

THE

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## Back to School!



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## Take a Look



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Take a close look at the four dice and the line of numbers below them.

Which number should replace the question mark?

Please submit your answer, name and employee# to

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Congratulations to last month's winner:

**Sachin Minhas**

Do you have a story to share? Maybe you know someone who has made a difference. Perhaps you're part of a great team worth acknowledging. Take a minute and let us know what you want to see in the next issue of The Paragonian. Write today!

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# Safety Moment

Hey Paragonians! It's that time of year again.... Back to School! And, safety begins with you! So here are a few tips to help everyone stay safe during the school year:

- Observe school zone speed limits and slow down
- Obey the Crossing Guard and follow directions
- Be cautious in school zones and watch for darting children, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Always stop for flashing school bus signal lights
- Do not pass or make a U-turn/three-point turn in school zones
- Avoid distractions from cell phones, GPS devices, radios, eating, etc.
- Don't block crosswalks when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn
- Watch out for high school drivers when driving





## Grateful for a fast response

Izabela De Bartolo – Baxter (Client), pictured with Andrew McLean

On June 13th, Site Supervisor Andrew McLean was working at his post in the lobby of Baxter Corp in Alliston when he heard a call for help coming from upstairs. S/S McLean immediately rushed to the scene to discover an employee attempting chest thrusts on the Plant Manager.

The manager was holding his throat, choking, and sweating profusely. S/S McLean stepped in and proceeded to provide chest thrusts based on his CPR training. After several chest thrusts, the Plant Manager coughed up the water he was choking on and bent over in relief.

At that point S/S McLean determined there was no need for further First Aid/CPR as he appeared to be coherent and talking. S/S McLean asked if he was ok and told him to have a seat in his office.

S/S McLean contacted the site nurse and explained the situation. A few minutes later he checked on the Plant Manager and declared him to be fine.

Izabela De Bartolo – Health & Safety Manager, wrote that: “Andrew has been instrumental in Baxter safety and security. I have been working with Andrew now for over 3 years. He is very professional, prompt in everything he does, and provides critical assistance to ensure plant safety. In recent days he has provided first aid to a colleague who was choking, and we are so very grateful for everything he does each day.”

Steve Minns – Plant Manager added “I 100% agree with the feedback Izabela has shared regarding Andrew. He is responsive, professional, operates with the utmost integrity, and does it all with a smile. We are so fortunate to have him as part of our Team here at Baxter Alliston.

I was actually the individual that choked and I’m not sure I’d be here today if it wasn’t for Andrew jumping into action to help me. I will be forever grateful to him.”



## A life saved

Ramandeep Mander, Dalvir Singh, Neal Permaul, Mario Topuzoski,  
Andrew Hurd Senior Site Supervisor, Sathiya Gugathasan Client Service Manager

We would like to give special recognition to the team at Dufferin Mall for saving the life of a 3-year-old toddler in medical distress.

While on patrol, S/S Neal Permaul came across a medical emergency involving a toddler in the north parking lot. The child had collapsed on the pavement outside of the LCBO after exiting the mall with his mother. He was unconscious and sweating profusely when Security arrived on scene.

S/S Permaul immediately notified the control room operator S/G Dalvir Singh and the other team members onsite. A large crowd had formed around the child and several bystanders reported that they had contacted Emergency Medical Services (EMS). S/G Mario Topuzoski arrived and began crowd control duties while S/S Permaul assisted the child.

S/S Permaul observed sporadic breathing with a faint pulse and noticed that his skin was extremely warm. At this time, S/G Ramandeep Mander and S/G Marcos Jiron arrived on scene with the security department's medical kits. As it was quite hot and humid outside, Security opted to move the child to the climate-controlled area located in the back room of the LCBO to help regulate his body temperature. After relocating, Security immediately applied cold compress packs to his neck, back, and armpits. Although the child's body temperature began to decrease, his breathing was still extremely shallow; so, they administered oxygen to assist his breathing.

Once EMS arrived on site, they promptly assisted the child and transported him to a nearby hospital. Medical emergencies involving young children are some of the most stressful situations any first responder will face. We as an organization are extremely proud of S/S Permaul's leadership and the team's overall response. Their efforts undoubtedly helped alleviate some of the child's symptoms before he could be transported to the hospital for enhanced treatment.

Paragon Security has nominated this team for a Canadian Security Life Saver award.



## Taking time to help

*Jermaine Agius Senior Site Supervisor, Mohammad Safdari,  
Hannah Ireland Platoon Supervisor, Sergey Zvorygin*

On behalf of QuadReal Properties and Paragon Security, we'd like to extend our appreciation to members of the Commerce Court Bravo Platoon – who assisted a QuadReal employee who was recently trapped inside an elevator.

Both S/G Mohammad Safdari and S/G Sergey Zvorygin were present and kept the employee calm until elevator technicians attended the site to assist. Their wellness checks helped with the situation, and the guards insisted on waiting at the scene until she was free.

Our client group was very impressed and proud of their actions. It is never easy to handle elevator entrapments, since those trapped in an elevator might go into a state of panic. Our guards are trained to handle intense situations and always keep people calm.

This incident goes to show that our guards have the tools and support to handle all types of situations. Great job!

