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## **FIRE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER**

**SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP / February 16, 2010** – The Township of Springwater Fire Department responded to a fire at 1:40 am on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Elmvale.



*Fire fighters were called to the Doctor's In restaurant and the residential apartments above at 1:40 am on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. No one was injured and the blaze was brought under control by 7:00 am.*

The fire was at a commercial/residential property (The Doctor's Inn restaurant with a residential apartment above.)

At this time, damage is estimated at \$800,000. There were no injuries and the cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office.

Over 50 fire fighters were on scene, and assistance was provided by the Fire Departments of the Town of Wasaga Beach, the Township of Tiny, and the City of Barrie.

When fire fighters arrived, the entire building was showing heavy smoke. Ice buildup and cold temperatures made the grounds hazardous for fire fighters, but the blaze was brought under control at approximately 7:00 am. Approximately 880 thousand gallons of water was used to fight this fire.

Mayor Tony Guergis praised the fire fighters for their efforts.

"As the Mayor of Springwater Township, I would like to compliment our firefighters for their hard work, commitment and dedication, in responding to not only this call, but every call," said Mayor Guergis.

“On behalf of our Council and our residents I want to thank the fire fighters from Wasaga Beach Tiny Township and Barrie for providing both back up and on-site assistance,” said Mayor Guergis. “This mutual aid assistance is a great benefit in keeping all our residents safe and you are all to be commended for working together.”

Fire Chief Tony Van Dam emphasized the importance of checking your smoke alarms.

“Working smoke alarms gave the residents the time and opportunity to get out of the building safely,” said Chief Van Dam. “Please check your smoke alarms regularly.”

Springwater is a municipality of approximately 18,000 residents located in the heart of Simcoe County. 2009 celebrates the 15th anniversary of the amalgamated Township of Springwater. The Township is governed by a seven-member council with a complement of 60 full and part-time staff. The **NEW** Township of Springwater Administration Centre is located at 2231 Nursery Road in Midhurst, and amalgamates the Parks and Recreation staff as well as Council Chambers with the rest of the staff.

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