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Smart technology can save lives

Experience extreme weather, cooking fires and home-escape simulations in the Central York Fire Service Bullex Fire Safety and Emergency Management Trailer

NEWMARKET, Ontario, October 7, 2016 – Life-threatening weather and fire emergencies can occur at any time with little or no notice. With [Central York Fire Service's \(CYFS\)](#) first in Ontario, [Bullex Fire Safety and Emergency Management Trailer](#), residents are able to experience first-hand what to do in the event of a fire and/or extreme-weather situation.

“Training for emergencies and having a home-escape plan can save lives,” says CYFS Fire Chief Ian Laing. “With our new Fire Safety and Emergency Management Trailer, we are making sure our community has the tools available to them to prepare for the unexpected.”

How the trailer works:

The trailer features kitchen fire and extreme weather simulations and a bedroom that allows people practice safe evacuation.



Kitchen fire simulation: Kitchen fires are the number one cause of residential fires. Participants will enter a real home kitchen where the simulation will use heat, smoke, sound effects and digital flames to create an intense fire emergency. This scenario challenges participants to respond correctly while being educated on how to use to properly use a fire extinguisher.

With Thanksgiving and the holiday season just around the corner, the kitchen fire scenario reminds residents to never leave cooking unattended.

Home-escape plan bedroom simulation: Participants will learn the importance of a home-escape plan and how to conduct drills at home. They will also practice how to feel a door for heat and block smoke with a pillow or towel and how to evacuate to safety using a window and escape ladder. In the trailer, there are also smoking electrical outlets to simulate fire hazards, fire effects, an interactive 9-11 call and an automatic smoke alarm.

This scenario also serves as a reminder of the importance of having a working smoke alarm installed on every level of a home, along with carbon monoxide alarms installed outside all sleeping areas.

Severe weather simulation: Through this simulation, an extreme weather event will be broadcasted to participants inside the trailer. Weather simulations will incorporate an actual news broadcast with surround-sound effects for hurricanes, earthquakes and flood and tornado safety education. This simulation will teach critical life-saving steps in a highly realistic training environment.

Look out for the CYFS [Bullex Fire Safety and Emergency Management Trailer](#) at the next Town of Newmarket and/or Town of Aurora community event!

For more information on [CYFS](#) and its [Bullex Fire Safety and Emergency Management Trailer](#), call 905-895-9222.

About Central York Fire Services

[Central York Fire Services \(CYFS\)](#) is a full-time fire department that provides protection to the [Town of Aurora](#) and the [Town of Newmarket](#), in York Region, Ontario, Canada. CYFS serves a combined population of approximately 146,000 and covers an area of 90 square kilometres. The department responds to approximately 5000 emergency calls each year. CYFS operates out of four fire stations, two in Aurora and two in Newmarket.

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