

Carbon monoxide awareness program receives grant

By: Dawn Brown

Representatives from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Union Gas, Spectra Energy Foundation presented a \$2500 grant for the Halton Hills Fire Department's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Program as well as \$1800 in combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as part of Project Zero at The Halton Hills Town council meeting on Monday night.

Project Zero is a public education campaign with the goal of reducing the number of deaths as a result of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning to zero by providing combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents.

With the donations received from Union Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council, Deputy Fire Chief, Harry Olivieri announced a special initiative. The 2015 CO Awareness Campaign will focus on older adult residents in the community who may not have the assistance or resources to have a working fire and carbon monoxide alarm in their home.

The Public Education division in cooperation with Hillview Active Living Centres will be reaching out by providing free home inspections to this sector and, where needed, providing alarms

at no charge as well as installing the alarms for them.

"This does not mean that all the other residents in our community are any less important," Olivieri said. "They should have smoke alarms and CO detectors in their homes as well." Olivieri explained that other residents would not be excluded from the program. If the Halton Hills Fire Department is contacted or made aware of any resident who needs assistance they will be there for them, also.

The Ontario Fire Code was amended in October 2014 making it law that every home and residential building with a fuel burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage have a working carbon monoxide alarm. Compliance with said law was required by April 2015 for single unit homes and buildings with less than six residential suites, and October 2015 for buildings with more than six residential units.

"Smoke and CO alarms are a critical life saving device that are required in every residential home," Olivieri said. "We are very fortunate to have partnerships with The Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, Union Gas and Spectra Energy Foundation who help us promote this message. We sincerely thank them for their help to make Halton Hills a safer place to live."



GRANT PRESENTATION: Union Gas representatives Nicholas Klip, Mark Egbedeyi-Emmanuel, Councillor Bryan Lewis, Arthur L. Pullan Executive Director The Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, and Acting Captain Mark Burger. - Dawn Brown photo

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