

Community

Region police force dominated by male officers

Of the 362 uniformed employees of the Halton Regional Police Force, only 45 are female. Of the 147 civilian staff, including computer programmers, communicators and various clerks, 114 are female.

The breakdown of the force's personnel, both uniformed and civilian, was presented at the Police Commission meeting last Thursday by Chief of Police W.J. Harding.

Of the 45 uniformed females employed by the force, only two are Sergeants, while the remain-

ing 43 are Constables, the report outlined.

The hierarchy of positions goes from Police Chief, to Deputy Chief, Superintendent, Staff Inspector, Inspector, Staff Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Sergeant, Detective, and Constable, who can range from a first to a fourth class.

The Force is authorized to employ 524 positions, but at the moment has only 509.

As well, five uniformed staff, two sergeants and two constables

are currently carrying out special duties. Staff Sergeant D. Croucher is into the fourth year of his five year stint on the Ontario Police Commission. Sergeant P. Welsh is also serving on that Commission for one year. Constables S. Delaney and S. Flaming are busy working for the community on the D.A.R.E. project (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

Halton Regional Police received donations totalling \$4,000 for their D.A.R.E. program last month from an organization in

Oakville and another in California.

Oakville Lodge Number 132, I.O.O.F., donated \$3,500 in memory of their brother Walter B. Trimming who passed away in January. L.A. Danceforce, a dance troupe from California who work with youth ages 8 to 18, donated \$500 to the program.

Howard Hamilton, past Grand at the Lodge, complimented the police on the success of the 1989-90 D.A.R.E. program. This \$3,500 donation, he explained, represented the Lodge's support

for the 1990-91 program.

Carol Conners, of L.A. Danceforce, wrote in her letter to Halton Regional Police, "We are committed to education in order to keep our youth drug free." The group hopes that their donation will help in that fight.

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