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Halton Regional Police are set to open their new headquarters on North Service Road in Oakville, the new facility is almost four times larger than their current building.

CSI HALTON: POLICE COUNT DOWN TO LAUNCH OF NEW FORENSICS LAB

THE NEW LAB AT HALTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS WILL ALLOW FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF EVIDENCE - AND YOU CAN DRIVE A CAR INSIDE.

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The popular consciousness is obsessed with detectives, crime scene investigations and forensics labs - just flip around the TV dial to prove it. It's a fascinating kind of work that requires sharp observation abilities, meticulous attention to detail and a whole swath of technical skills - and for the team of about 24 people

who do it in Halton Region, it's about to get even better.

Halton police's forensic services unit is getting a brand new lab this month, as the force opens the doors to its brand new headquarters on Bronte Road. The new lab will help investigators better maintain the quality of their evidence, meaning more accurate results for cases going to court.

"The new lab includes

significant changes to how we will protect evidence from contamination or cross-contamination," said Staff Sgt. Rhonda Alcock, a former investigator who now manages the unit. "It's going to be a huge improvement on what we have now."

The lab in the old headquarters is comprised of one large room with separate workstations, she said, while the new facility will have three distinct labs in different rooms. Evidence is always carefully protected, Alcock explained, adding that one can't be too careful when dealing with

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