



## INTERNAL MONITORING REPORT

**ENDS:** Law Enforcement

**Period:** 2004 Year End

**Date:** April 11, 2005

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I hereby submit the first Monitoring Report with respect to the Ends Policy, Law Enforcement as amended.

### **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, and
- 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.

## **Data Support:**

The clearance rate definition is as stated in the Statistics Canada publication on Police Resources in Canada. The clearance rate is calculated by taking the total number of incidents cleared during the year divided by the total number of incidents during the year.

The attached graphs, in Appendix A, contain clearance rate statistics for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, with comparison data from the eight comparison Police services, broken down into violent crimes, property crimes, other crimes and total Crimes.

“Other Criminal Code Incidents” are classified by Statistics Canada as those that are not violent, property or traffic offences.

The offence categories included in Other are:

- Mischief
- Counterfeiting currency
- Bail violations
- Disturbing the peace
- Offensive Weapons
- Prostitution
- Arson
- Gaming and Betting
- Escape custody
- Indecent Acts
- Kidnapping
- Public Morals
- Obstruct Public Peace Officer
- Prisoner Unlawfully at Large
- Trespass at night

Durham maintains the top ranking for violent crime clearance rate. The property crime clearance rate in Durham (25%) is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> highest among the comparator services. The other Criminal Code clearance rate in Durham (39%) is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest among the comparator services. The total Criminal Code clearance rate in Durham (37%) is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest among the comparator services.

The attached chart (Appendix B) contains Statistics Canada data for 2002, 2003 Criminal Code traffic incidents with comparison data from the eight comparison Police services. Data is ranked from best to worst, based on the 2003 rate per 100,000 population column. Durham is mid-range in comparison with the eight comparison Police services, for 2002 and 2003.

The attached graphs, in Appendix C, contain clearance rate statistics for each Community Police Office in Durham Region for the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (January to

October only), broken down into violent crimes, property crimes, other crimes and total Crimes. The 2004 data for November and December is not currently available. Projecting clearance rate data for November and December 2004 will render the data invalid. Clearance rates for DRPS data cannot be compared to clearance rates published by Statistics Canada. Our crimes are counted by incident, while Stats Can counts crime based on the most serious offence. As a result, the figures for clearance rates will differ.

Clearance rate is similar in each municipality. There is a slight decrease in violent crime clearance rates across the Region. Property crimes clearance rates have increased slightly. Other crimes clearance rate has decreased slightly from 2002. The total clearance rate for Durham Region has remained relatively stable for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

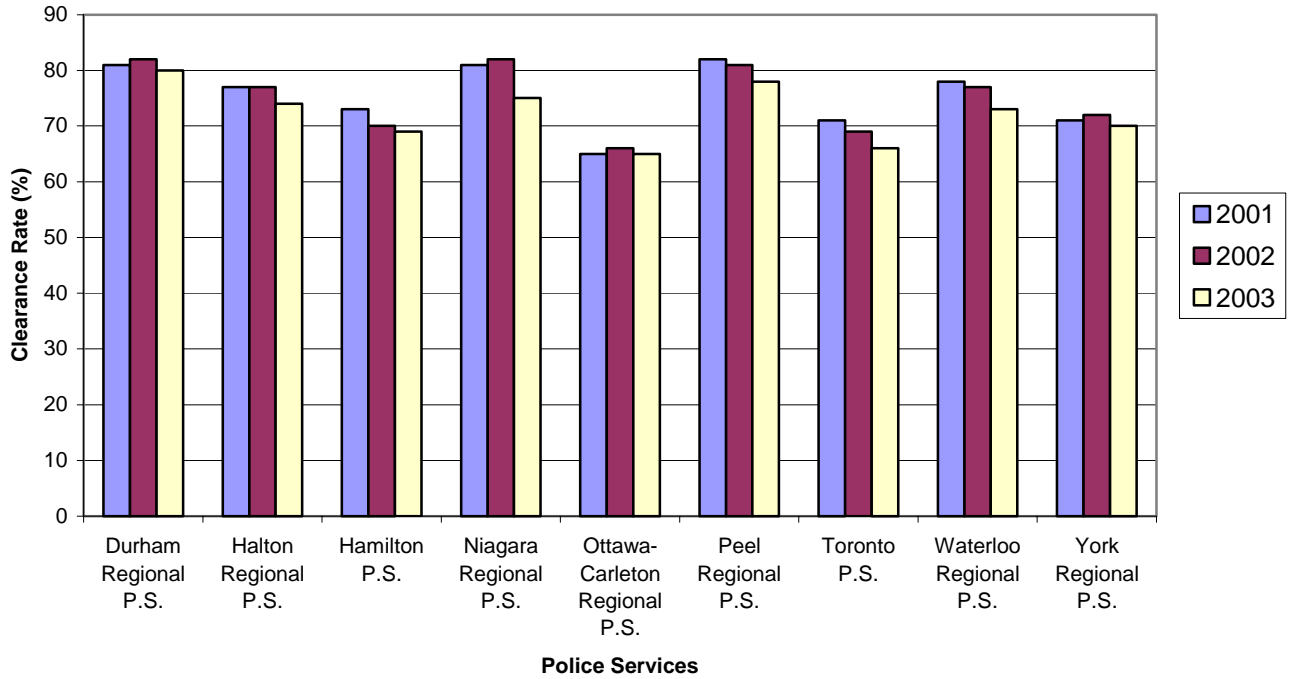
The attached graph, in Appendix D, represents Statistics Canada clearance rates for Durham Region for 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Our Service is not currently compliant, in that Durham Region is not in the top third of the comparator group for clearance rates in 2003. Our Service continues to strive towards meeting this Ends Policy. Our goal is to meet compliance in 2005.

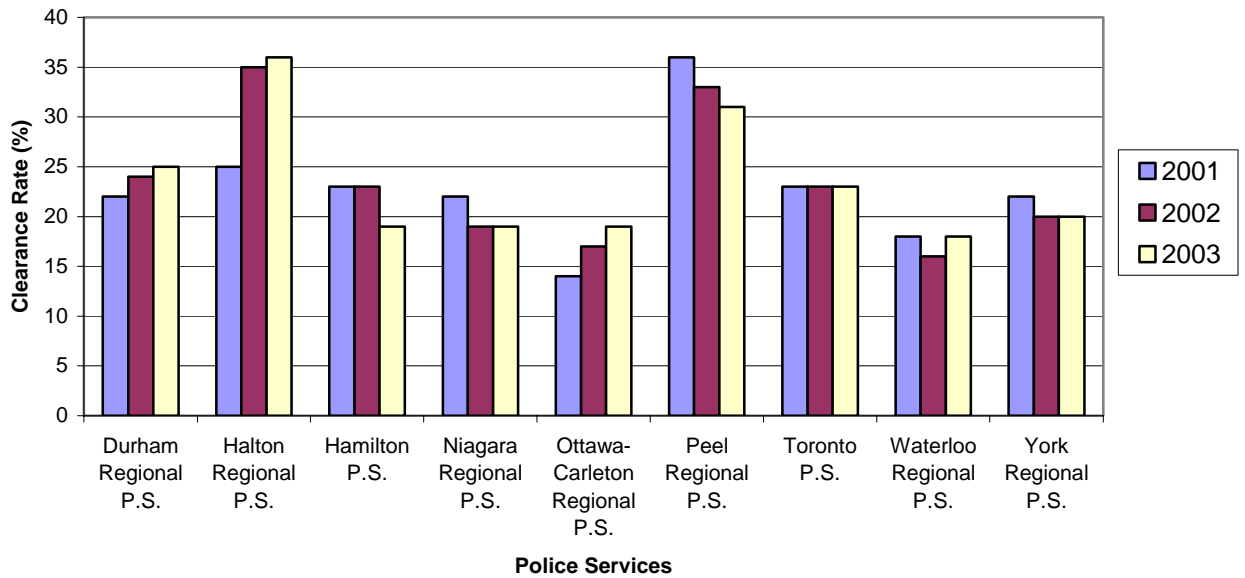
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Chief of Police

# Appendix A

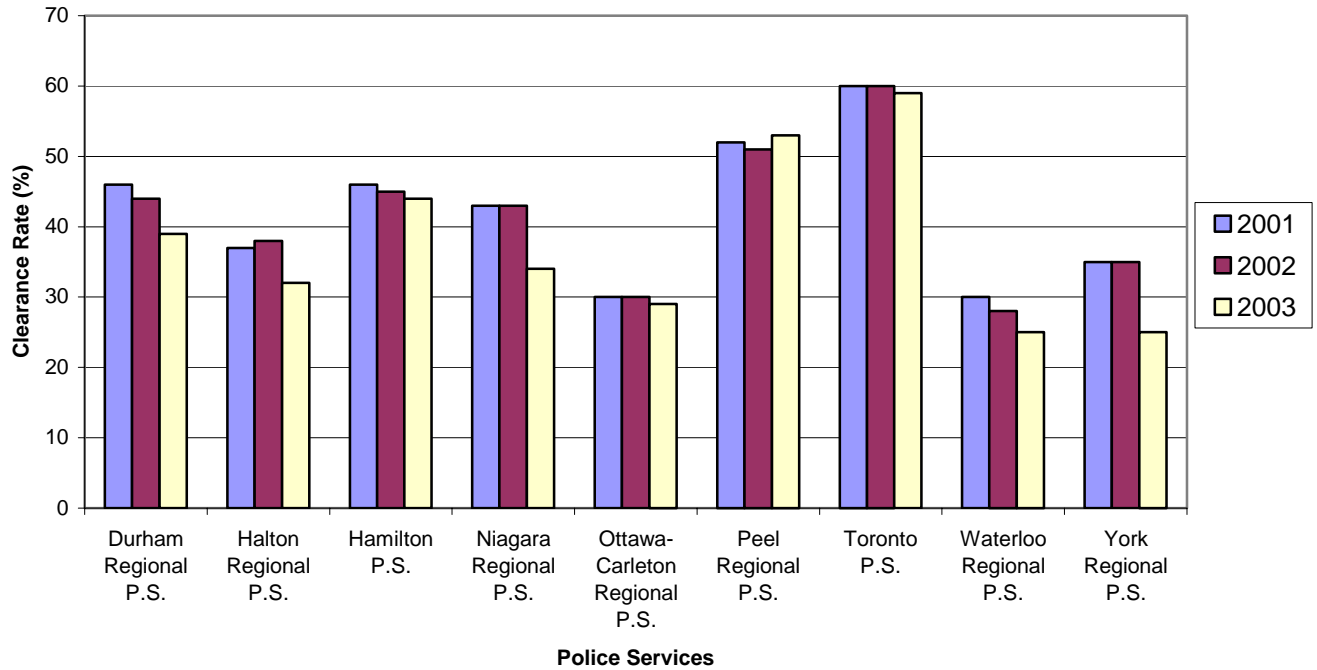
## Violent Crime Clearance Rates for Comparator Services, 2001 - 2003



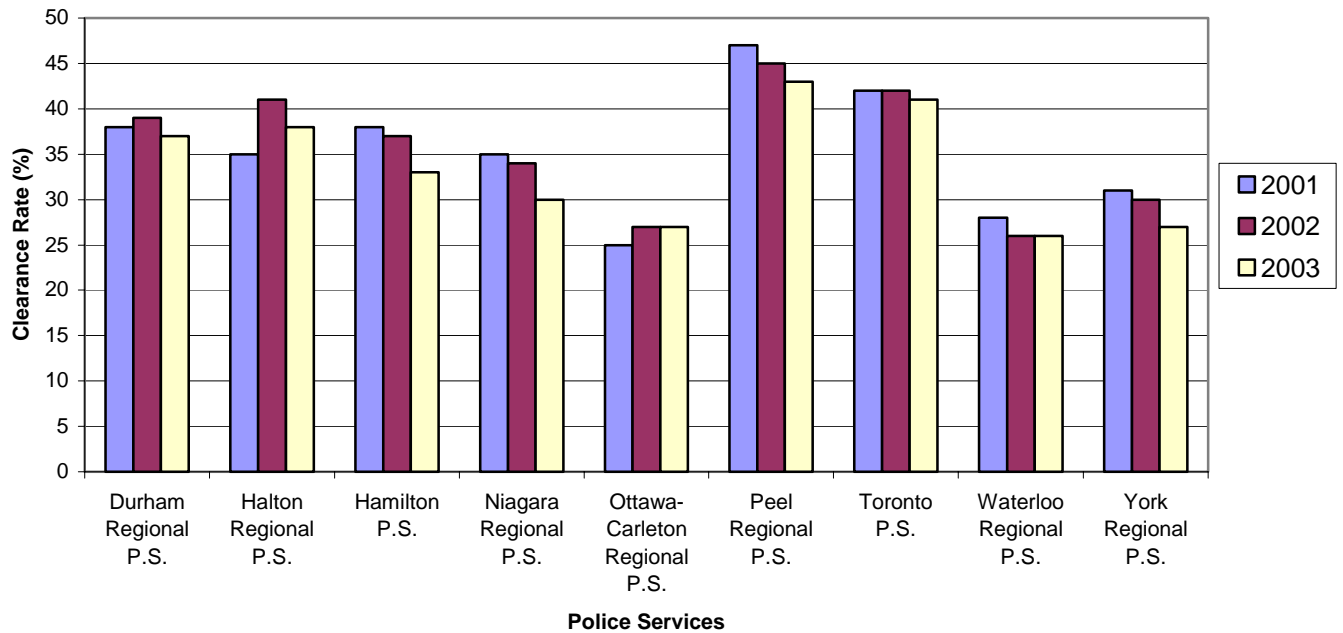
## Property Crime Clearance Rates for Comparator Services, 2001 - 2003



### Other Crime Clearance Rates for Comparator Services, 2001 - 2003



### Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates for Comparator Services 2001- 2003

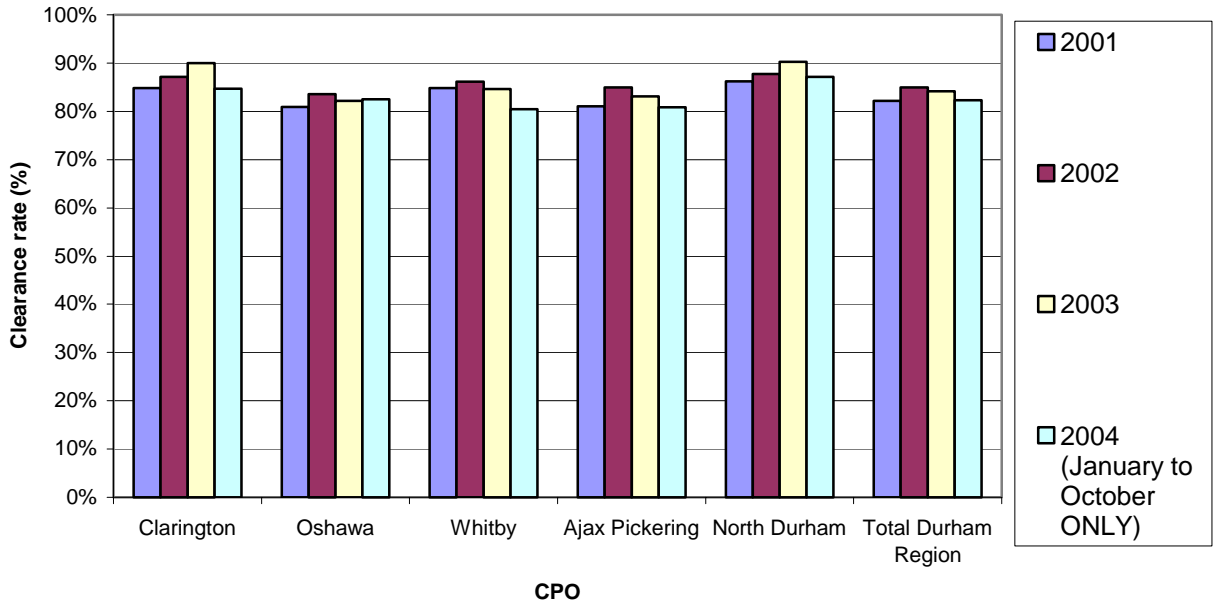


## Appendix B

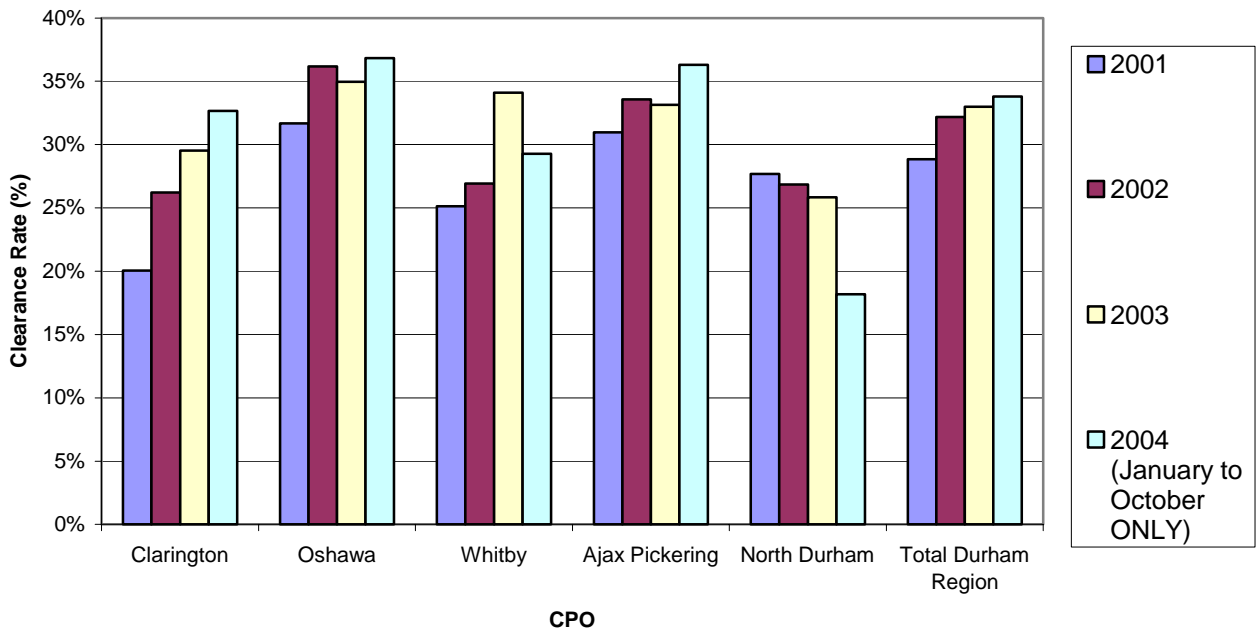
<b>Criminal Code Traffic Incidents</b>	<b>2002 Incidents</b>	<b>2003 Incidents</b>	<b>2002 Rate per 100,000 population</b>	<b>2003 Rate per 100,000 population</b>	<b>Actual difference 2002-2003 Incidents</b>	<b>% change in rate 2002-2003</b>
TORONTO	2889	2747	110.5	105.2	-142	-4.8%
HALTON REGIONAL	496	509	123.3	123.1	13	-0.1%
WATERLOO REGIONAL	875	770	188.6	163.8	-105	-13.1%
OTTAWA	1220	1492	149.3	181.2	272	21.3%
<b>DURHAM REGIONAL</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>231.1</b>	<b>234.0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
HAMILTON-WENTWORTH	1733	1560	337.0	301.9	-173	-10.4%
NIAGARA REGIONAL	1709	1521	398.7	353.8	-188	-11.3%
YORK REGIONAL	3434	3036	425.5	356.5	-398	-16.2%
PEEL REGIONAL	5372	4633	523.6	435.7	-739	-16.8%

## Appendix C

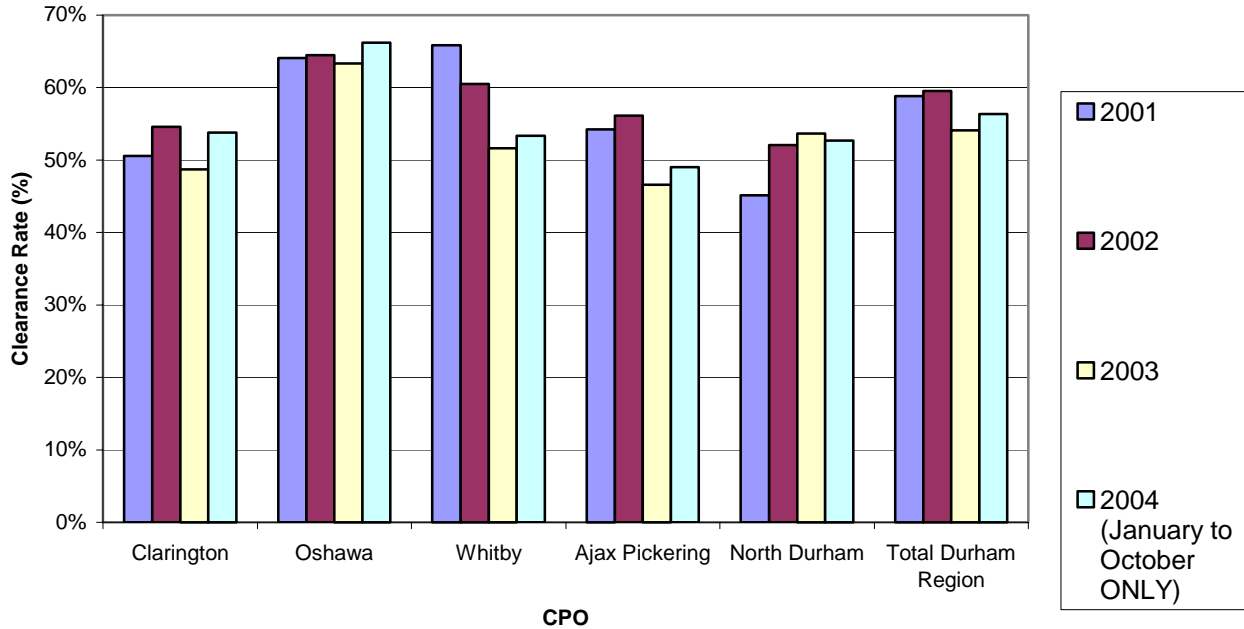
### Violent Crime Clearance Rates by CPO and Region, 2001-2004



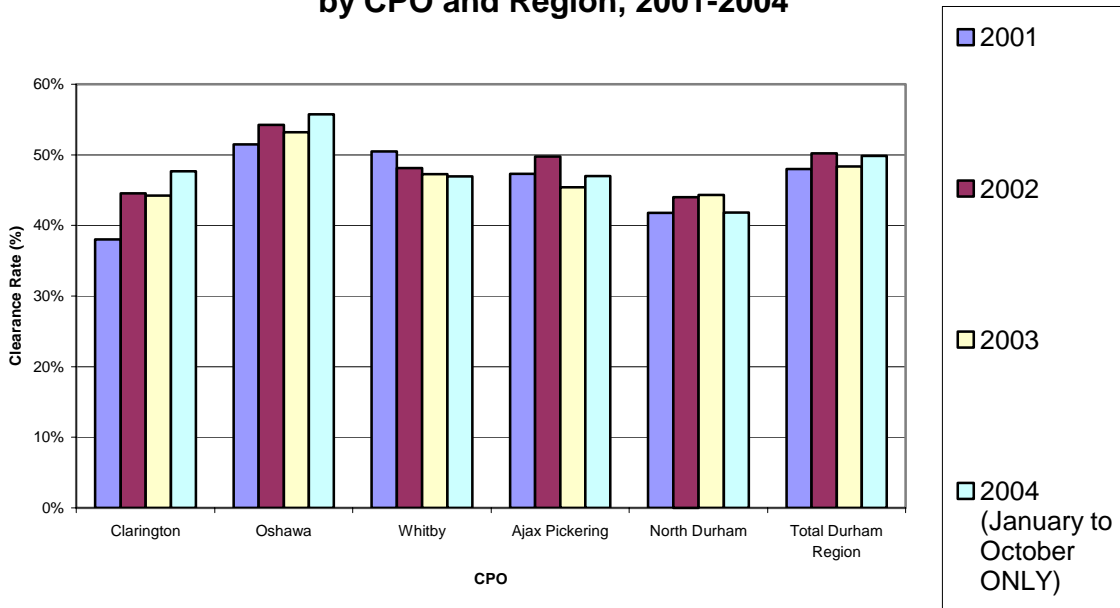
### Property Crime Clearance Rates by CPO and Region, 2001-2004



### Other Crime Clearance Rates by CPO and Region, 2001-2004



### Total Crime Clearance Rates (excluding CDSA and traffic) by CPO and Region, 2001-2004





## Appendix D

### Clearance rates in Durham Region 2001-2003 based on Statistics Canada data

