

Fire department is worried over student safety in strike

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Special to The Champion

A skeleton staff won't be able to safeguard students in the event of a fire.

The Milton Fire Department has been voicing this message throughout the week, in light of Monday's looming teachers strike.

"We're not taking sides, we just want parents to know that a danger does exist," said fire department spokesman Mark Cross.

The potential danger he alludes to surrounds schools staying open despite the absence of teachers.

Mr. Cross stressed that a principal and vice-principal can't be expected to mobilize a large number of students if a fire breaks out.

"Our biggest concern is that schools will remain open with just one or two adults responsible for a whole group of students.

"If there is a fire, how will they round up the students, get them out and go back and look for any missing children?" Mr. Cross asked.

"It's fine to say that they (principals) could enact the inclement weather warning and send kids home if they recognize the danger later on, but if parents are working and can't pick up their kids the danger continues for the rest of that day."

Mr. Cross said he had no idea who would be liable if a student was hurt or killed under these conditions.

At press time, it was uncertain whether schools would remain open next week.

In accordance with the Education Act, the board can only close schools in the interest of student safety and inclement weather.

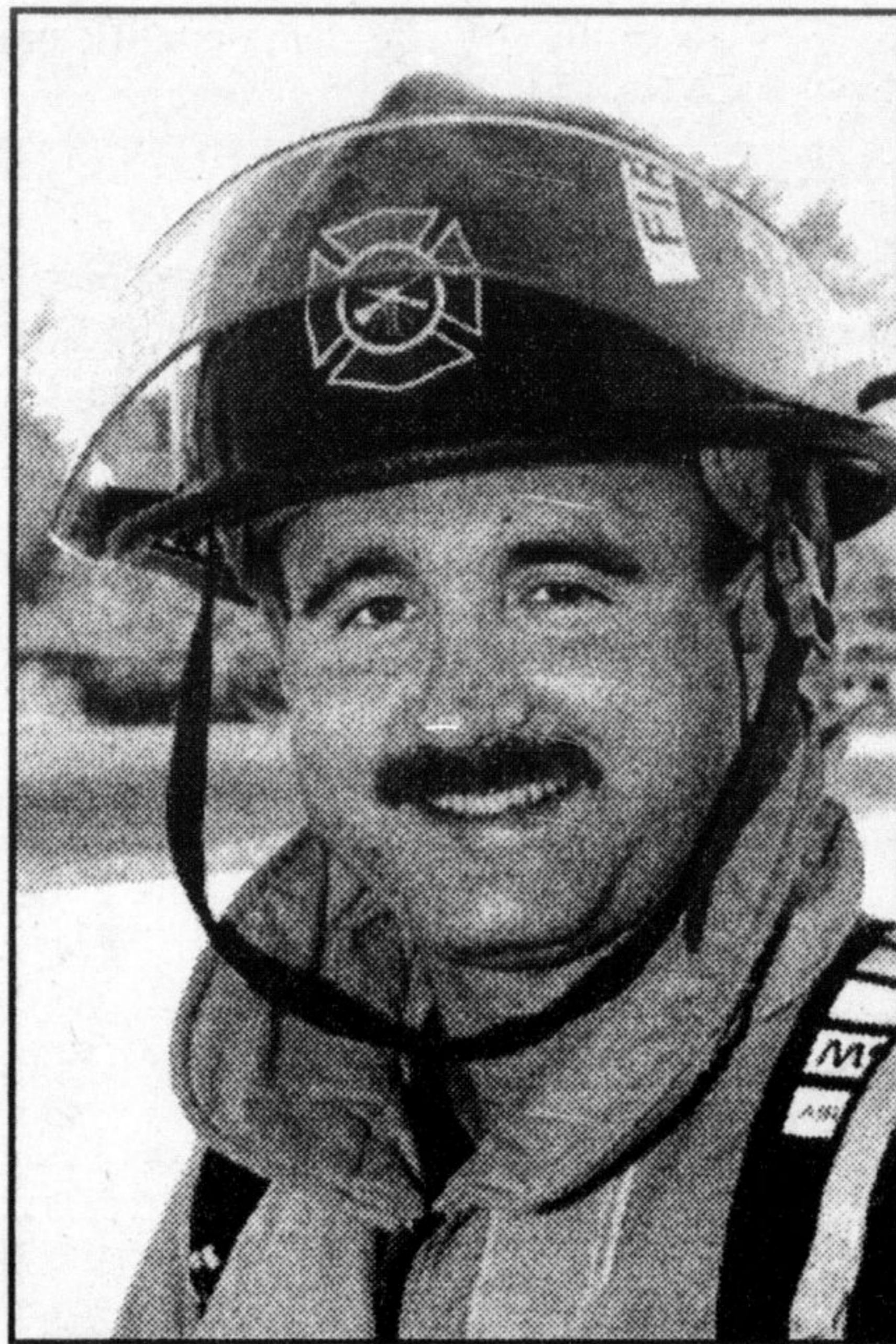
Store shows heart

Outdoor get-togethers at Deborah's Home are a little cozier with the donation of a unique table by the Cashway Building Centre.

The Main Street business recently donated a wheelchair-accessible picnic table, designed and built by an employee.

"I am very pleased that our employees selected Deborah's Home to receive the Cashway picnic table," said Dianne Laughlin, manager of the Milton store.

The Canadian-owned Cashway Building Centres is donating 57 tables across the province. The Milton table is worth \$800, store officials say.



Mark Cross

Forum soon

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down to the local level," said Mr. Hunter. "This is a good opportunity to inform the public on how economic growth factors fit together. Milton is an indicator of what's happening in the economy of Ontario."

Mr. Hunter added the evening should be informative and a good opportunity to ask questions of people who often speak only at \$150 a plate dinners.

Forecast 98 will take place at the Muddy Duck Restaurant on Steeles Avenue Wednesday, November 5 from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, \$35 at the door. Proceeds will be distributed by the Rotary Club to various causes. For tickets fax (905) 876-2610 or call 876-1530.

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Notice to Electors

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the City of Burlington that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington has passed By-Law 89-1997 authorizing the following questions to be placed on the ballot in the municipal elections to be held on Monday, November 10th, 1997.

1. Are you in favour of the operation of casinos/mini-casinos or charity gaming clubs within the Burlington municipal boundaries?
 YES
 NO
2. Are you in favour of the placement of video lottery terminals (VLTs) for gambling purposes in premises licensed under the L.L.B.O. within the Burlington municipal boundaries?
 YES
 NO
3. Recognizing that it is a Provincial Government decision over which the City of Burlington has no control, the costs of welfare, social services and social housing should be funded by: (choose one)
 Provincial Income Tax
 Municipal Property Tax
4. Recognizing that it is a Provincial Government decision over which the City of Burlington has no control, do you agree with the pooling of municipal property taxes within the Greater Toronto Area to support municipal services?
 YES
 NO

Dated this 24th day October, 1997, Ronald C. Lathan, City Clerk and Director.



Crime Watch

Crime Watch is presented in co-operation with Halton Regional Police Services and is aimed at promoting awareness of criminal activity in our community and a better understanding of the security issues facing Milton residents. The following is a list of Milton-area break-ins reported to Halton Police. Some occurrences may not appear because of delays in reporting the incidents.

October 13 to October 20, 1997 Break & Enters

Date	Location	What	How
Oct. 12	Bell School Line (House)	Briefcase, Cash	Unlocked rear door
Oct. 15	No.5 Side Road(House)	Stereo, TV, Computer, Jewelry	Kicked front door
Oct. 15	Bell School Line (House)	TV, VCR, Computer, Coins	Kicked front door
Oct. 17	No. 14 Side Road (House)	Computer, Electronics, VCR	Side garage door (forced)
Oct. 17	Walkers Line (House)	VCR	Kicked front door
Oct. 18	Randall Crt. (House)	Jewellery, money	Smashed Basement window
Oct. 19	Country Lane (House)	Nothing taken	Basement window

If you have information regarding the above crimes, please contact #1 District Criminal Investigations at 825-4777, ext. 2416 or Crime Stoppers at 825-TIPS (825-8477) or 1-800-222-TIPS. Callers will never have to identify themselves

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