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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 4 – 10, 2009
“STAY FIRE SMART – DON’T GET BURNED”

Unattended cooking, smoking, candles and faulty electrical connections are just some of the leading causes of home fires in Canada. October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week, and this year’s theme, “Stay Fire Smart-Don’t Get Burned” reminds Canadians about the importance of fire safety education.

“Most of the fires that occur in the home are preventable,” says Brampton Fire Chief Andy MacDonald. “It is important that Canadians educate themselves about the risks, and take the steps to protect their families and homes. This will save lives.”

Brampton Fire Safety Events

Brampton’s Fire and Emergency Services is hosting a week-long series of seminars and activities to help educate residents about fire safety in the home. The events take place at Shoppers World Mall, located at Steeles and Main St. in Brampton.

Through interactive displays and information booths, visitors can learn about fire hazards, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and how to develop a family fire escape plan.

On Wednesday October 7, from 10 am to noon, a seniors’ seminar will teach seniors about fire safety. It will also focus on frauds and scams, and frequently asked questions about diabetes. Throughout the week, Brampton children, ages 7 to 12 years old, can enter a contest to become “Fire Chief for a Day”. They may also win an MP3 player and ride on a fire truck.

For more information on Brampton’s Fire Prevention Week activities, call 905-458-5580 or visit <http://www.brampton.ca/fire/index.html>

Fire Prevention Week is an initiative of Fire Prevention Canada, a non-profit organization that is the national voice of fire prevention and education in Canada.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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