

Know When to go - React Fast to Fire

Fire prevention awareness should happen everyday

The Markham Fire Department will be promoting Fire Prevention Week in the Center Court of Markville Mall October 9 to 11.

Fire fighters will be showing people how to use their fire extinguishers in a demonstration in the parking lot in front of Wal-Mart.

"We will show people how to use fire extinguishers properly and efficiently," said David Blizzard, the public education officer from the Markham Fire Department.

People can then bring their fire extinguishers to the centre court display where the fire department will fill it up free of charge.

At that time, people can also have their fire extinguisher recharged or serviced or they can purchase a new one.

The fire department also encourages people to bring in their smoke alarms so they can be cleaned, tested and a new 9-volt battery installed.

"(This) ensures that it is functioning properly to protect you and your family."

A computer home safety program will be set up on two computers at the display.

The program, hosted by comedian Martin Short, walks players

through potential hazards in a home.

The Fire Prevention Week display also gives valuable information on how to childproof your home, life saving techniques for emergency situations and home fire safety tips.

There will also be a State Farm 9-1-1 telephone simulator that teaches players how to respond correctly.

There is also exhibits such as fire escape planning, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector placement in the home.

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The Volunteer Fire Departments

Uxbridge Fire Department

Uxbridge Fire Department had a large display at the Uxbridge Fair.

Stouffville Fire Department

The Stouffville Fire Department set up displays at Midnight Madness, Canadian Tire Safety Day and the Lions Club Roast Beef Dinner. People can also see Stouffville's Fire Department at different events throughout the year.

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