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Shelburne Legion donates training dummy to local fire department

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The Royal Canadian Legion Shelburne Branch 220 has again stepped up to support first responders in Dufferin County with another donation to the Shelburne and District Fire Department.

The Legion donated funds to purchase a Crash Kelly manikin, an advanced training dummy meant for first responders. Shelburne and District Fire Department Chief Dave Pratt said the modular manikin will be used for training department staff.

?The Shelburne Legion donated funds to purchase Crash Kelly, a patient simulator manikin, which will be used to deliver high-performance CPR training for the department,? he said. ?The manakin also has the ability to purchase add-on training features in future for further advanced training.?

Crash Kelly, valued at just over $4,000, is a life-sized training manikin designed to help emergency responders, firefighters, and medical personnel practice airway management, rescue, and patient extrication techniques.

Built to be durable and realistic, it can be positioned in a variety of scenarios and allows trainees to practice skills such as intubation, airway insertion, ventilation, and patient assessment.

The manikin can also be equipped with optional trauma and bleeding-control modules, making it a versatile tool for a wide range of emergency response training exercises.

This donation, held during an evening Legion meeting at its branch building in town, is the latest in a series of donations made by the Legion to the Fire Department in Shelburne. Previously, the Legion had donated $4,459 for medical bags earlier this year, and had donated funds for thermal cameras and Automatic External Defibrillators in recent years.

The fire department expressed its thanks for the Legion's continued support, which has greatly expedited the acquisition of new equipment to maintain the readiness of its volunteer firefighters.