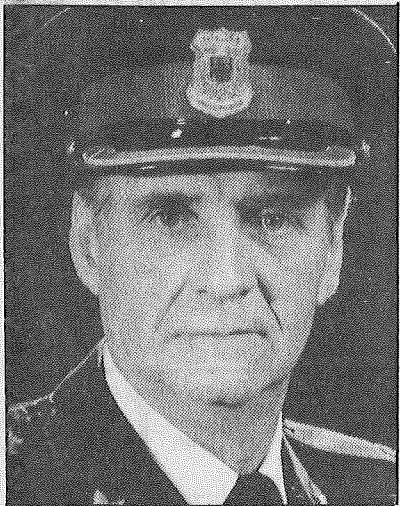


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Humanitarian Award given to veteran Peel police officer



STAFF SUPERINTENDENT
BERT COLLINS

Peel Regional Police Staff Superintendent Robert (Bert) Collins was named the second recipient of the Constable Dwayne Piukkala Humanitarian Award at a police appreciation night hosted Saturday by the Knights of Columbus of Mississauga.

The Mississauga resident was selected in recognition of his charitable service and contributions to the community. He was out of town when the award was announced but Rod Piukkala, the detective sergeant in charge of the force's homicide bureau and brother of Dwayne Piukkala, accepted it for him.

Dwayne Piukkala was stabbed to death by a man in a Meadowvale apartment in August 1984. The award was established to honor his fellow police officers for their charity work

outside of their jobs and the first recipient last year was Sergeant Dave Yakichuk of Peel's safety bureau.

Collins joined the Toronto Township Police in 1957 and has remained in charge of Peel's divisional operations since 1979.

He is one of the founding members of Distress Line Peel, a 24-hour telephone counselling service, is active with Bereaved Families of Ontario and is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Mississauga-Dixie. He's also a member of the First United Church of Mississauga.

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