

New police officer patrolling Halton Hills

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Ever since he was a little boy, Constable David Jones wanted to be a policeman, and now he is as Halton Hill's newest police officer.

Const. Jones watched his grandfather and father fulfill their duties as police officers in the Niagara Region where 23-

year-old Const. Jones has lived most of his life. He soon realized he'd like to follow the family tradition and become an officer himself.

"I'm a people person and like working with the public which is what a police officer does," said Const. Jones in a telephone interview before he was sworn in on Jan. 11 at the Burlington police detachment.

To become better suited for the profession, Const. Jones earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations on political science at the University of Guelph. "I majored in political science to get a better understanding of people and all the different cultures," said Const. Jones. "I thought it would help me become a better police officer."

He gained valuable experience for his future profession as a police officer working with the Niagara Parks Police as a Special Constable.

"I've always planned my jobs and education around my goal," he said.

Soon, he was accepted into the Ontario Police College for a rigorous nine-and-a-half weeks of

police training. "Police college was an eye-opening experience," he said. "You wouldn't believe all the information we have to learn."

Const. Jones officially began his duties on Wednesday under the direction of Const. Bill Henshaw. All new officers are put under the wing of a "coach" officer for about three months. He'll be required to write a coach officer's exam and if he successfully completes it, he'll be classified as a 4th class patrol officer and considered knowledgeable and experienced enough to patrol on his own.

Const. Jones said he considers himself "very lucky to come up north."

He spent five weeks here as part of his training and appreciated the city atmosphere he detected in the area.

He found the abundance of countryside in the area "threw him for a loop with all the concessions and sideroads."

Now he's concentrating on getting to know the area along with all the services available in the community to increase his ability in a job he knew he always wanted.

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Halton Police and Crime Stoppers of Halton are seeking information that may lead to the arrest of person(s) responsible for over \$200,000 damage to stores in the Milton Mall.

Sometime overnight on October 14, 1990, a white GMC van with the marking "Bratti Group", was stolen from the Laurier Plaza, Milton. A red tool box with a variety of tools used in the sheet metal business was also in the van and remains missing.

At approximately 5 a.m., employees working in the Milton Mall, heard loud crashes which were followed by an audible alarm. Police and fire vehicles arrived at the scene to discover the devastation wrought by the stolen van that had been set on fire with the accelerator pedal jammed to the floor and placed in gear. The vehicle crashed through the eastern entrance glass doors, destroying stores as it travelled 200 feet before coming to rest.

Do you know who is responsible? Crime Stoppers is appealing for your help in solving these crimes. Remember... callers are not required to give their name and could earn a cash reward of up to \$1,000. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-688-5151.



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