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Enbridge Gas helps Bluewater Fire Department Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Project Zero

MUNICIPALITY of BLUEWATER, October 21, 2020 – Today, Enbridge Gas and the Bluewater Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

The Bluewater Fire Department received 168 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero – a public education campaign that will provide 7,500 alarms to residents in 35 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$225,000 in Project Zero, and over the past 12 years, the program has provided more than 50,000 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 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. “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.”

“We are very grateful to Enbridge Gas for the donation of these combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” says Bluewater Fire Chief Dave Renner. “Early detection saves lives! Having the ability to assist our most vulnerable population with these alarms allows our department to promote and educate our residents on the importance of fire and carbon monoxide safety.”

About the Bluewater Fire Department

The Bluewater Fire Department consists 88 volunteer firefighters, operating out of four stations located in Brucefield, Bayfield, Zurich and Hensall. Each station will be

distributing these alarms to individuals and homes within Bluewater. If you need an alarm, and are not able to purchase one due to personal or financial challenges, call the Municipal office to make arrangements to receive one. The law states you must have a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level and also a carbon monoxide alarm outside of sleeping areas if you have a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage.

About Enbridge Gas

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