P.O. Box 720 Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory JOL 1B0 Phone: (450) 632-7500 Fax: (450) 638-5958

Web Site: <a href="www.kahnawake.com">www.kahnawake.com</a> E-mail: <a href="communications@mck.ca">communications@mck.ca</a> Enhsakotò: <a href="mailto:kénhte">kénhte Nitiotié:ren Tsi Ietsenhaientáhkhwa</a>

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## Community Protection Unit cautions against starting grass fires

**(Kahnawake – 17, Onerahtókha/April 2015)** The Community Protection Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, in conjunction with the Kahnawake Fire Brigade and Kahnawake Peacekeepers would like to remind all community members about the dangers of setting grass fires.

Contrary to popular belief, burning the grass does not result in making the grass greener or grow quicker. In fact, it increases the possibility that the fire could become uncontrollable and do more damage to property. Even worse, emergency workers could be injured while responding to a very preventable situation, tying up community resources unnecessarily.

If someone is seen starting fires, please contact the Peacekeepers at (450) 632-6505. **Starting grass fires is a crime**.

For more information on grass fires contact the Kahnawake Fire Brigade at (450) 632-2010 or the Community Protection Unit at (450) 632-0635.

## SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention throughout the grass fire season. For further information on this release contact Gene Diabo at 450-632-7500, ext. 2254