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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: John McBeth
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DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Save the Date, *Charged for LiFE (Lithium-ion Fire Education)*
Symposium

As you are aware, lithium-ion battery fires are a growing challenge for the fire service and are an issue that the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has been monitoring for some time.

A recent fire caused by a lithium-ion battery powered e-bike on Toronto's subway system is the latest high-profile media story involving a lithium-ion battery. But the challenges are not geographically isolated. Lithium-ion batteries are everywhere and are having an impact on fire safety in all our communities.

The OFM is hosting a one-day educational symposium, called *Charged for LiFE (Lithium-ion Fire Education)*, for fire departments, stakeholders, and agency partners. Experts will discuss how lithium-ion battery fires burn, how the public can prevent them, and how the fire service and fire safety partners can raise public awareness of the fire risks. Attendees will also receive public education materials and resources that they can use in their communities.

The symposium will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Ascott Parc Event Centre in Vaughan, ON.

Mark your calendars and get ready to join the discussion. Further details on registration will be sent shortly.

Sincerely,

John McBeth
Acting Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety