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Charges laid in crash that killed local motorcyclist

A Georgetown man is dead and a Mississauga man charged with impaired driving causing death after an accident at Rutherford Rd. and Steeles Ave. in Brampton early Friday.



Peel Regional Police report Kevin Toperczer, 31, of Miller Dr., who was riding his 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound on Rutherford Rd. at approximately 2:30 a.m., was killed when he was struck by a 2000 Chevrolet truck driven eastbound on Steeles by Pierre Duquette, 39, of Mississauga.

After hitting Toperczer the truck then collided with a northbound Mercury Cougar driven by a 29-year-old Brampton man.

The truck then traveled into the westbound lanes, carrying Toperczer with it, the truck ended up on

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Since next week is Fire Prevention Week, many local businesses have been updating their employees' skills in dealing with a potential fire situation. Staff at Extendicare Halton Hills last week took a fire extinguisher training course from Halton Hills Fire Department, which included a hands-on session with fire extinguishers and a controlled live fire. Fire Safety Specialist Dave Ford instructed Extendicare Director of Care, Lynne Guay the proper way to approach and extinguish a ranging fire.

Photo by Ted Brown

Fire department issues smoke alarm challenge

Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services is challenging everyone in town to make some noise at 7 p.m. Wednesday October 6 by testing their smoke alarm.

That date was chosen because it falls within Fire Prevention Week, October 3 through 9, which this year has the theme "It's Fire Prevention Week - Test Your Smoke Alarms."

Everyone who tests their smoke

alarms that day are asked to phone or e-mail their results to fire safety specialists Dave Ford (davef@haltonhills.ca) or Doug Andrews (doug@haltonhills.ca), 905-873-2601 ext. 2115 or 2118, at Halton Hills fire department so their names can be entered into a special draw.

"Having working smoke alarms, and a well practiced home escape plan are crucial so that everyone knows exactly what to do if fire breaks out," said Ford.

"Taking a few minutes to inspect and test your smoke alarms can make a difference in your family's safety and well-being."

Andrews said 85 per cent of all fires occur in the home, "and most of these fires are preventable."

"Check for and correct any home hazards, install and test smoke alarms and plan and practise home escape plans," said Andrews.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



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