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## **New eyes in the sky for Georgina Fire**

**Georgina, ON** – A new piece of equipment has taken flight with Georgina Fire and Rescue Services. Georgina Fire and Rescue Services – Fire Prevention Division has added an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV or drone) to their list of tools to help keep the community safe.

“Having an aerial view of an emergency situation, better positions us to assist those who need our help. It can relay potentially life saving information back to us in real time so we can respond accordingly. Purchasing a UAV is a small investment when compared to someone’s life,” said Ron Jenkins, Georgina Fire Chief.

The UAV will be used in fire scene investigations and inspections along with a number of potential scenarios including: active fire scenes, search and rescue incidents, water and ice rescues, hazardous material spills, major weather events including flooding and the pre-planning of commercial, industrial and residential sites.

Three fire prevention staff have taken the required training to fly a UAV, becoming fully advanced Remote Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) pilots.

Sample images taken by the UAV are attached.

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