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## No casualties in auto parts plant fire

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There were no casualties as a result of a fire at Standard Products (Canada) Ltd. Wednesday afternoon.

Firefighters were called to extinguish a blaze in the exhaust and fan system at the automotive parts plant located on Guelph Street, Georgetown.

The next day, the plant was two-thirds in operation, according to Division Manager Carl Brundle. He said the plant would be completely back to normal by Monday.

Many passersby stopped to watch the black smoke pouring out of the exhaust stacks on top of the roof Wednesday.

The Halton Hills fire department responded with about 20 men at 3:55 p.m. with two pumper trucks, an aerial ladder truck and a rescue van. Police later arrived to keep traffic moving on Highway 7.

There were no injuries among the firefighters, said Deputy Chief Bob Hyde. The deputy chief suspects the fire began at the end of a conveyor

system and spread upward into the collector system.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation and a full report has not yet been completed, said the deputy chief.

There was minimal damage and the fire never truly threatened the building, he said. Firefighters had no problem containing the flames because it was in the exhaust collection system. Water was applied through hatches in the exhaust

pipes.

Firefighters checked the roof exhaust vents for further fire damage. Some of the blaze disintegrated on its own said the deputy chief.

Mr. Brundle said there was damage to the stacks and exhaust fans and some electrical work but he could not give a damage estimate yet.

Deputy Chief Hyde stressed that the fire department's report was not yet completed, but that he thought damage would be less than \$10,000.



Teamwork is needed when firefighters start un-furling hoses and coupling them to put out a blaze. Here, three members of the Halton Hills fire department work on the scene of the Standard Products fire Wednesday. (Herald photo)

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Home for Christmas! Never is there a time of year that speaks so many volumes about family life than these upcoming three weeks. Kids return from university, family members fly in from all parts of the world, and it's all because of "home". Home is truly where the heart is - and isn't it wonderful that we can take advantage of all this great society has to offer during this festive season.

I know that some of you are going to be stacked up with guests and family for part of this month, and I'm sure it is a concern to you if your home is on the market for sale. I can only hasten to assure you that, although your home might look a little crowded, prospective purchasers are very forgiving at this time of year. If you can keep the house reasonably neat, the extra bodies and hustle and bustle will only endear your home to other family buyers.

Christmas festivities have a way of giving your home warmth, life and livability. These are the very factors that prospective buyers are looking for. Those of you, who are loaded down with guests, don't dismay, for during this time, the market is traditionally a little slow, so you will not be getting the number of calls to have your home shown, as you would at other times of the year. You might, if necessary, have some of your guests go out for a short drive if you are concerned that "overload" might be "overkill", when you get that call from your real estate company.

Whatever you do, don't get panicky - enjoy your holiday guests and family - your home will sell no matter who is around - and isn't that what a home is for - to enjoy and be together whenever possible. May all your preparations for the season bring you much happiness this month.

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| C.I.B.C.              | 9%     | 9%     | 10%    | 10%    | 10%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%     |
| Halton Comm Cr. Union | 10%    | 10%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%     |
| T.D. Bank             | 9%     | 9%     | 10%    | 10%    | 10%    | 11%    | 11%    | 11%     |
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