





#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# Enbridge Gas teams up with Middlesex Centre Fire Services to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

**Middlesex Centre, December 3, 2025** – Today, Enbridge Gas Ontario (Enbridge Gas), the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) and Middlesex Centre Fire Services announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Middlesex Centre Fire Services received 210 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide more than 14,200 alarms to residents in 75 communities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$450,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 17 years, the program has provided more than 115,000 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 alarms play a vital role as a second line of defense against this invisible threat, often called "the silent killer," says Chris Young, Supervisor, Capital Management & Administration, Enbridge Gas. "Proper maintenance of fuel-burning appliances is the most effective way to prevent carbon monoxide exposure. We're proud to support our communities by raising awareness and helping Ontarians take simple, proactive steps to stay safe in their homes."

"Each day, fire departments focus their efforts on educating the public about the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their home. The objective of Safe Community Project Zero, is to deliver these alarms to areas where they are needed most," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. "It is a program that not only helps fire departments raise awareness about the legal requirement to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms installed in all Ontario homes but also reinforces the critical role they play in saving lives."

"We're grateful for this generous donation from Project Zero and for Enbridge's continued support of this vital safety initiative," says Middlesex Centre Fire Chief Colin Toth. "These smoke alarms will go to households where they're needed most, helping protect lives. We

remind everyone to install alarms on every level of your home and test them regularly to ensure they're working properly."

#### **About Middlesex Centre Fire Services**

Middlesex Centre Fire Services offer a first line of response for fires, accidents, and other emergencies in our community. More than 115 professional, paid-on-call firefighters and a handful of full-time staff work out of five fire stations located across the municipality. In 2024, firefighters responded to 434 calls for assistance, and provided inspections, investigation and education and awareness training across the municipality. Learn more at middlesexcentre.ca/fire.

#### **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 X @FMPFSC.

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