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Making Fire Safety a Question of Habit

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 4, 2021 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is using Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 3rd to 9th, as an opportunity to highlight the importance of adopting prevention measures all year round in terms of fire safety. To do so, the Fire Department is providing citizens with a calendar suggesting items to be checked off in their home every month. The department's new mascot, *Yvon Larosé*, is the spokesperson for this list of tips that will be distributed in schools in addition to being made available on the City's website, in the Fire Safety section. Posters will also be displayed in City buildings.

"We are all still experiencing the impact of the pandemic on a daily basis. However, it's important to take the time to stop and think about fire prevention, because one single distraction can have serious consequences." emphasized the fire prevention team.

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is *Le premier responsable, c'est toi!* (The primary responsibility belongs to you!). The goal is to remind the population of the importance of:

- adopting safe behaviours when using the stove and heating appliances;
- making sure the alarms are in good working order;
- repairing an evacuation plan and rehearsing with the family.

In Quebec, nearly 49% of fires that occur in homes are related to distractions or human error.