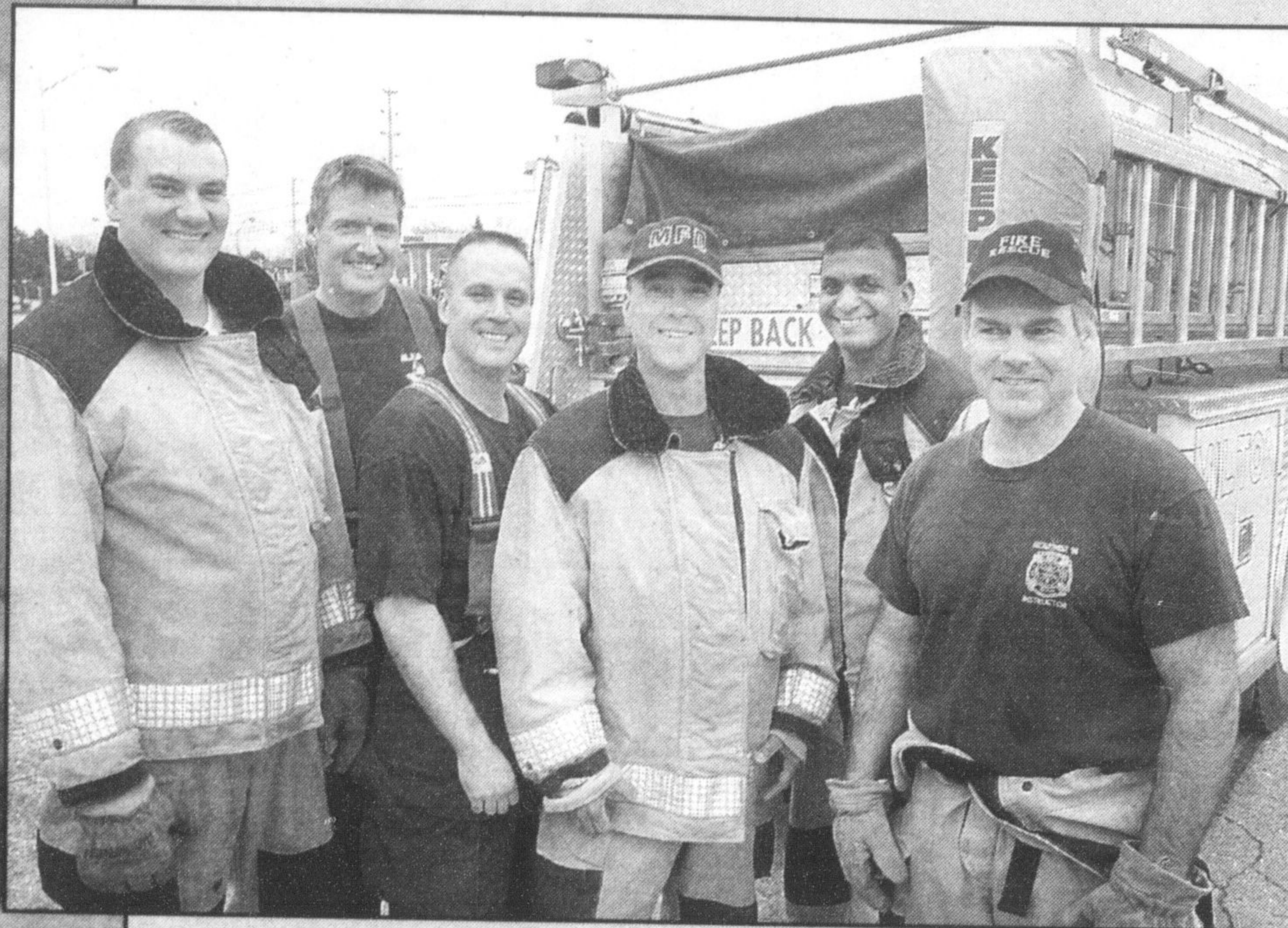




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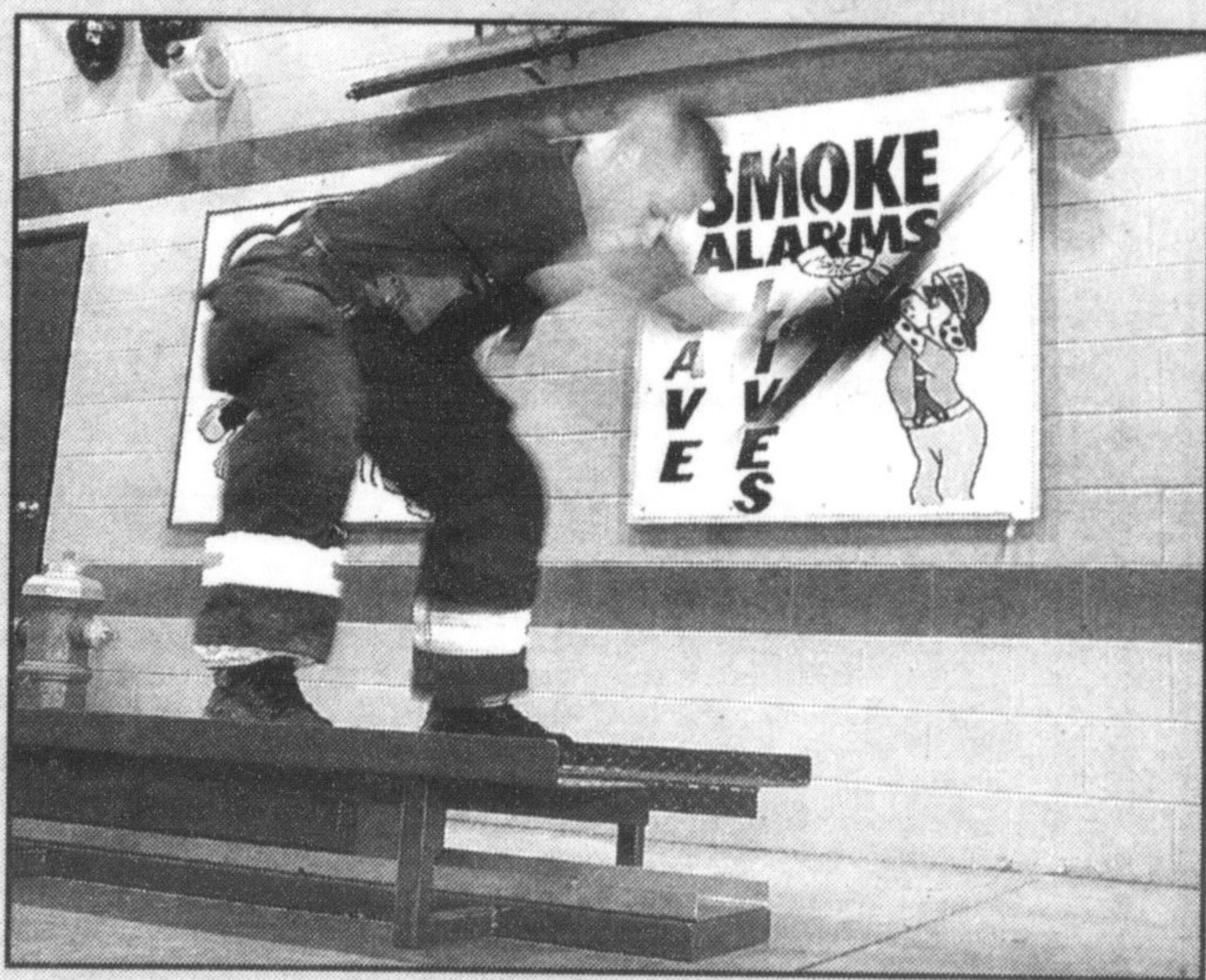
Milton firefighters are currently honing their skills in preparation for competition July 1 at the Regional Firefighters Combat Challenge in Niagara Falls. They're hoping to secure a berth in the nationals championships that take place over the Labour Day weekend in Sherbrooke, Que.

The combat challenge encompasses five endurance tests: stair climb — climb five flights of stairs with a high-rise hose pack; hose hoist — haul a donut roll to the top of a five-storey tower; forceable entry — drive a steel sled five feet with a sledgehammer; hose advance — drag a hose line with nozzle 75 feet and hit a target; victim rescue — drag a 175-pound dummy 100 feet while wearing full firefighting gear.

Top left, firefighter Don Ronan practices dragging a dummy as part of the victim rescue stage. Above, the entire six-man team gathers out front of its Steeles Avenue training location. The team consists of (from left) Chad Harper, Steve Ellis, Marcel Fournel, Don Ronan, Stephen Ramkalawan and Tim Roberts. Bottom left, Marcel Fournel uses a sledgehammer to pound the steel sled the necessary five feet. At left, Stephen Ramkalawan runs up a flight of stairs carrying a hose pack inside the Steeles Avenue station.

The team is still in need of corporate sponsors to help defray the cost of its upcoming competition and other charity events. Those interested in helping out can call Tim Roberts in the fire department's training office at (905) 878-9251.

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