

# Message from the Fire Marshal

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## **TO: Ontario Fire Code Users**

I am inviting you to participate in the development of the next edition of the Fire Code. From May 10 to June 30, 2012, we are hosting a web-based public consultation on a package of over 120 technical changes.

As you may be aware, the development of Ontario's Fire Code is coordinated with the development of the model national codes which were published late last year. This coordinated process was initiated with the release of the 2007 Fire Code in an objective-based format, following comprehensive public consultations in 2000 and 2003.

The technical changes proposed for the next edition of the Fire Code are compiled from a variety of sources including:

- Changes proposed that harmonize, to the extent possible, with changes proposed to the National Fire Code (NFC);
- Coroner's inquest recommendations;
- Stakeholder submissions;
- Housekeeping changes that provide for improved clarity and facilitate enforcement; and
- Subject matter relocation changes that align closer with the scope of individual Parts of the code and with the structure of the NFC.

Note that a separate initiative is underway to review fire safety provisions for vulnerable residents. As this review is proceeding on a different schedule, technical changes contained in the current consultation package do not include proposals dealing with the subject of vulnerable occupancies.

The main vehicle for the consultation is the Internet. We encourage you to provide your feedback to us by using the on-line comment form. However, if you prefer, you may send us your comments by mail, fax, or e-mail as indicated on the web site. For your convenience, Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat file format comment forms are also available for downloading.

We look forward to hearing your views on this important initiative.

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