

Police provide 'thin blue line' - chief

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The Halton Regional Police force and representatives from the region and its municipalities gathered last Tuesday to honor the citizens who have provided assistance to the police force over the past year, and to present long-service awards to ten police officers with a total of 235 years of service in various police departments.

Part of Police Week, the ceremony saw three Halton Hills men presented with civilian citations, although only one of the men was present to accept the citation. Kevin Harrison of Acton received a citation for assisting Constable Bob Ustrzycki at the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident. Mr. Harrison, who is an ambulance driver, was off-duty at the time, but stopped at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and assisted two injured youths, providing first aid. Mr. Harrison's actions may have saved the life of one of the injured youths.

LOCAL BURGLARY
Elmer Somer of Georgetown assisted Sgt. Jason Field in the apprehension of a suspect in a burglary in progress at the Union Gas company office in Georgetown. Mr. Somer reported the burglary, and when Sgt. Field arrived on the scene and the suspect fled, he assisted Sgt. Field in pursuing and apprehending the man.

Willfred Turner of Georgetown was awarded a civilian citation for his assistance in apprehending two suspects in a burglary in progress. Constable Scott Pringle responded to a report of a burglary in progress and met Mr. Turner on the scene. Mr. Turner said he had attempted to apprehend the two suspects, but they ran away. However, police officers were able to arrest the suspects thanks to Mr. Turner's assistance.

"We are indeed fortunate in Halton to have many, many concerned citizens, and it is those citizens on which we will be able to build the foundation of a law-abiding community," Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding told the audience at the awards night.

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Chief Harding also presented long-service awards to ten police officers who have served 20, 25 or 30 years in various police departments. Seven of these officers are now serving, or have served recently, in District 1, which includes Halton Hills. Inspector Alex Terrell was honored for 30



Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding congratulated Kevin Harrison of Acton on receiving a civilian citation at the police awards ceremony May 13. Mr. Harrison's knowledge of first aid proved instrumental in saving the life of a youth injured in a car accident. Two Georgetown residents also received citations but were not present in Oakville to accept them in person.



Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the Halton Regional Police Commission, presented Inspector Matt MacPherson with a long-service award for 25 years of service as a police officer at the Halton Regional Police awards night in Oakville, May 13. Inspector MacPherson is the commander of District 1, which includes Halton Hills.

years' service, Inspector Matt MacPherson, Staff Inspector Roy Taylor, and Staff Sgt. Clare Richardson received awards for 25 years of service, and Sgt. Walter Henson, Sgt. Len Pickett and Sgt. Keith Robertson received awards for 20 years of service.

"Professional police officers and those closely associated with our profession, and those who have been served by it, know that a police officer is an ordinary citizen who has been given special powers by the crown," Chief Harding said. "They are the thin blue line that stands solidly for democ-

cracy and stands against anarchy."

Police officers don't see the law as "an unbending club with which to beat society into respectful submission", but as a "crutch" and a "shield for the innocent", the chief said.

Chief Harding pointed out that although police officers have special powers and heavy responsibilities, they are human, and subject to human frailties. He emphasized, however, that whatever the circumstances, Halton police officers "always try their damndest".



Staff Sergeant Clare Richardson was presented with a long-service award for 25 years of service as a police officer at the police awards night in Oakville.



Sgt. Walter Henson was given a long-service award May 13 at the police awards night in Oakville. Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the Halton Regional Police Commission, presented the awards.

GARA meeting tonight

The annual meeting of the Georgetown Area Ratepayers' Association (GARA) is tonight (Wednesday) at Georgetown District High School. The meeting will include a review of the Halton Hills master plan for parks and recreation, and the election of officers for the coming year. GARA officials wish to remind the public that although there are no major outstanding issues at the moment, the association must remain active and it is important for members to attend. The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

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