

Help fight elder abuse

Older actors needed to aid in training initiative

alton Elder Abuse Prevention Committee, in partnership with Halton Regional Police, is seeking actors over the age of 40 to volunteer their time and play a part in a community training initiative.

The performers are needed to act during training sessions. The committee has developed six scenarios designed as skits to highlight specific situations in which an older person is being victimized through domestic abuse, neglect with Alzheimer's disease, fraud, family abuse and longterm care/retirement facility abuse.

"We have used actors in a number of training sessions. They are an integral part of our training package because they bring experience and passion to the interactive segment of the overall presentation on elder abuse," said Constable Gregg Davidson, Halton Police Elder Services Support Officer.

"As we move forward to train frontline staff and the public about elder abuse, we need a number of people willing to give up a few hours a month to help us deliver this unique training."

The committee has worked for over

ten years to address issues of elder abuse in Halton Region. The committee's goal is to improve the quality of life of Halton seniors by reducing their victimization from fraud and abuse.

Anyone over 40 who would like to volunteer for the actor position a few hours a month during the day and evening is asked to call Joanne McMeekin of Halton VON at 1-800-387-

for the volunteer position will be provided Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.



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