

Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM)

Monthly Progress Report for October 2011

Activities October 1 to October 31, 2011

- Priority inspections continue for hospitals and schools.
 - Two more hospitals inspected - Bayview Memorial Health Centre and South Cumberland Community Care Centre.
 - 30 elementary schools in CBRM inspected.
 - School audits underway with the acting Fire Marshal to conduct audits at schools randomly selected by Department of Education. In October, 4 schools were audited in HRM.
- Activity Reports for September from the Deputy Fire Marshals include 151 inspections and 19 investigations.
- Questionnaire developed and circulated that will help determine the current system of inspection, including inventory, in the province's municipalities.
- Various legislative requirements for inspections by the OFM (i.e. Homes for Special Care Act) have been reviewed and development of a plan underway to ensure compliance.
- Inspection guidelines have been developed and distributed to all Deputy Fire Marshals.

Anticipated activities for November 1 to November 30, 2011

- Continue priority inspections of schools and hospitals.
- First meeting of the municipalities working group (Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia, the Fire Inspector Association of Nova Scotia, and the Office of the Fire Marshal)
- Continue meetings with other government departments and key stakeholders.