EDUCATION

School of the Year Reminder

he closing date for School of the Year Award entry is Friday April 29th, 2005. If you have been working with your local school to teach the Learn Not to Burn Curriculum to students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 then your Parent Council may be eligible to win \$1000.00! The criteria and entry form is available by calling Kathy Danino at 1-888-253-1488.

Provincial GSAR Exercise

his years Provincial Ground Search and Rescue Exercise location is yet to be confirmed however it will be held on August 27 - 28. The exercise is open to the first teams (5 - 7 members) that apply. All interested teams can submit their applications marked "GSAR Exercise 2005" no later than July 25 to Marla Bryan, 1601 Van Horne Ave E, Brandon MB R7A 7K2. You may contact Scott Kerbis at (204)726-6146 or 1-888-253-1488 for further details.

Upcoming Course Dates

April 29 – May 1	Ground Search & Rescue – Basic	Richer
April 30 & May 1	Fire Fighting Level I & II - Practical Exam	Selkirk
May 2 – 6	Confined Space Rescue Technician	Brandon
May 14 & 15	Critical Incident Stress Management – Basic	Gimli
May 11 - 13	Fire Investigation Accreditation - Practical Exam	Brandon
May 9 – 13	Hazardous Materials Operations	Brandon
May 14 & 15	Fire Fighting Level I & II - Practical Exam	Winkler
May 16 – 20	Fire Investigator Level I	Thompson
May 28 & 29	Critical Incident Stress Management – Advanced	Brandon
May 27 – 29	Fire Ground Management	St. Andrews
May 27 – 29	Ground Search & Rescue – Basic	Swan River
May 29 – June 1	Fire Fighting Level I & II - Practical Exam	Thompson
June 4 & 5	Critical Incident Stress Management – Advanced	Winnipeg
June 5 – 10	Fire Fighting Level I & II - Practical Exam	Thompson
June 13 – 17	Fire Investigation Level III	Brandon
June 13 – 17	Emergency Services Instructor Level II	Thompson
June 18	Emergency Services Instructor Continuing Education	Thompson
June 20 – 24	Water Rescue Technician	Brandon
June 25 & 26	Critical Incident Stress Management – Basic Porta	age la Prairie
June 25 & 26	Fire Fighting Level I & II - Practical Exam	Brandon
August 27 & 28	Ground Search & Rescue Provincial Exercise	TBA

Find detailed information on MESC Programs & Courses on our website www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca





CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (CISM)

CISM News

s has been discussed in previous Burning Issues the controversy of the effectiveness of CISM continues to rage on. Recently, a paper was presented at the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's conference in February adds a significant amount of support to our cause. This paper, titled A Prospective Cohort Study of the Effectiveness of Employer-Sponsored Crisis Interventions after a Major Disaster by Boscarino, Adams & Figley (2005) discusses psychological debriefings which occurred in New York to help employees of various companies cope with the impact of 9

(http://mailer.fsu.edu/~cfigley/docu ments/CrisisInterventionPaperv6.pdf). This study interviewed almost 1,700 adults one and two years after 9 11 and looked at alcohol abuse patterns, PTSD symptoms and depression rates. They also assessed lifetime rates of depression, and other stressors other than 9 11. The survey was of those

people who received some type of crisis intervention/postvention at their worksite by mental health professionals following September 11.

The results of the study were quite significant with those people who participated in just two to three psychological debriefings at work being less likely to engage in binge drinking, abuse alcohol, have PTSD, major depression, and anxiety symptoms, as well as have less overall mental health impairment than those who did not receive debriefing. In other words, debriefings did, in fact, improve appropriate coping and reduce mental health problems.

I'm sure that this study will not end the debate as there will be people who will find fault with this study since it doesn't follow the "blind randomly assigned treatment/control group gold standard" of research. However, the study shows strong effects with a large sample size. The study examines more factors (e.g., social support, etc.) than I will discuss here, so I encourage people interested in the debate to read the study.

Other CISM News

The Canadian Traumatic Stress Network is hosting its Fourth National Forum on Traumatic Stress in Ottawa from May 9 to 11th, 2005 with pre conference workshops from May 5 to 8th The conference's theme is "Best Practices in Early Intervention for Traumatic Stress: Lessons from the Field". The keynote speakers are Dr. R. Orner (editor and writer of an excellent book on early intervention in trauma) and Dr. S. Hobfoll (author of the Conservation of Resources Theory). Check out their website www.ctsn-rcst.ca or myself for further information.

The OFC CISM/Trauma conference is being planned for October 28, 29 & 30, 2005. Further information will be forthcoming.

What You Need To Know About RV Safety Standards In Manitoba

Are there safety standards or requirements for an RV in Manitoba?

Yes, there are Construction Code requirements known as Z240-RV-99. The purpose of these standards is to ensure the structural sufficiency of the unit, the life safety of the people who use it, and the health and safety of the public. Some examples of where these standards apply in an RV include:

Fire extinguishers and smoke alarms

Propane Gas Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Safety Chains on the connection between the unit and the towing vehicle

(excluding a fifth wheel)

Integrity of the chassis

Propane piping, cylinders, tanks

Electrical systems

Plumbing systems

Heating and Ventilation systems

Means to escape in an emergency

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What You Need To Know About RV Safety Standards In Manitoba

When did these standards come into effect?

The first standards came into effect in 1974. They have been revised several times since then.

How do I know if my unit complies with the Standards?

It will have a standards label placed close to the main entrance. The only acceptable labels are from one of the following:

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA), or

The Quality Auditing Institute, Ltd., (QAI), or

The Manitoba Department of Labour and Immigration.

What happens if my unit does not have a label and does not comply with the standards?

If you are going to sell your unit, it **must** comply with the standards and **must** have one of the labels described above. Compliance with all standards is the seller's responsibility. If you want to sell an unlabeled unit, an Officer from The Office of The Fire Commissioner can perform a standards inspection. If your unit passes the inspection, it will receive a Department of Labour and Immigration label. If it does not pass, you will be told of the deficiencies that need to be corrected before a label can be issued. The fee for the inspection service depends on the size of the unit.

IF YOU SELL YOUR UNIT TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OR TO A DEALER AND THE UNIT IS NOT PROPERLY LABELED, YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW.

THE PENALTY IS A FINE OF UP TO \$5,000.

Can I bring an RV in from the U.S.?

Yes, but you still must comply with Provincial Code requirements. Additionally, you must also comply with Federal requirements prior to bringing the unit across the border.

If I buy a Motor Home in another province and bring it back to Manitoba, do I have to comply with Manitoba's requirements?

Yes, you must comply with the standards in order to register your motor home.

What do I need to do so that Manitoba Hydro will hook up the electrical service for my unit?

You must display the appropriate standards label(s).

I want to put my RV on a permanent foundation. Do I have to comply with the RV Standards?

You would not have to comply with the RV Standards, but as your unit would now be considered a building you would have to comply with all of the appropriate requirements in the Manitoba Building Code. You should check with your local municipality or The Office of The Fire Commissioner for more information.

How do I get a Standards Inspection Performed?

Just call the Office of the Fire Commissioner at (204)945-3322 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069.

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOW

The Office of The Fire Commissioner set up an information booth at the RV Show on March 17th to the 20th at the Convention Centre in Winnipeg. The Show was a great success with a large number of people stopping by the booth to learn about mandatory safety standards for RV's.

Adam Campbell, who has primary responsibility for RV and Mobile Home inspections in the Province, provided many examples of the do's

and don'ts for RV safety. The following FAQ answers some basic questions about why owners and dealers need to ensure that their units are safe for the people who use them, and for the public at large.

Contributed by Nancy Anderson, Manager Codes & Standards and Adam Campbell



Adam Campbell, Codes and Standards Officer with the OFC, and Sparky promote RV safety.

Recalls/Advisories

CPSC, JVC Announce Recall to Repair Rear-Projection Televisions



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: Rear-projection televisions

Units: 26,500

Manufacturer: JVC Americas Corp., of Wayne, N.J.

Hazard: An internal electrical connection can cause electrical arcing, charring or smoking inside the television, which pose a fire risk to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: JVC has received two reports of incidents, including one case of melted television parts and one

case of a minor television fire. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled 52-inch and 61-inch JVC rear projection televisions were manufactured between May 2004 and November 2004. The televisions have the following model and serial numbers:

HD-52Z575:

10980014 through 16980772

HD-52Z575:

16986471 through 16989999

HD-52Z585:

10980031 through 16981502

HD-61Z575:

10980031 through 16982712

HD-61Z585:

10980031 through 16980942

The model and serial numbers can be found on the back of the television in the lower center portion of the unit. The JVC logo appears on the front of the television.

Sold at: Consumer electronic stores nationwide from July 2004 through January 2005 for between \$3,000 and \$5,500.

Manufactured in: Mexico Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact JVC for further instructions and to schedule a free inhome service. JVC is contacting registered consumers directly via regular mail and e-mail to arrange a free at-home service.

Consumer Contact: Call JVC at (800) 252-5722 between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET any day or log on to the company's Web site at

www.jvc.com/support/notification

CPSC, Applica Consumer Products Inc. Announce Recall of Black & Decker® Brand ProBlend® Blenders



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: Black & Decker® brand ProBlend® blenders

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Units: About 500,000

Manufacturer: Elec-Tech International Co. Ltd., of China. Applica Consumer Products Inc., of Miramar, Fla., made and sold these blenders under the Black & Decker® brand.

Hazard: The blades can weaken or break during use while making frozen beverages. A broken blade presents a risk of injury if taken into the mouth or swallowed.

Incidents/Injuries: Applica Consumer Products Inc. has received reports of 18 incidents of broken blades associated with this problem. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recall includes Black & Decker® brand ProBlend® models BL5000, BL5900 and BL6000. The recalled ProBlend® products are 5-speed, 550-watt blenders with 48-ounce marked glass jars. Each model has a die-cast, brushed stainless steel base bearing the name "Black & Decker." The model number is located on the bottom of the product.

Sold at: Retailers nationwide from December 2003 to January 2005 for between \$40 and \$60.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Applica Consumer Products Inc. to receive a free replacement blade assembly.

Consumer Contact: Call Applica Consumer Products Inc. toll-free at (800) 385-6686 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.regcen.com/blenderrecall

CPSC, Whirlpool Corporation Announce Recall of Dishwashers

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.

Brand	Product	Model Number Begins With	Serial Number Range
Whirlpool®	Under-the-counter plastic tall tub dishwashers	DU1 DUL GU1 GU2 GU6	FR2200000 to FR2499999
Kenmore®	Under-the-counter plastic tall tub dishwashers	665.143 665.160 665.163 665.170 665.173	FR2200000 to FR4599999

Name of product: Whirlpool® and Kenmore® brand dishwashers

Units: About 162,000

Manufacturer: Whirlpool Corporation,

of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Hazard: An electrical defect within the dishwashers' wash motor wiring poses a risk of the motor overheating and possibly catching fire.

Incidents/Injuries: Whirlpool Corporation has received three reports of overheated wash motors. There are no reports of personal injury or property damage.

Description: The recalled products are Whirlpool® brand and Kenmore® brand (made by Whirlpool Corporation) under-the-counter, plastic tall tub dishwashers. The dishwashers come with black, white, biscuit, or stainless front panels. They have the following model and serial numbers located inside the tub on a tag near the left side of the door opening:

Sold at: Department and appliance stores and through homebuilders nationwide from June 2004 through January 2005 for between \$350 and \$600.

Manufactured in: The dishwashers were manufactured in Findlay, Ohio, and the motors were manufactured in China.

Remedy: Consumers with one of these dishwashers should immediately stop using it, disconnect the electric supply by shutting off the fuse or circuit breaker controlling it, and inform all users of the dishwasher not to use it due to the risk of fire.

Consumer Contact: Call Whirlpool Corporation toll free at (866) 769-7260 anytime, or go to the firm's Web site at repair.whirlpool.com



CPSC, Arett Sales Corp. Announce Recall of Multi-Purpose Barbecue Lighters



WASHINGTON, D.C. - In

cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Arett Sales Corporation (ASC), of Cherry Hill, N.J., is recalling about 2 million multi-purpose barbecue lighters. Sold under the brand name "Kitchen Works," the lighters lack child-resistant mechanisms that meet federal safety standards. Young children could operate these lighters which poses a fire hazard. Federal standards require multi-purpose lighters to have the same level of

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child- resistance as required in the safety standard for cigarette lighters. The child-resistant mechanism must operate safely, function for the expected life of the lighter, and not be easy to deactivate. The child- resistant mechanism also must automatically reset after each use.

ASC has not received any reports of incidents or injuries involving these barbecue lighters.

The recalled gas-fueled lighters have an orange or red plastic body, and a silver-colored metal nozzle. Each lighter measures 10 ?- inches long. The lighters were made in China.

Dollar stores nationwide sold the barbecue lighters from January 2001 through July 2004 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using the lighters immediately and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund or dispose of the lighters in a manner that is in compliance with all state and local requirements. Lighters should not be incinerated or punctured.

For more information, consumers should contact ASC toll-free at (800) 431-1212 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

CPSC, Research Products Corp. Announce Recall of Electronic Air Cleaners



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recalls of the following consumer product. Consumers should immediately turn off or unplug the air cleaner.

Product: Aprilaire Electronic Air Cleaners

Units: About 67,000

Manufacturer: Research Products

Corp., of Madison, Wis.

Hazard: The air cleaner's plastic inner housing and filter are not flameresistant. If electrical arcing occurs in the cleaner, a fire can develop. This poses a risk of burn injuries and property damage.

Incidents/Injuries: Research Products has received six reports of fires involving these air cleaners. No injuries were reported.

Description: The recall involves all Aprilaire Model 5000 Electronic Air Cleaners. The air cleaners are almond colored, and located near the heating and cooling equipment. An identification label on the access door reads "Aprilaire Model 5000."

Sold by: Independent HVAC dealers nationwide from June 2000 through December 2004 for an installed price of about \$800.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately turn off the unit or unplug it. Consumers also should contact Research Products Corp. to receive a free repair kit containing the flame-retardant inner housing and filter.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Research Products Corp. toll-free at (888) 742-2401 between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, and between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. CT on Saturday. Consumers also can visit the firm's Web site at www.aprilaire.com

CPSC, Lakewood Announce Recall of Oil-Filled Electric Heaters

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: Model 5101 oilfilled electric radiator heaters

Units: 70,000

Manufacturer: Lakewood Engineering

& Mfg. Co., of Chicago, Ill.

Hazard: Welds can rupture, expelling hot oil that can burn nearby consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Lakewood is aware of 28 reports of incidents, including one burn injury from spewing oil. An additional 14 heaters with ruptured welds have been returned to Lakewood.



Description: The recalled heaters are portable electric radiator-style heaters with six fins, one of which has the control panel attached to it. The units are grayish-white in color and have the name "Lakewood" printed below the handle indentation on the control panel. The model number "5101" is printed on the UL label on the lower right side of the control panel.

Sold at: Retailers nationwide, including Wal-Mart and Ace Hardware, from August 2004 through November 13, 2004 for between \$34 and \$40.

Manufactured in: United States.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using these heaters, unplug them and contact Lakewood to determine if their heater is part of the recall. Lakewood will provide a free replacement heater to each consumer who has a recalled heater.

Consumer Contact: Call Lakewood toll-free at (888) 858-3506 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the company's Web site at www.lakewoodeng.com

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CPSC, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Announce Recall of Slow Cookers



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: GE Oval and Double Dish Slow Cookers

Units: 600,000

Importer: Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex Inc., of Glen Allen, Va.

Distributor: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., of

Bentonville, Ark.

Hazard: The handles on the base of the slow cookers can break, posing a risk of burns from hot food spilling onto consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Hamilton Beach and Wal-Mart have received 531 reports of handles breaking, including four reports of consumers who were burned by hot food.

Description: The recalled slow cookers include the 4.5-Quart Oval and 6-Quart Double Dish models sold under the General Electric (GE) brand name. The model name is printed on the front of the units. The 4.5-quart unit has model number 106661 and the 6-quart unit has model number 106851. Both models have series codes A through D, which are printed on the bottom along with the model number. The base of the slow cookers is white with an olive or honeysuckle graphic. Sold exclusively at: Wal-Mart stores

nationwide from August 2000 through

December 2002 for about \$25 (4.5-

quart model) and \$35 (6-quart model).

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Wal-Mart to receive a replacement slow cooker base.

Consumer Contact: Call the Wal-Mart Slow Cooker Recall Hotline toll-free at (888) 293-3343 anytime or go to www.walmart.com

CPSC, Thomson Inc. Announce Recall of Portable DVD Player Batteries



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: Portable DVD player batteries

Units: About 47,000 units

Manufacturer/Importer: Thomson Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind.

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

Incidents/Injuries: Thomson Inc. has received 11 reports of batteries overheating and five reports of batteries exploding. There are two reports of consumers suffering burned fingers from picking up a battery after it overheated.

Description: Only batteries used with the RCA portable DVD players with model number DRC600N are being recalled. The DRC600N model DVD player with the battery attached is about 7?-inches wide, 5?-inches deep, and 2-inches high. The cabinet housing is plastic, except for a metal "skin" on

the top of the player. The metal "skin" is silver colored, and the rest of the DVD player is tan or dark gray. The logo "RCA LiFE," along with the words "DVD VIDEO" are printed on the top of the DVD Player. The battery attaches to the bottom of the DVD player.

Manufactured in: China

Sold at: Electronic and department stores nationwide from September 2002 through July 2003 for between \$340 and \$490.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using and stop recharging the battery immediately and contact Thomson Inc. for a free replacement battery. The portable DVD player is not being recalled, and consumers can continue to use it without the battery until they receive a replacement battery. The player can be used with the AC Power Adapter by simply unplugging the battery from the unit and plugging the AC Power Adapter into the 9-volt jack on the unit.

Consumer Contact: Contact Thomson Inc. at (800) 821-5875 anytime or visit the company's Web site at www.rca.com/recall Consumers also can contact the company by mail at Thomson Inc., Portable DVD Battery Recall, P.O. Box 1490, Durant, Okla. 74702-1490. Please do not send products or batteries to this address.

CPSC, Nature's Finest Announce Recall of Gel Candles



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a

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voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Nature's Finest Gel Candles

Units: About 727,000

Manufacturer: Nature's Finest, of

Marble Falls, Texas.

Hazard: The gel used in these candles can catch fire, creating a high flame. This can result in nearby combustibles catching fire and burns to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Nature's Finest has received four reports of the surface

layer of gel burning, creating high flames. There are two reported burn injuries to consumers' hands, which required medical treatment.

Description: The gel candles come in a glass container in either 5.5-oz or 11-oz. sizes. They were sold in multiple colors and scents. There is a label on the front of the candle reading "Nature's Finest Candles." The UPC codes of the recalled candles, located on a sticker on the bottom of the candles, are 3863300100 through 3863300114 and 3863300200 through 3863300214. This recall includes only Nature's Finest gel candles. Other

Nature's Finest candles are not involved in this recall.

Sold by: Drug and grocery stores nationwide from June 2001 though February 2005 for between \$8 and \$11.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these candles immediately and contact Nature's Finest to receive a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Call Nature's Finest at (800) 964-6804 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or go to thefirm's Web site at www.naturesfinestcandles.com

Staff Update

Welcome to Blaine Graham. Blaine has accepted the Codes and Standards Northern Officer position. In addition to experience in construction and building maintenance, Blaine has been a Building Inspector with the City of Thompson for the past couple of years. Blaine is based in Thompson.

Richard (Rick) Hoglander has joined our Office in the Codes and Standards section. Rick will be working with us for at least 6 months. He has a background as a Journeyman Plumber and has had extensive experience working in the plumbing/construction industry. Welcome Rick!

Kelly LaBerge has moved from our

Winnipeg Office to Brandon to provide Administrative Support Team coordination and direction at the Manitoba Emergency Services College. Good luck Kelly!

Farewell to Pat MacIsaac, Coordinator, Medical Programs. Pat has accepted the position of Deputy Fire Chief with Thompson Fire & Emergency Services. Congratulations and all the best Pat!

Welcome to our newest staff member, Dina Evans. Dina is our new administrative support staff in the Winnipeg Office. Welcome Dina!

The Office of the Fire Commissioner is pleased to announce that David Singleton, presently of the Manitoba Emergency Services College, was

successful in the Emergency Services Officer/Fire Investigator competition that was recently held. Dave is presently a senior instructor at the MESC and brings with him many years of experience. Dave will be joining the Winnipeg Office in the near future.

Congratulations to Brian Monkman on his retirement. A social evening is planned for Thursday, the 23rd of June, 2005 at the Manitoba Peace Officers Club, 177 Eugene Street, Winnipeg from 5 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available by contacting the Office of the Fire commissioner at (204) 945-3328



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