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Make the grade and test your smoke alarms today! *Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month!*

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Fire Prevention Week is October 5 – 11, 2014. This year's theme is "***Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month***".

To increase the chances of surviving a fire, Welland Fire and Emergency Services is reminding everyone in our community to test their smoke alarms today and monthly! "Only **working smoke alarms save lives**, so make sure to test all of your smoke alarms," says Denys Prevost, Fire Chief. "It is one of the easiest tests you'll ever take!"

Ontario law requires that working smoke alarms be located on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Welland Fire and Emergency Services recommends the following smoke alarm and safety tips:

- Test smoke alarms monthly. Consider vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbours who may need assistance maintaining and testing their smoke alarms – let's make sure to test theirs too!
- Change the batteries once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms after 10 years.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

To get more information about smoke alarms visit the City of Welland website at www.welland.ca/Fire or the Province's website at www.ontario.ca/firemarshal. If you need assistance testing your smoke alarms, or still have questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at 905-735-9922 Ext. 231. We will be happy to assist you!

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