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SUBJECT: Canosia Volunteer Fire Department Receives \$1,000 Check

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On behalf of MN Pipeline CAER, City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities, Gas and Energy Coordinator Eric Schlacks presents Cansoia Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gene Stevens with a \$1000 check. In the presentation picture are from top row left to right are Percy Johnson, Gary Hartranft, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Chief Gene Stevens, Eric Schlacks, Laird Erikson. Bottom row left Brian Fredrickson, Jeff Lundholm, and Scott Mercier. The Canosia VFD is one of six agencies to be awarded \$1000 based on their attendance at one of MN Pipeline CAER's 2012 Emergency Responder pipeline safety programs.

The Cansoia Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1949 and has 25 volunteer members. It serves a community of 2100 people in St. Louis County, MN, and responded to 157 calls last year. Gene Stevens, Chief of the Cansoia VFD said they plan to use the grant to buy replacement gloves for structure and car extrication rescues, and training materials.

MN Pipeline CAER is an association of 33 pipeline companies and utilities in Minnesota working together to promote pipeline safety. They proactively provide pipeline safety information to Minnesota emergency responders, including local fire, law enforcement, and to excavators, and public officials. For more information about pipeline safety go to www.MNCAER.com.

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