

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh hands over three cheques worth \$720,000 to Halton Police Chief Ean Algar Friday as Inspector Ron Welsh (left) and Superintendent Mike Kingston look on.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Police get provincial cash

A lready one of the safest municipalities in Canada, Halton Region will have more officers patrolling its streets.

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh handed over three cheques for more than \$720,000 to Halton Region Police Services Chief Ean Algar on Friday. The money will be used for three initiatives, the majority of it for community policing.

"The community has always been supportive of the police service and we've had good support of the government because it realizes the importance of safety in our communities," Algar said.

The \$641,095 for the Community Policing Partnership is part of a \$2.9-million commitment for 43 new officers. Halton currently has the lowest crime rate in Canada among municipalities with a population of more than 100,000 and Algar said the additional officers will help keep it that way.

Chudleigh also presented cheques for the Municipal Police

Service Technology Fund (\$65,966) and for the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) campaign (\$21,515).

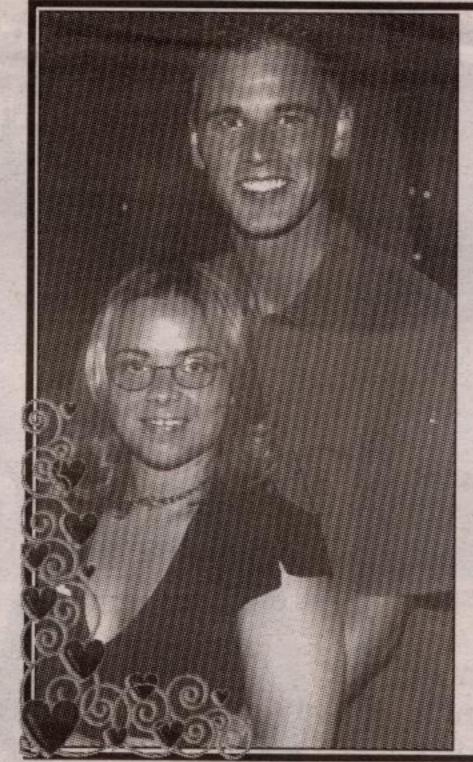
Halton Police will use the technology money to improve its sex offender registry and DNA data banks. Algar said the improvements will help establish links between crimes in Halton and other regions to help solve major investigations.

"The technology is there, it's about the ability to make it work for you," Chudleigh said.

The additional money for the RIDE program will pay for overtime for officers conducting spot checks. Despite a decline in drinking and driving, Algar said a high percentage of accidents that cause injury are alcohol-related.

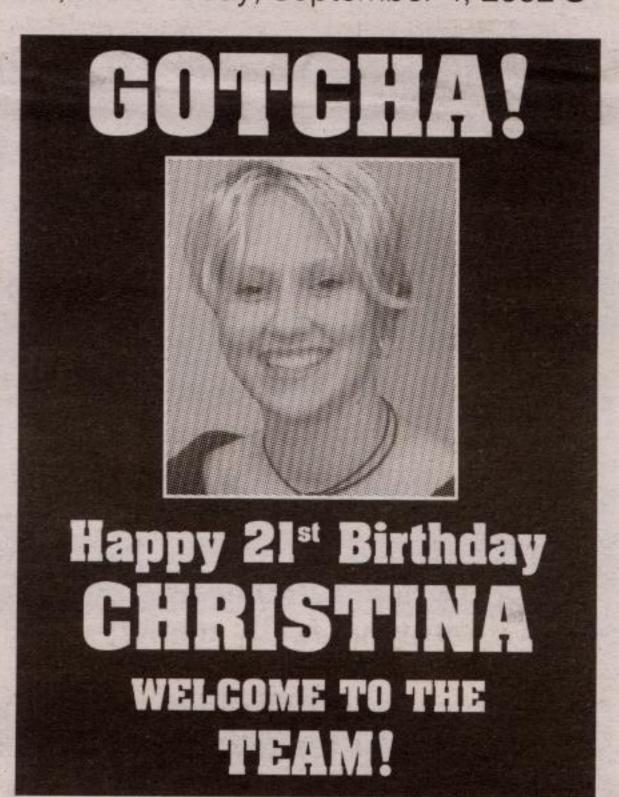
"It's an area that if you don't pay attention to you see an increase in injuries and deaths in the community," Algar said. "(Spot checks are) one of the things that stands as a deterrent to drinking and driving."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



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