

TALKING FIRE

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK



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Emergency management is not just the responsibility of government, but includes all citizens. In the event of a disaster or public safety issue such as the recent water advisory, it was made clear how important emergency preparedness is to our community. The City's emergency plan was enacted quickly and effectively under the leadership of Mayor Mathieson and Dr. Pellizzari. What could have been a major health concern was quickly brought under control and resolved by government and other agencies working together with the public.

BE PREPARED – NOT SCARED

Take a few moments to consider the possible emergency situations or potential disasters you could face. There are many situations and events that could impact you, your family, neighbourhood or community. Talk with family members to get their views in building an action plan to reduce the possible effects of any emergency or disaster.

PARTNERSHIPS TOWARD SAFER COMMUNITIES

Judy Hartman of Rockwell Automation and Richard Young of the Stratford Fire Department are co-chairs of Partnerships Toward Safer Communities, a program jointly implemented between local industries and the City of Stratford. The purpose of the committee is to develop plans and strategies to prevent and respond to natural or human-made emergencies. Currently, we have 17 partners working together to make Stratford a safer community.

"I am pleased to represent Rockwell Automation as a co-chair and industry representative of the Partnerships Toward Safer Communities Committee. It is precisely the type of activity that reinforces our corporate goal "to demonstrate the highest standard of Global Environmental, Safety and Health Management." Participation in this committee not only helps our community become more prepared for emergencies, it also provides each partner with valuable assistance, advice and reference materials from peer companies in determining facility risks and developing plans to mitigate them."

HOME FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

Starting in May, in-service fire crews will be conducting Home Fire Safety Inspections from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Monday to Thursday. The Ontario Fire Code, requires smoke alarms to be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the dwelling. Working smoke alarms provide early warning giving inhabitants precious time to escape a fire. The Stratford Fire Department recommends installing smoke alarms on every level of your home and to develop and practice a fire escape plan with your family. Smoke alarms save lives!



STATS - MARCH & APRIL 2005

Fire Suppression:

Emergency Responses
March 147
April 138

Fire Prevention:

Inspections 233
Public Education 290

Training Evolutions:

Re-certification in
Defibrillators **74 hrs**
Ropes and Knots **40 hrs**
Annual Equipment Checks **54 hrs**
Communication
Centre Training **40 hrs**
Computer Orientation **40 hrs**

Lifting and Moving Patients **40 hrs**
Stifneck Cervical Collars **40 hrs**
Pumper #1 Operations **80 hrs**
Home Fire Safety Program **40 hrs**
Fire Services Litigation **20 hrs**
Home Fire Safety Program **40 hrs**

Anyone with questions in regards to fire and life safety is encouraged to contact the fire prevention bureau at 271-3212. Visit our website at www.city.stratford.on.ca