

# Fire Prevention Roles & Responsibilities

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## Responsibility for Fire Protection Services

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- The Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA) states:

“Every municipality shall,

- a) Establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention, and
- b) Provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances.”



## Fire Prevention Division – London Fire Department

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- At present, the Fire Prevention Division is comprised of 17 Fire Inspectors, a Public Information Co-ordinator, a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, a Chief Fire Prevention Officer, and an Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Officer.



## Fire Prevention Inspectors

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- Each Inspector is certified as a Fire Prevention officer with the Ontario Fire Marshal and are also Certified Fire and Explosion Investigators.
- All Inspectors are delegated as an Assistant to the Fire Marshal under the FPPA.
- All Inspectors are Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-laws.
- Basic role is enforcement of the Ontario Fire Code. Inspections of commercial, industrial and residential buildings.
- Will conduct fire investigations where warranted (e.g. explosion, injury, fatality, suspected arson, over \$100,000.00)



## Fire Prevention Inspectors Rights of Entry

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- A Fire Prevention Inspector may, without a warrant, enter and inspect land and premises for the purposes of assessing fire safety.
- The power to enter and inspect land or premises without a warrant may be exercised at all responsible times.
- An inspector who enters land or premises may bring a police officer or such other person they consider advisable to assist.



## Fire Prevention Inspectors Powers During Inspection

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- An inspector conducting an inspection may,
  - a) Examine a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection;
  - b) Demand the production for inspection of a document or other thing that is relevant to the inspection;
  - c) Remove any thing that is relevant to the inspection for review and examination and remove any document that is relevant to the inspection for review and copying;
  - d) Conduct tests, take and remove samples, take photographs and make videotapes and other images, electronic or otherwise, that are relevant to the inspection;
  - e) In order to produce a document in readable form, use data storage, information processing or retrieval devices or systems that are normally used in the premises being inspected; and
  - f) Question a person on matters relevant to the inspection.



## Fire Prevention Inspectors Enforcement Options

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- Inspection Order
- Electrical Safety Authority Order
- Immediate Threat to Life
- Order to Close
- Order to Pay Costs
- Part I Ticket
- Part III Charges



## Fire and Life Safety Educator

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- In the community providing fire and injury prevention programs to schools, senior centres, workplaces and community events.



## Public Information Coordinator

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- Responsible for media interviews, social media content, co-ordinating events for Fire Department, relaying fire safety information through media to community.

