

Officers are there to show you the way

I'm going to give you a few pointers so that when you encounter a police officer directing traffic, you will know how to respond. First I have a quick questionnaire.

If you see a marked police cruiser blocking a lane do you:

1. Assume that they can't parallel park and drive around.
2. Assume that they are having a coffee and drive around.
3. Assume that the lane is closed for an emergency and take an alternate route.

If there is an officer in the roadway or intersection do you:

1. Assume that the officer is leading an exercise class and ignore them.
2. Assume that the officer thinks he/she is Don Quixote and ignore them.
3. Assume that the road is closed for an emergency and follow their directions.

I hope that you answered 3 for both questions.

When an officer is in a busy roadway or intersection directing traffic there is always a reason. It could be that the lights are malfunctioning, there may be an accident or spill, or there could even be a parade. Whatever the reason, you must follow the officer's hand signals immediately.

The officer may or may not be able to answer any questions depending on how heavy the traffic is. If you are from the area you will probably be able to find an alternate route. If you are not from the area, and it is a busy intersection, don't stop to ask directions! You will put yourself and the officer at risk. Follow the officer's directions and then stop at the next gas station. If traffic is heavy it will require the officer's full

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attention, and they must not be distracted by a motorist who wants to talk to them.

Motorists often assume that the officer is being rude when they tell them to move on. Not so. It is to minimize the risk of a collision.

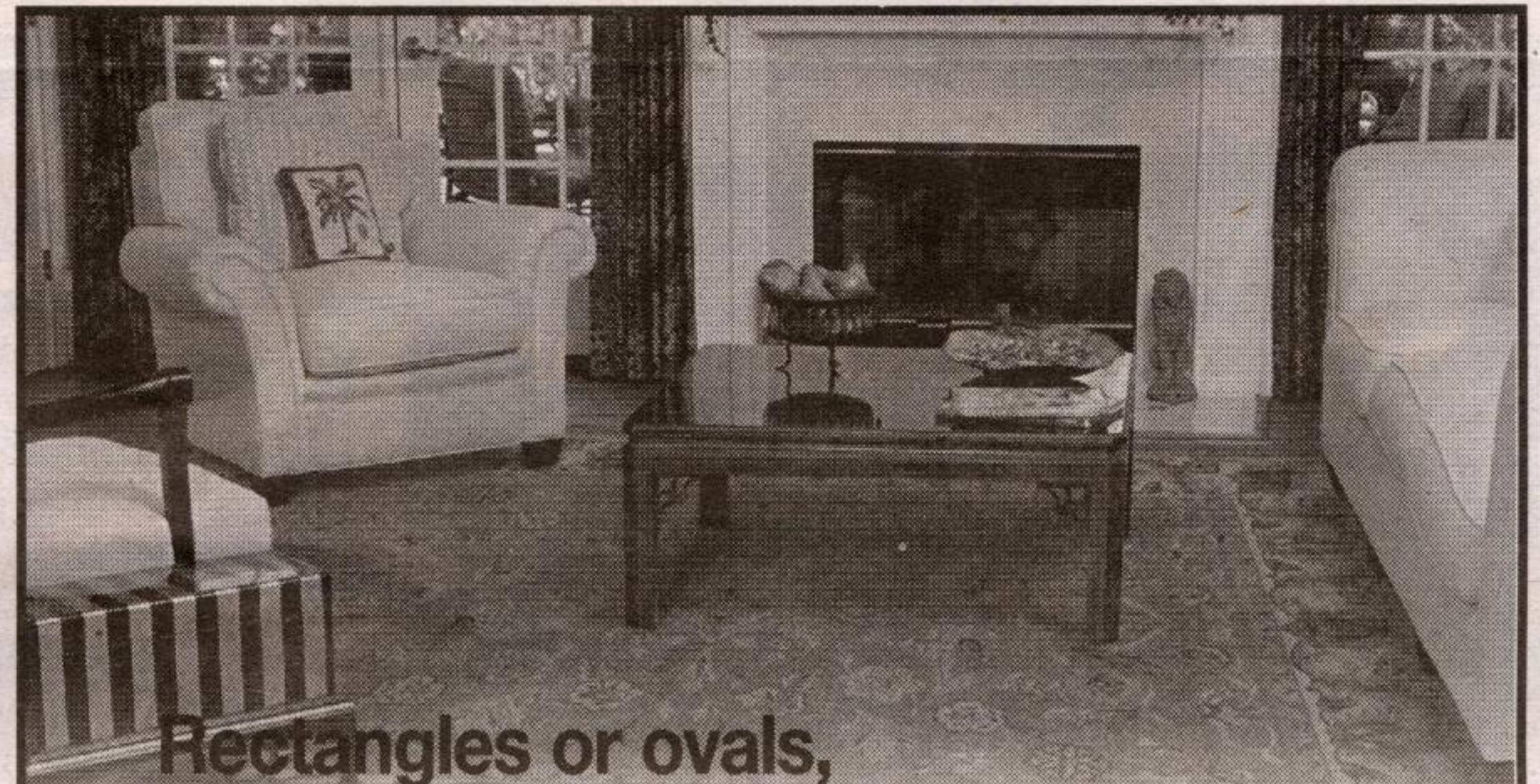
Remember, we're not there in the blazing sun, pouring rain or blowing snow for fun, we're trying to keep the traffic moving or protecting a scene.

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On an unrelated note, Dick O'Brien is speaking at 7 p.m. on November 20 at Chris Hadfield School in Milton. If you haven't seen Dick speak, you should make an effort to go. He is very entertaining while imparting a great wealth of knowledge. He will be speaking on "How to raise resilient children." Admission is free. The talk is presented by the Milton Parent Education Network and is being funded by the School Councils in Milton. I hope to see you there.

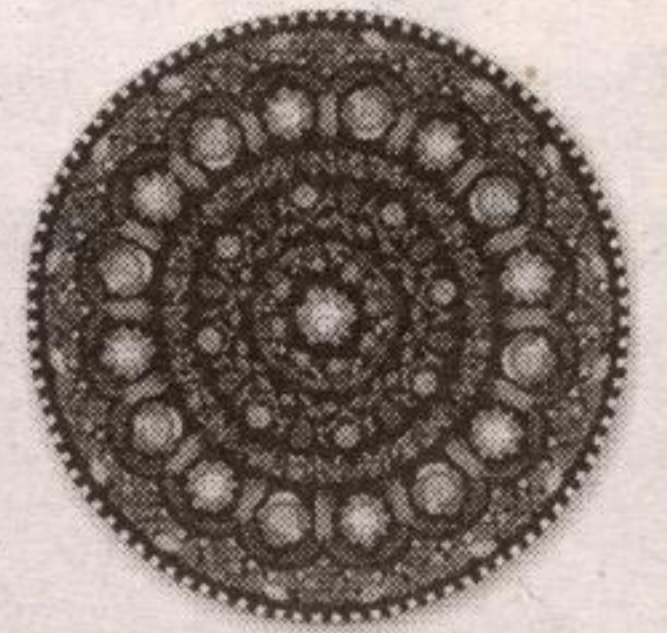
If you have any questions about this or any other police issue, contact me at 905-878-5511 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

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