

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## Fire Department hosts Annual Open House to kick off Emergency Preparedness Week



Firefighters Steve and Bernie Liebig, Mathew Williamson, and Kyle Dawe at Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department's open house.

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Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department kicked off "Emergency Preparedness

Week" on Saturday morning at the fire hall in Rockwood. Their well-timed annual Open House—it came right on

the heels of the massive wind storm last Friday—was themed on the Government of Canada's "Get Prepared" campaign



Acton recipients of the Ontario Volunteer Awards presented in Guelph recently were: David Gilchrist - 30 years (left), Hennie Van Dam - 20 years, Pat Kentner - 10 years, Lorrie Lewis - 10 years, Fran Morris - 15 years, John Walsma - 30 years, Mary Walsma - 40 years, Liz Sandals - MPP presenter, Hank Walsma - 40 years, Madelene Reed - 15 years, Barb Crowe - five years, Doug Crowe - five years. Other Acton recipients unable to attend included: Heather Stokes - 10 years, Stan Stokes - five years, Ron Sheehan - 30 years, Margaret McLellan - 15 years, Claude Plourde - 15 years, and Greg Lewis - 10 years. - Submitted photo

(www.getprepared.gc.ca) and a great reminder that in this age of extreme weather events, you can't be too prepared. Distilling it down to three main points to remember, they listed knowing the risks; making a plan; and, having a kit ready.

The list of participants was impressive

and informative: Electrical Safety Authority, community Emergency Management, Red Cross, Victim Services and Wellington County Livestock Emergency response, plus Women in Crisis, Guelph Humane Society, to name a few. There were lots of demonstrations, a tree giveaway courtesy of

Green Tree Legacy, and a barbeque. But the one really big message members of the fire department wanted to get out to the public was: get those smoke detectors installed and maintained. They've seen far too many heartbreaking stories resulting from a lack of them, or, improperly installed ones.

### WORD ON THE STREET

With Alex Hilson

### Did you watch Monday night's Provincial Election debate, and what did you think of it?



with Vivien Fleisher

### WORD IN THE VILLAGE



Jaymes Slade: "It is the Provincial equivalent to Trump and Hillary."



Lauren Johnston: "No, I didn't. I don't really care about politics."



Chantelle Brain: "No."



Jennifer Cassist: "No. I don't want to hear anything Doug Ford has to say. I don't endorse him cutting nurses, and I just can't watch him say something like that."



Matt Patrick: "Neither candidate really appeals to me. Everyone's kind of off the deep end, but we definitely need a change."



Tori Peetoom: "I honestly didn't even know a debate was happening."



Kevin Lewis: "Yes, I did. I thought it was a lot of B.S., a lot of back-and-forth slamming. Enough's enough, everybody knows they're all criminals and crooks; not one of them's better than the other. Probably Doug Ford won."



Chris Panylo: "Actually, I was on the road, but I listened to it on the radio. I thought Andrea Horwath got the most in. I didn't think Doug Ford did a very good job speaking. (He was) very slow. They just argued. But I thought Andrea did a really good job at—I don't want to say dominating the conversation—but she certainly got her word in."