

## STAYING ALIVE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

In the early morning of March 28, 1998 in Winnipeg's North End, 5 year old Laura's tiny body was found lying under her bed; the only indication -- her small foot showing. We rescued her from her burning house, 2 days later Laura had succumbed to smoke inhalation. Even though Laura's life was taken too soon; little did I know what an impact she would have on my life!





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## INTRODUCING



## FIREFIGHTER TRAINING IN KINGFISHER LAKE FIRST NATIONS



































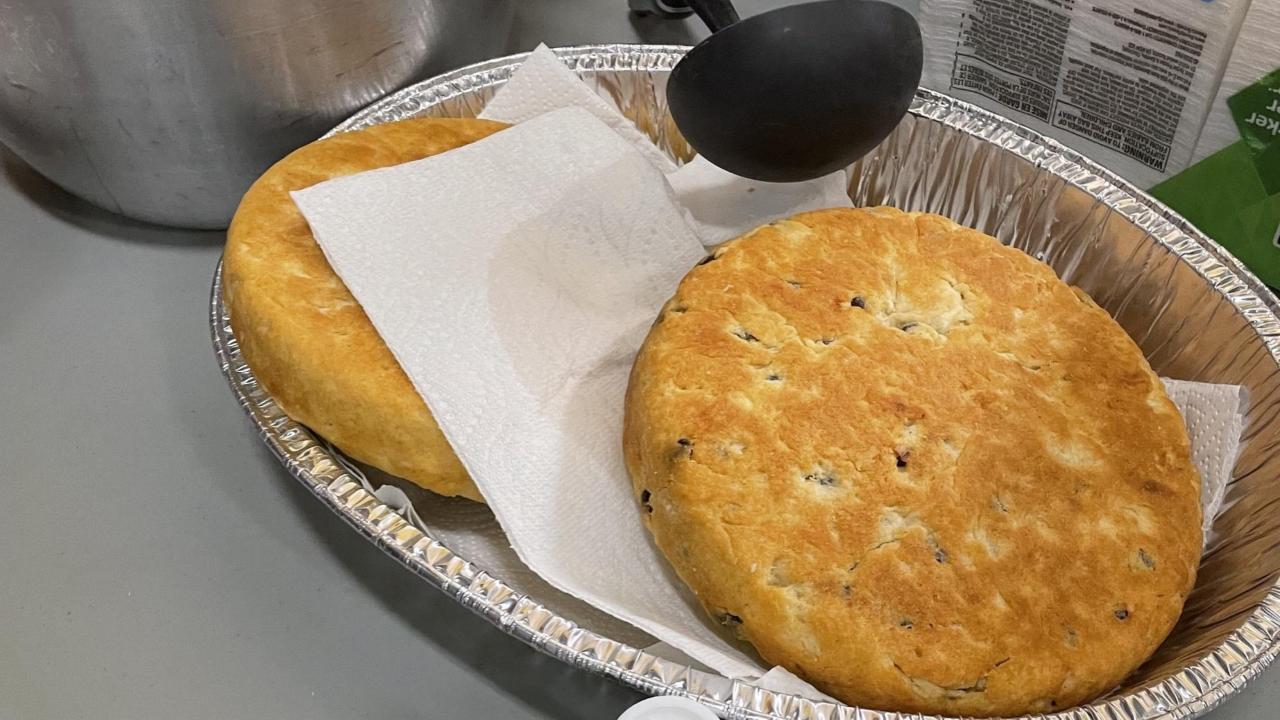


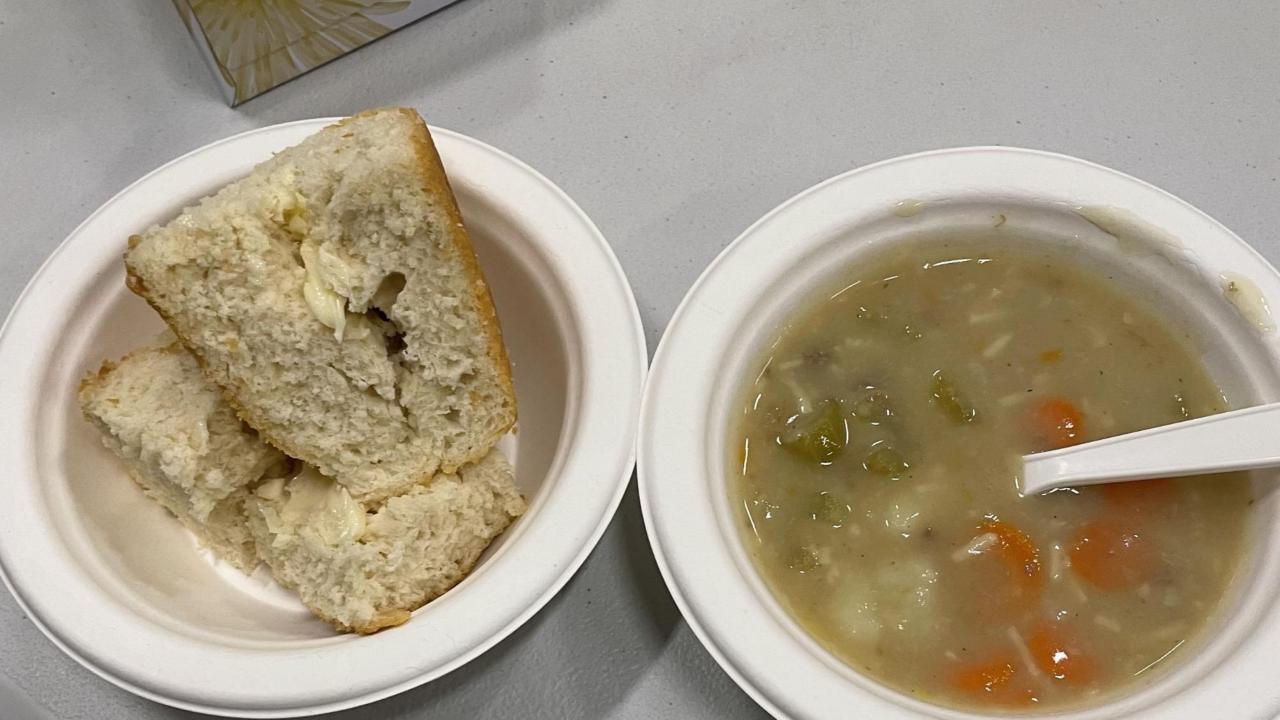
## KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATIONS OCT 2024



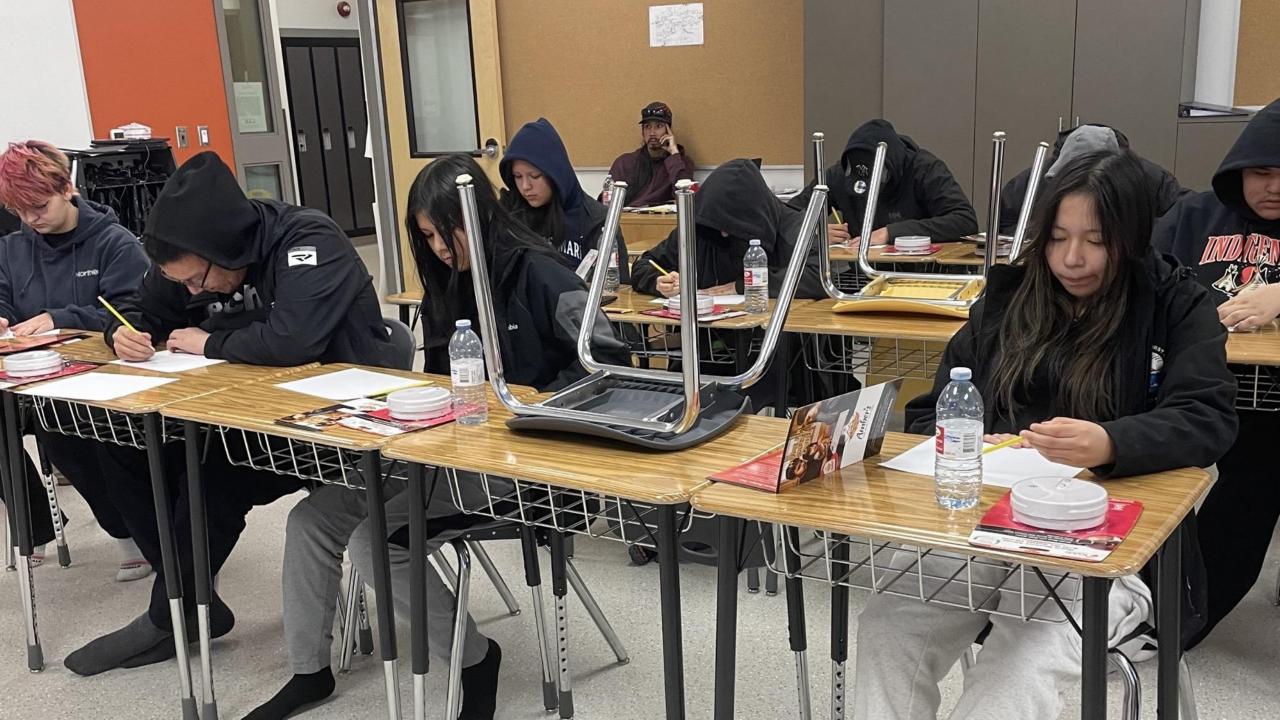


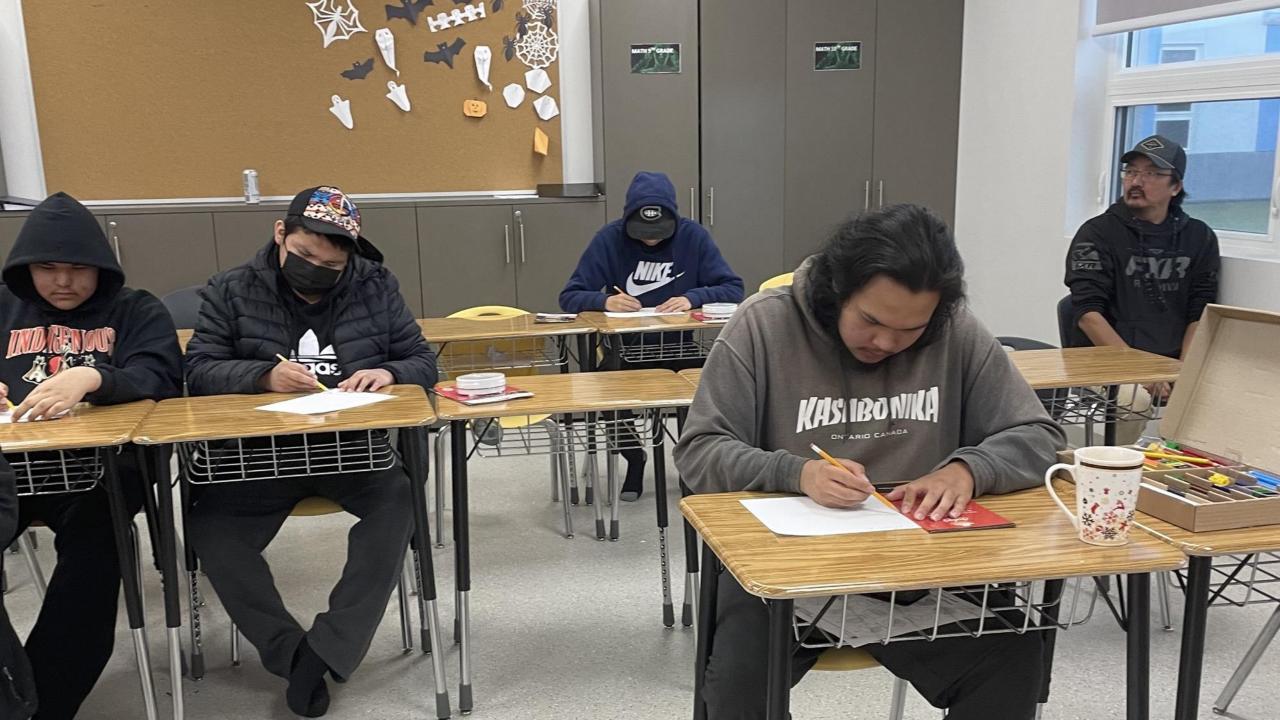


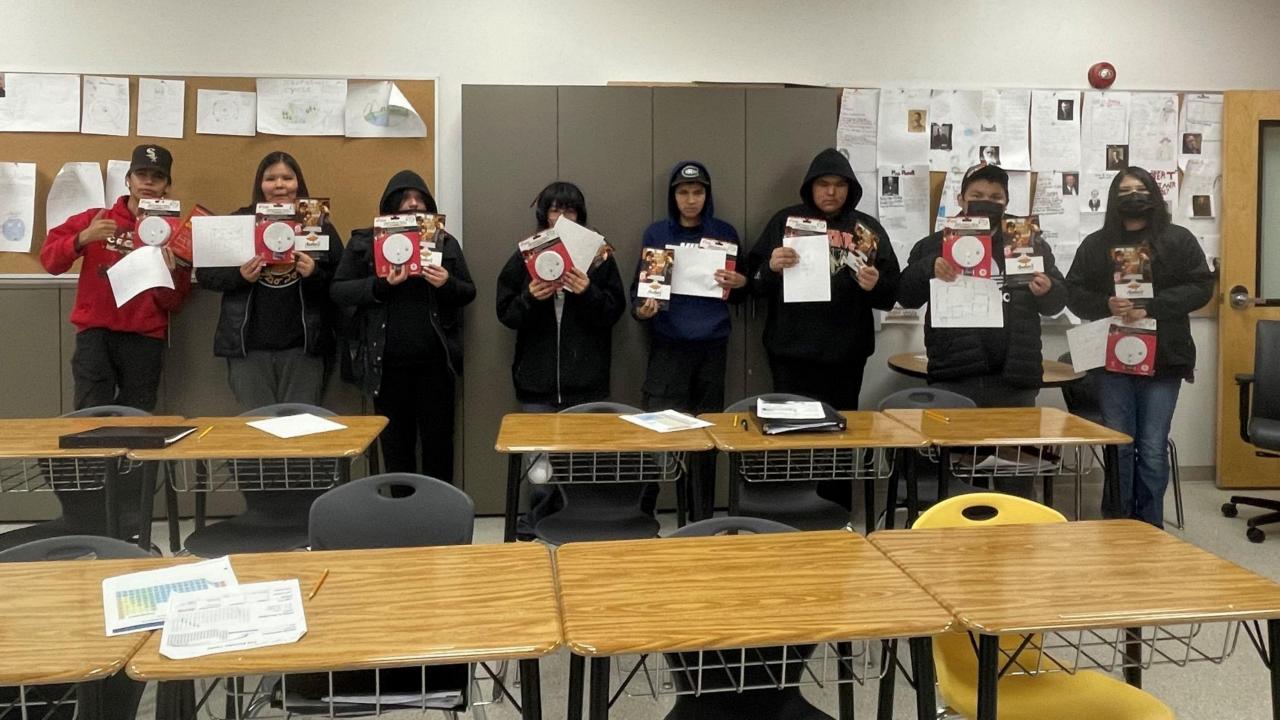


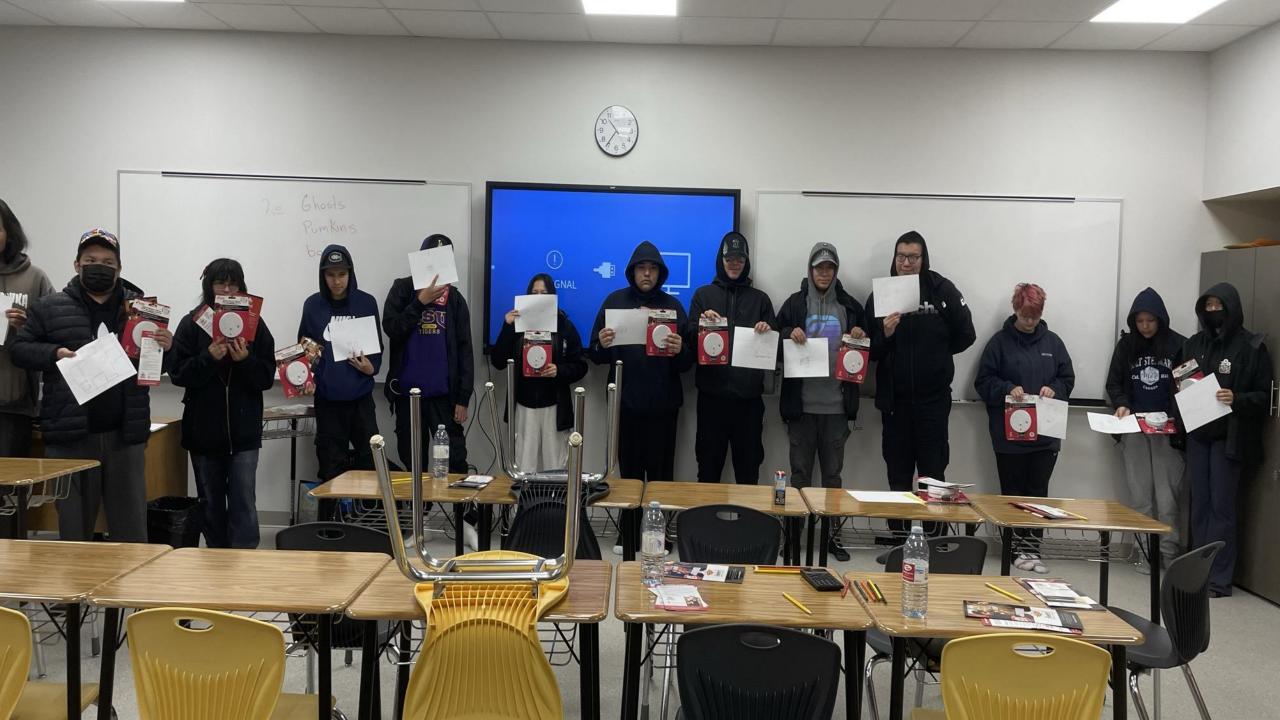








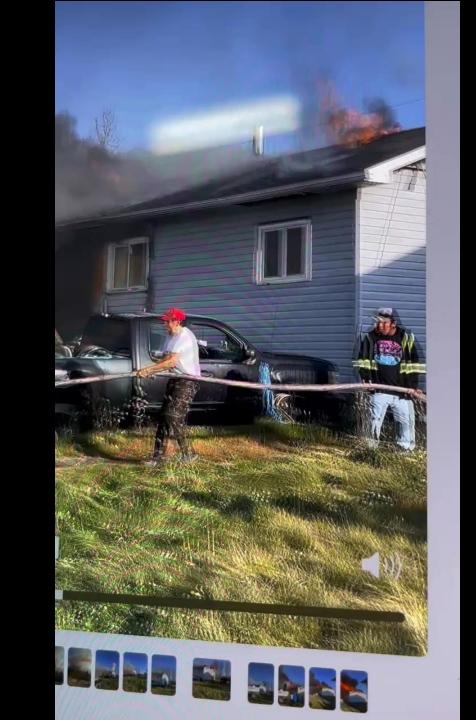










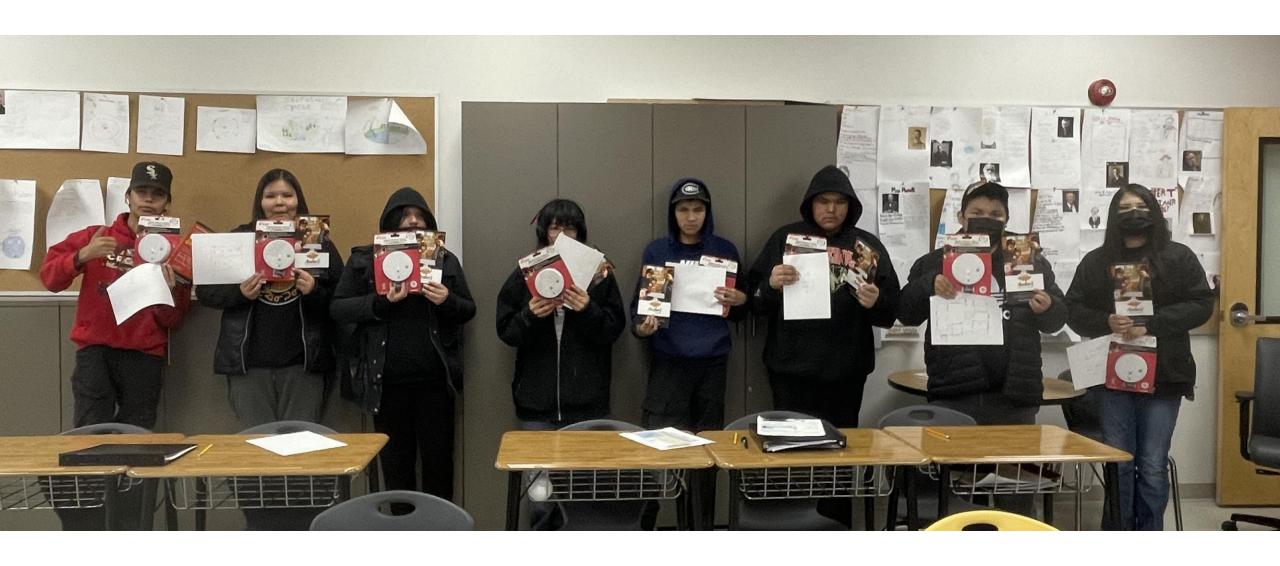


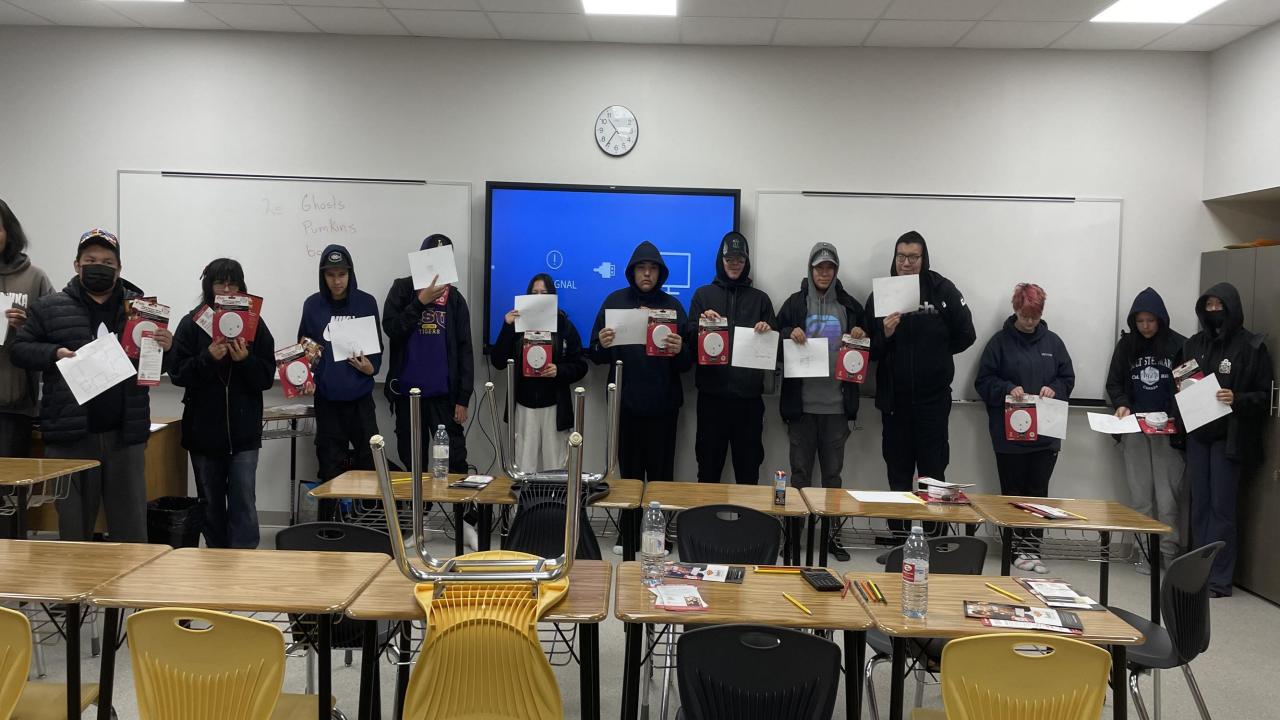












## **KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATIONS MAY 2025**













## **CAT LAKE FIRST NATIONS**

































## **WAPEKEKA FIRST NATIONS**



























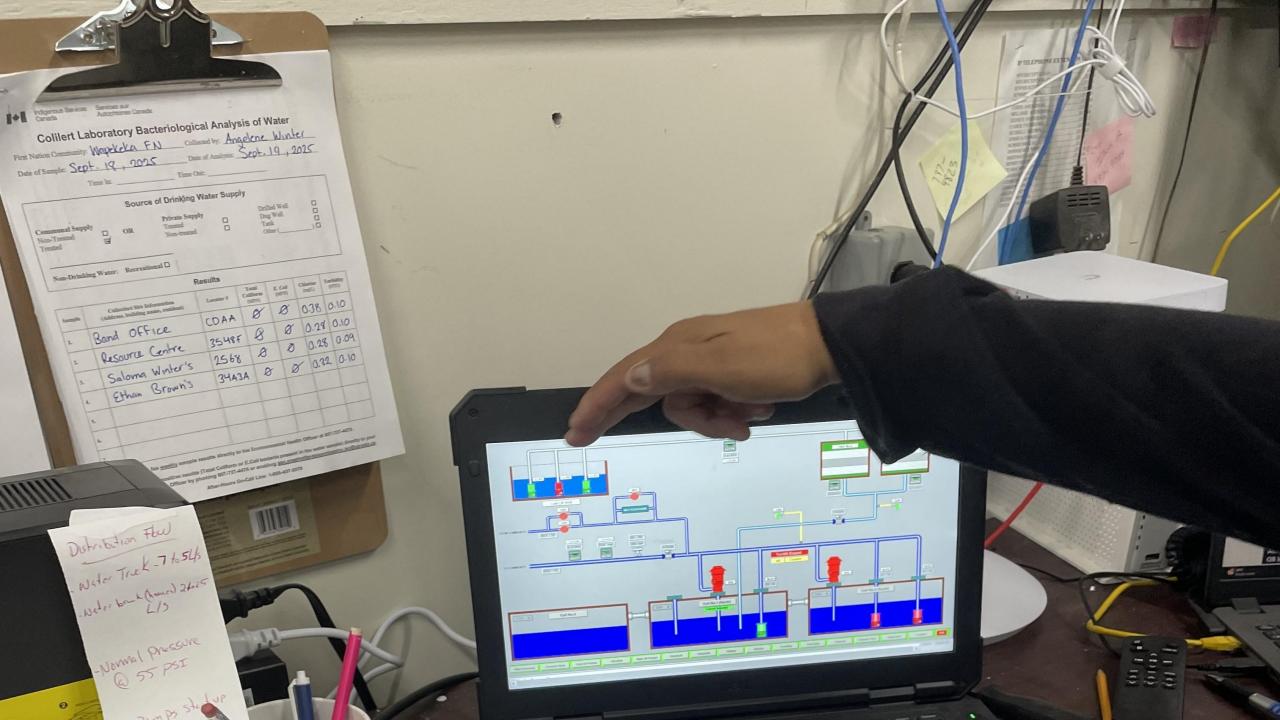






















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#### Background

- Launched in May 2016 to improve fire safety and fire protection in NAN First Nations
- Named in memory of Amber Strang, youngest victim of Pikangikum house fire on March 26, 2016
  - 9 members of family died
- Four pillars: Education, training, partnerships, capacity building



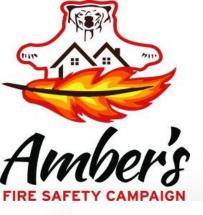
In a news release, Ontario Provincial Police identified the victims as:

Dean Strang, 51 Sylvia Peters, 41 Ireland Peters, 4

Annette Strang, 49 Dietrich Peters, 35 Aubree Strang, 2

Gilbert Strang, 31 Faith Strang, 24 Amber Strang, 5 months





Marten Falls
Big Trout Lake (KI)
Sandy Lake

Sachigo Lake Fort Hope Muskrat Dam Kasabonika Lake North Spirit Lake

Cat lake Deer Lake Wunnumin Lake Webquie Kingfisher Lake Wapekeka

Summer Beaver Fort Severn Peawanuck Slate Falls

# TRAVEL TO NORTHERN COMMUNITIES











#### **Woodstoves**

Creosote Buildup

Carbon Monoxide

Burning treated wood or cardboard products

Lack of woodstove training for home owner/tenant

#### **Electric heaters**

Baseboard heaters condensation from windows

Portable heaters

#### Extinguishers

Escape plan

**Smoke Alarms** 

Nuisance

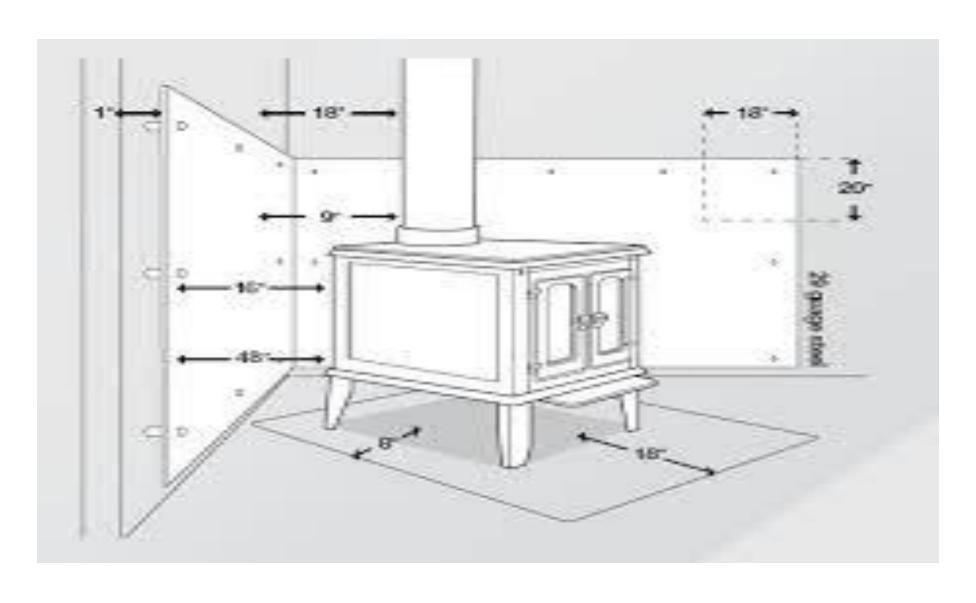


#### Sandy Lake Woodstove Installations

45 woodstoves installed

65 woodstoves were installed in KI within the next 2 years

### **INSTALLING A WOODSTOVE**















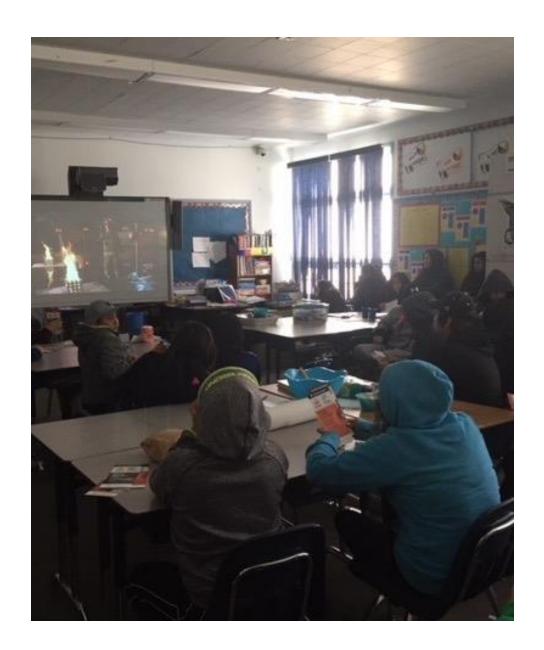
# FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION













### HIGH SCHOOL SMOKE ALARM WORKSHOP IN KI



**FIRST NATIONS** RESIDENTS **ARE 10 TIMES MORE LIKELY** TO DIE IN A HOUSE FIRE.

British Columbia and Manitoba had the highest percentage of First Nation sites with little to no fire protection while First Nations in Atlantic Canada had the most sites with adequate service.

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"The report found that fire incidence rates for First Nations are 2.4 times higher than for the rest of Canada. First Nations residents are also 10 times more likely to die in a house fire.

The victims are often young children.

Stat info from

CHINTA PUXLEY

WINNIPEG

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PUBLISHED DECEMBER 21, 2015 UPDATED MAY 16, 2018

A mother and her four children died following a house fire in the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, also known as the Big Trout Lake First Nation.



Top row, left to right:
Geraldine Chapman, 47,
Angel Kenisha Mckay, 12,
Karl Jovon Cutfeet, 9, Thyra
Chapman, 19,

Bottom row, left to right: Hailey Ocean Jenna Chapman, 7 and Shyra Shadara Taylor Bella Chapman, 6 **SMOKE** INHALATION CAUSE OF 5 FIRE DEATHS IN NORTHERN **ONTARIO FIRST NATION** 



### WHERE HOME WAS



### **GRAVE SITE**



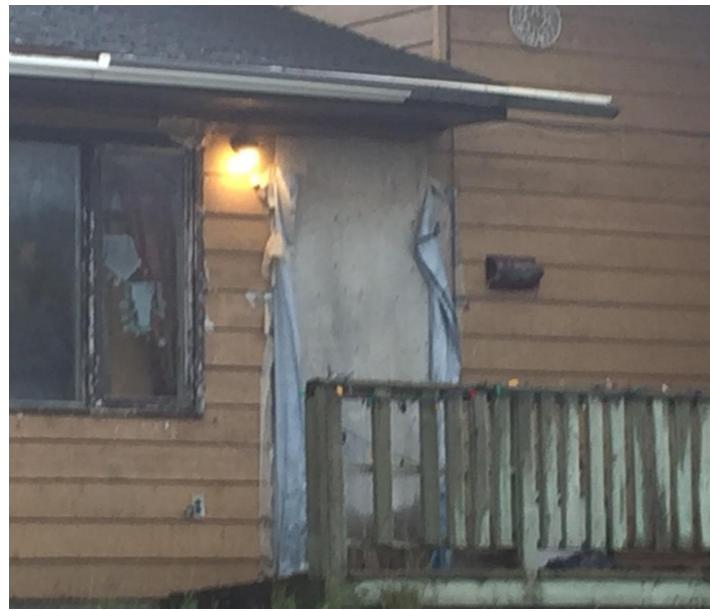
### TYPICAL OCCURRENCE OF DOORS SEALED SHUT





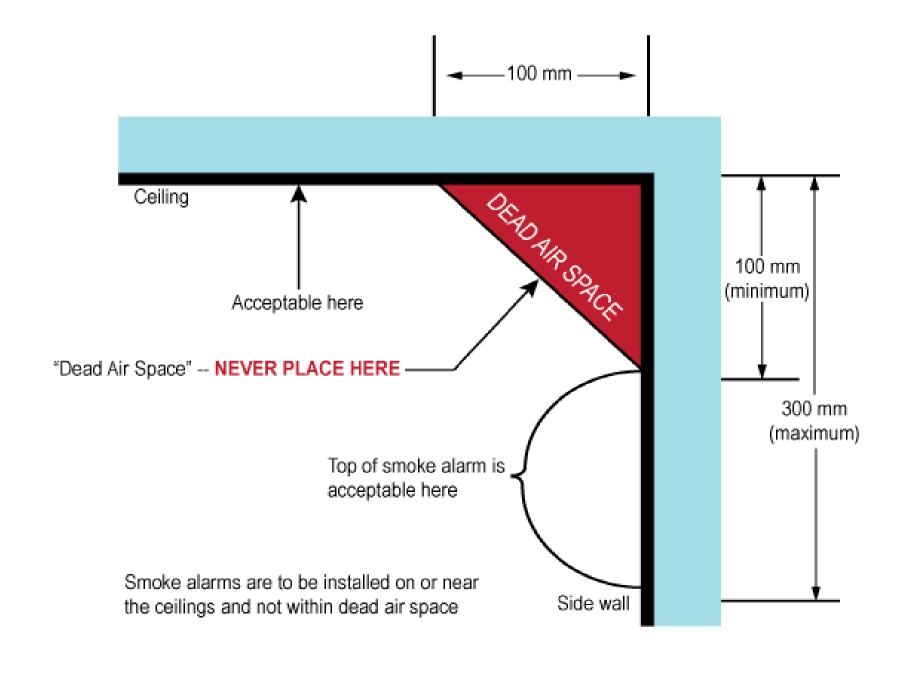












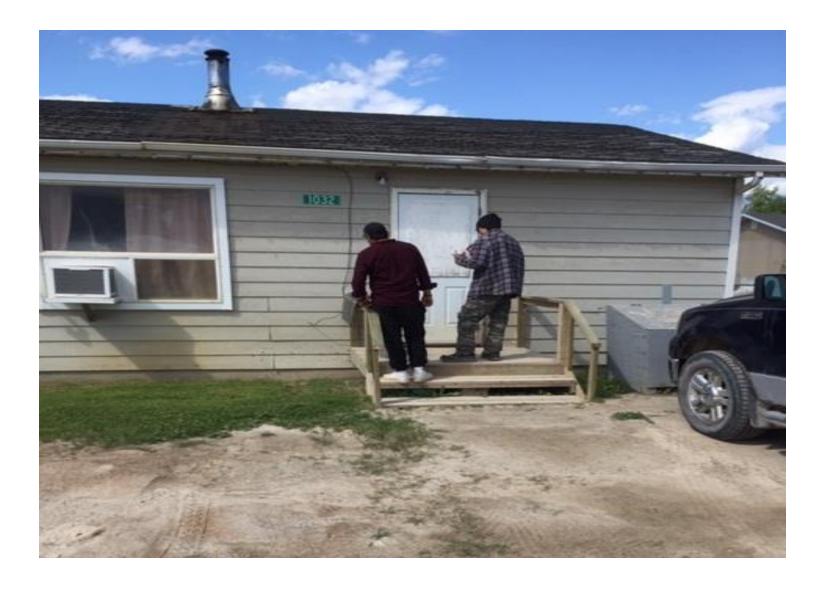
**VOLUNTEERED TO TRAIN LOCAL RESIDENTS ON HOW TO INSTALL HUSH FIRE ALARMS** 



#### 700 SMOKE ALARMS SHIPPED TO KI



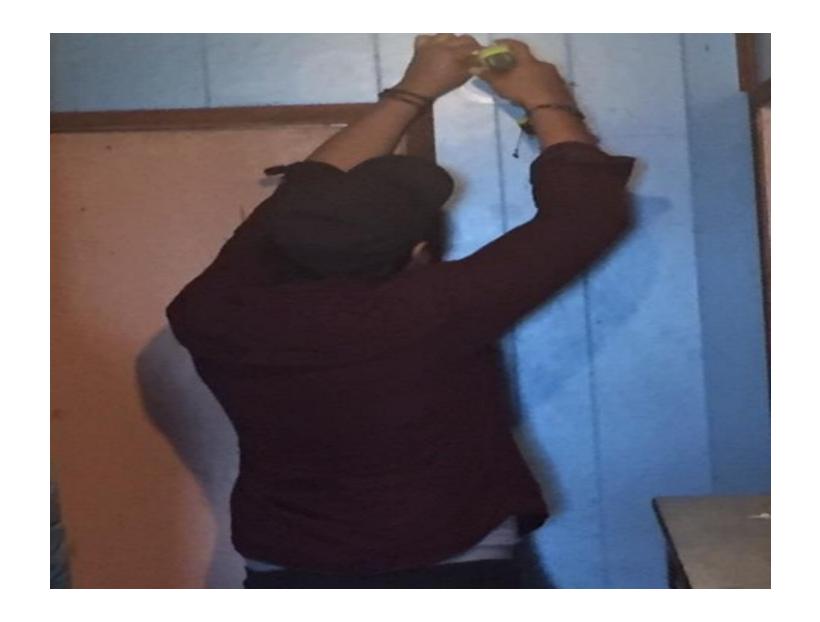
#### GOING DOOR TO DOOR



#### EXPLAINING HOW SMOKE ALARM WORKS



#### INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS



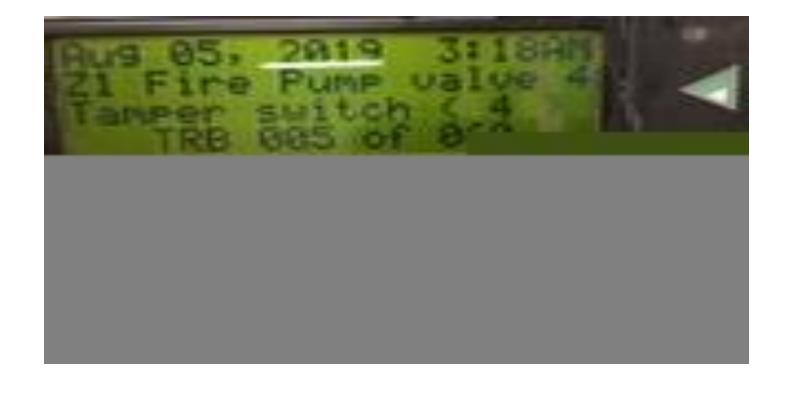
#### INSTALLED SMOKE ALARMS



## SMOKE ALARMS IN THE COMMUNITY



SCHOOLS
NEED TO
KEEP UP TO
FIRE
STANDARDS











C3 Fire Prevention in Remote Communities, including First Nations Shane Ferguson, Manager Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training, Fire Safety Consultant for Amber's Fire Safety Campaign House fires today leave our remote communities unprepared and unprotected due to the absence of fire safety education and training. As recently as this past May a Mother and her 4 children perished needlessly in a house fire in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug or Big Trout Lake First Nation. This breakout presentation will review the opportunities and challenges around ensuring the proper placement and installation of smoke alarms in remote communities.

#### RADIO FIRE SAFETY MESSAGES

Draft Radio Interview Script; 10 min duration

#### Boozhoo, wachiya!

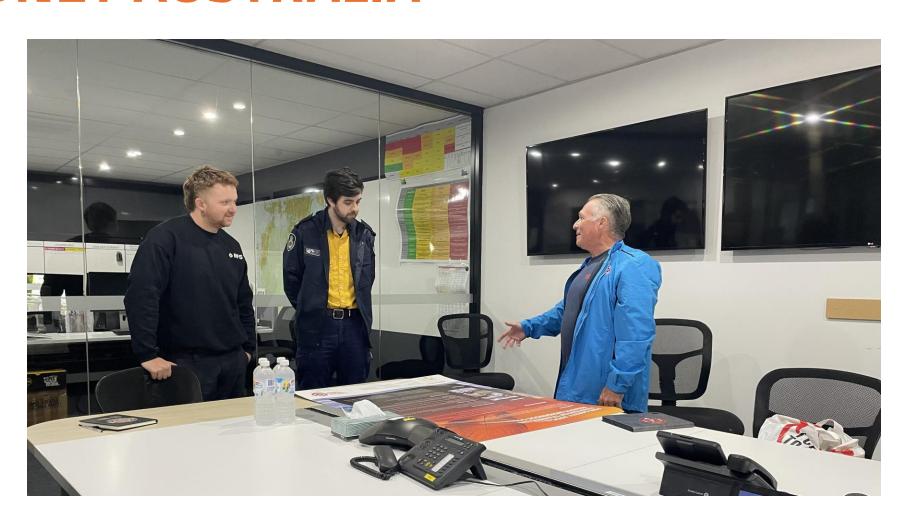
This is pre-recorded radio show promoting Amber's Fire Safety Campaign, launched by Nishnawbe Aski Nation in May 2016 and named in memory of Amber Strang, the youngest victim of the tragic house fire in Pikangikum First Nation on March 26, 2016. Amber's Fire Safety Campaign promotes fire safety and fire protection across NAN territory, reminding people to install and test smoke alarms in their homes, have an escape plan in case of a house fire, and to overall make sure you think about fire before it starts! Today we are here to talk about some fire safety tips for Fire Prevention Week across the nation. We are Ashley Atatise and Maya Boivin, Coordinators for NAN Amber's Fire Safety Campaign.

This year, Fire Prevention Week takes place from Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>. With us today, we have Shane Ferguson, firefighter and fire safety educator of the Staying Alive Fire Safety Program to answer some questions on smoke alarms, home escape plans, woodstoves, electrical fires and other fire safety tips.

### 2025 DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE GOLD COAST AUSTRALIA



### NSW ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS OFFICERS SYDNEY AUSTRALIA





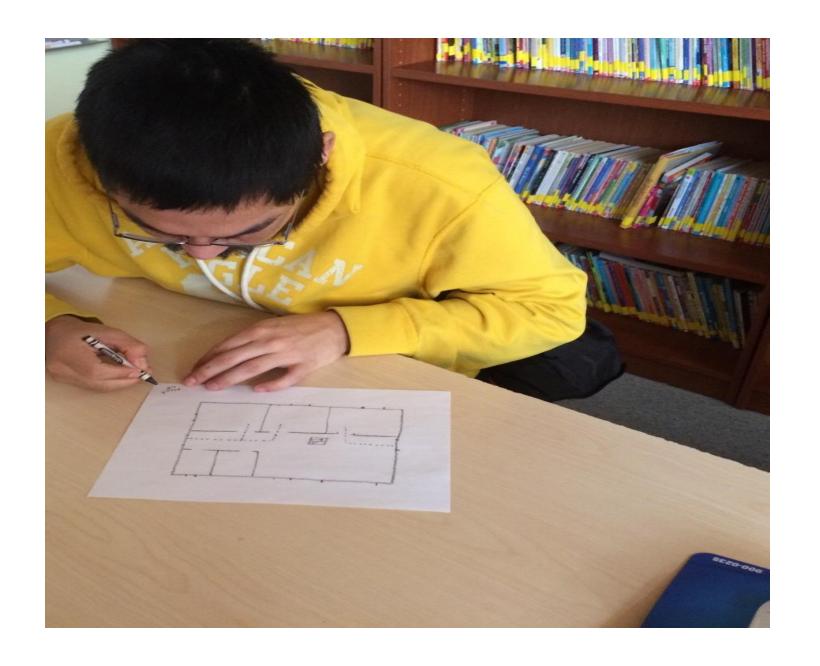
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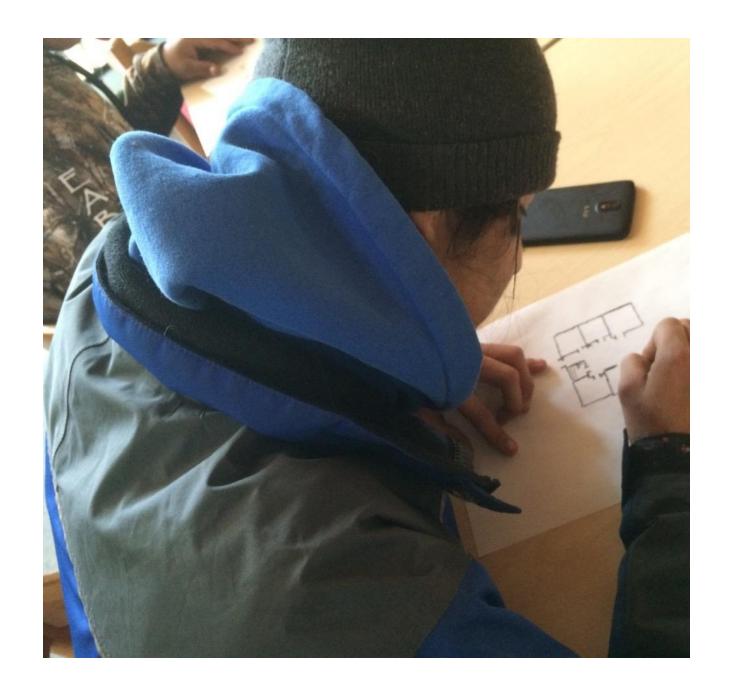
















THUNDER BAY, ON, OCTOBER 12, 2019
REPRESENTATIVES FROM CONFEDERATION COLLEGE WERE BURSTING WITH PRIDE SATURDAY, AS THEY WATCHED THREE RECENT GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE'S PRE-SERVICE FIREFIGHTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM BE HONOURED FOR HEROISM BY THE OFFICE OF THE ONTARIO FIRE MARSHAL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OFMEM).

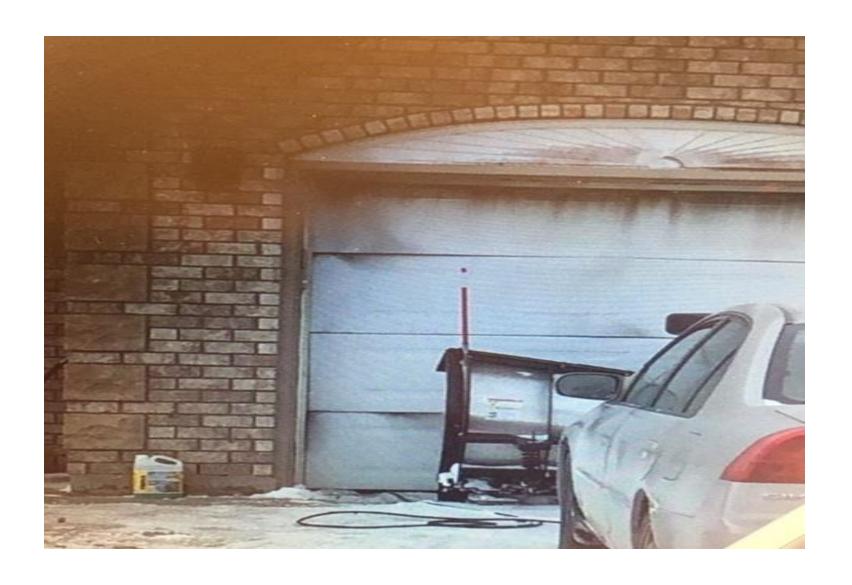
As they watched "These three individuals are exemplary of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Pre-Service Firefighting Program in Ontario," said Guy DeGagne, Principal of the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. "This heroic event demonstrated the importance of training and above all it demonstrated each student's professionalism, dedication and passion for the firefighting profession. I congratulate and thank Devon, Riley and Taya for embracing a career to the service of the people of Ontario in the reduction and elimination of dramatic and destructive fire and public safety events."

Stamler, Tucker and Wanakamik were on their way to school last February when they saw an attached garage on fire. It was early morning and they worried that the occupants of the home may be asleep and therefore unaware of the fire. They pounded on the door and quickly led the three previously unaware people inside the home to safety until fire teams arrived. No smoke alarms had been ringing meaning the efforts of these students led directly to lives being saved.

"It is students, now graduates, like Devon, Riley and Taya who reinforce the value of education and remind all of us at Confederation College why we do what we do," said Kathleen Lynch, President of Confederation College. "Our greatest reward is to see our learners succeed. People are alive and well thanks to these students and their training – I can't think of a better example of success. On behalf of our entire College community, I congratulate each of them on their heroism and thank them for being a source of inspiration for all of our learners and especially those of our Pre-Service Firefighter program."

At the recognition event, PSFF Program Manager Shane Ferguson acknowledged just how these students knew what to do. "In our program, we stress many disciplines such as being observant on how to read smoke, staying calm and focused on the situation at hand, and especially working as a team. I am so proud of Devon, Riley and Taya for executing all of these disciplines and more. I also applaud their bravery and quick thinking. Their actions resulted in three lives being saved."

## SMOKE AND SOOT SHOWING



# HOUSE FULLY INVOLVED ONCE TENANTS WERE BROUGHT OUT OF HOME



## FRONT OF **CHRONICLE JOURNAL**



Confederation College pre-service firefighter students, from left, Riley Tucker, Taya Stamler, and Devon Wanakamik are credited for rescuing three people from their burning home, Friday.

### Students save day

Garage blaze puts firefighting lessons to the test

BY SANDI KRASOWSKI THE CHRONICLE YOURNAL

Three people are lucky to be alive chanks to three Confederation Colinge pre-service firefighter students who knew what to do in the heat of the moment.

Students Taya Stamler, Riley Tucker and Devon Wanakamik were carpooling their way into the college's fire training centre Friday morning when they noticed smoke coming from an attached garage at as Porcugine Blvd.

"We were taught how to read moler and we asw if was coming our prick," sajd Wanakomik, "It was retty dense and dark and high ve-

The group knew it was time for eyone in the house to get out beuse the fire would quickly spread. lacker stopped his rar rashed to home and began pounding on the

'It was pretty early in the mornand you never know if people are aide sleeping and that is what we sumed," said Warskemik

An older man finally opened the or "When I said 'Hey your garage on fire," I saw the look in his eyes." of Tocker.

To their surprise, the man rushed. ick into the home to an interior or that lead to the garage and Ning II open.

When he opened the door he let more oxygen and that made the w bigger and now there were mes coming out (of the garage) d into the house, then he shut the W.T swid Trucker,

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Heavy smoke billowed from an attached garage at a Porcupine Boulevard home on Friday morning.

Stamler "I was trying to get him to fire trucks began arriving," said. put shoes on and get out of the house."

But the man instead began to fill inscirets with water to put on the fire. Stamler said the danger was escalating and they arged him to get out and wait for the fire trucks to come.

"I told him. No. Keep the door closed'. Then he opened it again and the flames started shooting out. He finally closed the door and went outside to safety I don't know if he underatood us," she said.

Meanwhile, Tucker decided to do a final check and retrieve the man's shoes that were near the door when he got the shock of his life.

"I went to grab his shoes when I saw two more (people) walk down the stairs - his son and a baby" said Tucker. "I thought 'Oh my God. Get out of here right now."

They finally got everyone out. We put them into our sebi-t-

No one is more proud of the threethan Shane Ferguson, the manager of the pre-service irrelighter program. He said they were able to use their training in a life-saving situa-

"It's very military here and the way we run things is, you have to be here on time because training is important. You can't miss any time," he said, adding that tardiness is normally punished with push ups.

"There's no push ups here today." said Ferguson, excusing the threestudents for their lateness on Friday.

Thunder Bay Fire plateon chief. Mark Ferrence said when fire crews. arrived, they found heavy smoke and flames coming from the garage. Ferrence said damage in the garage. was pretty extensive and the boune suffered moderate smoke damage

# OFM TIM BEEBE PRESENTING AWARDS





## PEAWANUCK

Fire Safety Presentations











#### **PEAWANUCK**

#### 2 people killed in Peawanuck house fire

Nishnawbe Aski Police Service says it's investigating a "major house fire" that happened late yesterday evening (Feb. 1).

"A scene has been established and members of the NAPS Northeast Crime Unit are leading the investigation," reads a news release issued today (Feb. 2).

The Ontario Fire Marshal is also involved in the investigation.

This tragedy comes nearly one year to the day of a house fire that killed a 10-year-old girl in the community that is about 30 kilometres south of Hudson's Bay.

Fire safety and access to proper resources have been an ongoing challenge for the First Nation.

"When the fire broke out that took that 10-yearold's life, they were fighting that fire with fire extinguishers,"



#### DAY 1

Smoke Alarm Training

Personal Protective Equipment

Basic Firefighter Equipment Usage

Accountability System

Sizing Up And Approaching A Structural House Fire

**Hydrant Training** 

#### DAY 2

How To Determine Your Community Fire Safety Needs

Fire Ground Safety

**Pump Operation** 

Deploy And Advance An Uncharged Attack Hoseline To A Safe Location Near Structure

Hose And Nozzles Training

#### DAY 3

Wood Stove Safety

Fire Equipment Maintenance

Community Familiarization

Hose And Nozzles Training With Smaller Structures

DAY 4

Basic Home Fire Safety

Reading Smoke

Hose and Nozzles Training

DAY 5

Making Sure Surrounding Areas Outside Your Home Is Fire Safe

Hose And Nozzles Training

Protecting House Exposures While Firefighting

## FORT HOPE SCHOOL FIRE



# NAPS ARRESTS FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER FORT HOPE SCHOOL FIRE

A 13-year-old female, 13-year-old male, 14-year-old male and a 17-year-old male have all been charged with arson, disregard for human life; arson, damage to property; mischief over \$5,000; and possession of incendiary material.

In addition, the 17-year-old has also been charged with possession of break-in instruments and assaulting a peace officer.

