

Fabulous Festival!



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Fire truck

Chief meets engineers out west

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Whitchurch-Stouffville fire chief Bill Brown is heading out west this week to meet with the engineers of the town's soon-to-be-built firetruck.

Chief Brown will leave for Red Deer, Alberta Thursday for a four-day conference with Superior Emergency (SE) engineers, the builder of Stouffville's \$513,000 custom built truck, *The Tribune* has learned.

The town has signed the contract and Chief Brown is expected to go over the final

drawings, or specs, with SE officials to ensure all details and features requested will be incorporated into the state-of-the-art machine.

Local politicians unanimously accepted a tender from SE two months ago to custom-build a rig fire experts say will effectively perform the job of three to four different trucks.

The rig will have tower water

capabilities to protect adjoining buildings such as attached dwellings and will more effectively provide a safer working environment for firefighters manning the machine.

The truck, dubbed a dual-job rig, will carry and transport water, rescue equipment and its men, experts say. Stouffville's new truck will arrive next February and will be subject to

two more months of tune-ups and servicing before it's ready to serve the residents.

SE, a subsidiary of Emergency One, or E-One, is the world's largest manu-



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facturer of fire and emergency equipment, and is a division of Federal Siren and Signal, a traffic warning light company.

Based in Chicago with plants in Alberta and Ocala, Florida, SE remains a Canadian-based entity. Portions of the truck will be built in Canada, while the ladder and mechanisms will be constructed by independent engineers based in Florida.

Man nearly severs two fingers using electric saw

A local man working in an industrial area on Sandiford Drive last Wednesday nearly severed two fingers while using a wide-blade electric table saw, *The Tribune* has learned.

Whitchurch-Stouffville emergency crews rushed to an undisclosed Sandiford Drive location last Wednesday at approximately 1:15 p.m. where they discovered a man had severely damaged and nearly severed two fingers while woodworking in one of the units.

Emergency workers banded the fingers in attempts to slow the bleeding and keep the nerves intact.

The patient was then rushed by ambulance to the Markham Stouffville Hospital where he received treatment for his injuries.



Photo: STEVE SOMERVILLE

Monday accident

Three people were rushed to hospital - one with serious injuries - after a two-car crash Monday at about 10:30 a.m. at the McCowan and Bloomington Roads intersection. Reports show a car hit another broadside when it entered Bloomington Road, sending its three occupants to hospital after the car rolled onto the shoulder.

WASN'T THAT A PARTY! Festival was a smash

What a party!

Despite financial cutbacks, this year's Strawberry Festival was a winner all the way.

Thanks to the enormous amount of work put in by committee members and other volunteers, and the happy co-operation of the weather, Whitchurch-Stouffville's salute to Canada Day turned out to be a truly memorable event.

From the Stouffville Lions' beef barbecue to the stunning firework display, generously funded by local businesses and organizations

and attended by thousands of residents and visitors, the action-packed five day festival had something for everyone.

Saturday's street closing turned downtown Stouffville into an open air marketplace, where friends and neighbors met and chatted,

browsed among the craft booths and admired the antique car display, and took advantage of a delicious selection of refreshments in the town's food court.

Non-stop entertainment included magic demonstrations, dancing and some fabulous live music.

The Music Mania Singers coped valiantly with some unscheduled competition from fire department vehicles, as they launched into a spirited version of 'Bear Necessities.'

The weather continued to co-operate throughout, allowing the community to enjoy the annual open air church service in Memorial Park and a full slate of activities in the park on Sunday.

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