



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas Distribution helps Champlain Township Fire Services (Districts 1 and 2) and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Project Zero**

**CHAMPLAIN TOWNSHIP, July 11, 2018** – Today, Enbridge Gas Distribution, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Champlain Township Fire Services announced they are partnering to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Champlain Township Fire Services received 120 alarms combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero – a public education campaign that is providing more than 6,600 alarms to residents in 30 Ontario municipalities. This year, Enbridge invested \$200,000 in Project Zero.

Since 2009, 34,384 alarms have been provided to Ontario fire departments as part of Project Zero.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning that is needed to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure.

Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odorless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels. It is important that all fuel-burning equipment be properly maintained to prevent carbon monoxide buildup. Carbon monoxide alarms are recommended as a second line of defense to protect against the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"We have proof that prevention saves lives. Knowing this, we remain committed to educating our customers about the importance of installing a combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, as well as properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment," says Rick Gaza, Enbridge Gas Distribution.

"It is essential that Ontarians protect themselves and their families from carbon monoxide poisoning," says Ross Nichols, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. "By installing carbon monoxide alarms in their home on every level and adjacent to sleeping areas - residents can help prevent needless tragedies. Project Zero is an invaluable program that helps fire departments educate residents in their community about carbon monoxide alarms."

"On behalf of the Champlain Fire Department and myself, I would like to thank Enbridge Gas Distribution and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council for their support and donation of 120 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. They will be well distributed amongst the residents of Champlain Township", says District 1 Fire Chief, Michel Martin.

“On behalf of Council, Fire Department and myself, I would like to thank Enbridge Gas Distribution and the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council for their generosity in providing the Champlain Township with smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Your assistance to our Fire Chiefs, Firefighters and keeping our citizens safe is most appreciated,” says Champlain Township Mayor, Gary Barton.

### **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, and supported by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, 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 the Champlain Township Fire Department**

The township of Champlain supports two fire departments. Station 1, known as Bruce Barton fire hall is located in Vankleek Hill. It operates with 25 volunteer firefighters. Station 2, known as Marcel Huneault fire hall is based out of the town of L'Orignal and also operates with 25 firefighters.

### **About Enbridge Gas Distribution**

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