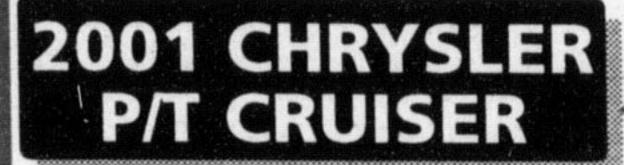
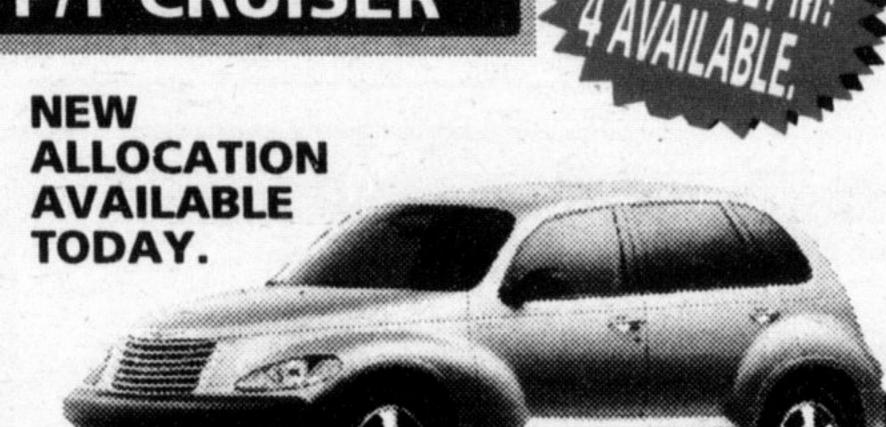
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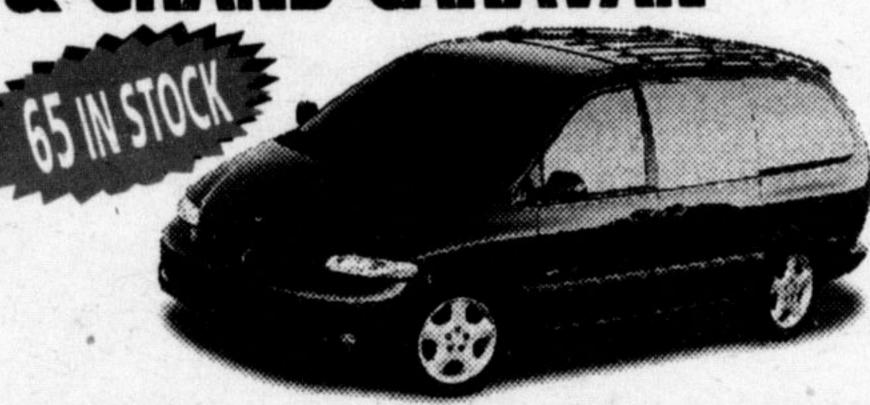
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Paramedics collective agreement

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The Champion

A collective agreement has been reached between the newly-Halton Region formed Emergency Medical Service and its current employer.

The agreement made between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and Halton Region, covers more than 100 paramedics labouring in the newly-downloaded, Regionally-run ambulance service.

It was hammered out after about a year of negotiations.

"Morale is extremely high right now," said Gord Armes, president of OPSEU's Local 207. "Everybody's pleased and looking forward to working with the Region."

The new contract spans 28 months and provides competitive pay rates for workers while recognizing the years of employment in former ambulance services.

Holidays and benefits have also been largely carried over.

"It has been great. We're very pleased with the way the Region has treated us," said Mr. Armes.

"By keeping experienced, trained professionals on the job, the collective agreement has guaranteed a smooth transition to the era of downloaded ambulance service."

Operation of the ambulance service switched to Regional command August 16, and went without a hitch, said Mr. Armes.

Public recognition has been slow in coming because the new uniforms and vehicle crests aren't yet in place.

But paramedics themselves are pleased with the change, he added.

"This arrangement gives municipalities the ability to keep improving ambulance services by focusing resources on saving lives," said Mr. Armes.

"The service is more accountable now, and we're more accountable to the Region, which I think is better."

And with local taxpayers largely footing the bill, the service will be held to a high standard, he said.

Though the paramedics are Regional employees, the agreement was achieved through a separate bargaining unit.

"Having a stand-alone bargaining unit made all the difference. We'll be dealing with our issues only," said Mr. Armes.

"It showed from the start that the Region respected and recognized the special and critical nature of the service we provide."

It also ensured bargaining doesn't get bogged down by the varying needs of other Regional employees.