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**December 30th 2013: Kitchen Safety and Family Caregivers**

Fire Chief Simon Grypma has 37 years of Service with the Nelson, British Columbia, Fire Department, <http://ow.ly/rUV6R>. Alan Majer is the founder of Good Robot, which produces Stove Reminder [www.StoveReminder.com](http://www.StoveReminder.com). They talk about their lives, careers and, respectively, their work as Fire Chief, and with Goodrobot. They describe the pilot project aimed at reducing kitchen fires, highlight what they want the project to achieve and discuss their next steps. They explain home and kitchen fire risks that family caregivers should be aware of especially for elderly people, and the ways technology hel

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##### Fire Chief Simon Grypma

Fire Chief Simon Grypma has 37 years of Service with the Nelson, British Columbia, Fire Department, <http://ow.ly/rUV6R>. In 1995 he was appointed Fire Prevention Officer. Since 2009, he's led the Nelson Fire Department as the Chief. Since 1992 Nelson has had 9 residential fire fatalities. His department responds to hundreds of fire calls per year: 40 percent relate to kitchen incidents. Since 2010, he's directed the department's fire inspection towards residential fire safety, including an aggressive smoke alarm campaign recognized provincially in BC Legislation. His department has undertaken a pilot program endorsed by the Fire Chiefs Association of BC to eva

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##### Alan Majer

Alan Majer is the founder of Good Robot. He has always been interested in how science, technology, and society intersect to shape our future. Over the last 12 years, he has pursued this interest directly in his career as senior analyst and writer – interviewing hundreds of startup companies to identify cutting edge technologies and businesses. Now he is exploring these frontiers hands-on: transforming care for seniors with the use of sensors and home automation. His current venture uses technology to help elderly people live independently in their homes by making homes safer (with products like Stove Reminder, [www.StoveReminder.com](http://www.StoveReminder.com), and connecting family a

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