GOOD MORNING, MR MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND STAFF.

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW ME I AM MARK DEAN DEPUTY CHIEF AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT. I HAVE BEEN SELECTED OR DESIGNATED TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR TODAY’S PRESENTATION. ALSO WITH ME TODAY ARE LT CHARLIE WITHERINGTON, PRIVATES CHRIS ROWLAND AND IAN McKILLOP.

IN THE CORRESPONDENCE OF OCTOBER 11TH 2012 BOARDS AND AGENCIES WERE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT REQUESTS BASED ON A 0% GUIDELINE, WHICH OUR ORGANIZATION WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW AS IDENTIFIED IN OUR SUBMISSION ON NOVEMBER 19TH 2012.

I HAVE ENCLOSED THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH OF YOU

1) REQUEST FOR 2013 OPERATING AND CAPITAL GRANTS

2) 10 YEAR CAPITAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

3) UP-TO DATE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION PAMPHLET. THIS OUTLINES THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE RESCUE UNIT ALONG THE LAKE ONTARIO SHORELINE FROM THE SHIP CANAL TO THE NIAGARA REGIONAL LINE NEAR 50 POINT, AS WELL AS THE BURLINGTON BAY.

4) THE TRAINING AND RESPONSE REPORT FOR 2012.
OVER THE YEARS THE RESCUE UNIT HAS RESPONDED TO MANY EMERGENCIES AND ARE NORMALLY DEPLOYED / ACTIVATED BY THE HAMILTON POLICE MARINE UNIT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, EMS, OR THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD EITHER FROM TRENTON OR PRESCOTT. ALSO THE LIFT BRIDGE AT THE SHIP CANAL HAS IDENTIFIED EMERGENCIES OCCURRING IN THE LAKE, CANAL OR BAY.

***A RECENT NEWS PAPER ARTICLE***

“POLICE CALLED IN THE HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT WHICH LOCATED A WOMANS BODY IN THE WATER “

“IT TOOK THEM LESS THAN 15 MINUTES FROM THE TIME THE CALL CAME INTO ARRIVE ON SCENE, IT TOOK THREE OF US TO GET HER UP ONTO THE ROCKS SAYS LEON BUTA CHIEF OF THE RESCUE UNIT. A VOLUNTEER GROUP THAT PROVIDES THE LOCAL POLICE AND COAST GUARD AUXILLIARY WITH MARINE ASSISTANCE”------“THE SPECTATOR”

IN 2012 THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WE WERE ABLE TO REPLACE AN AGING 25’ STANLEY VESSEL WITH A NEW 25’ STANLEY VESSEL EQUIPED WITH UP TO DATE NAVIGATIONAL ELECTRONICS AND TWIN 150 HP OUTBOARD ENGINES AS WELL AS A TRAILER AT A COST OF OVER $125,000.
IN 2012 WE PARTICIPATED IN BOATING SAFETY DAYS AT LEANDER BOAT
CLUB, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STONEY CREEK AND
WATERDOWN CHRISTMAS PARADES AS WELL AS THE POLAR BEAR SWIM
AT HUTCHE’S PROMOTIONG WATER SAFETY.

LATE IN 2009 A SURPLUS AMBULANCE WAS ACQUIRED FROM EMS
IT WAS REFURBRUSHED, AND IS NOW KNOWN AS RESCUE #2 WHICH IS A
SUPPORT AND TOW VEHICLE TO ASSIST POLICE, FIRE AND EMS WHEN
REQUIRED. THE SUPPORT VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING
GEAR, FIRST AID KITS, BLANKETS, SURVIVAL SUITS, FLOATER
COATS, BACKBOARDS, STOKES STRETCHER, ROPES, THROW BAGS, LIFE
RINGS AND OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL ASSIST US WITH SEARCH AND
RESCUE. THE ADDITION OF THIS VEHICLE COMPLIMENTS
THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CANADIAN COAST
GUARD AUXILLIARY IN THE AMOUNT OF $3000.00 AND PRIVATE
DONATIONS OF $450.00.

IN CLOSING, THE RESCUE UNIT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS
CONSIDERATION FOR OUR 2013 REQUESTS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO
SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND ASSIST POLICE, FIRE, EMS AT ANY
EMERGENCY IN THE CITY. THANK YOU, AND NOW OUR SDLIDE
PRESENTATION.
2012 Year End Report

OUR UNIT

Members of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit are on-call 24 hours each day, 7 days each week ready to assist with marine emergencies in the Hamilton Harbour (Burlington Bay) and western Lake Ontario.

Every qualified member carries a pager directly accessible by both the Hamilton Police Service and the Canadian Coast Guard. Upon receiving a page, a crew responds within minutes to our base on Beach Road, and the appropriate resources are launched.

In 2012 our members committed over 750 volunteer hours to the unit, and our crews responded to situations requiring assistance on average at least once per week during the summer boating season.

Our crews also conduct regular patrols on Lake Ontario every Saturday, Sunday and statutory holiday during the boating season. Patrols commenced this year on June 23 and concluded September 3 for a total of 25 patrol days. On weekends, our unit has a vessel on the water from 12h00 to 18h00. Two or three members of our unit, including a senior officer are on every patrol. We patrol the western end of Lake Ontario, primarily between the Burlington Ship Canal and 50 Point Marina.

We are the only volunteer rescue unit west of Toronto with both summer and winter operations capabilities. Our crews are capable of responding to marine emergencies, ice rescue, and have in the past assisted the City of Hamilton during flood conditions in the city proper. This flexibility stems from our use of a 100% trailerable fleet – another feature that makes the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit unique when compared with units elsewhere on Lake Ontario.

During the summer months we station a 22 foot Limestone rescue boat in an electric lift at the foot of Lakeside Ave, Hamilton. The Limestone is always ready for immediate launch. Dedicated telephone service is available at the lift location in a call box to ensure up-to-date information is available from Hamilton Police and/or the Canadian Coast Guard during a launch. The boat lift is a sizable structure that is put in, and removed, from the lake each year by our volunteers with the generous assistance of the Canadian Coast Guard who provides one of their large vessels to assist with the process.
During 2012 we took possession of a new 25' Stanley rescue vessel, fully equipped with the latest electronics and rescue equipment. This vessel replaced a 12 year old vessel that was nearing the end of its useful life. We are grateful to the City of Hamilton for their support as we planned and executed this significant upgrade to our rescue equipment. The Stanley is kept in a state of readiness at our base station garage, and crews can have this vessel in the water at Fisherman’s Pier within 15 minutes of a call. (The Limestone is always launched first, unless lake conditions dictate the larger Stanley vessel should be used for safety reasons.)

We also have a number of smaller vessels (such as aluminum runabouts) that are used for training purposes and ice rescue.

This report provides an overview of our many activities during the 2012 calendar year and is organized as follows:

   Section 1 - Training Activities

   Section 2 - Emergency Response and On-water Assistance Calls

   Section 3 - Special Activities

Our unit was formed almost 75 years ago, and today thrives as a result of our 100% volunteer crews and the generous support of the City of Hamilton and the people of Hamilton. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as the unit’s Deputy Chief.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions that may arise.

Respectfully Submitted

Deputy Chief Mark Dean

Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit.
Section 1

TRAINING

Our group of volunteers meets every Monday from 19h00 to 21h00 year round at our training and base facility located at 316 Beach Blvd in Hamilton. During winter months, Monday training activities focus on developing the skills of our members. New members take courses designed to prepare them for joining our crews in responding to calls. Seasoned members take courses designed to deepen their skillset in planning and managing emergency response calls, as well as refresher courses to ensure that everyone is a capable and competent crew member.

A variety of courses are delivered by our qualified instructor teams during the winter months. A sample of courses includes:

- First Aid & CPR
- Basic Search and Rescue
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Small Vessel Handling
- Marine Radio Operations

Some of the courses taken by our members are part of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary's member qualification process and include examinations that must be passed by our members.

Topics covered during our classroom training activities include:

- Navigation skills (chart reading and course plotting)
- Ice Rescue (how to deal with winter conditions and lake ice)
- Equipment familiarization (what equipment we have on board, where it is stored, practical training on how to use the equipment)
- Hypothermia: recognition, prevention, and survival using the industry leading “Cold Water Bootcamp” course (we have a certified Cold Water Bootcamp trainer in our unit)
- Fire Prevention (extinguishers, hazardous chemical training in firefighting)
- Firefighting (our crews do not fight fires, but we are equipped with a dewatering pump that can be used to facilitate rescue of persons on burning vessels)
- Electronics familiarization (using our Raymarine chartplotter and radar installation)
- Marine radio procedures
- Distress signaling (flares, flags, and hand signals)
- Search and rescue training to Canadian Coast Guard standards
- Safe towing procedures
- Line handling and knots
- Safety (all aspects of boating safety and required equipment)

From April through October when our boats are in the water, our Monday training activities move onto Lake Ontario where our crews hone their on-water practical skills by practicing skills such as executing precision search patterns, recovering persons in the water (we use a specially designed “dummy” that simulates the weight of a live person) and safe towing practice.
Monday evenings are also used to ensure that all of our equipment is in a state of readiness that will allow us to respond promptly to an emergency call.

Section 2
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ON-WATER ASSISTANCE CALLS 2012

In 2012, our crews responded to 18 calls for assistance. Some calls originate from the Hamilton Police Service, some from the Canadian Coast Guard, and in some cases our crews come across vessels in need of assistance during our patrols.

A summary of our emergency response and assistance calls in 2012 is provided below.

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| May 12   | Vessel taking on water  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard  
Vessel stable upon arrival on scene and able to make way under own power to port of origin. | 0.37 hours   |
| May 15   | Vessel out of fuel  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard  
Vessel located and taken under tow to safe harbour. | 1.45 hours   |
| May 15   | Vessel fire off Jordan  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard  
Vessel deemed not in distress upon arrival on scene.  
HBRU released by CCG and returned to base. | 1.37 hours   |
| May 19   | Disabled vessel at Lift Bridge  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard – night tasking  
Located vessel and towed to safe harbour | 0.42 hours   |
| May 20   | Seadoo out of power  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard  
Located vessel, took passengers on board HBRU vessel and towed to safe harbour | 2.33 hours   |
| June 22  | Vessel out of power  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard  
Vessel located and taken under tow by HPS. | 1.04 hours   |
| June 24  | Overturned canoe – suspected persons in water  
Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard after Mayday Relay received. Shoreline search conducted. Nothing found.  
CCG cancelled Mayday. | 1.02 hours   |
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<td>July 21</td>
<td>Sailing vessel on rocks&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard to assist.&lt;br&gt;Vessel taken under tow to safe harbour</td>
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<td>July 21</td>
<td>Swamped vessel&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard to stand by and escort.&lt;br&gt;Vessel escorted to Fisherman’s Pier and made safe</td>
<td>1.78 hrs</td>
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<td>July 31</td>
<td>Vessel out of fuel&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard&lt;br&gt;HBRU stood down by Coast Guard.</td>
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<td>Aug 4</td>
<td>Vessel adrift near HMCS Haida – 1 Person on board&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard&lt;br&gt;Night emergency call out – launched at 02h32&lt;br&gt;Vessel located and towed to safe harbour</td>
<td>1.70 hrs</td>
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<td>Aug 8</td>
<td>Assist Hamilton Police&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Hamilton Police Services&lt;br&gt;Swimmer in distress – night emergency call (23h30 dispatch)&lt;br&gt;Assisted Hamilton Fire and Police with recovery.</td>
<td>1.0 hrs</td>
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<td>Aug 18</td>
<td>Assist Hamilton Police&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Hamilton Police Services&lt;br&gt;HBRU vessel used for staging purposes by Hamilton Police Services during on-water crime scene investigation</td>
<td>1.5 hrs</td>
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<td>Aug 18</td>
<td>Assist vessel in distress&lt;br&gt;Flagged down by Hamilton citizen with vessel out of power. in Hamilton Harbour. Towed to safe harbour</td>
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<td>Aug 18</td>
<td>Catamaran with possible broken mast – location unknown&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard (Pan Pan call heard)&lt;br&gt;Search failed to locate vessel.&lt;br&gt;HBRU stood down by CCG.</td>
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<td>Sept 2</td>
<td>Vessel with broken transmission&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard&lt;br&gt;Vessel located and towed to safe harbour</td>
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<td>Sept 3</td>
<td>Vessel fire reported off Burlington Pier&lt;br&gt;Tasked by Canadian Coast Guard&lt;br&gt;Vessel safe &amp; under tow by Hamilton Police Service&lt;br&gt;HBRU stood down and returned to base.</td>
<td>0.60 hrs</td>
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Nov 20: *insert details when at unit on Monday – pager call - HPS*
Annual Polar Bear Splash
The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit assisted the East Hamilton Optimists at the annual Polar Bear Splash held at Van Wagner's Beach. Our personnel attended with water rescue equipment along with our converted ambulance support vehicle which was used as a warming station.

Stoney Creek Christmas Parade:
The Hamilton Beach Rescue entered the Stoney Creek Christmas parade promoting Boating Safety with our remote-controlled "Bobbie the Talking Safety Boat" as well as one of our rescue vessels under tow by our support vehicle.

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Annual Meeting
Our unit represented Hamilton area at the annual meeting of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in October 2012.

Safe Boating Activities
During the year, members of our unit made presentations to various groups in Hamilton interested in safe boating practices and volunteer search and rescue activities in the Hamilton area.
ORIGIN & HISTORY OF THE HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT INC.

In 1939 our fore fathers started a volunteer A.R.P. (Air Raid Patrol) along the shores of Lake Ontario from the Hamilton Canal to Van Wagners Beach.

In 1941, the A.R.P. was disbanded and the Burlington Beach Volunteer Fire Department was born. The Fire Marshall’s Office in Toronto officially recognized this volunteer fire department in 1941. In those years the beach strip was a separate community that was managed by the “Beach Commission”. This group was comprised of a manager, secretary, and seven volunteer commissionaires who would oversee their own Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department. The Beach Commission reported and answered directly to the Ontario Provincial Politicians in Toronto. The beach strip was a closely-knit community in those days and still is today.

In 1956, the City of Hamilton annexed the beach strip and we became part of the City of Hamilton. The City Fire Department took over our volunteer fire department and the active volunteers still wanting to stay together decided to form the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit. They were all trained in first aid, water rescue, and used two twelve foot dinghy’s to rescue swimmers in the summer and ice bank rescues in the winter.

In May of 1957, the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit was founded and started with one borrowed and one rented boat and motor. They patrolled every Saturday, Sunday and Monday holidays from May until September, but were on call to answer any emergency 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As the years past, they were able to purchase bigger and better boats capable of handling the storms and rough waters of Lake Ontario.

Those dedicated Volunteers ran a small carnival, sold tickets, ran ham and turkey raffles and raised money to cover the expenses of the unit. Sometimes the members had to dig into their own pockets and donate money to cover the outstanding bills.

Somehow we survived those lean days and in 1965, we approached the City of Hamilton and asked for some financial assistance to help cover our operating expenses. The City agreed but the unit was still responsible for raising their own capital funds for purchasing new boats, equipment, and a vehicle to tow the boats to the launch area. Only with a lot of hard work and dedication by these volunteers, have we been able to build and progress the unit to meet today’s standards and community’s requirements.
Over the past 50 years we have saved many lives and have assisted hundreds of boaters in trouble on the Lake and in Hamilton Bay.

In order to expand our training, better serve the boating community and other water recreational public, we joined forces with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. For over 15 years our volunteers have worked in co-operation with the Canadian Coast Guard to receive training in such courses as C.P.R, First Aid, Hypothermia, Boating, Boat Inspections, Search and Rescue Tactics, V.H.F Radio, Radar, Towing, and G.P.S. operation.

Although we receive an operating grant and some capital monies, we still have to raise additional funds to meet the capital project needs of the organization. The City of Hamilton and the Ontario Trillium Foundation have both donated funds toward some of our recent major capital projects. We are very grateful for their support, which has enabled us to purchase a new boat, towing vehicle, and commence renovations of our training hall.

In 2004 with great assistance from The City of Hamilton and the Ontario Trillium Foundation we were able to purchased a new 22 foot Limestone to help us keep up to date with the current rescue needs and assist in keeping our volunteers safe while performing rescues.

Early in 2008 we were able to complete our new boat storage facility including computer and radio contact with the Coastguard and Hamilton Marine Police. We replaced our 1950’s dinghy trailer with a new trailer constructed with 2008 standards along with two 9.9 Honda outboard motors. We replaced a aged, leaking Zodiac with a new 18’ Zodiac to assist with training and rescues on the Lake, in the Bay and surrounding waters of Hamilton.

In September of 2008 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit with an open house where we showcased all of our equipment to the community, local Politicians, and other Rescue Units in our area.

Late in 2009 a surplus ambulance was acquired from EMS, and is now known as rescue 2 which is a support and tow vehicle to assist police, fire and EMS when required. The support vehicle is equipped with the following equipment, first aid kits, blankets, survival suits, floater coats, backboards, stokes stretcher, ropes, throw bags, life rings and other items that will assist us with search and rescue.

In May of 2012 through our fund raising efforts, we received our new state of the art 25’ Stanley Rescue Vessel. The Stanley is outfitted with twin 150 outboard motors, as well as all of the latest electronic equipment to assist the Boating Public in the Hamilton Wentworth Region as well as maintaining the safety of all our members aboard.
The members of The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Inc. are a group of well-trained, dedicated volunteers who risk their lives on a regular basis to save lives of fellow citizens using our community waters in the Hamilton Area.

William Dean
Mark Dean

January 8, 2013
Reward In Rescue...
Over 25 active and another 25 available volunteers give of their time to make a difference. The difference between saving a life from death. Their reward is not money, it is seeing the look of relief on the face of someone saved on the water or the rejoice of a parent or loved one upon the return of an overdue boater or swimmer.

50 Years Of Helping Thousands
Hopefully you are never stranded in the isolated waters of Lake Ontario facing a life-threatening situation. The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit has been there for 50 years and has helped thousands of people make it safely back to shore by answering their “mayday.” In order to be there for the next 50 years, these dedicated volunteers need your help and support to ensure the proper maintenance of existing equipment and the purchase of new equipment when necessary.

Making a difference in people's lives
“The Rescue Unit routinely comes to the rescue for stranded swimmers and wind surfers who risk their lives by underestimating the lake”...
The Spectator

“A 6 year old boy was rescued by volunteers of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit after drifting more than a kilometer from shore on a plastic raft”...
The Spectator

Beach Rescue Unit saves 3 boaters... Three boaters were pulled from Lake Ontario by the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit after their craft capsized”...
The Spectator

“Thank You all for caring and giving your time, and for being there when people like ourselves need your help”...
Grateful Parents

“Your Unit exemplifies the highest qualities of service to the community”...
Hamilton Police Department

The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit
Dedicated to Saving Lives Since 1958
Committed To Saving Lives...

The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit is a nonprofit organization that calls upon the talents and time of many dedicated volunteers. This group of caring individuals become a water rescue team when lives are on the line. When it counts, these individuals are out there risking their lives to save others who are facing the unpredictable waters of Lake Ontario.

ON CALL 24hrs A DAY!

The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit is on call year round and provides regular patrol on weekends and holidays from June through September from the Hamilton - Burlington - Oakville border to the Niagara regional line near Fifty Point. The unit works in cooperation with Hamilton Wentworth Police, the Canadian Coast Guard and R.C.C. Trenton.

Ongoing Training...

In 1986, the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit, was affiliated with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA). Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit is certified in Water Safety and Water Rescue with volunteers spending up to 7000 hours training every year. Their training includes the following:

- St. John's First Aid - CPR
- Ice Rescue
- Small Vessel Education
- Navigational Chart Reading - GPS
- Search and Rescue Procedures
- Maintenance
- VHF - (M) DSC

YES! I AM ANSWERING YOUR MAYDAY!

I would like to make a tax deductible contribution of $

Cheque enclosed

Visa Card #: Expiry Date: Signature:

I would like more information about Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit.

I would like one of your speakers to contact me about a presentation for my company / organization.

Please make your cheque payable to the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit and enclose it with this form to:

HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT
316 BEACH BLVD.
HAMILTON, ON.
L8H 6W2
Fax: (905) 544-8905
E-mail: hbru@execulink.com

A receipt for tax purposes will be issued for all donations of $20.00 or more only, unless specifically requested.

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HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT
1958-2013
The QEW and Burlington Street this afternoon around 3pm. The highway was closed in both directions for approx 90 minutes after flooding occurred and many drivers became trapped and unable to move. All access ramps to and from the Red Hill Valley and Burlington Street were closed as well. Submitted by David.
Rescue Unit members standing by at the January 1st, 2008 Polar Bear Swim at VanWagners Beach.