NEWS BRIEF

Firefighters douse duplex fire

CK firefighters limited the damage of a duplex fire in Chatham to $20,000.

The blaze broke out at 138 Grand Ave. E. just before midnight on July 30.

Emergency services were notified by a 911 call and a quick interior attack limited the fire damage to the residence.

There was, however, significant smoke damage.

Although a cause was not listed, firefighters believe the blaze started in the roof area of the duplex.

One unit of the duplex was occupied. No injuries were reported.

OPP BRIEF

Tragic Civic Holiday Weekend in West Region: OPP

Results are in for the West Region Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) holiday weekend and the numbers are a reflection of the tragedies encountered on our roadways.

Three motorcycle operators were killed in two separate collisions in Huron County on Aug. 2 when the bikes they were operating were struck by other vehicles. A third person on one of bikes is fighting for his life in a London hospital. None of the collisions were the fault of the bike operator.

OPP issued the following charges over the weekend. The type of charge is listed first, followed by the provincial total, then by the West Region total:

Failure to move over for an emergency vehicle: (414) (105)

Speeding: (4,446) (370)

Racing: (61) (15)

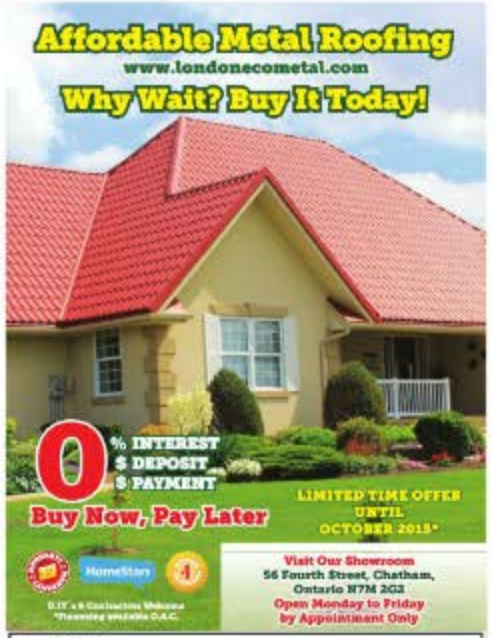
Seat belt: (309) (42)

Distracted driving (175) (33)

Impaired by alcohol (96) (18)

Chatham-Kent Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) issued 61 charges out of the 105 fail to move over charges laid in West Region during this initiative.

"Sadly for some, these numbers don't mean much until tragedy hits close to home. Safety can only be improved when everyone becomes part of the solution," said Chief Superintendent J. Cain, West Region commander.



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The camera was rolling in downtown Chatham as CK town crier George Sims belted out his lines for a promotional video for the United Way of Chatham-Kent. Videographer Ben Srokosz of Spur of the Moment Media is behind the camera. Also pictured is Julia Earley of the United Way.

Good cause has Sims crying for the camera

Chatham This Week

Chatham-Kent's town crier, George Sims, struck a familiar pose for the camera in downtown Chatham on Aug. 4.

He was delivering his lines for a promotional video for the upcoming fundraising campaign for the United Way of Chatham-Kent.

The video features messages from about 15 people and was shot at various locations around Chatham-Kent.

Julia Earley, marketing and communications co-ordinator, said the premiere of the video will be shown in September when the United Way officially launches the campaign.

With the title, "Everyday Heroes," the video builds on last year's theme in which people were encouraged to become everyday heroes by donating $1 per day to the United Way.

The campaign raised more than $1.9 million.

Arson suspects sought

Crime of the Week

On Friday, July 31 at approximately 1:40 a.m. members of the Chatham-Kent Police and Fire departments attended a home on Albert Street in Wallaceburg for a fire.

It was quickly discovered that the fire was the result of a Molotov cocktail device that had been thrown at the home causing approximately $500 in damages.

A witness provided a description of two male suspects seen running into away from the home and into the South Court area. Both were adults, wearing dark hoodies covering their faces, and shorts.

If you have any information regarding this or any other crime please call Crime Stoppers at 519-351-8477 or 1-800-222-8477, text CRIMES (274637) keyword CKCS, or visit www.crimestoppers.on.ca and email your tip.

Crime Stoppers guarantees your anonymity, we never ask for your name or your phone number. We pay cash for your tips.

CKHA acquires new ECG equipment

The Chatham-Kent Health Alliance has invested $100,000 in state-of-the-art electrocardiogram equipment (ECG).

This investment allows CKHA to improve their patient diagnostic system within the hospital and to be positioned to fully integrate ECG systems with the new hospital information systems, expected to be in place in the coming years.

"Patients concerned about their heart health can be rest assured that the Alliance has leading-edge diagnostic equipment to support their clinical assessments," said Cynthia Harper-Little, director, diagnostic imaging, in a news release. "This investment brings our ECG unit up to best practices systems and allows us to increase our assessment and analysis efficiency and accuracy."

CKHA officials said the funds were used to replace systems that were over 15 years old.

This investment improves the inventory and quality of machines and systems available within the ECG unit, including two new exercise stress machines with integrated digital blood pressure monitoring system.

These machines will offer more accurate results and seamless automation of results, collecting digital results and information from both the stress test and blood pressure monitoring system at the same time.

With this investment, CKHA staff can focus all of their attention on the patient during these procedures.

Submitted photo

Vanessa Resendes, ECG Technician at CKHA (left), uses the new ECG equipment to measure the electrical activity of her patient's heart.

There are also 10 new holter monitor units, which are portable systems that patients wear for 24 to 48 hours to monitor their heart.

Once the monitoring cycle is complete, the units are removed from the patient and the information is downloaded into a system for analysis.

ECG technicians review the data for any cardiac arrhythmias or any irregularities and generate relevant rhythm strips.

The system automatically generates reports for internal medicine physicians, known as internists, to review and diagnose patients.

Through this investment, CKHA has now enhanced the quality and quantity of units available to better support heart monitoring across multiple programs, including the stroke program and its new clinics as well as community-based programs, such as the cardiac rehabilitation program.

One portable ECG cart will replace an outdated technology.

CKHA now has four current ECG carts which can be upgraded to a future information system.

These systems are used to support patient care in the emergency department or in-patient areas, when transporting patients can increase risks.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- **A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and**
- **A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.**

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of $20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of $26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of $1.50 – $31.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: **www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice**. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

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