



GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

Fire Prevention

GTAA Fire Prevention consists of five full time staff, a Chief Fire Prevention Officer and four Fire Prevention Officers. The main responsibilities are Engineering, Enforcement and Education for all airport properties, employees and the public at large.

New Initiatives - Now underway or being implemented are Fire Safety Plans for all facilities/buildings when required under the National Fire Code of Canada, Emergency Lock Box program for Fire Department access, Fire Routes for property access complete with signage and fire and building code training for fire fighters (In Company Fire Inspections).

Another initiative is the development of guidelines and procedures for Fire Investigation. At this time two Fire Prevention Officers are internationally certified NFPA 1033 (Fire Investigator) and are certified Fire & Explosion Investigator by the National Certification Board. In the future we are planning on getting all the fire suppression officers trained in basic fire investigation.

Continuing Education - Managers at this department are very supportive and encourage all personnel in continuing to upgrade themselves, in prevention it is very important that officers attend regular courses, one officer has recently graduated from the Fire Protection program at Seneca College. Officers attend seminars with organizations such as Canadian Fire Safety, Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Ontario Building Official, National Fire Investigators, International Fire Fighter Engineers, and others.

Engineering Work very closely with project managers, construction control officers, consultants, architects and engineers for all new construction. Attend pre-construction meetings, conduct project reviews of new construction and alteration of existing facilities. Conduct site visits; witness the testing of all newly commissioned life safety systems to ensure all meet the minimum Building and Fire Code requirements and associated standards. Enforcement Responsible to carry out inspections in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada of all GTAA sites and facilities which consist of approximately 300 inspections annually. Investigate all fire and life safety complaints.

Education Like any other municipality, Fire Prevention Week is the highlight of our public education program, the one major difference is that we do not have schools. However this does not stop GTAA from having an excellent Fire Prevention Week aimed at the GTAA work force and their families. The week includes various programs from a coloring contest for the kids, contests for adults, an open house at the fire department, complete with Sparky the Fire Dog, as well as live fire demonstrations for the whole family to enjoy. During the year we promote and publicize fire safety tips by means of safety bulletins and radio announcements. Also, a fire safety brochure is handed out with a list of important phone numbers.