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Enbridge Gas Assists Whitewater Region Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training

Whitewater Region, March 1, 2022 – Enbridge Gas is helping Whitewater Region Fire Department purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist—a program with the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge operates.

“At Enbridge Gas, safety is our priority. We’re proud to support Ontario firefighters who share our commitment to keeping our communities safe,” says Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations & Gazifere Operations, Enbridge Gas.

This year’s \$250,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including the Whitewater Region Fire Department. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials for firefighters to enhance life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 244 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Safe Community Project Assist improves access to training materials for fire departments,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council. “Firefighting can be dangerous and unpredictable, and these training materials positively contribute to the health and safety of firefighters and the broader community.”

“Enbridge Gas has been a partner and supporter of the fire service for many years by providing training and emergency scene expertise. This grant demonstrates their commitment to the safety of our community and visitors, and the firefighters who serve Whitewater Region,” says Fire Chief Jonathan McLaren. “Their generous contribution will be used to expand our training library to augment our firefighting expertise. The safety of our firefighters and the community we serve depends upon having the best trained firefighters possible when emergencies occur.”

About the Whitewater Region Fire Department

The Whitewater Region Fire Department was established in 2001 with the amalgamation of the Beachburg, Cobden, Ross and Westmeath fire departments. Today, the department employs nearly 80 firefighters, who are dedicated to providing public education and emergency response that continues to evolve as the needs of their community change.

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." The Council, chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, 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

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