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Union Gas gives \$5,000 toward Milton fire-safety booklets

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A donation from Union Gas will fund new fire safety literature in Milton that answers the most common public questions, local firefighters say. The new booklet — called Fire Safety is as easy as 1-2-3 — covers topics including smoke alarms, home escape planning, cooking safety, avoiding overheated sump pumps, clothes dryers, safe storage and fire extinguishers.

It's meant to be a "one-stop shop" for residents, covering the dangers the Milton Fire Department sees most often, said Deputy Chief Kevin Foster on Tuesday.

"Some of our single-subject materials are more detailed," he told the Champion, saying the new booklet could be something people keep in their houses as reference material.

Fire Safety is as easy as 1-2-3 will be available to the public in June, at fire stations, community events, home visits and other public places where safety literature is available.

The fire service will print 10,000 copies to start, partially funded by a \$5,000 donation that Union Gas presented to the fire department on Tuesday.

"At Union Gas, we are always putting safety above all else and believe in keeping the community safe as well," said Mark Egbedeyi-Emmanuel, Union Gas district manager for Hamilton and Halton.

Later, in a press release, he added, "This donation is a direct result of the recent Union Gas Major Projects expansion in the area.

"That refers to the \$245 million Hamilton-to-Milton pipeline the company completed in 2016, said Union Gas communications specialist David Primorac.

"Union Gas constructed a 20 kilometre, 48-inch diameter steel natural gas pipeline between our existing Hamilton valve site (located near Highway 6 and Carlisle Road) and our existing Union Gas Milton Gate Station (located south of Derry Road between Ontario Street and Third Line)," he explained in an email.

This was not Union Gas' first donation to the Milton Fire Department. It has paid for carbon monoxide detectors for community members in the past, and also supports other "key community partners" such as the police, said Egbedeyi-Emmanuel."

"We know programs like the fire safety communication looklet are committed to making people and this community safer each and everyday and we're proud to support the work of the Milton Fire Department," he stated in the release.