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O.P.P. WILL RECRUIT POLICEWOMEN

Commissioner H.H. Graham announces that the O.P.P. will embark immediately upon a comprehensive program to recruit, train and employ policewomen. "The present changing social climate clearly indicates that women have a definite role within the Ontario Provincial Police Service", Commissioner Graham says. The employment of women in the role of highway patrol or general law enforcement by a force as widely deployed as the O.P.P., is a depart-

ure from established patterns.

Ontario Provincial Policewomen will perform the same type of function as their male counterparts. They will have the same authority.

Most of the qualifications demanded of a female recruit will be similar to the present standards applied to a male recruit--Canadian citizen or British Subject; age 21-35; good health; character; Grade 12 education. The main difference will be in the minimum height demanded -- 5'4" (without shoes), and the minimum weight--110 lbs.

Their salary and benefits will conform exactly to those rates applicable to male members of the force. They will receive initial training with a regular recruit class at the O.P.P. training and development centre. This will include emphasis on self-defence.

After gaining practical field experience they will attend the Ontario Police College at Aylmer for two additional six-week training periods. Again they will be part of a normal recruit class working with policemen and policewomen from various forces throughout the province.

The O.P.P., after 65 years of totally male membership, welcomes the opportunity to accept women into the mainstream of the force. It is expected they will be given the assistance and respect which is currently given to the male members of the force.

Any person who is interested in finding a career within the structure of the O.P.P. is asked to contact her nearest O.P.P. Detachment or the Ontario Provincial Police, Career Management Branch, 8 York Street, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Telephone 965-4468.

Fred R. Blucher,
 Chief Inspector,
 Director, Safety & Information Branch.

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