

Police veteran joins Crime Stoppers program

The appointment of Sergeant Rod Cliffe to the position of Police Coordinator, Crime Stoppers of Halton Inc., was announced by Stu Chapman, Chair of the Board of Directors.

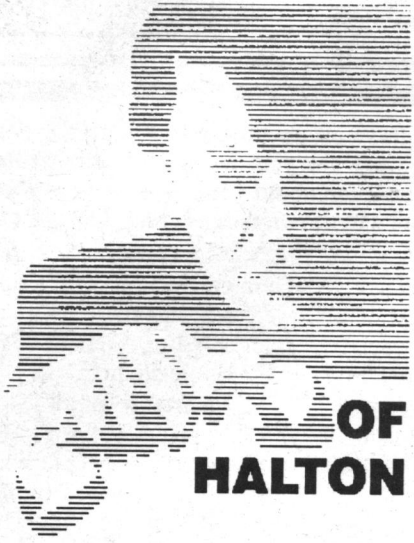
Cliffe is a veteran of 18 years police service in Halton, most recently having been seconded to the Green Ribbon Task Force, investigating the deaths of Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French. He supervised the investigation of Leslie Mahaffy in 1991.

The new Police Coordinator began his police career in 1975 as a uniform constable in Oakville, where he spent over seven years. During that period he represented Halton Regional Police on the Town of Oakville Traffic Advisory Committee and also served as Range Officer and Coach Officer.

He became a Detective Constable in 1983 and in a two year period became very proficient in investigations involving child abuse and sexual assault. On his return to uniform duties in 1985, Cliffe was instrumental in the development of Crime Prevention Program for the Glen Abbey community.

In 1987 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and as a patrol supervisor, he

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served the communities of Oakville, Georgetown and Milton and was held in high regard by his officers. January 1990 saw Cliffe's transfer to the Burlington Criminal Investigation office where in his first year, he was responsible for the training and supervision of Detective Constables, mainly in the areas of house break and enters, auto thefts and thefts from autos. Among his many accomplishments was the establishment of Strategic Plans to combat these crimes.

Early in 1991, Cliffe was concentrating on investiga-

tions involving child abuse, sexual assaults and robbery, and coordinated cases involving missing persons, domestic violence and phase I young offenders. He was the liaison between the Halton Regional Police Service and groups such as the Rape Crisis Centre and the Children's Aid Society. When Leslie Mahaffy was reported missing in June of 1991, Cliffe supervised the investigation, resulting in his eventual secondment to the Green Ribbon Task Force.

Sgt. Cliffe is married with two children and resides in Burlington. He brings to the Crime Stoppers program extensive experience as a skilled investigator, respected supervisor and knowledgeable communicator. His police education includes Police Management courses at Humber College, Security and Law Enforcement and Advanced Police Investigation courses at Sheridan College. He was awarded the Sheridan Board of Governors Silver Medal for his accomplishments. His Ontario Police College credits include Management Level I, Crime Prevention, Youth, Criminal Investigation and Advanced Training.

While Cliffe will coordinate Halton Crime Stoppers activities, the program is run by a civilian Board of Directors, representative of

the four communities comprising Halton. Reward payments, which are made on a strictly anonymous basis come from funds raised in the community by the Board of Directors. No taxpayer funds are involved. Anyone having knowledge of a crime, either committed or about to be committed, can call either 825-TIPS or 1-800-668-5151. If such information leads to an arrest then the tipster is eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 without ever having to disclose their name, nor ever have to appear in court. All donations to the reward fund are income tax deductible. Contact Sergeant Rod Cliffe, 825-4777, ext. 5139.

Not harmless revelry

Needless to say, not everyone in Halton Hills (especially in Georgetown and Glen Williams), were in the harmless revelry mood last Thursday on Canada's 126th birthday.

Thursday afternoon at the Glen Williams park, someone threw an object through the rear window of a car parked in the lot, causing several hundred dollars damage.

In the early evening, a 17-year-old Georgetown youth squealed into the Georgetown Memorial Arena parking lot on Mill St. in Georgetown, pulled a complete donut, and raced back out,

Police Beat

narrowly missing a 14-year-old boy. The driver re-entered the lot and chased the boy, but was forced to stop his car to avoid hitting another group of boys. The youth then jumped out of the car and shoved the victim. He was charged with assault and dangerous driving.

Late the same evening, youths stuck a firecracker in a Georgetown man's mailbox and lit it. The man, who reported the incident to police, claimed this was not the first incident. Police are still investigating the incident.

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