

Photo by BARRY FERSKINE

Halton Constables Jeff Corey and Grant Scott will operate the new, shared helicopter.

Copper chopper takes to the skies to fight crime

It didn't assist in any immediate arrests, and a few Airport after a brief ceremony the afternoon of July equipment glitches had to be overcome, but all in all 19, destined for its first tour of duty in Halton Region. the first use of a police helicopter in Halton was a success, said the officer overseeing the pilot project in this region.

"It was a good first day, considering the weather and the equipment problems," said Halton Regional Police Superintendent Paul Cormier.

The Canadian-made Bell JetRanger helicopter took off in cloudy weather from Hamilton International

The \$1.2 million flying machine, on lease from Canadian Helicopters Ltd. of St. John's, Nfld. for a 20-week trial period, encountered rain and low cloud cover initially but it was radio problems that kept it grounded at Burlington Air Park until the early evening.

Thereafter, the region's newest crime-fighting • see COPS on page 12



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Above is Champion Carrier Justin Omilian and his brother Joseph who are both going to see the Blue Jays this weekend. All Carriers received a pair of tickets from the Canadian Champion as a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year.



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