

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **10 September 2007**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report: LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2006 Statistics Canada Results



Recommended Motion:

That the Board find that all provisions of the *Law Enforcement Monitoring Report* have been complied with.

Broadest Policy Provision:

The clearance rates in Durham Region are in the **top third** among the following similar communities in Ontario:

- Halton
- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Ottawa
- Peel
- Toronto
- Waterloo
- York

Crime prevention and law enforcement shall be given equivalent organizational priority over all other ends.

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that “clearance rate” means the master clearance rate as reported in the most currently available Statistics Canada Report. While the master clearance rate is thus the most significant, the data shall include a reporting of the sub categories and at minimum a comparison of the last 3 years of data be included.

It is my further interpretation that “top third” means that the Durham Regional Police Service will rank third or better when included with the eight comparator Services. A ranking of first through and including third would therefore be compliant.

Compliance Statement:

I hereby submit my monitoring report according to the schedule set out. I certify that the information contained in this report is true.

I report **compliance** for 2006. The Durham Regional Police Service is ranked **third** amongst the comparator Services in the clearance of total Criminal Code incidents (master clearance rate).

Signed: _____
Chief of Police

Date: _____

Data Support:

A clearance rate is calculated by taking the total number of incidents cleared during the year divided by the total number of incidents reported during that year. The following four charts contain clearance rate statistics for 2004 through 2006, with data from the eight comparator Police Services. The first chart displays the total Criminal Code or master clearance rate. The other charts display the data for the three sub-categories that comprise the total Criminal Code clearance rate: Violent Crime, Property Crime and Other Crime.

A glossary of terms is found on the final page of this report.

Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 3rd with a 35% total Criminal Code clearance rate in 2006.

This represents a decrease of 4% from 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from the 2nd position in 2005 to 3rd in 2006.

Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates

Police Service	2004 Total Criminal Code		2005 Total Criminal Code		2006 Total Criminal Code		2004-2005	2005-2006
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	32%	5	39%	2	41%	1	7	2
Waterloo Regional Police Service	30%	6	32%	4	41%	1	2	9
Peel Regional Police Service	47%	1	49%	1	40%	2	2	-9
Durham Regional Police Service	38%	3	39%	2	35%	3	1	-4
Halton Regional Police Service	40%	2	37%	3	35%	3	-3	-2
Toronto Police Service	34%	4	28%	6	33%	4	-6	-5
Niagara Regional Police Service	29%	7	30%	5	30%	5	1	0
Ottawa Police Service	30%	6	27%	7	30%	5	-3	3
Hamilton Police Service	32%	5	32%	4	29%	6	0	-3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2006* from CCJS extranet

Violent Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2006, Durham Regional Police ranked 4th with a 72% violent crime clearance rate.

This represents a 5% and 2% decrease respectively for 2005 and 2006. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has remained in the 4th position in between 2005 and 2006.

Violent Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2004 Violent Crime		2005 Violent Crime		2006 Violent Crime		2004-2005	2005-2006
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	73%	6	77%	3	83%	1	4	5
Waterloo Regional Police Service	77%	3	78%	2	80%	2	1	2
Peel Regional Police Service	78%	2	79%	1	78%	3	1	-1
Durham Regional Police Service	79%	1	74%	4	72%	4	-5	-2
Niagara Regional Police service	75%	4	72%	6	70%	5	-3	-2
Halton Regional Police service	74%	5	73%	5	68%	6	-1	-5
Toronto Police Service	59%	9	67%	7	65%	7	8	-2
Hamilton Police service	68%	8	66%	8	64%	8	-2	-2
Ottawa Police Service	72%	7	62%	9	64%	8	-10	-2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2006* from CCJS extranet

Property Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2006, Durham Regional Police ranked 6th with a 23% property crime clearance rate.

This represents a decrease of 1% each year between 2004, 2005 and 2006. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 5th in 2005 to 6th in 2006.

Property Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2004 Property Crime		2005 Property Crime		2006 Property Crime		2004-2005	2005-2006
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
Peel Regional Police service	35%	2	37%	1	34%	1	2	-3
York Regional Police Service	26%	3	31%	2	30%	2	5	-1
Halton Regional Police service	36%	1	30%	3	29%	3	-6	-1
Waterloo Regional Police Service	21%	5	22%	6	26%	4	1	4
Toronto Police Service	20%	6	25%	4	25%	5	5	0
Durham Regional Police Service	25%	4	24%	5	23%	6	-1	-1
Ottawa Police Service	21%	5	20%	7	22%	7	-1	2
Niagara Regional Police service	20%	6	20%	7	19%	8	0	-1
Hamilton Police Service	16%	7	17%	8	15%	9	1	-2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2006* from CCJS extranet

Other Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 4th in 'other' crime clearance rates.

This represents a drop of 5% in 2006. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 3rd in 2005 to 4th in 2006.

Other Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2004 Other Crime		2005 Other Crime		2006 Other Crime		2004-2005	2005-2006
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
Waterloo Regional Police Service	33%	6	38%	4	50	1	5	12
York Regional Police Service	30%	8	37%	5	43	2	7	6
Hamilton Police Service	46%	2	46%	2	40	3	0	-6
Durham Regional Police Service	41%	4	44%	3	39	4	3	-5
Peel Regional Police Service	58%	1	59%	1	36	5	1	-23
Niagara Regional Police Service	32%	7	36%	6	35	6	4	-1
Halton Regional Police Service	35%	5	35%	7	32	7	0	-3
Ottawa Police Service	32%	7	28%	8	32	7	-4	4
Toronto Police Service	44%	3	20%	9	30	8	-24	10

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2006* from CCJS extranet

Glossary:

Clearance Rate

Clearance rate is calculated by taking the total number of incidents cleared during the year divided by the total number of incidents reports during that year.

Violent Crime

Violent incidents involve offences that deal with force, or threat of force, against an individual. These include homicide, attempted murder, various forms of sexual and non-sexual assault, other sexual offences, robbery, and abduction.

Property Crime

Property incidents involve unlawful acts with the intent of gaining property, but do not involve the use or threat of violence against an individual. Theft, breaking and entering, fraud, and possession of stolen goods are examples of property crimes.

Other Crime

Other crime incidents include all offences under the Criminal Code that are classified as neither violent or property crimes. Mischief, counterfeiting, disturbing the peace and administration of justice offences are examples of other crimes.

Incident

Statistics Canada defines an “incident” as a set of connected events that usually constitutes an occurrence report, a document used by police to record information. Statistics Canada classifies incidents according to the most serious offence. Since one incident may include more than one offence, less serious offences are under-represented.