# Luckily no one injured in crash at busy Derry Rd. intersection

Several children had quite a scare, but fortunately weren't hurt, Thursday afternoon when their school bus was involved in a three-vehicle collision.

At about 3:30 p.m., a Chevrolet Trailblazer was travelling northbound on Fourth Line and either didn't stop at the two-way stop sign or stopped and proceeded through the intersection without noticing a Ford van travelling westbound on Derry Road, police said.

The vehicles collided and the van hit a small Laidlaw school bus that had been travelling southbound on Fourth Line and was waiting at the stop sign at the northwest side of the intersection.

The school bus ended up in the ditch.

"There were several kids on the bus, but no one was hurt," said Halton Regional Police Staff Sgt. Walter Bucci.

The driver of the Trailblazer was charged with failing to yield.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A school bus that ended up in a ditch is taken away from the scene.

# Cops look to put dent in unsafe driving

participate in Canada Road Safety Week, a national campaign designed to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

The safety week runs from May 17 to 24, and is a police initiative to remind people that an essential part of the police enforcement job is to save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways.

Educating the public in safe driving practices is a priority. The focus will be on behaviours that put drivers, passengers and other road users most at risk.

All enforcement agencies across the country have been invited to participate.

"The death and pain that results from carelessness behind the wheel can be prevented," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Fletcher of the Halton Regional Police Regional Traffic Unit.

"Police agencies across the country are collaborating on this project because they have seen more than enough tragedy and because they know that the involvement of the driving public is essential to achieve safer streets and highways."

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as it's the first warm long weekend. More people are travelling, and traffic crashes are more frequent.

Officers will be targeting impaired driving, occupant restraints, intersection safety and unsafe speeds this week.

This will be accomplished through a zero tolerance approach toward not using seatbelts, and by working alongside CN Police

This week, Halton Regional Police will This week has been strategically chosen, to target enforcement through intersection blitzes, radar enforcement and RIDE lanes.

In Halton, there have been eight deaths so far this year in vehicle collisions.

Canada Road Safety Week is sponsored by Transport Canada and endorsed by police across the country as part of the Road Safety Vision 2010, which has a goal of making Canada's roads the safest in the world by 2010.

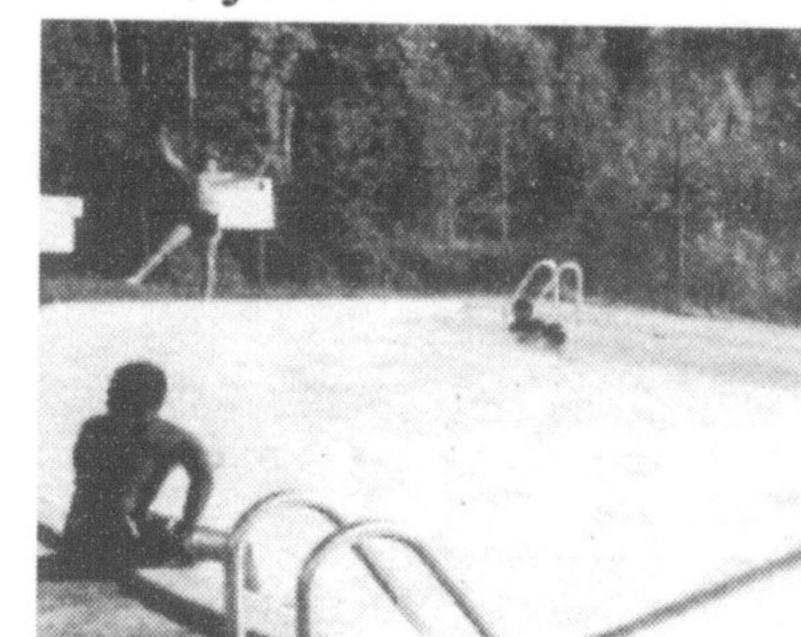
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## Man rescued

Firefighter Andrew Brassard had just settled in for a quiet evening in front of the TV Saturday when he detected a faint burning smell and heard a smoke alarm.

"I looked outside and saw black smoke coming from the apartment below me," said the local firefighter.

And so began a night that turned out to be anything but quiet for the firefighter occupant of the building at 80 Ontario St. As soon as he saw the smoke, just before 9 p.m., Mr. Brassard said he ran down to the apartment and knocked on the door, but there was no answer. He alerted the building's superintendent, who called 911.

Mr. Brassard then got a key from the security guard and entered the apartment, he said.

He saw flames coming from an oven spewing with smoke. "The whole apartment was full of smoke. I saw a gentleman passed out on the couch. Myself and a security guard

carried him outside, where he was monitored." The Milton Fire Department responded at about 9 p.m. and took care of the fire.

Mr. Brassard said the man, who wasn't seriously hurt, had



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