

Classification: **PUBLIC**

Meeting: **September 13, 2010**

Agenda Item: **Monitoring Report: CRIME PREVENTION**
2009 Statistics Canada Results



Recommended Motion:

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

Signed: _____
Chief of Police

Date: _____

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 2009. The Durham Regional Police Service is ranked 4th amongst the comparator Services in terms of the total Criminal Code crime rate per 100,000 population.

Data Support:

Crime rates are the number of criminal incidents known to, and substantiated by, police services per 100,000 population. The overall crime rate, which responds to the broadest policy provision of this report, uses the total number of Criminal Code incidents (excluding traffic violations) per population.

The following four charts contain crime rate statistics for 2005 through 2009, and include data from the eight comparator police services. The first chart displays the total Criminal Code crime rate. The other charts are for information and display the data for the three sub-categories that comprise the total Criminal Code crime rate: Violent Crime, Property Crime and Other Crime.

In the past we have used the Aggregate Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) to report the crime 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 crime rate, the changes do show in the 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 (Excluding Traffic) Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police maintained the 4th lowest Criminal Code crime rate amongst comparator Police Services in 2009.

For 2009, there is a 6.8% decrease in the crime rate from 2008. This is the first year that Durham’s crime rate per 100,000 population has dropped below the 4,000 mark in the period that the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) information is available (since 1998.)

Total Criminal Code (Excluding Traffic) Rate per 100,000 Population

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	3074	1	3105	1	2909	1	2917	1	2690	1	1.0%	-6.3%	0.3%	-7.8%
Halton Regional Police Service	3447	3	3430	2	3352	2	3155	2	2880	2	-0.5%	-2.3%	-5.9%	-8.7%
Peel Regional Police Service	3312	2	3632	3	3544	3	3268	3	3089	3	9.6%	-2.4%	-7.8%	-5.5%
Durham Regional Police Service	4626	4	4744	4	4404	4	4276	4	3987	4	2.5%	-7.2%	-2.9%	-6.8%
Ottawa Police Service	5787	8	5703	7	5420	7	4852	6	4630	5	-1.5%	-5.0%	-10.5%	-4.6%
Toronto Police Service	5351	6	5495	5	5176	6	4817	5	4684	6	2.7%	-5.8%	-6.9%	-2.8%
Niagara Regional Police Service	5637	7	5716	8	5478	8	5588	8	5271	7	1.4%	-4.2%	2.0%	-5.7%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	5245	5	5610	6	5103	5	5112	7	5449	8	7.0%	-9.0%	0.2%	6.6%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	6330	9	6227	9	6197	9	6020	9	5802	9	-1.6%	-0.5%	-2.9%	-3.6%

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

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number

Violent Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police maintained the 5th ranking for its violent crime rate amongst comparator Police Services in 2009.

Following a large decrease in the violent crime rate in 2008, it decreased by another 2.4% in 2009. The last two years, 2008 and 2009, have seen the lowest violent crime rates in Durham of all years that the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) information is available (since 1998.)

Crimes of Violence Rate per 100,000 Population

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
Halton Regional Police Service	638	3	624	1	612	1	536	1	504	1	-2.1%	-1.9%	-12.6%	-6.0%
York Regional Police Service	633	2	657	2	647	2	624	2	606	2	3.8%	-1.5%	-3.6%	-2.8%
Peel Regional Police Service	633	1	704	3	710	3	663	3	609	3	11.2%	0.9%	-6.6%	-8.2%
Ottawa Police Service	1004	6	919	5	881	5	784	4	776	4	-8.4%	-4.2%	-10.9%	-1.0%
Durham Regional Police Service	1049	7	884	4	964	7	849	5	828	5	-15.8%	9.1%	-11.9%	-2.4%
Niagara Regional Police Service	867	5	968	7	955	6	1062	7	937	6	11.6%	-1.4%	11.3%	-11.8%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	774	4	924	6	834	4	890	6	957	7	19.4%	-9.8%	6.7%	7.6%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	1268	8	1347	8	1394	8	1376	9	1289	8	6.3%	3.4%	-1.3%	-6.3%
Toronto Police Service	1405	9	1427	9	1415	9	1347	8	1308	9	1.6%	-0.9%	-4.8%	-2.9%

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

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From CCJS:

“The violent crime category has been expanded under the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) to include a number of offences not previously included in the violent crime category, including uttering threats, criminal harassment and forcible confinement. Therefore, total violent crime counts in this table will not match total violent crime counts from the Aggregate Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (URC).”

Property Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 4th for its property crime rate amongst comparator Services in 2008, a position it has held for over 5 years.

For 2009, there is a 7.7% decrease in the property crime rate from 2008. 2009 has the lowest property crime rate in Durham of all years that the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) information is available (since 1998.)

Property Crime Rate per 100,000 Population

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	2201	1	2239	1	2048	1	2083	1	1892	1	1.7%	-8.5%	1.7%	-9.2%
Halton Regional Police Service	2450	3	2532	2	2483	2	2385	3	2153	2	3.4%	-1.9%	-4.0%	-9.7%
Peel Regional Police Service	2275	2	2551	3	2498	3	2305	2	2190	3	12.1%	-2.1%	-7.7%	-5.0%
Durham Regional Police Service	2957	4	3271	4	2894	4	2878	4	2657	4	10.6%	-11.5%	-0.6%	-7.7%
Toronto Police Service	3407	5	3588	5	3344	5	3057	5	2993	5	5.3%	-6.8%	-8.6%	-2.1%
Ottawa Police Service	4221	7	4228	7	4038	8	3587	7	3445	6	0.2%	-4.5%	-11.2%	-3.9%
Niagara Regional Police Service	4258	8	4275	8	4000	7	4016	8	3855	7	0.4%	-6.4%	0.4%	-4.0%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	4135	6	4015	6	3539	6	3551	6	3875	8	-2.9%	-11.9%	0.3%	9.1%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	4356	9	4347	9	4282	9	4154	9	4062	9	-0.2%	-1.5%	-3.0%	-2.2%

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

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Other Criminal Code Crime Rates:

Durham Regional Police ranked 8th for its other Criminal Code crime rates amongst comparator Services, a position it has maintained for the last 5 years under the restated Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2.)

The other Criminal Code crime rate decreased 8.7% in 2009 from 2008. Despite being ranked 8th, the other Criminal Code crime rate is at its lowest in Durham of all years that the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2) information is available (since 1998.)

Other Criminal Code Rate per 100,000 Population

Police Service:	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
York Regional Police Service	240	1	208	1	214	1	210	1	192	1	-13.4%	2.6%	-1.7%	-8.3%
Halton Regional Police Service	359	3	274	2	257	2	235	2	224	2	-23.7%	-6.3%	-8.5%	-4.7%
Peel Regional Police Service	404	4	377	3	336	3	299	3	290	3	-6.6%	-11.0%	-10.9%	-2.9%
Toronto Police Service	540	6	480	5	416	4	413	4	383	4	-11.1%	-13.2%	-0.9%	-7.1%
Ottawa Police Service	563	7	556	7	502	5	482	5	408	5	-1.2%	-9.8%	-4.0%	-15.3%
Hamilton Regional Police Service	707	9	534	6	522	6	490	6	450	6	-24.5%	-2.3%	-6.0%	-8.2%
Niagara Regional Police Service	512	5	473	4	524	7	510	7	479	7	-7.6%	10.7%	-2.7%	-6.1%
Durham Regional Police Service	620	8	589	8	546	8	550	8	502	8	-5.0%	-7.3%	0.6%	-8.7%
Waterloo Regional Police Service	336	2	670	9	730	9	672	9	617	9	99.6%	8.9%	-8.0%	-8.1%

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

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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.