

## Tragic fire at Classy Lane in Ontario

from Standardbred Canada

**Mississauga, ON** --- A barn fire at Classy Lane Training Centre in Puslinch, Ontario, started at roughly 11 p.m. on Monday (Jan. 4) and claimed the lives of more than 40 Standardbred racehorses.

*Trot Insider* can confirm the names of 10 of the horses that perished, which includes \$983,118-winning pacer Apprentice Hanover.

An [article by the CBC](#) states that firefighters from five departments -- including Hamilton, Guelph and Cambridge -- were called to the blaze and that there is no word at this point as to what caused the deadly fire.

*Trot Insider* has learned that the fire destroyed Barn 1, which housed horses trained by Ben Wallace, Roger Mayotte, Chantal Mitchell, Kris Di Cenzo, Dan Lagace and Floyd Amos.

Everybody in the horse racing industry is encouraged to donate funds to the affected horsepeople via an official [GoFundMe page](#) that has been set up by the Central Ontario Standardbred Association. For more on the COSA initiative, or to contact COSA, click [here](#).

Classy Lane's co-owner, Barb Millier, who is currently in Florida, has been cited as saying that her husband, co-owner Jamie Millier, is now trying to get back from Florida after having received the horrible news. Barb was cited as saying that it is too early to speculate as to what started the blaze. She also estimated that at least 43 horses, all of which were Standardbreds, lost their lives in the fire.

"It's a sad occasion," Puslinch Fire and Rescue Service's chief fire prevention officer, Jason Benn, [said Tuesday morning](#). The article states that the preliminary cost of the damage is estimated to be between \$4 and \$6 million, and that the fire is not considered suspicious at this time.

An emotional Ben Wallace took time out of his hectic Tuesday morning to discuss the tragedy. In terms of his training business, Wallace was quoted as saying, "It's gone. I have nothing. I have nothing. I don't even have a stopwatch. Nothing. Anything I owned going forward, as far as my profession, is gone."

The O'Brien Award winning trainer went on to say, "It's the horses that we lost which is the tough thing to stomach. Buildings you can build, but these athletes that we have, we love and we cherish. We work with them every day, and they're gone."

To listen to Wallace's interview, click [here](#).

*Trot Insider* can confirm the names of 10 of the Standardbreds that perished in the blaze. The list of the names of horses that lost their lives in the blaze appears below.

### Floyd Amos Stable

- **Hasty Heart** (Owned by Floyd H. Amos [Bright, Ont.] )
- **Big Bang Ballykeel** (Owned by Floyd H. Amos [Bright, Ont.] )

## **Roger Mayotte Stable**

- ***Dreamliner*** (Owned by Just In Time Stable [Mississauga, Ont.] and The Fine Whine Stable [Toronto, Ont.])
- ***Georges Legacy*** (Owned by the Estate Of George F. Hempt Trust [Camp Hill, PA], Bradly W. Graffius [Dover, PA] and John G. Frisch [Camp Hill, PA])
- ***Vintage Rose*** (Owned by Gary G. Smith [Burlington, Ont.])
- ***Weight Time*** (Owned by Just In Time Stable [Mississauga, Ont.])

## **Ben Wallace Stable**

- ***Apprentice Hanover*** (Owned by Bradley J. Grant [Milton, Ont.])
- ***Proven Effective*** (Owned by Bradley J. Grant [Milton, Ont.])
- ***Whiskey N Pie*** (Owned by Bradley J. Grant [Milton, Ont.] and WallaceStandardbreds Inc. [Puslinch, Ont.])
- ***Whistle Jimmy K*** (Owned by Bradley J. Grant [Milton, Ont.] and WallaceStandardbreds Inc. [Puslinch, Ont.])

Additional details will be posted when more information becomes available.

*(With files from CBC and 680 News)*

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- [\*\*Meadowlands to host benefit for Ontario fire victims\*\*](#) (Tuesday, January 05, 2016)  
The Meadowlands Racetrack and its horsemen are joining together this weekend (Friday and Saturday) to raise funds for the victims of a devastating fire at Classy Lane Training Center in Ontario on Monday that killed more than 40 Standardbred racehorses.