

# Officer dies

Peel Regional Police are mourning the loss of Milton resident Gerry Allen, a well-respected officer in their ranks for almost a quarter of a century.

The 57-year-old father of three died February 23 at Credit Valley Hospital after a short illness.

For the last four years he had been assigned to court bureau, working at Clarence Street Court. Prior to this he spent seven years in the fraud bureau where he acquired an enviable reputation as a fraud investigator.

His long and distinguished law enforcement tenure also included uniform patrol duties at 11 and 12 Divisions.

"Gerry Allen will be remembered as a gentleman," said Peel Regional Police Staff Superintendent Dan Parkinson. "He was a hard working, knowledgeable and dedicated officer.

"He was quick to assist others and was considered a valuable asset in every area that he worked. We are all greatly saddened by his loss."

Constable Allen is survived by his wife Patricia, his daughter Deborah and sons Mark and Andrew.

# New board ends grievance

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would do this to our teachers," he said, noting the previous board had passed a motion about a week earlier stating it would not take punitive action against teachers if they returned to work voluntarily, which they did.

When the grievance was approved by former trustees through a 7-6 vote in mid-November, it prompted teachers in attendance to howl in protest, including one who repeatedly shouted "shame" at trustees.

Mr. Ellis said his other concern was how it might affect upcoming contract talks.

Halton secondary school teachers' union president Al Tanner said it was only logical the grievance be dropped.

"This was really an easy decision to make because there were no (financial) damages."

Nevertheless, Mr. Tanner said the reversal sends a positive message.

"I'm pleased the new board has decided to do this. It shows outwardly a desire not to be antagonistic toward teachers."

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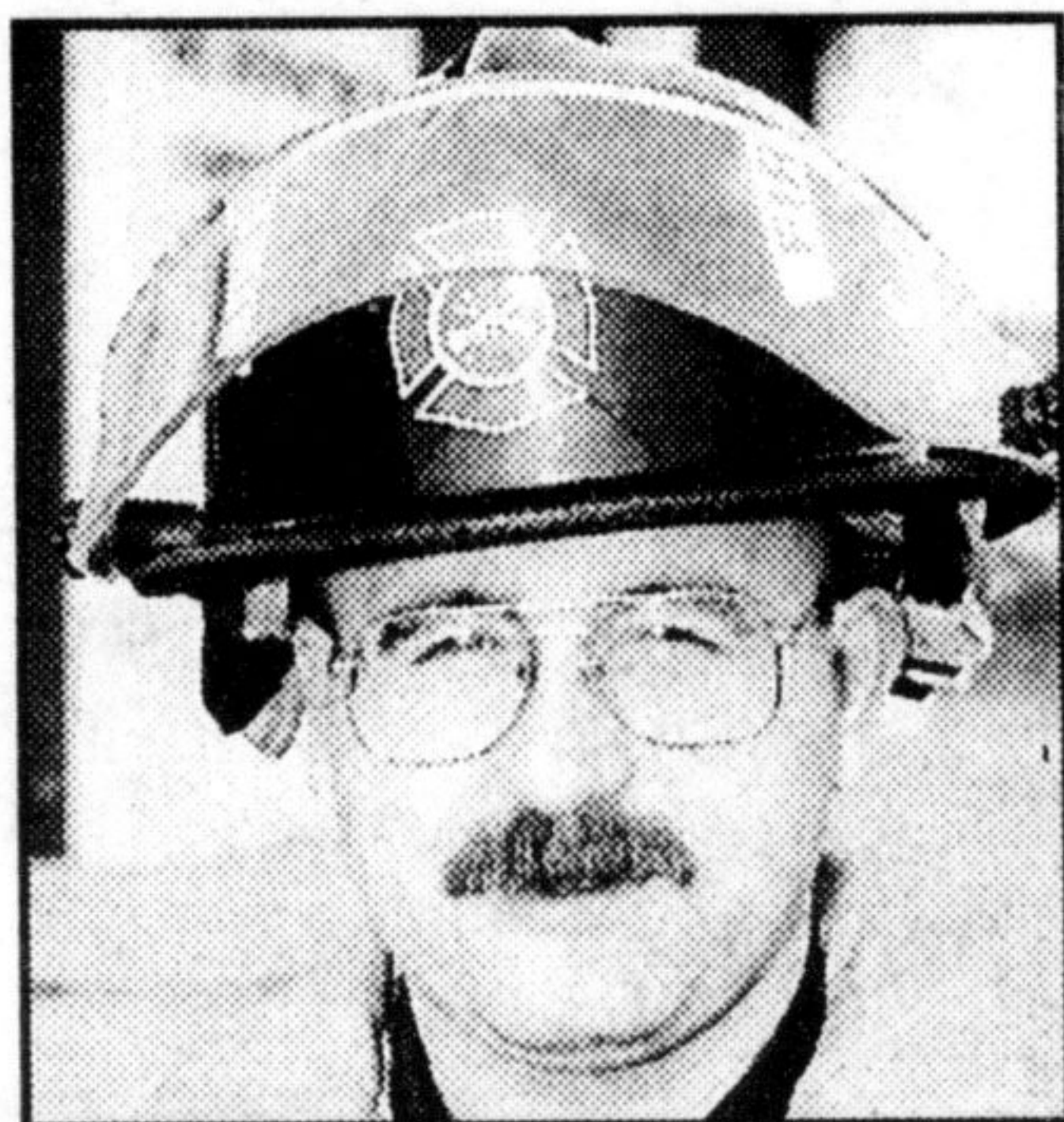
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# Fire department has no involvement

Milton businesses should beware of an out-of-town company soliciting funds on behalf of local firefighters.

Milton Fire Department spokesman Mark Cross has received two recent complaints about individuals requesting \$100 donations for a fire safety program, with which area firefighters have no affiliation.

"We're warning businesses that we're not endorsing any such program and that these individuals in no way represent



**Mark Cross**  
the Milton Fire Department," said Mr. Cross.

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