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Halton Hills firefighters responded to a house fire on Eighth Line, near Wildwood Road in Georgetown Saturday at 10 p.m. It took fire crews 45 minutes to bring in the blaze under control. The body of one elderly man, believed to be longtime Georgetown doctor Alex Ashenhurst (below) was removed on Sunday afternoon. Ashenhurst practised medicine in Georgetown for 41 years before retiring in 2006.

Left: Photo by David Ritchie  
Below: File photo

## Doctor believed to be victim of house fire

By **LISA TALLYN**  
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Longtime Georgetown doctor Alex Ashenhurst is believed to have perished in a house fire in his Eighth Line home Saturday.

A body was found in a bedroom of the Georgetown bungalow, located north of Wildwood Rd., after the fire was put out Saturday night.

Halton Police have not identified the victim yet but Staff Sgt. Gerard Kelly told *The Independent & Free Press* Sunday that Ashenhurst (who retired from family practice in 2006) was the homeowner of the property. He added the body remained in the house until Sunday afternoon before it was safe for firefighters to remove the victim.

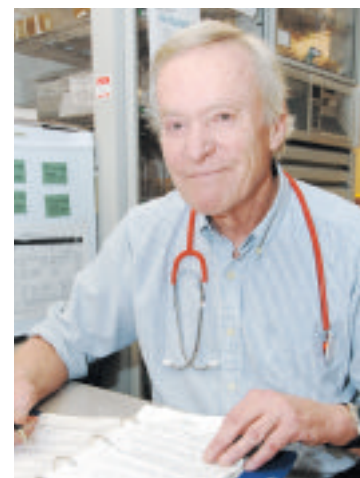
Kelly said dental records will be needed to positively identify the victim. A post

mortem had been scheduled for Monday.

A passing motorist who saw flames coming from the house called 911 to report the fire Saturday about 10 p.m. The home was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived.

Neighbour Troy Laroche, who lives across from Ashenhurst's house, said when he and his wife Barb saw flames

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