

Public Statement from Deputy Fire Chief Phil Dawson
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Statement from the Deputy Fire Chief Phil Dawson regarding the Howard Street fire
The Town is in ongoing discussion with the Office of the Fire Marshal and continues working with them on their investigation.

The OFM report is expected in approximately 60 days.

The OFM investigation focuses on the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Effectiveness Model" which evaluates the following factors to determine if they have an impact on the outcome of a fire:

- Detections Systems,
- Fire Ground Effectiveness,
- Fire Prevention Effectiveness,
- Intervention Time,
- Built in Suppression Capability,
- Risk Analysis, and
- Public Attitude.

Emergency Services is leveraging its current plans for public education and will supplement them highlighting both the need for smoke detectors and to develop fire escape plans. The Town's CAO has initiated discussions with Newmarket, Aurora and Georgina regarding automatic aid and the Fire Chief is in discussions with his regional counterparts on the same issue.