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Enbridge Gas Distribution Assists Champlain Township Fire Services in Supporting Firefighter Training

CHAMPLAIN TOWNSHIP, September 13, 2016 – Enbridge Gas Distribution is partnering with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council to help Champlain Township Fire Services (Districts 1 and 2) purchase firefighting training materials.

"Safety is a priority at Enbridge and we are proud to support Ontario firefighters who share in our commitment to help keep our communities safe," said Michael Wagle, Enbridge Gas Distribution.

Project Assist is a program that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge operates.

This year's \$100,000 donation will be shared by 20 Ontario fire departments, including Champlain Township's. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials for firefighters to enhance life-saving techniques. Champlain Township Fire Services will be receiving \$5,000 of this allotted money.

Since the launch of Project Assist in 2012, 84 Ontario fire departments have received additional firefighter training.

"The Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council is proud to partner with Enbridge Gas Distribution for Project Assist. Firefighting is a dangerous and unpredictable profession and firefighters need to be prepared for any hazardous situation," says Arthur Pullan, Executive Director of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. "Project Assist helps fire departments access a variety of training materials to supplement their regular training programs and ultimately contributes to firefighter safety on the job."

District 1 (Vankleek Hill) Fire Chief Michel Martin is very pleased with the announcement. "We have benefitted from Project Assist's generosity in the past and we appreciate this help in ensuring that our firefighters are up to date in modern training protocol. I should point out that we train year-long for all kinds of situations."

Richard Sincennes is Mr. Martin's counterpart at the District 2 fire station (L'Original). "These training manuals will no doubt be useful to our crew. Techniques evolve and we need to stay current. They will also nicely complement our existing procedures and a practice structure which District 2 has built."

Mayor Gary J. Barton is equally pleased about this announcement. "Our volunteer firefighters face constant challenges out on the field, whether they are putting out flames in a

building or responding to an accident. It is important that they be fully trained in the safest and most efficient techniques available and this contribution from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Enbridge Gas will be a significant help to achieving this goal."

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." The Council, chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal and supported by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety.

About Champlain Township Fire Services

Champlain Township was created in January 1998 as the result of the amalgamation of four municipalities. Its firefighters operate out of two fire halls, each located at opposite ends of the Municipality. These volunteers are frequently dispatched to the scene of a fire, a vehicle collision or some other emergency. They also answer calls for help from neighbouring firefighting services. In total, Champlain Township Fire Services has 48 volunteer firefighters.

About Enbridge Gas Distribution

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