

Classification: **PUBLIC**

Meeting: **September, 2010**

Agenda Item: **Monitoring Report: LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2009 Statistics Canada Results



Recommended Motion:

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

Signed: _____
Chief of Police

Date: _____

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 is 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 2009. The Durham Regional Police Service is ranked 3rd amongst the comparator Services in the clearance of total Criminal Code incidents (master clearance rate).

Data Support:

A clearance rate is the calculation of the number of incidents cleared, by charge or otherwise, during the year as a percentage of incidents known to, and substantiated by, police services that year. The following four charts contain clearance rate statistics for 2005 through 2009, 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.

In the past we have used the Aggregate Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) to report the clearance rate. CCJS is no longer reporting using the Aggregate Uniform Crime Reporting Survey and has restated all figures from 1998 to present using the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) allowing for more accurate and detailed reporting.

Although there is no significant change to the overall clearance rate, the changes do show in the clearance rates for the categories of Violent, Property and Other Criminal Code. A couple of larger crime categories have been moved out of the Other Criminal Code category – harassing phone calls into Crimes of Violence and mischief into Crimes Against Property – leaving the rates in the Other Criminal Code category to be largely driven by enforcement, with crimes against the administration of justice and prostitution as examples in this category.

The figures in the following tables have been restated for prior years to reflect the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2).

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

Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates:

Despite showing a slight increase in clearance rate from 2008, with a 46.12% total Criminal Code clearance rate in 2009, the Durham Regional Police Service ranked 3rd amongst comparator Police Services,

The Durham Regional Police Service dropped from the 1st ranked position in 2008, to the 3rd position in 2009; however, only 0.38 percentage points separates first from third. The fourth ranked service's clearance rate is 4.59 percentage points less than Durham's.

Total Criminal Code (Excluding Traffic) Clearance Rate

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Change	Change	Change	Change
Peel Regional Police Service	49.37	1	46.33	1	45.53	1	43.75	2	46.50	1	-3.04%	-0.80%	-1.78%	2.74%
York Regional Police Service	41.84	3	43.12	2	42.94	5	43.14	3	46.23	2	1.27%	-0.17%	0.19%	3.10%
Durham Regional Police Service	42.04	2	37.23	5	43.05	4	45.76	1	46.12	3	-4.81%	5.82%	2.71%	0.36%
Halton Regional Police Service	39.36	5	37.05	6	43.62	3	42.35	5	41.53	4	-2.31%	6.57%	-1.27%	-0.82%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	34.67	6	41.36	3	44.22	2	42.68	4	39.60	5	6.69%	2.85%	-1.54%	-3.08%
Ottawa Police Service	28.44	9	30.99	7	32.27	9	37.33	7	37.75	6	2.54%	1.28%	5.06%	0.41%
Toronto Police Service	40.57	4	39.56	4	36.54	6	38.81	6	36.71	7	-1.01%	-3.03%	2.27%	-2.10%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	32.88	7	30.36	9	32.64	8	33.26	9	34.40	8	-2.51%	2.28%	0.62%	1.14%
Niagara Regional Police Service	32.62	8	30.94	8	32.89	7	34.53	8	33.76	9	-1.68%	1.95%	1.64%	-0.77%

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS); *Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations and police services, 1998 to 2009*; from CCJS extranet

Violent Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2008, Durham Regional Police ranked 3rd with a 75.88% violent crime clearance rate.

This represents a decrease of 3.79 percentage points between 2008 and 2009. In terms of ranking, Durham Regional Police has moved down from the 2nd position in 2008, to the 3rd ranked position in 2009.

Crimes of Violence Clearance Rate

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Change	Change	Change	Change
Halton Regional Police Service	67.17	6	66.34	5	80.90	1	82.12	1	80.40	1	-0.83%	14.56%	1.22%	-1.73%
York Regional Police Service	70.77	3	78.10	2	76.29	3	75.90	4	75.93	2	7.33%	-1.81%	-0.39%	0.03%
Durham Regional Police Service	70.74	4	66.92	4	75.27	4	79.67	2	75.88	3	-3.82%	8.35%	4.40%	-3.79%
Peel Regional Police Service	76.44	2	76.32	3	72.64	5	72.33	5	72.55	4	-0.12%	-3.68%	-0.31%	0.22%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	79.93	1	81.06	1	78.47	2	76.59	3	71.03	5	1.13%	-2.58%	-1.88%	-5.56%
Ottawa Police Service	52.76	9	56.58	9	59.53	7	65.69	6	68.12	6	3.83%	2.94%	6.17%	2.43%
Niagara Regional Police Service	68.30	5	61.53	7	59.31	8	62.82	7	64.69	7	-6.77%	-2.22%	3.51%	1.87%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	64.48	7	61.50	8	61.21	6	60.72	8	62.96	8	-2.98%	-0.29%	-0.49%	2.25%
Toronto Police Service	64.21	8	62.16	6	59.10	9	59.41	9	58.51	9	-2.05%	-3.06%	0.31%	-0.90%

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS); *Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations and police services, 1998 to 2009*; from CCJS extranet

Property Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2009, Durham Regional Police ranked 3rd with a 27.6% property crime clearance rate.

This represents an increase of 1.37 percentage points between 2008 and 2009. In terms of ranking, Durham Regional Police has moved from 4^h in 2008 to 3rd in 2009.

Property Crime Clearance Rate

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Change	Change	Change	Change
Peel Regional Police Service	33.80	1	30.88	1	31.12	1	29.04	1	32.91	1	-2.92%	0.24%	-2.08%	3.87%
York Regional Police Service	28.99	2	28.12	2	27.01	3	28.24	3	32.09	2	-0.87%	-1.12%	1.23%	3.85%
Durham Regional Police Service	21.71	5	19.72	6	22.57	5	26.24	4	27.60	3	-1.99%	2.85%	3.67%	1.37%
Halton Regional Police Service	26.16	3	24.53	3	29.48	2	28.90	2	27.46	4	-1.64%	4.95%	-0.58%	-1.44%
Ottawa Police Service	17.85	8	19.50	7	21.57	6	25.14	5	25.05	5	1.65%	2.07%	3.57%	-0.09%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	21.45	6	23.08	5	25.58	4	24.62	6	23.27	6	1.63%	2.50%	-0.96%	-1.35%
Toronto Police Service	23.86	4	23.28	4	21.01	7	22.03	7	20.41	7	-0.57%	-2.28%	1.02%	-1.62%
Niagara Regional Police Service	18.18	7	17.60	8	19.46	8	20.13	8	19.69	8	-0.58%	1.86%	0.67%	-0.44%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	15.80	9	13.91	9	16.50	9	17.97	9	19.15	9	-1.89%	2.59%	1.47%	1.18%

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS); *Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations and police services, 1998 to 2009*; from CCJS extranet

Other Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 1st in other crime clearance rates with a clearance rate of 95.06%.

Despite a decrease of 0.57 percentage points, between 2008 and 2009, the Durham Regional Police Service has moved from 2nd in 2008 to the 1st ranked position in 2009.

Other Criminal Code Clearance Rate

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	2008 - 2009
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Change	Change	Change	Change
Durham Regional Police Service	90.46	4	89.94	5	94.77	3	95.64	2	95.06	1	-0.51%	4.82%	0.87%	-0.57%
Peel Regional Police Service	94.64	1	94.76	2	95.34	2	93.78	3	94.37	2	0.12%	0.57%	-1.56%	0.60%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	93.19	2	96.17	1	95.44	1	93.19	5	93.34	3	2.98%	-0.73%	-2.25%	0.15%
York Regional Police Service	83.39	6	94.02	4	94.73	4	93.68	4	91.81	4	10.62%	0.72%	-1.05%	-1.87%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	81.42	7	85.76	8	88.84	6	85.79	8	90.21	5	4.34%	3.08%	-3.04%	4.41%
Toronto Police Service	84.57	5	94.10	3	84.61	8	95.86	1	89.57	6	9.53%	-9.49%	11.24%	-6.29%
Halton Regional Police Service	80.04	8	86.04	7	91.44	5	88.22	7	89.38	7	6.01%	5.39%	-3.22%	1.16%
Ottawa Police Service	64.55	9	75.99	9	70.55	9	81.94	9	87.17	8	11.44%	-5.43%	11.39%	5.23%
Niagara Regional Police Service	92.31	3	88.96	6	87.31	7	89.01	6	86.56	9	-3.35%	-1.66%	1.71%	-2.46%

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS); *Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations and police services, 1998 to 2009*; from CCJS extranet

Glossary:

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, abduction and harassing phone calls.

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. Mischief, theft, breaking and entering, fraud, and possession of stolen goods are examples of property crime.

Other Criminal Code

Other crime incidents include all offences under the Criminal Code that are classified as neither violent or property crimes. Prostitution, 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.