

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **11 September 2006**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report: LAW ENFORCEMENT**



Recommended Motion:

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

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 be 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 complaint.

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

Signed: _____
Chief of Police

Date: _____

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 2003 through 2005, 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 ranks 2nd with a 39% total Criminal Code clearance rate.

This represents an improvement of 1% in each of the past two years. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has improved from the 4th position in 2003 to 2nd in 2005.

Total Criminal Code Clearance Rates

| Police Service | 2003 Total Criminal Code | | 2004 Total Criminal Code | | 2005 Total Criminal Code | | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | % Change | % Change |
| Peel Regional Police Service | 43% | 1 | 47% | 1 | 49% | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Durham Regional Police Service | 37% | 4 | 38% | 3 | 39% | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| York Regional Police Service | 27% | 7 | 32% | 5 | 39% | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Halton Regional Police Service | 38% | 3 | 40% | 2 | 37% | 3 | 2 | -3 |
| Hamilton Police Service | 33% | 5 | 32% | 5 | 32% | 4 | -1 | 0 |
| Waterloo Regional Police Service | 26% | 8 | 30% | 6 | 32% | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Niagara Regional Police Service | 30% | 6 | 29% | 7 | 30% | 5 | -1 | 1 |
| Toronto Police Service | 41% | 2 | 34% | 4 | 28% | 6 | -7 | -6 |
| Ottawa Police Service | 27% | 7 | 30% | 6 | 27% | 7 | 3 | -3 |

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

Violent Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 4th with a 74% violent crime clearance rate.

This represents a 1% and 5% decrease respectively for 2004 and 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from the 1st position in 2003 to 4th in 2005.

Violent Crime Clearance Rates

| Police Service | 2003 Violent Crime | | 2004 Violent Crime | | 2005 Violent Crime | | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | % Change | % Change |
| Peel Regional Police Service | 78% | 2 | 78% | 2 | 79% | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Waterloo Regional Police Service | 73% | 5 | 77% | 3 | 78% | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| York Regional Police Service | 70% | 6 | 73% | 6 | 77% | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Durham Regional Police Service | 80% | 1 | 79% | 1 | 74% | 4 | -1 | -5 |
| Halton Regional Police service | 74% | 4 | 74% | 5 | 73% | 5 | 0 | -1 |
| Niagara Regional Police service | 75% | 3 | 75% | 4 | 72% | 6 | 0 | -3 |
| Toronto Police Service | 66% | 8 | 59% | 9 | 67% | 7 | -7 | 8 |
| Hamilton Police service | 69% | 7 | 68% | 8 | 66% | 8 | -1 | -2 |
| Ottawa Police Service | 65% | 9 | 72% | 7 | 62% | 9 | 7 | -10 |

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

Property Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 5th with a 24% property crime clearance rate.

This represents a decrease of 1% between 2004 and 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 3rd position in 2003 to 5th in 2005.

Property Crime Clearance Rates

| Police Service | 2003 Property Crime | | 2004 Property Crime | | 2005 Property Crime | | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | % Change | % Change |
| Peel Regional Police service | 31% | 2 | 35% | 2 | 37% | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| York Regional Police Service | 20% | 5 | 26% | 3 | 31% | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| Halton Regional Police service | 36% | 1 | 36% | 1 | 30% | 3 | 0 | -6 |
| Toronto Police Service | 23% | 4 | 20% | 6 | 25% | 4 | -3 | 5 |
| Durham Regional Police Service | 25% | 3 | 25% | 4 | 24% | 5 | 0 | -1 |
| Waterloo Regional Police Service | 18% | 8 | 21% | 5 | 22% | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Ottawa Police Service | 19% | 7 | 21% | 5 | 20% | 7 | 2 | -1 |
| Niagara Regional Police service | 19% | 6 | 20% | 6 | 20% | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Hamilton Police Service | 19% | 4 | 16% | 7 | 17% | 8 | -3 | 1 |

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

Other Crime Clearance Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranks 3rd in ‘other’ crime clearance rates.

This represents an improvement of 2% and 3% respectively for 2004 and 2005. In terms of ranking Durham Regional Police has moved from 4th in 2003 to 3rd in 2005.

Other Crime Clearance Rates

| Police Service | 2003 Other Crime | | 2004 Other Crime | | 2005 Other Crime | | 2003- 2004 | 2004-2005 |
|--|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------|-------------|
| | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | Clearance Rate % | Rank | % Change | % Change |
| Peel Regional Police Service | 52% | 2 | 58% | 1 | 59% | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Hamilton Police Service | 44% | 3 | 46% | 2 | 46% | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Durham Regional Police Service | 39% | 4 | 41% | 4 | 44% | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Waterloo Regional Police Service | 26% | 9 | 33% | 6 | 38% | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| York Regional Police Service | 25% | 7 | 30% | 8 | 37% | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Niagara Regional Police Service | 34% | 5 | 32% | 7 | 36% | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Halton Regional Police Service | 32% | 6 | 35% | 5 | 35% | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Ottawa Police Service | 30% | 8 | 32% | 7 | 28% | 8 | 2 | -4 |
| Toronto Police Service | 54% | 1 | 44% | 3 | 20% | 9 | -10 | -24 |

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

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.