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# Because Fire Protection is everyone's business...

#### Introduction

y name is John MacDonald, I am the president at Mac 1 Industries, and I have been actively involved in the Fire Protection industry since 1979.

I am writing this newsletter to share our plans regarding fire protection in your building.

# **Industry Involvement**

The Fire Protection industry is involved in the protection of life and property from the ravages of fire. To reduce the loss our industry continues to develop more effective methods including training and codes. In future articles I will share developments that will help us to work together.

Over the last year and a half we have been focused on increasing system effectiveness through systematic review and repair of the equipment in each building.

#### Plans for the Near Future

Going forward we plan to increase the effectiveness of the Fire Protection program.

Formal training will be scheduled for all site staff that will help to engage everyone in this program.

# **Fire Safety Planning**

The systems that provide protection in the buildings are made up of many components. Because any single system can fail; added reliability is achieved through overlapping of systems.

It is natural that these systems must be checked and/ or tested. Review your fire safety: this is the starting place to learn about the systems in the building and the program to check and test this equipment.

Mac 1 provides annual and quarterly inspections of each of the properties. The remainder of the program will be covered by site staff.

# **Periodic Inspections**

The daily requirements will be part of your everyday routine and the monthly requirements are naturally more involved and that is why we are providing proper training.

#### In Closing...

Proper fire protection will help to reduce the loss of life and property in emergencies. Each of us has an active role to play. Firstly, review your Fire Safety plan. I am including a handout that will provide you with the Daily and Monthly guidelines. We all benefit when a proper fire protection system is maintained. Fire Protection is everyone's business.

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