

Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)

Quarterly Progress Report – July to September 2012

Activities July 1-September 30, 2012

Priority Inspections continue with middle and senior high schools being inspected as well as continuing with follow up inspections of the elementary schools.

Activity Reports for June, July and August from the Deputy Fire Marshals include 358 Inspection and 54 investigations.

The external review of our IT business requirements for operations has been received and is currently being reviewed.

The OFM continues to work with its stakeholders and have made a presentation on September 20, 2012, to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to outline a proposed work plan to meet the requirements of the OFM related to monitoring of municipalities (recommendations of the AG Report 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11).

Following a competition for the position for Fire Marshal, Minister More announced that Harold Pothier was the successful candidate and was appointed Fire Marshal.

The Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Marshal has been completed and will be posted in the near future (mid November).

Anticipated activities for October to December 2012.

The OFM will continue to work with stakeholders to commence the implementation of a phased in approach for addressing the recommendations related to the monitoring of municipalities.

The OFM will deliver a presentation to the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia in October 2012, outlining the phased in approach for addressing the recommendation related to the monitoring of municipalities.

The OFM and Department of Education will commence audits of the schools fire safety inspections program.