

Police videotaping meets expectations

By LISA TALLYN Champion Reporter

The videotaping by police of accused persons making statements could be commonplace throughout Halton Region within two years.

The outcome depends on the success of Project Taped Interviewing Procedure (T.I.P.). The Halton police force is six months into the experiment and preliminary reports indicate that the endeavour has been working.

The Burlington detachment of the. Halton Regional Police force has been taping accused statements since July. T.I.P. was created in conjunction with the Law Reform Commission of Canada and up to January, 243 interviews have been recorded on tape, with a confession rate of 71 per

"Few problems have arisen with the project," said Sgt. Norman Ryall, project co-ordinator. "To this point things are going just about as we ex-

Police were concerned that getting suspects to be open on camera would be a problem, but quite the opposite

If a woman decides to press

charges, she must be examined at a

hospital. The doctor uses the pro-

cedure laid out in the Ministry of the

Solicitor General's Sexual Assault

Kits. The examination is gruelling.

Forty different samples are required

tims all the procedures. They will

also describe what the woman could

The Rape Crisis Line received its

initial funding from a Georgetown

Kiwanis Club donation. Organizers

will explore other avenues once the

line is operating. Eventually they

hope to be running two volunteer

training sessions a year. Anyone in-

terested in becoming a volunteer can

call Halton Women's Place at

face when she goes to court.

Volunteers will describe to the vic-

from the victim.

has proven true. Of 61 cases concluded in court, only five accused persons refused to be videotaped.

"It's too early to tell why persons accused of crimes open up on camera even after they have been told that they may exercise their right to remain silent," said Law Reform Commission President, Mr. Justice Allen M. Linden. "Some say it may be because there is a bit of ham in all of us. But I rather suspect that it is because the accused persons trust the camera."

Videotaping is a relatively new aspect of police work. "We are charging off into virgin territory and there are no real ground rules to follow," said Sgt. Ryall. The project coordinators had no way of anticipating what the court requirements would be. To date, defence counsel have not contested the admissibility of tapes.

The videotaping of statements is

A \$15,000 study to investigate the

"I'm not sure why we have to do

need for an affirmative action pro-

gram at Halton Region was scrapped

this unless we don't have a fair

complained Burlington mayor Roly

Bird during budget deliberations at

the administration and finance com-

"Surely, we don't have to spend the

\$12,000 to get the best people for the

job, regardless of sex or race." The

province would have picked up the

But Vicki Henderson, assistant to

the chief administrative officer, said

the region doesn't have any documen-

tation on fair employment practices.

other \$3,000 in the study.

employment practice in the region,

by a regional committee recently.

Affirmative in-action

only being done in Burlington. Officers at Milton, Georgetown and Oakville continue to take statements the traditional way with a notebook and pen.

"Videotaping is the absolute best way of recording statements taken in the police station," said Sgt. Ryall. 'Having to rely on an officer's notes and recollections is not as reliable. especially when he is asked to recall something that took place six months to a year earlier."

Along with the taping of accused statements, victim and witness accounts have also been captured on film. Police have found this to be beneficial because victims, particularly those who have suffered sexual or child abuse, do not have to offer their statements more than once.

The next report on T.I.P. is due in June, the first anniversary of the pro-

Rape crisis phone line is set to go

By LISA TALLYN Champion Reporter

By June, women in Halton who have been the victims of rape will be able to pick up the phone and connect with someone who will provide them with support, empathy and information about their options.

That is the date set for the Rape Crisis Line, being run in conjunction with Halton Women's Place, to be in operation. The number is 878-8555.

The first round of volunteer calltakers will begin training in mid-March, but callers can use the service now. They will be connected with experts until the Halton line is fully manned

In 1984, Halton Regional Police investigated 92 sexual assaults. Although statistics haven't been tabulated for 1985, there has not likely been a decrease.

"It is estimated that only one in eight sexual assaults are ever reported," said Marilyn Green, a director on the board for Halton

Teller's

Women's Place, and a co-ordinator of the crisis line. "That puts the actual number of assaults somewhere in the region of 700 per year."

In the past Halton rape victims have had to call Hamilton, Toronto or Guelph for the crisis service. Halton is modeling its service on The Hamilton Crisis Line. The new service will be operational 24 hours, and manned by highly trained volunteers.

"The basic requirements of volunteers is that they be empathatic and interested. They should also have a feminist outlook, and recognize that rape is not a crime of passion but one of violence," said Ms Green Volunteers should also be nonjudgemental.

"Sexual assaults are hard on relationships, it has to do with the myths surrounding rape. The volunteers will be trained to understand the emotions

and provide support for the woman." The 12 women set to begin crisis intervention training next month will

types of callers; women who have been sexually assaulted or victims of

"By the end of the nine-week training the volunteers will be well versed uality, so that they won't be shocked

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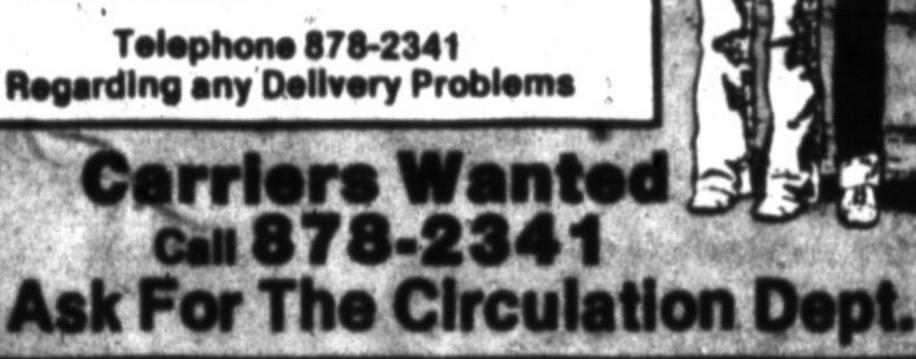
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that qualified people get the job."

At his suggestion, the committee

removed the \$12,000 for the study

from the budget and instead will have

the personnel department propose an

is held Thursday The inaugural meeting of the Halton Region Conservation Authority will be held Thursday Feb. 27 at

The meeting includes a review of the HRCA's year and the accomplishments of the authority.

"There may be some perceived The meeting will be held in the council chambers of the Halton Regional headquarters at 1151 Bronte But Mayor Bird said, "We're pro- Rd. The public is allowed to attend bably bending over backwards to see the meeting in the chambers.

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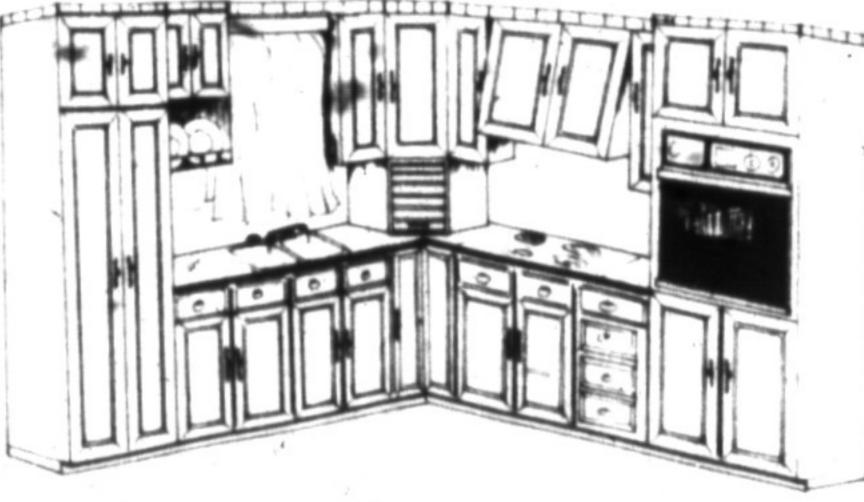
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