



Our local firefighters

True examples of courage

If there is a profession admired by all, it has to be that of the firefighter. Indeed, nearly every time a public survey is conducted firefighters are certain to be at the top of the list. It's enough to make any politician jealous...

Firefighters belong to one of the few professions with a job description that includes the notion of risking one's life. This is why firefighters have a heroic aura about them. Moreover, they are frequently the first responders to a 911 emergency call for both fires and road accidents.

Firefighting in Halton Hills dates back to the Acton and Georgetown fire brigades of the mid-1800s. Today, the Halton Hills Fire Department's 24 full-time members oversee a geographic area of 150 kilometres and respond to nearly 800 emergencies each year. The department has four specialized teams trained in collision rescue, emergency patient care, hazardous materials response and technical rescue.

The Halton Hills Fire Department places great emphasis on education and prevention. The Public Education Division oversees a variety of education programs for all ages, including Risk Watch, an injury-prevention program for elementary school children. The department participates in the annual two-day Risk Watch Safety Blitz where local students learn safety tips from local fire, police and EMT organizations.

All of the department's programs, squads and teams work together to meet the department's mission statement: to provide fire protection and prevention services to protect the community and enhance life safety.

A heartfelt salute our LOCAL HEROES



Our paramedics Here to save lives

Paramedics play a key role in our healthcare system. Their numerous interventions can mean the difference between life and death. These professionals must have exemplary composure and be well balanced both mentally and psychologically. Here's a small insight into a profession where everything happens rapidly:

Every time paramedics are called to help someone in need of emergency medical care, they never know in exactly what state they will find their patients. Some scenes would make your blood run cold. A paramedic's great strength resides in his or her ability to make rapid decisions while considering a multitude of different factors, depending on the context. Every gesture must be made with care and follow certain rules.

Over the years, paramedics have had to offer more and more advanced emergency medical care. Before, members of this profession were called ambulance men and did not possess the same degree of expertise as the paramedics of today. Now, these professionals are authorized to carry out various medical procedures, such as providing basic trauma care and administering certain medications.

In Halton Hills, these services are provided by Halton Region's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), which includes primary care paramedics, advanced care paramedics, tactical paramedics and bike medics. Halton EMS are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from 11 stations located throughout the region, including one each in Georgetown and Acton.

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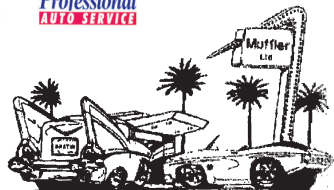

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