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Media Advisory

York Central Hospital Celebrates Fire Prevention Week!

RICHMOND HILL, ON. – Do you know what to do in the event of a fire? At York Central Hospital patient safety is among the top concerns for our hospital team. To ensure that every member of our health care team knows what to do in the event of an emergency, the hospital routinely performs drills and exercises to prepare staff and the community for the unexpected.

From October 4 to 10, the hospital is pleased to participate in National Fire Prevention Week. The week reminds staff, physicians, volunteers and visitors that preparedness can save lives at home as well as at work. Events throughout the week give staff the opportunity to enhance safety for patients and reinforce our working relationship with the local Fire Department, preparing all for a possible emergency event.

During the week, the Hospital will be promoting fire safety for staff both with hands-on fire safety training. This training includes hands-on fire extinguisher practice, giving staff the opportunity to put out a fire, without endangering patients or the building.

“This is a great opportunity for us to work together with the Richmond Hill Fire Department during a mock scenario,” says Thomas Watson, the hospital’s Fire Marshal & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. “In my role, I provide ongoing training on emergency preparedness and fire prevention skills. By partnering with the Fire Department the message is much stronger.”

Please join us for on-site fire training:

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:

Who: pre-registers hospital staff learning to handle fire extinguishers with the assistance of the Richmond Hill Fire Department

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York Central Hospital (www.yorkcentral.on.ca) is a large, full-service community hospital with over 80,000 visits annually to its Emergency Department, serving a population of over 400,000 in Southwest York Region and beyond. Located in one of Canada’s fastest growing communities, the hospital is on a Capacity Building Journey that focuses on using the best available practices, the newest technologies and innovative models of service to provide superior patient care. For more information visit us at: www.yorkcentral.on.ca

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