

# salute to HEROES!



## Our volunteer firefighters

### Volunteers with a big heart

Volunteer firefighters are professionals who work on a part-time, usually on-call basis. If they sometimes work in the shadow of their full-time colleagues, their contribution to public safety still plays a vital role in society. In fact, being a volunteer firefighter is not always easy; time must be consecrated to a principal source of income while remaining completely available for when an emergency arises. The majority of the Halton Hills Fire Department's 90 part-time firefighters work for the Town of Halton Hills.

The selection process for volunteer firefighters, though different from that of full-time firefighters, is still very rigorous which means the population is in good hands. Not everyone can become a volunteer firefighter — basic training is the same as it is for their full time colleagues. In order to be a part-time firefighter in Halton Hills, candidates must pass written and physical aptitude tests, an interview, health and fitness evaluations, and a probationary period.

What is surprising about this profession is that it brings together different people from different walks of life, who have in common a highly developed sense of duty and altruism to the point of putting their own lives in danger. It is a very dirty and demanding job, but for those who have what it takes, it is a job like no other.



## Our police officers

### Here to protect the entire community

The police are an essential part of public security services. Unfortunately, some people have little respect for them. It is, however, a difficult and dangerous profession that requires nerves of steel and exemplary self-control. Even though a police officer's main role is to represent law and order within society, their work also involves other underlying roles.

Police officers are in constant contact with that which is truly complex and unpredictable: the human being. Their work brings them into contact with the best and the worst. If good physical condition is often among the hiring criterion, their most important qualities include an affinity for human relations, a high level of self-discipline, public-spiritedness, politeness and a capacity for empathy.

According to Maclean's magazine, Halton Region – which includes Halton Hills, Milton, Burlington and Oakville – is the safest place to live in the GTA and one of the five safest places to live in Canada. The Halton Regional Police Services deserve a pat on the back for that title. Halton police officers are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the region's 480,000 residents, including the 55,000 people of Halton Hills.

The Halton Regional Police Service is recognized as one of the leading police agencies in the areas of diversity and community policing initiatives, and is committed to ensuring Halton Region remains as safe tomorrow as it is today.

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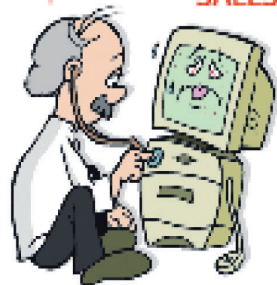
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