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Enbridge Gas teams up with Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

Township of Oro-Medonte, ON, February 22, 2023 – Today, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services received 228 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that will provide more than 8,000 alarms to residents in 50 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$250,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 14 years, the program has provided more than 76,000 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 evidence shows 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 Caitlin Bettiol, GTA West Region Operations Advisor, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents in Ontario communities who need them the most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. “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.”

“Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services looks forward to distributing combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents in the community,” says Fire Chief Hugh Murray. “We are very appreciative of the Safe Community Project Zero program, and pleased to be partnering with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Enbridge Gas on this important initiative.”

About Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services

Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services (OMFES) is comprised of 155 volunteer firefighters, with a full-time fire chief, deputy chief, deputy chief fire prevention & life safety, fire prevention/public education officer, training division coordinator and emergency services administrative assistant. OMFES provides a variety of services to the community, including fire prevention and public education programs, home escape plan consultations, residential and commercial safety inspections, emergency planning and emergency response. The department also provides emergency assistance to neighbouring communities through mutual aid and automatic aid agreements.

About the FMPFSC

The FMPFSC was 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 FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the FMPFSC on Twitter @FMPFSC.

About Enbridge Gas

Enbridge Gas Inc., formed on January 1, 2019 from the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution, is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with a more than 170-year history of providing safe and reliable service to customers. The distribution business serves about 3.8 million customers, heating over 75 per cent of Ontario homes. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas Inc. is owned by Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution.

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