

An RCMP constable talks to the husband of a woman involved in a motorcycle accident at Glenholme corner on Sunday, Sept. 19th. The woman was driving her motorcycle along Highway 4 when she encountered difficulty making the turn onto Highway 2 and landed on the guardrail. She was taken to hospital by ambulance, no serious injuries were reported. Great Village & District Fire Brigade assisted on the scene. (Harrington Photo)



The Parrsboro Lions Club continues to grow. On Sept. 8th, four new members were sworn in at Parrsboro Lions Club. In 2011 the club has almost doubled its membership. The new members are (L-R): Lion Charlene Lake, Lion Crystal Melanson, Lion Troy Melanson and Lion Greg Mathews. Overseeing the ceremony are Lion Ralph Deville and King Lion Frank Hartman. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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## **Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade News**

By Clair Peers: OBFB

The Annual Harvest sale is coming up on September 30 and Oct 1. Check our ad in this issue and on our web site.

This year's FIRE PREVEN-TION WEEK runs from October 9th - October 15th. During fire prevention week we will be visiting local schools. On Saturday October 15 from 10:00 am-1:00pm, we will once again host an open house at the fire hall. There will be demonstrations, prize draws, games, and pizza. Be sure to attend and bring a friend. This year's fire prevention theme, "Protect Your family from Fire".

Check this website for some important guidelines http://www.fiprecan.ca/inde x.php?section=2&show=wint erSafety

The winter season is the worst season for fires in Canada. That is why all Canadians must be mindful of the importance of fire prevention and safety. During the winter, we must heat our homes, most of our meals are prepared and eaten indoors, our clothing is dried indoors and people who smoke tend to do so indoors.

Here are a few tips from the above site:

### **Fireplace Safety:**

A Fireplace becomes dangerous when accumulated tar or creosote catches fire or from uncontrolled burning or over-fuelling. Other causes of fireplace-related fires are substandard design or installation and lack of safety precautions.

Open the damper before lighting the fire, and keep it open until the ashes are cool enough to touch. Ensure the fire is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house. Do not store combustible materials such as paper or wood too close to the fireplace.

Use a screen in front of the fireplace opening to protect children and to prevent embers from escaping and igniting carpets, etc.

Never leave children alone near a fireplace.

Use dry, well-seasoned wood in small amounts.

Have chimneys cleaned and serviced at regular intervals by a professional.

Never overload your fireplace.

Never use charcoal starter fluids, gasoline or any flammable substance to start fires.

When using artificial logs, burn only one at a time and follow instructions on the wrapping.

Always place the ashes in a metal container and take them outside the house.

### **Outside the House**

Never leave combustibles near a building & keep debris & garbage containers away from outside walls. Never put hot coals in a compost container. Remember when you light a fire even on your own property it becomes your responsibility and you can be held accountable and liable for any damage it causes. The best advise is don't light any fires. Community involvement. As a citizen you can do your part for your Community simply by being observant and watchful. If you see anything that looks like a fire, make the call to

Our fire Brigade has now received over 100 calls for the year. Many of these calls relate to medical first response. It is important when you have an

emergency to give clear directions to the 911 dispatcher. It is also important to have your property street number clearly identified.

In an effort to provide visible signage of civic addresses for emergency response units we are continuing with the O.B.F.B. 911 Civic address program. The signs include the civic address assigned to your home. They are located at the end of the driveways in a clearly visible location so they can be easily seen. The civic numbers are the numbers that the Fire Brigade, Police &

Ambulance look for when called to your home, so they are very important. If you wish to purchase one please clip the application below and bring or mail it to the fire hall or call. The signs are available from us at a cost of \$25.00. Send us an email or call 897 6025 if you need a sign.

Also during the open house we will be showing off our new fire truck and accepting the keys from Lantz Truck, Windsor NS

Come and have a look 10:00 am- 10:30 am.





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