

Fireworks owner fined in court

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McKenzie said, noting it is a legitimate business that imports fireworks and redistributes them to stores in the area.

The owner was convicted in civil court and received fines totaling \$7,500.

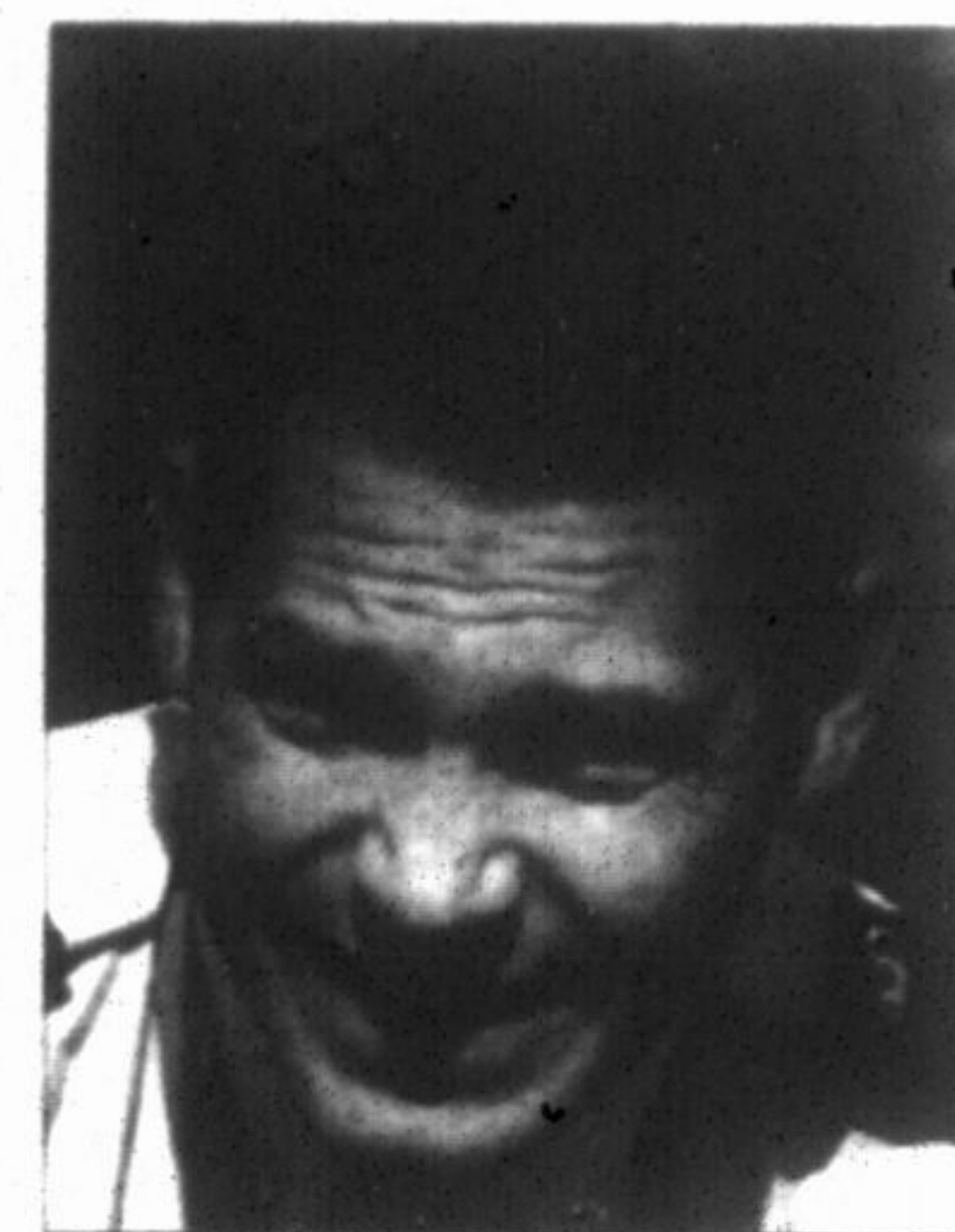
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Last year, the fire department responded to 981 calls with 76 (8 per cent) of them being fires, 161 (17 per cent) were vehicle accidents/rescue calls and 327 (33 per cent) were medical calls, which was more than double the 150 they responded to in 2009.

The reason for the jump in medical calls is because the department was upgraded in its medical response service level from B to A when it went 24/7.



ROB MCKENZIE: Fire chief notes in annual report firefighters responding to more medical calls.

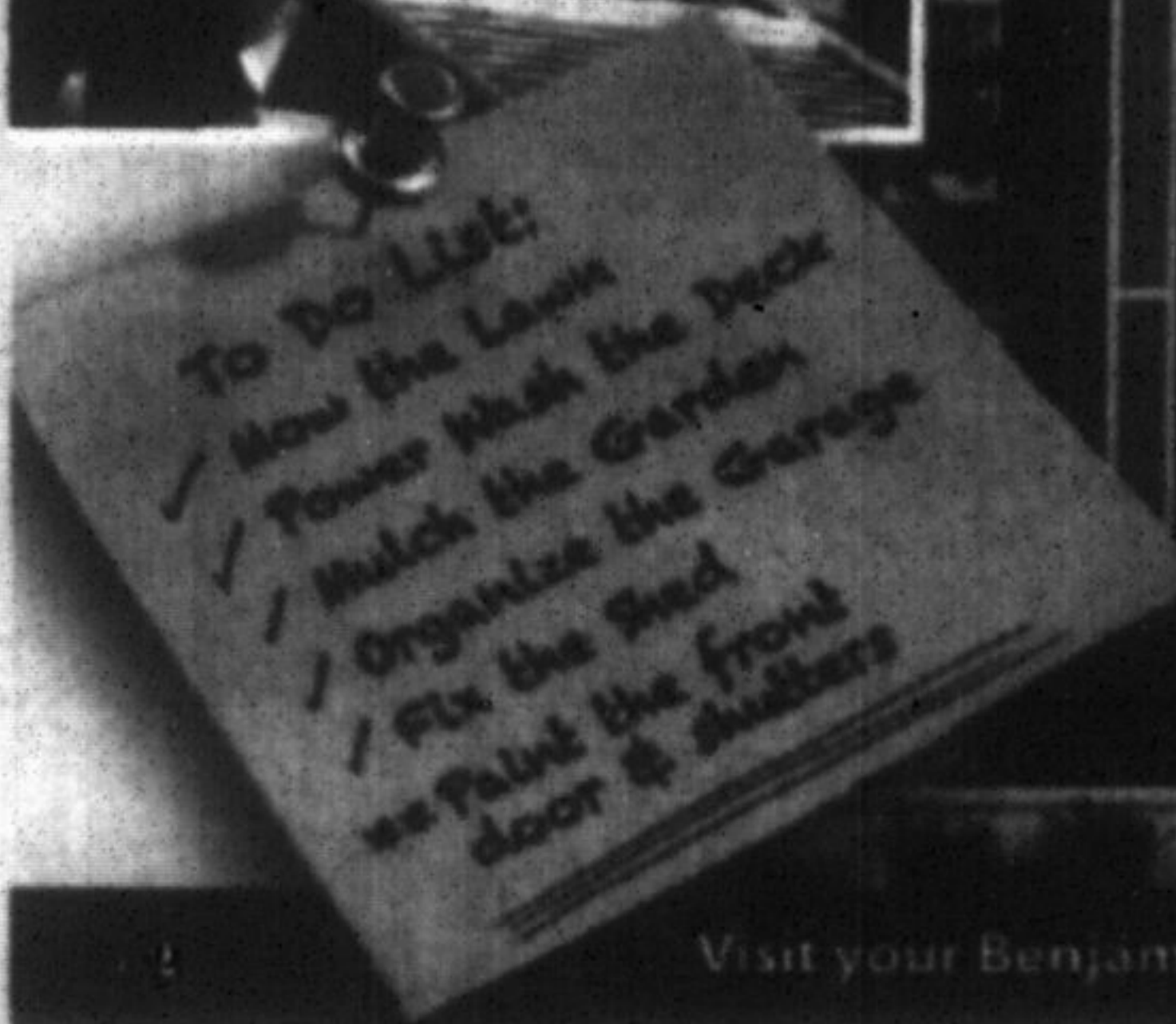
As a Level B responder, it provided for notification only when there was a delay beyond the ambulance's normal response time.

By moving to a Level A, it provided for immediate notification to the Whitchurch-Stouffville department.

"I'd rather have active firefighters, even just keeping their skills up," Mr. McKenzie said, noting fire calls are their first priority.

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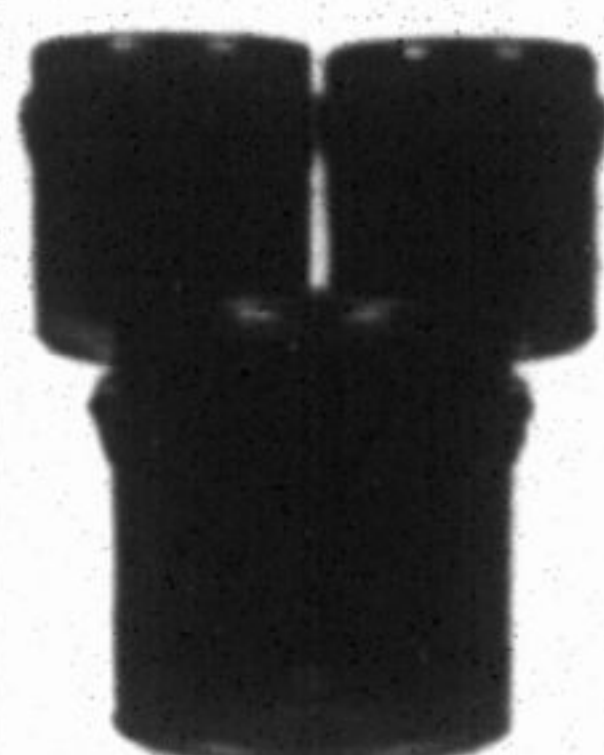
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