



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas helps St. Charles Fire Department Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero**

**Municipality of St. Charles, January 10, 2022** – Today, Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and the St. Charles Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

St. Charles Fire received 96 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 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 Peter Jurgeneit, Director, Transmission Compression & LNG Operations, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Safe Community 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 and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. “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.”

“Project Zero greatly assists us in our fire prevention and life safety education initiatives by allowing us to supply zero cost combination alarms to those in need,” says Fire Chief James Bertoia. “Since 2019, we have distributed 180 free alarms to those in need. Our community members are safer as a direct result of this grant opportunity.”

### **About the St. Charles Fire Department**

The St. Charles Fire Department is a fully volunteer department providing realistic fire prevention, education and protection for life and property to the residents of St. Charles. Through community involvement, continued education, innovation, aggressive and compliant leadership, the department protects citizens, property, and the environment from many hazards.

### **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, 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 Enbridge Gas**

Enbridge Gas Inc., formed on January 1, 2019 from the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution, is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with a more than 170-year history of providing safe and reliable service to customers. The distribution business serves about 3.8 million customers, heating over 75 per cent of Ontario homes. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas Inc. is owned by Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution.

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