



Fire code violation conviction

Port Colborne, ON (Nov. 25, 2021) – On Nov. 25, 2021, former owners of the Capri Motel, 629 Main Street West, were convicted in Provincial Offences Court for failing to comply with the Ontario Fire Code, and were fined \$6,500, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

On Feb. 4, 2021, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services received a complaint and attended the 10-room motel to conduct an inspection. Several smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm violations were observed, and the building owners at the time were charged with failing to install a smoke alarm and failing to install a carbon monoxide alarm.

“We’re thankful that these violations were identified before anything serious could have happened,” commented Fire Chief Scott Lawson. “Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives. I hope this conviction acts as a reminder to residents and business owners of buildings in Port Colborne of their responsibilities under the Fire Code.”

Working smoke alarms are mandatory under the law and any residence with a fuel fire appliance or attached garage requires a working carbon monoxide alarm. Failing to meet these requirements could result in fines of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per count.

“Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services continuously make the safety of our residents a priority through inspections and enforcement. This is another example of the work they are doing to ensure our community’s safety,” commented Mayor Bill Steele.

Port Colborne residents that require assistance in determining whether their buildings are compliant, are encouraged to call Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services at 905-834-4512.

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