

PVFD to Host October 13 Community Open House for Fire Prevention Week

Parksville, BC: The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will open its doors to the public on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am to 3 pm to recognize Fire Prevention Week.

Members of the community are encouraged to drop by for a little fun and most importantly, to learn some possible lifesaving strategies for fire prevention. The department's firefighters will be on site providing tours of the station, including trucks and equipment. Join your local firefighters for a day of fun and activities, tour the new fire hall, sit in the trucks and try on some gear. Don't forget to bring your camera.

The Fire Prevention Week theme for this year is "**Have Two Ways Out**[®]" which underscores the importance of making Canadians aware of the simple preventative measures they can take to prevent disaster from occurring to them. Statistics reveal that most fires are caused by careless behavior.

The Parksville Fire Department would like families to focus on protecting your family from fire by planning ahead and integrating a few simple fire safety behaviours into everyday lives. By paying attention and eliminating potential fire hazards in your home, you can make a difference that will prevent or reduce fire related injuries, deaths and property damage.

"This open house is an opportunity to showcase the services we provide to the community and for our department to provide fire safety information to our residents," said Fire Chief Doug Banks.

The open house will take place at the fire station which is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West, Parksville. Fire Prevention Week runs from October 7 to October 13.

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