

Deputy police chief gets national honour

One of Halton Regional Police's deputy chiefs has received a national honour.

Gary Crowell got the Order of Merit of the Police Forces from Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson in a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa recently.

The deputy chief of police operations in Halton was one of 45 current officers from across the country given one of three levels of the award. Deputy Chief Crowell is one of 26 officers who attained the status of member. Eighteen were named as officers while one achieved the rank of commander.

The member honour consists of a ribbon of two blue stripes divided by one of gold, a silver bar and a cross hanging down with a maple leaf symbol in its centre.

Deputy Chief Crowell, a Burlington resident, has 35 years of policing experience. The graduate of M.M. Robinson High School, Mohawk College and Sir Wilfrid Laurier University began his career by serving one-and-a-half years with the RCMP in Nova Scotia.

He then spent 28 years with the Peel Region police force and has been deputy chief in Halton for the last six years.

A career highlight

"I felt privileged to just be nominated but certainly honoured to receive the medal and have it bestowed on me by the governor general. It's quite an honour and one of my career highlights for sure," Deputy Chief Crowell said.

Deputy Chief Crowell is a current or former member of many police related and non-policing boards or committees. He's an Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police diversity committee member, on the FBI National Academy Associates board of governors, on the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement advisory committee, a member of the domestic violence death review committee through the Ontario chief coroners office, and a member of the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital board of governors.

Deputy Chief Crowell joins Halton Police Chief Ean Algar in receiving the Order of Merit honour. Chief Algar was named an officer last year.

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was created in 2000 and honours a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit displayed by the men and women of the Canadian Police Services, and recognizes their commitment to the country.

The primary focus is on exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development.



Halton Regional Police Deputy Chief Gary Crowell is presented the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson.

Attempted murder case in court

A Brampton man charged with attempted murder in connection with the shooting of a Milton resident will return to Burlington court August 17 to be spoken to.

Basil Martin, 31, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington Wednesday when the return date was set.

Mr. Martin has also been charged with possession of firearms.

A Milton man was shot several times in his torso November 11 at his Houston Drive home. A man turned himself in to police the next day.

Mr. Martin was released on bail into the care of his father and wife in November.

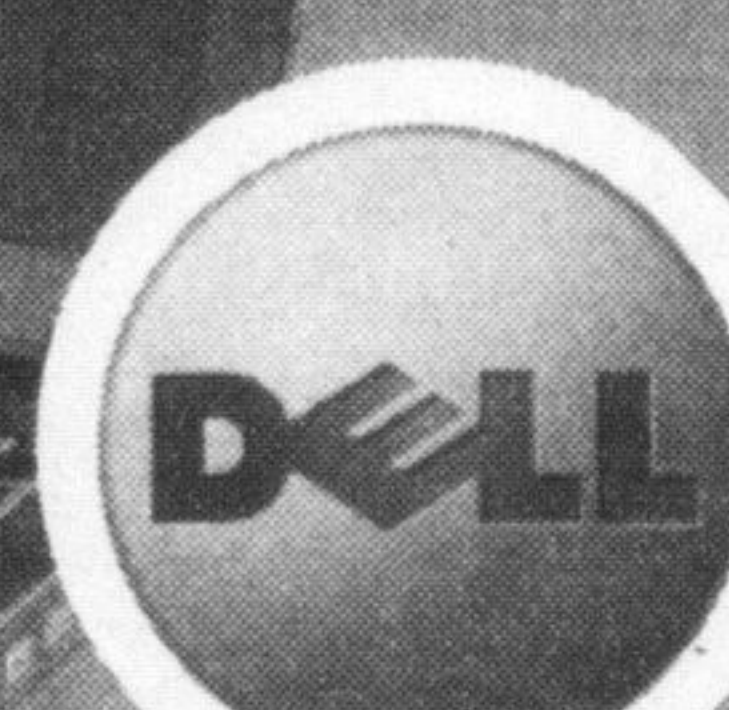


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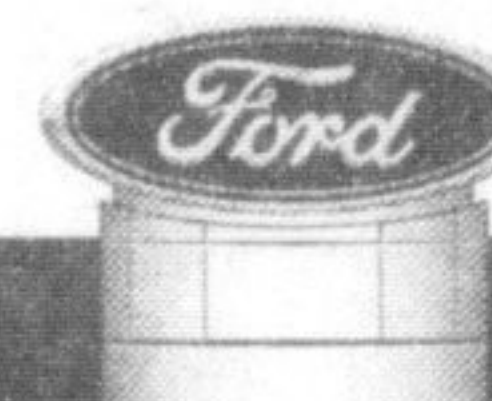


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