Risk Watch Blitz set for June 18, 19

Committee honours

Fire captain Dave Ford

The 10th annual Risk Watch Blitz returns to Gellert Centre, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19.

The public is invited to join the about 1,100 Halton Hills elementary school children who will be attending over the two days.

Risk Watch is an injury prevention program developed for Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 8 students by the National Fire Protection Association.

"It is an outdoor carnival type event, with interactive activities for children to assist them in teaching them safe behaviours," said Deputy Fire Chief Harry Olivieri.

The event includes first aid/CPR with Halton EMS, bicycle safety with Halton Police, railway safety with Obie the train and CN Police, rollover simulator with the OPP. Halton Hills Fire Department, GO Transit and RCMP will also be in attendance. Boating, water safety, fire prevention, ATVs and farm equipment will also be addressed.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Risk Watch committee presented a commemorative plaque to program champion Halton Hills Fire Department Captain Dave Ford.

"Every year council has been made aware of your achievements with the



To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Risk Watch committee, represented by Councillor Bryan Lewis, right, presented a commemorative plaque to program champion Halton Hills Fire Department Captain Dave Ford Monday. *Photo by Cynthia Gamble*

Risk Watch program and the Risk Watch Blitz," said Councillor Bryan Lewis, chair of the Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee, when presenting the award. "Your dedication, passion, tireless work ethic and guidance of the Risk Watch coalition are the reasons for the success."

Ford began with a few Catholic pilot schools and the Halton Hills Christian School and over the years added all the elementary schools in the town, plus bringing sponsors and additional emergency services on board. He also developed an accompanying French curriculum to add École Sacré Coeur to the program.

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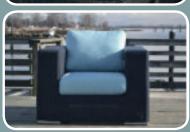
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