



PROCLAMATION

2024 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation October 6 - 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, roughly half of fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Prince Edward County residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms, with their ability to sense smoke well before you can, play a crucial role in alerting you to danger in the event of a fire, potentially providing you with as little as two minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will, therefore, be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of Prince Edward County Fire and Rescue, along with the active participation of our residents, are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through fire prevention education and enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you"™ reminds us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of Prince Edward County, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County. I urge all residents to ensure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Prince Edward County Fire and Rescue services.

Mayor Steve Ferguson
DATED at Picton this 24th day of September 2024