Guelph Community Safety Campaign Kicks Off

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Guelph, ON, March 24, 2020) – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), City of Guelph, Guelph Fire Services, Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Service and Guelph Police Service collaboratively launched a community safety campaign in Guelph called Working Together in Our Community – THINK SAFE to remind residents of important carbon monoxide and other safety tips – and, particularly so as they stay closer to home during these ever-evolving, challenging and unprecedented times.

Fully acknowledging that we are all collectively in a heightened state of safety and the greatest issue facing us all, provincially, nationally and globally, is the novel coronavirus pandemic, TSSA would like to applaud all those involved, for their dedication and tireless efforts to keep us safe.

As residents and communities have been asked to modify their lifestyle and are spending increasingly more time at home, TSSA, within that environment and through this campaign, wants to remind people of additional means by which they can keep themselves safe in and around their homes.

For three weeks, Guelph residents will receive details about carbon monoxide (CO) exposure and additional important safety information by mail and through local media. Although spring is on the horizon, the risks of CO exposure unfortunately don’t change. In fact, in addition to being mindful of the common sources of CO in the home, we must pay special attention to things like cottages, campers, boat cabins and RVs as CO can build up in these enclosed spaces under certain conditions, potentially resulting in harmful and even deadly CO poisoning. So, it’s important to be in the ‘know’ about CO including the fact that CO knows no seasonal boundaries.

“While Ontario’s many public safety organizations work tirelessly in their communities, residents also play a critical role in improving safety where we live, work and play,” said Bonnie Rose, President and CEO, TSSA. “The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness and encourage and assist residents in Guelph to adopt important behaviours that will reduce their risk in their everyday lives.”

“We’re happy to be working together with TSSA and other safety partners in our community to deliver these important safety messages to our residents in Guelph,” adds Guelph Fire Chief Dave Elloway.

During the course of this three-week campaign, and through these collective efforts, residents are encouraged to ‘take action, think safe’ as they work, live and play in their community.
About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is one of Ontario’s public safety regulators mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, and ski lifts. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, compliance support and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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