



Assistance to Victims of Crime

Citizens or visitors who are victims of a crime in Durham Region are referred to appropriate support services

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: In 2005 the Victim Services Unit assisted members in our community in 2,346 incidents. Of this total, 252 cases were referred to community partners for further intervention.

The Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service (VCARS) staff assisted in 1,151 incidents in 2005. Also, the Victim Witness Assistance Program provided support to 1,259 victims identified through Crown Briefs submitted to the Crown Attorney.

Emergency Response

No call for service will go unanswered. Furthermore, armed police will respond to all calls for service where one or more persons in Durham Region poses a physical threat to another person(s) or themselves, within 8 minutes of receipt of that call, 90% of the time. Such situations shall be concluded without loss of life, at least 99% of the time.

RESULT: Non-compliant

PROOF: Based on the analysis of records for all emergency calls, 49% were less than 8 minutes. This analysis highlights the need to improve the accuracy of response time data. The goal was set to achieve 65% in 2006 and to further review call categorization and geographical challenges that affect compliance.

Public Order

Citizens and visitors to Durham Region live and work in a community that has public order without limiting their constitutional rights.

RESULT: Compliant

PROOF: The total number of "disorder" type calls remains low, uniform patrol vehicles and officers are positioned strategically across Durham Region, we are proactive in being highly visible at major festivals and gatherings and there are relatively few labour disputes each year.

Also, we have an active Public Order Unit which continually trains and is available if necessary. The vast majority of their annual call outs involve searching for missing persons or evidence at crime scenes. Our gang, biker and drug units remain active throughout the year.



Operational Priorities

Speeding motorists, street gangs and illegal drugs/guns were top priorities for the Durham Regional Police Service in 2005. A wide range of enforcement and prevention initiatives made inroads in all of these areas.

Gang Activity

Approximately 32 street gangs were known to exist across Durham Region in 2005, from small neighbourhood groups to larger, more sophisticated collectives with cross-GTA connections.

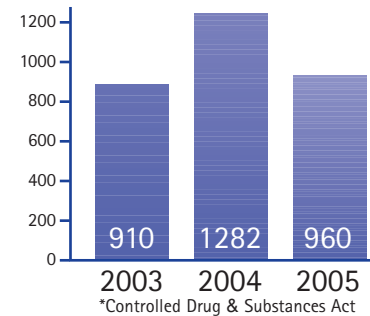
In 2005, the Gang Enforcement Unit and the Drug Enforcement Unit aggressively targeted this form of organized crime. Project Burn was a five-month long undercover investigation into drug dealers that resulted in 58 persons being charged with a combined 287 offences. Although most arrests were in Bowmanville, drug dealers were also arrested in Oshawa and Whitby. Among the items seized were four firearms, 177 rounds of ammunition and four pounds of cocaine worth \$209,550.

Project "Clean Up" was a three-week crack down on youths in parks, greenbelts and conservation areas in Ajax and Pickering. A total of 35 young people were arrested, 58 charges were laid and marihuana, hash oil, crack cocaine and prohibited knives were seized. Project G.R.A.C.E. (Gang Robbery and Community Enforcement) targeted known criminals and street gang members in Ajax and Pickering. It resulted in 136 arrests, 414 charges and \$19,000 in street drugs. Project Blast in Clarington resulted in the arrest of 22 known criminals and the laying of 70 criminal charges.

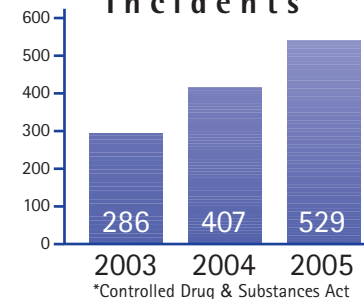
Our Drug Enforcement Unit aggressively attacked the street level drug problem, removing \$14.87 million in drugs off the streets, including one large industrial indoor marihuana grow operation in Pickering that was worth an estimated \$486,000 alone. Another large grow operation was discovered in two hothouses in Whitby valued at approximately \$1.5 million. Air1, our helicopter, found \$2.2 million in new marihuana plants in a field near Beaverton in July.

A total of 30 crime guns were seized from the streets of Durham Region in 2005, including one machine gun, 18 long guns and 11 hand guns.

Cannabis CDSA* Incidents



Heroin/Cocaine/Other CDSA* Incidents



We continued to be active participants in a number of joint forces projects aimed at countering gang activity and other public safety concerns.

These include the Proceeds of Crime Unit, the Provincial Biker Enforcement Unit (BEU), the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU), the Criminal Intelligence Services of Ontario (CISO); Anti-Terrorism Unit, the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and the Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) squad.