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# Christian officers aren't 'bible pounding'

... by Chief Jim Harding

By GORD KOLLE  
*Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.—Romans 13, v. 10.*

Faith has been described as a belief in the honesty and truth of another. For 14 officers of the Halton Regional Police Force, faith means following a lifestyle which gleams its value from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Formed in 1961, the Halton Chapter of the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers provides fellowship, worship and spiritual shelter for its members.

Fully endorsed by Police Chief James Harding, the chapter includes three senior staff officers, sergeants, constables and members of the auxiliary and civilian support staff.

But members like to make it clear that the

emphasis is not on "bible pounding" or "soap-box preaching."

More often than not, it is being able to offer a fellow Christian and non-Christian officer, or even a confused criminal, a bit of friendly help during a tough situation.

"Christians don't have the right to put their values on others," says Constable Bill Cota, 36. "But our silence at things we dislike usually singles us out and gets non-Christians questioning us."

Each Friday morning, just before the eight o'clock shift, members meet for a brief time of prayer and devotions.

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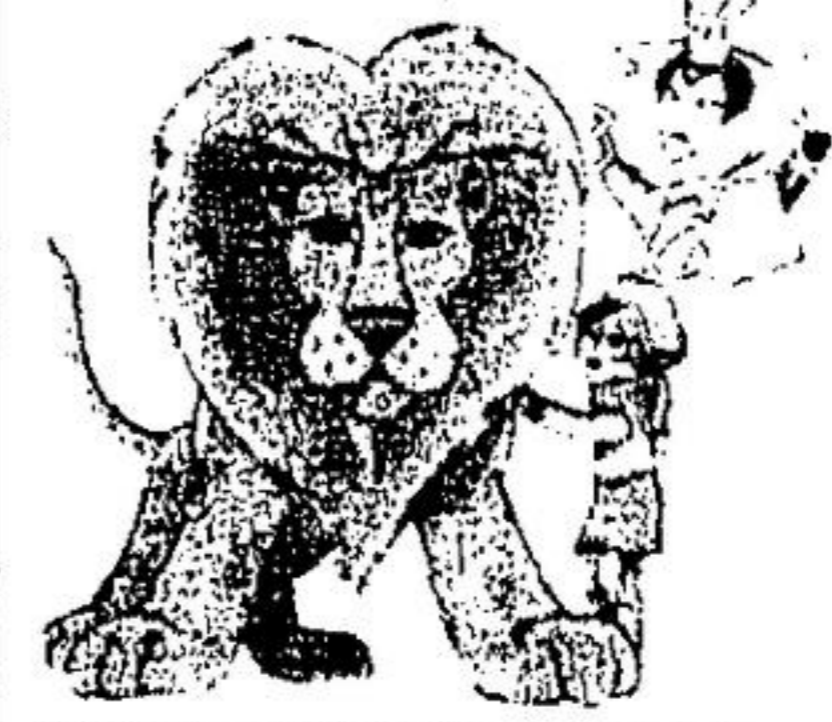
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