



DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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Statement Regarding Deputy Chief Chris Kirkpatrick

After a thorough investigation by the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) and careful review and deliberation, the Durham Regional Police Service Board and Deputy Chief Chris Kirkpatrick have agreed that their employment relationship be concluded. Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick will not be returning to the workplace and is retiring from the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS).

The Board has carefully reviewed the findings of the LECA investigation, which concluded that Deputy Chief Kirkpatrick's actions constituted misconduct under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

As the civilian governing body of the DRPS, the Board takes seriously its responsibility to uphold the public's trust in policing. Ensuring that members of the leadership team are held to the highest standards of conduct is central to that responsibility.

The Board remains deeply committed to fostering an inclusive workplace and culture, and to ensuring that the DRPS reflects and respects the diverse communities it serves. These values are fundamental to how this Service operates and how it earns the trust of the public every day.

Through all of its actions and decisions, the Board will continue to strive to uphold the confidence, trust and support of the community in fulfilling its responsibility to ensure the provision of adequate and effective policing in Durham Region.

The Durham Regional Police Service Board is the civilian governing body of the Police Service. Its responsibilities include establishing objectives for policing in consultation with the Chief of the Police, setting policies for adequate and effective policing and the administration of the Police Service, and hiring and monitoring the performance of the Chief of Police. The Board consists of seven members, three appointed by the Province of Ontario and four chosen by Regional Council.

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