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## Media Release

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### Fire code violation conviction

**Port Colborne, ON (Oct. 1, 2019)** – On April 10, 2018, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services responded to a complaint regarding 68 Fraser Street. Upon arrival, it was noted there was multiple life safety issues with, but not limited to, damaged fire separations, fire alarm system not operational, sprinkler system not operational, fire extinguisher not operations, and disable smoke alarms.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, in Provincial Offences Court the person having care and control of the property pleaded guilty to two charges; damaged fire separations and fire system not being maintained in operating condition. Fines totalled \$5,000.00 and were payable by Vishal Chityal. 1825081 Ontario Inc. was also fined \$4,000.00 and plead guilty to failing to maintain a smoke alarm in a residential unit.

“I want to commend our fire department for their diligence to fire safety and property standards in Port Colborne, specifically in keeping our tenant residents safe at home,” said Mayor Bill Steele. “Our Fire Department will continue to inspect and enforce the laws with respect to fire safety.”

“As Fire Chief, I want to remind all residents who reside in multi-residential properties the importance of working smoke alarms, fire alarm systems and maintaining all safety devices within your building”, said Thomas B. Cartwright. “Smoke alarms provide early warning to occupants in the event of a fire, providing the brief opportunity to safely escape the dwelling. Residents and building owners should know the importance of fire safety and that Violations of the Ontario Fire Code will not be tolerated.”

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