

Neighbours

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For the past ten summers, Ontario Power Generation, in a partnership with the Clarington Fire Department has introduced children to safety and emergency preparedness through the Clarington Junior Firefighter's Program. Above, kids get a lesson in extinguishing fires at OPG's Wesleyville Training Centre where nuclear fire protection and emergency response staff are also trained on a regular basis.

Junior Firefighters learn safety at summer camp

Since 1994, the Junior Firefighters Camp, sponsored by Ontario Power Generation Darlington Nuclear has taught children ages 10 to 12 the importance of fire safety, the role of a firefighter and what actions to take in the presence of an emergency.

Some of Clarington's own firefighters and camp counselors were once campers themselves. This summer the program ran for four weeks at the Ken Hooper Memorial Fire Station in Bowmanville and at OPG's firefighter training centre in Wesleyville. The facility is where OPG's Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Station's own fire protection and emergency response staff train with some of the most innovative training tools.

Forty children each week were instructed by college students hired and trained by the Clarington Fire Department and overseen by the Fire Prevention Division.

On Wednesdays, participants attended the Wesleyville training centre, where they were trained on the proper operation of fire extinguishers and had a hands-on opportunity to extinguish fires.

Partnership in learning and development opportunities for youth, using our skills and resources, is just one way OPG Darlington Nuclear contributes to our community while striving for sustainability.

When the lights go out Electricity distributors are the ones to call

When an electricity power emergency hits your neighbourhood or you have a question about your power supply who are you going to call?

Ontario Power Generation Darlington Nuclear is one of the province's largest single sources of electricity, generating more than 15 per cent of the energy used in homes and businesses across Ontario last year.

But once Darlington generates the electricity and transmits it out of the plant, our piece in the path to your home or business is complete. Once the electricity leaves the nuclear station, it is controlled by Hydro One, the provincially-owned transmission company which then distributes the power to its own residential and business customers

as well as to local utilities like Veridian Connections and Oshawa Power and Utilities Commission (OPUC). The local utilities then take the power further down the line to their local customers.

So the next time you have an electricity distribution question or you need emergency service or information, determine who your electricity distributor is (check your electricity bill if you are unsure of your supplier) and give them a call. Local suppliers include:

Hydro One: 1-800-434-1235

Oshawa Power and Utilities Commission: 1-877-997-2899

Veridian: 1-888-445-2881

Of course, if you do have a question about how your electricity is produced, you are always welcome to call Darlington's Information Centre at (905) 623-7122.



Safe and Secure

Enhanced security drills part of planned protection



Highly-trained Durham Regional Police Service officers protect Durham's two nuclear plants, 24 hours, seven days a week. The officers will be conducting new training exercises at the stations in the coming months.

Safety and security have always been the top priority at Ontario Power Generation's nuclear plants. Enhanced security drills on the Pickering and Darlington sites will soon add to the tradition of preparation for all possible scenarios, no matter how remote the likelihood.

"We have been doing training on site for years and we will continue to do that training," says Stan Harvey, Vice President of Nuclear Security for OPG. "One of the steps in the evolution of enhanced security has been testing the response capabilities in a realistic environment."

Following the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), the regulator of nuclear facilities in Canada, issued new requirements for security measures including an armed presence at the plants. OPG is investing upwards of \$300 million over five years on

security measures to meet the CNSC requirements. This includes providing a highly-trained armed presence on site. In continuing to improve the training of the armed officers, new exercises are continually developed.

"These exercises do not involve live fire, but do rely upon equipment that will simulate live fire," explains Mr. Harvey. "The exercises take place in a highly controlled and safe fashion. Signs and security officers will be posted around the drill area. In the event a member of the public visiting the site should happen upon a drill or hear what sounds like gunfire or a sudden blast, they can be assured these are professionals honing their skills. These are the most highly trained officers there are and they all are part of the Durham Regional Police."

Anyone who may have questions about the exercises can call 905-623-7122 at Darlington Nuclear for more information.

Family Safety Day — Clarington

FREE family fun!

The community is invited to the 4th Annual Family Safety Day - Clarington on Saturday September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bowmanville Fire Station at Highway 2 and Regional Road 57.

This event is proudly hosted by Ontario Power Generation - Darlington Nuclear, Clarington Emergency & Fire Services, Durham Regional Police Service and the Municipality of Clarington. Our goal is to increase safety awareness in our community while having fun with your family. Best of all the entire day is free including hot dogs, drinks and popcorn!

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