Report indicates sharp increase in number of officers involved in accidents

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The damage cost for this year was also higher than usual, the report noted, with nearly $158,000 in damages being tallied.

The report further suggested that this cost figure may not be complete as there are seven incidents where damage cost confirmations are pending and two incidents where repair costs are estimated.

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Last winter's extreme conditions are noted in the report as a possible contributing factor to this year's vehicle collision increase with several officers indicating icy, snowy and/or wet roads at the time of their accident.

Whatever the reason for the increase in crashes, Crowell is looking to bring them to an end and is hoping a driver-training pilot project is up to the task.

"A driver-training pilot project, aimed at reducing preventable collisions, was conducted with recruits and officers completing sessions," said Crowell in the report.

"The project was successfully received and indicated potential to improve driving abilities, awareness and attitudes.

The approved project will continue for up to two years for new recruits and those identified as requiring remedial driver training.

As the program proceeds, staff will continue to monitor results, gather information and explore options to further reduce preventable collisions, according to the report.

A Collision Review Committee is also reviewing all incidents listed in this year's service vehicle collision report in an effort to determine the problems officers are having and how to prevent them.

Police holding information night for potential auxiliary officers

Halton Regional Police Service is looking for people interested in becoming auxiliary police officers.

An information night is set for Thursday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. at Halton Police Headquarters, Community Room at 1151 Bronte Rd. Applications must be received by Aug. 22.

Auxiliary officers receive more than 100 hours of training, including legal training in powers of arrest, ethics, traffic direction and use of force training. Auxiliary members are commonly utilized to augment the activities of police officers at annual special events such as fall fairs and parades.

For information on minimum requirements for applicants visit the Service's website at www.hrps.on.ca.

The first phase of the selection process, which consists of general aptitude testing, is planned for mid-September and will continue to the end of September.

Applicants will receive a written invitation, which outlines their exact testing date, time and location. Those who have recently submitted an application need not re-apply.

To apply, forward a volunteer application to Staff Sgt. Greg Sullivan, Halton Regional Police Service, 1151 Bronte Rd. Oakville, L6M 3L1. Volunteer application forms can be picked up at any Halton Regional Police station or downloaded from the service's website at www.hrps.on.ca under the volunteer programs category.

Ventilation system needed at garage

To counteract gas fumes, which are penetrating the Town's offices above the public works garage on Trafalgar Rd., a ventilation system will be installed at a cost of $11,287.

Testing showed that "respirable particulate concentrations measured were found to exceed constructions commonly encountered in typical office buildings... and also exceeded briefly the Health Canada recommended guidelines."

Despite steps to solve the problem the purchase of a vehicle ventilation system was still recommended.

Information sessions set for next week

Region looking for volunteers to share food ideas

Are you passionate about food? If you are, Halton Region is looking for you.

Volunteers are being sought to share information about safe and healthy food ideas with groups of all ages for a new initiative called the Community Food Advisor (CFA) program.

"Many Halton residents have food-related skills and knowledge gained through cultural, occupational, education and family experiences," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "The Community Food Advisor program gives volunteers a wonderful opportunity to work with people and communicate information that can contribute to the well-being of residents in this community."

The CFA program provides, through trained volunteers, reliable information and education that promotes safe and nutritious food selection, preparation and storage practices to consumers.

People with an interest in helping others learn how to prepare healthy meals are encouraged to apply.

Volunteers will receive free training through the fall and will be certified as CFAs able to work as volunteers with Halton residents and groups early in 2009.

The will conduct workshops and cooking classes and host demonstrations and exhibits.

Two community information sessions have been scheduled to provide details of the program and how to volunteer.

They will take place Monday, Aug. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

They'll both take place at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., in Oakville.

To register, call 905-825-6000.

For more information about the program, visit www.halton.ca/health/services/nutrition/community_food_advisor_program.htm.

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