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NFPA AND CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION FORM HISTORIC ALLIANCE TO HELP ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CANADA

Toronto – December 12, 2005 – The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) today announced a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under which both organizations have agreed to work together jointly to help improve public safety and the quality of life in the United States and Canada. Under the terms of the agreement, both organizations will work together to promote awareness, knowledge and the application of standards and industry best practices in the community and workplace.

The MOU was signed today by NFPA President James M. Shannon and Pat Keindel, President, Standards, Canadian Standards Association at CSA headquarters in Toronto, Canada.

“This newly established and historic alliance between NFPA and CSA is a statement of our shared common vision and interest in the betterment of public safety and the quality of life,” said Pat Keindel, President, Standards, Canadian Standards Association. “It is within the interest and the greater good of our two nations that we work together cooperatively to build an effective model of international cooperation on public safety issues.”

“We are pleased to have established a more formal relationship with CSA,” said Shannon. “NFPA and CSA share a common interest in serving the public and providing a safe environment where we work and live. We look forward to expanding our activities with CSA in the areas of electrical and fire safety, and the important area of emergency preparedness and homeland security.”

As part of the alliance, NFPA and CSA have resolved to establish a relationship to enable coordinated action to explore and pursue opportunities to undertake specific joint emergency preparedness, planning and emergency management, public health and safety, and public security initiatives. They will also work closely to create value for their stakeholders, constituents, members, and the public in support of their common mandates while building an effective model of regional cooperation for the common good.

About NFPA

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org

About CSA

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) is a membership association serving industry, government, consumers and other interested parties in Canada and the global marketplace. A leading developer of standards and codes, CSA aims to enhance public safety, improve quality of life, preserve the environment and facilitate trade. To help people understand and apply standards, CSA offers information products and training. The Canadian Standards Association is a division of CSA Group, which also consists of CSA International for product testing and certification, and QMI for management systems registration. For more information visit www.csa.ca