

Officers recognized by St. John Ambulance for lifesaving efforts

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Several local police officers were recognized by St. John Ambulance recently at the Milton police station for their lifesaving efforts.

Constables Chris Borak and Eric Huer received Lifesaving Awards for attempting to save the life of a three-month-old baby in Milton in March 2012.

While awaiting the arrival of EMS, Borak and Huer performed CPR on the baby.

Despite their efforts, the baby died. While they were at the home, the baby's twin, who had been suffering from a cold that week, experienced trouble breathing. The officers assisted EMS in transporting the child to Milton District Hospital (MDH) and then on to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, where he was treated and stabilized.

Also receiving Lifesaving Awards were constables Paul Patterson and Mark Brewster. They performed rescue breathing on a man who had been choking on food in August 2012. Working in tandem, they were able to help the man regain vital signs and upon their arrival, EMS took over the rescue breathing. The man was taken to MDH.

The man survived, thanks in large part to the



From left, Sean Livingston (Saint John Ambulance branch honours and award chair, Milton, Oakville, Halton Hills) recognizes Milton officers Const. Mark Brewster, Const. Dave Rivers, Acting Staff Sgt. Kelly Daunter, Const. Eric Huer, Const. Jeff Dillon, Const. Chris Borak, and Const. Paul Patterson. *Eric Riehl / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)*

life-saving efforts of the officers, St. John Ambulance officials said.

Also earning a Lifesaving Award was Const. Jeff Dillon, who performed CPR on a three-

week-old infant in respiratory distress. When he arrived at a Milton home in October 2012, frantic parents met him and told him their infant was slipping in and out of consciousness

and not breathing. Dil on performed CPR for approximately four minutes until EMS arrived and took over. The infant was taken to MDH and later transferred to Toronto where he was diagnosed with a severe viral infection, from which he subsequently recovered.

St. John Ambulance said Dillon performed in a calm professional manner, avoiding a tragedy in the process.

Receiving Lifesaving Certificates were Const. David Rivers and Acting Staff Sgt. Kelly Daunter for a June 2012 incident involving a suicidal man. The man's wife had reported that he had locked himself in the garage and established a system to the exhaust of a car in an effort to kill himself with carbon monoxide.

The officers acted quickly, smashing a window and entering the garage to take the man to a safe place. He was then transported to Milton hospital where he was treated.

St. John Ambulance officials said the pair should be commended for their initiative, resourcefulness, teamwork and courage during the stressful event. Their actions, they said, successfully averted a tragic event and in all likelihood saved a man's life.

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