

# Media Release

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## **Enbridge Gas Inc. helps Caledon Fire & Emergency Services Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Project Zero**



(Photo - left to right: Gillian Boyd, Chief Darryl Bailey, Mayor Allan Thompson, Chris Taylor, Rick Finnemore)

Enbridge Gas Inc. and Town of Caledon Fire & Emergency Services announced yesterday that they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Caledon Fire Service received 198 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero, – a public education campaign that will provide more than 9,100 alarms to residents in 40 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas Inc. invested \$275,000 in Project Zero, and over the past 11 years, the program has provided more than 44,356 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.

“Project Zero is a significant public safety education program with impressive, measurable results.” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “Caledon is fortunate to be included in this partnership and to be able to distribute these carbon monoxide alarms in our public educational outreach safety campaign to keep our community safe,”

“Smoke alarms must be installed on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home. Carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. For added protection, install both smoke and carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of your home”, said Chief Darryl Bailey, Caledon Fire & Emergency Services. “We have always prompted public safety through community partnerships like Enbridge Gas and Project Zero is an excellent opportunity to partner with other community agencies to keep our community residents safe.”



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“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 alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” says Grant Kilpatrick, Operations Manager, Enbridge Gas Inc.

“The objective of Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” said Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chief, Emergency Management. “It’s a program that municipal 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.”

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