

TOBA EMERGENCY SERVICES

Letellier & District Volunteer Fire Department



(Left to Right) Robert Cadieux, Gerald Houle, Russell Calder, Marc LeMay, Deputy Chief Murray Calder, Fire Chief Marcel Bissonnette and Robert Gallant

Seven members of the Letellier and District Volunteer Fire Department were honoured at an awards banquet on November 13, 1999. Mr. Jean-Paul Lebel from the Office of the Fire Commissioner presented these seven members with 20-year meritorious medals. Chief Bissonnette also presented Mr. Rick Gallant and Mr. Al St. Godard with an award for 10 years of service.

One additional member of the department, Mr. Mike Chouinard was presented with a commendation for bravery for his part in the drowning rescue of a 1 1/2 year old girl. Letellier Department has a complement of 18 firefighters and is one of two Departments in the rural municipality of Montcalm that is situated in south eastern Manitoba.

The Pas Fire Department Pro-active role in a small town



The Wright Home Atmosphere Family Day Care participated in the Play Safe, Be Safe program again this year. Trudy Wright in coordination with Deputy Chief Claude Gervais ensures that every two years her kids actively participate in the program. The main focus of the program is to show the kids what is dangerous, demonstrated through a video and finally have the kids "do fire safety." The program includes Fire Fighter is Your Friend - Crawl Low Under the Smoke - Stop, Drop and Roll and finally Tools and Toys (matches/lighters). All 4 presentations last about 20-25 minutes and all kids have fun doing it. Submitted by Deputy Chief Claude Gervais

STATISTICS

EMERGENCY SERVICE CONFERENCE FIRE LOSS REPORTING

Are you interested in attending a 1/2 day Early Bird Session on Thursday October 12, 2000 at the Emergency Services College on Fire Loss Reporting?

Here are the two options:

- Use of the Computerized Fire Loss System.
- or
- Proper Completion of Fire Loss Reports.

We would appreciate hearing from you – will you attend and which session would be most beneficial to your departments? Either session is dependent on your input. Please contact Louise Hornbeck at 945-3327 or e-mail lhornbeck@labour.gov.mb.ca.

Submitted by Louise Hornbeck, Statistician and Lisa Morhun, Clerk.

EDUCATION

School of the Year Award



Valleyview School in Brandon won the first "School of the Year Award" for its participation in the Province-wide Learn Not to Burn® fire safety program. M.L.A. for Brandon West, Scott Smith, presented the \$1,000 cheque to Bill Gordon, the President of the Parent Council.

In August, the OFC sent letters to all the Principals in Manitoba encouraging their participation in the Learn Not to

Burn® program and thereby the School of the Year Award. To date the Learn Not to Burn® program is credited with saving 461 lives in Canada and the United States.

As the Manitoba Fire Service, please encourage the principals in your communities to use this life-saving program. If your principals would like more information, please have them contact Marilyn Lamb 1-888-253-1488.

Risk Watch® Champion Award 2001

NFPA is committed to helping reduce the number of unintentional childhood injuries. In the year 2001, NFPA will select up to 15 states and provinces to receive an NFPA Champion Award. A "management team" from each state or province will receive free training, educational materials and technical support to plan, evaluate and manage the implementation of NFPA's Risk Watch curriculum in local communities.

The goal of the NFPA's Champion Award program is to establish co-ordinated, multi-agency coalitions at the provincial levels to support the introduction and expansion of *Risk Watch* in local communities over a three-year period. Each coalition must select a four-person management team that includes provincial representatives from an appropriate fire, law enforcement, health and department/board of education. Team members must have the authority and ability to oversee a provincial implementation effort and provide leadership in the areas of fundraising, alliance-building, communication, training and evaluation. NFPA will assign a trained local Champion from within the Province.

The NFPA Champion Award Management Team will be required to:

- Select five communities to undertake a pilot implementation of *Risk Watch* and host a workshop. Each community must send a coalition of five representatives to the workshop and conduct a nine-week pilot implementation of *Risk Watch*.
- Use the NFPA stipend to fund the workshop.
- Purchase a minimum of nine additional sets of *Risk Watch* - one for each team member and one for each of the five community coalitions.
- Develop a funding plan to raise at least \$10,000 per year for three years. These funds should be used to implement *Risk Watch* in at least 10 new communities each year
- Evaluate its *Risk Watch* implementation effort with NFPA's official evaluation forms.

Deadline for entries is November 15, 2000. If you are interested in applying for this Award, please contact Marilyn Lamb at 1-888-253-1488 for more information and a copy of the application form.

Learn Not to Burn® Save

On June 9, Katrina Elliott became a hero. That morning Elliott's house started on fire. Katrina, a Grade 4 student at Riverview School, was unable to wake her mother and rushed over to her neighbour's house with her little brother and got the neighbours to call 911. The fire department responded and Katrina's mother was rescued. How did Katrina know what to do? "I learned it in school," she said. Katrina was one of the students who have taken part in the Learn Not to Burn® program, a program developed by the National Fire Protection Association to help teach fire safety to children. Katrina was honoured for her heroic act by the Brandon Fire Department and by the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

If you know of "Saves" or "Successes" in your communities, please let Marilyn Lamb know. The Learn Not to Burn® program has been accepted in all rural school divisions in Manitoba. The reports on these "Saves" and "Successes" are one way of knowing how well the program is working.

New Videos in the Lending Library

The Detectors Protectors

This video dares kids who are devoted to fire safety to track down homes with faulty detectors and no detectors at all. Viewers learn why detectors are so important, how to maintain them and what to do when the alarm sounds. The target audience is Grades 3 - 6 with the video being 15 minutes in length. This video supports the Learn Not to Burn® program.

Not a Moment to Spare: Day Care Fire Safety and Prevention

This video provides day care centre staff members with an overview of fire safety procedures, including prevention, the use and maintenance of fire safety equipment and evacuation procedures. Viewers also learn basic fire chemistry and the importance of remaining calm during evacuation. The video features a realistic simulation of a fire in a day care centre to get its message across. This video makes it plain that fire safety is every child-care professionals' responsibility. The target audience is Day Care Operators with the video being 15 minutes in length. To rent videos from the Lending Library, please call Lori at 1-888-253-1488.

Other Helpful Materials

Although the following resources are not required, you may find them helpful as you complete the course and later when you are working as an emergency medical technician.

AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, Student Workbook, Seventh Edition, Jones & Bartlett Publishers, 1999. ISBN: 0-7637-0804-6

AAOS Sick Not Sick, A Guide to Rapid Patient Assessment, Jones & Bartlett Publishers, 2000 ISBN: 0-7637-1191-8

Medical Terminology A Short Course, Second Edition, W.B. Saunders Company, 1999 ISBN: 0-7216-8124-7

Structure & Function of the Body, Thibodeau (Patton, Eleventh Edition, Mosby Inc., 2000 ISBN: 0-323-01081-4

Study Guide to Accompany Structure & Function of the Body, Thibodeau (Patton, Eleventh Edition, Mosby Inc., 2000 ISBN: 0-323-01080-6

Mosby's Medical, Nursing, & Allied Health Dictionary, Fifth Edition, Mosby Inc., 1998 ISBN: 0-8151-4800-3

If you need assistance obtaining any of the above resources, contact your instructor.

MEDICAL

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Technician Course

In order to complete this course successfully, you will need to have the following materials:

Study Guide: This guide is designed to emphasize the important areas of the course. It also helps you organize your information and study materials.

AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, Seventh Edition by Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 1999 ISBN: 0-7637-0796-1

These resources are available from:
Assiniboine Community College
Bookstore
1430 Victoria Avenue, East
Brandon MB R7A 5Z9
Telephone: (204) 726-6627

The University of Manitoba
Bookstore
140 Brodie Center
727 McDermot Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3E 3P5
Telephone: (204) 789-3601 or 1-800-980-0301
Fax: (204) 789-3901 or 1-800-361-2005

Prices on textbooks are subject to change without notice and may vary slightly depending on the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar. All textbooks ordered must be accompanied by the full payment for the books.

No provincial sales tax is charged for EMS textbooks, however, G.S.T. may be applicable. Cheques are payable to the bookstore where you purchase your books.

Fire Prevention Week

"Fire Drills ... The Great Escape" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week - October 8th - 14th. You should have received your Fire Prevention Canada kits via your Emergency Services Officer. The National Fire Protection kits are being sent to you directly from Annex Publishing. The date for your Community-wide "Great Escape" is Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget the NFPA "Great Escape" contest - a trip to



Disney World. There are **TWO** trips - one for children whose parents are members of the fire service and one for the public. Please check the NFPA web site under Education for more details www.nfpa.org.

McDonald's are again our partners in fire safety and are providing fire safety worksheets **AND** a trip to Disney World for a family of four. Included in the trip draw will be entries received from Manitoba, Alberta and



BC. The entry forms and worksheets are available from the OFC and in June, the Fire Chiefs were sent order forms for both pamphlets and the McDonald's worksheets. The entry forms can be submitted in two ways: a. the entry form can be dropped off at any local McDonald's Restaurants during Fire Prevention Week - October 8 - 14, 2000. **OR** b. the fire department can mail **ONE** completed entry form directly to McDonald's Head Office to: Michele Mackie, McDonald's Restaurant, Marketing Department, 4400 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby BC, V5C 6C6. If you have not ordered your worksheets, please fax your order form to me at (204) 726-6847.