire Prevention Official Launch that was hosted in St. Andrews. There was a great turnout from Dignitaries, Fire Service Members, Emergency Personnel, and the general public, and the day was broadcasted on Tide Head radio while taking place. Everyone had a wonderful time, and if you didn't attend, you missed a great day. Thank you, Jeff. Excellent work!

The NBAFPO Truck draw took place during the Launch. Winners are as follows:

Remote Control Fire Truck: Patricia Williams, Ontario

Deep Fryer: Gaetan Savoi, Tracadie Beach

Power Bar: Jodi St. Peter, St. Stephen

Fire Extinguisher: Eric Bosse, Saint Quentin

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you for supporting Fire Prevention efforts!

Fire Prevention Week was filled with Open Houses, visits to schools, homes, community events, and the message is getting across! Congratulations to you all for your continued efforts and successes. Please focus on keeping the momentum going throughout the year. Each season holds its' own perils and the more we educate our communities, the safer we all will be.

If you have pictures you would like to share, please pass those on to me so that they can be placed on our website and in our NBAFPO History Binder, which will be again displayed at the next Seminar. Any past pictures would also be appreciated, but please mark the date and event on them. Pictures can be sent either electronically or by mail, etc.

The NBAFPO Annual Seminar 2010 planning is well under way and promises to equal, if not better, last year's. The Seminar will take place in beautiful Bathurst, NB, April 23rd to 25th, 2010. Chief Robert Langlais and his Members are making every effort to ensure that you gain much knowledge and information while having a great time. Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this. Please pass the word on to fellow Firefighters. The host Hotel has been picked and you can begin booking your reservations any time now. Please be sure to tell them you are booking under NBAFPO (Fire Prevention). All presentations will take place in the Hotel.

The Hotel information is as follows;

Atlantic Host Hotel

Vanier Boulevard, Bathurst, NB

Phone: 506-548-3335

Toll Free Number: 1-800-898-9292

1 double bed > \$82.00

2 double beds > \$92.00

Book your rooms early. If you have any questions or suggestions on what you would like to see at the Seminar, do not hesitate to contact me or any of your Seminar Planning Committee.

More information will follow. Check your NBAFPO website regularly for updates.

A new link has recently been added to our website. It is called "Knowfire"> www.knowfire.ca
It contains some nice videos, so check it out. Thanks go out to Deputy Chief Milt Cawley for passing that on to me. If you know of some good sites that comply with what we teach in NB, please pass those on so that all of our Members have access to as much information as possible.

There will be a slight change in Membership renewals this year. At present, membership expires at the end of December, but because most of you prefer to include Membership fees with Seminar fees, your Executive and Board of Directors have decided to extend the expiry date to end in March. The cards you receive with this year's renewals will show March 31st as the expiry date.

We hope this makes things easier and less confusing for your Departments.

>Keep in mind that if you would like direct billing to your LSD, Town or Municipality done, to simply mark who/where is to be billed on your membership application, and I will be happy to do that for you. If you would like a copy of the invoice that will be sent, let me know and I will make sure you get that. This applies to both Membership and Seminar fees.

Going back to Fire Prevention Week, please check with your schools to make sure ballots from the Fire Safety Gazette are sent to OFM so that the children can be included in the draw. Three winners from each Association will be drawn and one of those 27 will be fortunate to become "Fire Chief for the Day", which will be a wonderful day for their whole class, so promotion of this is important on many levels. The winner could be from your community!

Time change will soon be upon us. Please promote changing batteries in smoke alarms at the same time! Remember "***Practise Fire Safety. Good habits save lives***"

If anyone wants to share ideas, stories or information in the newsletters, pass those on and they will be included. This also applies to the NBAFPO website. What you share could very well save someone's life!

On behalf of your Executive & Board of Directors of the NBAFPO and our continued partnership with the Office of the Fire Marshals (OFM) and Association of Fire Chiefs (NBAFC), we thank you for your Fire Prevention efforts in your Communities and wish you all continued success with those efforts and a ***Fire-safe*** Fall season.

Let's all set a goal this year to have fire-related deaths and injuries brought to zero!

Keep up the great work and be sure to continue to keep the focus on prevention & safety.

Sincerely,

Maria Northrup, Secretary/Treasurer

On behalf of your NBAFPO

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