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Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire & Emergency Services Receives \$500 Grant to Conduct Home Fire Sprinkler Community Outreach

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The Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire & Emergency Services Department was awarded a \$500 grant from the national nonprofit, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Canada (HFSC), and The Co-operators to increase awareness about the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers.

To educate the public about home fire sprinklers, the Town's Fire Community Risk Reduction Division is partnering with the Queenston Volunteer Firefighters Association on their 75th-anniversary event to host a Fire Prevention Week Open House. All Niagara-on-the-Lake residents are encouraged to attend this event, meet their local firefighters, and learn about critical fire prevention tools, including home fire sprinklers. It's a great way for families to get involved in the community while improving their safety knowledge.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2024
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Fire Station 4 (5 Dumfries Street, Queenston)
- **Details:** This family-friendly event will include an open house, a touch-a-truck event with a BBQ and a bouncy castle. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with firefighters, learn how sprinkler systems work, and explore other fire prevention techniques.

According to HFSC:

- Without sprinklers, today's home fires can become deadly in as little as two minutes.
- Fires put residents and firefighters at risk from toxic smoke, heat, and flames.
- With sprinklers, the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate when the temperature reaches about 74 °C.



- The sprinkler will spray water directly on the fire, controlling or putting it out. In most home fires, just one sprinkler activates.

For more information about home fire sprinklers, please visit the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Canada website at www.homefiresprinklercanada.ca.

For more information about the Queenston Volunteer Firefighters Association event, please visit the [Town's Community Events Calendar](#).

Quotes:

“As a community, we prioritize the safety of our residents, and this initiative is an excellent opportunity to educate everyone on the importance of home fire sprinklers. These simple yet effective tools can save lives, protect homes, and reduce the risks for our firefighters. We encourage all residents to take part in the upcoming event to learn more about how they can safeguard their homes and loved ones.” - **Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**

“This stipend not only supports the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Department’s ongoing efforts in fire safety education but also strengthens our community's commitment to preventing devastating fires. I am proud of the collaborative efforts between our Fire Services and the Queenston Volunteer Firefighters Association to raise awareness during this important event.” – **CAO Bruce Zvaniga**

“The Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Team is honoured to have been selected for this generous stipend. Using the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition’s educational materials, our Department will raise awareness of how quickly a home fire can become deadly and the life-saving impact of installing home fire sprinklers.” - **Fire Chief Jay Plato**

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