
A Personal Message from the Fire Chief

On behalf of the members of the Tyendinaga Township Fire Department, I am honoured to present our first quarterly newsletter to our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Dafoe, our Fire Prevention Officer, for his hard work and dedication to the members of our community for the production of this newsletter. This newsletter is an important tool to facilitate communication about fire services and fire safety.

Inside you will find a calendar of events, safety tips and activities for our children. We hope that you will join us to be as fire safety conscious as possible.

We are interested in your feedback and suggestions to make our newsletter better. Please feel free to contact us with your comments at (613) 396-1660.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Tyendinaga Fire Department is now accepting applications for three (3) Student Leadership positions, titled **Junior Fire Department Ambassador**. These Ambassadors will represent all three schools in the township. Details are available on our website at tyendinagatownship.com (under emergency services). Open to all students between 8-13 years of age.*

February is remembering our past and looking to the future. This interactive Fire Hall Open House is open to all members of the community. Come and meet the men and women behind the mask. For further information visit tyendinagatownship.com.

March is "Remembering When", an educational program for seniors. Registration can be made by contacting the fire hall (613) 396-1660.

TYENDINAGA FIRE NEWS

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Welcome to the Tyendinaga Township Fire Department's first quarterly issue of **Fire News**. This newsletter was developed to be educational and informative about fire prevention and educational programs within our community. Also enclosed, you will find a fire departmental calendar of events in the township.

YOU CAN SURVIVE A FIRE IN YOUR HOME IF YOU PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE

Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year. If the smoke alarm sounds in your home, everyone will know how to get out and meet at the outside meeting place. Choose a spot in front of your home, where the fire department will see you when they arrive. **Never** go back into the burning building to attempt to rescue people, pets or retrieve possessions. Firefighters are trained and equipped to enter burning buildings and rescue people.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- Draw a floor plan of your home. Show two ways out of each room. Discuss escape routes with everyone in your home.
- Agree on a meeting place outside where everyone will gather once you've escaped.

BE PREPARED

- Make sure everyone can clearly hear and recognize the sound of all smoke alarms at all times. If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that, when one sounds, they all sound.
- Some studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.
- For more information on this issue, smoke alarms, and escape planning visit www.firesafetycouncil.com
- Teach everyone in your household how to unlock and open all windows and doors.
- If your windows have security bars, equip them with quick-release devices.
- Keep stairways and exits clear and free from clutter.

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home – and outside all bedrooms. Consider installing smoke alarms with a "long-life" (10-year) battery. These alarms must also be tested once a month.
- Test your smoke alarm once a month.
- Replace alarm batteries once a year.
- Replace any alarm that is more than 10 years old.

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Family Movie Night

The Tyendinaga Township Recreation Centre and the Fire Department are partnering to host Movie Night, on the 2nd Friday of every month. Admission is a non-perishable food item or a loonie. Show starts at 7:00pm sharp, free popcorn available.

The First Family Movie Night

January 15th

Tyendinaga Recreation Complex

7:00pm start

ESCAPE TIPS

Test the doorknob and spaces around the door with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, try another escape route, if it's cool, open it slowly, and close it quickly if smoke pours through.

- If you have to escape through the smoke, crawl low on your hands and knees, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor, where the air will be cleanest.
- Close doors behind you as you escape to slow the spread of fire and smoke.

SPRINKLERS CONTROL FIRES

- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home. Sprinklers can control or extinguish fires faster than it takes the fire department to arrive.

Hey Kids !

Colour Me and Return to Fire Hall



Thank You for being Fire Safe

All submitted posters are eligible for a prize!

Name: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Phone #: _____