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Halton Police and Halton Hills Fire Department responded Saturday after a vehicle crashed into the front of the BAO Institute for Healthy Living (formerly Atlantis Athletics) about 10:15 a.m. No one was injured but patrons inside BAO were startled. There was damage to the brickwork of the building. In July an SUV crashed through the front window of the fitness centre seriously injuring receptionist Sheri Pare. The fitness centre had reopened in August.

Photo by Michael Jander

Fitness centre hit by vehicle... again

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

For the second time in less than two months an SUV crashed into The BAO Institute for Healthy Living (formerly Atlantis Athletics and Fitness Centre).

On Saturday about 10:15 a.m. Halton Regional Police report a 57-year-old Georgetown woman lost control of her Toyota SUV while attempting to park in the lot at the fitness centre and struck the building located at 232 Guelph St. No one was injured.

That incident was minor compared to one that occurred at the building July 31 when another Georgetown woman crashed her SUV through BAO's front window, injuring Sheri Pare, who works at the club

as a receptionist. Pare, who was in a back office at the time, was struck by the SUV and it took firefighters 45 minutes to extricate her from the vehicle's undercarriage.

Sean Patrick Sullivan, Director of Education and Communication for BAO, said in Saturday's incident two bricks were chipped during the impact but there was no other damage to the building.

Another vehicle in the lot received minor damage. No charges were laid.

Sullivan said the driver of the Toyota is a member of BAO.

"We are not certain if she was coming or going," said Sullivan.

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Call response change is saving lives, says Halton Hills fire chief

By CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

Halton Hills Fire Department (HHFD) has enhanced its fire service delivery with a new Emergency Patient Care Program.

Through this enhanced tiered response program HHFD will now respond to cardiac arrests, respiratory arrests and motor vehicle accidents when there are injuries. Calls will go to 911, which then dispatches the EMS unit, and then contacts HHFD. Whoever is first on the scene initiates the patient care, and both emergency services personnel work together as required. A firefighter will even accompany a patient to the hospital if EMS needs assistance. HHFD staff are certified every three years to be able to respond to these type of incidents.

Fire Chief Brent Marshall explained at a recent council meeting before this enhancement, EMS would arrive on a scene of

a motor vehicle accident and determine whether HHFD should be called to extricate trapped people.

"They (EMS) don't have the tools, they don't have the jaws of life. That's our expertise," said the chief. "We're responding immediately now— first response as soon as the call goes in. ...We're no longer delayed five, 10, 15, and in some cases, 40 minutes depending on the assessment. We're there immediately and that of course, speeds up in a significant way the rescue and the treatment of



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our residents.

"While we did play a minor role in tiered response in previous years, now that our full-time staffing has increased to the level where there are people available for the majority of the day, we are able to respond to calls in a more urgent fashion than we were able to before," said Marshall. "Particularly to medical assist calls."

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