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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: John McBeth
Acting Fire Marshal

DATE: October 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Launch of New "Charged for LiFE" Website

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) is pleased to announce the launch of the new [Charged for LiFE \(Lithium-ion Fire Education\) website](#), a key initiative in the ongoing effort to reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires throughout Ontario. This new resource was developed in response to conversations at the recent Charged for LiFE symposium, where the need for enhanced public education and prevention strategies around lithium-ion battery safety was highlighted.

Hosted and sponsored by the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, the Charged for LiFE website provides a centralized hub of critical information, practical safety tips, and expert guidance to help Ontarians understand and mitigate the risks associated with lithium-ion batteries.

The website includes downloadable resources, such as printable materials and social media assets, developed in collaboration with the City of Toronto and Toronto Fire Services as part of their lithium-ion battery safety campaign. These resources can support your fire department's community education initiatives and ensure the fire service is aligned in promoting clear, consistent messaging that reflects best practices in lithium-ion battery safety.

The OFM will continue to collaborate with fire departments, stakeholders, industry experts, and community organizations, and the Charged for LiFE website will be updated regularly to address emerging safety concerns related to lithium-ion batteries. The goal is to ensure that every Ontarian has access to the knowledge and resources needed to prevent fire incidents and stay safe.

I encourage you to explore the Charged for LiFE website and incorporate these educational materials into your public outreach efforts. By leveraging this new resource, we can continue to work together to reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and enhance community safety across Ontario.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to fire safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McBeth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a prominent flourish at the end.

John McBeth
Acting Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
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