

# Fire department changes name to Halton Hills Fire Department

Public didn't connect with protection/prevention aspect

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Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services has gone back to tradition and revived its former name.

The local fire service is now once again called Halton Hills Fire Department.

The name change was included in the department's 2010 Fire Services Master Plan that was endorsed by Halton Hills Council at its recent meeting.

"Through the years we saw that the community and other citizens that had contact with the fire department didn't immediately associate fire protection and prevention services with the roles and activities the fire department was normally associated with," said Harry Olivieri, Deputy Chief Prevention and Education.

Olivieri said staff was of the same opinion.

"It's a return to the traditional

name. It's back to our roots," said Olivieri.

Olivieri said the department's name was changed in 2002 to Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services under then Fire Chief Bob Meads to coincide with the renaming of the Fire Departments Act to Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

He said under the new name the fire department will continue to put a "strong emphasis" on fire prevention and protection, said Olivieri.

He said the fire department won't be incurring any additional costs due to the name change, as the names on trucks won't be changed until they're replaced or need to be repainted.

New signs were already slated to go up at the new Georgetown South station and the Maple Ave. station and now will include the name change. The current Acton station sign doesn't need to be changed as it already says Fire Department.



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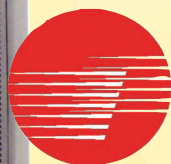
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