

HALTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPEN HOUSE**OCTOBER 2000
Fire Prevention Week**

Saturday, October 14th
Maple Avenue Station,
Georgetown



Sunday, October 15th
Churchill Road Station,
Acton

Time: 10 am to 2 pm Rain or Shine!!!

Be a firefighter for a day at open house

Anyone who has ever wanted to be a firefighter for a day will get their chance this weekend.

Those who attend community open houses at the Georgetown and Acton fire stations Saturday and Sunday will be able to sit in a big red fire truck, have their picture taken putting out a fire while wearing firefighting clothing, crawl through a darkened fire area without being able to see, climb 75 feet up an aerial ladder, spray water through the hose and experience the thrill of defying the power of fire.

The open houses, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., are in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, which runs through Saturday. The open house will be held at Georgetown fire station on Maple Ave. Saturday and at the Acton station on Churchill Rd. Sunday.

There will be lots to see and do, including interactive firefighting demonstrations for adults, talking to fire prevention officers and obtaining vital fire and life safety information, face-painting for children, contests, draws and barbecue.

Sparky the Fire Dog will be there giving out balloons, and ambulance paramedics, community police officers, and corporate safety partners will also be on hand.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated in Canada every October and provides fire departments with the

chance to promote to the public fire safety and prevention programs and how to react correctly in case of fire.

"This year's theme - Fire Drills: The Great Escape is a great way for our Fire Department to reinforce the importance of carrying out fire drills - at home, at school and in the workplace," said Bill Cunningham.

The fire department recommends area residents come up with a fire escape plan for their home and practice it often.

Everyone is encouraged to enter their fire escape plan in the Great Escape Contest for the chance to win local prizes and the national prize of a trip to Disneyland.

In keeping with Fire Prevention Week the fire department offers several fire safety tips including:

- Use appropriate cooking appliances and always keep a pot cover handy. In the event of grease fire "put a lid on it" - never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Cooking oil or grease fires are the fastest spreading and most destructive fires.
- Make sure all lighters, matches, candles and combustible material are kept safely away from children.
- Check that you have the right number of smoke alarms, that they are all in good working condition and in the correct location.
- Check that fire extinguishers are operational and you know how to use them.

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