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Drinking drivers beware

Halton Regional Police and the Milton OPP begin their stepped-up December RIDE program today.

The campaign to curb drinking and driving will run throughout the entire month. Spot checks will be set up frequently on town roads and highways, police say.

Halton police say they are enhancing the RIDE program this year after receiving additional funding from the Ministry of Solicitor-General and Correctional Services.

The funds will be used to bring in extra manpower at the spot checks, said Acting Staff Sergeant Tom Chapman, head of the regional traffic unit.

Five cops will work overtime at spot checks in north Halton every weekend, he said.

Last December, Halton police stopped 15,773 vehicles, resulting in 26 impaired driving charges and 47 12-hour suspensions.

The numbers were up from December, 1992, when 17 of 15,638 motorists were charged with impaired driving and 15 received 12-hour suspensions.

Overall in 1993, regional police checked 44,957 vehicles through R.I.D.E. Forty-one people were charged with impaired driving and 49 were issued 12-hour suspensions.

Meanwhile, the Milton OPP stopped 3,076 vehicles in town last December, but charged no one with impaired driving. However, three people were issued 12-hour suspensions.

Motorists stopped by Halton police will receive coupon books or key chains, compliments of State Farm Insurance, Acting Staff Sergeant Chapman said.

The Milton OPP are giving out coupon books, key chains and Christmas tree ornaments from Hallmark at their spot checks.

Milton woman makes police history

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A Milton-area woman's appointment to Guelph police chief is being called a milestone in more ways than one.

Lenna Bradburn of Speyside is not only the first female police chief in Ontario. She's also young for the job (34 years old) and hasn't emerged from the ranks of a police force.

The former Metro Toronto constable currently manages the Independent Investigations Unit for the Ministry of the Solicitor-General and Correctional Services, a position she has held for a year.

The unit is responsible for investigating employee complaints of workplace discrimination and harassment.

Her appointment to chief was announced at a media conference Tuesday by Simon Leibovitz, chairman of the Guelph Police Services Board.

"I certainly thought I had a good chance," Ms Bradburn said in an interview with *The Champion* Wednesday. "I thought I fit the bill or I wouldn't have applied."

The appointment completes a four-month detailed search that saw 40 candidates apply for the position following the retirement of the Guelph Police Service's former chief, Richard Stewart, in early July.

While Ms Bradburn realizes it's an achievement to be the first female chief in the province, she said it's more significant that she earned the

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May Bell of the non-profit group VOICE arranges some of the silk and dried flowers she sold at the Community Bazaar at Milton Mall Saturday. The organization supports hearing impaired children.

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Champion readers responding with generosity

Generous Miltonians responded almost immediately to *The Champion*'s plea for donations to its Christmas Bureau Fund.

More than \$600 has been collected since an article ran in last Friday's edition. In total, \$1,175 has been donated to date.

However, the fund is still well short of the newspaper's \$15,000 goal and is in need of further help.

Donations will go to the Salvation Army to ensure every family has a festive meal on their table and each child has a gift on

Christmas Day.

Drop off donations at *The Champion* office, 191 Main St. E., or mail cheques to: The Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund, c/o *The Champion*, Box 248, Milton, L9T 4N9.

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