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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

National Fire Prevention Week

(Kahnawake – 7 Kenténha/October, 2010) The Community Protection unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke in conjunction with the Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade would like to remind community members that October 3rd to the 9th is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection.

Smoke alarms save lives, but you need to make sure they are working by testing your smoke alarms every month. You and your family should also develop and practice a home fire escape plan and practice your escape at least twice a year.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

For more information about fire prevention, please contact the Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade at 450-632-2010 or call the Community Protection Unit at 450-632-0635.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention periodically until 10 Kenténha/October, 2010. For further information on this release contact Gene Diabo at 450-632-7500, ext. 2254