



INJURY ACCIDENT: The Ontario Special Investigation Unit is monitoring Halton police's investigation into a personal injury accident between an unmarked police cruiser and a Chevrolet Tracker on Young Street at Eastern Avenue early Sunday morning. More than six hours after the accident, the vehicles had not been moved. - Ted Tyler photo

Slick roads cause crash

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Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is monitoring the Halton Police investigation of a personal injury accident involving an unmarked police cruiser and a private vehicle in Acton early Sunday morning.

The cruiser was answering a call concerning an

unruly crowd outside a Mill Street bar when it skidded on wet pavement on Young Street at Eastern Avenue and collided with an eastbound Chevrolet Tracker.

Police said the driver of Tracker suffered minor injuries and a front seat passenger was not injured. A rear seat passenger, an unidentified 45-year-old Mississauga woman who police said was not wearing her seatbelt, was taken to Georgetown hospital with head injuries. She was transferred to Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton and also treated for a broken wrist before being released later that morning.

The officer involved, who police did not identify, suffered minor leg injuries and was treated and released from hospital. The cruiser sustained

\$40,000 damage and the Tracker, \$20,000.

The SIU is a civilian agency that investigates circumstances involving police and civilians that result in serious injury,

sexual assault or death. Halton police said the SIU was monitoring, not investigating, the accident, which is being investigated by the Halton Police Public Safety Unit.

Gates down at Fall Fair...

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found in the week before the fair when they called some of the usual participants in the parade to find out why they hadn't booked an entry, many weren't aware it was fair weekend.

Varanelli said the decline in numbers is a concern because the gate primarily provides the funds used to pay for the events and to pay out the prize money, expected to be \$25,000 this year.

"We have three main sources of revenue or profit centres— the gate, the revenues from concessions and beer tent revenues. The gate is down \$10,000 and that's very significant. Obviously, correspondingly, we don't have these numbers yet, but the beer tent is going to be down as well because of that."

Varanelli said revenues from the concessions and midway were consistent

with last year, but he wouldn't disclose those numbers.

He said the horse and cattle shows and truck and tractor events were well attended. Both the Miss Acton pageant, with 11 contestants and the baby show with 54 babies attracted large crowds.

Varanelli said he'd heard activity at the beer tent was a little quieter than in past year and St. John Ambulance crews only treated a few people for heat-related problems on Saturday, along with a few hornet stings.

Just prior to the official opening of the Fair on Friday, Acton Agricultural Society president Hank Walsma was hoping for good weather and large crowds.

Walsma also wanted to thank the people who make the Fair a success.

"The credit for the success of any Fair goes to the vol-

unteers, not the president. The volunteers who spent all this week setting up make this one of the best fairs around — and their work won't end once the fair is over — they deserve all the credit," Walsma said.

After 25 years of helping run the horse events on the track, Walsma was hoping to actually get to see some of the fair's events this year.

Asked about delayed plans for a permanent building to replace the old arena that housed the Homecraft exhibits and the baby show and Miss Acton pageant, Walsma said they'll be renting tents for a while.

"I hoping we'll have it up in a few years, but I don't know — it's a hard struggle to get there," he said.

EMS donates ambulance to Halton Hills Brigade

Halton Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be donating an older ambulance to the Halton Hills St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Halton Hills Brigade was determined as the recipient in most need of a replacement vehicle at this time.

Halton Region EMS staff had the option of sending the vehicle to auction, but felt that the community's needs were best served by donating it to St. John Ambulance Brigades. EMS donated another vehicle last year to St. John Ambulance.

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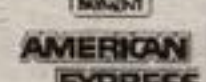
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