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OWEN SOUND TEACHER WINS FIRE SAFETY AWARD

LINDA BREEN OF OWEN SOUND RECEIVED A FIRE SAFETY AWARD FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL AT A CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 26, 2011 IN TORONTO. THE ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY AWARDS RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION IN ONTARIO.

Breen has been a primary school teacher at Bayview Public School in the Bluewater District School Board in Owen Sound for a number of years. As a strong advocate of fire and life safety, Breen engages her students to take part in fire safety initiatives hosted by the Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services. In particular, students in Breen's class are viewed by the fire department as leaders in their school, having been city and county winners of the fire department's poster contest. The contest had been operating for more than 30 years for Grade 5 students in the area.

"We are very fortunate to have Linda in our community" said Fire Chief Ed Nowak. "Thanks to the efforts of Linda Breen, Owen Sound is a safer place to live."

The dedicated efforts and exemplary actions of the Linda make the Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services a step closer to reaching the goal of reducing fire deaths, burn injuries and fires through fire prevention and public education.

The Fire Safety Awards recognize outstanding contributions made by individuals, community groups, businesses, associations or the media in the field of fire prevention and public education.

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In the attached picture from left to right are - Ontario Fire Marshal Ted Wieclawek, Linda Breen, Ian Davidson – Deputy Minister Community Safety, Fire Prevention Officer Tom Potter

