

Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)

Quarterly Progress Report - Includes April to June 2012

Activities April 1 to June 30, 2012

- Priority inspections continued for elementary schools. As of June 30, 2012, all of the 132 elementary schools (100%) have been inspected by the OFM (see updated list).
- Completed 2011/2012 audits of the schools randomly selected by the Department of Education.
- Activity Reports for March, April and May from the Deputy Fire Marshals include 411 inspections and 30 investigations.
- The OFM received and reviewed reports from the Department of Health and Wellness related to hospital inspections; an action plan is in place to address noted deficiencies.
- A Quality Assurance and Quality Control Process were developed (AG Recommendation 6.7).
- External IT consultants gathered and prioritized business requirements for the operations of the OFM and to address the AG's recommendations.
- The OFM continues to share information and work with its stakeholders; this quarter updates were provided to FIANS (Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia) and AMANS (Association of Municipal Administrators' of Nova Scotia). Two meetings were also held with the municipalities working group.

Anticipated activities for July 1 to September 30, 2012

- Appoint a permanent Fire Marshal.
- Release Annual Report for the OFM.
- Inspections on the remainder of the schools will begin and a Deputy Fire Marshal has been assigned to do this work.
- Continue meetings with other government departments and key stakeholders.
- Review the report/recommendations from the IT consultants including a Fit Gap analysis and suggested enhancements to the current IT system at the OFM.
- Present an update at the UNSM fall conference in September 2012.