

Halton police holding Firearms and Weapons Amnesty Oct. 19-29

Halton residents who have firearms they no longer want now have the opportunity to get rid of them.

Halton police will hold its second regional Firearms and Weapons Amnesty from Oct. 19-29.

The amnesty is an opportunity for members of the community to hand in their firearms and/or weapons and ammunition that are unused, inherited or illegal, without the fear of being charged.

Halton police said are holding the amnesty to create a safer community and to prevent dangerous weapons from falling into the hands of criminals.

Currently in Ontario there are more than 500,000 citizens who hold valid Possession Licenses (POL) and Possession and Acquisition Licenses (PAL).

There are more than 300,000 restricted and prohibited firearms registered in Ontario, not

including non-restricted firearms (long guns).

Police said in some circumstances, POL and PAL licensees no longer wish to keep their firearms due to age, ability and residential location.

In other cases the licensee forgets to renew their license or dies, leaving the firearms unregistered or in the possession of unlicensed family members.

To arrange a weapons pickup

residents can call 905-465-8733 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the amnesty.

Residents must not bring any weapons or firearms to a police station, transport firearms or weapons in a vehicle or greet officers at the door with firearms or weapons.

Officers assigned to pick up the weapons will provide police identification and will require a signature for destruction.

Local man charged

A Georgetown man is facing alcohol and drug-related charges after a Halton Regional Police officer on patrol became concerned about a driver's abilities Saturday evening.

After pulling over the vehicle at around 8 p.m. in the area of Maple Ave. and Mountinview Rd. N., the officer developed grounds to believe the driver had consumed alcohol. Charged with having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood and possession of marijuana is Ronald Corbett, 52.

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