

# NEWS AND VIEWS OF MANIT

## ALONSA EMERGENCY SERVICES PRESENTS EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

On April 30, 2005, at the 17th Annual Fireman's Ball, Ken Dunn was presented the exemplary service medal after 23 years of distinguished service. He had demonstrated outstanding service to our community we have appreciated his many years of dedicated service within the Alonsa Emergency Services.

*Contributed by Fire Chief Henry Oleschak, Alonsa Fire Department*



## ALONSA TRAINS RESCUE CREW



The Alonsa Emergency Services hosted a Motor Vehicle Extrication course on April 22-24. Instructors Gerry Delorme and Mark Berndt provided the classroom education as well as providing instruction on the use of the many various hand tools used for extrication. Extensive hands-on training was provided using the hand tools and the use of the power hydraulics.

*Contributed by Fire Chief Henry Oleschak, Alonsa Fire Department*

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The Annual Heat Seekers Raffle tickets have been distributed to most of the Fire Departments in the Province. Once again the response has been great. The draw date is November 21, 2005. Please turn in all books and money by November 7, 2005



## UFFW 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg are hosting their 30th Annual Charity Ball with proceeds this year going to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. The date is

October 21, 2005 at the Royal Crown Banquet & Conference Centre in Winnipeg, (Hotel rooms are available for this event at a reduced rate through the Fort Garry Hotel).

The evening promises to be an exciting one featuring the Japanese drumming of Fubuki Daiko, a silent auction and dancing late into the night.

So come out and enjoy and evening of fine dining, fun and excitement in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

For more information on how you can purchase tickets, help sell tickets or donate a prize for the silent auction please call either Sue at the UFFW office at 204-783-1733 or Sue at the MDC office at 233-0022 ex. 11 or toll free at 1-800-565-1601 ex 11. Hope to see you there!!!

*Contributed by Susan Rubin  
- District Coordinator*



# OBA EMERGENCY SERVICES

## WINNIPEGOSIS FIRE DEPARTMENT THE TRADITION CONTINUES ...

**T**he Winnipegosis Fire Department continues with 'Family' tradition. Pictured is former Fire Chief Corny Bergen passing the Fire Chief's helmet to his son Herb.

The Bergen influence in the Winnipegosis Fire Department spans a cumulative total of some one hundred and forty two years. Corny joined the Fire Department in 1961 and became Chief in 1968. Effective January 1, 2005, Corny passed the torch to son Herb, stepping down to the role of Deputy Chief in aid of his son.

Corny's brothers George and Abe joined in 1961 and 1971 respectively. Abe's sons Richard and Ron were also members for a time between 1990 and 1994.

Corny has and continues to maintain his role as the Mutual Aid Coordinator of the Lake Winnipegosis Mutual Aid District since its inception. Corny was also a founding member of Winnipegosis Ambulance in 1976 and continues dedicating his time to the Ambulance Service. Corny received the Mary Beth Dolin Award in October of 1993.

Like father, Herb proudly serves the Winnipegosis Fire Department with fifteen years service and continues to be a valued member of the Winnipegosis Ambulance Service.

The Fire Service, especially in Winnipegosis is a family affair. Congratulations to Chiefs Bergen and Bergen and the Community of Winnipegosis.

*Contributed by Allan Gray, ESO - OFC*



## FIRE SERVICES EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

**B**elow is an excerpt from the Spring 1991 edition of Burning Issues explaining steps and criteria to follow to make application for the Fire Services Exemplary Services Medal. We are reprinting this for new members of our Emergency Services as well as a reminder that this is not a length of service medal but a medal to honour our members for outstanding or "exemplary" service.

The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created by the Government of Canada on August 29, 1985. The purpose of this medal is to recognize long and exemplary service in the Fire Service. Members of both paid, paid on call and volunteer fire departments are eligible to receive the medal after 20 years of continuous and exemplary service. For each additional 10-year period thereafter members are eligible for an additional bar which becomes part of the original medal. For the purpose of awarding the medal "exemplary service" means service characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency that serves as a model for others. A Federal Advisory Committee advises the Governor General on matters concerning the awarding of this medal. This committee is made up of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs and the Canadian Council of Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners. Provincially there is a committee, chaired by the Provincial Fire Commissioner or Fire Marshall that reviews all medal applications. In Manitoba this committee, chaired by the Fire Commissioner, meets once in the spring and once again in the fall. The MAFC, the Manitoba Professional Firefighters Association and The City of Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service are representatives on the Manitoba Committee.

In order to nominate a person for the Medal or Bar use the prescribed form that is available from the Office of the Fire Commissioner. The nomination must be made by an individual in the position in the department or municipality that is of higher rank than the individual being nominated. The nomination form must outline the dates the individual has been a member of the department or departments, which must show at least 20 years of continuous service. The individual nominating the person for the medal or bar also must state that during the period of service, there was no serious disciplinary action, and that the conduct and performance of the nominee have been judged as exemplary and deserving of recognition. There are exemplary service medals for police, correction officers, EMS, and the Fire Service. An individual can only receive ONE of these medals, so for people, who have been involved in more than one service, they must decide which medal they wish to receive.

The wearing of the Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal is governed by the "Canadian Order of Precedence of Orders, Decorations, and Medals". A copy of this information is available from The Chancellery, Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa Ontario, K1A 0A1 or you may call 1-800-465-6890.

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **NEW HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT OFFENCES IN EFFECT JULY 1 TO HELP ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY: MINISTER**

**T**ough Penalties Introduced Against Motorists Who Put Construction and Emergency Workers, Children at Risk

Several changes to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), which come into effect July 1, build on Manitoba's efforts to make roads safer by getting tougher on speeders, impaired drivers and other unsafe drivers, Transportation and Government Services Minister Ron Lemieux announced today.

The amendments include strengthening the consequences for impaired drivers who transport child passengers or commit HTA offences that result in death.

"We are acting on the advice of Mothers Against Drunk Driving who say every child deserves a designated driver," said Lemieux. "As well, we are sending a message that endangering the lives of others through reckless choices will not be tolerated in Manitoba."

The legislation strengthens the consequences when impaired drivers transport child passengers. Now, individuals convicted of impaired driving with a child under the age of 16 in the vehicle face suspensions of five years for a first conviction, 10 years for a second and life for three or more convictions within 10 years.

This legislation has garnered the support of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada, which has identified Manitoba as a national leader in introducing new legislation to deal with drinking and driving.

"MADD Canada is proud of the leadership that the Province of Manitoba is showing in bringing innovative legislation to deal with the issue of child endangerment when it comes to drinking and driving. Adults have the choice to make a decision whether they are willing to take a risk in getting into a car with a drinking driver," said Andrew Murrie, chief executive officer of MADD Canada. "Unfortunately, young children do not have that same choice and are forced into dangerous situations like getting into a car with a drinking driver."

The policy instructing Crown prosecutors to seek higher sentences for impaired drivers with child passengers is in place, as is a protocol that sees police report such incidents to child and family services agencies.

When an HTA offence results in a death, the legislation allows a judge to impose a jail sentence of up to two years and removes the limit on the fine the court can impose upon conviction. The driver's license can also be suspended for up to five years.

Other changes to the Highway Traffic Act also require vehicles to slow down when traveling through construction zones or near stopped emergency vehicles, and prohibit vehicles from stopping on railway crossings.

"These new laws are about safety for road crews, emergency responders and for drivers themselves," said Lemieux. "We need to increase awareness among drivers that in these situations it is not sufficient to just notice the crews or emergency vehicles—they must adjust their travel speed and slow down."

The new rules under the Highway Traffic Act will set fines for speeding in construction zones when workers are present. Offenders caught speeding in a construction zone when crews are working will have an additional \$5 added to the base fine for every kilometer recorded over the speed limit. Failure to slow down while passing a stationary emergency vehicle, or stopping a vehicle on a railway crossing at any time, will each carry set fines currently under review.

"Our goal is safer roads for all Manitobans and that means there is no room for careless and reckless drivers who are willing to put others at risk by their actions," said Lemieux.



# EDUCATION

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2005**

### **Safety Tips**

### **NFPA offers THESE CANDLE safety tips:**



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are growing cause of home fires- and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, meaning that it can easily ignite any combustible material nearby. And because candle fires spread so quickly, it's essential that you have working smoke alarms in your residence and a home fire escape plan ready to go. Follow these tips to help you use candles safely.

#### **Reducing the risk**

- \* Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Almost half of all home fires started by candles begin in the bedroom. NFPA discourages the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- \* Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn including curtains, blinds, wallpaper, clothing or any other material that can catch fire.
- \* Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.
- \* Keep candles away from flammable liquids.

#### **"Candle with Care"**

- \* Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- \* Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface- away from edges and any place where they could be knocked over by kids or pets.
- \* Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- \* Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.
- \* Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.

- \* Extinguish candles carefully, using a long-handled candle snuffer or a soft, directed breath. Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing. Do not leave the room until wicks have stopped glowing.
- \* Avoid using candles during a power outage. Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting on hand for emergency lighting. - link to national fuel fund info.

#### **Candles and Kids**

- \* Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.
- \* Don't allow kids or teens to burn candles in their bedrooms.
- \* Don't let kids play with candles or dripping wax - or with materials that could catch fire near candles.
- \* Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

The following table illustrates fires reported, within the Province of Manitoba, involving candles for the past five years.

Year	No. of Fires	Estimated Loss	Fatalities	Injuries
2000	37	\$ 1,409,624	-	3
2001	41	1,856,473	-	14
2002	39	1,389,671	-	8
2003	36	1,600,642	-	15
2004	40	1,444,070	-	12

The majority of the above losses occurred in the home.

For more information on the Children's Program or for more Fire Prevention Week ideas and resources please contact Kathy Danino at the Fire Commissioner's Office at 1-888-253-1488 or visit <http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca>.

# EDUCATION

## Upcoming Course Dates

Sept. 26 - 30 & , Oct. 3 - 7	Hazardous Materials Technician	Brandon
Oct. 1	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	Dauphin
Oct. 1 & 2	PRACTICAL EXAM(s)	Brandon
Oct. 3 - 7	Municipal Building By-Law Administration	Brandon
Oct. 3 - 7	Rope Rescue Technician	Brandon
Oct. 3 - 7	Fire Department Management	Brandon
Oct. 5	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	The Pas
Oct. 13	Emergency Services Instructor Continuing Education Seminar	Brandon
Oct. 13 - 15	MANITOBA EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE	Brandon
Oct. 17 - 21	Part 9: The House - Building Structure	Brandon
Oct. 26	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	Thompson
Oct. 24 - 28	Part 9: The House - Health & Safety	Brandon
Oct. 30 & 31	PRACTICAL EXAM(s)	Selkirk
Oct. 31 - Nov. 4	Fire Protection & Emergency Planning	Brandon
Nov. 5	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	Brandon
Nov. 4, 5 & 6 & Nov. 18, 19 & 20	Hazardous Materials Operations	Kleefeld
Nov. 5 & 6	PRACTICAL EXAM(s)	Winkler
Nov. 14 - 18	Emergency Services Instructor Level II	Winnipeg
Nov. 14 - 18	Fire Investigation Level II	Winnipeg
Nov. 15, 16 & 17	Rescue Practices	Brandon
Nov. 19	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	Selkirk
Nov. 19 & 20	PRACTICAL EXAM(s)	Brandon
Nov. 18, 19 & 20	Fire Ground Management	Elie
Nov. 21 - 25	Incident Command	Brandon
Nov. 25, 26 & 27 & Dec. 2, 3 & 4	Hazardous Materials Operations	East Selkirk
Nov. 26 & 27	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Winnipeg
Dec. 3 & 4	Youth Fire Stop	Winnipeg
Dec. 3	WRITTEN EXAM(s)	Winkler
Dec. 10	Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear (CBRN) First Responder	Winnipeg
Jan. 7 & 8	Critical Incident Stress Management - Advanced	Winnipeg
Jan. 9 - 13	Emergency Services Instructor Level I	Brandon
Jan. 9 - 13	Part 9: Buildings - Structural Requirements	Brandon
Jan. 13, 14 & 15	Emergency Medical Responder Refresher	Brandon
Jan. 16 - 20	Part 9: Buildings - HVAC & Fire Protection	Brandon
Jan. 17 & 18	Hazardous Materials Awareness	Brandon
Jan. 20, 21 & 22 & Feb 3, 4, & 5	Emergency Services Instructor Level I	Landmark
Jan. 21 & 22	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Winnipegosis
Jan 21	Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear (CBRN) First Responder	Winnipeg
Jan. 23	Fire Officer I (Distance Education) Orientation Day Jan. 24th	Brandon

The 2005/06 MESC Course Catalogue details MESC Programs & Courses. It is now available to view and print from our website [www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca](http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca).

# EDUCATION



## School of the Year Award 2004 - 2005

**D**ave Schafer, Manager of Operations West for OFC in Brandon presented the \$1000.00 cheque for the School of the Year Award to Kirkcaldy Heights School staff in Brandon on June 24th, 2005.

Also in attendance was all of the kindergarten to grade three students and teachers who took part in submitting work for their entry. The 2004 -2005 School Year was the 6th year of the School of the Year five year initiative.

Watch out for a change in Entry criteria for the 2005-06 school year. The deadline will change to April 28th, 2006. Please encourage your teachers to teach the Learn Not to Burn Curriculum and enter the contest, not only could they win a cash reward but your community will be a safer place to live, learn, work and play! For more information contact Katy Danino at 1-888-253-1488.



## 2005 MANITOBA EMERGENCY SERVICE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15 "TRAINING TO SAVE LIVES"

Please visit our website at <http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca> for full details of Conference highlights, courses, seminars, registration and conference fee information.



## CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT

### *CISM News*

**T**he Manitoba CISM Network Conference is being planned for February 3 to 5th, 2006. These dates will be confirmed at a latter date so please stay tuned. The Conference theme will be "Stay Calm, Be Brave and Watch for the Signs: Responding to Critical Incident Stress and Trauma in Manitoba". As usual there will be two tracks, one for Critical Incident Stress and one for Trauma in general (e.g., PTSD, treatment, community trauma postvention, disaster, etc.).

I encourage all the teams, practioners, etc. to consider reviewing their approaches, research, techniques and lesson's learned as potential presentations and papers for the conference. A call for papers will be out in the next month or so as a formal request. Keynote speakers are also not determined at this point but we are considering a pre-conference workshop overview of trauma therapies such as EMDR, TFT and TIR.

If you have any suggestions or wish to help out with the conference please contact Gord Favelle at 508 401 York Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8, (204) 945-2919 or email [gfavelle@gov.mb.ca](mailto:gfavelle@gov.mb.ca)

# CODES & STANDARDS

## SEMINAR NOTICE

## The Canadian Fire Alarm Association (CFAA)

The Office of The Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce that we are sponsoring a half-day seminar that will deal with the application of codes and standards in the fire alarm industry. The seminar will be led by representatives of the CFAA and will be of particular interest to Building Officials and Fire Prevention/Inspection Officials.

The topics in the seminar will include who should perform: system designs, installations, verifications, and annual inspections. The CFAA will also review the paperwork that must be provided as part of these activities. There will be discussion of the component parts of a typical fire alarm system including pull stations, fire detectors, signaling devices, ancillary devices, and control units. The seminar will also include how installation wiring and testing can vary from the conventional applications.

The seminar will be presented at the Keystone Centre in Brandon on November 8th, and at the Canad Inn - Polo Park in Winnipeg on November 9th. Both seminars will be from 9:00 - 12:00. The cost will be \$40 per person.

Registration forms will be available September 26th on the OFC website: <http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca> or by contacting the OFC at (204) 945-3322, or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069

We anticipate that this will be a very popular seminar and strongly recommend that you register early as capacity is limited. Please contact Nancy Anderson at (204) 945-3397 if you have any questions.

# RECALLS/ADVISORIES

## CPSC, LG Electronics and Sears, Roebuck and Co. Announce Recall to Repair Refrigerators

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 29, 2005 Release #05-213  
LG's Recall Hotline: (888) 294-5782 Sears' Recall Hotline: (800) 659-7026 CPSC Consumer Hotline: (800) 638-2772  
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908 WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary retrofit of the following consumer product. Consumers should contact the manufacturer or retailer for further instruction.

**Name of Product:** LG and Kenmore Elite(r) Trio(tm) Three-Door Refrigerators.

**Units:** About 20,000

**Manufacturer:** LG Electronics Inc., of Lincolnshire, Ill.

**Distributor:** Sears, Roebuck and Co., of Hoffman Estates, Ill.

**Problem:** A faulty component in the condenser fan motor can short circuit. This could cause the condenser fan motor to overheat, posing a potential fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** LG Electronics has received 82 reports of incidents involving a condenser fan motor failure due to a

failed capacitor arcing and smoking. There has been smoke damage in a few incidents. There have been no injuries.

**Description:** The recalled refrigerators are three-door, 21 to 25 cubic foot units with a bottom freezer. The refrigerators come in titanium, stainless steel, bisque, white or black. Brand names are identified on the door at the top right of the units and the interior data plate. The units have the following model and serial numbers located on the data plate inside the fresh food section of the refrigerator door:

Brand	Product	Model Number			Serial # Range
Kenmore Elite(r) Trio(tm)	Trio bottom freezer refrigerator with external filtered water dispenser	21Cu.Ft.	25Cu.Ft.	25Cu.Ft.	405KRxxxxx through 410KRxxxxx
		795.7519240*	795.7554640*	795.7555640*	
		795.7519340*	795.7554940*	795.7555940*	
		795.7519440*	795.7555240*	795.7554240*	
		795.7519640*	795.7555340*	795.7554340*	
LG	Three-door bottom freezer refrigerator without water dispenser	LRFC21755TT	LRFC25750SW		405KRxxxxxxx through 410KRxxxxxxx
		LRFC21755SB	LRFC25750SB		
		LRFC21755ST	LRFC25750TT		
		LRFC25750WW	LRFC25750ST		

\*Not all refrigerators within the serial number range are included in the recall. Consumers should call LG or Sears to determine whether their refrigerator is included in the recall.



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**Sold at:** Sears stores nationwide sold the Kenmore brand exclusively and other major retailers nationwide sold the LG brand refrigerators from May 2004 through May 2005 for between \$1,400 and \$2,400.

**Manufactured in:** South Korea

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Sears or LG to arrange for a free in-home repair.

**Consumer Contact:** Call LG toll-free at (888) 294-5782 or Sears at (800) 659-7026 between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT Monday through Saturday. Consumers also can log on to <http://us.lge.com> or [www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com) for further information on those models included in the repair program and to arrange for an in-home appointment.

## ***CPSC, Jøtul North America Announce Recall to Repair Liquid Propane Fueled Stoves***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Jøtul Gas-Fired Stoves

**Units:** About 3,200

**Manufacturer:** Jøtul North America, of Portland, Maine

**Hazard:** Movement or misplacement of the stove's burner can allow propane gas to settle in the heater, resulting in delayed ignition. The delayed ignition could shatter the door glass and pose a laceration hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Jøtul has received six reports of delayed ignition resulting in glass breakage. One laceration injury has been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves two Jøtul models of gas-fired stoves - the GF 100 DV II Nordic QT and the GF 200 DV II Lillehammer. The stoves are fueled with liquid propane (LP) gas. The model number (either GF 100 DV II or GF 200 DV II) can be found on the metal rating plate attached to the back of the stove.

**Sold at:** Dealers and distributors of Jøtul products nationwide sold the GF 100 DV II Nordic QT model for about \$1,100 and the GF 200 DV II Lillehammer model for about \$1,300 from June 2004 through early April 2005.

**Assembled in:** Portland, Maine

**Manufactured in:** Norway (cast iron components)

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using their LP fueled stoves immediately, shut off the gas supply and contact their

Jøtul dealers to make arrangements for a free repair. Consumers with recalled units are being personally contacted by dealers who sold the products. Consumers who think that they have recalled units and who have not yet been contacted, should call their dealer for information.

**Consumer Contact:** For assistance in turning off the gas and arranging for a free repair, consumers should contact their dealer from whom they purchased the stove or their local liquid propane (LP) gas provider. For additional information, consumers also can contact Jøtul toll-free at (877) 451-1048 extension 108 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log onto the Jøtul Web site at [www.jotulflame.com](http://www.jotulflame.com)

## ***CPSC Warns of Post-Storm Hazards from Portable Generators, Candles, and Wet Appliances***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In advance of Hurricane Dennis hitting the Gulf Coast, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning residents in its path of the deadly dangers that can exist after a natural disaster sweeps through and knocks out power and causes flooding. The most serious hazard involves portable generators, which are often used to deal with the loss of electricity. Deaths tragically and frequently occur after a storm has passed, when homeowners or business owners set up a generator indoors or too close to a home or building.

CPSC strongly warns consumers to **never** use a generator indoors - including garages, basements, crawlspaces and sheds - even with ventilation. Exhaust fumes contain extremely high levels of carbon monoxide (CO) which can rapidly become deadly if inhaled. Last year, numerous deaths were reported throughout the Southeast due to CO poisoning while using generators in the aftermath of the four hurricanes that hit the region.

Consumers should only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to come indoors. Wait for the rain to pass before using a generator, as consumer-grade generators are not weatherproof and can pose the risk of electrocution and shock when used in wet conditions.

Additional life-saving safety tips from CPSC include:

- \* If using a generator, plug individual appliances into heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.
- \* Check that the extension cords have a wire gauge adequate for the appliance loads and have all three prongs, including a grounding pin.



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- \* Never store gasoline in the home or near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater, where gasoline fumes could be ignited.
- \* Never use charcoal indoors - burning charcoal in an enclosed space can produce lethal levels of carbon monoxide.
- \* Make sure the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm are fresh. Test these alarms to make sure they are working.
- \* Do not use electrical or gas appliances that have been wet, and do not turn on damaged appliances because of the hazards of electric shock or fire. Do not use gas appliances that have been submerged because silt can make valves inoperable, leading to a gas leak or fire.
- \* Exercise caution when using candles. Use flashlights instead. If you must use candles, do not burn them on or near anything that can catch fire. Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave the room.

## **CPSC, Lamplight Farms Inc. Announce Recall of Tiki(r) Cone Metal Torches Sold at Wal-Mart**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Tiki(r) Cone Metal Torch

**Units:** About 350,000

**Manufacturer:** Lamplight Farms Inc., a Division of W.C. Bradley Company, of Menomonee Falls, Wis.

**Hazard:** The head and cover of these torches can come loose or be dislodged during use, allowing torch fuel to spill. This poses a risk of burn injuries and property damage.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Lamplight Farms has received one report that a torch head fell off the torch pole when bumped and spilled torch fuel. The spilled fuel was ignited by the burning wick, resulting in second and third degree burns to a consumer.

**Description:** The recalled Tiki(r) Cone Metal Torch is a 6-foot long, outdoor, open-flame lamp consisting of a black metal pole topped by a copper-colored, cone-shaped metal head. A black decorative rod spirals around the head of the torch. The torch head includes the fuel reservoir, cover and wick. It was sold under Lamplight Farms model numbers 1263 and 126301 and Wal-Mart item numbers 1656121 and

1691366. Both items were sold with the same UPC number 086861012635, which is located on the bottom of the printed hangtag.

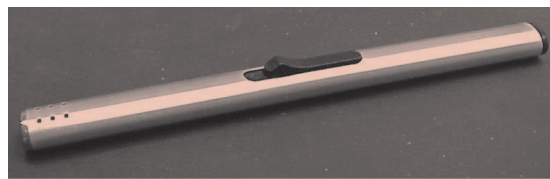
**Sold at:** Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold these torches from December 2003 through early June 2005 for about \$9.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using these torches and return them to any Wal-Mart store for a refund.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Lamplight Farms toll-free at (800) 645-5267 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at [www.lamplightfarms.com](http://www.lamplightfarms.com)

## **CPSC, Aristo Home and Garden Announce Recall of "Fire Stick" Multi-Purpose Lighters**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Fire Stick Multi-Purpose Lighters

**Units:** About 36,000

**Manufacturer:** Aristo Home and Garden, of West Deptford, N.J.

**Hazard:** The lighters fail to meet federal safety standards because they lack child-resistant mechanisms. If young children gain access to these multi-purpose lighters, they can pose a fire hazard or burn risk.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Aristo has not received any reports of incidents or injuries involving the Fire Stick lighters.

**Description:** These refillable, butane-fueled lighters are silver in color with a black sliding switch at the middle of the product. Two models of the lighters are included in this recall: a 7-inch model (model number 324007) and a 12-inch model (model number 324012). "Aristo Home & Garden" and "Fire Stick" are printed on the products' original packaging.

**Sold Through:** Home and garden retail outlets nationwide from November 2002 through October 2004. The 7-inch models were sold for \$10, and the 12-inch models were sold for \$20.

# RECALLS/ADVISORIES

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to their place of purchase for a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** Contact Aristo at (888) 846-9921 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.aristousa.com](http://www.aristousa.com)

## **CPSC, Home Interiors & Gifts Inc. Announce Recall of Candle Tins**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Home Interiors Fundraising Candle Tin Series

**Units Sold:** About 300,000.

**Manufacturer:** Home Interiors & Gifts Inc., of Carrollton, Texas.

**Hazard:** The candle flames could flare up out of the tin container during use, posing a fire and burn hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** There have been ten reports of candles flaring up. Some surfaces where candle tins were placed were scorched by these candles. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall includes 6.5 ounce, individually packaged candle tins that are 3-1/4 inches wide and 2 inches tall with an approximate burn time of 35 hours. The lidded tins are silver with fragrance name labels on the side. Fragrances include Sandalwood, Suede, Mulberry, Seaside Breeze, Hawaiian Delight, Carrot Cake, Fresh Peach, Baked Apple Pie, Vanilla Crème and Lemon Torte.

**Sold At:** Home Interiors' fundraising programs and through direct sales associates from April 2005 through May 3, 2005 for \$8.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the recalled candles immediately. Consumers with the recalled candles should go to the firm's Web site at [www.homeinteriors.com](http://www.homeinteriors.com) and click on the candle tin recall for instructions on how to return the candle tins free of charge. Consumers without Internet access can call the firm directly at the toll free number listed below. Information will be available as of Friday, May 27, 2005 via the Home Interiors' website and the toll free number. For every candle tin returned, consumers will receive a replacement Home Interiors Candle Tin of the same fragrance and also one of Home Interiors' fragranced body care products.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Home Interiors at (877) 707-8842 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the Web site at [www.homeinteriors.com](http://www.homeinteriors.com)

## **CPSC, Target Corp. Announce Recall of Birch/Bark Candles**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Birch and Bark Candles

**Units:** About 230,000

**Manufacturer:** Target Corp., Minneapolis, Minn.

**Hazard:** The birch and bark surrounding the candles can ignite, posing a fire and burn hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** There have been 18 reports of the birch and bark candles catching fire and five reports of property damage. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled candles were sold individually wrapped in a ribbon on a plate. The candles are cream in color and were sold in sizes 3-by-3 inches, 3-by-6 inches, 4-by-6 inches and 6-by-6 inches.

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**Sold at:** Target stores nationwide from September 2004 through January 2005 between \$6 and \$15.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should return the candles to the nearest Target store to receive a gift card from Target in the amount of \$15, plus applicable state taxes.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Target at (800) 440-0680 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

## ***PSC, Mintek Digital Inc. Announce Recall of Portable DVD Player Batteries***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Portable DVD player battery packs

**Units:** About 116,000.

**Manufacturer:** Mintek Digital Inc. of Anaheim, Calif.

**Hazard:** The battery can overheat and explode while recharging, posing a burn and fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Mintek has received 10 reports of incidents, including nine cases of the battery pack overheating and/or catching fire and one report of the battery pack overheating and bursting.

**Description:** The recall involves battery packs used with the Mintek portable DVD players with a 7" (diagonal) screen and model number DVD-1710. "Mintek DVD-1710" is printed on the top and bottom of the unit. The DVD player is silver and grey colored and the battery pack is silver with a nameplate on the bottom that is marked RB-LiP01 or RB-LiP02.

**Sold At:** Electronic and department stores nationwide, including Best Buy, from September 2002 through January 2005 for between \$200 and \$300.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using and stop recharging the battery pack immediately and contact Mintek Digital for a free replacement battery. Consumers can continue to use



the DVD player, with the AC power adapter and not the battery pack, until they receive a replacement battery pack.

**Consumer Contact:** Contact Mintek Digital toll-free at (866) 709-9500 anytime or visit the company's Web site at [www.mintekdigital.com](http://www.mintekdigital.com). Consumers also can contact the company by mail at Mintek Digital Inc, 4915 E. Hunter Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807

## ***CPSC, The Holmes Group Announce Recall of Tower Heater Fans***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Holmes(r) and Bonaire(r) Tower Heater Fans

**Units:** About 180,000

**Manufacturer:** The Holmes Group Inc., of Milford, Mass.

**Hazard:** The power cord on the units can fray or sever causing the fan to stop working and overheat. This could pose a fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The Holmes Group has received 98 reports of minor property damage to the surface under the heater. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves Holmes(r) models HFH6498-U, HFH6500-U and HFH6500TG-U and Bonaire(r) model BFH3530-U. The recalled heaters also have date codes beginning with 2604 through 3804 for all units, except for Holmes(r) model 6500TG-U, which has date codes ranging from 2604 through 4704. The model and date code can be found on the silver label on the back of the unit. The heater fans are 26 inches tall; come in all gray, two-tone gray, or black and gray; and have either the word Holmes(r) or Bonaire(r) printed on the front of the base.

**Sold at:** Wal-Mart, Target, Linens N Things, Bed Bath & Beyond and additional department and specialty stores nationwide from July 2004 through June 2005 for between \$40 and \$90.

**Manufactured in:** China.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the heaters and contact The Holmes Group for instructions on receiving a replacement unit.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, call The Holmes Group at (800) 593-4269 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.holmesheaterrecall.com](http://www.holmesheaterrecall.com)



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## **CPSC, Robertshaw Controls Co. Announce Recall of Gas Control Valves on Water Heaters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed

**Name of Product:** Robertshaw R110 Series Gas Control Valves

**Units:** About 178,000

**Manufacturer:** Robertshaw Controls Co., of Long Beach, Calif.

**Hazard:** Screws on some water heater valves could break. If this happens, gas could leak from the valve, which poses a risk of gas explosion and fire.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The R110 Gas Control Valves being recalled are installed on natural and liquid propane (LP) gas water heaters. The recalled valves were manufactured between July 25, 2005 and August 14, 2005 with production date codes 5-31 through and including 5-33, although not all valves with these date codes are affected. The recalled valves were installed on the following water heater brands: American Proline, Bradford White, GE, GSW, Hotpoint, Jetglas, John Wood, Lochinvar, Premier Plus, Powerflex, Rheem, Richmond, Ruud, Vanguard, Whirlpool, and U.S. Craftmaster. The model and serial number can be found on the manufacturer's label on the water heater. Electric water heaters are not included.

**Sold:** Installed on water heaters by gas appliance distributors and retailers, including Home Depot and Lowe's, as well as plumbers and plumbing/heating equipment suppliers. The gas valves also were sold separately through gas appliance service providers. Water heaters sold or serviced prior to July 25, 2005 are not affected.

**Assembled in:** Mexico

**Remedy:** Consumers that believe they may have an affected water heater, please click on [www.robertshaw.com](http://www.robertshaw.com). Have the model and serial numbers of your water heater ready. For further assistance, please contact Robertshaw. The model and serial numbers can be found on the manufacturer's label on the water heater. Robertshaw will arrange for a free repair or replacement, if necessary. If you smell gas near the appliance or in the building, immediately leave the area and call your gas company or a certified gas technician to investigate the cause.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Robertshaw at (888) 225-1071 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Saturday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.robertshaw.com](http://www.robertshaw.com) to review a list of the appliances with recalled valves and to register for the recall.

## **UL Warns of Potentially Hazardous Counterfeit Self-Ballasted Lamps**



NORTHBROOK, Ill., June 29, 2005 - Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) is notifying consumers that a self-ballasted lamp sold under the brand name "DOLLARAMA" bears a counterfeit UL Listing Mark for the United States and Canada, does not meet UL safety requirements and poses a risk of fire or electric shock.

DOLLARAMA has removed all self-ballasted lamps in question from shelves and is asking consumers to return this product to stores for exchange or full refund.

**Name of Product:** Model LT2A-11W

**Units:** Unknown quantity

**Manufacturer:** The manufacturer of the product has not been identified.

**Date of Manufacture:** Unknown

**Hazard:** This product has features that do not comply with UL's applicable safety standard and pose a risk of fire or electric shock.

**Identification:** On the product: A counterfeit UL Listing Mark with the following information: "DOLLARAMA, ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS, LT2A-11W, 120V/60Hz, 135mA, China/Chine" appears on the base of the product.

**On the Packaging:** A counterfeit UL Listing Mark appears on the bottom right corner. The packaging cardboard is also marked with the descriptions: "ENERGY SAVER," "6000 hour life expectancy," and "SOFT WHITE LIGHT."

**What You Should Do:** UL recommends that users stop using the products immediately and return them to the place of purchase. DOLLARAMA will replace counterfeit self-ballasted lamp with a Sunbeam compact fluorescent bulb or provide a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** Consumers with any questions should contact Brian Rossy at [brian@dollarama.com](mailto:brian@dollarama.com).



# STAFF UPDATE

## Staff Update

Welcome to Cheryl Kubish. Cheryl has joined the organization to provide Administrative Support to the Winnipeg Office. She had previously worked with Winnipeg Child and Family Services.

Welcome Kevin Oman who has joined the Office of the Fire Commissioner staff as an instructor with the Emergency Services College Section. Kevin is a graduate of the Public Fire Paramedic Program and a fire fighter from Pine Falls. Welcome Kevin.

Ken Giersh joined our Office and will be our primary Instructor in our joint training initiative with Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs to provide community based training to many of the Northern Affairs communities of Manitoba. Ken came to us as a member of The Pas Fire Department, and will be based out of The Pas.

Welcome Candace Butler, Candace is the new administrative support person in Winnipeg. She comes to us from the Manitoba Labour Board, with previous government experience with Manitoba Housing, Family Services and Housing.

Farewell to Brian Monkman who retired from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, April 2005. A social evening took place on June 23, at the Manitoba Peace Officers Club where many friends, relatives, co-workers and associates joined Brian and Joan to celebrate his many years of commitment and service to Manitoba Community Organizations and the Emergency Services. Brian has imparted much of his knowledge and skills to the people he has worked with and we give thanks for his efforts. He will continue his commitment to many of these groups. Congratulations Brian and all the best.



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