

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report: CRIME PREVENTION**  
2007 Statistics Canada Results



Recommended Motion:

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

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**Broadest Policy Provision:**

The crime rate in Durham Region is **amongst the lowest** for 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 “crime rate” means the master crime rate as reported in the most currently available Statistics Canada Report. While the master crime 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 “amongst the lowest” means that the Durham Regional Police Service will rank fourth or better, when included with the eight comparator Services. A ranking of first through and including fourth 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 2007. The Durham Regional Police Service is ranked **fourth lowest** amongst the comparator Services in terms of the master crime rate (total Criminal Code crime rate) per 100,000 population.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Data Support:**

Crime rates are the number of criminal incidents reported to police per 100,000 population. The “crime rate” represents the total Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic violations.

The following four charts contain the crime rate statistics for 2005 through 2007, with data from the eight comparator Police Services. The first chart displays the total Criminal Code crime rate. The other charts display the data for the three sub-categories that comprise the total Criminal Code crime rate: Violent Crime, Property Crime and Other Crime.

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

## **Total Criminal Code Crime Rates:**

Durham Regional Police ranked 4<sup>th</sup> against comparator Services in 2007.

The crime rate decreased 0.5% and 9.4% respectively between 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police remained in 4<sup>th</sup> position in 2007.

### **Total Criminal Code Rates per 100,000 Population**

Police Service	2005 Total		2006 Total		2007 Total		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	3,259	1	3,177	1	2,909	1	-2.5%	-8.4%
Halton Regional Police Service	3,588	3	3,575	2	3,423	2	-0.4%	-4.3%
Peel Regional Police Service	3,293	2	4,020	3	3,697	3	22.1%	-8.0%
Durham Regional Police Service	4,916	4	4,890	4	4,430	4	-0.5%	-9.4%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	5,441	5	5,295	5	4,889	5	-2.7%	-7.7%
Toronto Police Service	7,310	9	6,371	9	5,557	6	-12.8%	-12.8%
Ottawa Police Service	5,968	6	5,913	6	5,559	7	-0.9%	-6.0%
Niagara Regional Police Service	5,988	7	5,951	7	5,695	8	-0.6%	-4.3%
Hamilton Police Service	6,287	8	6,298	8	6,248	9	0.2%	-0.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet

Note: Rankings are from best to worst

## Violent Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 7<sup>th</sup> against comparator Services in 2007.

The violent crime rate decreased 15.2% in 2006 but increased 14.8% in 2007  
 In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 4<sup>th</sup> in 2006 to 7<sup>th</sup> in 2007.

### Violent Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2005		2006		2007		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Violent Crime Rate	Rank	Violent Crime Rate	Rank	Violent Crime Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	432	1	424	1	415	1	-1.9%	-2.1%
Halton Regional Police Service	435	2	445	2	431	2	2.3%	-3.1%
Peel Regional Police Service	462	3	507	3	500	3	9.7%	-1.4%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	554	4	625	7	564	4	12.8%	-9.8%
Niagara Regional Police Service	562	5	613	6	569	5	9.1%	-7.2%
Ottawa Police Service	645	6	607	5	604	6	-5.9%	-0.5%
Durham Regional Police Service	646	7	548	4	629	7	-15.2%	14.8%
Hamilton Police Service	864	8	861	8	897	8	-0.3%	4.2%
Toronto Police Service	1,006	9	1,018	9	968	9	1.2%	-4.9%

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

Note: Rankings are from best to worst

## Property Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 4<sup>th</sup> against comparator Services in 2007, a position it has held for the past three years.

The property crime rate increased 5.5% in 2006 but decreased 12.0% in 2007.

### Property Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2005		2006		2007		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	1,864	1	1,816	1	1,680	1	-2.6%	-7.5%
Halton Regional Police Service	1,880	2	1,922	2	1,918	2	2.2%	-0.2%
Peel Regional Police Service	1,913	3	2,036	3	1,993	3	6.4%	-2.1%
Durham Regional Police Service	2,324	4	2,452	4	2,157	4	5.5%	-12.0%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	3,340	7	2,842	5	2,712	5	-14.9%	-4.6%
Toronto Police Service	2,977	5	3,013	6	2,780	6	1.2%	-7.7%
Ottawa Police Service	3,255	6	3,217	7	2,992	7	-1.2%	-7.0%
Niagara Regional Police Service	3,396	8	3,330	8	3,201	8	-1.9%	-3.9%
Hamilton Police Service	3,505	9	3,482	9	3,366	9	-0.7%	-3.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet

Note: Rankings are from best to worst

## Other Criminal Code Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 5<sup>th</sup> against comparator Services in 2007.

The 'other' crimes rate decreased 2.8% in 2006 and 13.0% in 2007.

In terms of ranking the Durham Regional Police has maintained 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2006 and in 2007.

### **Other Crime Rates per 100,000 Population**

Police Service	2005 Other Crime		2006 Other Crime		2007		2005- 2006	2005- 2007
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	963	2	937	1	814	1	-2.7%	-13.1%
Halton Regional Police Service	1,274	3	1,208	2	1,073	2	-5.2%	-11.2%
Peel Regional Police Service	918	1	1,476	3	1,204	3	60.8%	-18.4%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	1,548	4	1,828	4	1,613	4	18.1%	-11.8%
Durham Regional Police Service	1,945	6	1,890	5	1,644	5	-2.8%	-13.0%
Toronto Police Service	3,327	9	2,340	9	1,809	6	-29.7%	-22.7%
Niagara Regional Police Service	2,029	7	2,008	7	1,925	7	-1.0%	-4.1%
Ottawa Police Service	2,068	8	2,089	8	1,964	8	1.0%	-6.0%
Hamilton Police Service	1,918	5	1,955	6	1,984	9	1.9%	1.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet

Note: Rankings are from best to worst

## 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, 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 crime.*

***Other Criminal Code***

*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.*