



OFSCI Heat Sheet (2015-01)

Incident: Meaford, ON Restaurant Fire (09-09-2009)

- Local newspaper story on fire
- Actual court decision outlining actions of Meaford & District Fire Department
- OHS on-line article outlining lack of provincial regulations regarding firefighting and applicability of Section 21 Guidance Notes
- On-line article once again discussing applicability of Section 21 Guidance Notes
- FIREfighting in Canada on-line article regarding the outcome of the court case

How can Training help?

The OFSCI brought forward this incident due to the serious injuries of 2 firefighters and an inaccurate report of a trapped occupant. A court case was brought forward by the Ministry of Labour (MOL) during which the significance of Section 21 Guidance Notes was brought into question. All charges were subsequently dropped against the Meaford & District Fire Department.

Based on the information available to the committee, the OFSCI is recommending the Ontario Fire Service review the following information:

1. Section 21 Guideline #5-1: Firefighter Accountability and Entry Control
2. Article on Accountability Systems in FIREfighting in Canada (Ottawa Fire Department)
3. White paper on evaluating the effectiveness of firefighter accountability systems

Should any further information or clarification be required please email ofsci@firetraining.ca