

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **11 September 2006**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report: CRIME PREVENTION**



Recommended Motion:

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

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 be 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**. 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 2003 through 2005, 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 4th against comparator Services in 2005.

The crime rate decreased 3.1% and 11.1% respectively for 2004 and 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police moved from 5th in 2004 to 4th in 2005.

Total Criminal Code Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2003 Total Criminal Code		2004 Total Criminal Code		2005 Total Criminal Code		2003-2004	2004-2005
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	4,489	3	3,892	3	3,259	1	-13.3%	-16.3%
Peel Regional Police Service	3,817	1	3,544	1	3,293	2	-7.2%	-7.1%
Halton Regional Police Service	4,321	2	3,891	2	3,588	3	-10.0%	-7.8%
Durham Regional Police Service	5,706	4	5,530	5	4,916	4	-3.1%	-11.1%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	5,861	5	5,867	7	5,441	5	0.1%	-7.3%
Ottawa Police Service	6,450	7	5,788	6	5,968	6	-10.3%	3.1%
Niagara Regional Police Service	6,786	8	6,191	8	5,988	7	-8.8%	-3.3%
Hamilton Police Service	7,370	9	6,372	9	6,287	8	-13.5%	-1.3%
Toronto Police Service	6,284	6	5,522	4	7,310	9	-12.1%	32.4%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2005*

Violent Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 7th against comparator Services in 2005.

The violent crime rate decreased 5.7% in 2004, but increased marginally 0.3% in 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 6th in both 2003 and 2004 to 7th in 2005.

Violent Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2003 Violent Crime		2004 Violent Crime		2005 Violent Crime		2003-2004	2004-2005
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	467	2	435	2	432	1	-6.9%	-0.7%
Halton Regional Police Service	463	1	425	1	435	2	-8.2%	2.4%
Peel Regional Police Service	496	3	460	3	462	3	-7.3%	0.4%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	561	4	617	5	554	4	10.0%	-10.2%
Niagara Regional Police Service	590	5	545	4	562	5	-7.6%	3.1%
Ottawa Police Service	764	7	693	7	645	6	-9.3%	-6.9%
Durham Regional Police Service	683	6	644	6	646	7	-5.7%	0.3%
Hamilton Police Service	1,052	9	867	8	864	8	-17.6%	-0.3%
Toronto Police Service	1,043	8	998	9	1,006	9	-4.3%	0.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2005*

Property Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 4th against comparator Services in 2005, a position it has held for the past three years.

The property crime rate has declined 6.1% and 8.6% respectively in 2004 and 2005.

Property Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2003 Property Crime		2004 Property Crime		2005 Property Crime		2003-2004	2004-2005
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	2,633	3	2,240	3	1,864	1	-14.9%	-16.8%
Halton Regional Police Service	2,308	2	1,967	1	1,880	2	-14.8%	-4.4%
Peel Regional Police Service	2,297	1	2,138	2	1,913	3	-6.9%	-10.5%
Durham Regional Police Service	2,710	4	2,544	4	2,324	4	-6.1%	-8.6%
Toronto Police Service	3,436	5	3,042	5	2,977	5	-11.5%	-2.1%
Ottawa Police Service	3,706	7	3,218	6	3,255	6	-13.2%	1.1%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	3,635	9	3,547	8	3,340	7	-2.4%	-5.8%
Niagara Regional Police Service	3,745	8	3,330	7	3,396	8	-11.1%	2.0%
Hamilton Police Service	4,196	6	3,594	9	3,505	9	-14.3%	-2.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2005*

Other Criminal Code Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 6th against comparator Services in 2005.

The 'other' crimes rate increased 1.3% in 2004, but decreased 17.0% in 2005.
In terms of ranking the Durham Regional Police has moved from 9th in 2004 to 6th in 2005.

Other Crime Rates per 100,000 Population

Police Service	2003 Other Crime		2004 Other Crime		2005 Other Crime		2003-2004	2004-2005
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change
Peel Regional Police Service	1,024	1	946	1	918	1	-7.6%	-3.0%
York Regional Police Service	1,390	2	1,216	2	963	2	-12.5%	-20.8%
Halton Regional Police Service	1,549	3	1,499	4	1,274	3	-3.2%	-15.0%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	1,665	4	1,703	5	1,548	4	2.3%	-9.1%
Hamilton Police Service	2,122	7	1,911	7	1,918	5	-9.9%	0.4%
Durham Regional Police Service	2,313	8	2,342	9	1,945	6	1.3%	-17.0%
Niagara Regional Police Service	2,451	9	2,316	8	2,029	7	-5.5%	-12.4%
Ottawa Police Service	1,980	6	1,878	6	2,068	8	-5.2%	10.1%
Toronto Police Service	1,805	5	1,482	3	3,327	9	-17.9%	124.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, *Crime Statistics in Canada, 2005*

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.