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**MEDIA RELEASE**



### **FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT OF 35 ONTARIO ROAD RESULTS IN PROSECUTION**

**Welland, ON** – During the summer of 2019, the Welland Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) attended the property at 35 Ontario Road, City of Welland, to conduct fire safety inspections. The property is a two (2)-storey building with commercial occupancies on the main floor and four (4) residential apartments on the second floor.

During both inspections, the Fire Prevention Division of WFES observed numerous Ontario Fire Code violations. During these inspections, numerous smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were either missing or not in an operational condition.

Due to the conditions found at the building during these inspections and the risk(s) posed to residents, a prosecution was initiated against the property owner and the corporate director. On May 6, 2021, the property owner was convicted in Provincial Offences Court on several counts of contravening the Ontario Fire Code and was fined in total \$8,000 plus victim fine surcharge (25% of fine) and court costs pursuant to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA), 1997.

WFES would like to remind landlords that they must provide and maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their rental properties in accordance with the Ontario Fire Code to ensure the safety of their tenants.

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