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Enbridge Gas helps the West Elgin Fire Department Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

RODNEY ON, December 16, 2021 – Today, Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and the West Elgin Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

The West Elgin Fire Department received 114 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

“Carbon monoxide is known as the ‘silent killer’ for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” says Steven Jelich, Director, Southwest Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. “It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.”

“This donation from Enbridge Gas is much appreciated as we all work towards the shared goal of keeping the residents of West Elgin safe by being able to provide combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” says Fire Chief Jeff McArthur.

About the West Elgin Fire Department

The West Elgin Fire Department proudly protects the residents of the Municipality of West Elgin in Elgin County, operating two stations with a combined compliment of 40 volunteer/paid-on-call firefighters and a chief.

About the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

The Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (Council) is a registered charity established in 1993 with a mission to help create "a world where no one is hurt by fire." Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Council promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the Council on Twitter @FMPFSC.

About Enbridge Gas

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