

Two local teens receive Fire Safety Action Award

Emma Brown and Mitchell Devins-Cann, both teenagers from Bolton, received the 2014 Fire Safety Action Award from the Office of the Fire Marshal recently.

The annual action award recognizes people aged 16 and younger who have demonstrated fire or carbon monoxide safety knowledge by taking appropriate action to prevent or mitigate a potential fire or carbon monoxide incident.

A year ago, Emma and Mitchell were in the vicinity of a De Rose Avenue home when they heard a rustling crackling noise. Upon investigating, they noticed the fire and smoke and immediately sprang into action to get help and save the occupants of the home. Emma immediately called 9-1-1, while Mitchell ran to the front door and alerted the family. Mitchell did not stop there; he ran upstairs to assist the family in rescuing their son. Emma stayed on the phone and continually updated the 9-1-1 communications operator with information. Once everyone was out of the house and safe, Emma's caring actions continued as she comforted the family.

Emma and Mitchell remained calm throughout the incident, even with the presence of fire developing at the side of the house and smoke entering the garage. They both demonstrated fire safety knowledge by taking appropriate actions to mitigate a hostile fire situation.

Although the damage to the home was minimal, everyone survived to tell about it, thanks to the heroic efforts of Mitchell and Emma.



On hand for the recent presentation were Senior Manager at CSA Group Daniel Langlois, Gillian Boyd of Town of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, Mitchell Devins-Cann, Emma Brown, Mark Wallace of Town of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services and Ontario Fire Marshal and Chief of Management of the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Ted Wieclawek.