



TOWN OF PELHAM

Pelham Offers Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Alarms to Vulnerable Residents

Starting in late July, the Pelham Fire Department will distribute combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarms to vulnerable individuals, including families registered with Pelham Cares and those participating in Meals on Wheels.

A total of 240 combination alarms, with a retail value of \$12,900, have been donated to the Town of Pelham through Project Zero. Project Zero is a public education program aimed at reducing the number of residential fires and carbon monoxide deaths to zero. The province wide campaign is run in cooperation with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Enbridge Gas Distribution.

"Pelham is excited to have this wonderful opportunity through Project Zero to help provide safety measures for those in our community who need it the most," commented Mayor Dave Augustyn.

Combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarms, when properly installed and maintained, help provide an early warning that is needed to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure.

"Our Fire Department is dedicated to educating residents about the importance of installing and maintaining combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarms in their homes," said Pelham Fire Chief Bob Lymburner.

In Ontario, all homes must have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. While carbon monoxide alarms are not currently legislated, they are highly recommended by the Ontario Fire Marshal.

Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless, colourless gas that can cause illness and death. It is produced whenever a fuel, such as natural gas, propane, gasoline, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal, is burned.

Residents who are not registered with Pelham Cares or Meals on Wheels that would like to be considered for a combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarm may contact Pelham Fire Prevention Officer Saskia Holditch at (905) 892-3943.

A photo opportunity with Mayor Dave Augustyn and representatives from the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council and Enbridge Gas Distribution, along with members of the Pelham Fire Department, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Pelham Fire Station One (177 Highway 20 West).



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