



Traffic Management

We launched an aggressive year-long road safety campaign in 2005 called Drive to Stay Alive and continued monthly R.I.D.E. programs to keep our roads safe. We concentrated on the most dangerous intersections and roads where the most fatalities occurred.

Despite these efforts, 29 people lost their lives on roads patrolled by the DRPS in 2005, one less than the previous year.

In one enforcement campaign, officers targeted suspended and prohibited drivers. A total of 16 drivers received 29 charges for driving infractions, especially driving with suspended licenses. During Operation Cottage Bound, over 8,000 vehicles were stopped en route to cottage country and 11 motorists were arrested for drinking and driving. A springtime seatbelt campaign resulted in 170 seatbelt charges and 370 speeding infractions. During one of our school safety traffic blitzes called In the Zone, one officer wrote 29 tickets in one location.

Yearlong Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) campaigns and targeted enforcement initiatives remain an effective way of changing driver's attitudes and altering driving behaviour.

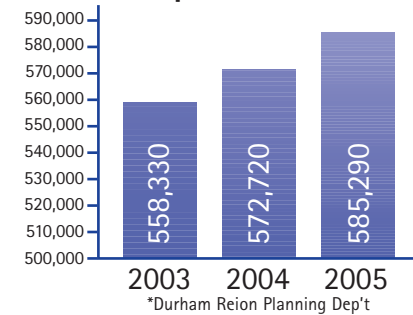
As well, officers issued over 31,000 Provincial Offense notices and tickets.

We were proud to partner with the Region's Works Committee to unveil new roadside safety signs reminding motorists to Share the Road with slow moving farm vehicles. Operation Hay Wagon coincided with the erection of the signs, as officers joined forces with the Ministry of Transportation, the O.P.P. and local bylaw officers. We laid over 360 charges, conducted over 200 vehicle inspections and ordered 83 vehicles out of service.

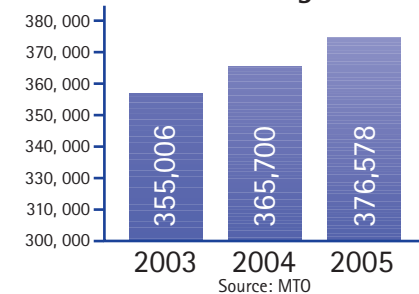
Durham Regional Police also partnered with the Insurance Bureau of Canada on AutoFind, a specially-equipped vehicle which can scan 300 licence plates per hour. In the first three months of this pilot project, officers were averaging five recovered vehicles per week.



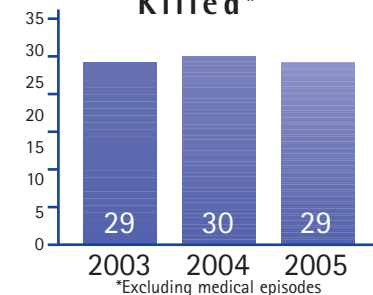
Durham Region Population*



of registered vehicles in Durham Region*



MVC Persons Killed*





A Year of Significant Milestones

Capturing More Detailed Records

With the introduction of the new state-of-the-art Versadex Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Record Management System (RMS) system in the Fall of 2005, a new level of detail and accuracy regarding police statistics became available. The number of "call categories" increased, which will give us more flexibility in categorizing complex crimes and multiple-event incidents.

For the first time, we can dissect the broad category of Calls for Service and concentrate on "citizen-generated" calls, which includes calls originating from the public plus officer-generated calls. In 2005, there were approximately 130,000 citizen-generated calls for service, a level similar to 2004.

The new computer system is now being used by a host of other police services, including London, Waterloo, York and Ottawa and will allow for more accurate comparisons between services in future years. Its launch across the DRPS was a major undertaking in 2005 and was led by a cross-functional team of police officers and civilian staff.

Recognition for Diversity Efforts

Our first Strategic Diversity Plan was introduced in 2005 and members of the DRPS were recognized for their efforts in promoting diversity and community outreach.

S/Sgt. Scott Burns received the Professional Excellence Tribute Award from the Advanced Business Club for his outreach work and for leading the Service's Diversity Strategic Plan.

Deputy Chief Rod Piukkala was awarded a Citation from the Human Rights and Race Relations Centre for his outstanding work in race relations, diversity and multicultural outreach.

This police service also received the Canada Day and Muslim Heritage Award from the Association of Progressive Muslims of Canada in recognition of our community service, ongoing partnerships with diverse communities and efforts in field of public safety.

Fighting Crime

Our internal data* shows that between 2004 and 2005, the total Criminal Code offences rate declined by 13.2 per cent. There were 5,891 criminal code offences per 100,000 population in 2005.

Crimes of Violence, including assault, sexual assault and robbery decreased in 2005. The overall violent crime rate of 734 incidents per 100,000 population was down 4.6 per cent from the previous year. The property crime rate in Durham Region also decreased in 2005 by 9.6 per cent. In 2005, there were 2,579 property crime offences per 100,000 population.

*In the fall of 2005, DRPS replaced its RMS system with Versadex. As a result, there are differences in how data is captured between the two systems. Caution should be used when making comparisons between 2005 data and previous years.

Growth

One major factor affecting police is population growth. Durham Region continued to grow at a brisk pace in 2005, recording \$1.56 billion in building permit activity. That's the second highest level in Durham Region's history, largely driven by \$1.1 billion worth of residential building permits. There were 5,488 new housing starts in 2005 alone.

Chief of Police Retires

After 33 years in policing, including 19 years as a Chief of Police in Ontario, Kevin McAlpine retired from the DRPS in 2005. At the time, he was the longest serving police chief in Ontario and his efforts were recognized in June when Governor General Adrienne Clarkson presented him with the prestigious Order of Merit of the Police Forces.



Chief McAlpine and wife Faye