

# Halton Hills Fire Department kept busy in 1992

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Halton Hills Fire Department has responded to about 60 more calls in 1992 than in the previous year. Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde says that as of Dec. 21, 1992 the department had responded to 497 calls compared with 439 by Dec. 22 of 1991. The department has already surpassed the 1991 total of 451 calls. Hyde says the estimated damage total to the end of November 1992 was \$1,468,550 compared to \$959,000 to the same period in 1991. By the end of 1991 the damage estimate

was \$1,010,100. Hyde says the increase in calls and damage estimates are difficult to attribute to any one cause. Calls include accidents, assist ambulance, fires, alarms and others. "It is difficult to say why it goes up from one year to the next," said Hyde. "The increase in population has something to do with it and the weather can also be a factor." Hyde says damage estimates add up quite quickly and pointed to three costly 1992 fires; a house fire on the Sixth Line in October with a damage total of \$115,000, another that month on Dublin Line with a damage estimate of \$150,000, and

a September house fire on the Fifth Line with a damage total of \$250,000. There has been a substantial increase in the number of firefighter injuries this year over last. There were no firefighter fatalities this year or last. At the end of November this year nine firefighter injuries were reported compared to two at the same point in 1991. Hyde says the injuries were all minor. "I don't consider that (nine) to be an abnormally high number of injuries. I haven't had a firefighter hospitalized this year," said Hyde. "I am not concerned that it's up. Minor injuries are just part of the job."

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#### Georgetown man nabbed

A 56-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime as a result of a Crime Stoppers tip received by Peel Regional Police. A 28-year-old Mississauga man has also been charged.

The tip resulted in the recovery of a stolen trailer and \$40,000 worth of stolen appliances. Peel police say the trailer containing the appliances was stolen from Yanke Transfer Ltd. in Mississauga on Dec. 21. Police received the tip on Dec. 22 indicating that the stolen goods were stored in an industrial building on Everest Dr. in Mississauga.

Police say several suspects arrived at the building with a rented truck on Dec. 23. Appliances were removed from the warehouse and taken to a home on Harold St. in Brampton. Police say the suspects then went to a self storage facility on Winston Churchill Blvd. in Brampton, where they were arrested and more property recovered.

A search warrant was executed on the warehouse on Everest Dr. Located inside were 96 of the 100 stolen appliances have been recovered.

The two men have been released from custody and are to appear at Brampton Provincial Court on Jan. 4.

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## Happy New Year!



Halton Regional Police Const. Dave Jones spent a cold, wet, two hours in the pouring rain directing traffic at Guelph St. and Mountainview, Tuesday afternoon, as the traffic lights were out from 12:45 until 3 p.m. Const.

Jones no doubt had thoughts of the warmth of the sunny south on his mind as the traffic was snarled at the intersection during the lunch hour rush.

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## RIDE nabs only one impaired driver

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Halton police laid only one impaired driving charge as the result of 2,685 vehicles stopped in RIDE spot checks throughout the region between Dec. 20 and Dec. 27.

Six roadside Alert tests were administered resulting in two 12-hour suspensions.

Police report that since the program began at the beginning of the month members of the service's traffic division and officers from the districts have stopped 12,430 vehicles. A total of 63 Alert tests were administered, 11 12-hour suspensions were issued and 10 impaired driving charges were laid.

To date, the number of impaired driving charges laid are up four over the final total in 1991. Last year's program nabbed six impaired drivers and 33 12-hour suspensions were issued. A total of 18,651 vehicles were stopped in the December 1991 RIDE program.

In 1990 26,695 vehicles were stopped in the December RIDE program resulting in 33 impaired driving charges, and 48 12-hour suspensions.

Back in 1987 after stopping 12,498 vehicles police laid four impaired driving charges and eight 12-hour suspensions.



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