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Continuing to Forge Partnerships: Cambridge Donates Life Saving Equipment to Conestoga's Pre-Service Firefighter Program

Cambridge, Ontario. January 10, 2012... The Cambridge Fire Department (CFD) recently donated a number of previously appreciated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units to benefit students in the Pre-Service Firefighter program at Conestoga College. The donation significantly increases the ability of the highly ranked college to train with genuine equipment to simulate conditions the students will face in a real emergency situation.

"We work very closely with Conestoga College to support the educational excellence they deliver in the Pre-Service Firefighter program," says Bill Chesney, Cambridge Fire Chief. There are already very strong ties to the college which include integrating students in Cambridge Fire Department's public education programs like the annual Fire Safety Day, as well as a past donation of a pumper fire truck (seen in the background of the picture here).



Last week, CFD donated 42 SCBA packs and 47 air cylinders to Conestoga College, one of the top ranked colleges in Ontario. Their Pre-Service Firefighter program is supported by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs/Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, and prepares students for a career as

a firefighter. This program provides applicants with a pre-service level preparation to compete for positions as Firefighter.

“Our program provides students with the opportunity of consolidating and applying theory through lab and field experience,” says John Richards, Chair of Certificate Programs and Continuing Education at Conestoga.

“This equipment will be instrumental in delivering the practical modules that prepare our students with the right stuff to enter into the firefighting field. We appreciate the partnership that we have with Cambridge Fire Department,” notes Brad Kueneman, Coordinator of Conestoga’s Pre-Service Firefighter Program.

Pictured above at the Waterloo Region Emergency Services building at the Doon Campus of Conestoga College are: Back Row - L-R - Cambridge’s Deputy Fire Chief Neil Main and Conestoga’s Chair, Certificate Programs & Continuing Education John Richards. Front Row - L-R - Cambridge’s Chief Training Officer Silvio Da Silva, Conestoga Pre-Service Firefighter Program students Meghan Pittaway and Kyle Rank, and program coordinator Brad Kueneman.

Conestoga College Institute of Advanced Learning recently expanded to Cambridge and now offers programs at two campuses. The new Cambridge Campus now houses the School of Engineering Technology and Trades and the Institute of Food Processing Technology. More information on the Cambridge campuses can be found at:

<http://www.conestogac.on.ca/about/ourcampuses/cambridgecamp.jsp>

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