



Township of Wainfleet

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2017 Home Fire Safety Health Check to Launch in Wainfleet

Wainfleet, ON – Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services will be launching its Home Fire Safety Health Check program in early June. This free and voluntary program gives Wainfleet homeowners the opportunity to have their homes inspected for fire safety by Wainfleet firefighters and receive helpful safety tips.

Wainfleet Fire Chief, Kevin Foster, wants all homes to have working smoke alarms so that families receive an early warning if there is a fire. "Our priority is keeping the Wainfleet community safe through having working alarms in all homes," said Chief Foster. "Today, fires burn hotter and faster than ever before, leaving you and your family mere seconds to escape once the smoke alarm sounds."

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services will be targeting the Lakeshore Road area of the Township to begin its 2017 program and will expand into other areas as the campaign progresses. Firefighters will be visiting homes in this area on weeknights between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and will be happy to answer any questions that residents have regarding fire and life safety.

"Over the last four years, the Home Fire Safety Health Check Program has covered a wide area of the municipality," said Wainfleet volunteer firefighter, Chuck Farkas. "It's of great concern that during these visits, approximately 60% of homes in Wainfleet were found to be non-compliant with the minimum smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector standards of the Ontario Fire Code."

The Fire & Emergency Services will be on hand at Wainfleet's Annual Safety Day on June 3 at the Wainfleet Arena to promote safety activities. Residents who wish to arrange a home safety health check will be able to schedule a visit at Safety Day. Alternatively, residents can book a visit by contacting the Township of Wainfleet at 905-899-3463 ext. 277 or fpo@wainfleet.ca.

For 70 years, Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services has provided services to Wainfleet residents.

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