

Teen suffers small knife wound in fight at school

A Thursday morning fight between two teens at E.C. Drury turned ugly when one of the youths was cut with a knife and retaliation ensued.

Halton Regional Police said the altercation broke out between two teens, aged 17 and 18, on the grounds of the Ontario Street school just before noon.

Neither student attends E.C. Drury.

A weapon described as a steak knife was produced and the 18-year-old man suffered a minor cut

to the back of his head, police said. He didn't require medical attention.

The suspect fled into a wooded area behind the school complex.

A group of three 17-year-old youths — two of whom attend E.C. Drury — who had witnessed the attack then ran after the suspect and a second fight took place.

The suspect in the first altercation was taken to hospital where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Police were unable to say what

school the youths in the initial incident attend, but did say the teens involved know each other.

Four youths — who can't be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act — are each facing a charge of aggravated assault, while three of them have also been charged with mischief under \$5,000 for damage to a house during the incident.

In addition, one of the teens has been charged with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public.

Fund needs lots of support

Donations for The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund continue to grow.

To date, \$8,859.68 has been collected for the annual Salvation Army fundraiser, which ensures all local families have a nice Christmas — complete with toys for the children and Christmas dinner.

The top individual contribution so far is \$750.

A lot more help is need over the next week-and-a-half if this year's goal of \$25,000 is to be reached.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated from both individuals and area businesses.

"Let's warm the little children and make sure everyone in town

has a merry Christmas," urged Champion receptionist and fund organizer Sheena Cameron. "And thank you to all who have made donations so far."

To make a contribution, please make cheques payable to the Christmas Bureau Fund and drop them off at The Champion, 875 Main St. E.

Extreme cold alert issued for Halton

The Halton Region Health Department has issued an extreme cold weather alert.

The alert, issued when temperatures are expected to fall below -15 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill), started last night and remains in effect until tempera-

ture rise to -14 degrees Celsius or higher.

Those most at risk, says the health department, are senior citizens, children, outdoor workers, sport enthusiasts and homeless persons. To avoid a cold-related injury, dress appropriately and cover exposed skin.



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