

Policy Type: **ENDS**



Policy Title: **Community Safety**
Reference: *Police Services Act, 1990,*
section 1, principle 1

Policy Statement

The vision of the Durham Regional Police Service is to have the safest community for people to live, work and play. A strong sense of personal security is an important element of the quality of life that citizens and visitors enjoy.

It is the policy of the Durham Regional Police Services Board that the Durham Regional Police Service shall promote and protect the safety and security of all persons and property. In so doing, the DRPS shall contribute to making Durham Region a leader (within the top 50%) in community safety among the following comparator communities in Ontario:

- Halton,
- Hamilton,
- Niagara
- Ottawa,
- Peel,
- Toronto,
- Waterloo, and
- York.

Reporting

The following measures will be considered in an assessment of community safety:

- Overall crime rate
- Violent crime rate
- Property crime rate
- Crime severity index
- Clearance rate
- Weighted clearance rate
- Response time to emergency calls
- Motor vehicle collision injury and fatality rates

The sense of security felt by residents and visitors will also be considered a relevant factor in evaluating community safety, and will be assessed through regular public opinion surveys.

An assessment of community safety in Durham Region will also include a comparison to the previous years' statistics in Durham Region.

The Chief shall report annually on outcomes resulting from this policy.