

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Corporate Affairs Committee

FROM: Mark Burger, Acting Captain, Prevention & Public Education

DATE: June 4, 2018

MEMORANDUM NO.: MEM-FIRE-2018-011

RE: Car Seat Clinic

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

To provide the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee with information regarding the Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety spot check clinic held in Acton on Saturday May 26, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

Every year the Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety (HPCCS) plan Spot Check Car Seat Clinics throughout Halton Region. This year the HPCCS in conjunction with the Halton Hills Fire Dept. held a clinic in Acton at the District 1 Fire Station on May 26th, 2018.

COMMENTS:

Members of the Halton Hills Fire Department assisted in the planning and implementation of the first Spot Check Car Seat Clinic in the Region for 2018. Feedback was received by staff and volunteers that the District 1 Fire Station layout is the best in the Region for this type of clinic.

At the clinic 168 quick checks were performed (101 child car seats and 67 booster seats). Of the 101 child car seats, 81 failed and of the 67 boosters, 19 failed. Therefore this year's clinic recorded an 80% fail rate for child car seats and a 28% fail rate for booster seat. This child car seat fail rate is slightly lower than previous years at Acton Spot Check Clinics (2013-92%, 2014-82%). Once again Halton Hills continues to have the lowest fail rate in the Region for booster seats.

Below are Spot Check Car Seat Clinic stats for Halton Region for the past six years.

Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full Inspections	Fail Rate	
2013	Halton Hills (Acton)	75	48	92%	
	Oakville	141	69	78%	
	Milton	110	76	81%	
	2013 Region Totals	326	193	84%	
Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full Inspections	Fail Rate	
2014	Halton Hills (Acton)	100	39	82%	
	Burlington	163	61	60%	
	Halton Hills (Georgetown)	135	57	62%	
	2014 Region Totals	398	157	68%	
Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full Inspections	Fail Rate	
2015	Burlington	153	69	65%	
	Oakville	120	73	68%	
	Milton	165	91	65%	
	2015 Region Totals	438	233	66%	
Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full	Fail Rate	
2016		(Child & Booster)	Inspections	Child	Booster
	Burlington	113	56	76%	71%
	Milton Fire	112	71	78%	50%
	Halton Hills (Acton)	Statistics for this Clinic are not relevant due to a change in the format			
	2017 Region Totals	225	127	77.0%	60.5%
Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full	Fail Rate	
2017		(Child & Booster)	Inspections	Child	Booster
	Halton Hills (Georgetown)	220	111	61.5%	26%
	Oakville	176	106	78.0%	45%
	Milton	165	73	72.0%	46%
	2017 Region Totals	396	217	69.8%	39%
Year	Location	Quick Checks	Full	Fail Rate	
2018		(Child & Booster)	Inspections	Child	Booster
	Halton Hills (Acton)	167	101	80%	28%
	2018 Region Totals	167	101	80%	28%

CONCLUSION:

The Spot Check Car Set Clinics paints us an accurate picture of the state of the safety of children in our community and the ones travelling through while they are riding in vehicles. Through our partnerships and programs we will continue to educate the public with the goal of reducing the number of seat improperly installed and associated injuries.

Respectfully submitted,

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John deHooze, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services

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Brent Marshall, CAO