

Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM)

Monthly Progress Report for September 2011

Activities September 1 to September 30, 2011

- Priority inspections continue for hospitals and schools.
 - Two hospitals inspected this month – Cobequid Community Health Centre and North Cumberland Memorial Hospital. Six of 18 hospitals now inspected.
 - Inspections of schools in the Cape Breton region are underway. All 33 elementary schools in the Annapolis Valley Regional and Tri-County school boards have been inspected.
 - School audits have begun where schools are randomly selected in cooperation with the Department of Education. The audits involve the fire marshal reviewing a school's fire and safety plan.
- Activity reports for August from the Deputy Fire Marshals include 136 inspections and 17 investigations.
- The *Review of Response to Nova Scotia Auditor General Report*, an independent and critical assessment by Deloitte, has been posted on our website. (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/publicsafety/OFMProgress.asp>)
- The *Annual Report for the Office of the Fire Marshal, 2010-11* has now been posted on our website. (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/publicsafety/OFMProgress.asp>)
- The Inspection Checklist has been finalized (Recommendation 6.20) and arrangements are being made for production and distribution.

Anticipated activities for October 1 to October 30, 2011

- Continue priority inspections of schools and hospitals.
- Interviews continue for a Deputy Fire Marshal position in Sydney.
- Continue meetings with other government departments and key stakeholders.