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AWARD: Oakville Beaver reporter David Lea was presented his award by Halton Regional Police Chief Gary Crowell.

Reporter wins police and OCNA awards

It was an award-winning week for Oakville Beaver reporter David Lea.

On Thursday night, the veteran reporter picked up the Best Police Feature Story award at the Halton Regional Police Service's annual Police, Citizen and Media Awards Ceremony.

Lea received the award for his story To save somebody else's child.

The story describes an Oakville mother's efforts to stop other parents from going through the pain she now feels after losing a son to impaired driving.

The next night, Friday, Lea received

a third place award for Environment Writing at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's awards gala.

Lea's story, Oakville's major pollution emitters, dealt with the impact Oakville new health protection air quality bylaw had on local business-

In her comment, OCNA judge Terri Arnott said: "What happens when the town's largest employer and largest taxpayer is also the worst polluter? It's a big story with a host of polluting bad guys caught in the net of a new Health Protection air quality bylaw."

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