

October 5, 2012 / For Immediate Release

## Gas line incident

Airdrie, AB – Airdrie Fire Department (AFD) attended a gas line break this morning. This was not a large incident but the gas smell was strong, therefore as a public service AFD is providing the following details:

- 09:35 hrs. - all station response to #128 Gateway Dr NW (Natural gas leak)
- Excavator struck 4" line and there was a release of product.
- AFD secured perimeter and assisted ATCO Gas as they clamped damaged line.
- No evacuation required.
- No injuries.
- 4 pieces of apparatus attended the scene.
- 13 firefighters on scene.
- All AFD units have returned to service.

For further information and comment, please call the media contact listed below.

Remember, October 7 to 13 is Fire Prevention Week - a complete list of Fire Prevention Week events is attached.

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# News Release



## Event Schedule

### Monday, Oct. 9

#### Play Safe! Be Safe! Preschool Program kicks off

- Preschool teachers can sign out a Play Safe! Be Safe! kit from the fire station for up to one week.
- The kit contains a 20-minute DVD featuring firefighter Dan, color story/flash cards, dress the firefighter activity board, Safe for Play! Keep Away! card game and a comprehensive teacher's resource book.
- Following completion of the program a visit from fire crews can be booked through Fire Headquarters. A fire crew will visit the preschool with a fire truck. During this visit children can explore the fire truck, see a firefighter in full gear and receive a small fire safety gift from AFD.
- This program will be offered all year round, but will kick off during Fire Prevention Week.

### Wednesday, Oct. 10

#### 2012 Junior Fire Chief Announced

- Open to all grade five students from participating schools in Airdrie
- Students submit a 50 word essay on the topic "How I can keep my family fire safe"
- Teachers select the winning essay from the class and submit it to AFD
- AFD will review the finalists and choose Airdrie's 2012 Jr. Fire Chief

### Thursday, Oct. 11

#### Home Safety Visits

- Firefighters will go door to door in select communities and review the fire safety checklist with residents. Checklist covers alarms, escape planning, kitchen/living areas/bedrooms/basement and garage safety.
- If a home does not have a smoke alarm, one will be installed and/or batteries provided where needed.

### Saturday, Oct. 13

#### Fire Safety Day

- Fire Safety Day held at Chinook Winds Fire Station (2525 Chinook Winds Drive SW) from 1 – 4 p.m.
- Residents are invited to drop in for some hands on fire safety exercises, including:
  - o Hazard house
  - o Stove top demo
  - o Information on Smoke alarms, CO detectors and safety ladders
  - o Bedroom fire drill
  - o Fire extinguisher training
- Sparky the fire Dog
- Snacks provided by our corporate partner Canada Safeway