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Clerks,  
Chief Administrative Officers,  
Fire Chiefs,  
Local Service Board Chairs

**Subject: Update from OFM, Northeastern Ontario**

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday from the Northeastern Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal.

As we move into the holiday season our office would like to extend our best wishes to you, your colleagues, staff and community.

Fire Safety can be a complex issue and we are here to assist each community to find resolution to fire safety concerns. We are currently hiring Fire Protection Advisers (FPAs) to better support stakeholders in the Northeast. Once these new team members are in place, it is anticipated that some changes to the FPAs covering certain communities will take place. If your community is receiving a new FPA, we will be communicating this to you, so that you have their contact information at your disposal. Until you are advised of the change, your FPA remains unchanged.

Once it is safe to meet in person, it is our intention to visit each Municipality and Local Service Board to introduce ourselves, discuss any outstanding challenges and understand how we can assist you with your local needs.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Yours in Fire Safety,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bechard", is centered below the text "Yours in Fire Safety,". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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