CRIME

**STOPPERS** 

# Crime Stoppers comes to Halton

Crime Stoppers has arrived in

Halton. The program which gives cash rewards for information leading to an arrest officially kicked off with an opening ceremony at Halton Region in Oakville yesterday (Tues-

day). The key features responsible for Crime Stoppers' appeal across the continent is guaranteed anonymity for anyone submitting information, and the cash reward of between \$50 and \$1,000.

Although the Crime Stoppers program works independently of the police department, Sgt. Dave Atkinson of the Halton Regional Police will work closely with the new board of directors of Crime Stoppers to make sure the program flows amouthly.

From now on anyone with information about a crime which has been committed, or even about one about to occur, can call the special Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-668-5151, and give the information to the police. They never have to testify in court and they can still

pick up a cash reward. The new 16-person board of directors is headed up by Burlington's Randy Pickard. It also includes Barry Dunlop of Georgetown, who is the vice-chairman, and Halton Hills Hydro Commissioner Murt Allison as a director.

From now on, local newspapers will include a "crime of the week"

which will describe a crime for which the police need more information. Included in each article will be the Crime Stoppers hotline telephone number for anyone with

information about the crime. The program will not require any government money. The board of directors is responsible for appealing to the public and local businesses for funds to set up the reward ac-

Crime Stoppers will set up a fund, from which rewards will be paid.

The program is registered as a charitable organization so all donations are tax-exempt. The board will determine the value of information, set a cash reward, then pay the in-formant in a fashion in which his or her identity is not revealed.

Although Halton has one of the

lowest crime rates in Canada (6.490 criminal code offences per 100,000 people in 1987 compared to 17,405 for Vancouver; 12,106 for Ottawa, 10,404 for Niagara Region; 9,872 for Hamilton-Wentworth; 9,470 for Toronto; and 7,732 for Waterloo Region), Sgt. Atkinson expects Crime Stoppers to play an important rate in the Region.

"It's been a proven fact that anywhere that has Crime Stoppers, (the program) has played an addi-tional role in helping to solve crimes." said Sgt. Atkinson.

Mr. Dunlop got involved in the pro-gram through his position as a director in the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. Sgt. Atkinson appealed to the chambers of commerce in Halton to help get the program underway.

Mr. Dunlop characterized Crime Stoppers as a "reactionary" type program.

"A crime has to be committed for Crime Stoppers to actually work,"

he said. Although there will likely be some extra deterrent for criminals to break the law, Crime Stoppers' main objective is to solve outstanding

cases, said Mr. Dunlop. Soon, residents will see Crime Stoppers posters throughout the Region. And the board of directors is hoping to have visual re-enactments of crimes on local community cable television stations, and even a network television station in the new year, said Sgt. Atkinson.

Give Me A Brake will involve five

officers from the Traffic Bureau,

and will be "drawing on district

manpower as the need arises," Sgt.

Const. Rick Ferguson of the

Regional Traffic Bureau heads the

program. Give Me A Brake will

focus specifically on commercial

vehicles, including those that are

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In the mld-1970s Albuquerque had the highest crime rate per capita of any city in the United States.

On Sept. 8, 1976, the program went into effect. The first call helped detectives solve an 18month-old gang rape. Three people were later convicted in that case.

The first crime publicized by the media as a Crime Stoppers case - a shotgun slaying of a gas station attendant . was solved with the assistance of testimony from a witness who said he never would have come forward if Crime Stoppers had not been in place.

Det. MacAleese thought Crime Stoppers might assist in solving 25 solved that many in five weeks. The program helped to solve 288 cases and recover more than \$250,000 worth of stolen property in its first year in operation. Once word of Crime Stoppers'

success spread, so did the pro-There are now about 500 Crime

Stoppers programs operating in the US and Canada. Together these programs have provided police with information to help solve over 179,000 major crimes and recover over \$1 billion worth of stolen property and narcotics.

The program also boasts a 97per-cent conviction rate in court.

### Icy roads cause mishaps

but only a few injuries.

accidents occurred around 9:30 p.m. at Main Street North and Dufferin Street. A 1988 Mercury Cougar driven by a Georgetown woman, 28, went out of control while proceeding over a railway overpass. The vehicle mounted the sidewalk and then hit a bridge rail. The car was moderately damaged. There were no injuries, and police are not pressing charges.

ly after the single-car collision, say police. A 1985 Ford pick-up driven by an Erin man, 39, struck a 1987 Toyota. Police say the Toyota swerved to avoid the previous accident involving the Cougar. The driver of the Toyota, a Georgetown man, 38, was taken to hospital with

A series of key road accidents in minor injuries. Two passengers, Halton Hills Wednesday night caus- both females, 13, from Georgetown ed extensive damage to several cars were treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. No charges were laid.

Less than an hour later on Winston Churchill Boulevard, two accidents occurred due to weather conditions, say police.

A 1975 Mustang, northbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard near Sideroad 5 went out of control, struck a hydro pole and was severely damaged, say police. The driver, a Georgetown woman, 19, was uninjured. No charges were laid. Police say the accident was the result of "a very ley road."

Also on Winston Churchill Boulevard around 10:20 p.m., there was a single-car collision involving a Georgetown woman, 23. Police say a northbound 1976 Ford went out of control, struck two hydro poles and was demolished.

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According to police reports, two

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Police seek

help in

murder

Looking for faulty vehicles

## Police launch 'Give me a brake'

The Halton Regional Police Force's new program, "Give Me A Brake," is not regular coffee stops for constables, but an organized system of spot checks on commer-

cial vehicles. Officially entitled The Commercial Vehicle Spot Check Program, Give Me A Brake began Nov. 15, and involves regular varied checks in all of the municipalities in Halton in particular for commercial Region at different locations, times

and days. The spot check program will focus on all aspects of commercial vehicle safety: plates, registration, brakes, attachments (load hookups), electrical systems, leaf hookups, exhaust systems, windshields, and lights.

Give Me A Brake is also designed to check for operators of commercial vehicles that are not properly licensed.

Halton police have found that this has been an ongoing problem. This is due to the driver of the vehicle not having the proper class of license to



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operate the vehicle, or not being in

possession of a license at all. The program can also vary in the length which police may spend in a certain community or city. "They may spend a whole week in Halton Hills if they can justify it," said Sgt. Dave Pruitt of the Public Relations

Sgt. Pruitt cited one problem spot vehicles In Halton. "Wherever there's a quarry," he said.

Main trucking routes are targeted the most. The general feeling of the police

force is the program has an important function. "They want to satisfy themselves that commercial vehicles are mechanically fit," said Sgt. Pruitt

"It specifically addresses the needs and complaints of communities."

When a commercial vehicle is pulled over by the Give Me A Brake program, if a driver is charged for a fault with his vehicle, a notice will be issued to him allowing 48 hours for a minor defect to be corrected. Major problems with a vehicle will result in charges being laid under the Highway Traffle Act. Fines will range from \$53.75 to \$503.75.

Serious cases may involve having the plates of a vehicle removed and seized.

According to Sgt. Pruitt, the Give Me A Brake program is fairly innovative, something that has not been regularly done by other police forces. "If it has, we don't know about It," he sald.

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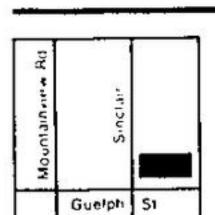
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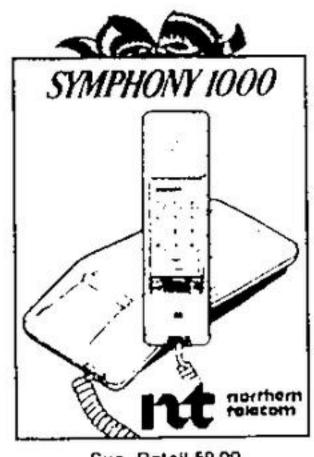
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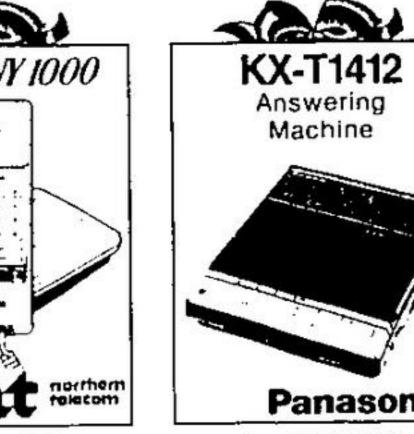
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