

Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)

Quarterly Progress Report - Includes January to March 2012

Activities January 1 to March 31, 2012

- Priority inspections continue for schools. As of March 31, 2012, 103 of the 132 elementary schools (78%) have been inspected by the OFM.
 - School audits continued with acting Fire Marshal conducting audits at schools randomly selected by the department of Education. 11 schools were audited.
- Activity Reports for December, January and February from the Deputy Fire Marshals include 321 inspections and 36 investigations.
- Completed remaining hospitals requiring inspections as part of the OFM's priority inspection plan.
- Developed orientation program for Deputy Fire Marshals and policy for the minimum requirements including considerations for individual training programs.
- Drafted and distributed Risk Evaluation Framework to stakeholder groups.
- Developed procedures that will document and track the investigation and resolution of fire safety related complaints received by the OFM.
- External IT consultants have begun to gather detailed business requirements to address the operations of the OFM, the Auditor General's recommendations and the current information system.

Anticipated activities for April 1 to June 31, 2012

- Complete inspections of remaining elementary schools.
- Post permanent Fire Marshal position for competition.
- Release Annual Report for the OFM.
- Continue meetings with other government departments and key stakeholders.
- Present an update on progress with the Auditor General's recommendations at the Spring meeting of the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia.
- Complete a draft definition of the minimum requirements for an appropriate system of inspection and review it with municipal working group in April.