

Propane tanker blaze in Hillsburgh

A fire at a farm north of Hillsburgh Tuesday resulted in several hundred thousand dollars in damage.

The fire was reported at 12:30 p.m. when a truck delivering propane to the farm caught fire. The truck, owned by Superior Propane of Guelph, contained 10,000 litres of propane, said Const. Charlie Hunter of the Guelph OPP.

The tank in turn started a barn fire. The Hillsburgh Fire Department and the Erin Fire

Departments attended the scene and were able to extinguish the barn fire.

However, the propane tanker was declared unstable and area firefighters withdrew from the scene.

The Guelph OPP evacuated about 75 residents within a two kilometre radius of the fire, which was on Lot 31, Con. 8, about two km north of Hillsburgh on Hwy. 25.

The people who were evacuated were taken to the Hillsburgh Recreation Centre and an emergen-

cy command centre was set up at the Hillsburgh municipal offices. Many people spent the night there, while others stayed with friends and relatives, Hunter said.

The evacuated residents returned home at about 6 a.m. Wednesday. Hwy. 25 was closed off until Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Hunter said no one was injured in the fire, and the propane tanker did not end up exploding. The barn and tanker were, however, destroyed in the fire.



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Gravel spill

The driver of a tractor-trailer was taken to Georgetown Hospital by ambulance after an accident Tuesday morning. The vehicle was southbound on Fourth Line turning left onto 17 Sideroad when it and one of two trailers it was pulling rolled over, spilling a load of stone, police said. The driver was charged with having over the registered gross weight.

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