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Enbridge Gas Ontario teams up with Southwest Middlesex Fire Department to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS: *Beginning January 1, 2026, the Ontario Fire Code will require the installation of additional carbon monoxide alarms, regardless of building age. CO alarms will now be mandatory on every storey of all homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage.*

This new legislation applies to residential occupancies, residential suites and care occupancies served by a forced-air fuel-burning appliance not contained within the building.

For more information on the new Carbon Monoxide Alarm rules, please visit Ontario.ca/CarbonMonoxide

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, ON, November 12, 2025, – Today, Enbridge Gas Ontario (Enbridge Gas), the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) and the Southwest Middlesex Fire Department announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

The Southwest Middlesex Fire Department received 114 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 defence against this invisible threat, often called ‘the silent killer’,” says Megan Shannon, Advisor, Municipal & Stakeholder Engagement, 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.”

"Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are key factors in saving lives," says Fire Chief Gary Johnston. "Southwest Middlesex Fire is pleased to work in partnership with Enbridge and the FMPFSC through the Safe Community Project Zero program to ensure that all residents are aware of the new rules for Carbon Monoxide alarms and that these detectors are distributed to residents and families in need."

About the Southwest Middlesex Fire Department

The Southwest Middlesex Fire Department is a volunteer department that provides fire and emergency services to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex. The department is comprised of two stations, one in Wardsville and one in Glencoe, and is staffed with a total of 42 dedicated, active firefighters, on call and ready to respond 24-7.

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.

About Enbridge Gas Ontario

Enbridge Gas Ontario is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario. With more than 175 years of service, it delivers safe, affordable, reliable energy to over 4 million customers. It is investing in innovations that modernize how energy is produced, delivered and used to support a lower emission future. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, Canada's largest integrated underground storage facility and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas is owned by Enbridge Inc. (ENB), a North American-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Visit enbridgegas.com to learn more.

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