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Priority to Ambulance Service not Fire

The column by Teri Pecoskie in the Spectator July 6/19 was an excellent look into our Emergency services.

I believe it shows the way our Emergency Services operate, is long overdue for change. The 30 million dollar fire department expansion proposed is mostly unnecessary and would be better spent for us taxpayers on the medical, ambulance service.

Cut back on fire department responding to so many medical calls when ambulance response is adequate.

The ambulance service can be trained to respond as fast as the fire department from the same stations.

Response times are no longer the end all for fire departments in the Province.

After amalgamation, Hamilton Fire Department added 12 additional fire stations to an already large department.

The part time firefighters response time in our area we know is 12 to 15 minutes and have no problem with it.

Our fire insurance rates are the same as in the old city which have a 3 to 4 minute response time. Bottom line fire calls are not increasing much, if at all, these days prevention and the building codes are the key.

We have plenty of Fire stations and Fire Crews. Our aging population is and will continue to increase medical calls, its the ambulance service and crews that must be increased and given priority for our tax dollars in these changing times.

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Thank you

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