

Full time police, fire phone service starts on Monday

BRADFORD - You'll be able to reach Bradford police and fire departments by dialing a single town teleph. one number 24 hours a day beginning Monday.

That's the day the Bradford Police department's four new civilian dispatchers begin shift work.

Hiring of the dispatchers means Bradford Police headquarters will be manned 24 hours a day.

Now the station is generally staffed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When there's no one in the office, a taped message tells callers to contact a Cookstown number providing a direct link

to Barrie Police dispatchers.

Barrie Police then handle dispatching of Bradford officers who are on duty 24 hours a day.

LINK SEVERED

The link with Barrie is officially severed Wednesday, July 1 but the civilian dispatchers begin their 24-hour shifts two days earlier.

The new dispatchers, one from Newmarket and three from Bradford, began their training Monday.

They've been hired in conjunction with the purchase of the department's new radio system, now slated to be installed July 1.

In addition to an

exclusive channel for Bradford Police, the system will provide a second channel that's part of the province-wide police frequency.

CPIC HOOK-UP

The new system will eventually provide a direct link with the CPIC police information computer network.

A CPIC terminal is on order, although Bradford Police said Monday they have no indication as to when it will be delivered.

Until it is, Bradford Police will use a telephone hook-up to York Regional Police for any CPIC checks.

Even without the CPIC terminal, the new dispatchers - Louine

Peppiatt of Newmarket and Linda Moro, Wendy Cooper and Suzanne Macklain of Bradford - are being kept busy during their week-long training period familiarizing themselves with the police force, its headquarters and its regulations.

There's an extra bonus with the hiring one of the dispatchers, Police Chief John Harrison said.

In hiring Miss Moro, the department now has a staff member who is fluent in Italian as well as English.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, you can contact Bradford Police and fire departments by telephoning 775-3311.