



**SERVICE D'INCENDIE
BEAUBASSIN-EST
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PRESS RELEASE

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Beaubassin-est Firefighters take advantage of Fire Prevention Week to remind residents to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”

The Beaubassin-est Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”. This year, the week is October 3 to 9, and the campaign works to educate everyone to take simple, but important actions to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Beaubassin-est Council and Fire Department are working in collaboration with the RCMP and Fire Marshal to ensure public safety in the community. Meetings were held recently in order to find effective solutions and minimize the risk of future fires. Investigations are continuing following fires in smokehouses and community residences, and people are being asked to adopt certain prevention practices, such as keeping outdoor lights on at night.

The population is also asked to report without delay any information concerning suspicious activities. Even if you believe that this information is not directly related to the recent fires, the information could allow investigators to follow a new lead that would allow progress in the current investigations. You can contact the Shédiac Detachment RCMP at 506-533-5151 or, anonymously, through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by downloading the secure P3 Mobile App, or by Secure Web Tips at www.crimenb.ca.

And rest assured that any information provided will be received anonymously and that the source will be kept strictly confidential. People are also asked to avoid the site of the fires so as not to interfere with the investigations. "People must be very vigilant and be on the lookout for dangerous situations that could start fires," said the Mayor of Beaubassin-est, Louise Landry. "We all play a role in protecting our community and I would like to thank the volunteer firefighters of the Beaubassin-est brigade, as well as those of the Cap-Pelé and Shédiac Fire Departments who serve our territory".

The Beaubassin-est Fire Department has 23 active Firefighters: Gaétan LeBlanc, Fire Chief, Serge LeBlanc, Deputy Chief, Philippe LeBlanc, Stéphane LeBlanc and Dennis Metcalfe, Captains, and Ryan Richard, Fire Prevention Officer, as well as Jean-Marc Boudreau, Ghislain Donelle, Eric Doucet, Pierre Gallant, Charles Gautreau, Pierre Gautreau, Samuel Hebert, Roger Landry, Denis LeBlanc, Jamie LeBlanc, Francine Léger, Remi Léger, Gary Metcalfe, Lisa Metcalfe, Jacques Ouellette, Marc-André Richard and Martin Richard.

To educate young people about the importance of fire prevention, Beaubassin-est Firefighters are organizing draws for prizes at the Père-Edgar-T.-LeBlanc school in Grand-Barachois. Prizes (smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fire engine toys) will be awarded in every class and even among school staff.

Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action. Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online. Here are safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety":

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more information regarding the Beaubassin-est Fire Department or Fire Prevention, contact the brigade at 532-5628 or send an email at beaubassinfd@gmail.com. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention, visit www.gnb.ca/fire, www.nfpa.org and www.fpw.org.

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