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## PVFD to host Fire Prevention Week open house on October 6

**Parksville, BC:** The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will open its doors to the public on Sunday, October 6 from 10 am to 2 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 and the RCMP will be on hand to check car seats. Don't forget to bring your camera.

The theme for this year is "Prevent Kitchen Fires@" which underscores the importance of making people aware that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home and how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place.

The Parksville Fire Department would like families to focus on preventing 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 hall which is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West, Parksville. Fire Prevention Week runs from October 6 to October 12.

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## For more information:

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