



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: CAER DONATION - MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

Over the next two years, CAER will generously donate \$200,000 to the City of Sarnia, \$100,000 in 2021, and \$100,000 in 2022 toward a new Mobile Command Vehicle.

CAER is a long-standing community partner and assisted the City of Sarnia with the purchase of the current Mobile Command Vehicle several decades ago.

“CAER provided a donation to make our current Mobile Command Vehicle a reality almost 30 years ago, and in that time, the City of Sarnia and CAER have worked hand in hand to ensure the safety of the citizens in our fine community,” said Ron Realesmith, Manager of Emergency Management and Corporate Security with the City of Sarnia. “In the last year alone, CAER has met the needs in our community with funding towards our field hospital, vaccination clinics, and now, a Mobile Command Vehicle replacement. Their organization is the true embodiment of community collaboration, and the City of Sarnia looks forward to the next 30 years, keeping the community safe alongside CAER.”

The CAER organization, in conjunction with the Industrial Education Co-Operative (IEC) and Sarnia Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA), united under their shared goals and foundations, recently launched the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment & Sustainability (BASES). Given our proximity to industry, Sarnia presents unique public safety challenges. CAER is a valued community partner providing essential support and information related to the protection of workers, the community, and the environment. This relevant information and a variety of resources to help you and your loved ones stay safe in the event of an emergency are now available on the BASES website at lambtonbases.ca.

“When the City approached us, a team was immediately formed to assess the request. A proposal was jointly developed through a CAER project team and brought to the Board. It was through this review that it became clear that our

members recognized the importance of this investment to ensure a coordinated response in the event of an emergency. BASES is proud to collaborate with all levels of government, including the City of Sarnia, on initiatives to keep our community safe,” said Vince Gagner, General Manager of BASES.

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