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Parksville Fire Prevention Week Open House - October 6

Each year, the Parksville Fire Department recognizes Fire Prevention Week (October 6 to 12) and again this year will open its doors to the public on **Sunday, October 6 from 10 am to 2 pm**. The open house takes place at the fire hall located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

The theme for this year's fire prevention week is ***Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape.*** The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions we can take to stay safe. Most fire deaths occur in the home, where people believe they are most safe. "In a typical home fire, there may only be one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help make the most of this time, giving everyone enough time to get out.

The public is encouraged to drop by for a little fun and learn possible lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. Here's a few of the activities planned:

- Live burn to showcase effectiveness of home sprinkler systems at 1.30 pm
- SmartMan training doll for learning CPR
- Educational displays
- Hose and target
- Rides on Parksville Fire trucks
- Firefighter guided tours of the station, trucks and equipment so be sure to bring your camera.
- RCMP will be on site with a child restraint technician to conduct inspection of car seats. Please bring your car and restraint manuals to refer to during inspection. Seat must already be installed in the vehicle.
- Sign up for the new Parksville-Qualicum Beach notification system with Voyent Alert!

The live burn demonstration at 1.30 pm will include two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. People who attend the demonstration will be able to view firsthand how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire. The department received \$500 in support from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, a non-profit educational organization, to increase awareness of the lifesaving benefits of home fire sprinklers.

The Parksville Fire Department would like families to focus on prevention by planning ahead and integrating a few simple fire safety behaviours into everyday lives. By paying attention and eliminating potential fire hazards in your home, you can make a difference that will prevent or reduce fire related injuries, deaths and property damage.

RECRUITMENT: The PVFD is gearing up for 2019 recruitment and is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters. For information, stop by the department, call 250 248-3242 or visit www.parksvillefirerescue.com.

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