



# Time to change smoke alarm batteries

One year ago an amendment to the Fire Code came into effect requiring Ontario homes to have smoke alarms on every storey, as well as outside all sleeping areas. Now, the Ontario Fire Marshal reminds everyone that it's time to change the batteries in all those new smoke alarms.


"The batteries in smoke alarms need to be replaced once a year, or if the low-battery

warning chirps," said Patrick Burke, Fire Marshal for Ontario. "With the clocks changing on March 11, this is the perfect time to also change the batteries in all your smoke alarms."

A recent review of provincial fire loss data indicates that 79% of homes that experienced a fire had a smoke alarm installed. However, smoke alarms activated in less than half - 47

per cent - of these fires. One of the primary reasons smoke alarms don't work happens when people remove the batteries because of frequent nuisance alarms caused by cooking or shower steam.

If nuisance alarms are a problem, never remove or disconnect the batteries. Tampering with, or removing the batteries from smoke alarms is against the law.

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# Tragic Trafalgar Road collisions takes lives of two local Samaritans



Elyse Ann Schultz



Rick Pyman

## White-out conditions contribute to deaths

By Frances Niblock

A rural Acton woman and a Ballinafad man – both good Samaritans – died after a car slammed into them as they tried to help other motorists involved in collisions during a white-out on Trafalgar Road on Monday morning.

Rick Pyman of Ballinafad was pronounced dead at Georgetown Hospital following the accident and Elyse Shultz of the Fourth Line was taken off life support on Tuesday at Sunnyside Hospital.

Elyse Shultz was a financial adviser at Acton's Bank of Montreal. She is survived by her husband Mike, and two adult children. Rick Pyman, a married 49-year-old father of two, was a well-known television producer with three companies in Mississauga, and was president of the Inglewood Hockey Association.

Nine investigators with the province's Special Investigations Unit probed the fatal accident that occurred after Halton police responded to a multi-vehicle accident on Trafalgar

Road, north of 5 Side Road at 10:44 a.m.

A SIU spokesman said as the officer approached the scene of several collisions, he saw the driver of a minivan lose control on Trafalgar Road and roll onto its roof in the ditch.

The officer pulled off to the side of the road, activated the cruiser's lights, and with help from other motorists, got the driver and small child out of the van and into the cruiser.

There were white-out conditions at the time, and the driver of a white Ford, travelling northbound on Trafalgar Road, slammed into Shultz and Pyman and a third woman who is Hamilton Hospital with serious, but not life-threatening injuries.

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# Hydro One plans to twin corridor in heart of Town

Acton property owners could have some of their land expropriated if the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) gives Hydro One approval to twin its existing power transmission lines from the Bruce Power complex to Hydro One's Milton switching station – a decision that is expected shortly.

In the Acton area, the existing transmission corridor runs north and south between the Fourth and Fifth Lines, and twinning the cor-

ridor would require approximately 175 to 200 feet on the east side of the existing line.

An initial study by Halton staff indicates that widening the hydro right-of-way corridor would impact 66 properties in Halton Hills and three in Milton.

Two-thirds of the 66 properties are identified as farm land, there are 10 single family detached residential properties that could be

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