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Enbridge Gas Assists Southwest Middlesex Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, ON, December 13, 2023 – Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is helping the Southwest Middlesex Fire Department purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist—a program with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

“At Enbridge Gas, safety is at the core of what we do. Providing support to Ontario firefighters with emergency response training, we’re equipping the heroes of tomorrow to better protect the communities we live and work in—keeping them healthy and vibrant,” says Robin Ellwood, Sarnia Operations Supervisor, Enbridge Gas.

This year’s \$250,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including the Southwest Middlesex Fire Department. Funds are used to purchase educational materials to assist in training firefighters in life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 344 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Fire departments train every single day and that’s why it’s important for them to have access to the right materials to keep their members and the public safe. Safe Community Project Assist helps departments afford some of these training tools and improves the ongoing learning that occurs across Ontario,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, and Chair of the FMPFSC.

“The Southwest Middlesex Fire Department is extremely grateful to receive this grant from Enbridge Gas for firefighting training materials. These materials will assist with our firefighter certification program and will help ensure we provide the highest levels of emergency services to our community,” says Fire Chief Gary Johnston.

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 Twitter @FMPFSC.

About Enbridge Gas Inc.

Enbridge Gas is Canada’s largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175th anniversary of serving customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.9 million customers and is leading the transition to a clean energy future through net-zero emissions targets and investments in innovative low-carbon energy solutions. 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 is owned by Enbridge (ENB), a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Visit enbridgegas.com to learn more.

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