

Halton police have 25 years on the beat

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The celebration has begun and it could last for a year.

Next year, 1998, will mark the 25th year of the Halton Regional Police Service and the slogan chosen to reflect the event was announced recently during Police Week by acting police chief Ean Algar.

Silver Jubilee

1974 - 1998

25 Years of Community Service

Sixty submissions were received from police service personnel and the winner is the combination of two submissions.

The husband and wife team of Constables George and Liz Farrow composed a portion while

Constable Leslie Fredo was responsible for the ending.

"I saw the bulletin announcing the contest and thought it would be simple," said Constable Fredo, who has been with the force for 13 years. "I had to narrow it down, but the community aspect fit so well, since that seems to be the most successful way of policing."

Events committee co-chair Kerry Hayes also announced a contest to design a logo to symbolize the milestone. Entries will be accepted until July 31 and the contest is open to the public.

"The school boards have been contacted and information about the criteria for the logo will be sent to them soon. It can also be accessed through our web page," said Ms Hayes, who is executive assistant to the chief of police.

"We don't know who the judges will be yet and

we're also determining what the prize will be for the winning logo," Ms Hayes added.

The 25-member events committee is considering several events and hopes to have something every few months over the course of the year.

"We're talking about kicking off with a New Year's Day levee hosted by the chief of police at headquarters," Ms Hayes advised. The force officially came into existence on January 1, 1974.

Other possibilities include a police tattoo in August, a grand ball in the fall and the publication of a book commemorating the force's 25 years.

The Halton Regional Police web page can be visited at <http://www.worldchat.com/hrp>.

Logo designs should be sent to Sgt. Frank Phillips, Public Affairs Unit, Halton Regional Police Services, Box 2700, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 5C7.

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Rural homes ransacked

The same proficient thieves are believed to be responsible for two rural house break-ins in which they cleaned out \$15,000 worth of property.

The culprits ransacked virtually every room of the homes on Fourth Line and No. 10 Sideroad between noon and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Halton Regional Police said. More than \$8,000 worth of electronic equipment as well as a camera, clothing and jewelry were stolen from a Fourth Line home left unlocked.

At the nearby No. 10 Sideroad home, \$6,300 worth of the same sort of property was taken.

Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh said he believes the break-ins are connected because the homes are in close proximity and the scenarios are the same.

Vandals at work

A vandal threw what police described as a big stone through a car's rear window causing \$450 damage overnight May 30.

The stone was found in the driver's seat of the Pontiac Bonneville parked in a Bell Street driveway.

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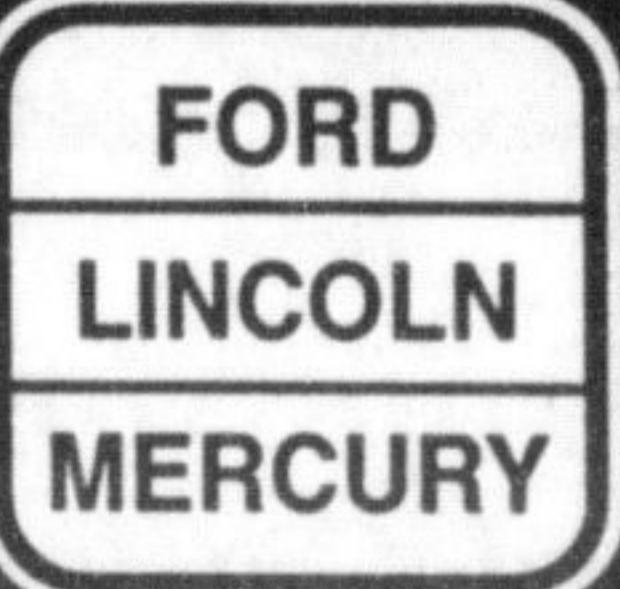
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