

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **September 8th, 2008**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report: LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2007 Statistics Canada Results



Recommended Motion:

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

Law Enforcement

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 **second** amongst the comparator Services in the clearance of total Criminal Code incidents (master clearance rate).

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chief of Police

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.

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 2005 through 2007, 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 2nd with a 42% total Criminal Code clearance rate in 2007. This represents an increase of 7 percentage points in overall clearance rates from 2006.

Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates

Police Service	2005 Total Criminal Code		2006 Total Criminal Code		2007 Total Criminal Code		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	32%	4	41%	1	43%	1	9%	2%
Durham Regional Police Service	39%	2	35%	3	42%	2	-4%	7%
Peel Regional Police Service	37%	3	35%	3	42%	2	-2%	7%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	49%	1	40%	2	42%	2	-9%	2%
Halton Regional Police Service	39%	2	41%	1	41%	3	2%	0%
Toronto Police Service	28%	6	33%	4	34%	4	5%	1%
Niagara Regional Police Service	32%	4	29%	6	32%	5	-3%	3%
Ottawa Police Service	30%	5	30%	5	32%	5	0%	2%
Hamilton Police Service	27%	7	30%	5	31%	6	3%	1%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet, figures are rounded to the nearest whole number

Note: Rankings are from best to worst, ties are sorted alphabetically

Violent Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2007, Durham Regional Police ranked 3rd with a 77% violent crime clearance rate.

This represents an increase of 5 percentage points between 2006 and 2007. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved up from the 4th position in 2006 to the 3rd position in 2007.

Violent Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2005 Violent Crime		2006 Violent Crime		2007 Violent Crime		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
Halton Regional Police service	73%	5	68%	6	85%	1	-5%	17%
York Regional Police Service	77%	3	83%	1	81%	2	6%	-2%
Durham Regional Police Service	74%	4	72%	4	77%	3	-2%	5%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	78%	2	80%	2	76%	4	2%	-4%
Peel Regional Police Service	79%	1	78%	3	75%	5	-1%	-3%
Niagara Regional Police service	72%	6	70%	5	71%	6	-2%	1%
Toronto Police Service	67%	7	65%	7	65%	7	-2%	0%
Hamilton Police service	66%	8	64%	8	64%	8	-2%	0%
Ottawa Police Service	62%	9	64%	8	64%	8	2%	0%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet, figures are rounded to the nearest whole number

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Property Crime Clearance Rates:

In 2007, Durham Regional Police ranked 5th with a 26% property crime clearance rate.

This represents an increase of 3 percentage points between 2006 and 2007. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 6th in 2006 to 5th in 2007.

Property Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2005 Property Crime		2006 Property Crime		2007 Property Crime		2005-2006	2006-2007
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
Peel Regional Police service	37%	1	34%	1	36%	1	-3%	2%
Halton Regional Police service	30%	3	29%	3	33%	2	-1%	4%
York Regional Police Service	31%	2	30%	2	28%	3	-1%	-2%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	22%	6	26%	4	27%	4	4%	1%
Durham Regional Police Service	24%	5	23%	6	26%	5	-1%	3%
Ottawa Police Service	20%	7	22%	7	25%	6	2%	3%
Toronto Police Service	25%	4	25%	5	23%	7	0%	-2%
Niagara Regional Police service	20%	7	19%	8	21%	8	-1%	2%
Hamilton Police Service	17%	8	15%	9	18%	9	-2%	3%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet, figures are rounded to the nearest whole number

Note: Rankings are from best to worst, ties are sorted alphabetically

Other Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 2nd in 'other' crime clearance rates.

This represents an increase of 10 percentage points between 2006 and 2007. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 4th in 2006 to 2nd in 2007.

Other Crime Clearance Rates

Police Service	2005 Other Crime		2006 Other Crime		2007 Other Crime		2005- 2006	2006- 2007
	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	Clearance Rate %	Rank	% Change	% Change
Waterloo Regional Police Service	38%	4	50%	1	58%	1	12%	8%
Durham Regional Police Service	44%	3	39%	4	49%	2	-5%	10%
York Regional Police Service	37%	5	43%	2	48%	3	6%	5%
Hamilton Police Service	46%	2	40%	3	42%	4	-6%	2%
Halton Regional Police Service	35%	7	32%	7	41%	5	-3%	9%
Peel Regional Police Service	59%	1	36%	5	40%	6	-23%	4%
Niagara Regional Police Service	36%	6	35%	6	38%	7	-1%	3%
Toronto Police Service	20%	9	30%	8	33%	8	10%	3%
Ottawa Police Service	28%	8	32%	7	31%	9	4%	-1%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2007* from CCJS extranet, figures are rounded to the nearest whole number

Note: Rankings are from best to worst

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.