

# Halton police honour officers and civilians

Long-standing service recognized at banquet

The Halton Regional Police Service recognized both officers and civilians who had dedicated a minimum of 20 years to the force at an awards night last night.

Twelve officers were presented with Police Exemplary Service Medals at the Halton Regional Police Headquarters in Oakville. The medals are presented to officers who had completed 20 and 30 years of exemplary service.

The Police Exemplary Service Medal (PESM) was created in 1983 by the federal government in an effort to recognize long and outstanding service in the police force. The medals are presented annually on behalf of the Governor General of Canada.

"These awards are a milestone in a member's career and are of immense significance within the police service," said Halton Police Chief Ean Algar. "Tonight, the police officers and civilian members are identified and rewarded for their commitment and dedication to community

service." Nine civilian members of the Halton Regional Police also received Civilian Service Awards for 20 and 25 years of service.

Medals were presented to Sgt. Doug McMillan, Const. Michael Michalski, Const. Bill McGrath and Sgt. Rod Wilson for 30 years of service.

Medals recognizing 20 years of service were presented to Sgt. Dave Banks, Sgt. Larry Brassard, Sgt. Walt Bucci, Const. Mike Dinomore, Sgt. Kim Duncan, Sgt. Al Frost, Sgt. Scott McLaughlin and Dec. Sgt. Martin Power.

The Civilian Service Awards were presented to Ron Dzedzic, Denise Holland, Diane McEntee and Barbara Gatt for 25 years of service and to Shani Bookham, Lynda Freeman, Deborah McComb, Lynn McCullough and Diane Parker for 20 years of service.

## Police host cultural event

In recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Halton Regional Police Service will host the Cultural Showcase.

The showcase, in partnership with the Halton Multicultural Council, will be held March 21 at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., in Oakville from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event will focus on youth and feature local talent, education and acceptance of Halton's diverse communities.

Community youth groups or individuals interested in being part of the showcase can call Joanna at (905) 842-2486 or Const. Diane Hendry of Halton police at (905) 825-4727.

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