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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE COMMISSIONER

Douglas M. Popowich

Welcome to another issue of Burning Issues. I trust that you have had the opportunity to enjoy much of what our Province has to offer such as fairs, festivals, camping, and recreational opportunities over the summer months.

I want to commend the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs for another successful conference in Gimli in June. Chief MacGregor and the members of the Gimli Fire Department did an excellent job of hosting this year's conference.

Over the summer our Province once again saw emergencies occur as a result of extreme weather conditions. We encountered a number of tornadoes, with the Elie tornado being the most devastating. Dauphin suffered severely from a major hail storm. Fires caused by lightning once again created concern for a number of communities in the north. Whatever the reason for these severe weather conditions, it continues to show that we need to be prepared for anything that could occur anytime and anywhere.

Fall brings with it children going back to school, your department getting back into some type of regular training schedule and of course Fire Prevention Week. You have heard me say a number of

times that Fire Prevention Week should be every week. If this isn't possible, we do need to take advantage of this annual planned week to ensure awareness for the need of fire prevention and how this can save lives, is raised in all our communities.

Another major event that is drawing close is the Annual Emergency Services Conference in Brandon. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance please do so. Remember the dates are October 11 to 13. Once again the conference falls at the end of Fire Prevention Week, but I am sure that many of you can work your schedules around that. The Conference Committee has once again worked diligently to put together a valuable training weekend.

During the month of June, I was asked by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to attend their district meetings and speak on the new requirements regarding fire inspections and issues facing the fire service in general. I traveled across the Province with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Executive to eight different meetings. I took the opportunity to clearly explain to all of the Council members who attended these meetings, the legislative requirements regarding fire inspections, as well as a number

of other issues facing the fire service. These included the new Workplace Safety and Health regulations specific to fire departments, training requirements, the costs associated with operating a fire department, issues around attracting and retaining personnel and equipment requirements. From the feedback I received, the information was well received and in many cases "eye opening" for many Councilors. What I did find is that there is a real need to improve communications between councils and fire departments. Many of the Councilors claimed that they had no idea of the issues that their fire departments were facing. Maintaining and enhancing your fire department certainly requires support from your municipal councils. I believe that those who attended any of the district meetings

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now have a better appreciation of the issues you face.

I cannot say that my presentation will provide you with anymore financial support because, although we feel our issues are the most important, council still has a specific amount of dollars that they have access to for the supply of a wide variety of services within their jurisdiction. I do believe that communication and a well thought out and presented plan will go a long way in helping you in trying to garner support for the goals of your department.

Planning needs to be an on going process in any successful organization. Quite often however, we do not spend an appropriate amount of time planning. Whether the planning is for responses to emergencies, training activities, departmental activities, Fire Prevention Week, or your department as a whole and where you would like to see yourselves in the future, building a road map on how to get there is essential.

As you start to come together after the summer holidays on a more regular and frequent basis I would suggest that you set aside at least one early training session to discuss items such as short and long term goals for your department. Along with that then would come financial requirements to achieve these goals, equipment requirements necessary and training requirements for your personnel. You then have a comprehensive plan to follow in which everyone in your department can become familiar. You will also then have a plan to present to your Council, keeping them involved and receiving their support. Follow your plan and review it before the next summer holiday to determine how you made out. This might be a very interesting exercise for everyone.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference in October.

WALLACE DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS Acknowledged for 25 YEARS of SERVICE

Members of Wallace District Fire Department Station 1, in Virden, recently received long term service medals from the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs. The medals are awarded to firefighters that have devoted 25 years to the

Fire Service in Manitoba. The medals were awarded to the firefighters at a ceremony in Brandon last fall.

Retired Fire Chief Bill Edmonds has over 40 years of service all of which have been in Virden. Deputy Chief Gary Mahoney has served in Virden and Birtle. Assistant Fire Chief John Davidson has served in Virden and Minnedosa. Firefighter Curtis Smith served most of his years in Killarney and the last three in Virden. Fire Chief Brad Yochim has served all his years in Virden.

Contributed by Fire Chief Brad Yochim - Virden



This year's recipients are (L to R) Gary Mahoney-Deputy Fire Chief, Brad Yochim-Fire Chief, Bill Edmonds-Retired Fire Chief, John Davidson-Assistant Fire Chief, Curtis Smith-Firefighter.

THANK YOU TO BDR SERVICES Ltd.

A big THANK YOU to the wonderful and helpful representatives from BDR Services Ltd., who not only donated a brand new addressable fire alarm panel that they made specifically for our training courses, but have also offered their assistance in training and maintaining the device free of charge.

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GARTH MCINTYRE RECEIVES FIRE SERVICES EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

Garth McIntyre, a respected and much appreciated member of the Manitoba Fire Service was presented with the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal at the Glenboro/South Cypress Fire Department's annual appreciation night supper. Garth is a long term Deputy Chief with the Glenboro/South Cypress Fire Department and a valued contract instructor and evaluator with the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

The presenters were MLA Cliff Cullen, Glenboro/South Cypress Fire Chief Steve Bjornson and OFC Emergency Services Officer, Murray Bedford.

Contributed by Murray Bedford, Emergency Services Officer - OFC



THE SEARCH IS ON AFTER ELIE'S TORNADO STRIKE

During the early evening hours of Friday June 22, 2007, a tornado touched down in the Community of Elie, Manitoba. The tornado destroyed several homes, a flour mill, as well as downing power lines, trees, and overturning numerous vehicles within their paths, and leaving a large debris field along the west side of the community.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) was contacted and Operational Section members initially attended. Due

to the size of the affected area, dangers, and hazards a partial deployment of the Urban Search and Rescue Team was initiated. Unified Command was initiated and maintained throughout the incident.

As a result, Canine Teams from the OFC and Winnipeg Police Service were utilized. The debris fields were searched and all located hazards were either marked or made safe.

Members from the RM of Cartier Fire Department, Portage La Prairie Fire Department, RM of St. Francis Xavier Fire Department, Manitoba Hydro, RCMP, Central Region Health Authority- EMS personnel, Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, along with OFC Personnel were involved in the incident.

Contributed by Rick Vandekerkhove, Manger – Operations East



USAR members involved during the early morning hours at Elie on Saturday 23 June 2007.

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MANITOBA NEWS RELEASE - JUNE 26, 2007

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FOCUS OF OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is undertaking a public education program to inform all Manitobans about the safety requirements regarding recreational vehicles.

Safety regulations for recreational vehicles are designed to help create safe and fun camping experiences. Brochures outlining the safety requirements are available. The Office of the Fire Commissioner will also be conducting random safety checks of recreational vehicles (RVs) this year.

Properly certified recreational vehicles must display a certification sticker issued by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or the OFC. This sticker is usually near a main doorway. A modified RV requires a re-inspection.

Every recreational vehicle sold in Manitoba by a dealer or by private sale needs to display an approval sticker from the CSA or the OFC. If none of these exist, then a safety inspection is required by the OFC to ensure the safety of the unit. Any recreational vehicle for sale or rent in Manitoba must comply with the CSA requirements for mobile housing and recreational vehicles in areas such as:

- Propane gas appliances and connections
- Vehicular safety
- Electrical

- Plumbing
- Life and fire safety

Depending on how a recreational vehicle is equipped, it must contain items such as a fire extinguisher; smoke, propane or carbon monoxide alarm; proper fittings and hoses for propane appliances; electrical cords that are in good working order; and certified plumbing components properly secured so they will not become a road hazard.

The Buildings and Mobile Homes Act regulation requires individuals, dealers or manufacturers at the wholesale, retail or auction level to display a label prior to sale, rent or lease on a commercial basis. It is the seller's responsibility to ensure certification. A recreational vehicle that is not certified must get a safety inspection from the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

Recreational vehicles imported from the United States need to qualify for importation under Transport Canada's Registrar of Imported Vehicles program. The program ensures that qualified vehicles imported from the United States meet Canadian safety standards.

Safety brochures will be available at any dealer or on the Office of the Fire Commissioner's website at <http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca>. The Office of the Fire Commissioner can also be contacted at 204-945-3328.

"CLASS OF 97" REUNION

On the weekend of August 24, 25 & 26th, 2007 the "Class of 97" Public Fire Paramedic Program graduates decided to hold a reunion. The weekend started with a meet and greet in the lounge of the Canad Inn on Friday evening. On Saturday morning they participated in a late breakfast and a tour of the Manitoba Emergency Services College and the Practical Training Site. A round of Golf followed in the afternoon and a good time was had by all. Kelly Gray (Winnipeg), Blake Spencer (Saskatoon), Jonathan Hildebrand (Province of Manitoba), Barry Savage (Winnipeg), Mike Leigh (Saskatoon), Darcy Funk (Winnipeg), Ed Davidson (Winnipeg), Jay Brown (Winnipeg), and Joel Perrault (Prince Albert) were gracious enough to ask their class instructors, Ted Moore and Murray Bedford, to join them in this pleasant and rewarding event.

Contributed by Murray Bedford, Emergency Services Officer - OFC



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OFC Provides Support to Manitoba Conservation During Wildfire Operations in Northern Manitoba

On Friday July 20, 2007, the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner was requested through Manitoba Conservation – Fire Program, to pre-position staff and equipment in anticipation of a possible threat to the community of South Indian Lake from a large forest fire (NE Fire 115) located approximately 10 km south of the community. A partial evacuation of the community had already been started the previous day as a result of the heavy smoke conditions within the community. Evacuees included the elderly and those with health issues related to breathing disorders.

Upon arrival on Saturday July 21, an assessment of the threat to the community was completed and contact was made with South Indian Lake Community administration. After a significant rainfall that afternoon, Manitoba Conservation staff was able to map the north end of the fire accurately for the first time in many days. It was determined at that time the fire was unlikely to reach the community due to many large water bodies and old burns which provided natural barriers to the fire's spread. This information was relayed to South Indian Lake community administration.

On Sunday July 22, the OFC was requested to re-locate to the community of Lynn Lake, Manitoba where another fire (NE Fire 136) had escaped initial attack and was spreading

from west to east along the north side of PTH 391. The fire was located approximately 11 km east of the Town of Lynn Lake, and was threatening to close the highway. An aerial assessment of the fire was done later that evening along with Manitoba Conservation staff and exposure protection efforts were initiated on the morning of Monday July 23rd by OFC staff supported by the Lynn Lake Fire Department, Manitoba Conservation fire crews as well as crews brought in from British Columbia.



Photo of Lynn Lake Fire Department and OFC members along with crew members from British Columbia on the morning of July 23, 2007.

The MTS – Hughes Lake Repeater was first to be protected with sprinkler systems and high volume water delivery systems provided from the OFC hose trailers. In addition to the repeater station, OFC staff assisted in deploying sprinkler systems at twelve additional cabins and local aboriginal heritage sights at or near Hughes Lake. As well, a wooden bridge located on the Hughes River which services the Farley Lake Mine site was also protected with sprinklers.

NE fire 136 eventually spread to the Hughes Lake repeater tower at approximately 1600 hrs on Thursday July 26th. The sprinkler system that was deployed prevented any damage to the building or tower site, and the fire quickly burned around the tower.

Significant rainfall began on Friday July 27 and

demobilization of the OFC equipment was completed on Sunday July 29, with full demobilization of OFC staff completed on Monday July 30.

Three OFC hose trailers and two pumping apparatus were deployed to support the effort.

Contributed by Dave Schafer, Manager – Operations West



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21ST ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE

By now, you should have received your 2007 Emergency Services Conference brochure. This years Conference offers new courses and seminars, as well as some of the favorites you've seen in the past. You can also find the complete brochure on our website at www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/conference

Please continue faxing your Conference applications to Marla Bryan, Admissions Officer, (204)726-6847.

MANITOBA Emergency Services Conference **October 11-13, 2007**

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LETTER of APPRECIATION FROM THE ROTARY CLUB of ORTIGAS CENTER, PHILIPPINES TO ST. ANDREW'S FIRE DEPARTMENT Hall #2

Dear Capt. Robertson:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ortigas Center and the Pasig City Fire Protection Department, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of your fire fighting apparel. The fire fighting uniforms were packed and sent door to door by Jon Causon's parents to the Philippines. In turn, we contacted the Pasig City Fire Protection Department and informed them that we have some fire fighting apparel to donate to their department.

During the turn over of the items, I found out that the Pasig Fire Protection Department is in much need of equipment. It is an unfortunate fact that the Philippine National Government is not giving enough financial support to provide for the needs of the Fire Protection Department. In fact, the civil voluntary fire brigades here in the Philippines have newer fire trucks and complete fire fighting equipment for

the volunteer fire fighters.

In my dialogue with the Pasig City Fire Marshall, this is the data that I gathered:

Out of 98 personnel:

Only 15 people have prescribed boots; the others just use ordinary rubber boots.

Only 40 have prescribed helmets; the others just use construction helmets or nothing at all.

Only 10 people have fire resistant jackets; the others use ordinary jackets.

None of them have breathing apparatus.

Upon seeing the contents of the boxes you sent over, one of the more senior fire fighters commented that, finally,

he will get to use a real helmet before he retires from the department.

Realizing the various needs of our firefighters, my club is considering including their department as one of the donors



of our future fundraising activities. Again, thank you very much for your generosity. If in case you have other excess fire fighting apparel, please feel free to contact us so that we can arrange for the shipment of these items for the firefighters of the Pasig Fire Protection Department.

Sincerely,

Vince Berdan

President –
Rotary Club of
Ortigas Center
District 3800
Philippines

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Pike, Program
Supervisor -
OFC*



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TRAINING FOR THE PAID ON-CALL FIRE SERVICE



BY BRAD YOCHIM,
FIRE CHIEF/FIRE SERVICES
OFFICER, WALLACE DISTRICT

Let me get one thing off my chest before we talk about training in the paid on-call service or volunteer service, as tradition has labelled it. The Volunteer Fire Service is a very noble and proud service which I feel often gets stereotyped as unprofessional and poorly trained.

I am not particularly fond of the term “volunteer” even though a good portion of our time spent in the Fire Service is voluntary, like fundraising, public education, station and equipment maintenance, and attending meetings. When it comes to training and response, we are not volunteers. We are professionals in the highest sense of the word and we should be treated as such.

However, to be professional in what we do, we must be trained as professionals. I prefer to use the term “paid on-call” simply because we are—in the majority of cases—a paid fire department when we are responding to emergencies. I understand that there are still fire departments out there that are truly “volunteer” and are not compensated in any way for performing their duties

as firefighters.

I believe that the councils, boards and Fire Chiefs that operate and manage these departments need to get their heads out of the sand and realize that their volunteer fire departments need to change the way they do business.

Some of the more pro-active paid on-call fire departments go as far as paying their firefighters to take training! What a concept. I have been a member of a very pro-active paid on-call fire department for almost 27 years. We are governed by a fire board made up of councils from 5 different municipalities and they have been compensating our firefighters for the time and expenses they incur while training, since 1977. The point I am trying to make, though, is not about the money. Rather, it's about making the training more appealing and most of all, making it necessary.

The basic—and I feel mandatory—level of training should be to NFPA 1001 Fire Fighting Practices Level.

This will give the firefighter the basic skills and knowledge to mitigate the majority of incidents involving fire and rescue. Of course, there is no end to the possibilities of training in the Fire Service. Some departments may choose to take their people to a more advanced level. Departments must keep in mind the level of service they need to provide and the level they want to provide. After all, the more advanced the training that is provided to the firefighter, the more advanced the department will need to be in terms of equipment and resources. Every fire department's level of training will be different according to demographics and budget constraints. Train to the level that works for you and your

community but be sure to at least get a basic level. Recent changes to the Manitoba Workers Compensation Act, for example, require that for every two firefighters involved in structural firefighting activities there must be a team of two additional firefighters ready to intervene in the event the first team gets in trouble. Nothing in the Act states that this applies only to full-time fire departments. In order for the paid on-call service to meet the requirements of the Act, they must train their firefighters to an acceptable level.

We, as Fire Chiefs, need to educate our councils on the necessity of training and the liability they hold if they choose to not properly train their firefighters. I believe training should be one of the items on your budget with the largest dollar figure. Unlike the Fire Chiefs of previous generations, today's Chiefs have the world at their finger tips. There are more training colleges and provincial resources today, than there ever have been before. In addition, councils are starting to realize that the Fire Service is an essential service and therefore they are starting to open their pocket books. We also need to realize that we are responsible for providing our people with the highest level of training available so that we can ensure their safety and well being. Unbelievably, there are Fire Chiefs who still do not think we need to train. However, I believe that the job of Fire Chief is no longer just a position, it is a responsibility. It is a responsibility to keep your community and its people safe, but more than that it is a responsibility to ensure that the people doing this job do it well, do it safely and at the end of the day, go home to their families.

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The men and women in your fire department are the single greatest asset you have. They need to be trained to the highest possible level according to the services your department provides. Talk to your boards and councils. Talk to your firefighters. Make training a priority in your department. The firefighters deserve it, their families deserve it, the

fire department deserves it and the community deserves it.

Brad Yochim has spent the past 26 years with the Wallace District Fire Department in Virden Manitoba, acting as Fire Chief, Emergency Services for the past 5 years. He has also been an instructor for 20 years, working as a training coordinator for the Oak Lake Mutual Aid District, and

a casual instructor at the Manitoba Emergency Services College.

Contributed by Brad Yochim, Fire Chief/Fire Services Officer – previously submitted in the Summer 2007 magazine for the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

ELM CREEK AND ST. CLAUDE FIRE DEPARTMENTS JOIN FORCES IN FUNDRAISING

On Sunday August 12, 2007, the Elm Creek Fire Department in conjunction with the St. Claude Fire Department harvested an oat crop with all proceeds being split between both departments.

The RM of Grey has a parcel of land (115 acres) that they let different community groups in the area use rent free in order to raise funds. Sponsors for this crop included local farmers, farm chemical companies and crop inputs retailers. The seed, fertilizer, chemicals, fuel, equipment and labour were all generously donated.

This year, the Elm Creek and St. Claude Fire Departments decided to take on this huge fundraising effort together.

Joining forces in organizing and searching for sponsors encouraged both departments to work closely together in a non-emergency situation.

All the funds raised will be going towards new trucks and equipment. The St. Claude Fire Department has a new Rosenbauer pumper ordered with a Spring '08 delivery date and Elm Creek Fire Department is currently in the early stages of seeking out a new truck.

Contributed by Dave Chapalez, Fire Chief - St. Claude Fire Department



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2007

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NFPA OFFERS THESE FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING TIPS

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Everyone in the household must understand the escape plan. When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.
- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.
- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road.
- Have everyone memorize the emergency phone number of the fire department. That way any member of the household can call from a neighbor's home or a cellular phone once safely outside.
- If there are infants, older adults,



or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

- If windows or doors in your home have security bars, make sure that the bars have emergency release devices inside so that they can be opened immediately in an emergency. Emergency release devices won't compromise your security - but they will increase your chances of safely escaping a home fire.
- Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one. This is especially important when children are permitted to attend "sleepovers" at friends' homes.
- Be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately. Residents of high-rise and apartment buildings may be safer "defending in place."
- Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If

someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.

Putting your plan to the test

- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.
- Make arrangements in your plan for anyone in your home who has a disability.
- Allow children to master fire escape planning and practice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill.
- It's important to determine during the drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that someone is assigned to wake them up as part of the drill and in a real emergency situation.
- If your home has two floors, every family member (including children) must be able to escape from the second floor rooms. Escape ladders can be placed in or near windows to provide an additional escape

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route. Review the manufacturer's instructions carefully so you'll be able to use a safety ladder in an emergency. Practice setting up the ladder from a first floor window to make sure you can do it correctly and quickly. Children should only practice with a grown-up, and only from a first-story window. Store the ladder near the window, in an easily accessible location. You don't want to have to search for it during a fire.

- Always choose the escape route that is safest – the one with the least amount of smoke and heat – but be prepared to escape under toxic smoke if necessary. When you do your fire drill, everyone in the family should

practice getting low and going under the smoke to your exit.

- Closing doors on your way out slows the spread of fire, giving you more time to safely escape.
- In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home or apartment building. To prepare for an emergency like this, practice "sealing yourself in for safety" as part of your home fire escape plan. Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to seal the door cracks and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can get in. Call the fire department to report

your exact location. Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth

at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.



For more information on the Children's Program or for more Fire Prevention Week ideas and resources please contact Kathy Danino at the Office of the Fire Commissioner at 1-888-253-1488 or email at kathy.danino@gov.mb.ca

NOW ONLINE!

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS – Update, Upgrades & Progression

The Hazardous Materials Awareness course is now available online.

Students may complete the course at their own pace anywhere they have access to the Internet. The course consists of a 6-section audio/visual presentation with self-assessment quizzes at the end of each section. Students who require accredited certification must complete a proctored 50-question written examination, in addition to the online course materials.

To register for the online course, send a completed Course Application Form to the Manitoba Emergency Services College (MESC). Once the application is received, you will receive sign-up information via e-mail.

The course may also be delivered in the traditional classroom facilitation method. The Instructor Lesson Plans and Student Classroom Notes have a new format and instructors who wish to teach the course after September 1, 2007, must complete the online edition of the course as part of their continuing education. Instructor kits will not be sent out to instructors who have not completed the online course. Instructors please note: you do not have to complete the accredited certification exam for this continuing education session. To register for the online course, send a completed Course Application Form to the MESC. Once the form is received, you will receive sign-up information via e-mail.

To register a classroom-facilitated course, complete a course request form and submit to the MESC a minimum of 3 weeks in advance of the course start date. Telephone requests or requests with less than 3 weeks notice will not be accepted.

Written exam proctors will no longer be provided for individual courses. Students must register for written examination dates as found in the MESC Course Catalogue, which is available on our website - www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca

All exam registrations must be received prior to the deadline dates indicated in the Course Catalogue.

If you have any questions, contact the MESC at 1-888-253-1488.

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FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATORS SEMINAR

The 6th Annual Fire and Life Safety Educators Conference will be held in conjunction with the Manitoba Emergency Services Conference on October 11- 13, 2007 in Brandon.

This two day seminar will bring Fire and Life Safety Educators together to learn and network with each other and other Emergency Services Personnel. Fire and Life Safety Educators will have an opportunity to share information, resources and stories with each other.

This year the seminar will consist of the following sessions:

Friday am (8:30 – 12:00)

Brandon Fire Department Rodeo

Enjoy a field trip to a local Brandon school to watch the Brandon Fire Department and Grade 7 & 8 students become familiar with some of the skills and equipment required by firefighters. Some examples of stations: Bucket Brigade Relay, Turnout Gear Relay, Hose Hookup Relay, Dummy Drag Relay, and Tug of War, plus games and activities to help you plan your Fire Prevention Week Campaign.

Friday pm (1:00 – 5:00)

Play Safe! Be Safe! Join Marc

Proulx to learn about a multimedia education program created especially for children aged three to five years old. Developed by BIC Corporation in cooperation with educators and fire safety experts, "Play Safe! Be Safe!" brings a firefighter into the classroom through the power of video to teach

young children the basics of fire prevention and to show them how to respond to specific fire situations.

Everyone attending this session will receive a free kit.

Operation Lifesaver

A member of the CPR Police will present this national public education program sponsored by the Railway Association of Canada and works in co-operation with the Canada Safety Council, provincial safety councils / leagues, railway companies, unions, police and community groups. Its goal is to reduce the needless loss of life, injuries and damages caused by highway / railway crossing collisions and train / pedestrian incidents.

Getting to Know Fire is a fire and life safety education curriculum. It contains pre-made lesson plans, required materials, teaching tips and motivation techniques. Kathy Danino will facilitate a review of the materials within the binder and will provide participants with a copy of a video resource library DVD.

Saturday all day (8:30 – 5:00)

Youth Fire Stop Refresher

Gord Favelle, OFC

Participants will be given the latest information on assessment and effective management of youth fire setters. There will be emphasis on broadening your knowledge base concerning children who set fires. Proven assessment tools and intervention strategies will be



reviewed.

Everyone attending this session will receive a copy of the Office of the Fire Commissioner's "Fire Setting and Youth" book and activity booklet.

Prerequisite: 2 day Youth Fire Stop Course

As always, there will be a fabulous assortment of prizes to be won by participants of this seminar.

Conference brochures and registration forms are now available online at www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca. For more information please contact Kathy Danino, Fire and Life Safety Educator at 1-888-253-1488.

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2006 - 2007

The Office of the Fire Commissioner has been recognizing teachers who implement the instruction of the Learn Not to Burn Curriculum. This year, the award recognized individual teachers for their commitment to making Manitoba a safer place to live, learn, work and play!

- Rose Lukinski, Rossburn Elementary School
- Pam Bowey, Boundary Lane School
- Kim MacMillan, Macneill School in Dauphin
- All Kindergarten to Grade 3 Teachers at Meadows School in Brandon: Mrs. Bowslaugh, Miss Brennand, Mrs. Arnold, Miss Arthur, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Pilloud, Mrs. Burton and Mr. Tockar

Each teacher/school won an award of \$250.00 and free fire safety materials for participating students.

Once again the Teacher of the Year Award will be offered for the 2007-2008 school year. Entries will be mailed out to all Kindergarten to Grade Three Teachers in September. Please continue to encourage your local schools to teach the Learn Not to Burn curriculum and enter to win an award!

For more information please contact Kathy Danino, Fire and Life Safety Educator at 1-888-253-1488 or kathy.danino@gov.mb.ca



Grade One Teacher Rose Lukinski, Ron Denslow OFC and Kelly Slon Rossburn Fire Department and the Students from Rossburn Elementary School

GETTING TO KNOW FIRE

“Getting to Know Fire” is a fire and life safety education curriculum designed to assist fire service personnel in planning and delivering presentations. It comes complete with ready made lesson plans, supporting video and other materials, teaching tips and motivational techniques.

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Upcoming Course Dates

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
2007		
August 20 (Application Deadline)	Fire Inspector Level I (Distance Education) Exam Date: December 11, 2007	Brandon
September 7, 8, 9	Ground Search and Rescue - Team Leader	Grand Rapids
September 7, 8	Conducting Live Fire Scenarios (NFPA 1403)	Brandon
September 10 - 14	Fire Investigation Level I	Winnipeg
September 10 - 14	Hazardous Materials Operations	Brandon
September 14, 15, 16	Fire Ground Management	Thompson
September 14, 15, 16	Ground Search and Rescue - Basic	Ashern
September 17 - 21	Structural Collapse Level I	Brandon
September 18, 19, 20	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering August 28, 2007	Thompson
September 27	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering September 6, 2007	Dauphin
September 24 - 28 and October 1 - 5	Hazardous Materials Technician	Brandon
September 27	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering September 6, 2007	Thompson
September 29, 30	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Thompson
September 28, 29, 30	Fire Fighter Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering September 7, 2007	Brandon
September 28, 29, 30	Emergency Vehicle Skills Driving Instructor	Brandon
October 1 - 5	Incident Safety Officer	Brandon
October 1 - 5	Municipal Building By-Law Administration	Brandon
October 1 - 5	Emergency Services Instructor Level I	Winnipeg
October 1 - 5	Rope Rescue Technician	Brandon
October 4	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering September 13, 2007	The Pas
October 11, 12, 13	Emergency Services Conference	Brandon
October 20, 21	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering September 27, 2007	Selkirk
October 20 (start date)	Emergency Medical Responder	Brandon
October 22 - 26	Part 9: The House - Building Envelope	Brandon
October 22 - 26	Risk Management - An Emergency Services Perspective	Brandon
October 26, 27, 28	Ground Search and Rescue - Basic	McAuley
October 27, 28	Community Trauma Postvention	Winnipeg
November 1	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering October 11, 2007	Brandon

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DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
November 3, 4	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Dauphin
November 3, 4	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering October 12, 2007	Winkler
November 2, 3, 4	Fire Ground Management	Treherne
November 2, 3, 4	Ground Search and Rescue - Basic	Killarney
November 5 - 9	Confined Space Technician	Brandon
November 5 - 9	Part 9: The House - Health & Safety	Brandon
November 5 - 9	Emergency Services Instructor Level II	Winnipeg
November 5 - 9	Incident Command 200, 300	Brandon
November 14	Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) First Responder - Basic	Brandon
November 15	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering October 25, 2007	Selkirk
November 17, 18	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering October 26, 2007	Brandon
November 17, 18	Critical Incident Stress Management - Advanced	Brandon
November 19 - 23	Part 9: The House - Structural Requirements	Brandon
November 23, 24, 25	Fire Ground Management	Morris
November 23, 24, 25	Fire Ground Management	Swan River
November 30, December 1, 2 & December 14, 15, 16	Emergency Services Instructor Level I	Brandon
December 3 - 7	Part 9: The House - HVAC and Fire Protection	Brandon
December 7, 8, 9	Fire Ground Management	Roblin
December 8, 9	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Steinbach
December 20 (Application Deadline)	Fire Inspector Level I (Distance Education) Exam Date: April 8, 2008	Brandon
2008		
January 19, 20	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Austin
January 18, 19, 20	Fire Ground Management	East St. Paul
January 21 - 25	Fire & Life Safety Educator I	Brandon
January 25, 26, 27	Risk Management - An Emergency Services Perspective	Dauphin
January 28 - February 1	Wood Heat Safety	Brandon
February 1, 2, 3 February 8, 9, 10	Fire Department Management	Hartney
February 4 - 8	Part 9: Buildings Plumbing Inspection	Brandon
February 4 - 8	Fire Investigation Level II	Winnipeg
February 9, 10	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	Sandy Lake
February 11 - 14	Provincial Winter Rescue & Survival Exercise	TBA
February 11 - 15	Part 3: Large Buildings - Classification and Construction	Brandon

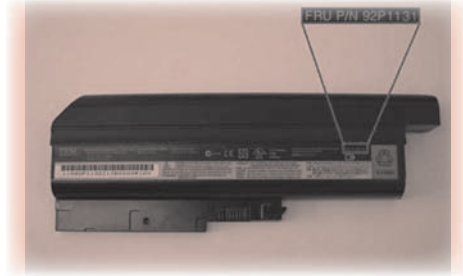
EDUCATION

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
February 11 - 15	Managing Emergency Services	Brandon
February 15, 16, 17	Fire Ground Management	Virden
February 20	Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) First Responder - Basic	Winnipeg
February 25 - 29	Fire Investigation Level I	Brandon
February 25 - 29	Part 3: Large Buildings - Health and Safety Requirements	Brandon
February 25 - 29	Fire Department Management	Thompson
February 29, March 1, 2 March 7, 8, 9	Fire Department Management	Oakbank
March 3, 4, 5	Brandon Career Symposium	Brandon
March 3 - 7	Fire Protection & Emergency Planning	Brandon
March 10 - 14	Part 3: Large Buildings - Life Safety Systems	Brandon
March 14, 15, 16 and March 28, 29, 30	Emergency Services Instructor Level I	Winnipeg
March 25 (Application Deadline)	Fire Inspector Level II (Distance Education) Exam Date: May 13, 2008	Brandon
March 31 - April 4	Report Writing for Fire Investigators	Winnipeg
April 1, 2, 3	Rescue Practices	Brandon
April 3	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering March 13, 2008	Dauphin
April 4, 5, 6	Ground Search & Rescue - Basic	Selkirk
April 7, 8, 9	Winnipeg Career Symposium	Winnipeg
April 10	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering March 20, 2008	Brandon
April 10	MESC Written Exams (Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) Deadline for Registering March 20, 2008	The Pas
April 11, 12, 13	Conducting Live Fire Scenarios (NFPA 1403)	Brandon
April 12, 13	Critical Incident Stress Management - Basic	The Pas
April 11, 12, 13		
April 18, 19, 20	Fire Department Management	Glenboro
April 16	Fire Investigator Accredited Testing Written Exam	Brandon & Winnipeg
April 14 - 18	Managing Human Resources	Brandon
April 19, 20	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering March 28, 2008	Brandon
April 21 - 25 and April 28 - May 2	Hazardous Materials Technician	Brandon
April 25, 26, 27	Ground Search and Rescue - Basic	Cross Lake
April 26, 27	Fire Fighting Level I & II Practical Exam Deadline for Registering April 4, 2008	Selkirk

The Manitoba Emergency Services Course Calendar is also available on the Office of the Fire Commissioner's homepage at www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/home.html

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Lenovo Recalls ThinkPad Notebook PC Extended-Life Batteries Due to Fire Hazard



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: Lithium-ion extended-life batteries used in ThinkPad notebook computers.

Units: About 100,000 battery packs (an additional 105,000 battery packs were sold worldwide)

Battery Distributor: Lenovo (United States) Inc., of Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Battery Manufacturer: Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd., of Japan

Hazard: If the battery in the laptop is struck forcefully on the corner, such as from a direct fall to the ground, the battery pack can overheat and pose a fire hazard to users. This is not an internal battery cell defect.

Incidents/Injuries: Lenovo has received four reports of batteries overheating and damaging the notebook. This caused damage to the notebook computers, minor property damage and, in one case, minor eye irritation to one consumer.

Description: Lenovo sold these extended-life batteries with new ThinkPad notebook PCs or as optional or replacement batteries for the following ThinkPad notebook models: R Series (R60 and R60e), T Series (T60

and T60p) and Z Series (Z60m, Z61e, Z61m, and Z61p). The recalled 9-cell batteries have the following part number, which can be found on the battery label: FRU P/N 92P1131.

Sold through: Lenovo's Web sites, telephone and direct sales, and Lenovo authorized distributors nationwide between November 2005 and February 2007, as an accessory for about \$180, and as part of a ThinkPad notebook computer for between \$750 and \$3,500.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled batteries and contact Lenovo for additional information and to receive a free replacement battery. Consumers should use only ThinkPad batteries obtained from either Lenovo or an authorized reseller.

Consumer Contact: Customers should contact Lenovo at (800) 426-7378 anytime, or log on to www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram to determine if the battery is part of the recall and to order a replacement battery.

Note: In September 2006, Lenovo conducted a recall of batteries manufactured by another firm for a different problem.

Maytag® and Samsung™ Brand Front Loading Washing Machines Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

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

Name of product: Maytag and Samsung Brand Front Loading Washing Machines

Units: About 250,000 Maytag-brand units and about 20,000 Samsung-brand units

Distributor: Maytag Corp., of Newton,

Iowa, and Samsung Electronics America Inc., of Ridgefield Park, N.J.

Manufacturer: Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., of South Korea

Hazard: Water leakage onto the electrical connections to the washing machine's thermal sensor could cause an electrical short and ignite a circuit board, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Maytag has received five reports of incidents involving ignition in the circuit board. Samsung has received one report of an incident involving ignition in the circuit board. No injuries, fires or property damage outside the washing machine have been reported.

Description and Models: The recall involves certain Maytag and Samsung brand front-load washers. The Maytag washers have model numbers beginning with MAH9700 or MAH8700. The Samsung model number WF306BHW or a model number beginning with WF316. Not all serial numbers are subject to the recall. The model and serial numbers are located on a tag at the bottom of the door opening. Maytag models with a serial number ending in the last two letters identified below are subject to the recall:

2005	GA	GC	GE	GG	GJ	GL	GN	GP	GR	GT	GV	GX
2006	JA	JC	JE	JG	JJ	JL	JN					

Sample Maytag Serial Number:
10123456GN

Maytag Washing Machine



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Samsung models with the six-digit number 100001 through 799999 prior to a letter at the end of the serial number are subject to the recall:

Sample Samsung Serial Number:
230854AL300026B

Sold at: Major department and appliance stores nationwide from April 2005 through August 2006 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

Manufactured in: South Korea

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact the firm for information on how to receive a free repair. Consumers should not return the washing machine to the retailer where it was purchased.

Samsung Washing Machine

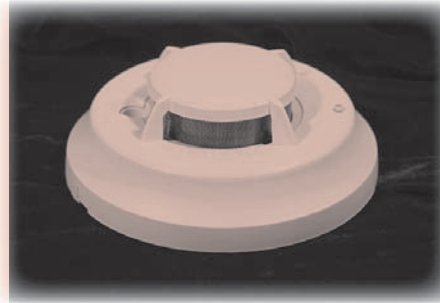


Consumer Contact: For more information, consumers can call Maytag toll-free at (800) 868-5109 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Maytag's Web site at www.washerrecall.com - Samsung customers can call (800) 515-7902 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Samsung's Web site at www.Samsung.com/washerrecall

Maytag Media Contact: Monica Teague, (269) 923-7405 or monica.teague@Whirlpool.com

Samsung Media Contact: Deborah Szajngarten at (201) 229-4090 or dszajngarten@sea.samsung.com

Digital Security Controls Recalls Smoke Detectors that Could Fail to Warn of a Fire



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.

Name of product: Digital Security Controls FSA and FSB Series Smoke Detectors

Units: About 32,000

Distributor: Digital Security Controls, of Toronto, Canada

Hazard: These smoke detectors could fail to reliably detect smoke during a fire.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves Digital Security Controls FSA and FSB series photo-electric smoke detectors. They are wired directly into the building circuitry, and do not use a battery. The dome shaped units have a metal mesh covering around the smoke sensor.

Sold by: Commercial and residential installers nationwide from October 2006 through December 2006 for between \$60 and \$70 per unit.

Manufactured in: Canada

Remedy: Customers should immediately contact their installer to receive a free inspection to determine if their units are included in the recall. If so, they will receive free replacement smoke detectors with installation. Customers also can contact Digital Security Controls for additional

information on how to receive free replacement smoke detectors. Only professional installers should remove and replace these units.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Digital Security Controls toll-free at (877) 666-1250 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.dsc.com

Venmar Ventilation Inc. Recalls Heat Recovery Ventilators Due to Fire Hazard

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: Heat Recovery Ventilators

Units: About 75,000

Manufacturer: Venmar Ventilation Inc., of Quebec, Canada

Hazard: The motors in these units can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

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Incidents/Injuries: Venmar Ventilation has received four reports of ventilator motors overheating resulting in fires causing extensive property damage. One incident in Michigan reportedly resulted in about \$1 million in damages.

Description: Heat Recovery Ventilators are designed to exchange air between the inside and outside of a home in order to provide fresh air. The recall covers units made from 1991 through 2001, and have the following brand names and model numbers:

Brand	Models
Venmar	AEXX, EARC, 1XX, 30X, 40X, 40XXX
Venmar AVS	1.X, 2.X, 30XX, 55XX
Flair	30, 30XX, 55, 55XX, 85115
vānEE	10, 1XX, 100X, 20, 20XX, 30XX, 90
Conformax	300, 350, 400
NuTone	NUTR130
Carrier Bryant	VXXXXXXXXX, ERVXXXXXXXX or HRVXXXXXXXX
Payne Day & Night	VXXXXXXXXX
Heil	HEILXXXXX
York	5263554XXXX
Sears Brand	OPTIMUM
Guardian by Broan	100X, 200X
Rheem Ruud Protech Weatherking	84-ERV100, 84-ERV200, 84-HRV100, 84-HRV200

The model numbers are written on a

silver or black label on the outside of panel. The "X" digit used in the model numbers can be either a letter or a number.

Sold by: Heating, plumbing and building supply distributors nationwide from January 1991 through December 2001 for between \$700 and \$2,500.

Manufactured in: Canada

Remedy: Consumers should immediately turn off and unplug their ventilators, and contact Venmar to receive instructions on how to participate in the recall. Venmar will provide a free safety device that will shut off the ventilator if the motor overheats.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Venmar Ventilation toll-free at (866) 441-4645 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.venmar.ca.

Coby Electronics Recalls Boomboxes Due to Fire Hazard



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: Coby-Brand USB/MP3/CD Boomboxes

Units: About 13,800

Importer: Coby Electronics Corp., of Maspeth, N.Y.

Hazard: When left plugged into an electrical outlet and the off switch is not firmly in place, these boomboxes can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Coby Electronics Corp. has received 18 reports of these boomboxes overheating resulting in three reports of minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled Coby boombox is a portable CD/MP3 player with an AM/FM radio. The USB feature allows it to be connected to a computer. The boombox is primarily white with silver-colored speakers. The word "COBY" is written on the front and "DIGITAL" is written on the top. The model number, "MP-CD475" also is written on the top. The recalled units have serial numbers, located on the rear of the unit beneath the AC power cord plug-in outlet, in the following range limits:

0736000001 through 0736005000
0816000001 through 0816005300
0826000001 through 0826003500

Sold at: Discount, toy and office supply stores nationwide from August 2006 through December 2006 for between \$20 and \$50.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should unplug these boomboxes immediately, and contact the firm for information on returning the recalled units and receiving a refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call Coby Electronics Corp. at (800) 524-9219 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.cobyusa.com

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Acer America Corporation Recalls Notebook Computer Batteries Due to Previous Fires

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Acer America Corporation, today announced a voluntary program for the replacement of certain notebook computer lithium-ion batteries containing Sony-made cells. Consumers should only use the notebook computer using AC power until a replacement battery pack is received.



Name of product: Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries containing Sony-made cells used in Acer notebook computers.

Units: About 27,000

Computer Importer and Distributor: Acer America Corporation, of San Jose, Calif.

Computer Manufacturer: Acer Inc., of Taiwan

Battery Cell Manufacturer: Sony Energy Devices Corp., of Japan

Hazard: The lithium-ion batteries can overheat, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: As announced previously, there have been 16 reports of notebook batteries overheating. These reports were associated with earlier recalls by other notebook computer manufacturers of batteries containing these Sony cells. These previous reports involved only minor property damage and two minor burns. None of these reports involved batteries in Acer notebook computers.

Description: Only lithium-ion batteries with the following part numbers and battery week codes and used in the following Acer notebook models, are included in the recall:

Acer Notebook System Series Beginning with:	Acer Battery Pack No. (Part of Barcode)	Battery Pack Serial Week Code Range (Part of Barcode)	Battery Week Code Range (in front of Barcode)	Battery Week Code Range on Red Sticker
TravelMate 321x	BT00604001			0521-0545
Aspire 980x	BT00804016		63V, 63W, 63X, 63Y	
TravelMate 242x, TravelMate 330x	Aspire 556x BT00604005	601-626		
TravelMate 561x	Aspire 930x, Aspire 941x BT00807010	614-630		
TravelMate C20x	BT00604002		58R-5BZ; 5C1-5C9; 5CA-5CZ; 611-619; 621-629; 62A	
TravelMate 422x, TravelMate 467x	Aspire 560x, Aspire 567x BT00804011			0551-0626
TravelMate 320x	BTT4807001	418-552		

Sold through: Authorized electronics retailers nationwide from May 2004 through November 2006 for between \$500 and \$1,500.

Manufactured in: China and Taiwan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these recalled batteries immediately and contact Acer to receive a free replacement battery. Consumers can continue to use the notebook computers safely by turning the system off, removing the battery, and using the AC adapter and power cord to power the system until the replacement battery is received.

Consumer Contact: For assistance in determining if their battery packs

are covered by this program and to request a free replacement battery pack, consumers can visit the firm's Web site at www.acerbatteryrecall.com/AcerWeb - consumers also can contact Acer toll-free at (800) 503-2330 anytime.

Toshiba Recalls Notebook Computer Batteries Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firms 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: Rechargeable

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lithium-ion batteries containing Sony cells used in Toshiba notebook computers.

Units: About 1,400

Computer Importer: Toshiba America Information Systems Inc., of Irvine, Calif.

Battery Cell Manufacturer: Sony Energy Devices Corp., of Japan

Hazard: The lithium-ion batteries can overheat, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Toshiba has received three reports outside of the United States of notebook batteries overheating. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled lithium-ion batteries were sold with, or sold separately to be used with the following notebook computer models: Satellite A100, Satellite A105 and Tecra A7. The battery model is printed on the battery.

Model	Computer Model Prefix Number (first 2 digits of serial number)	Model Prefix (first 6 characters)	Manufacturing Date Range	Estimated Retail Pricing (when sold)
Satellite A100	16, 26, 36, 46	PSAA0U	January 1, 2006 – April 30, 2006	About \$1,300
Satellite A105	16, 26, 36, 46	PSAA2U PSAA8U PSAA9U	January 1, 2006 – April 30, 2006	About \$1,000
Tecra A7	16, 26, 36, 46	PTA70U PTA71U	January 1, 2006 – April 30, 2006	About \$700

Sold through: Authorized electronics retailers nationwide from January 2006 through April 2006 for between \$680 and \$1,300 for the computer systems and for between \$90 and \$120 when sold separately.

Manufactured in: China (battery packs)

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled batteries and contact Toshiba to receive a free replacement battery. Consumers can continue to use the notebook computers safely, by turning the system off, removing the battery, and using the AC adapter and power cord to power the system until the replacement battery is received. Consumers should use only batteries obtained from Toshiba or from an authorized Toshiba reseller.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Toshiba at (800) 457-7777 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.bxinfo.toshiba.com

UL Warns of Counterfeit Lighting Fixtures



NORTHBROOK, Ill., May 31, 2007 -- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is notifying consumers that lighting fixtures distributed by Whitfield Lighting have not been evaluated for safety by UL and bear counterfeit UL Marks for the United States and Canada.

Units: Unknown quantity

Manufacturer: Unknown

Date of Manufacture: Unknown

Hazard: The lighting fixtures are intended for ceiling mounting and employ insufficient mounting means that may cause the light to fall unexpectedly.

Identification: On the product: The fixture has a counterfeit UL Mark containing the following information:

12/2M E213512

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Identification: On the packaging: The packaging is marked with a counterfeit UL Mark and the following:

Whitfield Lighting Products

Item No: FM412SS

What you should do: UL recommends that users stop using the product immediately and return it to the place of purchase.

Sold at: Known to be distributed by Whitfield Lighting, but may have also been sold by other retailers.

UL Warns of Counterfeit AC Adaptors

NORTHBROOK, Ill., June 7, 2007 - Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is notifying consumers that AC adaptors identified below have not been evaluated for safety by UL and bear a counterfeit UL Mark for the United States and Canada. The adaptors are known to be packaged with massaging chairs and MP3 docking stations.

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or ADAPTOR
CLASS 2 TRANSFORMER
MODEL NO: UP48-2302UT060609R0
INPUT: 120VAC 60Hz 31W
OUTPUT: 12VAC 2000mA
MADE IN CHINA

What you should do: UL recommends that users stop using the product immediately and return it to the place of purchase.

Estes-Cox Radio Control Airplanes with Lithium Polymer Batteries Recalled for Fire Hazard



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: Radio Control Model Airplanes (Models 4153 and 4161) with Lithium Polymer Batteries

Units: About 66,000

Distributor: Estes-Cox Corp., of Penrose, Colo.

Hazard: The airplanes can overheat while recharging the battery, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Estes-Cox has received nine reports of overheating, including one report of a plane catching fire and resulting in a minor burn injury.

Description: This recall involves Sky Squadron Model 4153 (sold at RadioShack) and Sky Rangers Model 4161 (sold at Wal-Mart) radio controlled airplanes with rechargeable lithium batteries. The airplanes have a wingspan of about 18- to 20-inches and a polystyrene foam fuselage. Model 4153 is a blue Corsair single engine airplane with a Number 15 decal and a black and blue transmitter/charger. Model 4161 is a red twin engine plane with an all-black transmitter/charger. The model numbers are on the box and instructions.

Sold at: RadioShack stores nationwide sold the Sky Squadron Airplane from December 2006 through February 2007 for about \$35. Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold the Sky Ranger Airplane from January 2007 through February 2007 for about \$30.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers with the recalled airplanes should stop using them immediately and contact Estes-Cox for instructions on returning the airplane for a replacement product.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Estes-Cox at (800) 576-5811 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.estesrockets.com

Clarion Expands Recall of Vehicle Navigation and Entertainment System Batteries Due to Burn and Fire Hazards

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.

Units: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Date of Manufacture: Unknown

Identification: On the product: Marked with a counterfeit UL Mark and the following information:

AC ADAPTOR
CLASS 2 POWER UNIT
MODEL NO: UP41-1601UT
INPUT: 120VAC 60Hz 18W
OUTPUT: 10VAC 1200mA
MADE IN CHINA
or ADAPTOR
CLASS 2 TRANSFORMER
MODEL NO: UP48-2302UT060609R0
INPUT: 120VAC 60Hz
OUTPUT: 12VAC 2A 24W
MADE IN CHINA 125°C

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Name of Product: N.I.C.E. P200 Navigation and Entertainment Systems

Units: About 1,500 additional units (about 2,500 were recalled in December 2006)

Distributor: Clarion Corp. of America, of Cypress, Calif.

Manufacturer: Kiryung Electronics of Seoul, South Korea

Hazard: The lithium-ion batteries in these units can melt or overheat posing burn and fire hazards to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Clarion has received 15 reports of the units melting or overheating. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The N.I.C.E. P200 is a black portable navigation and entertainment device that can be attached to a vehicle's windshield. The device has a 4-inch touch screen LCD monitor and contains one lithium battery. "Clarion" and "N.I.C.E. P200" are printed on the device. "Clarion NAVBATTERY" is printed on the battery. The recall includes any N.I.C.E. P200 in which batteries were previously replaced.

Sold at: Car audio and mobile electronics stores nationwide from May 2006 through August 2007 for a suggested retail price of \$800.

Manufactured in: South Korea

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled batteries immediately and contact Clarion Corp. for a full refund, information on

returning the product, and a postage paid envelope to return the product.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Clarion Corp. at (800) 347-8667 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT, email parts@clarion.com, or visit the firm's Web site at www.clarion.com

International Home Fashions and Bilt-Safe Technologies Recall "Classic Beautyrest" Electric Throws Due to Fire Hazard



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: Classic Beauty Rest Electric Warming Throws

Units: About 37,100

Importer: International Home Fashions Inc. (and sister company Bilt-Safe Technologies), of Black Mountain, N.C.

Manufacturer: Ningbo Veken Elite International Trading Company Ltd., of China

Hazard: Bunching, folding or tucking of these electric throws can cause them to overheat, resulting in smoldering, melting, fire and burn hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: Bilt-Safe has received 38 reports of the throws

overheating, including at least 15 reports of fires and four reports of consumers suffering blistering or minor burns to the hand, leg and back.

Description: This recall involves 52-inch by 62-inch electric warming throws. The 100% acrylic throws were sold in various colors and patterns and have model number BST-06-THR. The model number is located on the care label sewn into the throw. "Classic Beautyrest" and "Automatic Electric Warming Throw" is printed on the product's packaging. Model numbers with the following date codes are included in this recall: B00106 through B36506. Bilt-Safe Technologies, Inc. and the date code are printed on the bottom of the care label.

Sold at: Kmart, the Fingerhut catalogs and the LTD Commodities LLC Web site from August 2006 through February 2007 for about \$30.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the electric throws and contact International Home Fashions for information on where to return a portion of the power cord to receive two replacement (non-electric) throws. Consumers should not return the throws to the retailer where purchased.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact International Home Fashions at (800) 905-0799 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.intlhomefash.com

STAFF UPDATE

Farewell to Ken Swan. Ken has been with the Office of the Fire Commissioner for approximately ten years. He has played an integral part of this office as a Fire Investigator. Ken has been involved with the ARSON STRIKE FORCE since it's inception in 1998. Ken has also been responsible for the development and delivery of the 1033 Fire Investigator Program for the office which is recognized across Canada. He has mentored many new and upcoming Investigators not only in Manitoba but across Canada. Ken will be joining a private firm out of Ontario and establishing an office in Winnipeg. We wish Ken all the best in his future endeavors.

Welcome to Josh McCreery who joined the Maintenance Section of the Office of the Fire Commissioner in the Brandon Office on March 19, 2007. Welcome Josh!

Welcome to Dennis Friesen. Dennis has joined the College Section of the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Dennis comes to us from Steinbach Fire & Rescue as well as W.S. Machining and Fabrication.

Welcome to Craig Knight who has joined the College Section of the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Craig comes to the Office from Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton Alberta and will be taking on the role of Instructor with the Public Fire Paramedic Program. Craig's roots are in Manitoba originally so welcome home Craig!

Farewell to Brenda Hollier who retired at the beginning of August 2007. Brenda has been a loyal and valuable employee with the Province of Manitoba for over 27 years, the latter with the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Congratulations Brenda! Enjoy your retirement.

Welcome to Rodney McDonald who has recently joined the Office of the Fire Commissioner as Manager of Building Policy and Sustainability. Rodney is responsible for implementing minimum requirements for water & energy efficiency in the building code as well as leading the implementation of the Green Building policy.

Welcome to Paige Dimayuga. Paige has joined the Statistical area of the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Paige is diligently learning the Fire Reporting System and how the Manitoba Fire Service's reporting procedures incorporate into the Provincial Fire Reporting System's database. She has a background in marketing that will compliment her ability to analyze and illustrate the type of information the Office collects.

Welcome to Michelle Clark who has joined the Office of the Fire Commissioner in Brandon as an Administrative Assistant. Michelle came to us from Cando Contracting Ltd. Welcome Michelle!



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