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Wainfleet's Home Fire Safety Health Check Going Strong

Wainfleet, ON – The Township of Wainfleet is becoming more fire safe as firefighters continue to visit homes and check for working safety devices as part of the Home Fire Safety Health Check program.

Since the program launched last month, 50% of the inspected homes have been found to be non-compliant with the minimum smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector standards of the Ontario Fire Code.

Although that statistic is an improvement from the 60% non-compliance rate found in previous years in the township, Wainfleet Fire Chief, Kevin Foster, is still concerned by the high number of Wainfleet homes that do not meet the Ontario Fire Code's minimum standards.

"We want all Wainfleet homes to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms so that families receive an early warning if there's an emergency," he said. "We hope that this program will encourage homeowners to routinely check the safety devices in their home."

Through the door-to-door visits, Wainfleet firefighters have identified a number of safety issues in homes, including non-operating or missing smoke alarms and CO detectors.

"During our visits, we replace alarm batteries and install new alarms where necessary, plus share helpful verbal tips with homeowners," explained Wainfleet volunteer firefighter, Chuck Farkas. "We also provide goodie bags containing useful household items along with fire and life safety awareness materials."

The Home Fire Safety Health Check program will continue throughout the remainder of the summer. Firefighters are currently knocking on doors in the Lakeshore Road area of the township and will expand into other areas.

Firefighters will continue to visit homes between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on weeknights and 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Firefighters wear uniforms and drive fire department vehicles when conducting home visits.

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Residents who wish to book a Home Fire Safety Health Check are encouraged to contact the Township of Wainfleet at 905-899-3463 ext. 277 or fpo@wainfleet.ca. Residents can also download a Home Self Inspection Checklist by visiting www.wainfleet.ca.

By law, smoke alarms are mandatory on every storey of a home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide detectors must also be installed outside all sleeping areas if a home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage.

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