



Community | Recognition

Recognizing Outstanding Police Work |

Community leaders came together once again on October 21st to recognize outstanding police work at the 2nd Annual Durham Regional Police Appreciation Night.

The gala event attracted over 500 people to the newly constructed Deer Creek Golf and Banquet facility in Ajax. Recognized for outstanding police work were: Sgt. John Keating, Cst. Alexandre Beline, Cst. Kris Corbeil, civilian communicator Debi Cheseboro, Cst. Greg O'Connor, Cst. Bart Campbell, D/Cst. Kate Lang and Cst. David Mounstevan.

The event raised over \$57,000, which, in turn, was donated to a variety of community programs like the DRPS Food and Toy Drive, the DRPS Disabled Children's Games and the Racing Against Drugs educational program. Also, a bursary was established at Durham College/U.O.I.T. to assist promising Police Foundation students to become police officers.



Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier (left) and Deputy Chief Rod Piukkala (right) congratulate Cst. Dean Roy (center) winner of the Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Award.

National Policing Award |

Constable Dean Roy was presented with a prestigious Minister of Justice National Youth Justice Policing Award on August 25th in Vancouver at the annual Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference.

Cst. Roy, a Youth Officer and 13-year veteran of the DRPS in 2004, received an "Award of Distinction" for his outstanding efforts in preventing and combating youth crime in Durham Region.

He launched many initiatives to help teach community stakeholders about the new Youth Criminal Justice Act and encourage community stakeholders to come together to solve issues of youth at risk.



Left: PAN Co-Chairs Blair McArthur (center) and Moe Pringle donate a \$5,000 cheque to the DRPS Disabled Children's Games. Right: Regional Chair Roger Anderson, left, presents PC Bart Campbell, PC Greg O'Connor and civilian communicator Debi Cheseboro with PAN Awards. Assisting are Police Chief McAlpine (center) and Police Chief for a Day Alexandra Wright.

Meeting the Needs of Growing Communities |

Building for The Future |

After years of working in tight quarters, Officers in the Whitby Community Police Office were delighted with the official opening of a new station at 480 Taunton Rd. E. in June 2004.

Chief of Police, Kevin McAlpine, Regional Chair Roger Anderson, Whitby CPO Inspector Paul Carroll, Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle and Police Services Board Chair Doug Moffatt cut the ribbon on June 25th and praised staff for bringing the project in on time and on budget.

The new 38,133 sq. ft., \$12.1 million facility is also home to several other units, including Victim Services and the Traffic Management Branch. It is open to the public Monday to Friday between 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and a phone has been installed in the front lobby to link the public with the police communications centre after-hours.



Ribbon cutting at the new Whitby CPO on June 25, 2004.



The Regional Headquarters under construction May 2004.

The need for more space at the Oshawa Community Police Office has long been recognized. The most logical solution was to relocate the DRPS Headquarters from the second floor of the building.

In 2003, the Board recognized a cost-effective opportunity to join the Region of Durham as it planned for a new administrative centre in Whitby. Negotiations with regional staff resulted in an agreement to move DRPS Headquarters to the new Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters on Rossland Road in 2005.

The new Regional Headquarters will bring all departments together and is estimated to save approximately \$67 million in leasing and renting costs over the next 35 years. Construction continued throughout 2004 and DRPS will be moving its senior administrative personnel to the new location in the Fall of 2005.

Planning Ahead |

Long-term facility plans call for a new Clarington Community Police Office, a new gun range and more storage space. Preliminary plans began in 2004 to move these projects forward.

In order to meet the short-term demands of growing police operations in Clarington, the DRPS signed an agreement with Clarington Emergency & Fire Services in 2004 to occupy space in their new fire hall on Trulls Road. Construction on this project began in 2004.