

**Huronia**



## TOWNSHIP OF TINY POLICE SERVICES BOARD NOW ESTABLISHED



The Township of Tiny has established a Police Services Board, and Kevin Leonard, Chief Operating Officer at Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. has taken on the role of Community Representative on the Board.

"I was asked to join the Police Services Board due in large part to my 20 years of experience on the Community Policing Committee in Tiny Township and my role in administering and directing the Community and Neighbourhood Watch in the township. I'm honoured to be part of this Board and look forward to the positive impact we will have in our community."

This new board will help oversee how policing is provided in Tiny Township and provide guidance to the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Commander.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FIRE SAFETY WEEK DRAW!

THREE lucky October newsletter recipients were selected at random on November 24th (the start of **National Fire Safety Week** in Canada) to win a Huronia Fire Safety Kit, valued at over \$100. The kit includes a fire extinguisher, sturdy duffel bag, medical kit and emergency blanket. Please join us in congratulating Scott Marshall, Byron Wesson and Marjorie Ridley!

## PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE SILENT KILLER

The colder weather is upon us. And that means that we'll need to heat our homes to stay warm and cosy as the snow begins to fly. That also means that there is an increased risk of undetected carbon monoxide in your home. Often referred to as the silent killer (poisoning), carbon monoxide has no odour, no colour and no taste and is often difficult to detect until it is too late.

According to recent statistics, over 65% of all carbon monoxide deaths and illnesses in Ontario occur in homes. It is the leading cause of accidental poisonings in Ontario every year. Many residences in Ontario have between 4-6 fuel (propane, gasoline, natural gas heating and oil or wood) burning appliances that produce carbon monoxide, including; furnace, boiler, fireplace, stove, BBQ, clothes dryer, water heater, space heater, portable generator and vehicles.

To keep you, your family and pets safe from carbon monoxide poisoning, illness or even death it is recommended to have an annual inspection and maintenance of all fuel-burning appliances. Poor maintenance puts you at risk. Ontario laws require smoke and carbon monoxide alarms be installed in your home. Contact your local fire department for information on the number and location of alarms. Remember to replace the batteries at least once per year.

Make yourself familiar with the symptoms of CO poisoning:



**If symptoms appear, get everyone (including pets) outside to fresh air immediately and then call 911.**

Here are some additional DO's and DON'TS, from our associates at the [Technical Standards and Safety Authority](#), when it comes to carbon monoxide safety ...

- Do: Have your home/cottage heating system, fireplace and flue inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician every year.
- Do: Keep chimneys clear of bird and squirrel nests, leaves, and other debris to ensure proper ventilation.
- Do: Ensure your furnace and other appliances, such as gas ovens, ranges, and cooktops, are inspected for adequate ventilation.
- Do: Have your gas fireplaces inspected each fall to ensure the pilot light burns safely.
- Do: Always make sure your fuel-burning appliances have an adequate air supply to prevent a CO hazard.
- Don't: Use portable fuel-fired appliances (i.e., portable barbeque, heater, stove) inside your house or garage.
- Don't: Operate gasoline-powered engines in confined areas such as garages, basements or boathouses.
- Don't: Do not leave your car, mower, ATV or other vehicle running in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Don't: Block or seal shut exhaust flues or ducts for appliances such as water heaters, ranges, and clothes dryers.

For more information about carbon monoxide alarms and other residential fire safety products that Huronia can install and monitor, [please click here](#). And [click here](#) for more information about protecting yourself from carbon monoxide.

## HURONIA OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Downtown Collingwood was all abuzz mid-November with the news that Santa Claus had come to town! Trish, Kim, Emilee, Glenn, Roger Gagne, Roger Gallant, Suzan, Chris, Rob Dozzi and some of Santa's helpers took to the streets in The Polar Express train to join in the fun. Special thanks to [Downtown Collingwood](#) for organizing such a festive holiday event and to Court Armstrong & Associates for donating the banners. [We are THRILLED to announce that Huronia won FIRST PLACE in the industrial/commercial category - well done team!](#)





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