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## Airdrie Receives Safe Community Recognition

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – On March 18, 2010 the City of Airdrie was awarded the Safe Community recognition status for 2010 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an honor given to only one other Alberta community. The recognition is a direct result of the community safety work the Emergency Services Department has undertaken in the past year.

“It is an honour to receive recognition from an international organization such as NFPA. It is validation of our commitment to keeping our kids and our entire community safe through fire prevention and safety education programs,” says Chuck D’Amico, Airdrie Emergency Services Assistant Chief Community Safety. “As well, the recognition is a result of the great collaboration with our schools and preschools allowing us to come in and work with the children,” added D’Amico.

Airdrie achieved this status through a strong commitment to providing fire safety education to the two highest risk groups in the community, children and seniors, particularly in the “**Risk Watch, Remembering When and Learn Not to Burn**” campaigns.

The NFPA Safe Community program was created with the goal of reaching more people with NFPA's internationally acclaimed education programs. By making NFPA educational programs a community initiative, it opens the door to work with many different organizations and reach people of all ages in the community.

Watch for the NFPA Safe Community decals on City of Airdrie buildings and say thank you to your emergency services personnel for keeping our community safe.

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